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40th Annual Blood Donation Camp

The Interact Club at Modern School Barakhamba Road, in collaboration with Rotary Rendezvous and Rotary 3011, hosted its **40th Annual Blood Donation Camp** on **30th September 2023** with an aim to inculcate the ideals of community service within its students.

Col Vijay Chadda was the honorable Chief Guest of the event. The occasion was also graced by the presence of Ms Ambika Pant (Secretary, Board of Trustees) and Mr Ajay Gupta (President, Rotary Rendezvous) and other distinguished guests from Rotary, PTA and MSOSA.

The event was lit up with a display of the extraordinary flower arrangement—an integral component of the camp each year. The event was marked with a plethora of activities like musical performances by the students and award ceremonies for the winners of the Rangoli-making and Poster-making competitions. The lively environment at the Camp and the enthusiastic spirits of the students motivated the donors and the team of doctors who worked tirelessly to collect and secure blood, and it resulted in the collection of **80 units of blood**. The unwavering efforts of the students under the guidance and mentorship of the teachers' in-charge ensured the success of the Blood Donation in achieving its core objective: *To give a gift that cost nothing but meant everything to a life.*

**What's new
at Modern:**

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Distribution of Half Yearly Examination Report Cards

On **30th September 2023**, the school, held its Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) for Distribution of Half Yearly Examination Report Cards for classes VI to XII. The day was marked by excitement and pride as students received their academic performance feedback for the first half of the academic year.

The atmosphere at the school was brimming with anticipation and delight. The dedication and hard work of both students and teachers were evident in the remarkable results. The highlight of the day was the eagerness of the grade overall toppers to collect their report cards from Dr Datta himself. A large queue formed outside the Principal's office, showcasing the students' enthusiasm and their respect for the school's leader. Dr Datta personally congratulated the toppers, instilling a sense of pride and motivation in them. Similarly, the class toppers eagerly awaited their report cards from Headmasters, who provided words of encouragement and appreciation for their achievements. Their presence and words of wisdom added to the significance of the day.

During the PTM, students had the opportunity to receive valuable feedback and guidance from their respective class teachers. For those students who may not have achieved their desired results this time, were offered encouragement and motivation to strive for improvement, with a promise of achieving better grades in the future. The class teachers provided constructive feedback to both the students and their parents, which will undoubtedly serve as a valuable tool to help them attain their desired academic results. The Distribution of Half-Yearly Report Cards was a resounding success. It was a day filled with joy, pride, and the promise of a brighter future.

JOHN LOCKE ESSAY COMPETITION REPORT

The students of the school participated in the prestigious John Locke Essay Competition. A delegation comprising of four students-**Nirvaan Singla(XII-A)**, **Poorna Tewari(XI--A)**, **Saira Chadha(XI-I)** and **Mannat Bhutani(XI-I)**, represented the school at the event held from 15th to 17th September 2023, at the University of Oxford. The competition allowed the students to explore interesting questions beyond the school curriculum.

The programme commenced with a celebratory dinner to honour the shortlisted candidates. The following day, the students immersed themselves in seminars conducted by senior lecturers in various fields including Economics, Psychology, Politics, Law, and Theology. The High Distinction award in the Economics Category was claimed by **Mannat Bhutani** during the awards ceremony hosted in the historic Sheldonian theatre. After the ceremony, an exhibition was displayed at the renowned Ashmolean Museum. The next morning, the students had the valuable opportunity to interact with the admissions officers and attend an informative admissions briefing session. The programme enabled the students to nurture meaningful relationships with like-minded individuals from all around the globe. It was truly an exceptional learning experience.



Hindi Divas 2023

The Hindi department celebrated Hindi Divas with illimitable zeal and exhilaration. It was celebrated and showcased in the form of a video, which incorporated various feats achieved by students in the Hindi language. With the guidance and support of our principal, Dr. Vijay Datta, Ms. Manpreet Kaur, Headmistress of the middle wing and all the teachers of the Hindi department, this event inspired students to display their linguistic skills.

The celebrations kicked off with an inspirational message delivered by the principal. Ashree Jain(XI-F) and Divij Wahi(X-H) anchored the celebrations. The video laid special emphasis on the ways in which Modern school students learnt Hindi, wherein different models were made to explain different concepts involved in the language. Various accomplishments on an intra-school and inter-school level were also showcased in the presentation, along with the acknowledgement of those students who had scored 95 marks and above during the 2022-23 academic year.

INTERNATIONAL HINDI OLYMPIAD



On 26th September 2023, the Hindi department of organized a Hindi Olympiad for students of classes VI-X with great valour and jubilation. Under the guidance of Ms. Manju Vijra (Head of department), the event was organized to develop and encourage students to take deeper interest in the language.

112 students participated with great keenness and inquisitiveness, thus promoting the spirit of the widely used dialect. The event was held in the school campus after normal school hours, and the questions asked were sure to rack every student's brain. It was a great success!

Writers Corner



For I am Blind

Oh floor, oh floor
You lead the way
And only speak to
Me when I am gay

For if you speak to me
When I am in despair
You will feel the wrath
Of the air

Oh tree, oh tree what

Lies beyond thee for
Me to see

As I sit and lay on
This soft bed of
Grass I wonder how
Long will this last

For I am blind to see the
Power of nature's capability.

ALEPH ARORA, VI-D



"NASA's OSIRIS-REx Mission: Unforeseen Challenges and Insights from Asteroid Benu"

By Yuvraj Ahuja, VI-E

Around 65 million years ago, a catastrophic asteroid impact wiped out the dinosaurs, emphasizing the potential risks posed by space rocks. In response, NASA initiated the OSIRIS-REx mission to investigate Benu, a carbon-rich asteroid that holds insights into the solar system's formation. Launched on 8th September 2016, the spacecraft touched down on Benu on 20th October 2020, exceeding expectations by collecting 250 grams of material. However, a surprising discovery awaited scientists upon their return to Earth: dust particles had infiltrated the sample chamber during OSIRIS-REx's departure, generating concerns about the integrity of the specimen.

Fortunately, Benu's potential threat to Earth is minimal until the mid-2100s. Beyond that, the likelihood of impact remains less than one-tenth of a percent, highlighting the mission's significance in understanding asteroid dynamics and enhancing Earth's defense mechanisms against future cosmic threats. Accurate predictions of asteroids like Benu remain an ongoing challenge and a key objective for this mission.

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