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FOLK DANCE

~ Krishna Singhal

Despite the hectic weekend, the MISars fought it all with bright smiles on their faces. For the first time in MIS history, one of the talent contests was organised in the month of February. All the she-panthers were excited to witness the Inter-House Folk Dance Competition.

It was, for the first time that without the able guidance of any folk dance teacher, all the participants competed neck to neck against each other.

Lakshmi and Santoshi house hooted for their house performances while on the other hand, due to the negative marking, the Gayatri's presented a synchronised clap to show their enthusiasm for the house. All the three judges as well as the audience were amazed to see the three houses perform their foot tapping folk dances. Even though the orange house won, Santoshi's and Gayatri's weren't hopeless as it is just the beginning. By the end of this stimulating event, everyone in the auditorium was grooving to the songs the 12's played including the teachers and the housemothers.

As said in the Lakshmi House Captain's well prepared speech, "May the best house win", well, the best performance did win but let's not forget the famous quote said in Hindi, "Picture abhi baaki hai mere dost."

READER'S HEAVEN

~ Aanya Khandelwal & Damini



On the 29th of February and the 1st of March, a Scholastic Book Fair was organised in our school, the venue being the swimming pool area. The book shelves surrounding the swimming pool were filled with all genres of books from activity books for children to fictional love stories for the seniors.

The budget was allotted according to the grades. The primary section was allotted a budget of Rs.500, the middle school was allowed Rs. 1100 and the senior school Rs. 1600. The decision to buy the best books was difficult for all, the primary section as well as the senior school. Wondering over and over again whether they have chosen the best books or not, everybody stood in line to make their purchases. The students, who bought books worth their maximum amount, were given a gift by the scholastic team. We look forward to having more book fairs like this one in the future.

WHY NOT UNITED ARAB STATES?

In case of United States of America (USA), fifty independent States came together to form a nation under one government where all the Gulf States which were ruled by emirs decided to get along and unite as a nation which later came to be known as United Arab Emirates (UAE).

"MAKE A DIFFERENCE"

The Interact Club of 2020 is beginning with a new project for the underprivileged children. This projects desires to provide the children with stationery and books for their future.

We request all the She - Panthers to donate their used books and stationery for the underprivileged children and help us make a difference to their lives. For donation please contact the Interact team, 2020.

HAMSTRING OF LIFE

Why shall I perish?

I have been defeated
don't take my victory,
stop making boundaries

A panther cannot fly,

A lion cannot graze

I have an identity

let me not lose it

for your dear grace,

I am born to freedom

aspiring to be happy

set my soul free

I am not bound

to your will of cage.

~ Scarlet

ALERT: CORONA ON THE RUN

1. Use Sanitiser.
2. Avoid touching your nose.
3. Use tissue when you sneeze.
4. No PDA.
5. No parents allowed beyond Pragma Shaker.

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"I do believe something magical can happen when you read a good book."

~ J.K. Rowling

"I have never read a book in my life", she said to me. I looked at her unable to comprehend how it was possible for someone to have never had the curiosity to pick up a book and flip through its pages, to want to know what hidden story lay amongst the words...tiny black upon white. I could never have gotten to be fifteen years old and never have read a book. How could they not want to go on a journey into the unknown and live the experiences of the characters in the book through words? How could anyone resist being taken to Narnia and Hogwarts and to the farthest corners of the earth to vanquish monsters, dragons, vampires and werewolves? How could they not be intrigued by what was happening on one page and want to know what happens next and read on without being able to put down the book? I wondered what life must be like for people who don't read and for once my imagination failed me. It failed me miserably for I cannot comprehend a life without books.

I grew up as an only child in an age without television and the internet. Though I had friends and playmates and I spent a lot of my leisure time climbing trees and playing football, I always found the time to read. I remember going into the school library and running my hand along the

numerous shelves of books undecided as to what I should read. After much deliberation I made up my mind and selected the first book in the 'Famous Five' series. In three and a half days I had read all twenty one books. By age nine I had read over a two hundred books and I continued to be a voracious reader ever since. Today, after years of dedicated reading, I can read an entire page in about twenty seconds and go through an entire novel in a few hours.

Not everyone is that kind of a reader, but I believe that everyone must be a reader.

"The journey of a lifetime starts with the turning of a page" says Rachael Anders. It is true for once one begins reading, it is like entering a whole new world. I cannot stress enough on the importance of reading. When a student says to me, "I have it all in

my head but I don't know how to put it down in words" I can tell them it is because they do not read that they face this problem. Not everyone is a writer, but in order to pass your exams and get good enough grades you must possess decent writing skills and it really doesn't hurt to have them; it is an added bonus that helps you get better grades. Most students don't take English Language seriously enough and that is a grave mistake. It hampers one's communication skills and puts a damper on their overall personality development. There's something known as DEAR time in a lot of schools I have taught at. It stands for 'Drop Everything And Read!' I really think that would help hone the reading skills of our MISTars and encourage those who do not read to pick up a book and READ!

THE ART OF READING

~ Ms. C. Cubbins

JOURNEY THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS GLOBE

- After CAA, Centre might bring population control law: Niranjan Jyoti
- Malaysia returnee who died in Kerala did not suffer from coronavirus: Reports
- Israelis vote in 3rd election in 1 year. Polls predict more deadlock.
- iPhone 12 launch could be delayed as Apple's Coronavirus hit supply chain to remain disrupted until Q2 2020.
- Super Tuesday: Biden wins 9 states, Sanders takes California.
- Kim Jong Un sister's first official remarks hint at higher status.

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THE COUNCIL BODY EXPOSED!

~ Samiksha Singh

Have you ever wondered what's behind those masks our council body members wear? Have you ever wondered how the Head Girl acts when she's not on duty? Have you ever wondered what's going on behind Avni's stoic expression? Well, even if you didn't know before, now you do. So, as the heading suggests this is when the secrets behind the sashes are exposed to the commoners of the MIS community.

Honestly, telling you from first hand experience, the Council Body isn't actually what you would assume them to be when you see them for the first time. Let's start from the top, The Head Girl, besides having severely burning comebacks, our not so tall head girl has the weirdest things in her what's funny category, and when one of the topics is thrown into the conversation, her eyes are closed shut while she struggles to

breathe after a loud fit of laughter. I mean, this might be a sight for sore eyes for the juniors who witness the usual hard glare.

Can you imagine the strict Suchi acting like a child? Well I have witnessed the change hunger brings in our lovely School Prefect's demeanour. Speaking of School Prefects, our dear Avni seems quite generous to all but what will you think when you realise that this generous girl isn't so generous after all. I mean come on, Avni mooching off your junior (me) isn't something a senior should do. Our cheerful little artistic School Prefect is as quiet as the next person - which is not much. But can you imagine this crazy little ball of sunshine being crazier when her guard is down. Neither did I but when I heard her speak nonsense and then write it in 'Simon Says', I realised God makes mistakes sometimes.

It's our Cultural Head's chance, whether its Snigdha or 'Snig', our juniors are quite terrified of our quiet Cultural Captain's cold face and demeanour but do you know 'Snig' isn't really the brightest

lamp in the collection behind the curtains. And also, have you ever experienced one of her 'playful' punches? They don't hurt 'at' all.

There's nothing much to expose about the Games Captain, she is literally the same on stage and back stage, but if the intensified level of laughter loudness counts then there's that.

Now, we have the House Captains. Let's start with Gayatri, because why not, Tahiti, despite being strict in the presence of her house, goes gaga over makeup and accessories. Have you seen her collection? It's HUGE! 'Miss Shorter than the Shortest' Lakshmi House Captain, Jahnvi is literally a cute little cuddle toy back in the cubies, I mean, did you see that girl pout, it would melt Hitler's heart. The "overachieving" Santoshi House Captain is quite the opposite at night. Her laziness is remarkable.

Oh! How can I forget about our newest Social Service Prefect. Miss Jia always finds time for her junior friends even when she is overloaded with work, the third floor being her heavenly abode. Well, that's all folks!

PIXELATED DREAMWORK

~ Shefali Bhatia, Mannat Kaur
& Sana Singh

The belief that all the animated movies are for kids is quite a debatable topic now. Many teenagers and adults would not agree to the same as the movies showcase deep meaning and are full of emotions; they can also make any age realise the meaning of life. Taking into account the heart breaking scenes, here are a few to remind you of the movies in which you would have teared up. One such example is when little Dory

separates from her parent and cannot reunite because of her memory loss, how the protagonist from UP (the old man) is left alone in his "old age" years and loses the love of his life. In Cinderella even after the father dies, he sends back what she asked him for (the wooden stick.) Though the list is endless we have more in the bag for you.

Talking about the Purple Bear in Toy Story, all the toys were manipulated and betrayed by him. Also how the truth was hidden from Rapunzel for 18 years of her lifetime, how Anna (in Frozen) was cheated on by the Prince she fell in love with at the first sight. In Maleficent, Aurora was portrayed the wrong

image of Maleficent whereas she was always the well wisher. Apart from all of these examples let's not forget that 'inside out' was another level of portraying feelings of an individual in a completely new way. The movie had forced us to believe that our minds would function in a similar way and had shown us the importance of every moment and memory which eventually has to fade away one day.

We hope that this article opened up the gateway of imagination and forced you to notice every minute detail of life from a different perspective and in the end if not a "happily ever after" you always retain the truth in the deeper meaning.

PREVIOUSLY ON

CAMPUS

~ Samiksha Singh

This week was certainly something nobody had energy for, with the first talent competition on the 29th the excitement level was overshooting the zenith. Did you see the Lakshmi’s hooting? They forgot that this result was just 50% of the actual result. It’s okay Santoshi House Captain, remember you could always win on the final day, let’s not lose hope.

Book fair on Saturday pulled all the readers towards it. Our sincere MISTars were bunking lessons to buy Penguin Pals, Copycat Peekaboo or Paparazzi Puppies. Some rare ones even bought actual novels and the infamous UV camera pens.

While most of the She-panths were busy with practices, book fair and life in general, our helpful ‘interact-ors’ were busy in a conference learning about sanitary napkins.

MISTars’ Sunday was spent in practices and more practices, however, Lakshmi house students were slightly lucky, mind you, I said slightly, cleaning the roads and alleyways of Mussoorie was as faunas it could be, however, coming back through rain and hail wasn’t the best ending they would ask for. Let’s hope the next house has the weather on their side. Finally, congratulations Lakshmi house and good luck to all the houses for the next competitions. Meet you in the next issue.

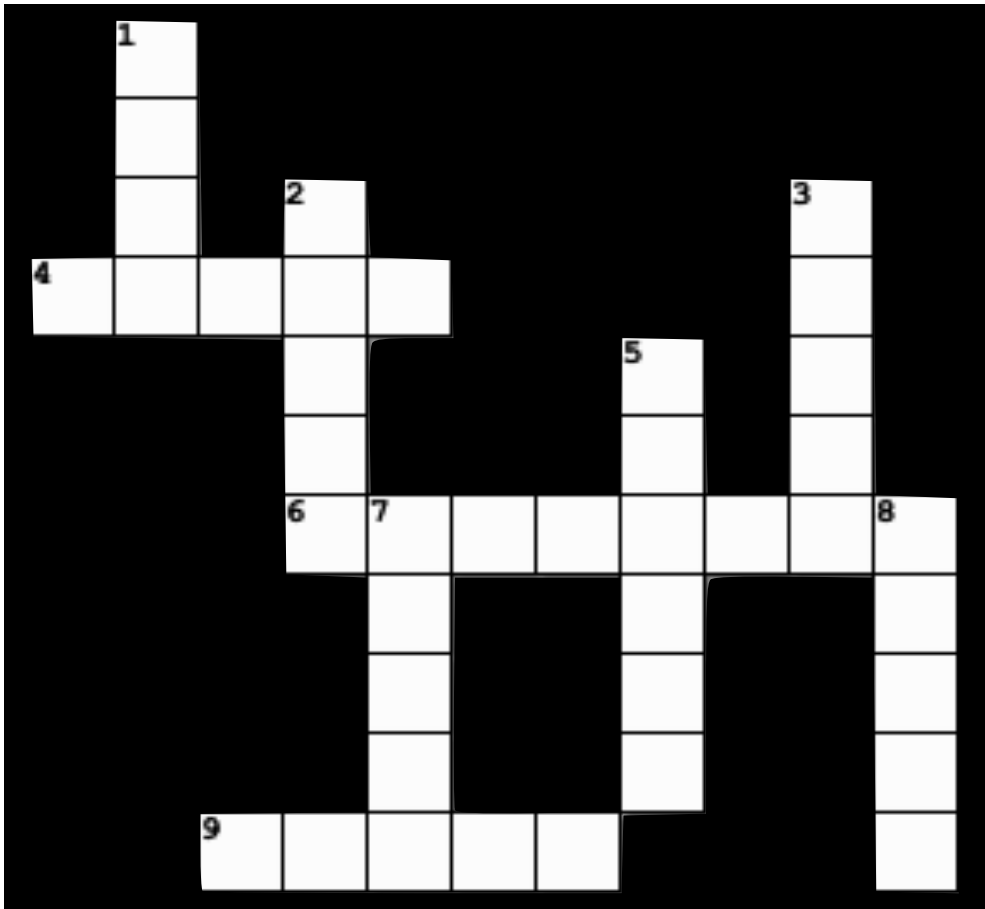
POINTS OF TRIUMPH

The Originals Team is very proud to announce that the following girls have brought glory to their respective houses by earning a positive point each for their exceptional article on the huge wide world of animation.

Sana Singh - Santoshi House
Mannat Kaur - Lakshmi House
Shefali Bhatia - Santoshi House

~ The Original Team
(with due permission of the principal)

FUN CORNER



Across

4. What kind of nut is empty in the centre and has no shell?
6. In a bowl you use a spoon, on a cone you give a lick, this frozen dairy dessert, many flavours you can pick.
9. I am the same food with different bodies and different identities.

Down

1. The ~~z~~abba~~ge~~ nutri filled popular birthday hot-snack with 'chutney'.
2. A Japanese food consisting of cooked vinegared rice combined

with other ingredients, usually raw fish and other sea food.
3. I’m something that smells cheesy but I’m not a pair socks, I am a food that is sliced and delivered in a box.
5. I talk with a thin layer of lettuce and tomato, two stripes of bacon, yellow mustard, a little ketchup and some onions.
7. I am sometimes referred to as chips what am I?
8. It takes two minutes to prepare me but I am only served once a month in school.

4. Donut 6. Ice-cream 9. Pasta 1. Mimos
2. Sushi 3. Pizza 5. Burger 7. Fries 8. Maggi



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