

Pot Pourri

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Peace cannot be kept by force, it can only be achieved by understanding.

Albert Einstien

Editorial

FOUNDERS- the most awaited event at the Asian Acres has finally set in. Celebrating 15 years of its legacy, the school has gradually accentuated and is now counted among the best schools across the district which is surely an outcome of great determination of our dignified authorities, teachers and students.

As we leaf through the pages of the school newsletter, our memories are revived-the accolades bestowed on our sportsmen, the honours conferred on our students at various platforms and the sight of many much deserved feathers being added to their caps. When we look back over the recent year, it is encouraging to know that once again the school upheld its highest traditions after achieving the outstanding CBSE results for classes X and XII. The school takes pride in setting high standards each year and striving to move ahead with same ambition to be at the pedestal.

With the advent of the school's 16th year, the time to bid goodbye to its founder batch students has finally come. Being one among those I feel extremely nostalgic recalling the journey of these 15 years which now seems to be so short. Hence, I have immense pleasure in writing for this edition of Pot Pourri for my school which has shaped my perspectives and would certainly leave an indelible mark on my life. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our principal- Mr A.K. Das, who from time to time awakened me when I had gone almost in the dormancy state and for providing countless opportunities to represent the school at various platforms. I owe a deep sense of gratitude to all my teachers right from the pre-primary to the senior school who inspite of their hectic schedule volunteered to assist me and charged me with renewed vigour when I was almost daunted.

Pot Pourri is not merely a record of events & accomplishments but an expression of hearts and minds and our earnest attempt has been to capture every moment. I acknowledge the efforts of all those people who played a proactive role in galvanizing the students into penning their ideas onto paper and also in the compilation. Undoubtedly, the articles of students are very simple but simplicity compounded with lucidity mirrors their originality.

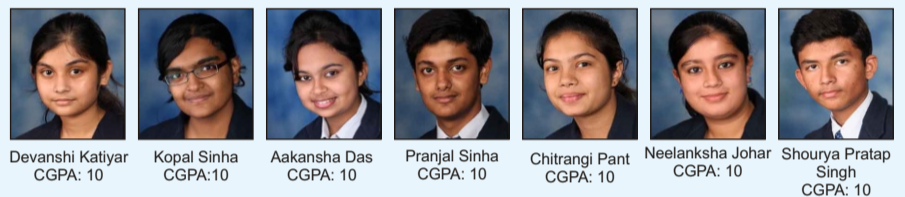
Read and savour the exhilarating experiences of The Asian School and outpouring of young hearts.

SHRADDHA TRIPATHI, XII G

Victory belongs to the most persevering

The achievements of an organization are the results of the combined effort of each individual. Keeping with the tradition, the results of school this year were exemplary again.

BRIGHT STARS OF CGPA GALAXY - X

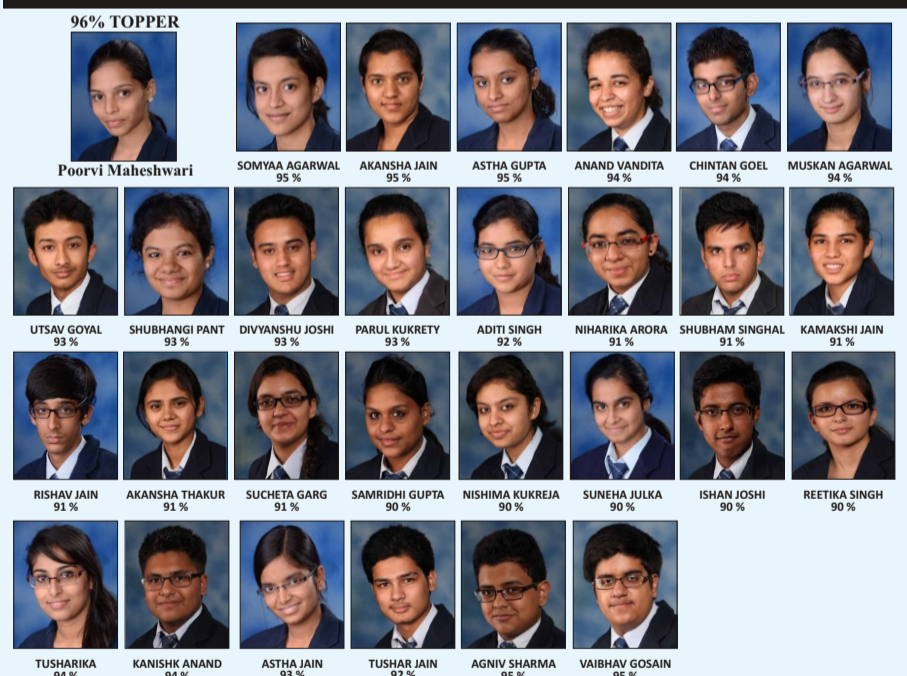


Devanshi Katiyar CGPA: 10 Kopal Sinha CGPA:10 Aakansha Das CGPA: 10 Pranjal Sinha CGPA: 10 Chitrangi Pant CGPA: 10 Neelanksha Johar CGPA: 10 Shourya Pratap Singh CGPA: 10

Students Notched Up Brilliance

Students from The Asian School, Dehradun have once again achieved remarkable academic excellence in the CBSE X & XII board results. Congratulations to all the Toppers who have brought laurels to their school and themselves. The Asian School, Dehradun students have upheld their impressive track record with an outstanding 100 % pass rate in the board exam results.

OUT GEMS OF XII



No. of Students appeared : 236, 90% & Above : 29 Students, between 80% to 89% : 72 students, between 70% to 79% : 72 Students.

Prefectorial Body



Sanya Shamsi
Head Girl



Shraddha Tripathi
Vice Head Girl



Abhijeet Singh
Head Boy



Aakash Aggarwal
Vice Head Boy



Diksha Uniyal
Ashoka House
Perfect



Kajol Nautiyal
Shivaji House
Perfect



Harshit Srivastava
Ranjeet House
Captain



Priyanshi Aggarwal
Ranjeet House
Captain



Samay Kumar Singh
Arjun House
Captain



Maham Abbasi
Arjun House
Captain

Mid-term Trip

Travelling gives us an opportunity to meet new people, unfolds before us new cultures and also provides us with that bit of refreshing energy that rejuvenates us to do still better. Travelling in a group itself has its educational values. A short yet enjoyable trip was planned to Jaipur and Ranthambor after the final exams.

The tour started on 25th March. From Dehradun to Jaipur, the pink city via Delhi. We were put in the Jaipur Green Hotel where we enjoyed excellent cuisine, beautiful ambience and good service. The next day we set for our sightseeing. Our first stop was at the "City Palace". A magnificent monument where we got to see some other equally magnificent forts and other small palaces. We were shown the museums with exquisite artifacts of medieval era. The display included beautiful works of the people, weapons, armours, sculptures and other antiques.

After this we set off for Ranthambor, which is situated on the outskirts of Jaipur and is famous for its tiger reserve having 52 tigers in total with many other species of animals and



birds. Our destination was the Ranthambor forest resort where we spent a night which was indeed comfortable and full of fun. The next morning we went for morning safari into the reserve. We explored the place and came across various animals. The same day we returned to the Jaipur Greens. Although the children were very tired after so much traveling yet they were excited for the D.J. night which was in the hotel itself.

On the last day, we were taken to the Amer Palace which was the most amazing and beautiful amongst all the other. Apart from

watching the historical monuments we enjoyed shopping at the city mall.

30th of March, we came back to Dehradun. The tour had an indelible impact on the children. We got a chance to take a peek into the colourful India tradition and culture of Rajasthan from close quarters. We were familiarized with one of the most important part of the medieval history.

The tour was indeed very refreshing as it gave us a break before the commencement of the next academic session.



Shining Starts!!



Fatima Rizvi:

Fatima Rizvi of Std II participated and won the 3rd prize in the 'E' category at the 5th international junior golf championship, held at Jaypee Greens Golf N Spa Resort Greater Noida from 26th Nov to 29th Nov 2013.

Priyang Mohan Lal is a budding mathematician. He is a student of 4th D in our school. He also won many accolades while pursuing Abacus through UCMAS.

He started Abacus at the age of 6 years in 2011 & by mid of this year had completed all 8 levels. He won First state level in year 2012 when he was in 3rd level of UCMAS, he stood 21st all over Delhi. In the second state level, he competed in year 2013, for 5th level, he improved his state level position & stood 7th in the state. This year he even improved this previous performance & stood 4th overall Delhi & won merit position all over India. He is also a Gakusei for Karate & is a brown belt.



Manan Mahajan of standard VIIIth is a keen Golfer who has shown an outstanding performance in golf. He has participated in many golf tournaments in last 6 months and has stood winner and runners up. The details are as follows:-

Tournament	Position
Shivalik Cup	I st
Captains Cup	II nd
Doon Valley Golf Tournament	III rd
Independent Day NCC Cup	II nd

With suitable coaching and perseverance he is sure to achieve greater heights. We wish him all the luck.



Akankshya Sena, Class III

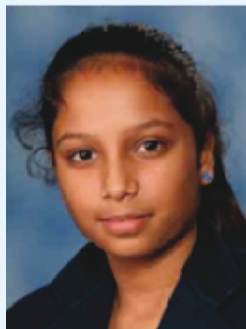
D, The Asian School won Gold Medal in National Round Level III exam of the Primary Olympiad conducted during March, 2014 scoring 98.18% marks. The examinations was conducted by Fire Fish Networks Pvt. In collaboration with Cambridge University Press.

Ms. Akankshya Sena also earlier qualified city round examination in Mathematics, English & Science level III Olympiad, held during January 2014.



A Hindi Essay Writing

competition for the students of std. VIII to std X was organized by the Hindustan Times, as part of the Hindi Divas Celebration. Many schools from all over the state participated. A total of ten students from The Asian School won gold medals and a trophy making The Asian School the BEST School in the state. Ambika Bansal (VIII-C) won a cash prize of Rs.2500/-



Ramamurthy Memorial Performing Arts Competition The budding maestro Sharuya Badola of standard VIII stood first in the solo tabla recital competition held on September 27, 2014 in Hopetown Girls School.

Independence Day



With an absolute feeling of patriotism and pride, The Asian School, like the rest of our motherland, celebrated the Independence Day on the 15th of August. The school had planned on holding a gathering of all the Asianites in the White House Court to witness the flag hoisting and other revelries associated with the occasion, but due to an unexpected downpour, only the twelfth standard could be accommodated at the venue for the function. Nevertheless, the other students decorated display boards indoors on the theme of the national festival and showed their gratitude to the freedom fighters who gave their lives away for the betterment of the society.

As it is customary all the four houses participated in various competitions on this occasion, students of standard VI participated in card making competition on the birthday theme, standard VII showcased their talent and arranged the flowers according to the disciplined art from steeped in the philosophy of developing a closeness with nature - Ikebana while standard VIII participated in canvas painting.

The senior school participated in the Rangoli making competition.

To everyone's surprise Arjun House won the first prize in all the categories.

Afterwards, the students got rewarded with sweets to rejoice at being a part of a nation that won its freedom after a captivity of over two centuries, and the fact that our country is continuing, and trying to, progress and improve day by day.



Teacher's Day

On 5th September, 2014, the birthday of Shri Sarvepali Radhakrishnan was celebrated blissfully with dance & music. The students of The Asian School facilitated their teachers, displaying their outstanding skills in co-scholastic subjects today at their White House Court.

The performances of the students from the four houses namely; Ranjeet, Shivaji, Ashoka & Arjun were judged by Pt. Kaushal Naresh, Ms Rita Sinha & Ms Kalpana Grover.

The events were Tabla recital, Vocal (Classical), Western Choir & Folk Dance. In Tabla recital, Shivaji house stood first, Ashoka second and Ranjeet third. In singing (classical), Arjun house stood first. In western choir Shivaji stood first and in folk dance Ranjeet displayed fabulous Marathi folk and grabbed the 1st position.

The first part of the day was witnessed by the Principal Mr. A.K.Das. Also present were the Vice Principal Mr Anant V.D. Thapliyal, Mr. Mukesh Nangia, Middle School co-ordinator & Headmistress Ms. Kalpana Grover.

The Second part of the day saw a tremendous video interaction of the Prime minister with the students & teachers of different regions of the country. The students, teachers & the management watched delightfully the TV show programme online on Upper Terrace of the school. It was attended by the president of the school Mr Amarjeet Singh, Director Mr. Madanjeet Singh, Principal Mr. A.K.Das. The Vice Principal Mr Anant V.D. Thapliyal, Mr. Mukesh Nangia, Middle School co-ordinator & Headmistress Ms. Kalpana Grover were also present.

The day ended with a delightful feeling among everyone at the arena. Above all, the students not only enjoyed the day but also whole heartedly realized the significance of the relationship between the teacher and the taught.



Primary Wing

Celebrating the sibling bond



Rakhi making competition (9th August, 2014)

All emotions related to a brother sister relationship culminate in the day of Raksha Bandhan. What can be a better expression of the sisterly love than a self made rakhi..... Students showcased their talent at Rakhi making in the competition held in the Primary wing.

Class I	Class II	Class III
Akshadha Goyal	Jiya Sharma	Udhav Bajaj
Shivansh Rawat	Astha Verma	Arya Singh
	Anugya Bhatt	Rakshat Rajput

Dressed up like Krishna



Janamashtami Celebration at the Pre-primary (14th August, 2014)

Janmashtami immediately brings to our minds, images of a mischievous Krishna accompanied by a resplendent Radha. At the Pre-primary the tiny tots added to the festivities traditionally attired as Radha Krishna. Related stories were narrated by the teachers. The little ones also had fun decorating crowns (Mukuts) with stars, mirrors, glitter etc.

Multicultural Week



Multicultural Week (11th August 16th August)

This week embraced two main festivals namely Janamashtami and Independence day. At the Primary school the festivities began with Mukut making, Matki decoration, Patriotic

song competition and ended with an Inter House Rangoli competition.

Crown Making Students of classes I III made beautiful crowns and adorned them with a variety of glittery decoration.

Matki Decoration Students of classes IV & V transferred the simple earthen pots to objects of beauty.

Patriotic song competition was held on 14th August. The houses gave each other tough competition as they rendered the songs full of zest and love for India the 1st position went to Shivaji House closely followed by Ranjit House. **Inter House Rangoli Competition** - was held on 16th August. The students created beautiful Ragoli with colours, dried leaves, flowers, glitter and diyas.

I Ranjit House II Arjun House
III Ashoka House

English Week



English Week (25th August to 30th August)

It goes without any assertion that English is a language globally accepted today. To celebrate this wonderful medium of expression, an array of activities namely 'Just a minute', 'Handwriting Competition', 'Recitation', 'Show and tell', 'Jumbled words/sentences' and the like were organized at the Primary school.

The week was culminated at a special morning assembly showcasing group recitations by Class II and Class III, Dramatization of the poem 'Granny's Tree Climbing' by Class V and a simile song by the Junior school choir.

At the Pre-primary, the week saw special attention being given to conversation drills, sight words, common words used in day to day life. English Recitation, Show & Tell Competitions were also held.

Sanskrit Diwas



A special assembly was conducted in Sanskrit on August 16, 2014 as part of Sanskrit week celebrations. The students pleasantly surprised everyone with their flawless pronunciation and command on the language. It was a formal presentation with 'Shalokas', 'News in Sanskrit' and 'General Knowledge Questions' that were asked in Sanskrit and were also answered enthusiastically in Sanskrit by the students.

The effort left a lasting impact on everyone and also proved to be a silver lining for the most scientific language in the world which seems to be vanishing in the oblivion.

Hindi Diwas

On the occasion of Hindi Diwas extempore' competition was organized by Amar Ujala on September 13, 2014. Various school participated in the competition in which Ambika Bansal (std. IX) of The Asian School won the IIIrd prize.

Soft Board Decoration (Sr. School)

Every week the soft boards in our classes are used as a means of expression by the students who very enthusiastically decorate them on the topics given to them. The winners are declared at the end of every month.

The over all winners in each class for the Soft Board Decoration for the month of September were:-

Class	H.R.T.
IX - C	Ms. Shivani Bahuguna
X - B	Ms. Amandeep Kaur
XI - C	Mr. Rajeev Sahni
XII - D	Ms. Shweta Malhotra
XII - E	Ms. Jaswinder





Asian Art Gallery

The Asianites Paint the Town Red

An Inter School Art Competition was organised by the Doon Girls' school on April 17, 2014, students from twenty five schools participated in three categories. Rubani Singh of class IV and Younus Shahid Bhutia of class V won third position in category B (Topic - Fun at the beach & Kitchen Garden) and category C (Topic - Save Fuel & Save Wild Life)



They've Done it Again!!

"Earth Art" an annual inter school painting competition was held on 21st April, 2014 in Hope Town. it was a wonderful opportunity to think out of the box. Creativity exploded in every piece of art. Ten schools participated in the competition.

Middle school art students participated in the event "The Road Ahead". This event concentrated on visualizing 'our future'. Ishita Barthmal 6 B, Akriti Lakhera 8 B, Kawisara Namee 8 A made a poster with slogans and they made us proud by securing II position. "Recreation" was another event in the competition for classes 6 - 8 in which students created a 3D structure using biodegradable waste. They used an earthen pot with cotton threads to show how water is important for humans & plants.



Ambika Bhardwaj 7 A, Aryan Rai 8 C, Mansvini Purohit 8 D, added feather to our cap by winning the II prize in the competition.

Wynberg-Cultural Fest

ESPERTA, painting competition was conducted by Wynberg, Mussoorie on September 2014. Nine schools participated in the competition in which Anubha Singh and Prithvi Raj Singh of The Asian School won the IIIrd prize.



Card Making Competition



A card making competition was organized on 1st September, 2014 in the middle school. The students used techniques like quilling, embossing and paper cutting and showcased their creative genius by churning out wonderful cards for their teachers.

It was difficult to choose the winners who were selected on the basis of four parameters namely:

Neatness, Creativity, Colour combination and difficulty level.

Winners are as follows:

- Aviral Vashist, Keshav Jugran, Shrijan Dwivedi, Soumya Rawat - VI
- Shimer Kalra, Muskaan Garg, Asmita Srivastava, Aryan Vishnoi VII
- Manasvini Purohit, Kushagra Sinha - VIII

Inter-House One-Act Play Competition

The stage is one place, where one can express oneself with complete zeal and zest and without any boundaries, and it was with this thought in mind, that the Inter-House One-Act Play Competition was organized in The Asian School on 16th August 2014. The senior students and house masters from all the four houses put in weeks of hard work and dedication into preparing a 20-minute long play wherein they strove to captivate the audience, which culminated in four brilliant performances by the students.

While Arjun House brilliantly enacted 'The Dear Departed' by Stanley Houghton, Shivaji House mesmerised the audience with their rendition of 'The Girl Who Was Asked To Turn Blue' by Ev Miller, Ranjit House kept the audience spell-bound with their enactment of 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' by Norman McKinnel, and Ashoka House gave an amazing performance of an



excerpt from William Shakespeare's 'Julius Caesar'; each house, in some way or the other, bringing to the fore some social issue in a satirical manner.

The competition was judged by Mrs. Preety Arora and Mr. Nirmal Vashisht, the results were as follows:-

- 1st - Arjun House
- 2nd - Shivaji House
- 3rd - Ranjit House
- 4th - Ashoka House

Intra Class Debate IX - X

The Senior section of the Asian School gave wings to their speaking talent in 'The English Debate' held on September 10, 2014 in the school auditorium. The participants of class IX & X debated on the same topic "Modernism is Eroding the Moral Fabric of Our Society".

The judges for the event were Mr. Vashist & Ms. Anjan Pandey for Standard IX, Mr. P.S. Chauhan



& Ms. Preety Arora for Standard X. The audience were enthralled with the arguments passionately put forward by the participants. Principal Sir Mr. A.K.Das graced the occasion

with his presence.

The results were as follows:

Class IX :

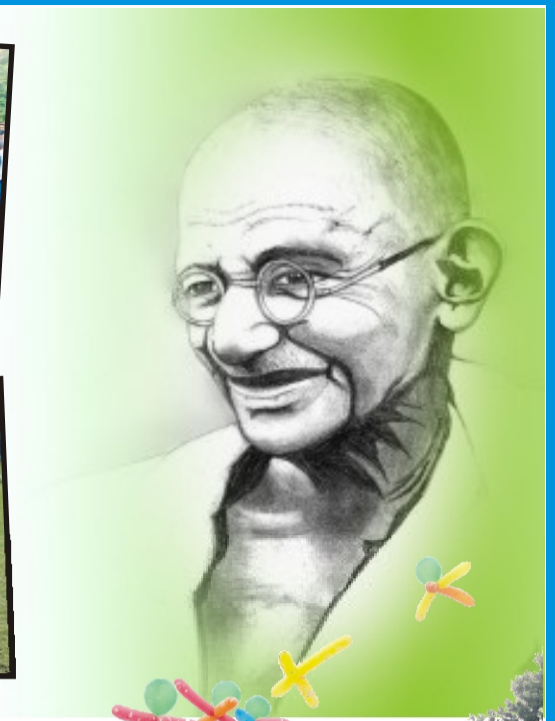
- Best speaker for the motion: Abhisek Srivastava
- Best Speaker Against the motion: Ambika Soni
- Best Rebuttal: Alisha Uppal

Class X :

- Best speaker for the motion: Sarim Ali Khan
- Best Speaker Against the motion: Shreya
- Best Rebuttal: Aniruddh Jaiswal

Gandhi Jayanti Celebrations

October 2 was celebrated in a grand manner by the staff and students of The Asian School. The students assembled in the White House Court where the day began with the lighting of lamps by the Principal, Vice Principal and the Coordinator (Middle School). It was followed by the speeches by Principal Sir and other staff members. The Principal, while addressing the students advised them to read the biographies of Indian heroes like Bapu, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Lal, Bal, Pal. The jayanti celebrations of two great personalities Bapu and Lal Bahadur Shastri were followed by 'clean surrounding programme' supervised by the teachers. The staff and students of The Asian School discharged their fundamental duty toward the nation.



Dussehra Celebration

Dussehra was celebrated on The Asian Acres with great joy on October 03, 2014. A fete was organized in the upper terrace. Burning of the effigy of Ravana, signified the end of evil and the triumph of goodness. The children indulged themselves in the customary festivities. The exotic food stalls and games attracted one and all.



Unbeatable Even in the Pool !!

The Asian School swimmers both boys and girls participated in various swimming championships and won not only a number of medals but also accolades for themselves and the school. The swimming team competed in the Inter school championship held on September 05 and 06, 2014 for girls and on September 12 and 13, 2014 for boys in Whyne Berg Allen School, Mussoorie. The Asian School won a total of 37 medals in various categories and the girls scored the III position while the boys stood IV.

The girls team comprised of Akansha Shah, Pooja Tantia, Osheen Pathak, Priyanshi, Sanya, Anvita, Surbhi, Mrinalini and Plyfa.

The boys team comprised of Sugat Raj, Sagar Sameer Gupta, Arnav Kukreti, Prakhar Panday, Rijul, Sanjeet Gurung, Tenzin, Siddharth Joshi.

Annual Aquatic Meet 2014 Doon School. Akshay Peshwani, Sagar Sameer Gupta and Hin made us proud by winning bronze medals in various events at the Annual Aquatic Meet on September 06, 2014 at the Doon School, Dehradun.



Swati Baliyan
Ashoka House Captain



Usman Latif
Shivaji House Captain



Siddhi Mishra
Ranjit House Perfect



Alakshendra Jaiswal
Ashoka House Captain



Rachit Badani
Basketball Captain



Yatin Panwar
Athletics Captain



K. Lal
Football Captain