

THE BRITISH CO-ED HIGH SCHOOL



THE HERALD

EDITORIAL NOTE

It is the time for ovation as The British Co-Ed High School Magazine has finally walked out of the shadow of its benefactor "The Bugle" to create an independent identity of its own. It has been christened as "The Herald".

The first two terms of the academic session are nothing less than a roller coaster ride. However everything did go very smoothly amid innumerable school activities. We have a lot to share with our readers.

Each classroom has been given a specific subject name wherein the rooms have been adorned with information, pictures, models etc relating to its specific subject.

"Well arranged time is the surest mark of a well arranged mind."

Keeping this view in mind every event of the school was organised meticulously. Many co-curricular activities such as Inter House Sports, Inter House Plays, Debates, Inter School Debates, Cross Country, Fun and Frolic Trips, Annual Function etc.

We also had visitors from Brampton Manor School, London and we celebrated Dussehra with them.

Schools started with a lot of enthusiasm for the new session on 1st April. The beginning is always very stressful but enjoyable. As remarked earlier it is nothing less than a roller coaster ride.

Our session was started with a lot of Inter House Activities.

THE INTER HOUSE CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Inter House English Debate (IX & X)

The Inter House English Debate for classes IX and X was held on 21st April. The topic of the debate was “Mixed marriages (inter-caste, inter religious, inter racial) should be discouraged. It was judged by Dr. Bidyut Bose and Mrs. Devgan from Y.P.S. Patiala.

The result was as following:-

Tagore House - I

Teresa House - II

Tolstoy House - III

Best Speakers -> Pavleen Matta (X-KH) - I

Amarjot Kaur (IX-PG) – II

Diljot Kaur (X – KH) – III

Inter House English Play

The English Plays last year were very creative. The plays were judged by Mrs. Diepe Singh. Tagore House’s play was named “The Wager” about an honest man whose honesty wins at last despite of all the hurdles, Teresa House presented a spell bounding dramatic version of the famous poem “All the World’s a Stage” by William Shakespeare and Tolstoy House’s play was “Sunday Costs Five Pesos” a hilarious comedy about fighting on Sundays. All the three houses were great but Teresa stood a little above the other two houses followed by

Tagore house and then Tolstoy House.

Best Actor (Male) - Navjot and Pavleen Matta (Tagore).

Best Actor (Female) - Pallavi Walia (Tolstoy).

Best Supporting Actor (Male) - Angadbir Singh (Teresa)

Best Supporting Actor Female - Amarjot Kaur (Tagore)

Shakespeare's costume (Teresa) won everyone's heart and won the Best Costume Prize.

Inter House English Debate (VII & VIII)

The Inter House English Debate for classes VII and VIII held last year was another very educative event for everyone. The judge for the day was Rosa Ma'am. "The joint family system is much better than the Nuclear family set up." Outstanding competition between the participants took place.

Tagore House - I

Teresa House - II

Tolstoy House - III

Navjot Kaur (Tagore) was the best speaker of the day. Paras Bansal was the first runner up and Imreet Kaur (Teresa) was the second runner up.

Inter House Hindi Dramatic Competition

The Hindi Dramatic Competition was held on 1st September. Ms Meenakshi Puri judged the performances of all the three houses. The plays were Teresa House – Swadesh based on the girl child education, Tagore House presented a comedy Doctor Ka Ilaaj and Tolstoy House – Paise Ka Gwaah.

Teresa House – I

Tagore House – II

Tolstoy House – III

Best Actor (male) – Shubham

Best Actor (female) – Arshdeep

Best Supporting Actor (male) – Somansh

Best Supporting Actor (female) – Sutejrup

Best Costume was won by Teresa House for their colourful display of the Rajathani traditions.

Inter House Punjabi Play

The Inter House Punjabi Play was held on 20th October. Roop Ma'am was the judge for the event. Tagore House displayed a very innocent play about children not understanding the myths that were told to them by their grandparents. Teresa House's play was named Kabutarbaazi and Tolstoy House clinched the first position with their play Toona based on the superstitions of the society.

Tolstoy House – I

Teresa House – II

Tagore House – III

Best Actor (male) – Salil Singla (Teresa)

Best Actor (female) – Shivani Singla

Best Supporting Actor (male) – Khushmeet Singh

Best Supporting Actor (female) – Ekam

Inter House Hindi Debate

It was held on 1st December

Tolstoy House – I

Tagore House – II

Teresa House – III

Best Speakers

Kashni Grover	– I
Shagun Siddhartha	– II
Shubham Ahluwalia	– II
Kanwar Pratap	– III

Inter House Punjabi Debate

The Inter House Punjabi Debate held on 15th December.

Tolstoy House – I

Tagore House – II

Teresa House – III

Best Speakers

Harmohan S. Shergill	(VIII – Y)	- I
Anna Rupraj	(VI - KS)	- II
Ahana (VIII – Y) and Aarsheen (VI – RJ)		- III

Inter House Art Competition

It was held on the 2nd of February. A huge number of students were a part of this competition. The result of the competition was evaluated as

Tagore House – I

Tolstoy House – II

Teresa House – III

Quiz Competition

The Inter House Quiz Competition Held on 16th February was a very educative and piquant event. There were four teams namely Akash, Agni, Prithvi and Nag. Each team comprised of four members each.

Akash -> Ravjot, Sagar, Shagun, Gunjot

Agni -> Rewant, Akash, Nikhil, Riaz

Prithvi -> Abhay, Anmol, Navjot, Pallavi

Nag -> Lubhansha, Arpit, Sukhmani, Shashwat

Nag emerged as the winning team.

INTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Amar Singh Kamboj Memorial Inter School English Debate

Held on the 28th October, it was a very prestigious event for our school as it was our school's debut in being the hosts of an inter school debating competition. There were four schools participating Our Lady of Fatima, Y.P.S Patiala, Buddha Dal Public School Patiala and our school. The topic was "In view of monetary awards showered on Team India, Post the World Cup win, the other sports have got step motherly treatment." The judges were Jaibeer Singh, Harpreet Kaur and Ritu Lehal.

Best Speakers

Anureet (Our Lady of Fatima, Patiala) - I

Chinar (Y.P.S.) - II

Pavleen Matta (The British Co-Ed High School) - III

The winning schools

Y.P.S. Patiala - I

Our Lady of Fatima, Patiala - II

The British Co-Ed High School - III

Frank Anthony Memorial Debate

Manpriya and Pavleen Matta went to Vivek High School Chandigarh on 31st October. There were twelve other schools participating. It was a great exposure for the girls as it was our school's first time to take part in such a huge debating competition. Although our school didn't get any position but a lot of people praised for such a high level of confidence in the students of our school.

TRIPS

Rajasthan Trip

It was the 2nd of October, when we left for Rajasthan at around 1:00 am. After a tiring yet enjoyable journey, we finally reached the Blue City Jodhpur. The city of Jodhpur has lot to offer to its tourists as it has many historical monuments as well as very interesting local markets. The city is adorned with magnificent historical places such as the Ummaid Bhawan, Jodhpur Fort, various museums and a tomb called the Jaswant Thara. Jaisalmer, popularly known as the Golden City, was our next stop. We were all mesmerized by the grandeur of the city. The next day, we all went for the much awaited camel safari to the famous Thar Desert. On the way we also visited the local villages of Jaisalmer. Traditional dances, music and typical Rajasthani cuisine personified the love of Rajasthani natives for their tourists. The few days of sheer enjoyment gave us loads to remember and recall later.

Abir Thind X – TRV

Delhi Trip

From Mauryas to Mughals, from Guptas to Gurjaras, the history of India has been a rich one. Our Principal, has been constantly trying to inculcate in each and every child's mind about the rich heritage of India. So, she decided to send the students of Class VIII to the capital of Mughals and now India, New Delhi. Everyone was excited. We departed from the junior school at 7:00 am. We reached Delhi at 3:00 pm with a staff of five teachers and about sixty students. We had a lot of fun learning about various places such as the Raj Ghat. We also enjoyed viewing the techies of the Rail Museum and the history of various tombs. We also had our shopping bags full with a visit to the Palika bazaar, Connaught Place and Sarojini Nagar. We had a wonderful stay at the International Youth Hostel with best facilities. This was a trip in which we along with having learnt a lot. It is a trip which will be embedded in my memories for many years to come

Shagun Siddhartha

IX – RBC

Trip to Jim Corbett Park

After the Half-Yearly Exam we all were very excited to go on a school trip. This time Class VI & VII was going to visit Jim Corbett Park, Nainital. We all left on 30th September. It was a long journey but we thoroughly enjoyed our stops at the colourful Dhabas offering mouth-watering dishes. It was a new experience. We reached our destination at 6:30 pm. We were soon divided into two groups “the Tigers” and “the Leopards”. All of us were allotted camps with 8 students in each camp.

The following days we all enjoyed different outdoor activities such as Rappelling, Rock Climbing, Bird Watching, Nature Study, Safai etc.

Then we visited the Kosi river which quite enjoyable. The visits to the museums were educational as well as interesting.

The last day in Nainital was busy spent in shopping. We all returned safely with a heart full of cherishable memories.

Shreyam Goyal

VIII

A Visit from the British students

On the eve of Dussehra we had special visitors to our school from the Brampton Manor School, London. We celebrated Dussehra with them and we had organised a special evening for them to enlighten them with our culture. All the various cultures were beautifully depicted. They were then served the Indian delicacies which they couldn't resist eating. They also danced to Punjabi numbers with us. The following days they regularly visited our school and played games with the students. It was a novel experience.

The Annual Function

A solemn ceremony for the Annual Academic Prize Giving was held on 12th November. Mr. S.K. Ahluwalia very kindly presided over the ceremony and gave the awards to students. Mr. Ahluwalia appreciated the synthesis of culture he witnessed at the function. He also remarked that our school while preserving the best of our country's traditions, we are slowly making our path into the Global education set-up.

Sports Day

Sports lovers' favourite the sports day held on the 19th December was a very exhausting day. The chief guest was Mrs. Preetam Singh. She

is an Arjuna Awardee Haryana Hockey Player. All the three houses did March Past. A few events took place followed by the Chief Guest's speech. The honourable Chief Guest then awarded the students with their medals. She then announced the winner of the Sports Trophy of the year which was Tagore House.

Christmas Party

Like every year, last year also we celebrated Christmas Party with a bang but this time it was unique as we got a chance to shake a leg with the village school children and deaf and dumb children. After dancing with them we gave them gifts. It was an amazing feeling to see their cheerful and innocent faces. We had a visit from Father Christmas which was enjoyed by each and everyone. After that all other Christmas celebrations took place. It was very enjoyable as always.....

SPORTS

INTER HOUSE FOOTBALL MATCH

The Inter House Football Matches were held on 3rd November and the results was as under

Tolstoy House - I

Teresa House - II

Tagore House - III

INTER HOUSE KHO-KHO MATCH

The Inter House Kho-Kho matches were held on 6th November and the results of the matches was

Tagore House - I

Tolstoy House - II

Teresa House - III

INTER HOUSE HOCKEY MATCH

The Inter House Hockey Matches were held on 17th December and the result was

Teresa House - I

Tagore House - II

Tolstoy House - III

FOOTBALL MATCH

A friendly football match took place between Class 8th and 9th on the 2nd of February. The students were very enthusiastic about the match. Both the teams played exceptionally well but class 8th overpowered class 9th and marked the victory in their names.

CROSS COUNTRY

The Move - in Day i.e. 14th February was celebrated with a difference. A Cross Country Race was organised. The race was followed by fun games involving teachers as well as students.

WORTHY COGITATIONS

Is proper schooling important after 10th ?

Why not? In fact it is even more so, for at this critical phase when one can make or mar his career, proper schooling cannot be done away with.

And anyway, the other alternative is ‘dummy school – coaching centre’ setup that is not only a testimony to the corruption at school level, but being highly commercialized and not standardized, is an easy trap for the gullible.

The question which needs to be asked is why more and more are opting for private coaching. Obviously, they are obliged to do so because of the falling standard of schools. And instead of doubting the merits of proper schooling efforts should be made to bring it at par, so that students aren’t tempted to take private tuitions.

Sukhmani

IX -SB