



Gyan Buzz...

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DISCOVER THE joy OF LEARNING

From The Principal's Desk...

Dear Readers,

As the school forges ahead into the new term, we bring exciting projects for our Shreeyans to get involved in. 'The change' that my student editor addresses in her editorial refers to these new initiatives on reading, recycling and learning through experiences of travel and expeditions.

We hope the excitement is contagious and infects students and parents alike.

Best Wishes,
Brinda Ghosh
Principal

Editorial...

Dear Readers,

"The only thing that is constant is change." - Heraclitus

One of the greatest paradoxes of human existence is the perception of change. One eagerly anticipates change with the wishful thinking of breaking the monotony, only to find one resisting the notion, once it has occurred. Its anatomy is surreal. It creeps onto you, when you least expect it. However, after a certain point the novelty wears off, and needless to say, one is left in a fix.

Since late, we at school too have noticed a plethora of changes around us. We tend to get used to the rut and routine and begin to love that, as it becomes an intrinsic part of us. A sort of mental complacency sets in and we don't want to alter that. The human mind doesn't like to break a set pattern. But until that set and fixed pattern is broken, how can something new and even more exciting be created? What's perceived as painful and undesirable, often paves the way for something better and different. In difference, lies life's momentum and progress. For confident people, change is an opportunity. They're willing to venture out of their comfort zones to embrace change and use it to their advantage.

The word of the wise is simple- nothing lasts forever and we must at certain points, both literally and figuratively pack up our bags in order to move on, from one place to another. In practice, it might seem complex to detach ourselves from the emotional and nostalgic bundle of memories and another, to look at the intimidating diversified choices that lie ahead, but indeed, life isn't static. Embracing change is necessary. Change is the key to life, because, despite change being seemingly painful, it's ever so necessary. Following the context, we bring to you a revamped version of the school's monthly, a change, highly called for!

Signing off,
Riya Agarwal
Student Editor



Pre – Primary Wing News

Learning about Family

The first assembly of the session was conducted by Shreeyans of Nursery A & KG A. The topic for the assembly was 'My Family'.

The Shreeyans of KG-A welcomed all the Pre-Primary teachers and Shreeyans to the first assembly of the session. They also shared the thought for the day which was "The best time for a beginning is now!".

The Shreeyans of Nursery-A gave a cheerful performance on the song 'This is the way' after which Shreeyans of KG-A performed to the song 'All together now'. It was a laudable performance.

The assembly concluded with few words by the Coordinator Ms. Gita Malik, who mentioned that we must always love and respect all the members of our family.



Taking Learning out of the Classroom

Reading and learning are the essential parts of a child's growth, so are play and activities. At Gyanshree we work towards the overall development of a child. We focus on the five domains of child development, of which physical development is one.

Outdoor activity is encouraged more amongst children as it helps in building stamina, improves attention span, keeps boredom at bay, enhances creativity etc.

An activity for the Shreeyans of Kindergarten was planned in order to help them expand their understanding of shapes and at the same time build gross motor skills.

A few shapes were painted on the floor and a dice with different shapes on the six sides was made. The Shreeyan had to roll the dice, identify and name the shape which was visible at the top. He/ she then had to jump on that particular shape and name it again. It was a fun filled activity enjoyed thoroughly by our Shreeyans.



In Celebration - Mother's Day

It is said, "God couldn't be everywhere so he made mothers". To commemorate a day to mothers a Special Assembly was organized on Thursday, 9th May to celebrate Mother's Day. Our little Shreeyans expressed their love and gratitude to their mothers by singing and dancing. Shreeyans of KG B gave a touching performance to/ on the song "Meri Maa". Shreeyans of the Pre-primary Wing made cards and gifts like jewellery boxes and heart shaped mobiles, which they carried home with them to present to their mothers, to show their love and appreciation. Celebrating the eternal bond of love and affection, the Shreeyans learnt special songs for their mums.



Safe Campus

In this day and age it becomes our own responsibility to take care of our safety and security. We have members from Team Safe Campus who have been working assiduously with Shreeyans, Shreegurus and support staff for the past one year. Their aim is to train young children in Physical Fitness and Self-Defence. The youngest age group that they deal with and train are children from Kindergarten (5 years).

On Wednesday, 8th May, an interactive session was held for the KG Shreeyans. The Safe Campus trainers first emphasized the importance of being more aware of their surroundings. They spoke about good touch and bad touch.

They also talked about the danger a stranger can pose. This point was beautifully explained through a role play by the trainers. The children were also told that they must not accept anything from the strangers. In case they are uncomfortable about anything they should say "Stop" loudly. If a stranger still tries to get too close to them, they should bite him/ her and run away. They also did some warm-up exercises and role play with the Shreeyans.

Overall, it was a very interesting and informative session and at the end of it, the children were able to say "STOP", along with the vociferous action of the hand.



Primary Wing News

Our Earth, Our Home Planet!

The Primary wing celebrated Earth Day on the 22nd of April, 2019 with a meaningful assembly, presented by the Shreeyans of Grade V.

The students stole the show with a skit that reinforced the need for respecting and taking care of our planet. They also presented a beautiful dance, and songs that upheld the spirit of the occasion. The assembly ended with the pledge led by Grade V Shreeyans in which the entire assemblage promised to use all resources sparingly and preserve our planet for the future generations.

Various activities like mobile making, drafting the Earth charter etc. were undertaken by the Shreeyans of Grade I to V. The young sentinels of the Earth demonstrated their whole hearted support for environmental protection.



Literacy Week - A toast to our imagination!

Monday, 22nd April to Friday, 26th April, 2019 saw the Shreeyans of the Primary Wing participating in Literacy Week. Shreeyans participated in array of activities like debates and discussions, recitations and story-telling. The Lower Primary gave wings to their imagination as they partook in Show and Tell sessions, Weaving a Tale and a Picture Book Activity. Shreeyans of grade I, grade II and Grade III enthralled the audience with their poem recitation skills. The Upper-Primary and Grade III Shreeyans debated on topics ranging from 'Should video games be banned?' to 'Can teachers be replaced with computers?' and even, 'Should children be allowed to choose what they watch on television?' These gave Shreeyans a platform to express their opinions.



Safe Campus Training Sessions- For our safety lies in our hands!

Gyanshree School conducted the next round of the 'Safe Campus Activity' for the Shreeyans of the Primary Wing on May 15, 2019. The sessions were a great success with the children being taught about various 3D defender moves and how to block oneself from being attacked on the different levels of the body, using dexterous hand movements. Each Shreeyan was then given 1:1 practise sessions with the experts and trainers from the Safe Campus Team. The training ended with a story telling session by the visiting faculty, emphasizing the need to be alert against dangerous elements in the society. The young Shreeyans benefited from the engrossing sessions.



Rules of the Road- Be Safe, Not Sorry!

A workshop on road safety was conducted in the school in the first week of May 2019 for the Shreeyans of Grades II and III by the BMW India Foundation in collaboration with IL & FS Education. The program was divided into two parts and started with an in-class session for the Shreeyans by Arun Pawha. The class started with a worksheet to assess the pre-knowledge of the students. This was followed by the screening of an educational and entertaining video followed by an interactive session with Mr. Pawha. Each student was also given a booklet on safety on roads and a badge that would remind them of sharing their learning outside the school. An 'Experiential Learning Session' was also conducted by Mr. Saurabh Singh and Ms. Purna Dhawan. In an unique endeavour, each Shreeyan was also given a real life driving experience which reinforced the safety rules to be followed on the road and the message of being safe on the road, not just being sorry about that.



Celebrating Helpers Day...

The Shreeyans of Grade V celebrated Helpers Day on 1 May, 2019, by hosting a special assembly to mark the occasion. The assembly was conducted entirely in our national language - Hindi and was an expression of the appreciation that we feel for our helpers. The children recited the famous lines penned by Harivansh Rai Bachhan - "Koshish karne walo ki haar nehin hoti" and lent their voices to the song - Humko man ki shakti dena. Shreeguru Ms. Nibbrati Rathore also recited a self-composed poem that carried the strong message of expressing our gratitude and respect for all those who help us daily. In her address MS. Sharika Sharma exhorted the Shreeyans to be noble in thoughts and actions. Shreeyans of Grades I and II also made beautiful 'Thank you Cards' for the helpers at school and the Shreeyans of Upper Primary grades learnt about the significance of this day in their classrooms.



Poetry coming alive!

The Atrium resounded with loud cheers and applause as Shreeyans of Grade II recited beautiful poems infused with messages.



Debates – War of Words

The Shreeyans of Grade IV took part in a debate that explored the issue of human teachers vs. computer led teaching. This was a fun filled introduction to the world of decision making and each Shreeyan enjoyed voicing his / her opinion, during the activity. The Shreeyans got a flavour of what it means to put forward one's opposing views in an amicable manner, of resolving conflicts and agreeing to disagree as well.

Secondary Wing News

Shreeyans shine in the World Scholar's Cup !

(An opportunity to think outside the box and colour outside the lines...)

On the 13th and 14th of April, Shreeyans attended the Gurgaon Regional round of the World Scholar's Cup and brought glory to the school by bagging 71 medals and having 10 teams qualify for the global round.

World Scholar's Cup is a platform that gives students the opportunity to think outside the box and colour outside the lines. It is a forum for healthy debates, quizzes and it encourages mixing studies with fun. It is a prestigious event known all over the world for its unique topics and style of teaching.

About 500 scholars from 29 schools from Delhi, Gurgaon, NCR and Noida participated in this round. Riya Agarwal, Samarth Kumar and Pia Bahuguna were amongst the highest medal scorers from our school. Our school delegation will be attending the global round in Manila, Philippines. The global round shall allow Shreeyans to learn and interact with scholars from around the world.

Pia Bahuguna VII-A



Forging ahead... the power to lead

A two day leadership camp in collaboration with TERRACOTTA proved to be a perfect platform for our young leaders to hone their leadership skills. Plethora of activities were lined up for the Shreeyans. The young brigade learnt the art of communication, managing emotions, physical endurance through theatre activities, honed their leadership and problem solving skills through different sessions undertaken by experts in their respective fields. The leaders in making returned to their usual routine brimming with new ideas and illimitable vigour to face the challenges ahead. They also understood the importance of values like patience & resilience. Overall personality development, clarity of expression, team building activities coupled with enactment and talent search made the camp a valuable and memorable experience for the Shreeyans to cherish.



The Deciding Factor!

Shouldering responsibilities inculcates confidence and helps students to become alert and dutiful citizens. With the aim to develop the social trait of good citizenry, a prefectorial body, comprising of student members is selected through immaculate screening and participation in the leadership camp. The school was abuzz with candidates vying for different posts in the Student council by participating in the second phase of the selection that is, facing interviews. Long queue of senior students could be seen waiting for their turn outside the Coordinator's and the Principal's room for their one on one.

Let the best outshine and succeed!

Juhi XII B



Shakespeare's Birthday – A Day to cheer & cherish

*He was the man, who of all modern
And perhaps, ancient poets
Had the largest & most comprehensive soul
But his magic couldn't copied be;
Within that circle, none durst walk, but he
He was naturally learned
He needed not the spectacles of books to read nature
He looked inwards, and found her there.*



Yes! We have been talking of - William Shakespeare. The literal legend himself.

William Shakespeare comes at the fourth position in the list of the most popular people ever, with the first place going to Jesus himself. Everyone, no matter their streams and professions of choice, will have had heard something or the other in correspondence to this name. Will there ever be someone as significant as this man in the history? We doubt that, there would.

To celebrate and venerate the much-celebrated poet and playwright, Shreeyans organised a special assembly on the birth anniversary of William Shakespeare. The assembly included presentations from Shakespeare's plays including Mark Antony's famous "Friends, Romans, Countrymen" speech from 'Julius Caesar', Shylock's Jewish speech from 'Merchant of Venice' and Sonnet 73.

As aforementioned, even after 445 years, Shakespeare is amongst the most celebrated. Well, it is because Shakespeare offers one of the richest experiences in human culture. In fact, Shakespeare is celebrated as the very quintessence of freedom, as the proof and promise of new life, new scope and new beginning.

Samarth Kumar XI - A & Riya Agarwal XII - B



OUR TRIBUTE- OUR HOMAGE!

Keeping up with the tradition of diversity and celebrating every possible event, this month saw the celebration of The Mother's Day and Rabindranath Tagore's Birth Anniversary

Students of grade X- A and B presented the story of Tagore in their words and highlighted the universality and importance of his artwork. The students shared information on the prodigious facets of Tagore's personality. There were songs like 'Ekala chalo re.', sung by the school choir, to pay heartfelt tribute to this great legend. The Principal also shared instances from Gurudev's life and inspired the students to imbibe values of resilience and perseverance from his life.



Safety- First And Foremost! Workshop - Safe Campus

A safe campus workshop was conducted for the students of grade 6- 11 on 6th May, to encourage a safe and healthy environment amongst the students. It was indeed a great learning experience for everyone, as it not only taught us various self defence techniques like finger jabs, knuckle punches etc. , but also the prime requirement of being alert and aware of one's surroundings. Presence of the dynamic instructors amidst us, generated great enthusiasm in the room. The workshop proved to be a true eye opener and helped us feel empowered.

Riya Agarwal XII B



Just A Minute (JAM) - Designed Thinking

With the aim of honing the ability of generating ideas with candor and presenting them lucidly, an Inter house competition on extempore speaking - Just A Minute was organized on 11th of May for grades VI to XII. The theme for the juniors was **"Science and Religion"** and seniors were given the theme **"Student life: Education, Social media & Fashion"**.

Lot of enthusiasm and motivation could be seen amongst the Shreeyans as they presented their perspective and views creatively and confidently. Acknowledging the young energy and talent, one of the judges Ms. Sharmishtha Gupta advised the Shreeyans to participate in such events more frequently in order to attain coherence and clarity in thought process. Some Shreeyans from the audience were also given an opportunity to showcase their public speaking skills. The venue resounded with loud cheers as the judges announced the results.

Sana XI-C

JUNIOR CATEGORY

- Manavi VIII B (House- Vayu) stood First
- Ayushi Srivastava VIII C (Akash House) stood Second
- Piya VII A (Prithvi House) and Aarush Agarwal VIII B (Jal House) stood Third.

SENIOR CATEGORY

- Tanisq Upereti XI A (Agni House) stood First
- Jahnavi Bhaduria (Akash House) stood Second
- Sana Anand XI C (Akash House) stood Third



Inter House Creative Writing - As They Wielded Their Pen...

The inter-house creative writing competition was organised in the month of April. It required for the Shreeyans to present their views through an essay on exhilarating prompts such as 'Should video games be considered a sport', 'Would you consider deleting your Instagram account. Why/why not?' and 'Are you the same person on social media as you are in real life', which indeed instilled within them the urge to think out of the box and explore the hidden creativity. The competition became a huge success, as Shreeyans of grades VII to XII participated in it with great verve and excitement. The results in the two categories are as follows:-

JUNIOR CATEGORY

- Aavriti Garg of VIII C stood First
- Angad Singh of VIII B and Anvesha Rana of VII B shared the second position
- Akshit Bhasin VII C and Pia Bahuguna VII A bagged the third position

SENIOR CATEGORY

- Riya Agarwal of XII B stood First
- Wania Rizvi of IX A stood Second
- Vaani Bhardwaj X A stood Third



Literary Fest

A literary fest was organized on 9th & 10th, May. It featured a variety of presentations and readings as well as other activities delivered over a period of two days. The primary objective being, fostering love of literature and writing.

Grade VI to VIII were involved in a choral recitation of Tagore's and Sarojini Naidu's poems and presenting book reviews, while Grade IX were a part of an exhilarating story telling activity through dexterously maneuvered puppet show. Students of Grade X enjoyed 'Spin the Yarn.'

The activity which was given to Grade XI students was Just A Minute. In this activity students were required to speak for a minute on the preferred topic. The objective of this activity was to build confidence and overcome stage fright.

Students of Grade XII learnt to critically appreciate literature by presenting their analysis and interpretations on Tagore's selected poems in 'Think like a Poet...' They also had a group discussion on 'Social Responsibility and some of the Shreeyans over shone their peers as they provided inventive insight on the topic with panache and confidence.

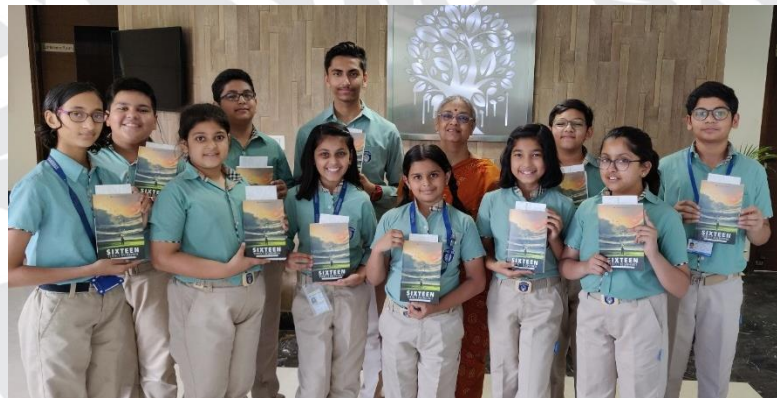
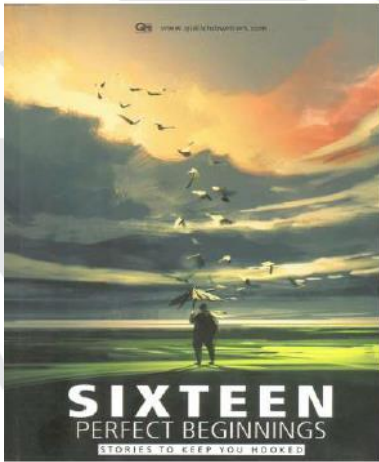
Sixteen Perfect Beginnings

- **Stories to keep you hooked**

Gyanshree School in collaboration with Quill Club Writers is proud to release a publication of a collection of 16 short stories written by Shreeyans.

‘Sixteen Perfect Beginnings’ is the outcome of a stringent process of audition and training in creative writing. Some of the sixteen writers are not even teenagers – the youngest writer is from Class V. Yet their ideas are evolved, stories engaging and their writing mature. The depth of ideas, the vivid imagination and the craftsmanship of these young writers is indeed praiseworthy.

“The attempt is to recognise young talent, nurture it and give it the right platform to blossom” is what the Principal, Ms. Brinda Ghosh, had to say about the efforts made by the staff and school management.



Painting Our Vision In Words...

Memoirs – The ‘Quill Club’ Experience

If you haven't heard yet, let me be the first to give you some amazing news! Our school has published a book, a compilation of stories, written by the school's very own students from grades 6 to 10! The name of our book is ‘Sixteen Perfect Beginnings’. After multiple levels of testing and a personal interview, 16 students were selected to write a short story each, which would eventually be compiled and wretched into the book.

Our school worked in collaboration with Quill Club writers to publish the book. A ten day workshop was held for the sixteen of us with the celebrated Mr. Hemant Kumar. The workshop taught us more than any book, ever could. We got a peek into the world of authors and writers, and learned the professional techniques and nuances of writing. At the completion of the ten day workshop, each of us had some sort of initial draft of our story. Over the course of the next few months, and multiple editing binges, each of us perfected our stories and by October of 2018, we had a final draft of the book in pdf form. Then, on May 13th, 2019, with all the formalities completed, ‘Sixteen Perfect Beginnings’ saw the light of the day when it got published.

Nothing can be more gratifying than to the sheer joy of holding one's first published book in one's own hands. Happy reading! I Hope you enjoy, ‘Sixteen Perfect Beginnings’

Samarth Kumar (XI-A)



Expanding Horizons- The French Exchange Programme

Enrolling in a foreign exchange program in France is an experience, one can never forget. From the moment you arrive, everything seems different, which makes you step out of your comfort zone. Little by little, you come to understand the local customs and the language.

A delegation comprising of 20 students , Ms. Sunita Mehta(Headmistress), Ms. Ritu Pandit(HM Admin) and Ms. Apoorva (the French teacher) went on a ten day French Exchange programme to Paris. Shreeyans enjoyed a complete French language immersion with their stay with the host family living in different French towns and cities. The educational and cultural enrichment offered by a French student exchange experience is second to none. Hundreds of young people who take part in a French student exchange program each year ,say they have the time of their lives. They see the world from a new perspective, gain understanding of French culture, and their host family becomes their 'second family' ,as lifelong friendships and bonds are formed.

Illimitable learning opportunities , like practicing the language , learning about the culture , and sharing every day activities , visiting monuments and places of historical interest make the students aware of the pluralistic cultures , giving them the inimitable opportunity to become denizens of the global world.



Achieving Excellence the Gyanshree Way!

As part of addressing its mission of achieving excellence, Gyanshree School has been spearheading its Staff Development Programme (SDP) through a series of enriching talks, workshops and exercises with internal and external resources to focus on empowering teachers to aspire to innovate in pedagogical practice, life skills development and the propagation of Indian values with global compatibility.

An exhaustive 5 day training session was held at school for all our Shreegurus. The Opening Session was conducted by School Principal, Mrs. Brinda Ghosh, in which she addressed the staff on three main issues - building relations, the importance of designing a value-based curriculum and self-reflection.

The Closing Session was conducted by School Director, Mrs. Rita Kapur on, 'The Gyanshree Way' – Our Journey Ahead! This highly interactive session was an enriching experience for all Shreegurus as they were given the opportunity to share their thoughts, ideas and takeaways from the training sessions. Mrs Kapur's emphasis on 'Living our Values' and taking pride in our Indian culture and heritage left a deep impact in the minds of our Shreegurus.



Mock Fire And Medical Emergency Drill At Gyanshree School

A Mock Fire and Medical Emergency Drill was conducted on 29 th June, 2019 by Mr. Vikram Singh, CSO, Halidram Group for all staff members present at the campus. The staff was given training in safety measures for prevention and control of fire. Evacuation drill was conducted and staff was given training on first aid and usage of fire extinguishers and fire hydrants.

Laurels

Marathon at Shiv Nadar School

Jihaan Arya , V-B ran 3km in a marathon held at Shiv Nadar school and bagged Bronze Medal..



Tennis Tournament

Naisha Taneja, II-C won the Second Position in Tennis Tournament organized by the Intra Academy Circuit at Noida Stadium from 12th to 14th April, 2019



Yo-Gems Skating Competition

Daksh grade IV- B won a silver medal in the YO Gems skating competition in 300 mtr inline category held on 7th April, 2019 at Decathlon sector 38, Noida.



1st All India Roller Skating Championship

Bhavya Pawar, XII - A won the Third Position at 1st All India Roller Skating Championship held at and by Greno Speed Skating Club Greater Noida



Open Inter School Taekwondo Championship 2019

Jihan Nambissan , II B won Gold medal in the Open Inter School Taekwondo Championship 2019 in under 30kg sub-junior Category.



First skating Championship, Noida

Parth Sapra ,II B secured Second position under 6 to 8 (inline) in Ramagya school First skating Championship Noida, Sector - 50



Deuce Open Tennis tournament

Varnika Dixit, V- A was Runners- Up in under - 14 (girls) and Taanish Nanda of Grade II -B bagged the Winner position in Under 8 rally and Runners-up in Under 10 Aptitude in the Deuce Open Tennis tournament at Shaheed Vijay Pathak sports Complex, Greater Noida on 12th May



All India Tennis Association Tournament

Anay Pandey reached the Quarter finals of Under 10 of All India Tennis Association Tournament, one of the higher level tournament organised in India. The tournament venue was Van Sports Club Gurgaon.



3rd Aim Sports Club Inter State Swimming Championship 2019, Palwal

Our Shreeyans Koushiki Singh, Taanish Nanda, Kashvi Garg Yatharth Dev Panda, Siraj Mukherjee, Shourya Chatterjee, Anubhuti Tiwari, Aarush Rastogi, Ravi Moksh, Devanshi Goyal, Aaira Sherwani made us proud by bagging medals in INDIVIDUAL EVENTS -19 Medals (8 GOLD, 7 SILVER, 4 BRONZE), 2 Best Swimmers Trophy & Cash prize ; RELAYS - 20 Medals (4 GOLD, 8 SILVER, 8 BRONZE)



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