



Stephanía



St. Stephen's Newsletter

March 2019

Volume 13, No. 3

In This Issue

CAMPUS STORIES

Bal Sabha..... P 2
Farewell..... P 5

CAMPUS STARS



Winning Accolades.. P 8

IMPRESSIONS

Primary Art
Exhibition..... P 6

WORDSCAPE

Learning is
Beautiful..... P 10
परीक्षा पे चर्चा..... P 11

IGNITED MINDS

“ Learning is not
attained by chance. It must
be sought for with ardor
and attended to with
diligence.

ABIGAIL ADAMS

LEARNING IS BEAUTIFUL

The journey of learning is more about something within you rather than something outside your control. Learning by self is more satisfying than listening to someone trying to put some knowledge inside our minds. Winston Churchill's famous quote says, "I am always ready to learn, although I do not always like to be taught."

Learning doesn't necessarily happen only at School, it's about teaching yourself what you love and being good at them. The joy of learning comes from the experience of success. It enjoys an environment of freedom and ability to discover.

The Primary Art Exhibition celebrated this joy of learning. Here at St. Stephen's, a wholesome environment is provided to our students, to learn by doing. The beautiful thing about learning is no one can take it away from you. Learning is beautiful!

With numerous activities and a great deal of learning to do, the session just flew past in a flash!

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. As we come to the end of another successful scholastic session, we hope to continue pursuing one of our core values 'Learning for Life' and journeying 'Onward and Upward'.

Our best wishes for the forthcoming session that will be filled with new milestones and dreams to accomplish.

- THE EDITORS

SCHOOL'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Stephen's is committed to Making Quality Education Accessible and building the character of its students by inculcating the values of Self Discipline, Integrity, Mutual Respect, Pursuit of Excellence, Learning for Life and Environmental Management (SIMPLE). By 2022, the school will build language fluency and improve reading habits of the students and will also continue to introduce one educational innovation each year to make learning more meaningful. The school will continue to be a model employer and invest in teacher training and development.

CAMPUS STORIES

Of Colours, Happiness & Exuberance



Young students conveying strong values and messages through songs, poems and stories

*Little hands and lovely gestures hold fervour tight
Poems, songs, fun and dance, make the day bright!*

December to March is a very important period in the School academic year. It is not only the time for annual exams and results but is also marked by interesting activities for the students of the Primary Section.

There is no dearth of talent and creativity in students; they only need to be given a

Poems and stories are full of imageries

platform. No one in the world could keep oneself away from loving and adoring the very young ones. What if you get to see tiny tots reciting, singing and dancing gleefully! The little angels of the School are no exception.

'Bal Sabha' — an event showcasing the performances of the students of Classes L.K.G. to III was organised in the School on January 19 & 20, 2019. It was a beautiful

sight to see the Pre-Primary and Primary Section in red, yellow, pink, green and so many vibrant colours dressed according to the theme colour of their performance. The children were extremely excited to perform on the stage before their parents.

Poems and stories are full of imageries. Children used these imageries and made everyone around enjoy different elements of life. They performed with all their heart and delight and conveyed that the earth is a home

of many birds and animals and all have their songs and stories to tell. The whole show displayed the world around small children that is made up of dolls and balls, horse and grass, friends and family and expressed their joy in being a part of this wonderful world. The School auditorium echoed with poems, songs and stories.

There were also dance performances by some groups. Each child was indeed a 'Rockstar' and captivated the audience with his/her stellar performance.



Spirit of Patriotism

Saluting India - Where each day is a celebration of unity and harmony

There are some days that become landmark because of what happened on those particular days, and then there are some days that become distinct because of what we chose to do on them. In this sequence of landmark days, the first month of our calendar year in India celebrates January 26, that holds a special place in our collective memory as it honours the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect. Evoking the national spirit, we celebrated India's 70th Republic Day on January 26, 2019. It was a solemn occasion, marked by an enthusiastic display of patriotism by students.

The Chief Guest Shri Shymuddin Sheikh, Retd. Commandant C.R.P.F. graced the occasion and hoisted the tricolour as the National Anthem reverberated melodiously in the air. This was followed by the smartly turned out contingent marching under the tricolour. The P.T. Display, Patriotic Group Song, Taekwondo and Gymnastic display were part of the celebrations. In his address to the students, the Chief Guest made an ardent appeal to the students to realize the significance of the

day, the sacrifice made by our leaders and to imbibe the values of discipline, morality, righteousness and hard



Parade displays courage, valour and culture

work in order to contribute positively to society.

The whole campus echoed with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm on this day, the patriotic songs playing loudly on the speakers before the beginning and after the end of the formal celebrations adding to the mood of celebration.



FOUNDER'S DAY

Founder's Day was celebrated in the School on February 20, 2019 to mark the birthday of our founder, Shri Gilroy Martins. An atmosphere of celebration filled the School with memories, values and experiences of all those closely associated with Sir. It was an occasion to reminisce, acknowledge and to celebrate the memories of this wonderful School and its founder. The teachers shared their unforgettable moments with Sir that had lasting impressions on their life. Ms. Shefali Martins, his daughter & the author of the book 'My Sir' read the chapter 'Leading by Example', that describes the relationship that Sir shared with the teachers and the values he taught them.

IN MEMORIAM

A memorial service was held on February 26, 2019, to commemorate the 14th death anniversary of our Founder-Director Shri Gilroy Martins. Floral tributes were offered by the staff members. The teachers shared various anecdotes of their time spent with Sir. They were greatly inspired by the stories that were very close to Sir's heart and his life stands as an example of values enshrined in the acronym SIMPLE.



Learning for Life



1. Dr. Charu Jain (P.G.T.) & Ms. Anshuma Robinson (P.G.T.) attended a one-day workshop on 'Seeing, Thinking and Rethinking: A Teachers' Professional Development Programme' on October 3, 2018 organized by Arch College of Design & Business



2. The School staff attended a one-day workshop on Stress Management on January 6, 2019 in the School auditorium. The workshop was conducted by Indiannica Learning. The session was organised for all staff members for learning tips and tricks for managing stress levels in day to day life. The Resource Person, Mr. Nilesh Sancheti, guided the teaching staff through various techniques of stress management and increasing concentration with meditation



3. The NCC cadets of Classes VIII, IX & X attended an informative session on January 17, 2019 conducted by Sergeant Ramesh Kumar Choudhary & Corporal R. Ghosh

4. Ms. Deepa Thadani (Vice Principal), attended a one-day Capacity Building Programme on 'Value Education' on January 19, 2019 in Jaipur, organised by Kapil Gyanpeeth and conducted by C.B.S.E., Centre of Excellence, Ajmer

She was appointed as a Resource Person by the C.B.S.E. for a one-day Capacity Building Programme on 'Value Education' held on February 16, 2019

5. Ms. Tripti Sogani (T.G.T.), Ms. Dhruvika Ojha (T.G.T.) & Ms. Mistu Baghchi (T.G.T.) attended a three-day workshop on 'Effective Teaching and Learning Methods for Science Teachers of Schools' from February 7 to February 9, 2019 at Central University, Bandersindri

6. Ms. Judeline D'Souza (P.G.T.) & Dr. Charu Jain (P.G.T.) attended a two-day Master Training Programme in English held on February 8 & 9, 2019 at G.D. Goenka International School, Udaipur, organised by the C.B.S.E., Headquarters/Centre of Excellence, Ajmer

7. The students of Classes VIII & IX attended an interactive session on 'Road Safety' in the School on February 9, 2019. The session was conducted by Mr. Lucky Jangid, from Inaya Foundation, Mr. Neeraj Vijay & Mr. Lalit Chaturvedi (RTO Inspectors)



Session on Ethics and Integrity

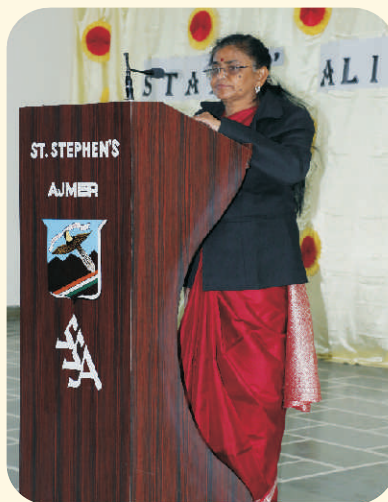
Students of Classes X and XII attended a session on Ethics and Integrity which was held on February 5 and 14, 2019 respectively. This was done in order to make the students aware of the importance of honesty and integrity while taking the Board Exams. The Do's and Don'ts to be followed while appearing for Board Exams were briefly explained to them. Copies of the letters to the parents as well as the students sent by Team C.B.S.E. were handed over to them.

Forever Memories: Bidding Adieu



Every beginning has an end, and every end is a new beginning. Once again it was time to bid farewell to the Class XII students who had built a lifetime of memories here at St. Stephen's. The Farewell ceremony, this year was held on January 27, 2019. The theme for the day was 'Stayin' Alive – A Musical Jamboree'. Confucius has said, “Music produces a kind of pleasure, which human nature cannot do without.” The auditorium reverberated with songs sung by the juniors. The students dancing to foot tapping music enthralled us all. The senior students enjoyed an exciting game. The dapper looking young boys and graceful girls competed for the most coveted titles of Mr. and Ms. Stephen's. Chhavi Mathur (XII-Arts) was crowned Ms. Stephen's and Sean Leo Noronha (XII-Science) won the Mr. Stephen's title after an exciting question round posed to the participants. Our Principal,

Ms. Bharti Tolumbia, in her Farewell speech wished the students well as they step into a whole new world. She advised them to draw inspiration from what used to be, and apply it to what is to come. Here is an excerpt from her Farewell speech,



“I would like to remind you of a few basic principles that could be your guiding force in the years to come. The first idea comes from the School motto, 'Onward and Upward'. Your flight also should

be like the Bird of Paradise enshrined in the School emblem – which in a way is the symbolic depiction of each Stephanian. The second aspect that I would like you to recall is your strong foundation of discipline. Commitment to your work is what will make you better and distinct and while you pursue excellence, always remember to do the right thing. The third feature of your life that I'd like to highlight is morals. You must remember to keep your morals intact. Always remember that the character you possess makes you different and though it may not always be easy to do the right thing, it is always rewarding to choose the right path.

Remember the contributions of your parents, teachers and friends through this journey with gratitude in your heart. I would remind you that this School has been your second home for so many years and the togetherness of the School family will always be with you.”



IMPRESSIONS

Glimpses of the Primary Art Exhibition

Collaborative display of the various Elements of Art: Shapes, Form, Texture, Origami, Technique, Near and Far, Colours and Self-Portrait presented by the Primary students



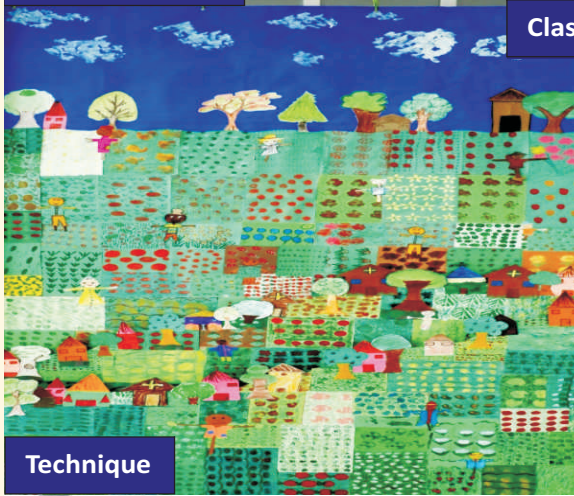


Class III

Primary Colours

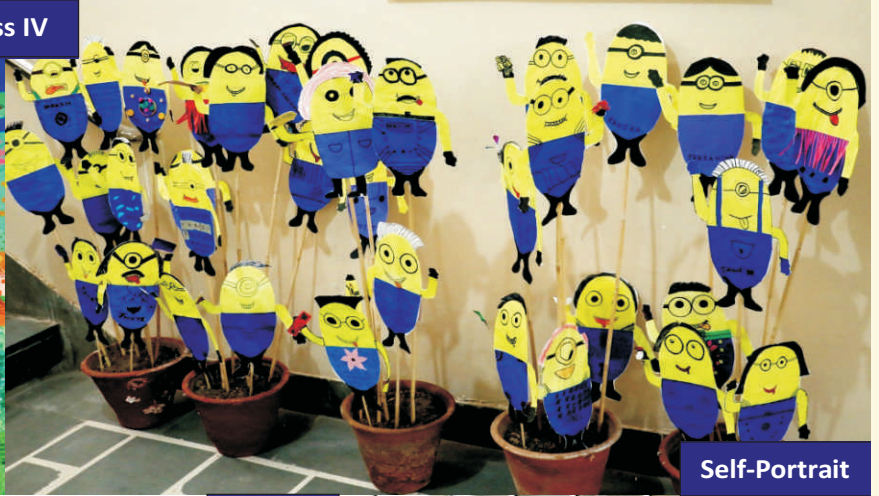


Form



Class IV

Technique



Self-Portrait



Self-Portrait

Class V



Texture

CAMPUS STARS

Academics

Winners of Gold Medal of Distinction (2018-19)



Sean Leo Noronha
(XII-Sc.) in
International English
Olympiad



Anant Krishan Pareek
(III-C) in International
General Knowledge
Olympiad

Gold Medal Winners in the SOF-International General Knowledge Olympiad Level 1(2018-19) Juniors & Seniors



(L to R): Yakshit Khandelwal (I-A), Lavanya (II-D), Sanchal K Rathore (III-A), Swapnil Goyal (IV-A), Divyaraj Singh Rathore (V-A), Mohit Somai (VI-B), Lakshya Sajani (VIII-D) and (inset) Harsh Loomba (X-E)

Gold Medal Winners in the SOF- International English Olympiad Level 1(2018-19) Juniors & Seniors



(L to R): Prince Nihalani (I-B), Deepti Roopchandani (II-A), Chahak Garg (IV-C), Shubhradeep Choudhury (V-C), Aarohi Sharma (VI-A), Anushka Upadhaya (VII-A), Lakshya Sajani (VIII-D), Anmol Kaushal (IX-B), (insets) Saloni Kalosia(III-D), Harsh Loomba (X-E) and Anjali Sharma (XI-Arts)

Gold Medal Winners in the SOF -National Science Olympiad Level 1(2018-19) Juniors & Seniors



(L to R): Lavanya (II-D), Dhruv Golani (III-B), Annaya Pradhan (IV-D), Shubhradeep Choudhury (V-C), Mohit Somai (VI-B), Akshat Pareek (VII-F), Talin Saini (VIII-A), Ayush Pareek (IX-E), (insets) Yakshit Khandelwal (I-A) and Harsh Loomba (X-E)

Sports



- **Jennis Manoj Ojha** (VI-A) secured the first position in Under-18 Girls Category in 'Ajmer Open Tennis Championship' held at Azad Park, Ajmer
- She participated in the JAMNA AITA TS-7 Tournament and was the Quarter Finalist in both Under-12 and Under-14 Girls Singles categories and a Semi-Finalist in Under-14 Girls Doubles category held at Jamna Tennis Academy, Jaipur
- She also participated in the AITA Talent Series as the Pre-Quarter Finalist in Under-14 Girls Singles category and reached the first round in the Under-16 Girls Singles category held at Sunrise Tennis Academy, Chandigarh
- She secured the 25th place in Under-14 Girls Singles category in the Jain Global Asian Series held at Bangalore

WORDSCAPE

Learning is bliss if it delights a child's heart. Children learn from anything and everything they see, read or do. They catch everything they feel. It can be more fun if based on experiences, which leads to the joy of learning. Students have expressed in simple words how learning is beautiful ...



Shubh Bansal (X-A)

LEARNING IS CONTINUOUS

Learning is life
We learn when we are a child,
We learn when ageing, we learn from all sides,
We learn every day, we learn every night
and learn when the moon
and the sun share their light.

We learn when we drive,
We learn when we write,
We learn when we talk and learn as we walk.

Learning cannot be caged
inside school premises,
As if behind bars.
It should be and it is beyond the classroom
where every child is a star.

Learning is life and life is learning,
As life is the teacher and we are the students.

Chirmi Detha
VIII-E



Eipshita Sharma (VI-A)

LEARNING IS BEAUTIFUL

Learning is as beautiful as a rose,
Don't do it with a mind and heart closed.
It is neither too hard and nor too easy,
You can do it even when you're busy.
It is as important as breathing,
One must do it even while ageing.
Learning is not just to study,
We must consider it, our buddy.
Everyone receives different knowledge
from learning,
Every moment when you're learning,
You can see your life turning.

Yash Sharma
VII-C

ALL ABOUT LEARNING

Creating is imagining,
Thinking is developing,
Understanding is knowing,
But learning is everything.

You get to know the world around,
Gravity always points to
the center of the earth,
that is why the world is round.
After a lot of intricacies, zero was found,
General Dalbir Singh, Tilak, Bose
were the true patriots
who died on the battleground.

All these beautiful facts still exist,
Because human beings gain wisdom,
And believe 'Learning is Beautiful'.

Arjun Bachani
VIII-B

‘परीक्षा पे चर्चा 2.0’ कार्यक्रम के संदर्भ में विद्यार्थियों की सकारात्मक प्रतिक्रियाएँ

दिनांक 29/1/2019 को प्रातः 11.00 बजे से दोपहर 1.00 बजे तक प्रधानमंत्री जी ने विद्यार्थियों से ‘परीक्षा पे चर्चा 2.0’ विषय पर सीधा संवाद किया। इस चर्चा में देश के लगभग प्रत्येक राज्य के चयनित विद्यार्थियों और कतिपय विदेशी राष्ट्रों के छात्रों ने भी भाग लिया। मानसिक संतुलन और विवेक से समय नियोजन करना तथा अपने पुरुषार्थ का श्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन करना ही विद्यार्थी का लक्ष्य होना चाहिए – इसी प्रेरणा को विद्यार्थियों के लिए प्रदत्त किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम से प्राप्त हमारे विद्यालय के कतिपय विद्यार्थियों के अनुभव इस प्रकार हैं :-

हमारे विद्यालय के ओडिटोरियम में जनवरी 29, 2019 को हुए कार्यक्रम ‘परीक्षा पे चर्चा 2.0’ का सीधा प्रसारण विद्यार्थियों को दिखाया गया। प्रधानमंत्री जी ने अपनी बातों से हम छात्रों के परीक्षा के प्रति भय को कम किया व हमारा आत्मविश्वास बढ़ाया। उन्होंने हमें हमेशा अपने लक्ष्य को प्राप्त करने के लिए मेहनत करने की सलाह दी। उनका यह कहना था कि हमें एक ऐसे लक्ष्य का चुनाव करना चाहिए जो हमारी पहुँच में हो किंतु पकड़ में न हो। उनकी स्वयं से प्रतिस्पर्धा करने वाली बात ने मुझे जीवन में आगे बढ़ने की प्रेरणा दी। उन्होंने हमें समय का महत्व बताते हुए यह सिखाया कि हमें समय का सही एवं शत-प्रतिशत उपयोग करना चाहिए। उन्होंने कई उदाहरणों व अपने निजी अनुभवों द्वारा हमें जीवन में आगे बढ़ने की सीख दी। मेरे लिए यह एक बहुत ही अच्छा अनुभव रहा।

सिद्धार्थ जैन
कक्षा-दस स

इस कार्यक्रम से परीक्षा की तैयारी करने का सही तरीका मिला। पता चला कि कसौटी जिन्दगी में कितनी अहम् है। अब मैं परीक्षा को एक परेशानी नहीं बल्कि एक उल्लास और उत्सव की भाँति मानती हूँ।

भानु प्रिया
कक्षा-ग्यारह (विज्ञान वर्ग)

अब भी वह छोटा दीपक जगमगा रहा था

पवन प्रचण्ड हो उठी,
हर जीवन कँपकँपा रहा था।
परंतु उस घने वृक्ष की ओट में,
अब भी वह छोटा दीपक जगमगा रहा था।

प्रत्येक झोंके के साथ,
कोई पत्ता उड़ता जा रहा था।
उस भयावह वायु के प्रकोप से,
न जाने खुद को कैसे बचा रहा था
परंतु उस घने वृक्ष की ओट में,
अब भी वह छोटा दीपक जगमगा रहा था।

समीर संग, गगन से
सलिल भी आ रहा था।
वर्षा की तीव्रता ऐसी हुई,
जैसे कोई मेघ राग गा रहा था।
परंतु उस घने वृक्ष की ओट में,
अब भी वह छोटा दीपक जगमगा रहा था।

जब उस विशाल तूफान के बल के समक्ष
उस नन्ही लौ का अस्तित्व डगमगा रहा था,
तभी हवाएँ थमने लगीं।
यकीनन कोई फरिश्ता मुस्करा रहा था।
परंतु उस घने वृक्ष की ओट में,
अब भी वह छोटा दीपक जगमगा रहा था।

शीघ्र अंबर वापस नीला हुआ,
हर एक बादल लौटकर जा रहा था।
शायद एक दीपक के अदम्य साहस के आगे,
न टिक पाने का शोक मना रहा था।
परंतु उस घने वृक्ष की ओट में,
अब भी वह छोटा दीपक जगमगा रहा था।

अनमोल कौशल
कक्षा-नौ ब



BACKDROP

Gearing Up for the Exhibition



Editorial Board

Student Editors: Sean Leo Noronha (XII-Sc.), Sparsh Singhal (XI-Arts)
Staff Editors: Ms. Judeline D'Souza, Ms. Nidhi Goyal,
Ms. Priyanka Nelson, Ms. Deepika Sharma, Ms. Nandini Joshi
Graphics & Layout: Ms. Krishna Paulus, Ms. Nupur Goyal

Published By:

Ms. Bharti Tolumbia
Principal, St. Stephen's Sr. Sec. School, Ajmer
Phone: (0145) 2640851, 2641851
Email: stephania@ststephensajmer.com
Printed at: Vikas Printing Press, Ajmer