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Quizzers Make Us Proud on TV

Aman Agarwal and Ayan Marwaha participated in the LIC Smart Kids Diamond Jubilee Quiz, held in partnership with CNN News 18 on the 9th and 15th of December 2016. Selected amongst the top 10, and subsequently the top four teams representing Delhi, they travelled to Mumbai for shooting the episodes, which were aired on CNN News 18 and had celebrity quizmasters Gaurav Kapoor and Boman Irani as hosts. They breezed through the Delhi round, beating top teams across the city to earn a spot in the Delhi final. In the Delhi round finals, their team maintained a steady pace, slightly lagging behind the team from Convent of Jesus and Mary.

However, Aman and Ayan turned things around in the buzzer round, answering 7 of the 8 questions and clinching a spot in the National semi-finals. In the next round, they dominated teams from Mumbai, Chennai and Patna to win the round effortlessly.



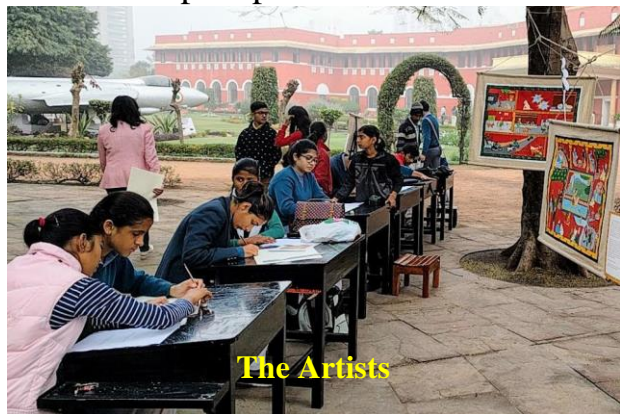
The final round saw tougher competition with the teams from Kanpur and Kolkata finishing Winners and Runners Up and Ayan and Aman at the Second Runner-up spot. They were awarded with a prize money of one Lakh Rupees.



Ayan and Aman with Gaurav Kapoor

Kriti Club

On the cold, windy morning of 28th of January 2017 students of the Kriti Club transformed the Banyan Tree area into a workshop cum open air gallery, exhibiting the finest of the Cheriyal folk-art of Telengana. Along with their instructors, the under privileged students skilled in Cheriyal Art joined our students to celebrate this art form. The workshop was inaugurated by our respected principal Dr Vijay Datta. The first step was the demonstration, where students were introduced to the characteristics of Cheriyal art. The basic features are taken from nature, the borders are derived from octagonal shapes and the rhythm in the body inspired by the shape of the mango which makes this folk art different from others. Children then created their own art work with the help of the underprivileged students. It was a one on one exercise which gave the students the opportunity to share their life styles and develop respect for each other. This initiative by Kriti Club to revive the dying Indian folk-art form has become a mile stone for the club. The visiting parents found the atmosphere inspiring where the underprivileged students played teacher and helped our students create their own interpretation of Cheriyal art.



The Artists

A Talk on Thalassemia

On 2nd Feb 2017 the Interact Club organized a talk by Dr Tajinder Singh. An Indian by birth, she was raised in the UK and is an Orthoptist from Moorefield's Eye Hospital UK. She joined the Rotary Movement in 1996 and is the District



Chairperson-Thalassemia. Dr Tajinder spoke to children from S1 to S7 during their respective assemblies about Thalassemia, a genetic blood disorder.

People with Thalassemia disease are not able to make enough hemoglobin, which causes severe anemia. There are different kinds of Thalassemia. Over one lakh units of blood are required annually for Thalassemia major patients in Delhi alone. A simple blood test called Hb Electrophoresis / Hb A2 will tell

whether one is a carrier or has a trait of thalassemia minor. There is a need to encourage adolescents to undergo diagnosis so that possibility of passing on the disease to the next generation can be prevented.



Dr Tajinder Singh

Saraswati Puja

Basant Panchami marks the beginning of spring and falls on the fifth day of 'Maagh' each year. According to a popular belief, Goddess Saraswati was born on this day and people celebrate the festival by worshipping the Goddess of Learning, Knowledge, Music and Culture. The students and teachers of Modern School Barakhamba Road



The Puja Ceremony

came together to celebrate this festival and seek the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. The ritual was graced by our Principal Dr Vijay Datta and the headmistresses of all the three blocks Ms Jaya Khurana, Mrs Malini Khatri and Ms Usha Nair. The celebrations started with the chanting of the sacred *mantras* by Mr Arindam followed by a beautiful rendition of the *Saraswati Vandana* by Mrs Baisakhi Samajhdar. The Saraswati Puja was performed by the Principal in the presence of the teachers, students and staff members. The students mesmerised everyone with a graceful and captivating dance performance. Flowers, fruits and sweets were offered to the Goddess. The Puja ended with distribution of *prasad* to all present. The celebration of Basant Panchami was an attempt by the students and teachers of Modern School to preserve Indian culture and to impart a sense of respect towards the long established traditions of our country.



World Scholars Cup

Three teams from Modern School participated in the regional round of the World Scholars Cup held at Indrapuram Public School, Ghaziabad on the 30th and 31st of January. The competition tested students on debating, writing and learning. The team of Ishana Aggarwal, Shreyan Puri and Swayam Bhatia secured the first position in the overall academic challenge. Noteworthy achievements individually include Ishana Aggarwal ranking 1st in the academic challenge, Swayam Bhatia ranking 2nd in the individual debate. The overall individual ranks were Ishana Aggarwal 1st, Shreyan Puri 2nd and Swayam Bhatia 5th. The second team comprised of Arshdeep Singh, Lavanya Bedi and Urvi Maheshwari. They received a total of 32 medals which included a gold for debating, writing, special area and many silvers for the various subject tests. The team ranked 3rd in the collaborative challenge. They got the 4th position overall and individually Arshdeep Singh secured 9th position while Lavanya Bedi was 10th and Urvi Maheshwari was 14th. The third team comprised of Aditya Jain, Aditya Rai and Dhruv Aggarwal. They secured the 4th position in the scholars challenge, 11th in the team debate and 15th position in collaborative writing. The team got the 9th position overall.

Sports



The Winning Team

62nd School National Games 2016-17

Under 14 Girls and Boys Table Tennis Championship was held at Thyagaraj Stadium, New Delhi between 02nd and 09th January 2017. Our School team comprising of Tamanna Gulshan S2 A, Mannika Kesar S1 H and Mannit Singh S3 B got home the gold medal securing first position in Delhi State. Arman Duggal represented the School in the IPSC individual category.

XIII Modernites Invitation Hockey Tournament

Under 19 Boys XIII Modernites Invitation Hockey Tournament 2016 for Rishabjeet Singh Mason Trophy was held at Modern School Barakhamba Road from 21st to 25th November 2016. Modern School bagged the Runner Up Trophy.



Under 19 Boys Hockey Team