



# Modern Newsletter

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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We agree with John F Kennedy that, "our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education." We must remember that the human mind is our fundamental resource.

Thus, it is essential that we work towards the maximum development of every young mind. Only then will we be able to address our requirements of world leadership, our hopes for economic growth and our demands of able citizenship.

## Modern This Week

- Earth Week – Environment Club
- The Teen Murti Heritage Walk
- Library Week
- D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read)
- Sports Report

## ENVIRONMENT CLUB – EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

### MONDAY - 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015

An Inter House quiz about the Environment was organized in the HLL Auditorium to sensitize and spread awareness about the environment and its deteriorating condition. Students participated with great enthusiasm and the event was a huge success with Akbar House bagging the first position.

### TUESDAY- 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2015

Mr. Barun Aggarwal, spoke to the students of S4-S7 about the effects and causes of indoor and outdoor air pollution. He pointed out that Delhi is the world's most polluted city and its pollution levels are alarmingly high. His talk, in a nutshell, was about this one question he put forth – "If none of us choose to drink unfiltered water, why do we choose to breathe in polluted air?"

### WEDNESDAY- 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2015

A very interesting workshop on sustainability and swaraj was held in the HLL auditorium as part of the Earth Week. Gaurav Shorey, an eminent guest speaker, also gave the importance of the 5 B(s) - Bhojan, Bhesh, Bhasha, Bhajan and Bhuvan highlighting their importance in today's world.



# The Teen Murti Heritage Walk

The Teenmurti Heritage Walk conducted by Mrs. Beeba Sobti along with Mr. Lajpat and 27 zealous Modernites comprising mainly of S7A and A+ students, attempted to celebrate, map and trail the past with the contemporary of what constitutes the historic Teenmurti and its environs.



The Nehru Memorial Museum, the Kushak Shikargah, the other buildings within the sprawling complex, the Planetarium, the library, the vedure both at the front and back and the War Memorial to the Indian Army (on the roundabout outside) were the focus. History, antiquity, architecture, archaeology, art history, horticulture, philately, literature and trivia were dovetailed within the fabric of the three hour walk.



## Library Week 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April

Library Week, which was held between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of April, got off to a flying start with the Chief Guest, well known news anchor Rajdeep Sardesai, addressing the students. The objective of this week was to promote reading among the students of the school.

The week saw several exciting events being conducted such as the cartooning workshop, where students of S1 tried their hand at drawing their favourite cartoon characters. The students of S2 and S3 designed the cover pages of self-authored books. Other activities included an authors' meet and a date with the author.

A class room challenge was also organised as a part of the week-long activities with the objective of discovering which class has the maximum number of students who are avid readers.





## **D.E.A.R (Drop Everything And Read)**

Modern School never runs out of innovative ideas which guide students to reach greater heights in life. The students this year have a reason to celebrate, for our school has commenced the D.E.A.R programme.

D.E.A.R is an acronym which stands for 'Drop Everything and Read'. The literal meaning of the term is such that students have to leave whatever they are doing and get engrossed in turning the pages of a classic book. This programme will have a resplendent effect on the zealous minds of the devoted children. It will make them realise that life is much more invigorating if we put a larger emphasis on reading.

Be it a biopic, an autobiography, a science-fiction novel, an encyclopaedia or a classic, it will encourage us to read. D.E.A.R was an efficacious hit and it galvanised the minds of each and every eager student in the last session too. As Garrison Keillor once said, "A book is a gift which you can open again and again." So students, let us take a pledge to emphasise on reading and get enthralled in the world of Mark Twain, J.K Rowling, Dr. Seuss and many more. Let us get enthralled in the world of... BOOKS!



# SPORTS REPORT

A horse riding training program was conducted at Modern School BK from 9<sup>th</sup> march onwards for boys and girls which was a grand success.

From 16<sup>th</sup> March to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2015 a sports workshop was held for the first time at the school to coach students in various sports.

Our students participated in the 29<sup>th</sup> Federation Cup National Basketball Championship for women was held at Pune, Maharashtra from the 29<sup>th</sup> of March to 2<sup>nd</sup> of April.



## ROAD TO WIMBLEDON

A selection process initiated for tennis, which provided opportunities to budding players to team up and play, was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Mr. Paul Hutchins, Mr. Tim Henman, Mr. Goran Ivanisevic, Mr. Dan Blocham, Mr. Vishal Uppal, Ms. Manpreet Kandhari and Ms. Helen Parker addressed and inspired the students.



## CRICKET NEWS

The 13<sup>th</sup> Madhavrao Raj Scindia Memorial Cricket Tournament 2015 was held at Scindia School, Gwalior. Our boys under 19 were the winners. Madhav Kaushik was declared man of the tournament.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> April the MAMS Invitational under 14, T-20 cricket tournament was held at MAA ANANDMAI MEMORIAL SCHOOL, HARIDWAR, our team was the runner up and Hritik Shokeen was declared best bowler.

10<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015 the 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Amarjeet Singh Six – A – Side Cricket Tournament', was held at YPS Mohali. Our team was declared the winner and Karan Sharma was awarded Man of the Tournament.

From 13<sup>th</sup> April to 16<sup>th</sup> April 2015 our team participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Dhruv Pandav T-20 cricket tournament held at YPS Patiala. Himanshu Bharadwaj was declared the best bowler and our team won the tournament.

