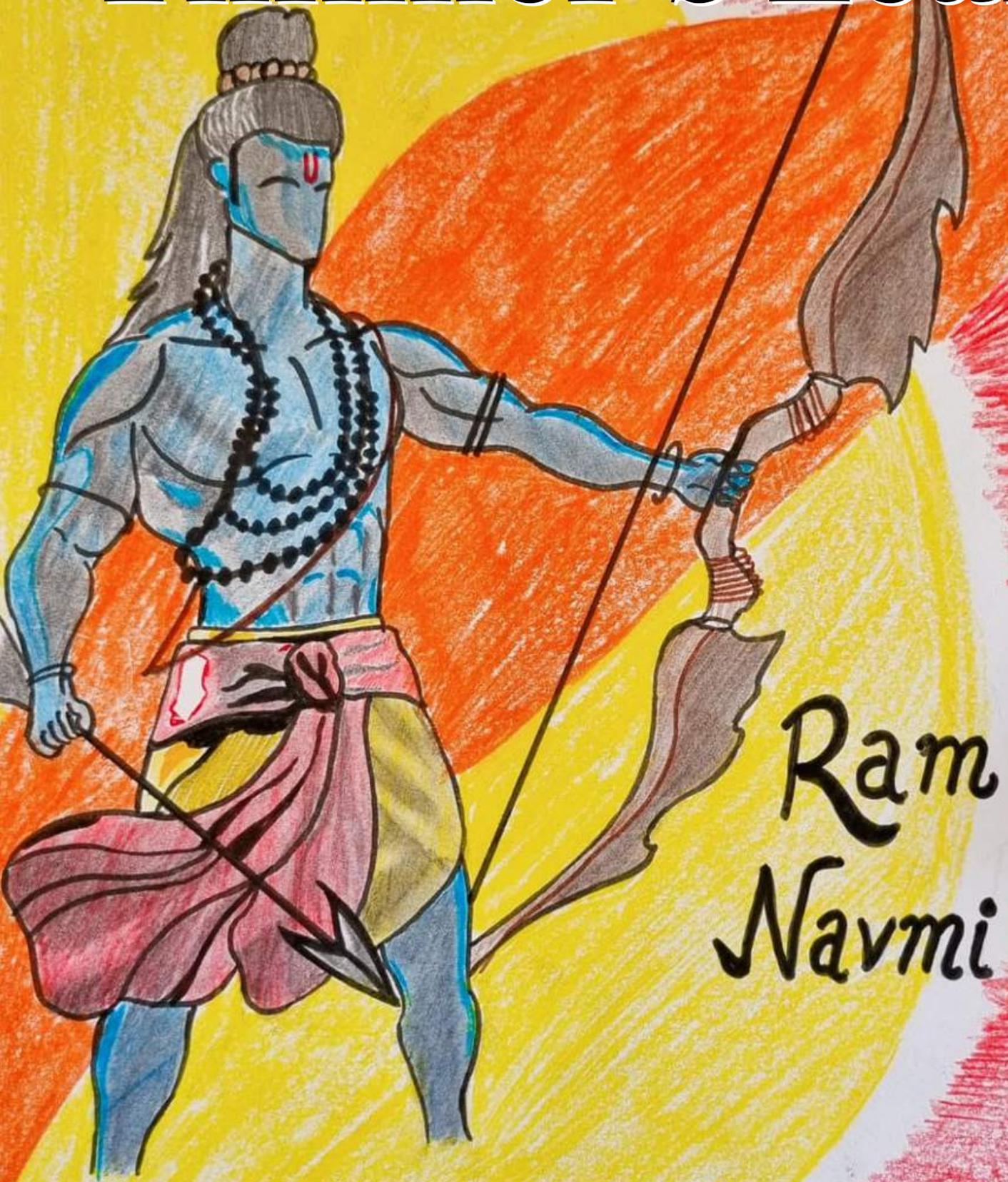


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It gives me great pleasure to bring the 22nd edition of Thinker's Leaf for all our esteemed readers. We strive to make every edition refreshingly different from the previous one and explore the different facets of life of a student. Just like always Thinkers leaf is a beautiful bouquet of the combined efforts of all the wonderful teachers and students. I am thankful to the management for giving me an opportunity to be the chief editor of this edition and giving me a chance to explore my skills.



In this volume we would get an opportunity to read a book review of 'The Wind in the Willows'. Some delightful articles have been incorporated on a variety of topics like Baishaki, Earth Day, Ram Navami, World Health Day, World Autism Day, Easter Day and Farewell to our beloved class 12th students. These articles have been beautifully illustrated by our students. I hope that you really enjoy reading this edition of our school magazine. We welcome suggestions for further enhancements to make this magazine even better.

Poonam Dhaundiya
Chief Editor

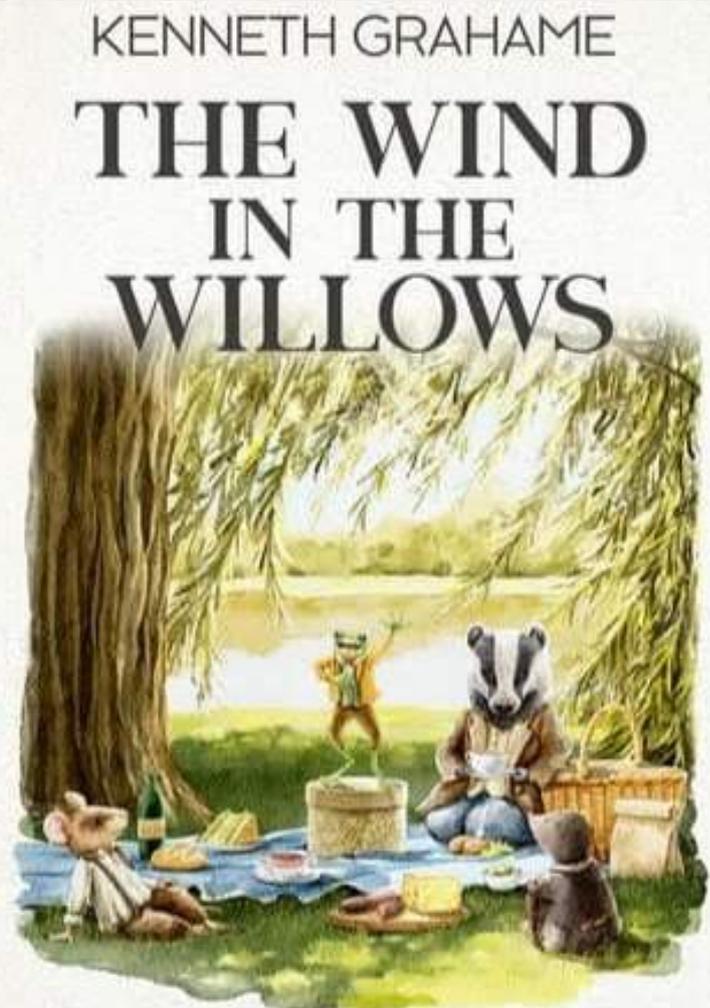
Book Review

" THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS "

- **Kenneth Grahame**

The Wind In The Willows is a story book which is about river life and friendship. In this novel the story begins with Mole a peace loving animal who was doing some spring-cleaning. Then he soon met another of the animal, who lives by the river and that is a Ratty, who enjoys messing in boats. Ratty and Mole had a long time spending on the river. After that they decide to visit one of Ratty's friend who was a Toad. Toad was having an obsession of a horse and cart, so it decides to go for a ride with Ratty and Mole but on the road they were about to fall as a speeding car overtakes their cart, and unfortunately it breaks the little cart, after loosing his favourite toy now his new obsession was to have a new car and

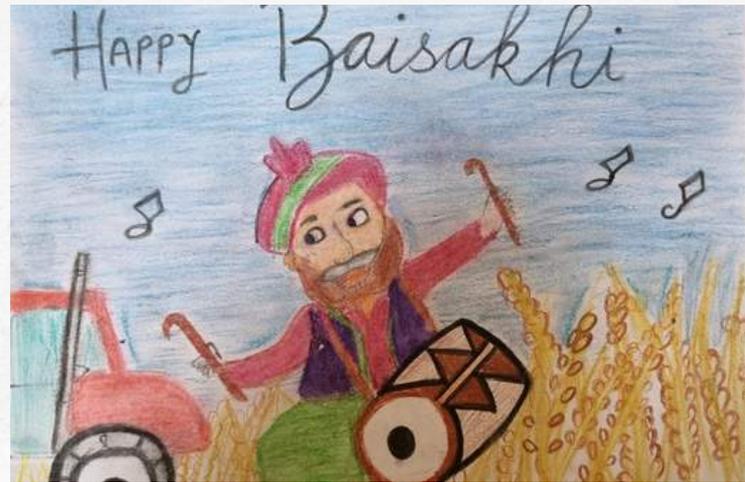
because of this obsession he soon gets into trouble. This novel is loved for its characters. "Wind in the willows" by Kenneth Grahame, is a novel which is one of the greatest children's books of all time. To know more about the story please visit school library.



- **Sonam Rohela**
Faculty

BAISAKHI

Baisakhi is a festival that is celebrated as the Sikh New Year. It is celebrated on the 13th or 14th April every year to mark the harvest of the Rabi crops. This festival marks the formation of Khalsa Panth by the 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh, in 1699 and marks the Solar New Year. This festival is celebrated all over India, but the name changes from state to state, such as 'Onam 'in Kerala. People decorate their houses and gurdwaras with flowers and lights.



Aarav Khanduri, VI B

Baisakhi is celebrated with great joy and happiness. On this day, people visit gurdwaras and offer prayers. They read the holy book 'Guru Granth Sahib'. Community fairs are organized where people and children enjoy various Punjabi cuisines , rides and other sweets. Some unique dishes are prepared on Baisakhi , such as Kadhi, Kesar Phirni, Kada Prasad, Punjabi Lassi, Sweet Rice etc. People wear bright colour clothes and enjoy Bhangra and Gidda on the pump of Punjabi Dhols . Baisakhi is also celebrated in other countries like Canada and London, where Punjabi population live. This festival marks unity and brotherhood among the Sikh community.

- Anshika Negi, VII A

Easter Day

Easter means the celebration of 'HOPE' . Easter also called Pascha is celebrated where the Christians worldwide celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ the Son of God, the Saviour of the world (i.e, rising of Jesus Christ from his death) three days after his crucifixion the day known as Good Friday in which Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross on behalf of the sins of all mankind. Easter also signifies the defeat of death and the Hope of salvation . His resurrection means the eternal life that is granted to all who believes in Him. The resurrection of Jesus Christ as describe in the new testament of the Bible is essentially the foundation upon which the Christian religions are built. Hence, Easter is a very significant date on the Christian calendar. Many people - mostly children participate in Easter egg " hunts" in which decorated eggs are hidden. Egg decorating may have become part of the Easter celebration in a nod to the religious significance of Easter i.e., Jesus resurrection or rebirth.



Jennifer Paffett
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Save Earth/Save soil

Earth is the most precious thing in the universe, it is the only planet which has the conditions favourable to supporting life. It is definitely a priceless gift from God. Earth is also known as Mother Earth because it is the only planet where life can exist, as life exist means the home place where you are born, where you grow, where you eat and play. Earth is the only one Mother of all living organisms who give you everything. The most vital thing that earth provides for survival is oxygen. The oxygen we breathe come from trees, and the carbon dioxide we exhale is absorbed by them. There are many rivers that provide us water on the earth. Many natural resources are situated on the earth. Due to misdeeds of human beings, natural resources found on earth are becoming worse day after day. Humans impact the physical environment in many ways like overpopulation, pollution, burning fossil fuels, and deforestation. Excessive burning of fossil fuels such as petroleum and coal can cause greenhouse gases to escape into the air. Apart from this, the cutting of trees can cause global warming. Similarly, chemical waste dumping in the world water bodies, polluting them. Plastic has led to land and water contamination. Biological and electronic wastes contribute to water and land contamination as well. Another big issue is deforestation. It involves the permanent end of forest cover to make that land available for residential, commercial or industrial purposes. By reusing, reducing and recycling waste, we can help in conserving the environment and in maintaining natural resources.



Sachi Sharma, VI A



Virat Maurya, VI B

5 simple things we can do to save the earth :-

Conserve water: Don't let your water consumption run out of control. Save 6 litres of water a minute by turning off your tap while you brush your teeth. Fix leaking taps too and stop what could be 60 litres of water going straight down the drain every week.

Walk, Bike or Take Public Transit : Switching to walking or cycling for more of our shorter journeys helps to protect biodiversity. It creates less noise, less air pollution, and results in fewer emissions that are warming the atmosphere.

Plant a tree(or two): We should plant more trees and also care for the existing trees in our neighbourhood because trees reduce air pollution by absorbing excess carbon dioxide from the air.

Give up plastic: We should not use plastic bags because they are non biodegradable, use cloth bags. Stop buying bottled water.

Keep our surrounding clean: Waste or garbage should not be thrown anywhere but only in trash bins. Throwing garbage all over the place will dirty our surroundings and pollute the environment. Our earth does not take anything from us in return, however it definitely demands to maintain the continuity of a healthy life on earth.

**Earth is God's best gift to us,
We made it worse,
Let's care for it,
Save the green,
FIGHT FOR IT**

- Shreya Lingwal
VIII B



Earth

When you see the air smells of pollution
But remember there is a solution
By keeping the rivers clean
And keeping the forest green
Plant a tree and make it pollution free
Save the river, avoid any fever
Save nature by helping creature
Do not spread pollution further,
Save our Earth as she is our mother.

- Krishna Mandeep
Class VIII A

RAM NAVAMI (CHAITRA NAVRATRI)

Chaitra Navratri gets its name from the first month of the Hindu Lunar calendar, namely 'Chaitra'. It falls in the Shukla paksha of the Chaitra mass and this festival is also known as Vasanta Navratri. According to the Gregorian calendar, the Chaitra Navratri festival falls in the month of March or April. This auspicious festival is celebrated for nine whole days with enthusiasm and devotion by Hindus and its festivities are also celebrated by people of various ethnicities across India. This festival is celebrated in order to worship Goddess Durga and her nine divine forms . Shailaputri , Brahmacharini, Chandraghanta, Kushmanda, Skandmata, Katyayani, Kalratri, Mahagauri and Siddhidatri are the nine divine forms of Maa Durga. Each day of Navratri is dedicated to one of the nine forms of Maa Durga and prayers are offered accordingly.

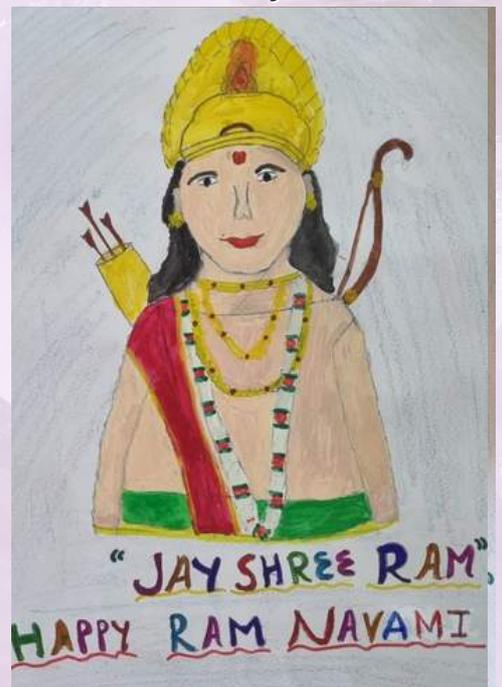
This year, the divine festival of Chaitra Navratri is on 2nd April, 2022. People of various states and ethnicities celebrate the first day of Navratri differently. People belonging to the Maharashtra celebrate the first day of Navratri as Gudi Padwa which is the 'New Year' of the Maharashtrians. The Kashmiri Hindus celebrate the first day of the year as 'Navreh' on the first day of Navratri. The people of Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh celebrate the first day of Navratri as 'Ugadi'. On the ninth day of Navratri , Maa Siddhidatri is worshipped. Maa Siddhidatri is the ninth form of Goddess Durga. This day is also observed as Ram Navami. The day marks the birth of Lord Ram on Earth. It is believed that Rama was born at noon on the bright ninth day of Chaitra. Ram is one of the 10 incarnations of Lord Vishnu.

The Chaitra Navratri is one of the most significant chapters in history which hold deep religious and spritual significance. It is a classic example of the 'triumph of good over evil'. According to Brahma Purana, it was on the day of Chaitra pratipada when Lord Brahma started creating the universe on the behest of Goddess Durga. Hence, this day is considered the first day of the year, according to the Hindu calendar. It is also believed that the Matsya avatar of Lord Vishnu was incarnated on the third day of Chaitra Navratri in order to establish Mother Earth. According to another legend, once Goddess Parvati wanted to pay a visit to her parents for nine days, she took permission for the same from Lord Shiva, her husband and started off her journey to her parents' house. During this period, she took the form of goddess Durga and killed the demon named 'Mahishasura'.

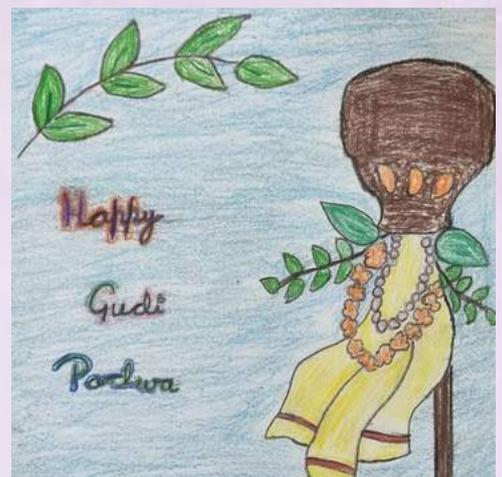
- Harshit Tiwari
XIIth



Shreya Semwal , VI A



Vidisha Sahdev , VII A



Vedant Singh Khuswah, VII B

WORLD HEALTH DAY

Every year 7th April is celebrated as World Health Day worldwide by world health organization (WHO). The prime aim of this initiative is to create awareness among the people on the benefits of their health.

The WHO celebrated this day for the first time in 1950. On this day WHO organizes various programmes and arrangements that involves participation of volunteers across the world.

Theme for the world health date 2022 is
" OUR PLANET OUR HEALTH "

The meaning of this theme is that the covid pandemic saw the emergence of several diseases so we need to plant trees and we save our environment. This is the unique opportunity for us to have a green and healthy recovery.

The world health day conducts an array of activities like -

1. Doing different physical activities in a day.
2. Promoting healthy eating habits.
3. Performing Yoga daily.
4. Being aware of the means and ways of keeping healthy.
5. Keeping oneself away from communicable diseases.

- Lata Thapliyal
PTI



WORLD AUTISM DAY

World Autism Day is one of only seven official health specific global issues. The United Nations General Assembly unanimously declares 2nd April as World Autism Awareness Day to highlight the need to help improve the quality of life of those with autism so they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.

Autism is a lifelong neurological condition that manifests during early childhood irrespective of gender race or socioeconomic status. The term Autism Spectrum refers to a range of characteristics appropriate support, accommodation and acceptance of this neurological variation allowing those on the spectrum to enjoy equal opportunities and effective participation in the society.

Autism is mainly characterized by its unique social interaction, non standard way of learning keen interest in specific subjects, inclination to routines, challenges in typical communication in particular way of processing sensory information.

The stigmatization and discrimination associated with neurological differences remain substantially obstacles to diagnosed issues that must be addressed by both public & policymakers in developing nations as well as donor countries.

- Ankur Maithani
Class XII

The Language of Love

Animals are the most adorable creatures in the world. No matter whether they are wild or domestic, they are beautiful by heart. They protect us and love us in our worst times. They understand us even though they do not understand our language. How lovely that is! Their innocent eyes are always full of love.

When you get tired and reach home your pet is always their showing his excitement and love which rejuvenates you. Isn't it lovely ? When the old people are left by their children some of them raise pets as their babies. They care for them as a child and then get protected by them like a son. I have a pet , I brought him when my grandpa expired. It was difficult for me to overcome from this situation of grief . My parents thought a golden retriever would be the best gift of happiness in our lives. My father treats him like a son, for me he is my life and my soulmate. He is the best therapy for stress relief .

- Shivangi Chamoli , X A



COW

I love my cow because it is very lovely. Cows give us milk, after drinking her milk our brain becomes sharp and our body strong. We call her Bindu because she has a spot on her forehead. Bindu loves to eat green grass.

- Aadrika, III

Farewell 2021-22

On April 13th, Manava Bharati India International School, Dehradun conducted farewell for class 12th students (Batch 2021-2022). The students of present class 12th curated amazing events and games for the appearing class 12th. They incorporated in the list of programs amazing dances and singing performance. They put in their heart and soul in them. The appearing class 12th did a flawless ramp walk and after that titles were conferred.

The title of Mr. Spark of the day was given to Aadil Bari and Miss Spark was given to Vaishnavi Rawat. The title of Mr. MBIIS was given to Harshit Tiwari and Miss MBIIS was given to Sneha Yadav. Many games were also played and all the students participated in them.

The fun and laughter were uncontrollable. Everyone surely made golden memories. Towards the end, some students shared their very heartfelt memories which were very precious for them.

Then, the music was played and all the students danced a lot. They all looked really happy and energetic . It was so clearly observed that they were enjoying their time to the fullest.

" Every ending has a new beginning. "

On this very optimistic note, with hopes for future, happiness of present and tears of joys were spread among all present.

Good byes were said with a promise to meet again. The parting was moving for all. All these years of fun and laughter ending on such a delightful note was indeed a blessing in itself.

- Ms. Akshita Sharma
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