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GOWARDHAN DAS MEMORIAL DECLAMATION CONTEST

Arshdeep Singh and Aryaman Sood of S7, represented Modern School, Barakhamba Road at the 51st Annual Gowardhan Das Memorial Inter-School Declamation Contest held at Springdales School, Pusa Road on 20th April 2017. They secured the Second Best Team award and were presented with a Rolling Trophy for the same. Twenty six of the most illustrious schools of the Delhi NCR region participated in the event. The topics for the declamation ranged from Censorship to the Impact of GST on the Indian Economy to Communal Conflicts.



42nd LALA RAGHUBIR SINGH HOT WEATHER GIONEE CUP CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The quick fire 120 runs by Sultan Ansari and 62 runs by India Under-19 captain Jonty Sidhu helped Vidya Jain Cricket Academy beat Collage Sports Club by 4 wickets and for the first time lifted the 42nd Lala Raghbir Singh Hot Weather Gionee Cup Cricket Tournament title at Modern School, Barakhamba Road ground. Vidya Jain Captain Joginder Singh won the toss and elected to field first. Collage Sports Club scored 289 runs for 7 wickets in 40 overs. In reply Vidya Jain Academy achieved the target with 6 balls to spare. Best batsman Kshitiz Sharma, best bowler Pradeep Parashar, best hundred by Sohraab Dhaliwaal and man of the tournament Joginder Singh were given Avis motor cycles by Ashok Pratap Singh President, Board of Trustee, Modern School. The winners received Rs 2 lakhs while the runner up got Rs 1 lakh. Subhania and Sporting Club, loser semi-finalists got Rs 51,000 each. Dr Vijay Datta Principal Modern School, Mr Balbir Sharma, Mr Maninder Singh ex international cricketer and Mr DP Singh were present on the occasion.



The Winners

A NEW BEGINNING....

The Astronomy Club activities kick-started on 9th May 2017. An enthusiastic group of over 90 students from Module 1 participated in the Comet Making activity in Sir Shankar Lal Hall. In the afternoon session, the students of Module 2 learnt the fundamentals of Advanced Rocketry. After the theory session, there was a rocket launching activity in the lower field where the hydro-rockets made by the students soared to great heights.



Students showcasing their Hydro rockets



BAILAMOS-FIESTA DA BAILAR



Radhika Tandon S6

The students of Modern School, Barakhamba Road secured the 2nd position in the group category and the 1st position in the solo category at the “Bailamos-Fiesta Da Bailar”, a dance fest held at Presentation Convent, Sr. Secondary School in New Delhi on 5th May, 2017. The participant in the solo category was Radhika Tandon S6. The participants in the group category included Vidisha S1, Riddhi Gupta S1, Sujagi Bansal S1, Anika Tandon S1, Samairah Ahuja S1, Gauri Mathur S1, Tanisha Poddar S1, Bishika Gautam S2, Kavita Gupta S2, Vrinda Singhal S2, Diya Arya S2, Radhika Bahadur S2, Kamakshi Gupta S2, Ayaana Jain S2, Auni Jain S2 and Nysa Mangalani S3.

MOD DEBATE

‘ Don’t raise your voice, improve your argument’ – Desmond Tutu

In the geopolitical landscape of today, where even the most minor political statements polarise the public into two distinct factions, the need for reasoned discourse and discussion is as understated as it is unparalleled. With this in mind, the students of our school attended the 35th edition of the MOD Debate held at Modern School, Vasant Vihar on the 4th May 2017. The debate had three rounds- a preliminary round inclusive of an extempore speech, a turncoat debate as well as a written ‘bridge round’; the semis and of course the finals, which were conducted in a modified Parliamentary style. Mr. Pornob Mukherjee, a luminary of the Indian debating circuit, chaired the debate and created an enthralling atmosphere with his own unique and incomparable style. The Modern School team of Aatmik Gupta, Aryaman Sood and Shreyan Puri of S7 finished as the Second Best Team at the end of a rigorous day of debating. Aatmik Gupta was also adjudged the Best Speaker at the debate.



A TRIP TO PAHARPUR BUSINESS CENTRE

One of the few unsung heroes who work towards restoring the ecology of our planet is Mr Kamal Meattle. Mr Meattle's work in the field of environmental activism led him to develop the Paharpur Business Centre and Software Technology Incubation Park, to which the students of the Environment Club of our school took a trip on 29th March 2017. The Park is renowned for its status as a 'Platinum-rated, LEED-certified' building and is ranked as one of the healthiest offices in Delhi/NCR. As our students entered the complex, they could feel the effect of the change in air quality which is virtually unmatched in its low level of particulate content. The dedication towards well-being and comfort is equally matched by efficiency and productivity. The visiting students soon realised that the practices undertaken at the office have astonishing effects, including a 42% probability of a 1% increase in overall blood-oxygen level, which would imply a remarkable increase in cognitive functions and energy levels. The same is achieved in part by allowing the employees of the centre to derive recreation in a greenhouse area where several plants are housed. Our students were also treated to quick blood-oxygen measurement tests, before being ushered into a rapid tour of the entire complex. They were introduced to the numerous green features of the Centre, ranging from its 100% switchover to LED lights, to the installation of VFDs in its cooling towers, to the self-cleaning photovoltaic (PV) panels on its roof all supplemented by 4500 green plants installed at various strategic locations. By the time the tour was over, our students were not only refreshed, but were truly aware of what a stellar example the building set for office spaces all across the country, if not the globe. Perhaps, the biggest take away from the experience was the realisation that the efforts of every single human being can have a profound impact on the health and sustainability of our planet.



Students in the Green House Area