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MS. SHIVANI PASRICH DURING THE AWARD FUNCTION



PROF. MUKHERJEE AND PRINCIPAL DR. DATTA WITH AN AWARDEE

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### PTA ACADEMIC AWARDS 2016

The mornings of 19<sup>th</sup> July and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were filled with moments of pride and glory for parents, grandparents and children of Modern School. It was an event organised by the PTA to highlight the academic achievements of the students.

On 19<sup>th</sup> July, Modern School was honoured to have Ms. Shivani Pasrich, former Miss India, as the chief guest. Six children of class 9 were awarded for scoring CGPA 10 and a number of others were awarded for getting a CGPA 9.6-9.8. Sixty three children who scored a CGPA 10 in class 10 were awarded for their achievement. Toppers and highest scorers of classes 11 and 12 proudly received their awards. Ms. Pasrich spoke about the value of learning and how it gives us a strong personality.

On 20<sup>th</sup> July the students of present S2, S3 and S4, who scored a CGPA of 9.8 or 10 were presented with the award. The chief guest for the event was Professor Mukherjee of Delhi University, who gave an inspiring speech about having the courage and dedication to follow one's passion. Finally, Dr Vijay Datta, the Principal of Modern School, explained the importance of academics in achieving success in life.



## PTA SPORTS AWARDS 2016

On 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2016, the PTA awards for excellence in Sports were presented to the meritorious students of Classes S1 to S7. The esteemed guest invited to honour and congratulate the children for their achievements in Sports was Mr. Atul Wassan, Former Indian Cricket Team fast bowler who is also a Commentator at major Sporting Events.

This time, more than 75 children participated in national and international events in various sports and received the award in the very prestigious A+ category. More than 250 children got the A category awards for the CBSE, IPSC, STATE and DISTRICT LEVEL recognition they had received. Some of the budding sportsmen of Modern School even received awards for more than one sport. The gruelling sports department faculty was applauded by the august gathering for their contribution in making the children better sportsmen which was undoubtedly a result of their hard work, diligence and excellence.

Mr. Atul Wassan encouraged the students with his inspiring words. He recollected his treasured memories of his boyhood days when he played several tournaments at Modern School. He explained the value of sports in our life and the integral role it plays in inculcating the spirit of teamwork, determination and discipline. These should be the idealistic characteristics of a sportsman as described by a personality who has pursued sports throughout his life. Principal, Dr. Vijay Datta, who himself is a versatile sportsman, briefly discussed about recent sports events. He encouraged the children to work hard towards achieving their goals in sports, co-curricular activities and academics, which contribute towards the overall development of a child making him/her a perfect student.

## TREE PLANTATION DRIVE AT MODERN SCHOOL

Modern School has always encouraged Tree Plantation and the ANNUAL TREE PLANTATION DRIVE, an initiative taken by the Environment Club of the school that took place on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 was truly commendable. Enthusiasm and fervor was seen among the students and teachers alike.

The initiative was supported and sponsored by the esteemed members of The State Bank of India. The Principal Dr. Vijay Datta, faculty members and the members of the Environment Club were present at the occasion which aims at promoting sustainable development. Various saplings were grown and trees were planted like Palm, Jamun, Faicus, Gudhel, Chandni, Papaya and guava were planted in the school grounds.



## **TAGORE HOUSE FUNCTION**

The Tagore House Biennial Function was held on 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2016. Dr. Anupa Siddhu, Director of Lady Irwin College graced the occasion by her presence. ‘Valour’ was the theme of the function which was aptly depicted in the programme as well as the exhibition.

The function started with a soulful rendition of the Saraswati Vandana accompanied by a classical dance, followed by an invigorating performance of the song “Sweet Child O’ Mine” on the Drums. The play “Arunima- A Ray of Hope” was based on the life of Padmashree Arunima Sinha, who was the first amputee to climb the Mount Everest. The ballet was based on the life of Neerja, Malala, Manjhi etc who displayed exceptional valour. The highlight of the function was the recreation of the Republic Day Parade by the youngest members of the House. The function concluded with the house song ‘Hum Raahi Daro Nahi, Honge Kaamyab’. The spectacular show was put up under the guidance of Ms. Sapna Bhargava, Ms. Namrata Sanghi and Ms. Divya Sharma.

### **AMEESHA MUKHIJA FORAYS INTO THE WORLD OF ART**

Ameesha Mukhija, a student of Class S5-C, put up her Art Exhibition from 18th June to 24th June, 2016. Driving inspiration from the myriad complexities of life, Ameesha Mukhija’s creative genius finds expression on the incredibly evocative canvas in diverse hues. The art exhibition “Raah- My journey into Art” held at Art Mall, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi, was a depiction of her progressive journey into the deeper realms of Art, captured as Four Expressions of Conversation, Fusion, Celerity of life, Entangled, Clustered city, The solitary Home and so on.

Acknowledging her hard work and energy, Principal Dr. Vijay Datta, along with his wife, Mrs. Namrata Datta, encouraged her to keep her passion alive, along with the pursuit of academic excellence. In Ameesha’s words “Abstract Art, is a wonderful representation of one’s soul”. Endowed with a unique gift, Ameesha is determined to create new landscapes of her dreams.

### **IRIDESCENCE 2016**

*Iridescence* 2016, the Annual Cultural Fest at Carmel Convent, New Delhi (20<sup>th</sup> July, 2016) provided a platform for four aesthetically inclined Modernites to showcase their talent in the event titled “Marvels of the Past”. A team comprising of Bhavya Gupta (S5-B), Sukriti Jain (S5-B), Rhythm Nagpal (S5-C) and Varun Khurana (S5-C) bagged the “Best Model Award” and trophy for their elegant and innovative depiction and an engaging scholarly commentary on the Ajanta Caves at a time when they were in their pristine glory and grandeur. The presentation conjured before the judges’ vision – the enchanting ensemble of Ajanta Caves hidden in the midst of Sahayadri’s dense foliage with the Waghora stream flowing past them.



## TREADING MANDELA'S FOOTSTEPS

To mark Nelson Mandela's 98<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary, an International Day was held to commemorate the event. A contingent of ten S5 Modernites accompanied by Ms. Avantika Gogoi participated in the event held at India International Centre on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The Commemoration Service began with a soulful presentation by the choir followed by a procession from Gandhi King Memorial Plaza, culminating in the riveting address by the High Commissioner of South Africa, Mr. France Morule, himself a freedom fighter. He highlighted the genesis of the freedom movement in South Africa and its enduring relevance as also the multiple hardships borne by the oppressed people and their resolve to counter injustice. The message from the UN Secretary General which was read out was iconic in its underlying theme of egalitarianism and human dignity. The Quiz programme on Madiba was an unusual blend of fun and information, prompting students to delve into hitherto lesser known facts about Mandela and his crusade against apartheid.

### IGNITION 2016

'Effervescence, the Chemistry Club, organised its Biennial Chemistry Symposium, Ignition, on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2016 which aimed at unravelling lots of mysteries by getting into the depth of the subject. It began with welcoming the chief guest Dr. Sandeep Vaishya, Director, Neurosurgery at Fortis Memorial Research Institute, Gurugram. Dr. Vaishya enlightened the crowd as he showcased a presentation which contained information regarding embarking the journey of Neurosciences from past to present and to future.

Myriad activities were organised like JAM (Just A Minute), CHEMMAGIC (Fun with Experiments), CHEMAMALGAM (Poster Making) and QUIZANIUM (Science Quiz) which witnessed the participation of 14 distinguished schools in Delhi-NCR.

Modern School clinched the second position in the QUIZANIUM through the combined efforts of Aniket Joshi and Tushar Goswamy. Dhruv Aggarwal and Devansh Kataria won the first prize in CHEMMAGIC display. The overall trophy was bagged by St. Thomas 'School.

### THE NEWS WIZ SHOW

Battling the top quizzing teams from all across the nation, Paavas Bhasin and Ayan Marwaha of Modern School reached the TV rounds after a gruelling month of preliminary rounds. The crew of News Wiz, India's biggest news quiz show, visited and shot the sprawling campus while Rajdeep Sardesai also interacted with the students. In an hour long quiz on the television, in the presence of cricketer Suresh Raina as a special news guest, the team ended up in a tie at the first position and finally declared the first runner up in the event.