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PTA AWARDS- CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE IN ACADEMICS AND SPORTS

The ethos of Modern School has always inspired students to strive for excellence. The PTA Awards are held every year to reward achievement in academics and sports. The students are lauded not just for their achievements, but the discipline and effort it takes to get there. This year, there were a total of 543 academic awards given to 317 students across Classes 6 to 12.

The ceremony of PTA Awards for Academics and Sports for the Senior Wing was held on 26th September 2024 for the Batch of 2023-2024. The day saw the students of Classes 10 to 12 being recognized for their achievements.

Mrs Asha Prabhakar, Principal, Bal Bharti School, Noida and Chairperson, National Progressive Schools was the Chief Guest for the Senior Wing PTA Award function. The Principal Dr Vijay Datta, in his address lauded the students and also shared his insights and learnings.

Khushi Aggarwal, Mansha Agarwal and Sukoon Kaushal were the toppers of Class 12 of Science, Commerce and Humanities streams respectively. Tanay Jalan, Raghav Singhal, Bhavya Khanchandani and Syna Mehra were the Class 11 toppers in their respective streams. Students were also awarded for scoring highest marks in various subjects.

The PTA Awards for Academics and Sports for the Middle Wing was scheduled on 25th September 2024. Students of Classes 6 to 9 were felicitated for their achievements.

Dr Dinesh Prasad Saklani, Director, NCERT was the Chief Guest for the Middle Wing PTA Award function. Dr Datta motivated all students to relentlessly strive for excellence and always be optimistic towards achieving their goals.

WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL:

1. PTA Awards
2. Sportability- Inclusive Basketball Match
3. Sherwood Quest Quiz and Debate
4. Golden Jubilee Debate and Critical Thinking Conclave

SPORTABILITY- INCLUSIVE BASKETBALL MATCH

As part of the Sportability initiative at Modern School Barakhamba Road, an inclusive Basketball match was organised on Saturday, 28th September 2024. The match aimed to promote equality and inclusivity by bringing together athletes with varying physical abilities, allowing specially-abled athletes to showcase their talent.

The event was graced by the presence of Ms Meera Pradeep Singh, President, Board of Trustees, Modern Schools and the Principal Dr Vijay Datta, who has played a pivotal role in making the Sportability initiative successful. Sportability has become a vital platform for fostering inclusivity and encouraging specially-abled athletes to actively participate in sports.

In his opening address, Dr Vijay Datta emphasized the importance of sports in breaking barriers and praised the athletes for their dedication and perseverance.

The match ended on a high note with all participants receiving medals from Ms Meera Pradeep Singh, recognizing their efforts and sportsmanship. It brought about a renewed sense of unity and inspiration among the participants, emphasizing the power of inclusivity in fostering a supportive and dynamic community.



SHERWOOD QUEST- THE QUIZ COMPETITION

The Quizzing Team from Modern School, Barakhamba Road, demonstrated exceptional prowess at the prestigious Inter-School Llewelyn English Quiz Competition—Sherwood Quest—held at Sherwood College, Nainital, from September 6th to 8th, 2024. The team, comprising of Aryan Pratap Singh of Class 12 H and Mukund Beriwal of Class 12 E, emerged Runner-up in the competition.



The event featured 14 teams from some of India's most distinguished schools, including Bishop Cotton School (Shimla), The Indian School (Delhi), Sherwood College (Nainital), Modern School (Barakhamba Road, New Delhi), St. Jude's School (Dehradun), Rashtriya Indian Military College (Dehradun), Yadavindra Public School (Patiala), Wynberg Allen School (Mussoorie), Oak Grove School (Mussoorie), Birla Vidya Mandir (Nainital), Sainik School (Ghorakhal), and The Scindia School (Gwalior).

The 11 rounds included segments such as Current Affairs, Science & Us, The World of Sports, Aural Cues, Fastest Finger First, and Rapid-Fire Rounds, testing participants on their factual knowledge, analytical skills, and speed. keeping both participants and spectators on the edge of their seats.

Modern School remained a formidable contender throughout the competition. Their consistent performance across the rounds kept them in the race for the top spot until the very end, where they secured a well-deserved Second place.

Aryan Pratap Singh was honoured with the prestigious Principal's Award for Keen Quizzer in recognition of his excellent individual performance, further cementing Modern School's legacy as one of the best teams in the competition.

SHERWOOD QUEST – THE DEBATE COMPETITION

The Debate Team of Modern School Barakhamba delivered an outstanding performance at the prestigious Inter School Llewelyn English Debate Competition - **Sherwood Quest**, held at Sherwood College, Nainital, from 6th to 8th September 2024. The team, consisting of Ria Devika Bhasin (Class 12 I), Kavya Sharma (Class 12 J), Zara Javed (Class 11 I), and Divij Wahi (Class 11 G), demonstrated exceptional debating skills and emerged as one of the top competitors in this prestigious event.

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In the qualifying round, Ria Devika Bhasin impressed with her extempore speech, on the topic "Humility" given just two minutes before her speech. Rising to the challenge, she delivered an insightful and a compelling extempore presentation that impressed both the judges and the audience. Kavya Sharma, on the other hand, demonstrated her versatility in the turncoat format on the topic "Nepotism Exists" seamlessly switching between opposing views and showcasing her adeptness in handling conflicting arguments.

Their excellence in the preliminary rounds propelled the team into the quarter-finals, where they ranked among the top eight teams. The topic for this round was "Globalisation Kills Ethnicity"

Ria Devika Bhasin was named the Best Speaker in the Quarter-Final Round, further cementing her position as one of the competition's standout debaters. Continuing their streak of brilliance, the team qualified for the Semi-Finals as a part of the **Top 4** teams, where they debated the topic "Prevalent Regional Wars are Leading us Closer to a World War." The team tackled this complex topic with poise, presenting a nuanced understanding of global geopolitics and demonstrating exceptional teamwork and oratory skills. The Modern School Barakhamba Debate Team emerged as one of the finest competitors at the Sherwood Quest 2024, leaving a lasting impression on the judges and participants alike.

GOLDEN JUBILEE DEBATE & CRITICAL THINKING CONCLAVE

Students from Modern School Barakhamba Road participated in the Golden Jubilee Debates and Critical Thinking Conclave 2024, hosted by Maharana Mewar Public School, Udaipur, on 4th and 5th October 2024. The Modern School Delegation consisted of four students accompanied by Ms Minakshi Chandola. Over the course of the two-day conference, the students demonstrated exemplary skills and actively engaged in various rounds of debate and Shakespearean theatre.



Under the guidance of Ms Meghna Kapoor, the students performed exceptionally well, winning numerous awards including the Overall Best Delegation. They had the opportunity to delve into the rich history of Udaipur and participate with an esteemed panel, leading to meaningful experiences that greatly enhanced their learning.

<u>NAME AND CLASS</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>AWARD</u>
Sia Gupta Class 11 A, Ahana Sinha Class 11 H and Zara Javed Class 11 I	Plurilogs - Multi-Format Debate	Over-all Champions and Best National Team
Ahana Sinha Class 11 H, Nergis Malhotra Class 11 I	Bard's Banter - Shakespearean Duologue	National Second Runner-Up
Zara Javed Class 11 I	Block and Tackle Debate	Best Speaker