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CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE...:

If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence

If they live with praise, they learn to appreciate

If they live with approval, they learn to like themselves

If they live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to love in the world...

On April 4th, 2023, Shri Ram Centennial School organized an Orientation Programme for newly admitted students' parents. The primary objective of this program was to introduce the parents as "partners in progress" to the school's curriculum, rules and regulations, teaching methods, and co-scholastic activities.

Our Principal, Dr. Arvindanabha Shukla, acquainted the new parents with certain guidelines and principles that make SRCS what it is. In his speech, he laid stress on effective communication between the teachers and the parents and also sought their support and suggestions so that the children could be provided with the best for their overall development. The coordinators along with the teachers and the admin staff gave a brief introduction of the area and field of expertise that SRCS provides its students with. Everyone was invited for sumptuous meal after the program.



"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. So, let's embark on this exciting journey with enthusiasm and make it fun-filled!"

**WELCOME!!!**

An amazing welcome party we had for all the new students in the boarding house! The evening was full of fun games, awesome music, talent show and lots more.

It was so great to see everyone enjoying themselves and making new friends.





IZHARE-E-HUNAR:

"Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it." - Maya Angelou

The SRCians put in their utmost effort and emerged victorious in the aforementioned events organized at Hopetown Girls School:

1. Pentonic Passage (Live Sketch) - 1st Position won by Adya Singh
2. Chique Street (Fashion Show) - 2nd position bagged by Yamini Semwal & Preesha Jindal
3. Flash (Photography) - 2nd Position secured by Aabhya Maikhuri
4. The Uncanny Balance (Digital Art) - 2nd Position won by Taranpreet Kaur

Heartiest congratulations to the students and the Teacher-in-charges.



AFS INTERCULTURAL JOURNEY:

Bhavya Soni, a ninth-grade student, started his AFS Intercultural tour in Denmark. This is a great opportunity to discover a new culture, meet new people, and broaden your outlook.



SULTAN OF SWING:

GARDENER PREMIER INDOOR CRICKET LEAGUE:

On April 26 at St. Thomas College, an indoor cricket team led by Pranav Agarwal faced off against DBS in their first league game. The SRCS group won the toss and decided to start at the plate. SRCS batted first and amassed 30 runs in 6 overs before restricting the opposition at 25 runs. Additionally, in the second inning, our team scored 33 runs compared to the opposition's 23 runs. The SRCS team won magnificently as a result of this. Ishan Ali, Harshit Negi, Adi Khan, Pranav Agarwal, Abhijeet Khuswaha, and Gaurav Baruah deserve special recognition for their outstanding achievements.

HUSTLE, HIT AND WIN:

SRCS Girls' Under 14 Soccer Team brought their A-Game to the Doon Soccer Cup against top schools from India and Dubai. Despite facing stiff competition, the team put up a valiant fight and managed to secure a memorable victory against Ecole Globale Girls International School, Dehradun with a Score of 3-1. Avantika Jindal's spectacular performance with 3 Goals and Nehal Jain's remarkable goal resulted in a creditable show by the SRCS team. Congratulations to the team on their exceptional debut in an International tournament.





VOTE FOR THE RIGHT, BY THE RIGHT OF VOTING!:

The SRCS campus was abuzz with excitement as the Student Council election took place. Students eagerly lined up at the polling stations, clutching their ballots, ready to cast their vote for the candidates who they believed would best represent them and their interests. In the days leading up to the election, the candidates campaigned tirelessly, vying for the attention and support of their fellow students. From passionate speeches to creative posters, each candidate worked hard to showcase their unique ideas and vision for the future of the school community.



MUSIC IS THE POETRY OF THE AIR:

Music is the language of the spirit. It opens the secret of life bringing peace, abolishing strife." Kahlil Gibran.

A great musical afternoon was hosted by Shri Ram Centennial School (SRCS) under the aegis of **SPIC MACAY**; the Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music and Culture Amongst Youth, that promotes intangible aspects of Indian cultural heritage in over three hundred towns across the world ever since its inception in 1977 by Kiran Seth. On April 26, 2023 SRCS witnessed a legendary performance from Ms. Sahana Banerjee, the guest of honour and an exponent of the Sitar. Mr. Abhishek Jha performed with her on the Tabla. The event started with a brief introduction of Ms. Shana Banerjee by Ms. Anaya Rawat followed by Saraswati Vandana addressed to goddess Saraswati, the goddess of music dance, art and speech. Ms. Banerjee in her address to the students spoke about her journey as a Sitarist, how she being born in a musical family was blessed to be where she was today. Her words, "I didn't choose the Sitar the Sitar chose me", says it all. After the musical session Ms. Banerjee answered questions by the young audience and shared her experiences about how being part of SPIC MACAY gave her a lead to establish a connect with the youth of today inspiring them to be proud of the rich Indian Heritage. A gift and a painting was given to both the artists as a token of love and appreciation. The event ended with a great applause and a desire for more such cultural interactions in the coming future.

Aranyani (Class XI)



EYES ON THE TROPHY!:

The SRCS Under 19 Soccer team's flawless effort helped them defeat Doon Presidency School in a penalty shootout. The team was spurred to victory by Sarthak Singh Bisht's shrewd saves and valiant plays as well as the remarkable performances of Savya Srivastav, Manik Raj Shahi, and Aditya Mehta. Best wishes to the entire team on their historic victory.



KEDARKANTHA



On 14th April, 2023, 64 students and 6 teachers set off for Kedarkantha. Kedarkantha is a mountain peak of the Himalayas in Uttarakhand. Its elevation is 12,500ft and is located within Govind Wildlife Sanctuary in Uttarkashi district. Students reached Sankri in evening, from where the trek to Kedarkantha usually starts. On the way students enjoyed the spectacular view of steep trail through the forest. It was enchanting to feel the silence and serenity of the forest.



On 16th April, 23, students set off for their indelible phase of their trek, that was to scale Kedarkantha Summit. The trip was an unforgettable experience for the students where they learnt the survival skills, working in group, adjustment with the surrounding and living in less amenities of life and taking swift decision.



CHAKRATA



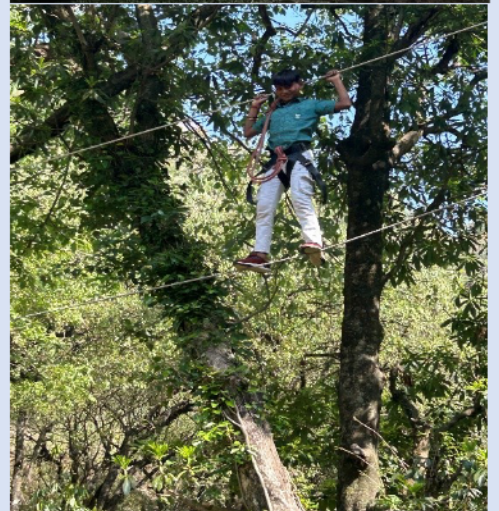
From trekking to team-building, our students from classes 4 and 5 had an unforgettable experience at Chakrata hill station, filled with learning and laughter. The trip was an amalgamation of - hikes, team building activities, rope climbing, dance and music. A trip which enabled students to garner a rich experience of learning things beyond classroom and make everlasting memories.



MUSSOORIE



The Middle School students with their teachers set out on a four days and three nights camp to Brentwood Sanctuary, Mussoorie. It was a great opportunity for everyone to work collaboratively and in still the feeling of teamwork among students. It was an amazing experience where students learned surviving techniques amidst nature. They understood the importance of saving the environment for coexistence with other organisms. All of this was done under mindful guidance and mentoring of teachers and effective resource personnel, who involved the students in various team building activities and sports like zip lining, rock climbing, rope climbing, trekking, hiking etc



CARBERRY ACRES



The most awaited day of the year was the school picnic to Carbery Acres. The school picnic was for the students of Minor 2 to Grade III. Carbery Acres gave an experience of being surrounded by the beauty of nature. We started at 9 am in the morning with prayer and a feeling of a great day ahead. The students were extremely excited and kept singing songs in the bus till they reached the venue. The most enjoyable time was in the play area with swings, mountain climbing, rope bridge. After a tiring and fun packed morning, we all headed for lunch where we all relished different items of food. The students had a wonderful time and enthusiastically displayed their impressive dance moves on the dance floor. The day proved to be an exceptional one for both students and teachers as it helped to strengthen their bond.



STEAM: INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION:

The key is not the will to win... everybody has that. It is the will to prepare to win that is important.”- Bobby Will
SRCians displayed remarkable skills during their performance at the Indian Public School on April 29th. Our students participated in various events at the Inter School Competition.

Pranshul Badola and Gauri Soni showcased their talent in the Science Exhibition.

Adya Singh secured the first prize in the On the Spot Painting Competition by painting on the topic "MOBILE: a curse or a blessing."

Yamini Semwal and Divena Darshan Rawat, along with their model, won the first prize in the On the Spot Face Painting Competition with their theme "HUMAN: Master or Slave of Technology."

The students also participated in a workshop that covered topics such as Robotics, Vedic Maths, Rubric Cube, Abacus, Aero Modelling, AI, and Cyber-Safety. The competition was named STEAM, with each letter representing Science, Technology, Economics, Art, and Maths. The students put in a lot of hard work, with their eyes set on the prize. Despite being nerve-wracking, they overcame their anxiety and achieved success. Winning the competition was not the sole focus, but being an active part of it was important. Congratulations Team SRCS!

Adya Singh

Grade XI



BE A LEADER WITH INTEGRITY!:

“Leadership is not a position or a title, it is action and example.”

The true leader of SRCS, our Principal Sir, took a workshop with the students of class XII, just before they were about to be nominated for important positions in the School Council Body, to make them realize the essence of being a leader. It was a group activity where the students were divided in groups and given time to discuss their views on leadership. Then each group selected a person to speak about their point of view and to present their group's ideology on Leadership. The outcome was exceptional, as the students were able to understand the importance of being a leader and that they will have to lead by example and show how things should be done.



WEAR YOUR THINKING CAP:

The fear of making mistakes must be conquered in order to succeed in creative writing. On April 21 and 22, 2023, Ms. Anupriya Jain, a member of our English faculty, led a workshop on English Report Writing, encouraging aspiring writers to follow suit. The workshop honed students' writing abilities by emphasising grammar correctness and basic report writing components. The boarder students engaged in enthusiastic participation in the workshop. Our Principal praised and commended the presentations made by Rudra Gupta, Atharv Singh, Arnav Rawat, Nehal Jain, Maanya Rathore, and Baani Jain.



Life is Cool in the Pool- INTER HOUSE SWIMMING COMPETITION:

“The water is your friend...you don't have to fight with water, just share the same spirit as the water, and it will help you move”- Alexandr Popov

Excitement was high in the air on 29 th April 2023 as SRCS witnessed its Inter-House swimming competition.. The competition was tough and the tension was rising, even the cool water couldn't help cool down the fiery spirit of the participants from grade M2 to grade XII. 25 m butterfly stroke, 25m backstroke, breast and freestyle stroke, and 50 m freestyle stroke were the categories for the competition. The results were surprising and as unpredictable as the Dehradun weather. The most notable swimmers of the event were: Railan Konsam and Vedansh Updhaya of grade VII, Preesha Jindal, Sriya Khanna and Nirvaan Gouri from Grade X, Preesha Rana and Pulkit Tyagi from Grade XI, Samridh Karol and Arjun Jaiswal from Grade XII. The essential thing in life is not winning but taking part, not conquering but fighting well, said Jesse Owens so for us at SRCS swimming is not just a sport, it's a way of life – one that teaches you about perseverance, discipline, and the power of the human spirit. The event that showcased the true spirit of sportsmanship ended with Adhibhav Aggarwal, the head boy of the school presenting the vote of thanks.



EACH ONE... PLANT ONE:

The "Each One...Plant One" initiative by SRCS saw enthusiastic participation from students in the plantation drive. It is heartening to witness young minds taking an active interest in making our campus more sustainable and greener.

This activity instilled a sense of responsibility towards the environment and the community. Additionally, students get hands-on experience in planting, nurturing and taking care of the trees, which can develop their teamwork and leadership skills.





THE WOMAN

She stomped through the class as she shouted, "I am strong enough to lift the chairs for you, watch me do it rather than any boy!", simultaneously grabbing the two chairs in a powerful grab struggling to lift them both at the same time, but with enough boldness she did and moved to the other class, as the others stared and the teacher smiled. Somebody had earlier announced in the class that they needed 'two strong boys to help with moving the chairs' and so she thought why could it not be her or any other girl for that matter? And so, the incident occurred. That girl had always been someone with a strong will and nobody could change her mind. It was like she wanted to show the world that she is not meant to be 'quite' all the time and rather than sitting at home, she is capable of doing bigger and oh! better things. Her kindness and her ability to care was not a weakness, and she just needed someone to tell her that they are her strengths, just like her confidence and strength. Sometimes she needed others to speak what they saw in her because she didn't see that in herself. She didn't see her own potential. She saw her flaws, her wounds and her past and heard what the society wanted her to do. But soon enough she found a newfound confidence that nobody could manipulate. She found that even though she needed some support, she wasn't going to be dependent and that, didn't make her weak. She knew nobody could stop her and indeed, nobody could. Yes, they tried to pull her down by words that hurt like knives and cut through sharply.

"You're a girl you're not meant to do that"

"Sit straight and quietly girls don't raise their voices!"

"Oh look! How she is earning money for her house, trying to act like a man"

"You need to be more feminine."

But would she let words destruct, and demolish the wonderful building she had created? Absolutely not. And that's why she kept building it without letting it deteriorate. So yes, nobody could stop her, in fact especially the society that wanted her to be timid and reserved. She is that woman who will stand up to be better. She is her that wants equality in every aspect of life. She is her who won't accept oppression. She is every woman who works hard every day, and maybe even harder than those who get through easily just by a beard on their face. She is her, who cares, manages, protects, and provides love. She is the kindest and her humbleness puts a smile on everybody's face, even those who are struggling. She doesn't need to hurt people to be present in the spotlight and seem out of the box. She didn't find the need to hide her true self and neglect her inclinations and her temperament just to be accepted by the society and to form a concealing cover as her true self screams for exposure from within. She is capable of everything. Moreover, she is the light of the day.

Adya Singh-XI



AWAKENING OF THE DEAD:

And when you're gone,
From your chair, from the stairs and your lawn.
When you're no longer a presence of your name,
Putting a facade and owing your fame.
When your identity is ash from a fire,
Its burned what you yearned and you no longer long to desire.
What you were known for and known as is buried under the ground,
The rest of your honour and your ego in the corner that you carried is drowned.
Your memory of what you see things as is washed away at the shore,
Your fears, cried tears and remembered souvenirs become too heavy to pull ashore.
And you open your eyes for the very first time to imprint your foot into the sand,
With a sensation you realise what the skies and the land were trying to make you understand.
You find your burnt ashes in the wind, on the grass and the stones beside the river.
You feel the breeze, the sprigs on your knees and your bones know what the rose holds within her,
That's when you feel infinite and in rhythm with the sand, and the sea and the branch of the tree.
'You' died and what woke up was already a waterfall, a beautiful sky and the cocoon on the tree.

Mauli Nautiyal- XII H

ALTIVOLANT:

Introducing a new and exciting activity at SRCS - Parasailing! SRCians got ready to soar high above the ground, feel the wind in their hair, and experience an adrenaline rush like never before. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, SRCians enrolled to learn the skills and techniques needed to safely take to the skies. With state-of-the-art equipment and a focus on safety.



COLLEGE MELA:

Shri Ram Centennial School, Dehradun, on 28 April, hosted a career fair, inviting 40 delegates from top international and National Global Universities. The students of grade 9-12 interacted with the representatives of the universities and certain queries were addressed about admission process, profile building and enhancement, scholarship and financial aid, various combinations of majors and minors, popular courses, internship, and job placements.

The participating universities included University of Sydney, University of Guelph, Indian School of Hospitality, Istituto Marangoni - The School of Fashion, Art & Design, Quest for success, Formbazaar & Apticube, SP Jain School of Global Management, St George's University (School of Medicine), KR Mangalam University, GD Goenka University, Ashoka University, Woxsen University, BITS Law School, Amity University, Mohali, Thapar School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, World University of Design, Vidyashilp University, Manav Rachna University, Shiv Nadar University, Anglo Eastern Maritime Academy, Symbiosis University, UPES & Pearl Academy, Flame University, OP Jindal Global University, Tokyo International University, ESSEC Business School, Swiss Education, Arts University Bournemouth, Kingston University, University of Salford, University of Exeter, University College London, St Mary's University, Twickenham, University of Dundee, University of Cincinnati, Rowan University, University of Vermont, Green River College, Grand Valley State University and Trinity School of Medicine.

It was a wonderful and informative career fair that provided students with the glimpses of various career fields.

-Life-Circle Department



काव्य पाठ प्रतियोगिता- जीत की हुंकार सोचने से कहाँ मिलते हैं तमन्नाओं के शहर, चलने की जिद भी जरूरी है मंजिल को पाने के लिए....।।



छात्र जीवन में कई ऐसे पड़ाव आते हैं जब हमें अपनी प्रतिभा को एक मंच पर प्रदर्शित करते हुए स्वयं की प्रतिभा को साबित करने का मौका मिलता है। वैसे तो मैं हमेशा से अपने विद्यालय के मंच पर जाकर प्रतिभाग करने के लिए सदैव तैयार रहती हूँ परन्तु किसी अन्य विद्यालय में जाकर मंच पर अपनी प्रतिभा की छाप छोड़ने का अवसर किसी किसी छात्र को ही मिल पाता है।

मुझे भी 29 अप्रैल 2023 को मसूरी के प्रसिद्ध विद्यालय वाइनवर्ग एलन में लिटरेचर फेस्टिवल 2023 में जाकर हिन्दी काव्य पाठ प्रतियोगिता में अपने विद्यालय श्रीराम सेंटिनियल स्कूल का प्रतिनिधित्व करने का अवसर प्राप्त हुआ। अन्तर्विद्यालयी इस प्रतियोगिता में मसूरी, देहरादून लखनऊ तथा कलकत्ता जैसे शहरों के लगभग 19 विद्यालयों ने प्रतिभाग किया था। इस प्रतियोगिता में प्रतिभागियों को वीर रस पर आधारित कविता को प्रस्तुत करना था। मुझे इस दौरान अपने अध्यापक के दिशानिर्देश में तैयार की गई कविता- **"हे भारत! के राम जगो"** को मंच पर प्रस्तुत करना था। यूँ तो मैंने काव्य पाठ की अच्छे से तैयारी की थी परन्तु जब मुझे पता चला कि मेरा मुकाबला लगभग 19 विद्यालयों से आये कुशल प्रतिभागियों से है तो मुझे डर लगने लगा। मेरे अध्यापक को जब इस बात का पता चला तो वे मुझे सभागार से बाहर ले गए और उन्होंने मुझे लम्बी साँस लेकर सकारात्मक सोच रखते हुए हौसला बुलंद रखने को कहा और मेरे सिर पर अपना हाथ रखते हुए मुझे जीतकर आने का आशीष दिया।

प्रतियोगिता शुरू होने से कुछ समय पूर्व जब मुझे पता चला कि कविता पाठ में मेरा कम चौदहवाँ है और जैसे ही काव्य पाठ प्रतियोगिता प्रारंभ हुई तो मेरे को निराशा घेरने लगी क्योंकि मेरे से पूर्व प्रतिभागी भी अपना सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन के साथ काव्य पाठ कर रहे थे। जैसे ही मेरी बारी आई मैंने लम्बी साँस ली और अपने ईश्वर, माता-पिता व गुरु को याद करके मंच पर हुंकार भरते हुए पूरे जोश व पूर्ण समर्पण के साथ अपनी काव्य प्रस्तुति दी।

जैसे ही मेरी कविता समाप्त हुई पूरा सभागार तालियों की गड़गड़ाहट से गूँज उठा जिसने मेरा बहुत उत्साह बढ़ाया। काव्य पाठ के बाद मेरे गुरुजनों ने मेरी तारीफ की जो मेरे लिए पहला पुरुष्कार था क्योंकि मेरे गुरुजन मेरी प्रस्तुति से पूर्णरूप से प्रसन्न थे। ठीक सायं चार बजे इस प्रतियोगिता का परिणाम निकला और जैसे ही परिणाम घोषित करने का समय आया मेरी धड़कनें तेज होने लगी और मैं अपना परिणाम जानने के लिए उत्सुक होने लगी। कुछ ही क्षणों के बाद जैसे ही प्रतियोगिता का परिणाम निकला और मुझे पता चला कि मैंने प्रतियोगिता में द्वितीय स्थान प्राप्त किया है तो मुझे इतनी खुशी हुई कि उसका वर्णन करना मेरे लिए कठिन है। मुझे मेरे गुरु से ढेर सारा आशीर्वाद व अन्य छात्रों से ढेर सारी बधाई मिली।

इस प्रतियोगिता ने मेरे अंदर एक नया हौसला और ढेर सारा आत्मविश्वास जगाया है। मैं अपने विद्यालय व अपने गुरुजनों का भी धन्यवाद करती हूँ कि उन्होंने इतने बड़े मंच पर प्रदर्शन करने के लिए मुझे चुना। मेरी भगवान से यही प्रार्थना रहेगी कि भविष्य में भी मैं अपने गुरुओं व बड़ों के आशीर्वाद से सफलता के पथ पर निरंतर अग्रसर रहूँ।

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