



April - May 2019

Dear Parents,

Greetings!

Each new session offers the opportunity for a fresh start and a hope to turn things around. We are glad that it has been a great beginning this year.

Our students of grade X and XII have proved their scholastic mettle once again with outstanding CBSE board results. Not only did the board result touch greater heights of success, this year the number of claimants for scholar's badge and goal achiever certificates increased as compared to the last session. Many of our students from the batch of 2019 have already secured a seat in the best of colleges in the country. Along with the good academic results, students are actively getting involved in various creative and development programs. In think lab along with the advanced batch training, we have started a fresh batch of beginners at both junior and senior level. After the successful launch of Balloon Satellite, our space enthusiasts are gearing up to launch CubeSat in collaboration with ISRO.

All the effort going into the development of thinking skills of students have led to an exceptional performance of students in Interschool competitions.

While our senior and middle school students are busy exploring their interests and caliber in various fields, our kindergarten and primary school children, are enjoying the story sessions by experts. The students of our primary wing are settling down well in the newly implemented XSEED curriculum.

This is just the beginning and we are happy that dots are getting connected. The experiences of one age group are leading to more power and knowledge in the next one. One of our main goals is to help students become independent workers and thinkers and we will do all that we can to help your child achieve these goals. Our teachers are committed to making a difference. We are thankful to the parents for their continuous support both to children and to the school.

We wish you and your family lot of happiness and togetherness. Please encourage your child to read books, and watch good films. Our efforts to provide our students with meaningful educational experiences will continue throughout the session.

Happy Vacations!

Positions held at the District Level

Grade-XII



Kamalnoor Kaur
Grade-XII
96.6% (Medical)
Physical Education - 99
Chemistry - 98, Biology - 96



Simrandeep Kaur
Grade-XII
95.6% (Commerce)
Business Studies - 97
Accountancy - 95

District Toppers

Grade-X



Navya Sachdev
Grade-X (98.2%)
Maths-100, Social Science - 100
English - 98, Science- 98



Mehakdeep Kaur
Grade-X (98.2%)
Maths-100, Painting-100
Punjabi - 98

3rd in Mohali region

Result Highlights-Grade XII

- 2 District toppers from the School
- 100% Result
- 25% of our students have scored more than 90% marks
- 53% students scored more than 80%
- 70% students have achieved distinction

Result Highlights- Grade X

- 8 students have scored 95% and above
- 25 out of 73 students (34%) have scored above 90%
- 46 out of 73 students (63%) have scored above 80%
- 62 out of 73 students (85%) have got distinction
- 100% students above 60%
- School Average 84%

Subject Toppers Grade XII



Devanshu (93.6%)
Physics - 95,
Maths - 95



Paras Gupta (91.6%)
Physics - 95,
Maths - 95



Ramanpreet (93.8%)
Painting - 100
History - 99



Jasleen Kaur (90.2%)
Painting - 100



Sahil (91.8%)
English - 98



Saksham (91%)
Physics - 95

Qualified for JEE Advance

Toppers Grade X



Jashnoor Kaur
96.2%



Jasmine Saini
96.2%



Subham Kundu
95.8%



Harnoor Bindra
94.8%



Swati Bhatt
94.8%



Jasmeet Kaur
94.6%



Navpreet Singh
94%



Ritish Goyal
94%



Simran Saini
93.8%



Harmanjeet Singh
Sahota - 92.8%



Akshit Singh
92.6%



Abhishek Nagpal
92.2%



Akshita Sharma
92.2%



Chehaq Wadhwa
92.2%



Suraj Gupta
92%



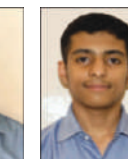
Abha Singla
91.6%



Jaicika
91%



Ketan
90.8%



Chaitanya Kherra
90.8%



Lakshya Gupta
90.6%



Jaskaran Singh
90.6%



Aryan Singh
Dhiman 90.2%



Neha
90%

First week of the school



A journey through the first two months of the session 2019-20

Welcome Party



To add to the happiness and excitement of our kindergartners, a welcome party was organised for them on 15th April 2019. The party was aimed at bringing them together and celebrating the excitement and freshness linked to the new academic session.

Baisakhi celebration



Good Health Week



To promote the importance of healthy lifestyle, various activities were carried out at different levels during the 'Good Health Week' which was celebrated from 8th April to 13th April 2019. Children were encouraged to lead a healthy lifestyle through various activities and sessions including Zumba, Cross fit training, Yoga, hygiene linked talks for little ones etc. The week concluded with the Marathon- 'Run for Health'.

Clean Up Your Room Day



May 10 : Kindergarteners and students of primary wing spent time cleaning their classrooms to make it look clean and fresh for summer. The activity was carried out to help them appreciate pleasant surroundings and take ownership for the same.

Ideathon



With growing population and increasing hazards to our environment, proper waste management has become the need of the hour. It is important that our students start thinking of some innovative solutions to the environmental issues which are increasing on alarming rates.

To instill in them the creative and problem solving skills, we organized IDEATHON COMPETITION on 27th April 2019. The theme of the competition was 'Save Environment'. We are proud that students came up with innovative ideas to utilize waste effectively and deliver the message around the theme.

Ideathon Results - Individual Level

CLASS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	CLASS	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
I A	Pratyaksha	Krishna Pai	Akira Jain	V A	Nikunj Gupta	Devyani Sharma	Vrinda Bhardwaj
I B	Biren Sikka	Aarnav Pahwa	Shiva Singh	V B	Tanshika Verma	Arv Saini	Satkrit
II A	Titiksha Chamoli	Smarth Bansal	Rudra Sharma	VI A	Zoya, Shreya Khurana	Falguni , Ipshita	Akshita Yadav , Anshika Attri
II B	Navya Aggarwal	Avjot Singh	Manina	VI B	Adya Verma	Bhavini Arora	Adish Mittal
III A	Saksham Garg	Gulneet Kaur Kohli	Anirudh Trivedi	VII A	Vrinda Verma	Kinshuk Saini	Akshi Singh
III B	Jahnvi Wadhwa	Mayank Dhiman	Atashi Singh	VII B	Tisha Gupta	Aarzo Bhatti	Muskaan
IV A	Anaanya Narang	Shreya Panda	Ansh Kaushik	VIII A	Tamanna Dhiman	Khushi Saini	Rabab Kaur
IV B	Tanav Bansal	Anwesha Aggarwal	Aprum Bhullar	VIII B	Ojesvi	Shine Garg	Shreya Srivastava
			Viraj			Snidha Gauri	Varshika
			Pawani Tripathi			Tanishq Gupta	Kumar Jitin

Story telling



The birthday of one of the greatest Indian authors Ruskin Bond which falls on 19th May, was celebrated in a special way. To honour the legendary writer, a storytelling session 'Bonding' was organized for our students of KG and Grade I. Storyteller and language expert Shiraz Saini conducted a fun-filled session for our little ones. Many of the mothers participated actively in the session.

Creative Art Competition (18th May 2019)

	First	Second	Third
Pre Nursery	Ritika	Ranbaaz	Kavin
Nursery-A	Parnika	Lakshay	Reet
Nursery-B	Kulraj	Aganya, Adrika	Myra
Nursery-C	Paavni	Tashvi	Yashvi
KG-A	Ridhima	Saanvi Sharma	Shivansh, Aradhya
KG-B	Vedansh	Hemank Kapoor	Amaya

A journey through the first two months of the session 2019-20

Think lab



To help students engage with multiple ideas, broaden horizons, and try creative endeavors, the beginners batch of Think Lab has been initiated for students of grade VI to XII. Meanwhile, students of advanced batch after clearing their first level are getting ready to design cube satellite and projects related to artificial intelligence, Internet of things, wearable devices, virtual and augmented reality.

Book Day



On 23rd April i.e. on World Book Day, children of all ages came together to appreciate books and explore the pleasures of reading. The day started with a special assembly which was followed by various story sessions, enactments and circle time discussions around our favourite books.

Labour day

On behalf of the entire Dikshant family, students of grade IX A thanked the helpers of the school. As a token of appreciation they presented a cultural program, gave hand made cards and gifts in the special assembly. As a gesture of love they also prepared a special breakfast for all the helpers of the school.



Campus Visits



Ashoka University:Leading Liberal Arts and Science University, Sonapat - 26th April 2019



Students of grade IX to XII went for an educational trip to CBRI(Central Building Research Institute) and IIT Roorkee on 30th April 2019. They got an opportunity to interact with the scientists and professors at the centres, who introduced them to various

innovative techniques of building materials, health monitoring and rehabilitation of the structures, disaster mitigation, fire safety, energy efficient rural and urban housing, techniques to measure earthquakes, build earthquake resistant buildings and much more.

Earth Day



On Earth Day, various activities were carried out to remind everyone that the Earth and its ecosystems provide us with life and sustenance. Assembly was carried out on the theme 'Save Species' to spread the message of care for the well-being of our planet and all the life it supports

Children exchanged their old notebooks with the recycled stationery in an awareness program organised in collaboration with Anadee.

Guru Rabindranath Jayanti



Guru Rabindranath Jayanti was celebrated with great fervour on 9th May. Children paid tribute to the great scholar and novelist by presenting adaptation from his stories and music.



World Press Freedom Day

Students of Grade IX presented a skit on the world press freedom day highlighting the challenges faced by media thus defending the media from attacks on their independence.



World Red Cross Day

On World Red Cross Day i.e. 8th May, students of Grade XII presented a special assembly drawing attention towards the relevance of the day, thus, spreading a message to reach people in need and to alleviate their suffering.

Career Counselling

A session informing about the prerequisites and preparation techniques for pursuing higher studies in Canada was carried out for our students of secondary and senior secondary section.
Date: 13th May 2019



Prof Amit Goyal from NITTR Chandigarh conducted an extremely informative session on 30th Apr to acquaint students with the background information related to Earthquake engineering. In a highly interactive session he talked about the latest technology being used in our country, the latest areas of research and career prospects for students.



Student Development Programs



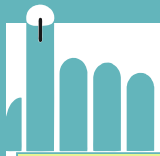
Training session to prepare students for participation in 'Model United Nation' by Mr. Salik, Director IIMUN, Mumbai

Development program for teachers



Parent's Orientation





Why Vote?

Report based on the survey data collected from over 60 students of Grade VIII-XII

It is important to choose our representative who would work for the welfare of the nation	Each vote makes a difference	It is our right and responsibility	Allows us to take part in the Decision Making process	Pressure of voters make the leaders work
48%	16%	16%	9%	3%

In my point of view, a person has no right to complain about his/her country/territory if he doesn't vote because if someone doesn't care about decision making, he/she doesn't deserve to be cared by the decision making bodies either. **Camilla, Grade-X**

It is not an option but a necessity. **Charu, Grade-X**

A responsible citizen always realizes that each vote makes a difference. Moreover, the democratic form of election puts a lot of pressure on the leaders to work and fulfill their responsibilities.

Anshuman Behl, Grade-X

It allows us to be a part of the decision making process. Every vote we cast is a step towards a developed country. **Khushi Jain, Grade-X**

Voting is important but more important is voting the right person to make sure that he/she works for the citizens judiciously. **Prapti, Grade-XII**

It is our responsibility to take care of our nation and entrust it in safe hands. **Anushka, Grade-XII**

To voice our opinion and speak up to help our nation progress. **Janvi, Grade-VIII**

One's ignorance can lead to the selection of the wrong candidate. One vote can change the future of the nation. **Cheshta, Grade-VIII**

Voting is not just a right, it is extremely important to be a part of the decision making process. **Mehakdeep Kaur, Grade-XI**

It is important to vote because the country belongs to each and every individual living in it. **Gursheen, Grade-IX**

If we don't want our country to be ruled by someone who is not capable, we must vote. Only we can decide who can be our representative. **Ananya, Grade-IX**

It is very important for the unwilling voters to vote for NOTA. **Siddhant, Grade-X**

VOICE of the youth

Why is the voting percentage going down in most of the states?

Voting percentage won't rise unless people realize the power of their vote. **Charu, Grade-X**

People have started taking democracy for granted and neglect their responsibilities as citizens. **Khushi Jain, Grade-X**

People don't believe in voting anymore as they think that no government is efficient to work for the people. The mentality of the politicians needs to change. Our country is not their personal business firm! **Sukhman, Grade-XII**

People don't consider voting as a priority anymore, they feel that their lives will remain unaffected irrespective of who rules. **Harman Kaur, Grade-XI**

People don't consider it important to vote. They don't care if they don't have voter ID or voter slips. The names do not get listed properly. **Simrandeep, Grade-IX**

Because of media's nuisance. **Ashmita Kashyap, Grade-IX**

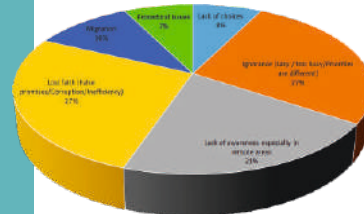
Losing trust as most of the elected members do not perform their duty well. **Kashish, Grade-IX**

Youth are so busy in earning and spending that they do not value the country's past, present and future. **Siddhant, Grade-X**

People are busy in their work and consider voting as a waste of time. They like to enjoy the voting day as a holiday. Awareness must be spread so that more and more people vote.

Ananya Aggarwal, Grade-X

Survey Results



- Lack of choice
- Ignorance (Lazy/ Too busy/ Priorities are different)
- Lack of awareness especially in remote areas
- Migration
- Procedural issues
- Lost Faith (False Promises/ Corruption/ Inefficiency)

When...

When we are in class, we are students,
 When they are in class, they are teachers.
 When we overwrite, it is overwriting,
 When they overwrite, it is correction.
 When they gather to discuss, it's a meeting,
 When we gather to discuss, it's gossip
 When we stand outside our class, we are punished,
 When they stand outside the principal's office, they are waiting.
 When we do something wrong, we are idiots,
 When they do something wrong, they are humans.
 When we joke in the class, we are jokers,
 When they joke in the class, they have a sense of humor.

By:- **Bhavika Sisodia - VIII-A**



Artwork by :
Tanishka Goyal, Grade V-A

Letter to their favourite story characters by students of Grade-IV

Hi Belle!

I am Ananya. I love you so much. Like you, I also love to read books and of course your book is my favourite. I wonder how are we so similar, I also enjoy teaching children who are in Nursery and KG.

You are very pretty and I love your style. I wish you were there with me in real life. We could talk, read story books and go for horse riding together. I wish I could be a person like you.

I Love You!!

Ananya

Hello my dear Sumi,

How are you? First of all, many congratulations for winning the contest and getting the trolley of your favourite food.

You are really a very lucky and intelligent girl. You encourage other kids to try new stuff. You are right, just because we have never done something before doesn't mean we won't be good at it. You worked hard and won the contest using your intelligence. Well done!

Your story also tells that parents can also go wrong. I mean at times they can consider their kid's point of view.

Hope you enjoy your mother's cooking now and Pammi aunty also becomes considerate for your choice of food. I am sure now you truly feel like being a lucky girl.

I wish to see you soon!

Your friend,

Nilakshi

Mr. Harry James Potter
Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry
Scotland

Dear Harry,

Hi, I am Ishita and I am 9 years old. I live in a beautiful land- India. I am a huge fan of yours. I have become a Potterhead ever since I read your first book- The Philosopher's Stone.

I truly wish that I could join Hogwarts one day and become your friend. You are such a great wizard and we could use our magical powers to help people. I feel very sad to see the people of this beautiful world suffering. I wish that the Earth becomes a better place for everyone to live. I request you to solve the issues related to climate change, poverty, inequality and wars using your magical powers.

I wish you well in all your endeavours.

From the biggest Potterhead,
Ishita

Summer Break Challenge

During this summer

Read lot of books, watch movies, travel and participate in the

Reviewing Writing Summer Challenge

Who all can participate?
Students of Grade I – XII



All you have to do is

- Read and review your favourite books
- Watch and review your favourite movies

Review forms can be downloaded from the school app. You have a chance to win an exclusive summer challenge badge and a certificate on the basis of the review and interview

Awards: Two best reviews in each age group

Grade I-III, IV-VI, VII-VIII, IX-XII

Better version of yourself!

Eligible Students: All Age Groups
Over the summer, respond to any of the challenges listed below. Record your responses to the challenge in whatever way you feel most appropriate. You might create a diary of evidence or annotate some photographs to explain how you have responded to each challenge. You could also choose to provide information regarding what happened next, how you felt or anything else that you feel is important.
Award: The best responses will be acknowledged with a special letter of commendation and summer challenge winner badge. Those students who really engage with these assignments though will also benefit in a much more significant way: they will have made the first step to becoming a better person.
What you choose to do in response to the challenges listed is up to you, but the quality of evidence that you submit will demonstrate the approach you have toward your work.

Challenge 1

Do something to improve your health and well-being

Spend some time over the summer break ensuring that you keep fit and healthy. Try out a new sport; joining a club for a sport that you already enjoy; set yourself a challenge to swim, or run, or cycle, or walk further than you ever have before; Try a healthier diet. Whatever you decide to, try to remember how important a healthy lifestyle is and how it can help you become happier and healthier.

Challenge 2

Do something creative

Come up with idea to solve a problem which bothers a community; Create a piece of artwork yourself: Draw; Paint a canvas; Click nice photographs and create an album; Write a poem; Write a play. We will be happy to include your creation in the next edition of the newsletter.
The more you can engage with a variety of art forms, the more interesting the world becomes.

Challenge 3

Do something that will benefit your family or friends

Bake a cake for someone; do someone else's chores; write a thank you letter; organise something nice for others to enjoy; cook a meal; Organize your room, plant flowers; grow trees; visit an elderly relative; spend time making someone something special; do something that goes beyond what others expect of you.

Challenge 4: Do something that will benefit your community

Innovate something to solve a problem; Grow trees; Organise a litter pick along with your friends; help someone in need; bake for a neighbour; sort out what you no longer need and donate it to someone who might need it more; volunteer; help someone less fortunate than yourself; clear up someone else's mess. Do something nice for someone you don't know.

ACHIEVERS in Interschool Competitions

All our students who participated in the regional round of the World Scholar's Cup have qualified for the Global Round. The competitions in Scholar's cup are based on debating, writing and quizzing skills. Four of our students and one of the teams have qualified as champion scholars and made us all proud. One of the team members has also been awarded 'High Commendation' in Mohali chapter of MUN. Our school team also won a runners-up award in a quiz on Nationalism. In sports our U-14 team won the Interschool Football championship while U-17 team secured the runner-up spot. Our little champion from grade I has qualified for the TV round for her extraordinary dancing skills.



The World Scholar's Cup

Medals won at the regional round of the world scholar

Name	Gold	Silver	Name	Gold	Silver
Camilla Sidana	8	4	Pushp Mohindroo	1	1
Siddhant Kapoor	6	1	Pranchal	1	1
Janvi Sharma	4	2	Niharika Bhatia	1	1
Anushka Shukla	4	1	Radhika Shaida	1	1
Arpit Narang	3	5	Khushi Jain	1	2
Keshav Bhardwaj	2		Setu Upadhyay	1	4
Kunal Wadhwa	2	3	Harshal Bansal	1	1
Pratham Gupta	2		Hitanshi Malik	1	1
Ansh Bansal	1	1	Perika Narula	2	



Team comprising of **Setu, Camilla and Arpit Narang** qualified as a champion scholar team for the global round

Camilla Sidana Top Scholar in senior team
Janvi Sharma Top Scholar in junior team
High commendation India's International movement to UN-Mohali Chapter



Anvi & Aryan of Grade-X secured second position in the Inter School Quiz Competition on Nationalism in India held at St. Soldier School, Mohali



Winners Category U-17



First Purshotam Dass Sharma Memorial Interschool Football Tournament held at Indus Valley Football Academy

Runners Up Category U-17



Srishty Sharma-Grade-VI, First position in Scholar Recognition Program

Academic GOAL Achievers

for the session 2018-19

Grade-IV

Bhavish Gupta
Harsh Malik
Jiya
Lavanya Kaushik

Manan Vijay
Nitish Goyal
Pranjal Sharma
Sharnya Sharma
Tanmay Jain

Grade-V

Akshita Yadav
Chehak
Hardit Singh Saini
Harmandeep Singh

Mannat Aggarwal
Pragaya Thakur
Trishi Jain
Yashika Sharma

Grade-VI

Armanpreet Singh
Jai Sharma
Shubhnoor Kaur Hira
Krishaang Prabhakar

Namah Mehta
Riya Srivastava
Vrinda Verma
Harshita

Grade-VII

Ananya Sharma
Ansh Bansal
Arnav Gupta
Bhavika Sisodia
Cheshta Rajput
Daman Rana

Jagmeet Singh
Janvi Sharma
Keshav Bhardwaj
Khushi
Manvi Longia
Muskan Dharwal
Nishtha Tandon

Grade-VIII

Krish Bagga
Aditi Sikarwar
Lipika Goyal
Raghav Sarna
Deepanshu Nara
Jasmine Kaur Saini
Vanshika Saini
Yuvi Aggarwal
Shreyansh Jain
Radhika Shaida
Pranav Tokhi
Harshal Bansal
Mishka Jindal
Pritam Das

Parminder Partap
Rhythm Bisht
Sathwik Dharanikota
Shruti Sharma
Sukhman Singh
Tanmay Jain
Vrishti Joshi