

# POTPOURRI



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**Greetings dear readers!**

As the academic year draws to a close and we head into the glorious 25<sup>th</sup> year of our foundation, it is time to reflect on our recent initiatives and make promises anew so that The Asian School continues to grow higher, brighter and stronger.

While academics remain our touchstone, we have also been making significant strides in sports and co-curricular activities. I do hope that you follow the school's official social media handles on Facebook and Instagram to keep abreast of all of that! We do, sincerely try to encourage our students by showcasing their efforts and achievements in the best possible way.

However, while retracing our steps towards our noteworthy initiatives in the recent times, I would like to highlight the establishing of our Wellness Centre and the progress of our Careers cell.

The cheerful **Wellness Centre** is proving to be a much-needed oasis in the chaos that surrounds young minds. Our in-house counsellors, Mr Ashish Kumar and Ms Kalyani Joshi are providing yeoman's service in supporting students in their navigation through the challenges of life.

The earlier nascent **Careers Cell** too has grown from strength to strength and Ms Toral Sharan is hand holding students through college applications and in making informed choices through a series of seminars, group and individual counselling sessions and a careers fair. In April, this year, we will be hosting the next Careers Fair, after the

stupendous success of the previous one. This one too promises to bring on campus, around 65 Universities from India and abroad.

The **STEM and Robotics programme** too is charting its own success story and is now heading for expansion by also including senior classes under its purview. The happy, excited faces of the students, while they perform a STEM or Robotics activity is validation enough!

Two back-to-back editions of the Asian School **story book** too is matter of much pride and we cannot stop beaming with the outcome. It just goes to show that there is tremendous potential in our students, and all they need is a slight, warm nudge. While all original stories were published in the story book, the best five were awarded the promised prizes.



**We now announce the next story-writing competition for all students; so dear children, put on your thinking caps and get, set, write. There are wonderful prizes awaiting you. So do send in your original stories before the summer break to [storiestas@gmail.com](mailto:storiestas@gmail.com)**



A **school song book** with the choicest selection of childrens' songs too is on the anvil.

To facilitate a wholesome personality, we had also organised a gamut of **grooming workshops** for our senior residential students on topics such as table manners, social etiquette et al.

Also holding a place of pride in our inventory of initiatives is the creation of our own **school brass band**, curated and trained by our exceptional band master, Mr Rajesh Negi. This past year, for the first time in our school's history, the school marched to its own band comprising graceful and talented young Asianites, exhibiting their musical skills to the hilt. Way to go, the mentor and the mentees!

In April, the school is also hosting its first ever inter school **MUN**, for grades VI to XII. This will give an exposure to the students to an essential new age skill of debating and discussing.

Vis-à-vis pedagogical progression, the school has upgraded its **smart classes** and introduced new systems where ever pertinent, across the entire school, thereby not restricting it only to the Junior and Middle Wings. I am sanguine that students will reap the ensuing benefits in times to come. A prudent and practical **Math lab** has also been established so that the drudgery associated with Mathematics can be replaced by joyful, hands-on learning.

To replace the rigid methods of examination in the Primary and Middle years, a **comprehensive and continuous evaluation** has been introduced that considers all the Rs and more in the process of evaluation.

Therefore, though attempting to be on the right path, I conclude in the words of Robert Frost that we have "miles to go before we sleep", where sleep for us would imply, resting on our laurels.

God Bless!

**Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta**

**A Fun-Filled and Energetic 24th Junior Sports Day at The Asian School**

The 24th Junior Sports Day of The Asian School was a day filled with excitement, passion, and a celebration of athleticism. Held on 6th November, 2023, the event took place amidst the sprawling and lush green woods, creating a perfect backdrop for the energetic activities that ensued.

This year, The Asian School was privileged to have Col Sumit Datta, an esteemed alumni of St. Xavier's School, Jaipur, as the Chief Guest. His accomplishments in cricket, representing Services in the Ranji Trophy, added to the anticipation and enthusiasm among the participants.

Adding to the honour and glory of the event was Ms. Chitra K. Soman, an Indian sprinter who specializes in the 400 meters. As the Guest of Honour, Ms. Soman's remarkable achievements, including winning a Silver Medal at the 2006 Commonwealth Games and a gold medal in the 4x400m race at Oman Athletic Championship, were a testament to her dedication and talent.

The sports day showcased a wide variety of races, each filled with excitement and vibrant performances. The Primary School participated in races covering distances of 25m, 50m, 80m, 100m, and shuttle races, leaving the audience in awe of their speed and agility. The Pre-Primary section, on the other hand, entertained the spectators with their fun-filled races, such as the 'Bursting Balloon Race,' 'Beads Race,' and 'Ring Race.'

Furthermore, the students of Classes 4 and 5 presented an impressive 'Zumba Dance,' promoting the importance of fitness and health. They also showcased their talent and flexibility through a series of physical postures in 'Surya Namaskar.' Another captivating performance was the Shiv Tandava, a dance form depicting passion, anger, and intense energy, beautifully portraying the power and beauty of Lord Shiva.

The event also emphasized the significance of colours through a 'Rainbow Parade,' where students of Classes 1, 2, and 3 dressed up as different colours, representing VIBGYOR. Through this performance, the students conveyed the message that diversity is beautiful and essential in life.

To add an element of fun for the parents, a race called "Tie the knot and fold the saree" was organized. This race saw active participation from parents, who served as role models and encouraged their children to engage in sports.

The Chief Guest and Guest of Honour were impressed by the sheer enthusiasm and participation of young children. They acknowledged and appreciated the efforts of all the participants, emphasizing the importance of outdoor games in nurturing holistic development in children.



The energetic performances and breathtaking displays left the audience mesmerized and garnered many accolades. The Principal of The Asian School, Ms. Ruchi Pradhan Datta, extended a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to everyone involved in making the event a grand success.

The presence of other dignitaries, including Ms. Harveen Juneja, a member of the Management, Director Mr. Gaganjyot Juneja, Ms. Vartika Sah, Principal Mrs. Ruchi P. Datta, Head of Senior School Mr. Mukesh Nangia, Headmistress Ms. Prachi Mehrotra, Dy. Head Ms. Surbhi Narula, Manager Admin Mr. Sandesh Sharma, and Dean of Activities Ms. Shweta Matta, added prestige and support to the event.

The 24th Junior Sports Day at The Asian School will be remembered as a day filled with exhilaration, team spirit, and a celebration of the potential and talent of the students.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 in the Woods, the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Inter House Athletic Meet of the Asian School, Dehradun, was declared open by the Principal, Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta. The Opening March Past was led by the Sports Captain Ms. Tanisha Aggarwal followed by The White House contingent consisting of Vice Head Boy Master Dheriya Khatri, Vice Head Girl Ms. Naaysa Thakkar, Co-Curricular Activities Captain Master Devansh Dwivedi and Ms. Lakshya Malhotra, Literary Secretaries -Master Divyaansh Nagra and Ms. Varnika Singh and the Mess Secretaries-Master Krish Sharma and Ms. Drishti Katariya. Second in line the four houses marched in contingents.

This Athletic Meet was spread over a period of 5 days. It witnessed enthusiastic participation of the students from the four Houses in various track and field events spreading a lot of joy and competitive spirit among the athletes.

This Sports meet drew to a close on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Chief Guest for the closing ceremony was **former Director General of Police (DGP) of Utrakhand Anil Kumar Raturi. An IPS officer of the 1987 batch.** The other guests of honour were Mr. Vijay Khanna, MD .Krishna Medical Centre. The four house contingent put forth such an impressive march past in rhythmic cadence to the melodious tune of 'Fanfare' and **Kadam - Kadam Badhaye Ja'**.

Students from the Middle wing of the school presented a well synchronized Mass P.T Drill & the captivating Yoga display, showcasing graceful and serene 'Surya Namaskar' poses and promoting physical fitness, was presented by the young ones of the Junior wing. The most awaited and interesting event, the Tug of War between Parents & Teachers was won by- the Teachers.



**ARJUN HOUSE HIT THE JACKPOT** and was declared the overall Champion. It also won the Inter House athletic trophy of the year 2023-24. The Best March Past, trophy was bagged by Ranjit House. Jayati Malhotra of Ashoka House was declared the Best Athlete (Girls) and Sashwat Gupta of Ranjeet House was declared the Best Athlete (Boys) for the year 2023 - 2024.

Mr. Anil Kumar Raturi gave away the trophies to the winners and appreciated the efforts put in by the children and their teachers in putting up such a spectacular show. A memento was presented to the chief guest by the Vice President Mr. Madanjeet Singh .The Meet was declared closed by the Principal and the flag was lowered to the trumpeters' last post and the same was handed over to the HOD Sports, by the Principal, Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by student Ananya Sedha. The Annual Athletic Meet came to a close with the final March Past by the four Houses.

**O**n this occasion of the 24<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day, the school organized various Subject Exhibitions. The Chief Guest, who graced the occasion with his presence, was Dr. Dinesh Chauhan, Additional CMO, Dehradun and Mrs. Divya Sah, as the Guest of Honour. Each department set forth impeccable projects that bespoke creativity and innovation and also reflected the theme of the occasion, 'The Colours of India'. The exhibition gladly received parents and students, who were thrilled and overwhelmed by the experience. It not only reflected the students' assiduous efforts but also their crisp understanding of various concepts.

The Asian School also organized a Book Fair on this occasion, which flaunted a plethora of books from every genre.



The Asian School, Dehradun celebrated its 24th Founder's Day with zeal and zest. The function was initiated with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the honourable chief guest Mr. Ranvijay Singh Singha, Actor, Video Jockey and Mentor.

The welcome address by the Director, Mr. Gaganjyot Juneja ensued. He congratulated the students on their success in all spheres and thanked the parents who placed their faith in the school to improve the future of their children.

The Principal, Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Dutta, while presenting the Annual Report, briefed the audience about salient events and results of the past year in scholastic and non-scholastic areas and highlighted the overall achievements of the school. Acknowledging the meritorious performance by Asianites, the CBSE achievers were felicitated on the occasion.

The distinguished Chief Guest, in his address thanked the Management for inviting him and praised the school for emphasizing on the all round development of the students. He advised the students to be the best version of themselves and enjoy every opportunity that comes on their way.

He also ceremoniously launched the 24th edition of the school magazine, 'Colors' as well as the second issue of 'Reflections', a collection of short stories by Asianites.

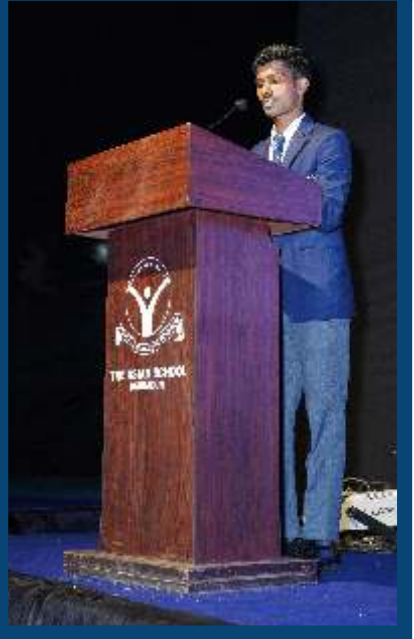


In the cultural programme, the curtain raiser was 'Swarnamrit', a melodious performance of Rag Jog by the School Choir. It was superseded by 'Colours of India' (Swarnim Bharat). The stage came alive through the invigorating dance performances of the talented students emphasizing on the cultural glory along with the recent achievements of India.



# FOUNDERS DAY

OCT-2023



The Head Girl, Dishita Pandey shared her beautiful memories and the Head Boy, Shashwat Gupta, emphasized on the importance of the Asian School to him. The bewitching evening concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Vice Head Girl, Naaysa Thacker.



# VISIT TO FRUIT MARKET

OCT-2023

**E**xperiential Learning: On October 30th, 2024, students from the Pre-primary level were scheduled for a field trip to a 'fruit and vegetable market' to enhance their educational experience. The young learners were enthusiastic about the opportunity to engage with the diverse array of fruits and vegetables available at the market. Throughout the visit, the children actively absorbed knowledge about the colours, tastes, textures, and, most notably, the nutritional benefits of various fruits.



# DUSSHERA

OCT-2023

Dussehra, a festival that symbolizes the triumph of good over evil, was joyously celebrated by the Pre Primary students of TAS. The students enthusiastically participated in various activities and learned about the significance of the festival through a story narration that explained the life of Ravana and the reason why we burn his effigy every year.

As part of the celebrations, the children eagerly crafted masks of "Ravana" at school, which they proudly took home. The hands-on experience of creating their own masks added to the excitement and engagement of the students.



Green is often associated with nature, growth, and freshness. To assist students in recognizing and understanding the colour green, various activities emphasizing this colour were arranged for young learners. The children were attired in various hues of green and a plethora of green objects from their environment were showcased.

# GREEN DAY

NOV-2023





# ANNUAL FUN & FOOD FESTIVAL

NOV-2023

25<sup>th</sup> November 2023, in its full glory, was one of the most memorable and much-awaited days of the year. It was the day of the wonderfully joyous Annual Children's Day Fete at The Asian Acres, inaugurated by Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta, the Principal of the Asian School.

Asianites along with their friends, family and students from other schools came in multitudes. All age groups chimed in for a relaxing few hours to have a fun and carefree time. The wide array of snackage piqued common interest as multiple big outlets from the Doon City served all sorts of cakes, pizzas, pasta, coffee, and mocktails.

The request corner and the game stalls proved to be the major centre of attention. Many students tested their skills off in an attempt to get their hands on some goodies. A good number and a vast assortment of songs were played throughout the day as the students bopped their heads along and throbbed to the musical beats. Multiple rides like the Giant Wheel and the Columbus ride attracted a great number of students. The whole school tapped its feet at the jam session.



The lucky draw contest offered an expansive range of attractive gifts such as an electric bicycle, gift vouchers, gift hampers, electronics, and many more. People longed eagerly for the announcement of the results to know the winners. The first prize, an Electric Bicycle was won by Shalini Nishad, class XII D. Akarsh Anand of class VI D won a 50-inch LED TV as the second prize and the third prize, a Cricket Kit, was bagged by Garima Singh Patel of class XI D. The award for the best decorated stalls went to stall no. 09 and 10 and was jointly shared by Ms. Seema Bhatt, Ms. Manju Rautela, Ms. Himani Negi and Ms. Aayushi.

This festival of elation was attended by members of the School Management, Head Senior School, Mr Mukesh Nangia, Headmistress Ms Prachi Mehrotra, Dy. Head Junior School, Ms. Surbhi Narula and all the staff members of The Asian School.

The event was a great success and worth cherishing.



Arohi Gaur, a brilliant student of Class UKG, has recently achieved remarkable success in the field of taekwondo. She showcased her exceptional skills and dedication at the 1st North India Championship held in the picturesque town of Mussoorie on the 27th of December. Arohi Gaur's talent and hard work were acknowledged and rewarded with the prestigious gold medal in not just one, but two categories. Her outstanding performance serves as an inspiration to her peers and showcases her promising future in the sport. Congratulations to Arohi Gaur for this incredible achievement and we look forward to witnessing her continued success in the world of taekwondo.



Colours are often referred to as the smiles of nature. In line with embracing the beauty of colours, a special event known as the Red Day was celebrated on the 14th of December 2024. During this event, the Pre-Primary students were all dressed in various shades of red as they engaged in a series of colorful and thrilling activities that aimed to highlight and celebrate the essence of the colour red.



**O**n Friday, 15 December 2023, the Management, Staff and the Students of 'The Asian School' Dehradun, bid farewell to the outgoing students of class XII (Batch 2023-24) in the White House Court. The Director Mr. Gaganjot Juneja and Mrs. Vartika Sah, Head Senior School Mr. Mukesh Nangia, Head Mistress Ms. Prachi Mehrotra, and the entire teaching staff grace the occasion. Ms. Shivangi Sharma, Ms. Surya Singh and Mr. Dalip Sindi were also present to grace the event and judge the students for the titles. The event commenced with the lighting up the lamp and blessings from the school Principal. The event was organized by Class XI Students and keeping the theme of the event in mind, the school 'White House Court' was adorned with flowers, garlands and decorations. The programme of the socials proceeded with kaleidoscopic activities encompassing ramp walk and foot tapping dance performance by the students of class XII. The video clipping enthralled the audience, depicting the long and rich journey of the outgoing class XII Students, making the event momentous for all.



**WINNERS OF THE SOCIALS 2023-24 TITLES**

SN.	POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	SN.	POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT
1	SPARK OF THE EVE	MARY VANLALHRUAI	14	MOST ELEGANT	KUNAL KAUSHIK
2	SPARK OF THE EVE	STANZIN LEXDUP	15	BEST RAMPWALK	VARNIKA SINGH
3	PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD	ACHYUT AIRON	16	BEST RAMPWALK	RIGZIN CHOSPEL
4	PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD	LAKSHYA MALHOTRA	17	EARLY BIRD	DIVYANSH NAGRA
5	MOST CONFIDENT	TANISHA AGGARWAL	18	EARLY BIRD	ADITYA PRATAP
6	MOST CONFIDENT	DIVANSH DIWEDI	19	EARLY BIRD	LAKSHI AGARWAL
7	MILLION DOLLAR SMILE	KRISHNA AGGARWAL	20	DANCING DIVA	ISHA SAXENA
8	MILLION DOLLAR SMILE	AGRIMA PRADHAN	21	DANCING STAR	KIPA MANGJANG
9	BEST OUTFIT	VANSHIKA RANA	22	MR. CONGENIALITY	VISHAL RAWAT
10	BEST OUTFIT	SANCHIT SIROHI	23	MISS. CONGENIALITY	HIMANGI PANT
11	BEST HAIRDO	MANYA BATRA	24	MISS. CHARISMA	IQRA KHAN
12	BEST HAIRDO	RAUNAK CHETRI	25	MR. INFLUENCER	ARYAN VASHISHT
13	MOST ELEGANT	SANIA MIRZA	26	MISS ASIANITE	DISHITA PANDEY
			27	MR. ASIANITE	DHAIRYA KHATRI

# SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

DEC-2023

Class VIII C conducted the assembly on 1 December 2023 for the Middle School. The topic of the assembly was 'Disaster Management'. This was to inform and prepare the students for abrupt emergencies such as earthquakes and fires. The main objective was to provide students with the knowledge of first hand response when they are under these circumstances. Information about emergency exit plans, evacuation routes and do's and don'ts to be followed during such an emergency were showcased by the students of VIII C through placards. The purpose was to build preparedness, confidence, discipline and enhance students' response to such situations.



The Asian School is proud to announce that one of our students, Arnav Verma from class 7, has been selected to represent the Uttarakhand cricket team in the Under-14 Raj Singh Dungarpur Trophy. This achievement exemplifies the dedication and talent of our students, showcasing their skills beyond the classroom. Congratulations to Arnav Verma on this remarkable accomplishment, showcasing the values of sportsmanship and excellence that define our school.



JAN-2024  
**CRICKET**

“Genius is one per cent inspiration and ninety-nine per cent perspiration.”

We are delighted to announce that the talented students from The Asian School have once again showcased their brilliance and excellence. The recent results of the SIP ABACUS program serve as a testament to their exceptional performance and achievements. These young individuals have demonstrated their incredible skills and capabilities, solidifying their position as the finest minds in their respective fields.

“Eshan Singh and Nishchal emerged as the state champions, and Aarav Jain received the best performer award.”

We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to Eshan Singh and Nishchal for their outstanding achievement as the state champions. Their dedication and hard work have paid off, and they have proven themselves to be the epitome of excellence in their endeavors. Additionally, we would like to recognize Aarav Jain for his exceptional performance, as he has been awarded the well-deserved performance award.

Well done, kids!



Much like the highly esteemed Olympics in the world of sports, the Olympiads serve as a grand celebration of the utmost excellence in English language at the school level. Going well beyond the boundaries of conventional examinations, the Olympiad problems offer a remarkable intellectual stimulus and exceedingly unique opportunities for students to enhance their English language skills.

In yet another magnificent achievement, the students of The Asian School have once again demonstrated their remarkable prowess by securing multiple distinguished positions in the IEO 2023-24. Amongst the multitude of participants, a staggering nine of our talented students have earned the prestigious gold medal for their exceptional performance, showcasing their unwavering commitment to excellence. Additionally, we take immense pride in announcing that two of our exceptional students have been awarded medals of distinction, further exemplifying their outstanding abilities.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these exceptional children who have undoubtedly showcased their dedication, resilience, and unwavering commitment to excellence. Bravo!



The 75th Republic Day was celebrated with pride and reverence at The Asian School. The ceremony commenced with the unfurling of the flag by the Principal, Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta,

It was followed by the National Anthem. The mellifluous school choir set the tunes for the morning on the beat of Jai, Jai, Bharat Mata.

Speeches were delivered both in Hindi and English by Anwasha Mamgain of class IX and Atharv Saini of class XI. The Principal in her address apprised the gathering about the making of the Indian constitution and its unique features. She also briefed about the significance of the tricolour and the wheel of duty.

The celebration came to an end with the distribution of sweets among the staff and students.



**P**ariksha Pe Charcha is a pivotal component of the broader aspect, an initiative started by Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi, in 2018. The Mega Event 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' 2024 returned with its Seventh Edition on 29 January 2024, as a larger movement – 'Exam Warriors' led by PM Narendra Modi, aimed to create a stress free atmosphere for students, discuss and overcome exam related challenges and make learning a joyful experience. The event PPC 2024 unfolded at the prestigious G20 venue, 'Bharat Mandapam', New Delhi at 11:00 a.m. The Asian School organized live streaming of the programme on 29th January, 2024 in the school auditorium as well as in the various classes of Middle School. Nearly 500 students spanning from grade VI to XII witnessed the programme enthusiastically along with 50 teachers. In his opening address PM Modi congratulated teachers and students for the 'brilliant exhibition' at Bharat Mandapam wherein students worked on marvelous projects in various sectors. During this interactive and motivational event, PM Modi responded to the student's questions, offered strategies to combat exam stress, instilled confidence and provided valuable tips to overcome examination challenges and ways to avoid unhealthy and unnecessary competition and how to deal with peer pressure. He gave a piece of advice to the parents against treating their child's report card as their visiting card and emphasized on creating a supportive environment which empowers and promotes the overall development and well being of their ward. The live stream of 'Pariksha Pe Charcha' 2024 was also witnessed by the Principal Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta and Head Senior School Mr. Mukesh Nangia of The Asian School.



LOVE YOUR TEETH. LOVE YOUR SMILE.

On 8 February, 2024 the Pediatric dentist Dr. Shagun Patanjali organised a dental awareness program in the school premises. The program included a dental awareness talk, educating students about common dental ailments - especially stressing on tooth decay and gum diseases and the measures used to prevent them. The students were made aware about the eating patterns and food choices which can lead to tooth decay.

The young students cherished the chance to interact with the dentist to enquire and gain knowledge about their oral health and maintaining good oral hygiene.



Vyom Singh Vikram, 6-year-old Karate Kid struck a Silver in the Kumite-Karate event in U-7, 22 Kg category in SFA Championship Uttarakhand 2023-24 for The Asian School on 19th October 2023.

Studying in UKG-A, a relatively shy kid who recently earned the Yellow Belt decided to participate in the Karate-Kumite event in SFA Championship Uttarakhand 2023-24. He practiced well in a small-time span and packed a punch for the fight under the guidance of his personal coach Mr Randhir Kumar. He performed well in such a controlled environment and won the Silver Medal by removing the general perception that introverts cannot express themselves.





"Eating is an essential requirement, while cooking is considered an art form".

On 5 February, 2024, the 'Little Master Chef Activity' took place, specifically designed for students in classes IV and V. The children exhibited tremendous enthusiasm and passion as they skillfully crafted nutritious yet delectable dishes. These edible creations were not only visually appealing but also meticulously presented with an artistic and aesthetic touch.

To evaluate the dishes, esteemed judges, Ms. Preeti Walia and Ms. Gunjan, scrutinized their nutritional value and taste. They engaged with the aspiring chefs, delving into inquiries about the ingredients used, the significance of each dish from a historical perspective, and its overall nutritional composition. The judges were greatly impressed by the participants' dedication, and the results were declared following a highly competitive environment. This captivating activity offered a platform for students to enhance their creativity and decision-making abilities. Additionally, it provided an opportunity for them to explore their latent talents and discover new realms of interest."



Please wear your finest yellow clothing and raise your favorite kite higher into the sky today. This day is a celebration of the harvest, the maturation of fruits, and the yellow blossoms of the mustard crop. It also holds significant cultural and religious importance. On this day, we pay homage and venerate Goddess Saraswati, who is known as the deity of wisdom, art, music, and science. May your life be blessed with prosperity and wisdom as the vibrant colors of spring imbue the world with new life. Happy Basant Panchami!

On this auspicious day, we dedicate our prayers and reverence to Goddess Saraswati, the embodiment of wisdom, art, music, and science. She is the epitome of knowledge and creativity, guiding us towards enlightenment and encouraging us to pursue artistic endeavors. May her blessings bestowed upon us today inspire us to seek knowledge, appreciate the beauty of art and music, and discover new scientific horizons.

As we celebrate Basant Panchami, let us immerse ourselves in the vibrant colors of Spring that surround us. May this festival bring prosperity, happiness, and wisdom into our lives. Happy Basant Panchami to you and your loved ones!



On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 the New Prefect Body of The Asian School, Dehradun was invested with duties for the academic session 2024-25. On the solemn occasion, the ceremony began with the members marching to the stage with their heads held high, ready to shoulder the responsibilities as student leaders. They marched in sync with soulful music that replicated the aura of the ceremony. To help the students feel a sense of responsibility and keep with the tradition of the institution, its outstanding students were invested with the duties of office bearers. It was a day imbued with a sense of pride, humility, and leadership. The proceedings of the function commenced with the spell-binding rendition of the song 'We Shall Overcome' spreading the belief that each one of us can reach for the stars with determination and perseverance. The Principal invested the new appointees with their position of authority. After receiving the Oath of maintaining fairness in judgment from each of the newly appointed student leaders the Principal pinned the badges and blessed the members of the Prefect Body. Earlier these students were elected through a well-conducted election held in January 2024.



Divyansh Kalra and Samridhhi Kothiyal are appointed as the Head Boy and Head Girl respectively. Rudraksh Purohit and Priyanshi Aggarwal are appointed as the Vice Head Girl and Vice Head Boy respectively. The Principal Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta congratulated the students and wished them luck. She urged them to take up the responsibility with commitment and integrity. The ceremony came to a glorious end after the prayer by the Principal and a huge round of applause for the new appointees. Head Senior School, Mr. Mukesh Nangia, Head Mistress Ms. Prachi Mehrotra, and the entire teaching staff attended the function.



**O**n February 9, 2024, The Asian School, Dehradun, radiated warmth and tradition as it embraced Deepotsav once again. This cherished annual event, which is synonymous with truth, wisdom, power, and righteousness, not only marks the culmination of school life for the graduating class but also heralds a new chapter filled with promises and opportunities.

Against the backdrop of hundreds of earthen lamps adorning the White House Court, students preparing for the CBSE Class XII Board Exam in February 2024 were adorned with 'Kalavas' and 'Tilak,' symbolizing blessings and well wishes for their journey ahead. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the esteemed Principal, Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta, and other school dignitaries, accompanied by a soul-stirring rendition of 'Vandana' by the school choir.



In her poignant address, Mrs. Datta emphasized the virtues of courage, preparation, and the desire to overcome the fear of an exam. Encouraging the students to approach their exams with confidence and determination, she extended heartfelt blessings to the outgoing batch, expressing unwavering belief in their ability to succeed and bring honour to their alma mater. She also shared invaluable tips and words of encouragement to help students navigate the challenges ahead, emphasizing the importance of time management and striving for excellence.

As part of the Deepotsav tradition, the exchange of earthen lamps symbolized the passing of reverence, power, and responsibility from the outgoing Prefects to their successors. The ceremony was marked by emotional speeches from the graduating students, reflecting on cherished memories and expressing gratitude for their time at The Asian School.

Mr. Gaganjyot Juneja and Mrs. Vartika Sah, Mr. Mukesh Nangia, Head Senior School, Ms. Prachi Mehrotra, Head Mistress, and the entire teaching staff, graced the occasion.

As the Deepotsav Ceremony drew to a close, the atmosphere buzzed with a mix of emotions, as students bid farewell to their second home while eagerly anticipating the adventures that await. This year's Deepotsav was not merely a celebration but a poignant reminder of the resilience, camaraderie, and spirit of excellence that define The Asian School community.

The Asian School Basketball Team victorious in different tournaments held at various schools.

**A**ccomplishments: The U-19 Boys' and Girls' State Level Basketball Tournament was held at Haridwar from 28th November to 30th November 2023. Aditya Rajput and Hardik Sharma along with Jayati Malhotra of The Asian School represented the Dehradun team whereas Kartik Dhama, Harshit Rawat and Vanya Sirohi represent the Mussoorie team. The boy's team won the first position. Aditya was declared the most valuable player of the tournament.

The District U-19 Boys' Basketball Tournament was held from 23<sup>rd</sup> November to 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 at The Doon School. The Asian School won the final against The Doon School by a score of 60-37. The CBSE National U-19 Boys' Basketball Tournament was held from 16<sup>th</sup> November to 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Chhattisgarh. The team performed its best. North Zone cluster Basketball U-19 Boys' Tournament at Ch. Kehar Singh Divya Public School, Bagpat (U.P) was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023 and The Asian School secured the first position. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Win Mumby Basketball Tournament was held at Woodstock Mussoorie from 18<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The Asian School won the final against Modern School Delhi by a score of 99-70.

The CBSE Inter School Basketball Tournament was held on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at D.P.S Kalegaon Dehradun. The Asian School was declared the Joint Winner in the final against KV ITBP. District Basketball Tournament U- 16 Boys' was held from 7<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Parade Ground Dehradun. The Asian School won against the Pestle Weed School.

The 10<sup>th</sup> All India Asian Challenge Basketball Tournament was held at The Asian School from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. The Asian School was declared joint winner against Corves American Academy, Mumbai. The 34<sup>th</sup> All India Golden Jubilee Basketball Tournament U-18 boys' was held at Welham Boys School. The Asian School emerged the winner against Welham Boys School by a score of 84-51.

The Basketball team displayed exceptional skills, unwavering determination and commendable sportsmanship throughout the year. It reflects the school's commitment to nurturing and developing promising athletes.



**A**zma Sajid of class UKG participated in 'Kiyoo fashion night' held on 12th February 2024 in Noida where she showcased her talent and was awarded with a certificate of participation



The DPSG School Dehradun hosted the Uttarakhand Yuva Sansad Model United Nations (UYSMUN) on February 3rd and 4th, welcoming 28 students from diverse educational backgrounds. This dynamic event provided a platform for participants to hone leadership skills, engage in global issues, and foster diplomatic dialogue.

students developed crucial skills in research, public speaking, and problem-solving.

The conference concluded with The Asian School clinching the coveted Best Delegation Award, while individuals such as Madhav Goel & Rudraksh Purohit received honorary mentions for their outstanding contributions. Arya Jaiswal bagged the awards for Best photographer & journalist.

In a nutshell the event empowered participants to become effective global citizens.



**You don't win a debate by suppressing discussion; you win it with a better argument.**

The intra-class debate in the junior school for classes 4 and 5 provided a valuable platform for young students to hone their public speaking skills and engage in critical thinking. As children passionately debated topics such as "We would welcome robots in our lives" and "Should superheroes be our role models," they not only showcased their ability to articulate their views but also learned to respect differing opinions and construct compelling arguments. Through this experience, students not only gained confidence in expressing themselves but also developed a deeper understanding of complex issues, laying a strong foundation for their future academic and personal growth. Such initiatives not only nurture communication skills but also instil in children the importance of open discourse and the power of persuasive argumentation in shaping opinions and decisions.



The Auditorium of The Asian School, Dehradun came alive as every year on the occasion of 'Aashirvachan'- the annual custom of showering blessings on the Asianites who are looking forward to appear for their class X Board exam.

The solemn occasion which was held on 1 February, 2024 was observed by showering of blessings by the Principal and their respective HRTs by applying 'Tilak' on the foreheads of Class X students. It was followed by a motivational song sung by the school choir. Simultaneously students were presented with framed class photographs as mementos.

The Principal in her speech gave valuable tips to students on how to farewell in the exams with confidence and self assurance.

Eventually all students dispersed with a hope to perform his/her best in the upcoming Board examination.



# STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

FEB-2024

The students of The Asian School demonstrated exceptional skill and determination at the Under 18 Boys and Girls Junior State Basketball Championship in Haridwar. Out of our participants, five students have been selected to represent our school at the prestigious 21st National Boys and Girls Basketball Tournament in Bhubaneswar, Orissa. This remarkable achievement highlights the talent and dedication of our students in the realm of sports.



A Drawing and Coloring competition was organized on February 16, 2024, for students from Nursery to UKG. The young participants showcased their artistic talents with enthusiasm and creativity, carefully adding colours to their masterpieces. The students skillfully filled the pictures with beautiful colours, highlighting their artistic abilities.



25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

# DRAWING COMPETITION

FEB-2023

# CREATIVE SECTION



Kabir Singh - 12C



Surbhi Bhatnagar - 12B



Nayasa Thakar - 12B



Ameya kulshrestha - 12F



Pradhuman - 12E



Khyati Ganguly - 12B



Jiya Bhalla - 12C



# CREATIVE SECTION

## IFLCMHO

Inundating Feelings  
 Fighting for it  
 Eluding thoughts  
 Enticing emotions  
 Loving Heart  
 Longing for it  
 Inciting thoughts  
 Killing emotions  
 Effete Heart  
 Crying for it  
 Ringing thoughts  
 Yearning emotions  
 Idyllic Heart  
 Neglecting myself  
 Giving up  
 Maybe now  
 Youth will fade  
 Hear me, world  
 Eat me, void  
 Ache me, words  
 Rescue me, hearts  
 Tire me, emotions  
 Opulent pearls  
 Unkillable notes  
 Torrid gazes

- Parth Bhatt, 11A



calm



angry



sleepy



sad



happy



worried



shy



tired



shocked



proud



hurt



afraid

# Good Bye

## Goodbye

Among these stars in the sky  
 I have sent a wish of goodbye  
 I have seen these moments fading  
 And the thought of me passing by  
 I have chosen a star every night  
 To tell my lows and my highs  
 In these stars i have found my solace  
 And a lap i found in the sky  
 I have dreamt of landing among them  
 On a carpet that would fly  
 I have dreamt of evading the darkness  
 And to dissolve in the ultimate high  
 I have been here staring at the stars  
 The Sun, The Moon and The Sky  
 Its been so long i am hoping to leave  
 It seems so difficult to say goodbye.

- Atharva Saini, 11A

# CREATIVE SECTION

## Advancement in cars over the Years

Over the years, the automotive industry has witnessed remarkable advancements, transforming the way we perceive and interact with cars. Technological innovations have played a pivotal role in enhancing safety, efficiency, and overall driving experience. One of the most significant advancements is the integration of smart technology. Modern cars are equipped with advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) that include features such as lane departure warnings, automatic emergency braking, and adaptive cruise control. These technologies not only enhance safety but also pave the way for the development of self-driving cars. The shift towards electric vehicles (EVs) has been another groundbreaking development. With concerns about environmental sustainability and the depletion of fossil fuels, automakers are increasingly investing in electric propulsion systems. This shift not only reduces the carbon footprint but also opens new possibilities for renewable energy integration and smart grid technology. Moreover, connectivity has become a cornerstone of modern cars. The advent of infotainment systems, smartphone integration, and connected car services has revolutionized the in-car experience. Drivers and passengers can now access real-time navigation, entertainment, and communication services seamlessly. In terms of materials and design, lightweight materials such as carbon fibre and aluminium are being used to improve fuel efficiency without compromising safety, prime example of this shift is the Pagani Brand and after the launch of this brand most of the supercar manufactures have incorporated Carbon fibre in their super cars to reduce the weight and increase the fuel efficiency whilst accounting for the safety of the passengers/ 3D printing and other manufacturing technologies have also facilitated more intricate and customized car designs. As we look ahead, the automotive industry continues to push boundaries with innovations in artificial intelligence, augmented reality, and sustainable materials. The future promises even more exciting developments, ushering in an era of smart, eco-friendly, and connected vehicles.

- Pratul Pratap Singh, 11 A

## THE EVOLUTION OF AUTOMOBILES



1886



1900s-1920s



1930s-1940s



1950s-1960s



1980s-1990s



2010s-2020s

# CREATIVE SECTION

## मोटीवेशन

खुद की काबिलियत पर भरोसा रख,  
जो गलती आज की उससे सीख,  
मत माँग किसी के आगे,  
अपनी सफलता के लिए भीख।  
तू जलता हुआ रेगिस्तान है,  
तेरे अंदर कुछ करने की ठान है,  
तू रुक मत तुझे करना कुछ महान है।  
तू अपने घर वालों की आस है,  
उनकी उम्मीदों की सांस है,  
इनको यूँ ही नहीं जाया करना है,  
तुझे अपनी सफलता के लिए लड़ना है।

लोकेश मैठाणी  
कक्षा नवम् 'ई'



## समय का महत्व

समय है अत्यंत अनमोल  
इसके बिना न कोई जोड़ ना तोड़  
करना है हमें इसका सम्मान  
तभी तो बढ़ेगा हमारा मान  
एक बार बीता समय  
लौटकर वापस न आता  
ये चलता ही जाता है  
अपना महत्व बताते जाता है।  
कोई ऐसी बाधा नहीं जो  
रोक सके समय की धारा  
हमें समय के साथ है चलना  
समय साथ नहीं है आता  
समय के आगे झुक जाते हैं  
जितने बड़े या महान  
समय से बड़ा कुछ नहीं  
वही है सबसे बलवान  
समय के साथ चलना सीखे  
जीवन हो जाए आसान  
समय के सदुपयोग से  
बने एक अच्छा इंसान।।

वैशुणवी काला  
कक्षा नवम् 'ई'

# CREATIVE SECTION

## आत्मसंयम एवं स्वप्रबन्धन

कठिन परिस्थितियों में स्व-प्रबंधन व्यक्ति की आत्म-संयम और प्रतिस्थापन की क्षमता को मजबूत करता है। यह व्यक्ति को अपने आप को संभालने की भाक्ति प्रदान करता है और उसे बदलती परिस्थितियों के साथ निपटने की क्षमता देता है। जब किसी कठिनाई का सामना किया जाता है, तो स्व-प्रबंधन का महत्व और भी बढ़ जाता है क्योंकि यह व्यक्ति को अपने मन की स्थिति को स्थिर रखने और सकारात्मक दिशा में अग्रसर होने में मदद करता है।

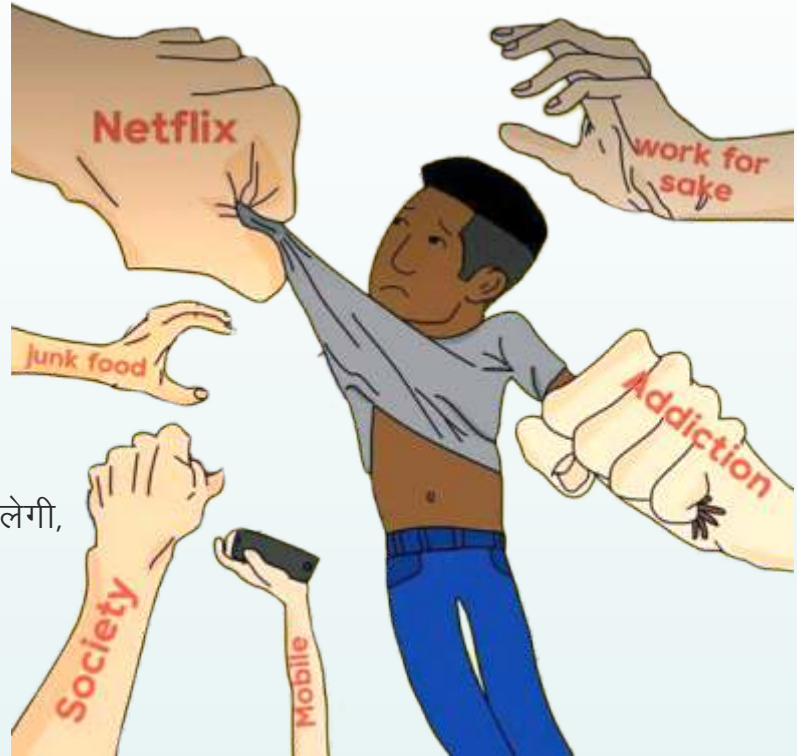
स्व-प्रबंधन के माध्यम से, व्यक्ति अपनी सामर्थ्य को पहचानता है और अपने विशेष गुणों का उपयोग करके समस्याओं का समाधान करता है। यह उसे नई सोच और स्थितियों में सफलता के लिए आवश्यक साहस और स्थिरता प्रदान करता है। साथ ही, यह उसे संघर्षों को उच्चतम स्तर पर परिभाषित करने और सहनशीलता की भाक्ति का अनुभव करने का मौका देता है। इस प्रकार, कठिन परिस्थितियों में स्व-प्रबंधन व्यक्ति को अधिक सशक्त और समर्थ बनाता है, जिससे वह जीवन के हर क्षण को सफलतापूर्वक निभा सकता है।

अनीशा अख्तर  
कक्षा नवम् 'डी'

## हे मानव जीवन को बोझ न मानो!

चन्द्र की चंचल चांदनी जब चमके,  
सागर की झूम उठें, जब लहरें।  
बादल की आंचल के नीचे पर्वतों पर  
समय बैठा जब लकीरें खींचे।  
तब जीवन का हाथ तो थामों, हे मानव,  
भांति का संकल्प भी ठानो।  
जब हंस करे प्रेम का स्मरण,  
तब न पूछो क्या जीवन, क्या मरण।  
दीप जले जब द्वारों पे,  
मत बैठो अंधेरे कारखानों में।  
तब बन्धुओं का हाथ तो थामो, हे मानव,  
स्नेह का संकल्प भी ठानो।  
जब आशा की धारा विश्वास के समुद्र में मिलेगी,  
वह संकल्प का ख्वाब न छोड़ेगी।  
हे मानव, जीवन को बोझ न मानो।।

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