



# The Martiniere Post

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## EDITORIAL

What a year it has been! Starting in April with a teary eyed goodbye to the batch of 22' with their farewell, the year showed much promise as a step back into the swing of normalcy. Recovering from the years of COVID prior, in the time of which most, if not all, came to a halt, proved difficult as the spirit of camaraderie and fellowship stood at an all time low. The spark was only dimmed by the cancellation of the evening bazaar, which usually ushered in times of celebration and socializing right before the break for summer vacation. Though it was difficult, the Martiniere spirit once again stood strong and persevered through the bleak winter of the lockdown and school came back in full force with activities and events being organised.

Soon after the summer vacation, the preparations for Independence day and the Hindi Entertainment Program followed with children busying themselves in a number of different matters ranging from a play and a Nukkad Naatak to a full scale parade, which exceeded all of our expectations and matched the Martiniere standard with quality and showmanship. Following shortly after, the awaited Inter-Martiniere Meet or more commonly known as the "Cal-Meet" caught hold of our attention. Once again hosted in our Constantia campus after quite a few years, the event took place as a memory to remember. This year, the meet proved even more special as many of us realised the true reason for competition; to interact with new perspectives and to make friends.

With the start of September, the school celebrated teacher's day hitting new heights. Spence Hall was set alight with bright lights and music once more as the senior students put up a show for their teachers and mentors with acts of singing and dances that touched the sky, or in this case, the roof of the Spence Hall stage, quite literally. Soon after, the Founder's wish was once again satisfied with a dinner for the wards of the school. A toast was raised in the memory of our founder and all that he gave to us, commemorating the reason that we are here today in the first place. This Founder's Day was slightly out of the ordinary as only a chapel service and a dinner was held on the day itself. With the end of Founder's Day, the college moved into a solemn session with the half yearly examinations held for all classes, putting a temporary stop to all activities. The students worked diligently and took the tests in their stride and moved on to showcase themselves in the English Entertainment Program, putting up The Greatest Show with hard work and effort unmatched.



October and November followed with two of the largest events held in school annually, Constantia and LMUN. Both flagship events of Leo and the La Martiniere MUN society respectively, each one surpassing their past iterations and knocking it out of the park with their comeback. November also carried monumental grief with the Last Day of Khakhi leaving the 23' batch filled with tears when the realization of the little time they have left in school.

Now here we are, December has brought out the festive bells with Christmas right on top of our heads carrying

with it an undertone of sadness as we move into our final moments in school. Nostalgia takes us back to when we first joined the school and only started to explore the infinite world of possibilities it gave to us. It finally comes back in a circle as we have our winter fete for one last time. Soon the pre-boards and board examinations will be our priority.

The school has truly been much more than just a school, it has been a safe space, a space we have grown up and loved. A place we have cried in and a place we can call home. The home that La Martiniere has given to all of us will forever be cherished in our hearts and minds, never to be forgotten. Vive La Martiniere.

**-Laaraib Anwaar 12-A**

## BOARDING HOUSE CALLING



With new talents being discovered after the athletics season coming to an end with a grand sports day, the glorious marchpast was led by the colour party followed by Martin house which won the Overall Athletics Command Trophy and we saw all the three athletics champions from the boarding house. Asher was seen troubling the chief guest by approaching the prize stand continuously for medals (Senior Champion). Our very own College-Vice Captain (Ayaan Rizvi) and day-scholar authorities are much appreciated by their juniors by sharing a very close bond with the boarding which is something positive for the times to come. The Christmas season is here! The bonfire and lightning up of the Christmas trees have kickstarted the Christmas season with Ivan Parker finding ways to somehow become Santa Claus. We also witnessed the third dorm boys ganging up in small groups to win prizes at every possible game stall put up at the college fete which turned out to be relatively successful. Senior boys nowadays dig up every possible reason to be a part of the choir. The boarding is healthy and functioning well and excited for the upcoming Christmas Cantata!

**-Vivaan Rastogi 12-C (College Captain)**

## HODSON'S RUN

On the 19th of November, about 500 pupils of the college participated in the annual marathon named "Hodson's Run" after Sir WSR Hodson, putting their endurance and athleticism to the test. A lot of strong-willed athletes had been training themselves for this morning for several months.

The marathon had two categories; Junior's with the distance of the run being 3.5 kilometres and Senior's with the route extending to about 8 kilometres around the Cantonment area of Lucknow.

The Saturday morning was dark and cold when the Junior's Marathon started outside Gate Number 4 of the college at 06:00 a.m. and the boys gradually paced their way across the lap.

Within the next ten minutes, Michael Jude Alexander of Hodson house finished the run at Sir Hodson's Grave



within the campus showing exemplary endurance and practice. He was closely followed by his competitors rushing towards the finish line using the last bit of their energy. A huge number of students had completed the run within twenty minutes each pushing their limits and performing their best.

The Senior's Hodson Run started near the Dilkhusha Gardens and the boys enthusiastically rushed as soon as they heard the starter pistol go off at 06:30 a.m. The lap was long and tiring for a lot of the athletes but for the boys who had been practicing for months steadily paced across the course. Within the next thirty minutes, Shaun Anthony Desa of Lyons house reached the finishing line at Sir Hudson's Grave making him this year's winner of the New Marathon. He too witnessed close competition and was quickly followed by his successors in the run. A lot of students found it difficult to complete the run given its rather long distance and just completing the marathon was a personal accomplishment for a lot of them that morning.

Apart from all the students, numerous members of the alumni also participated and completed the New Marathon reliving their memories as a Martinian. Several teachers of the college were also involved by being posted at checkpoints throughout the run to prevent any form of regulation breaks and to guide the students as a majority of them were not aware of the route.

The prize ceremony was conducted at the Grave that morning. The first five winners of the marathon were awarded a cup by the Hodson's Horse Regiment. The Principal announced that Lyons house won the Hodson's Run for the year 2022.

**-Devang Pratap Singh**

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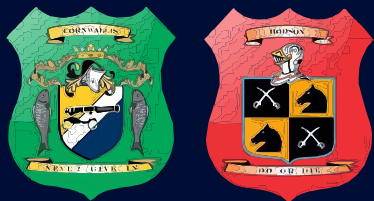
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# MART PULSE



## LMUN, 2022



La Martiniere Model United Nations (LMUN), took place from the 18th to the 20th of November. LMUN, one of India's finest and most highly revered MUN conferences, ardently stands up to imbibe virtues of diplomacy, deliberation, negotiation and crisis management among students, shaping them into prudently thoughtful, solution-oriented leaders of tomorrow.

Physically welcoming over 400 students as delegates from across the nation, the Ninth Edition of LMUN was back again with 11 committees under the Secretary-General, S.M. Ayaan Rizvi's title theme "Creating the Distinction" and a collaboration with the United Nations Information Centre of India and Bhutan. From global collaborations in the space sector to a futuristic global military crisis in 2030, LMUN's diversified agendas had it all.

### DAY 0

The 17th of November was an extremely cumbersome day for the Secretariat, Directorate and the Organizing Committee with students immersing themselves wholly into the D-day preparations. From reaching the airport for escorting outstation delegations to managing the registration desk with ID cards to arranging the delegate kits, the industrious teams did it all. The committee venues were set up the same day with adorably made agenda-pertinent posters being placed on soft boards in many classrooms to set the ambience for the conference. The Logistics Team indeed deserves all the credit for making such arrangements possible within demarcated time frames.

Participating delegates, faculty advisors and presiding chairpersons enjoyed the privilege of being escorted around the campus' massive establishments in the evening in a campus tour hosted specifically for incoming schools to get their hands on cherishable memories of visiting the founder's grave and the top floors of Constantia. The campus tour was followed by a pleasant high tea. All eyes were now set expectantly for the upcoming 3 days.

### DAY 1

Finally, the immeasurably painstaking penance of one complete year bore fruit. The conference for which the Secretariat had toiled round the clock for months was now a reality. The event commenced with the Opening Ceremony at 9:00 a.m. in Spence Hall. Devang Pratap Singh and Rumman Ashfaq Habib hosted the Opening Ceremony that welcomed former Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) chief, Mr Rajinder Khanna, as the Chief Guest for the occasion. Mr Khanna addressed the congregated delegates, talking extensively about India's geopolitical challenges and stressing hugely with regards to the menacing China. Finally, the moment that each Secretariat member was eagerly awaiting arrived as Devang introduced the Secretariat members who were then honoured with gavels as well. The Ceremony concluded with the Secretary-General declaring the session open which was immediately followed by a high tea. The first committee session began at noon with chairpersons briefing delegates about rules of procedure, and committee documentations and conversing with them on how they desired the committees to progress, setting the tone for full-fledged



debating and deliberation in the session that followed lunch.

The much-awaited Delegate Evening started at 6 pm with the College Alumnus band AB & Aryaman setting the East Terrace on fire with their mesmerizing performance. The group got the delegate crowd dancing insanely to the tunes of many popular tracks. The charm of the social evening was enhanced manifold by food stalls selling scrumptious meals at East Terrace, facilitating delegates to a party at Tunday Kebabi or Tavola Pizza after quenching their thirst at Milkshake Factory.

### DAY 2

The second day was incepted with a Keynote Address delivered by Mr Zain Naqvi who spoke to the delegates about international economic paradigms and shared vital psychiatric tools for healthy living. The second day was marked by an extremely hectic schedule with 3 committee sessions. The committees had progressed up to the point of delegates finding suitable topics for their moderated caucuses and the deep layers of the agendas. Following a short high tea, the delegates were again led to the East Terrace for the Fellowship. From a gracious ball dance on heartwarming tunes to the College Band taking over with its thunderous rock beats, the Fellowship got the delegates hooked from the very beginning. Further, DJ Saad Ali took the delegates over with his charismatic dexterity in handling tracks as well as his impeccable ability to drive their mood. Moreover, Sarthak Singh, the Under Secretary-General for Technical Operations, couldn't help resisting the passionate DJ within him and took to the stage for the finishing tracks. The delegates burst out cheering his name aloud as he started playing. The Fellowship concluded by righteously serving its purpose of strengthening the bonds of affection among the delegates.

The college kitchens, which had already made the delegates' afternoon by serving delicious Chola Bhatura for lunch, also made their evening by serving luscious local delicacies that included Biryani and mutton shami kebabs for the Principal's Dinner that followed the Fellowship.

The Ad-Hoc Committee of the Secretary-General, the undisputed jewel on LMUN's crown, held a midnight crisis from 11 pm to 3 am to deliberate upon peace terms between Russia and Ukraine.

### DAY 3

With the delegates' anxiety peaking, the last day ultimately arrived. The committees that had been through two days of fruitful deliberations looked forward to producing committee documentations. Alliances and blocs that were formulated previously finally made closing speeches concerning concrete solutions that delegates encapsulated in their committee paperwork for conducive discussions.

The Closing Ceremony, hosted by the Deputy Secretary-General, Kritin Bhasin began at the East Terrace with a virtual address recording from Dr Shashi Tharoor talking about the importance of Indians in geopolitics. This was followed by the Chief Guest, Mr Balram Bhargava, the Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research, addressing the gathering on India's tussle with COVID-19 through a visual presentation. Following this, the Secretary-General took over to introduce the Secretariat and compliment their perseverance for the conference along with the Secretariat members introducing the various teams behind LMUN as well as announcing the awards for the conference turn by turn. The much awaited award ceremony was a story with La Martiniere for Boys, Kolkata sweeping the best delegate awards for 8 out of 11 committees, bagging the Best Delegation award in the process.

Lastly, Ayaan delivered the concluding speech for the event describing his thoughts about with the conference and what it entails to be holding an event of such a scale at school after 2 years of online MUNs. He stated to have worn the same tie that he wore as a delegate at his first experience at LMUN that day while signing off as the Secretary-General as his speech came to an end. The event finally concluded with the Principal addressing the gathering on carrying back memories, friendships and healthy experiences.

Indeed, LMUN 2022 was a runaway success with a year-round strenuously invested effort that produced sweet results. Undeniably, the team "created the distinction" by holding such a gigantic event with such impressive arrangements. The team held up the Martiniere flag high with their phenomenal efforts.

**-Samast Bahri & Kritin Bhasin**

## SENIOR ATHLETICS MEET



The 138th Senior Athletics meet was held on the 26th of November commencing at 1:00 p.m. Lt. General Vivek Kashyap, who is the Chief of Staff at the Head Quarters of Central Command in the army along with the Colonel of the Regiment-6 Lancers was the chief guest for the day. It was rather significant that three College Colours - Gold Blazers were awarded on that day to students who had displayed exceptional individual performance in a certain sport during their tenure at school. Syed Wali Hussain and Faraz Aftab Rizvi, the captain and vice-captain of our football teams respectively were awarded the prestigious blazer along with Rishi Aryan, the captain of the college cricket team.

The day started with the Torch Relay in which the captains of all the various sports played in La Martiniere carried and passed the torch to each other following traditions and symbolizing the light of spirit, knowledge and life with the passing down of the symbolic fire.

This was succeeded by the track events for the day which included only the short sprints and dashes in the Colts, Juniors and Seniors categories to keep the environment full of excitement as the athletes immediately darted at their full speed. An exception to this was the 2000m cycle race for the Juniors and the 5000m cycle race for the Senior division which were extremely intriguing to witness. The relays obtained maximum enthusiasm and zeal from the audience as the athletes participating in them represent a larger group of people compared to individual sprints. The inter-house relays and mixed relay which consisted of two girls in each house from La Martiniere Girls' College were won by Martin house. The past vs. present relay which was run between the boys of our college and the alumni was won by the present team.

A glamorous equestrian display was also put up by the show-jumping team and the ride school of the college. The track events followed more such displays such as the gymnastic team's feat of exemplary strength and flexibility and the rather formidable taekwondo display. All the students from classes six to nine showed extremely well-coordinated class-wise P.T drills as well.

The drills were followed by the majestic march past of the college consisting of all the athletes who had participated throughout the season and both the marching bands of the college. As soon as the march past halted, the prize day distribution commenced. Arya Jeet Singh of Marin House was the sole athlete who broke past records in not only one but two events this season which are the long jump and 100m sprint in the Junior division and was awarded the trophy for the Junior Athletics Champion. In the Senior category, Asher of Martin house won the 100m sprint making him the "fastest runner of La Martiniere College" and several other medals winning the Senior Athletics Championship. The Central Command Trophy for the overall winners for the athletics season of 2022 was awarded to Martin House.

Impressed by the performance and the efforts put up by the boys, the Chief Guest granted us a holiday on the next working day as a gesture of appreciation. The beating of the retreat was conducted and the flags were lowered and with that the Athletics Meet for 2022 came to an end.

**-Devang Pratap Singh**





# THE MARTINIÈRE STATEMENT



## LAST DAY OF KHAKI



Twelve years. It's been twelve long years! It takes twelve years to get even close to truly understanding the essence of Khakhi, the most prestigious uniform for each and every Martinian. On the morning of the 23rd, the environment was filled with soul-stirring emotions. The eye of every class XII Martinier pupil was rather watery. The watery eyes reflected, what would be the most joyous and memorable, twelve years of the lives of the beholders. The Khakhi uniform, which, in the early years, was ridiculed upon, is now the most priceless possession of every student of the batch of '23.

Every face vividly represented an ocean of emotions. The class 12 students gathered in front of the living monument, Constantia, to attend the assembly for the last time in the dignified Khakhi. As the assembly was over, then began the penfest, a moment which every individual would reminisce about, several years hence. Students started to pour their emotions to their heart's content, in the form of words on their Khakhi shirts. Words of luck were written and drawn down. Some of the students had made, a drawing of Constantia on the back of their uniforms. Even teachers penned down their emotions on the significant uniform. The words on their Khakhi, were not just words, but engravings inscribed on the hearts of the fellow students. Emotions tinted with ardour hung in the air, as the senior most boys of the college adorned the Khakhi for one last time. This uniform for students, was synonymous to their skin. Khakhi was to be taken off forever that day. But one thing has to be noted, that Khakhi can be literally taken off, that's true, it can never ever be taken off metaphorically. It stays with the pupils, in form of the values instilled and inculcated in them by the school and these two lines ladies and gentlemen justifies. 'The Romance of Khakhi.'

**-Devansh Rastogi**

## ENGLISH ELOCUTION

The English elocution competition was held in October for the Colts, Junior and Senior divisions consisting of students from all the classes of both the middle and senior school. The colts division consisted of classes 6 to 8, the junior division consisted of classes 9 and 10 and senior division consisted of classes 11 and 12. Elocution is a competition that helps a pupil in improving his diction, comprehending of literature and reciting the poem/speech with correct pronunciation and improving their memory skills. Each division was judged by 3 teachers who were proficient in their subject and awarded points to the students on various standards. The colts division saw great recitation from even the junior most students of the campus with outstanding enthusiasm. In the Junior division, the poems recitation consisted of themes from moral lessons to dramatic monologues and lastly verses from the famous writings of novels by authors such as William Shakespeare. The chairperson of the competition was Mr Egbert who moderated the competition and helped in bringing out the best in the children.

The senior division participants showed great pronunciation and diction skills. Their themes consisted of long monologues, consisting of speeches by renowned figures like Greta Thunberg and the iconic speech made by Mr Nehru on the night of India's Independence. One of the pieces was also an original by Mr Vincent Clifford, an English teacher of the senior school. The chairperson of the competition was Mr Clifford who looked after the proceedings and guided the participants.

In the senior division - Division - A - Avi Annan Agarwal of 12-C stood first.

In the junior division - Division - B - Paarth Pandey of 9-C stood first.

**-Kritin Bhasin**

## MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The newly incepted La Martinier Law Society organised the first edition of the Intra-School Moot Court Competition from the 29th of November to the 1st of December under the guidance of the faculty advisor, Mrs. H. Dhawan. A Moot Court seeks to simulate the ambience of an actual courtroom with students impersonating lawyers to act as respondents and defendants for a given lawsuit. The teams were allocated a comprehensive Moot Problem that revolved around a case involving data privacy, a refugee crisis and human rights abuses being fought between two nations at the ICJ. Inviting students from classes 9 to 12, the competition began on the 29th with a bunch of 48 students in 16 teams, largely non-law students, all of whom being oblivious to what might unfold in the coming days. The event began at 9 am in the Activity Hall with a brief introduction and felicitation of the incoming judges. The preliminary round started off at 10 am at 8 venues. Each pair of competing teams were to give a 30 minute presentation explaining their side of



being petitioners or respondents in the first session which was followed by the teams reversing their sides and act as the other party in the second session. The second session concluded producing clear results of 8 teams that advanced to the quarter-finals the following day. The second day also began with the draw of lots in the Activity Hall determining 4 pairs of petitioners and respondents. The same format of mooting followed the second day as well with 4 finalists moving to the Semi-Finals the next day. The third day began with the welcoming of esteemed judges at the Activity Hall who judged the Semi-Final and Final Rounds. The final round started at 12:15 pm and concluded at 1:30 pm in the Conference Room. Finally, a team comprising of Devrat Tilak, Avin Prakash and Atharva Awasthi were adjudged the winners. The event concluded with a thanksgiving speech delivered by Aryan Chowdhary, a member of the Core Team, complimenting the efforts of the teams and teachers who worked for the event's success.

**-Samast Bahri**

## हिन्दी विभाग

### सम्पादक की कलम से...

नमस्कार मेरे प्रिय पाठक,

आज मैं पर्व जोहर फिरसे आपके समक्ष इस महीने के कुछ यादगार पलों एवं आयोजनों से आपको आपके प्रिय "मार्टिनियर डाक" द्वारा अवगत कराना चाहूँगा। जैसा कि आप सभी जानते ही हैं कि यह दिसम्बर का महीना इस साल २०२२ का आखिरी महीना है और यह "मार्टिनियर डाक" आपके और मेरे बीच के इस साल का एक आखिरी माध्यम है जिससे मैं आपको हमारे विद्यालय में होने वाले कुछ प्यारे पलों के मिश्रित आयोजनों के बारे में बता पाता था।

१५ दिसम्बर से पूरे विद्यालय की सर्दी की छुट्टियाँ शुरू हो जायेंगी और मैं आशा करता हूँ कि आपकी यह छुट्टियाँ मंगलमय बीतें और शायद ये आखिरी "मार्टिनियर डाक" को पढ़कर हमारे विद्यालय के बीते कुछ दिनों की महत्ता से आपको मैं अवगत कराने में कामयाब साबित हो पाऊँगा, रही बात मेरी तो मेरे जीवन की यह आखिरी मार्टिनियर डाक के इस साल के अंतिम संस्करण लिखते हुए मेरी आँखें नम हैं और कुछ इसी प्रकार १२वीं कक्षा के विद्यार्थियों के लिए "खाकी का आखिरी दिन" था जहां सब अपने मित्रों, शिक्षकों एवं शत्रुओं से भी गले इस भाव से मिल रहे थे कि शायद वे आने वाले जीवन में फिर कभी नहीं मिल पायेंगे और उनके साथ बिताए कुछ खट्टी-मीठी यादें जैसे उनकी कक्षा, कैटीन के सामने सुबह की चाय की चुस्कियाँ एवं ३० रुपए की शीरमाल-कबाब के लिए लड़ना एवं अपने-अपने हाउस के लिए कुछ करने का दृढ़ निश्चय सब इस विद्यालय के परिसर में ही रह जाएँगे। खाकी का आखिरी दिन मेरे एवं १२वीं कक्षा के समस्त विद्यार्थियों के लिए बेहद भावनात्मक

समय था। सभी विद्यार्थी अपनी-अपनी खाकी में रंग के कपड़ों पर अपने दोस्तों एवं शिक्षकों से उनके कुछ आखिरी शब्द लिखवा रहे थे जो उनके जीवन की एक बहुमूल्य याद बन जाती और हमेशा उनके साथ रहती है। उस दिन का वातावरण बहुत भावुक एवं भावनात्मक था परन्तु इस दिन को १२वीं कक्षा के विद्यार्थियों ने अपने दोस्तों एवं शिक्षकों के बीच रहकर बड़े ही मंगलमय तरीके से बिताया। वातावरण की बात करें तो हम सभी को पता है कि हमारी धरती का वातावरण कितना महत्वपूर्ण है और इसी वातावरण की महत्ता को देखते हुए हमारे विद्यालय में निबंध प्रतिस्पर्धा का आयोजन हुआ जिसमें हमारे विद्यालय के विद्यार्थियों ने बड़े जोश के साथ इसमें भाग लिया। वातावरण को कैसे बचाएँ इस पर सालों से बहुत शोध एवं वाद-विवाद के किस्से चलते चले आ रहे हैं। और वाद विवाद की बात करें तो इस बार हमारे विद्यालय में समस्त हाउसों के लिए हिंदी वाद-विवाद का आयोजन हुआ जिसमें बहुत से प्रतिभागियों ने हिस्सा लिया जिसमें न केवल नैतिकता जैसे विषयों पर वाद-विवाद हुआ परन्तु "राजनीति में धर्म को लाने से समाज विखंडित होता है" जैसे बहुत गंभीर विषयों पर भी वाद-विवाद हुआ। इस वाद-विवाद प्रतियोगिता के परिणाम तो नहीं आये हैं परन्तु तब भी इसके परिणाम के लिए बहुत प्रतिभागी व्याकुल हैं।



और इसी व्याकुलता को ध्यान में रखते हुए, मैं आशा करता हूँ कि आपको इस संस्करण को पढ़ कर इस महीने में हुए आयोजनों, प्रतिस्पर्धाओं एवं कुछ प्यारे पलों से मैं अवगत करा पाया और अंत में मैं आशा करूँगा कि आपकी सर्दी की छुट्टियाँ मंगलमय बीतें और इसी के साथ मैं अपनी कलम पर विराम लगाते हुए आशा करूँगा कि आपकी सर्दी की छुट्टियों में पढ़ाई और खेल समान रूप से चलता रहेगा जिससे मेरे बाद आने वाले किसी दूसरे संपादक को यह अवसर मिलेगा कि वह इस प्यारी "मार्टिनियर डाक" की प्रथा को आगे अग्रसारित कर पाये और हर महीने कई रोचक किस्से, पल एवं आयोजनों से आपको अवगत करा पाएँ।

—Parv Johar, Devrat Tilak

## खाकी का अंतिम दिन



"जिस प्रकार झांझे को एक दिन अपना ककून त्याग कर तितली बन, बाहर की दुनिया में प्रवेश करना पड़ता है उसी प्रकार एक-एक विद्यार्थी को एक न एक दिन अपने विद्यालय एवं बालपन को त्याग कर वयस्कों की दुनिया में प्रवेश करना पड़ता है। "२२ अक्टूबर, २०२२ को कक्षा बारहवीं के छात्रों के अंतिम दिन खाकी ग्रहण करने के अवसर पर "लास्ट डे ऑफ़ खाकी" का आयोजन करवाया गया था। प्रातः जनसभा के पश्चात कक्षा बारहवीं को सभा स्थल पर रोका गया और अन्य विद्यार्थियों को अपनी कक्षाओं में जाने का आग्रह किया गया। हमारे विद्यालय के उप प्रधानाचार्य और अन्य शिक्षकों के संरक्षण में अन्य कक्षा बारहवीं के विद्यार्थियों के समक्ष विद्यालय के छात्र प्रमुख विवान रस्तोगी ने विद्यालय के उप छात्र प्रमुख अयान रिजवी की खाकी पर कुछ शब्द लिखे जिसके साथ इस आयोजन का उद्घाटन हुआ। विवान के बाद अन्य छात्रों ने भी अपने मित्रों के वस्त्रों पर भिन्न प्रकार की यादों को स्याही के द्वारा उत्कीर्ण कर दिया। इस अवसर पर कक्षा ग्यारहवीं के छात्र रुमान अशफ़ाक़ हबीब ने खाकी के महत्व तथा खाकी से छात्रों के लगाव पर वक्तव्य भी दिया जिसे सुन कर अन्य कक्षा बारहवीं के छात्र भावुक हो गए। इस समारोह पर विद्यालय की "मीडिया टीम" ने भी काफी सराहनीय कार्य किया। इसी के साथ २०२२ का खाकी पहनने का अंतिम दिन समाप्त होता है।

—Parth Mittal



## अन्तर-हाउस प्रश्नोत्तरी



अन्तर—हाउस का प्रश्नोत्तरी हमारे स्कूल में बेसब्री से इंतजार किया जाता है क्योंकि यह किसी की बुद्धि और ज्ञान को परखने का एक चुनौतीपूर्ण अवसर प्रदान करता है। इस वर्ष इंटर हाउस क्विज का आयोजन १० नवंबर, २०२२ को बड़ी धूम—धाम से किया गया। दो साल बाद, यह प्रश्नोत्तरी विद्यालय में शारीरिक रूप से आयोजित की जा रही थी। इस प्रकार हमें बजर का उपयोग करने का विशेषाधिकार प्राप्त हुआ। चारों दल उत्साहपूर्वक प्रश्नोत्तरी की तैयारी करने लगे। मैं जूनियर डिवीजन में मार्टिन हाउस से एक प्रतिभागी और मुख्य वक्ता भी था।

इसकी शुरुआत १०वीं की सुबह हंगामे के साथ हुई जब कोल्ट्स डिवीजन के हमारे छोटे भाई सबसे पहले ऊपर जा रहे थे। उन्हें कार्टून जैसे काफी असामान्य विषय दिए गए थे। १०० से अधिक अंकों की भारी बढ़त के साथ स्कोर पत्रक में शीर्ष पर विभाजन, मार्टिन हाउस कोल्ट्स डिवीजन में पहले स्थान पर आया। आगे हमारे पास जूनियर विभाजन था, इतिहास से आर्किटेक्चर एवं आई.टी. तक हमें कई अलग—अलग विषयों से निपटना था। जीत की झड़ी जारी रखते हुए, मार्टिन हाउस फिर से सूची में सबसे ऊपर है, हालांकि इस बार करीबी जीत के साथ।

अंत में हमारे पास हमारे प्रसिद्ध क्विज़र्स के साथ सीनियर डिवीजन था जो अब चार्ज ले रहा था। यह एक दिलचस्प सत्र था जिसमें चारों सदन एक दूसरे के बराबर थे। कॉर्नवालिस सीनियर डिवीजन में विजेता के रूप में उभरा और मार्टिन समग्र प्रथम स्थान धारक के रूप में उभरा। यह एक बहुत ही ज्ञानवर्धक सत्र था जिसने मेरी बुद्धि को और अधिक परिपक्व किया।

—Keshav Mittal

## पर्यावरण निबंध प्रतियोगिता

ला मार्टीनियर कॉलेज, लखनऊ में प्रतिष्ठित बी.के. दास पर्यावरण निबंध प्रतियोगिता महामारी के कारण दो साल के अंतराल के बाद ऑफ़लाइन प्रारूप में आयोजित की गई थी। यह मूल रूप से १६ नवंबर को आयोजित होनी थी परंतु अंतिम समय पर अप्रत्याशित परिस्थितियों के कारण इसे २२ नवंबर तक के लिए स्थगित कर दिया गया। २२ नवंबर की सुबह जीरो पीरियड में सभा के तुरंत बाद सीनियर स्कूल फिजिक्स लेबोरेटरी जो विज्ञान ब्लॉक में है, वहाँ सब इकट्ठे हुए।

सीनियर स्कूल के छात्रों को प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेने और अपने कौशल का प्रदर्शन करने के लिए प्रोत्साहित किया गया।

प्रतियोगिता में सीनियर स्कूल के सभी कोनों से २० से अधिक छात्रों ने भाग लिया। कक्षा ६वीं और १०वीं के इतने सारे छात्रों को पर्यावरण निबंध प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेते देखना विशेष रूप से सुखद था। प्रतिभागियों को सबसे पहले कार्यक्रम के नियमों और विनियमों के बारे में जानकारी देना था। माहौल उत्साह से भरा हुआ

था। वातावरण में स्वस्थ प्रतिस्पर्धा की भावना भी मौजूद थी। प्रतियोगिता की देखरेख श्री वी. क्लिफोर्ड ने की थी। निबंध लिखने के लिए प्रतिभागियों को एक घंटे का समय दिया गया। उन्हें दिए गए पांच विषयों में से किसी एक को चुनना था।

विषयों की पसंद उत्कृष्ट थी, उनमें दिल्ली की वायु प्रदूषण की समस्या से लेकर ध्रुवीय बर्फ की टोपी का तेजी से पिघलना शामिल था। इसमें एक बहस का विषय भी शामिल था जिसमें कहा गया था कि क्या अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन पर्यावरणीय गिरावट को रोकने में सक्षम हैं या नहीं। रचनात्मक लेखन को दूसरे स्तर पर ले जाया गया जहां प्रतिभागियों को एक सपने के बारे में लिखने की आवश्यकता थी जहां उन्होंने २०७५ की यात्रा की और उन्हें उस विनाशकारी पृथ्वी के बारे में लिखना आवश्यक था जिसे उन्होंने देखा और यह कैसे उनके दैनिक जीवन में बदलाव लाएगा और पर्यावरण संरक्षण और सुरक्षा के लिए अब क्या किया जाएगा, इस बारे में चर्चा की गयी थी।

कागजात एकत्र किए जाने के बाद, शिक्षकों ने भी विषयों पर अपनी राय व्यक्त की, यह वास्तव में एक संवादात्मक सत्र था और सभी को अलग—अलग दृष्टिकोणों के बारे में जानकारी मिली और बहुत कुछ सीखा। शिक्षकों ने छात्रों को शुभकामनाएं दीं और प्रतियोगिता के अगले संस्करण तक के लिए उन्हें अलविदा कहा।

—Aarav Pahwa

## FRENCH SECTION

### La Journée Des Enfants



Chaque année en Inde, le 14 novembre est célébré comme la Journée des enfants pour marquer l'anniversaire de naissance de Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, le premier Premier ministre de notre pays. En plus de rendre hommage à Pandit Nehru, la Journée des enfants s'efforce de sensibiliser aux droits, aux soins et à l'éducation des enfants. De nombreux programmes éducatifs et de motivation pour les enfants sont organisés à travers l'Inde ce jour-là. Les enfants s'appelaient affectueusement Jawaharlal Nehru, Chacha Nehru et leur croyance en lui était une source continue de joie pour lui. La Journée universelle de l'enfance a été initialement observée le 20 novembre, comme l'ont déclaré les Nations Unies, mais en 1964, Jawaharlal Nehru est décédé et le parlement indien a publié une résolution désignant la date de naissance du premier Premier ministre comme la Journée de l'enfant. La date est aussi connu sous le nom de “Bal Divas” en Inde.

En marque de respect ainsi que pour les enfants une journée où ils peuvent s'amuser pleinement, la Journée des enfants est célébrée dans toutes les écoles de l'Inde. De nombreux programmes spéciaux de variétés sont organisés dans les écoles pour que les élèves se sentent joyeux. Notre école, le Collège La Martinière, n'est pas différente et en plus de cela, nous organisons même une assemblée amusante mais distinguée dans laquelle toutes les étudiantes autoritaire s'habillent en enseignants et au lieu de notre directeur, le capitaine du collège tient l'assemblée tout en les imitant et en portant

des tenues. des professeurs qu'ils imitent. De cette façon, les étudiants passent un moment merveilleux et joyeux à l'assemblée. Les enseignants reçoivent des récompenses et des prix à la place des étudiants pour n'en nommer que quelques-uns comme le "Meilleur athlète de l'école-Mr A. Gomes", le "Body Builder de notre école-Mr. S. Simon” et bien d'autres, pour dire que les récompenses sont parfois sarcastiques mais aussi réelles à des moments précis.



Après l'Assemblée, des boîtes de friandises sont remises aux étudiants qui sont définitivement aimées par les étudiants. Comme nous espérons obtenir plus d'une boîte de friandises, les enseignants sont si généreux d'en donner deux si nous le voulons. Cette année, la boîte de friandises contenait des aliments emballés que j'ai vraiment aimés. Dès que la distribution de la boîte de friandises a été faite, nous nous sommes déplacés vers Spence Hall pour voir un programme de divertissement organisé par des enseignants. Dire que le programme de divertissement de cette année a définitivement été un énorme succès parce que les étudiants l'ont adoré. Les professeurs étaient vêtus de vêtements traditionnels indiens, ils ont dansé, ils ont chanté, ils ont présenté une promenade de chat aussi, nous avons énormément apprécié le spectacle jusqu'à la fin. Nous n'étions pas tristes parce que le spectacle n'était pas bon, nous étions tristes parce que nous souhaitions qu'il puisse durer éternellement. Après le programme, nous avons été renvoyés à la maison plus tôt et comme peu d'élèves souhaitaient "ce n'est pas la journée des enfants, tous les jours?", les autres avaient la même pensée au fond de leur tête.

-Vishesh Gupta 9-A

## URDU SECTION

### حادث سن رن



ہاڈسن رن کو پورا کرنا اپنے آپ میں کامیابی ہے - اس کا مڈل پہلے پانچ لڑکوں کو جانا ہے جنہوں نے یہ دوڑ مکمل کی اور اچھے درجے حاصل کئے ہیں - اس کے ساتھ جنہوں نے دوڑ پوری کی ہے ان لوگوں کے لئے بھی یہ ایک بہت بڑی بات ہے - ان خیالات کا اظہار ہملرے کالج کے پرنسپل جناب کارلیل میک فارلن نے اپنی تقریر میں کیا - اس سال کی ہاڈسن رن بہت جذبے اور جنون کے ساتھ دوڑی گئی - اس میں ان بچوں نے حصہ لیا جنکو دوڑنا بہت پسند ہے اور جنکے دل میں اپنے کالج اور ہاؤس کے لئے بے پناہ محبت ہے - یہ ۱۹ نومبر کو ہوئی تھی - یہ سال میں صرف ایک بار ہوتی ہے - اس کا ٹریک ساڑھے تین کلومیٹر لمبا تھا اور اسکا ریکارڈ ۹ منٹ ۲۷ سیکنڈ ہے جسے ابھی تک کوئی توڑ نہیں پایا ہے -

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