

**LA MARTINIÈRE COLLEGE, LUCKNOW**  
**ANNUAL REPORT PRIMARY DEPARTMENT**  
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Good evening, Ladies and Gentlemen and boys,

Before beginning I wish to record my gratitude to the Local Committee of Governors and to the Principal, for placing their trust in me and appointing me Head of the Primary School. Thank you Sirs! I shall do my best.

With your permission Madam, it is my coveted privilege to present the Annual Report of the Primary School for the year 2009-2010.

**STAFF:**

In March, 2009, we welcomed into our fold three teachers. Mrs S. Sinha took charge of Class 1D, Mrs J. Garg was given charge of Class 1E and Mrs A. Lawrence became the Class teacher of Class 2D in place of Mrs D. Kapoor who was away on maternity leave.

In November, Mrs L. Clarke proceeded on maternity leave and in her place Mrs J. Mohan was appointed in a temporary capacity to teach Class 2E.

Mr N. Ahmad helped as part time PTI and in Mr V. Clifford, we found a wonderful Music teacher who helped in setting up a choir in the Primary School.

Four members of the Class 4 staff were also employed for the Primary School and in appreciation of their total dedication to their work I wish to thank each one personally; Aasma the ayah for looking after the children so well, Sanjeet for keeping the class rooms and premises spic and span and also for teaching children how to make some wonderful items of craft, Azmat the peon for running errands willingly, and Daya Shankar the gardener for giving the school a cheerful look with well-tended, neat flower beds and a playground sans weeds and dust.

**BEREAVEMENT:**

It was a sad day when early one morning in the month of April, a tragic accident took place in which a number of our school children were involved. One little boy lost his life, another had to be rushed to the Trauma Centre in a critical condition, but through the mercy of God, he survived and is now perfectly well.

Other children who were injured in the accident, were treated in the Lohia hospital and rose from their sick beds, healthy and well.

## **ACADEMICS:**

The scare of the swine flu caused some disruption in the smooth running of the school, but the teachers who guided and taught the boys with patience and dedication conducted studies efficiently. At the end of the year meritorious children who did extremely well in different subjects will be duly honoured on this special day for their diligence and hard work.

## **ANNUAL EVENTS:**

### **Project Exhibition**

The Project Exhibition was scheduled for 20 August, 2009, and preparations began right from April. The theme for the display was 'Fairy Tales'. Each section chose a story and made charts, models, collages and craft items relevant to the story chosen by them. There were mice made out of old socks, formidable looking open-mouthed whales made out of shoe boxes, sunflowers made from strainers, golden hens, castles, glass slippers, magic mirrors, gifts for the baby princess, cottages made out of cakes and chocolates, and puppets of straw. All the items were made in class under the guidance of the teachers. They were so well-made that all who came to see the exhibition appreciated them. Everything added to atmosphere of fairy tale charm and an aura of actually being in fairyland. All in all, the Project Display was a big success.

### **Elocution contest**

The next big event was the Elocution Contest. It was held on two days: one for Class 1 and the other for Class 2. The poems were well-chosen and there was not a moment of boredom. The judges for the contest were our own former teachers Mrs.M.Mathur, Mrs.N.Daniels, Mrs.B.Bobb and Mrs.V.Savaille. We had invited Mrs Sheila Simlai, former Head of the Junior School, as Chief Guest, but she was not able to attend owing to ill health. However, she sent her good wishes. The Principal was impressed by the smart appearance and perfect discipline of the children.

### **Sports Day**

Yet another big event was Sports Day, for which the children underwent rigorous training. They were efficiently taught their exercises and encouraged to do their best. The thunderous applause for the PT items, was a fitting reward for the efforts of all concerned. The races were innovative and colourful and were all based on fairy tales. Mr Clifford aptly chose the music which was enjoyed by all. The Pyramids too, taught by the P.T.I. Mr N.

Ahmad and done with finesse and precision by the little ones, were greatly appreciated by the parents and guests.

The Chief Guest Mr Leslie Daniels and his gracious wife, Noreen, both former Members of the Staff, were most impressed by the perfect timing and spectacular drills performed by the children. Cornwallis House won Cock House. Although on the day itself only a dummy cake was presented, all the boys of the House were later given a treat of a real sumptuous chocolate cake.

### **Additional activities:**

Growing children require exercise for their faculties and a field for their efforts. To provide for this need, a number of co-curricular activities were planned right through the academic year.

### **English Writing Contest**

Boys took part in a Writing Contest. It was difficult for the judges to decide on the winner as a great many children wrote neatly and formed the letters of the English alphabet correctly. The winners were Yahya Ahmad of Class 1D and Palash Kumar of Class 2B.

### **Dramatics**

There was much excitement among the children about acting on stage. Each section of Classes 1 and 2 chose an excerpt from a fairy tale and after getting proper guidance and instructions from their teachers the boys rehearsed the scenes and most creditably performed them. The programme was thoroughly enjoyed by both teachers and children.

### **Art Competition**

An Art competition is always a big hit with children. They get down at once to using their imagination and aesthetic skills to draw and produce some of the most original pieces of art. The boys certainly did a wonderful job and they made it extremely difficult for the judges to choose the best ones. Eventually Yahya Ahmad of Class 1D and Ayan Ahmad of Class 2C emerged as the winners.

### **Hindi Writing Contest**

The Hindi Writing contest was a serious affair. The results were good and once again it was tough for the teachers to judge the winners. Yahya Ahmad of Class 1D and Abhishek Srivastava of Class 2E were awarded the prizes.

## **Spelling Bee Competition**

The Spelling Bee competition aroused much excitement. The children really made a determined effort to learn the spellings of difficult words. The boys who qualified were trained in the etiquette of conducting themselves in a competition, with the result that the competitors made a very good impression on all who watched them compete with one another. The boys who spelt all the words correctly and adhered to the rules of the competition were Anant Trivedi of Class 1E and Abhinav Singh of Class 2A.

## **General Knowledge Quiz Competition**

This was conducted as a House event. It aroused much interest and healthy competition among the teams and their supporters. Lyons House won the Quiz Cup in Class 1 and Cornwallis House won the Quiz Cup in Class 2. The winners will be presented with their certificates today.

## **Christmas play and Carol Singing**

A Choir was formed with the boys of Class 2 taking keen interest in learning carols and hymns for the Christmas play. Mr Vincent Clifford did a wonderful job of teaching special improvisations to the children. After a great deal of practice the boys presented an impressive selection of carols. The Christmas Play, also, was a remarkable attempt for the children to exhibit their dramatic skills, under the able guidance of Mrs D Kapoor.

## **Outing**

In spite of being kept busy with so many activities, there was time to take the children of the Primary school on a guided tour of Constantia. The school buses were used for the purpose. It was a wonderful experience for them to see “Constantia”– so majestic, so imposing, so magnificent!

## **Charity**

Children of Class 2 generously donated food items like sugar, rice and pulses and utility items like detergent powders, and washed and ironed cotton saris for Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity home Prem Niwas. A group of 20 boys accompanied by two teachers and a peon went to Prem Niwas to deliver the contribution and to meet with the people living there.

## **Special mention**

The boys of the Photography Club of the Senior School must be specially thanked for providing us with CDs and DVDs of our Sports Day. They also took perfect class photographs of the Classes in the Primary School. It was a job well done. They are here again, today, busily clicking away. Thank you boys.

## **Newsletter**

A modest attempt was made to publish a newsletter citing and talking about the activities and endeavours of the Primary School. After careful planning a newsletter was successfully published much to the delight of children, parents and teachers.

And so the academic year ended leaving behind fond memories to be cherished by teachers and students alike. Before I end, I wish to give a piece of advice to our boys – Respect your parents always, never fail to honour your teachers and keep the College flag flying high.

Long live La Martiniere!