



SYNERGY

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synergy

a theory found often in speech but rarely in practice, arguing that adding one and one together equals three



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From The Editorial's Desk

It's a new academic year, bringing along with it new hopes and possibilities. So here we bring to you the 3rd volume of SYNERGY- the school's news and creative destination.

It is a matter of great pride for us to be a part of this journey, to be taking over this responsibility from our seniors who have done a splendid job-giving SYNERGY a reputation, one that is hard to uphold but as they say -in the taking of responsibility, you find yourself.

We dedicate this issue- brimming with creativity-to the school fraternity, whose inputs have made this a delightful experience for us.



An Excursion To Jaipur

A trip to The Pink City was planned for the students of class XII on April 16 and 17 , 2016. 129 students accompanied by 13 teachers reached Jaipur by deluxe AC coaches on the sweltering afternoon. After a visit to the magnificent Amber Fort they headed to the hotel where they received a truly praiseworthy reception. They had a hearty lunch after which they left for Choki Dhani. They enjoyed the ceremonial welcome at the ethnic village. The next morning there was a visit to the City Palace and the trip was rounded up with a short shopping break . The trip was extremely well planned with luxurious hotel accommodation, delectable meals and comfortable travel.

From The Principal's Pen

Life is an incessant journey and our endeavour is to forge ahead with confidence and vigour , refining our previous efforts and in the process inducting newer initiatives. That is how we commenced this session and I am proud to say that we couldn't have had a better start . School is a very significant part of one's life, and in this competitive world, it is extremely important that a student gets the right exposure from the very beginning. This has always been our vision and so this year, apart from academically oriented initiatives such as the Mock Olympiads and Logical Reasoning Tests, we are conducting Self-Defence Training and Financial Literacy workshops among an array of other events, which will aid in the holistic growth of the students, so that when they graduate, they are self assured and ready to foray into the world with greater enthusiasm and ebullience. I wish the very best to all the students. I hope they have a gratifying year ahead and my greetings to the parents who are our big support system.

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Shakespeare's Globe At BVN



THE PERFORMER'S INITIATIVE

THE DRAMA WORKSHOP

Shakespeare has been a marvel, not one has failed to admire and idolize. Through the workshop conducted in our school, we not only saw his plays in a new light but also learnt how respected and well portrayed they are abroad. Imbroglia Productions, under the Performer's Initiative took on the venture of imbuing in many young minds the eminence of William Shakespeare. Mr. Taslimn Emiabata whom we dearly called Taz, from the organization, embarked on the journey of teaching us to enact and illustrate various plays such as Julius Caesar, Romeo Juliet etc. Students from class VI - XI had the opportunity of attending this prestigious workshop and learning how to express themselves more prominently on stage. We not only succeeded in doing so but in the process also picked up numerous important tricks and tips, which proved useful while performing. Each morning commenced with a few ice breaking exercises, which were amusing, but just as effective in giving us a boost of energy right in the beginning. Mr. Taz's warm and genial disposition helped us bring out and express our true selves, and not for a moment did we feel shy or awkward. Personally, the best part of this journey was the bonhomie amongst the participants as well as Mr. Taz. Overall, it was an indelible and memorable experience.

PRIYAL JAIN XB



Archetypes: The Monarch



"Bravo"



"Act Like You Live For It"



Improvisation At Its Best

All's Well That Ends Well: The Conference Day

THE PERFORMER'S INITIATIVE

The Performer's Initiative was a platform for dialogue and learning between leading cultural, creative and educational organizations. It was a unique program that aimed to create 'cultural ambassadors' able to achieve higher levels of artistic quality. The Program included a series of workshops and was followed by an 'International Performing Arts Forum' that educated the students about the prospects of performing arts.

"We are proud to launch 'The Performer's Initiative'. Through this initiative we hope to provide a complete package filled with workshops, seminars and practical experiences to students, much needed in their busy academic filled schedules!"

– Divyesh Bhandari (Director, Imbroglia Productions)



"Taz was a gentleman. He was friendly, energetic and active. If it wasn't for him, I doubt that we'd have enjoyed the workshop, half as much."

A few words by the teachers : Interview With Sumana Ma'am & Kuhu Ma'am

Q. WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO HAVE WORKED WITH DIVYESH AND IMBROGLIO PRODUCTION AGAIN, AFTER THE HUGELY SUCCESSFUL PEACE PROJECT?

A. Well it was wonderful. Divyesh is one of those people who, despite achieving so much in life still manage to stay down to earth. He in fact, was the connecting link between the school and the Globe Theatre, and he invited them to conduct a workshop in our school. We were so attracted by this new concept that...well it just happened.

Q. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH US FROM YOUR EXPERIENCE AT THE TEACHER'S WORKSHOP?

A. We can only say that after that one day workshop, all the teachers were left thirsting for more.

Q. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF THE CONFERENCE DAY?

Well, we were absolutely enthralled by the spectrum of performances. With the changing scenario and more importantly, with the changing mind-sets, people have started to explore the possibilities of a full time career in performing arts. Dance for instance is quite a lucrative proposition today. One of the performers, Neha Sharma was a BVNite and today she has made such a huge name for herself through dance. All said and done, it was a fine week that we had, and the conference, it was the icing on the cake!



Self Defence Workshop



Delhiites don't find stalking uncommon as it was a few years ago. Times have changed and so should we. It is extremely important for one to know how to act if we ever get caught in an unforeseen mishap. This was duly recognized by our school and a 5 day self defence programme was organized for both boys and girls of classes IX and X, wherein, experts from the field of martial arts were invited to inform and train the students in the various self defence techniques.

The first day began with a talk on mental preparedness. Day after day, instructors would teach us various kinds of punches, strikes, kicks, blocks and throws. A weapons class taught us how to tackle enemies with knives, and guns; first securing ourselves and then attacking. The recapitulation on the last day summarized what we had learnt, thus arranging all defensive and offensive techniques on our fingertips. The 5 days taught us how to put to use our natural weapons that are our hands, legs, fingers, elbows knees and head, for our safety. We now have better options than yelling for help to come to our aid, for the natural weapons have been loaded!

-ADITI SEJAL X-A

Spiritual Journey For The Parents



"Brahmakumari Sister Shivani's address on value based parenting ,held in school on April 14, 2016 ,was truly enlightening. We had seen many short clippings of her talks before, but to sit there and listen to her speaking live was a completely different experience. She used practical examples from day-to-day life to put across her points, which made everything she said very relatable. Looking forward to many more such events. "

-Gayatri and Pankaj Pahuja (Parents who attended)



The Investiture Ceremony

The investiture ceremony, one of the most prestigious days on the school calendar, when the baton of upholding the name of the school is passed on from the Students' Council to their successors. After rigorous brainstorming, the teachers finally narrow down on a few students who they think are capable enough to take up the indispensable responsibility of representing the school and its students. This year, the investiture ceremony was held on the April 9. As the proud parents of the newly chosen students council came in, euphoria and excitement became evident on every student's face who had indeed succeeded in making his parents proud. The Secretary and the President accepted their responsibilities by taking the school flag from the outgoing Secretary. The Cultural Secretaries accepted the lamp with utmost pride while it symbolically marked the passing down of the responsibilities from the old council to the new one. This was followed by the pinning up of the badges on every council member's uniform, as the parents proudly watched their children. The moment was so gratifying that tears trickled down from some proud mothers' eyes. The smile on the new council's face made the whole atmosphere cheerful and happy. They all took the oath that made them realize that they actually had a lot to hold up.

-AAYUSH ANAND (PREFECT-ANNAPURNA)

With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility

It is a matter of great pride for me to be the Head of the Student Council. My aim is to uphold the dignity of my school under all circumstances and on all occasions. I believe that every man lives by a code and for me, that code is hard work and humility. I ensure that all the council members work as a team to maintain the discipline of the school. I actively participate in managing and organizing the school events and try to maximize the output by judicious allocation of available resources. I try to be an epitome of ethical demeanour and exemplary behaviour and instill the same among my fellow students. Through my vision and talent I promise to uphold the values and integrity of the school to the best of my abilities.

~ RISHAB VIG (HEAD BOY)



LET'S HOPE THAT THIS YEAR'S COUNCIL IS ABLE TO RAISE THE BAR TO AN EVEN HIGHER STANDARD!



Beat The Heat

The students' experiences during the summer vacations

Vacations is a time to look forward to. My family and I went to France, Belgium and Netherlands (Amsterdam) on our trip to Europe. We visited Nice first. We took a day trip to Monaco and Cannes and explored the city! **Nice** is a quiet and peaceful city with an old world opulence.

Monaco, boasts of a lot of expensive cars and yachts. Many of them were owned by famous people. There are many Casinos there and the Formula 1 was held in May. **Cannes** was a laid back place. It has a really big beach and a lot of small cafes and restaurants. We also went island hopping. After visiting Nice, we visited **Paris**. We spent 6 days in Paris doing many things. Le Louvre and Palace of Versailles took up a lot of our time. I particularly enjoyed conversing in French there! Then it was time for us to bid farewell to Paris and go to **Brugges** in **Belgium**. Our trip to Brugges was relaxing after the hectic time in France. We went on a canal cruise, did a lot of shopping and went to churches. After a short two day break in Brugges, we went to the busy city of **Amsterdam** in **Netherlands**. Over there we went to a place called Zaanse Schans, for a day trip. It was fun and educational. It is known for it's windmills and cute Dutch shops. The weather in Amsterdam changed every hour and was mostly pleasant. It was an amazing holiday with lots of amazing historical buildings, good food to eat and people to meet!

~ Anushka Sharma VIII D



Palace of Versailles , Paris



Place du Châtelet , Paris

SHUTTER-BUGS



A PERFECT SUMMER-sandy toes sunburned nose , the summer is a blast ,the memories will always last!!

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