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## Akash House Farewell Party

Those were a few very busy days. 19 November 2016, the day we were throwing a party for the Class 12 batch. We had been practicing day in and day out and planning the program to make the evening special. Blowing balloons, editing songs, dancing in the art room; it felt like time flew by very fast.

Finally it was time! They were about to make a dazzling entrance, but first, they had a photo session. They then entered one by one and all of them looked fabulous.

I hope they enjoyed the program even though it was a little chilly outside.

While the gifts were being distributed, as is tradition, each one of them said a few words. They all said that they would miss the fun that they had in their school life and commented upon how significant and life changing their stay at SIS was .

After the scrumptious dinner, everyone went to the common room and had the best DJ night ever. It was the last party some of us were going to have in SelaQui as a student and so we enjoyed it to the fullest.

I just want to say thank you to our seniors who have always been there to help us, who have always been there to pick us up when we fall. We will never forget this party and all the fun that we had. We will miss you guys a lot.

We still owe you a gift!

**Wendy Marak**

“The only wealth in this world is children, more than all the money ,power on earth.”

**Mario Puzo**

## Life

Life is a race,  
you take birth and die.  
so pick up your pace  
or else you are in a pie

Take it easy and slow  
to achieve your goal  
and try to follow  
through your own soul

Ups and downs are  
like the sea waves  
flowing from the far  
and into the black caves

You enter the cave  
creeping like a snail  
you try to pave  
through a small little  
nail

And at the end  
you fall to your knees  
having nothing to send  
to your family and niece

**Dhruv Banerjee**



## Tongue Twister

Can you can a canned can into an uncanned can like a canner can a canned can into an uncanned can?

### The Junior Mastermind

The junior mastermind's preliminary round took place on 19th November. The competition was held in the MPH where all the junior classes i.e, classes 6th to 8th were assembled. All the kids were excited and prepared for the quiz. Some students who were confident about the quiz had entered the next round and the others who didn't were keen on giving a tougher competition next year. The student who excelled in the quiz was Vasu Sharma who got 42/50. The other 6 qualifiers are

Ishan Dwidevi, Adarsh Jaiswal, Smaksh Mahajan, Gursartaj Bir Singh Sidhu, Shorya Mittal, Wendy Marak and Ritaksha Burman Roy. The final round will be held on 3rd December, 2016.

#### -Bhavuk Garg

#### Inter-School Individual Badminton Championship

Teesta, Yoshin, Ganesh, Osama, Rutvi, Shouryaveer, Udita, Sanskruti and Yashwardhan participated in the tournament held at the Doon School.

### Honourable Mention

The SeQuin team on behalf of the school would like to thank Diviyaj Farwell and Manojav Pal for their contribution towards the making of the school movie .

### Red Carpets and Runways (a column by Shreya Neogi)

**"How many points did we make so far today?"- Joshua**

The movie is set in the 1930s, in Italy. A carefree Jewish bookkeeper named Guido starts his fairy tale of a life in a new city, Arezzo. His life is full of surprises and he, one fine day, bumps into a beautiful lady, Dora, who he calls, Princess. Soon after a lot of challenging days, he finally marries dora and they have a son, Joshua.

Guido and Dora soon get married and dote on their 5-year-old son Joshua .In 1945, near the end of the war, the Jews in the town are rounded up by the Fascists and shipped by rail to a death camp. Guido and Joshua are loaded into a train, and Guido instinctively tries to turn it into a game to comfort his son. He makes a big show of being terrified that somehow they will miss the train and be left behind. Dora, not Jewish, would be spared by the Fascists, but insists

on coming along to be with her husband and child.

In the camp, Guido constructs an elaborate fiction to comfort and protect his son. It is all an elaborate game, he explains. The first one to get 1,000 points will win a tank--not a toy tank but a real one, which Joshua can drive all over town. Guido acts as the translator for a German who is barking orders at the inmates, freely translating them into Italian designed to quiet his son's fears. And he literally hides the child from the camp guards, with rules of the game that have the boy crouching on a high sleeping platform and remaining absolutely still.

The movie shows us the positives of life. Even though the family was in a concentration camp, not knowing when they could actually die, they were constantly searching for each other. This movie has captured the positives of life in a not so positive environment and that is what captures the mind.

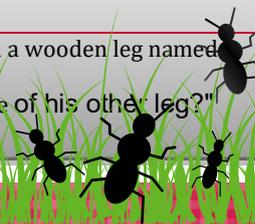
#### Jokes

Little Johnny: Teacher, can I go to the bathroom?  
Teacher: Little Johnny, MAY I go to the bathroom?  
Little Johnny: But I asked first!



#### Jokes

My friend said he knew a man with a wooden leg named Smith.  
So I asked him "What was the name of his other leg?"



**Hit the mark, the bullseye is all yours. Go get it Gursher**

## **Kalanga War Memorial**

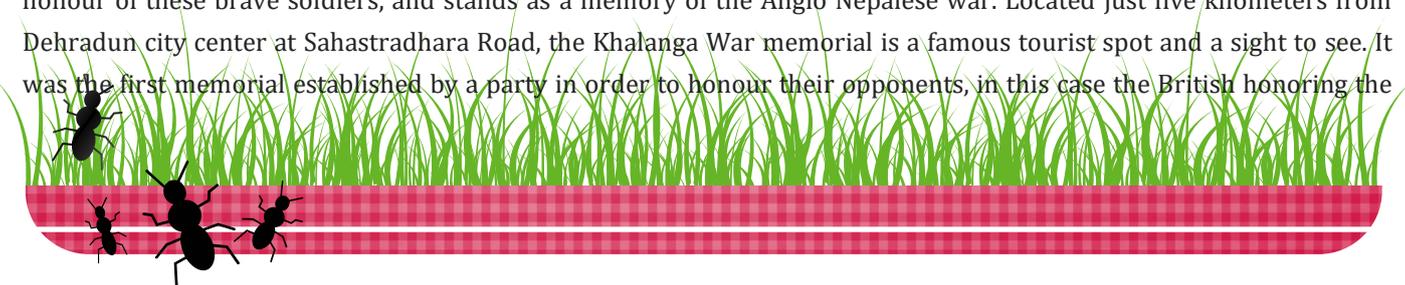
“It is better to die than to be a coward.” This is the philosophy followed by the Gurkhas. Hailing from the mountains of Nepal, the Gurkhas have been known for their fierce bravery and discipline. The Nepalese Gurkhas have been famous and credited for their acts of bravery ranging from the Gulf War to World War I to World War II to the War in Afghanistan and many more un-ruling conflicts. One of the instances in which such qualities of the Gurkhas displayed was the Anglo Nepalese War. The Khalanga War memorial is a tribute and a sign of respect made by the British honouring the bravery and the dedication of the Gurkhas and their leaders in the Anglo Nepalese war (1814 to 1816).

The war started as a result of the border disputes between the Kingdom of Nepal and the British Empire as both the states were expanding their respective borders in each other’s directions. Another cause was the economic tension between the two over the possession of lucrative trading routes towards Tibet through Nepal. Also, in order to achieve Political Safety in Northern India, the British Empire launched an invasion on the Nepalese forces. Preparations were made as troops and armory were gathered to boost firepower for the upcoming war. Newly manufactured fire arms were imported from Britain and troops were locally recruited within India, and experienced military officers were posted to India to command the newly organized military force of the British East India Company. The Nepalese army also fortified its territories to resist the advancing British forces. In October 1814, Major General Sir Rollo Gillespie of the British army, along with his troops, launched a full scale attack on the Gurkhas. The Gurkhas, being led by General Amar Singh Thapa were successful in wading off the British army. As the war continued, more efforts and resources were poured in by both the sides. More battles were fought but the British, owing to their strong military, succeeded in pushing into the Nepalese territory. But the war took a complete turn when the Gurkhas pushed back the British to their previous position, bringing the war back to where it had started. As the time progressed, more blood was shed, resources were drained and the state coffers emptied. This resulted in the British regaining their advanced position the Gurkhas.

The deciding battle was fought in Nalapani which is to the north-east of Dehradun with the British heavily outnumbering and out arming the Nepalese Gurkhas. While the British army marched forward with over 3,000 soldiers; there were only about 600 troops in the Gurkhas army. The Nepalese defended their position from a hill fort, a strategic position which gave Captain Balbhadra Kunwar and his troops an advantage.

After several weeks of engaging with the British without food, water and other necessary supplies; the remaining seventy odd Gurkhas decided to launch a final attack on the British force of approximately 2,000. It was decided that the fort would be abandoned and the remaining force would retreat deeper into Nepal in order to fight the British in later battles. Captain Balbhadra Kunwar, just before launching the attack roared to the British, "You could have never won the battle but now I myself voluntarily abandon this fort. There is nothing inside the fort other than the dead corpses of children and women." He, along with the other members of the Gurkha force, retreated to the hills after piercing through British lines. After witnessing the scene the British soldier poet, John Ship, wrote, “I never saw more steadiness or bravery exhibited in my life. Run they would not and of death, they seemed to have no fear, though their comrades were falling thick around them, for we were so near that every shot told.”

The battle of Nalapani established the reputation of Nepalese Gurkhas as warriors. Till day such events have occurred over and over and as a result, Nepalese Gurkhas are still recruited in military across the world including in the British, Indian and of course, the Nepalese army itself. The Khalanga war memorial is a tribute laid by the British in the honour of these brave soldiers, and stands as a memory of the Anglo Nepalese war. Located just five kilometers from Dehradun city center at Sahastradhara Road, the Khalanga War memorial is a famous tourist spot and a sight to see. It was the first memorial established by a party in order to honour their opponents, in this case the British honoring the



## Tongue Twister

Fuzzy wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy wuzzy wasn't fuzzy Was he?



*The Khalanga War Memorial , Dehradun*

Nepalese Gurkhas. There are simply no better words to describe the Gurkhas than those of late Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw. He once said, "If a man says he's not afraid of dying, then he's either lying or he's a Gurkha."

**Tejus Jung Thapa**

## Campus Eye

- 👁️ 2 new members (Mr. Aman, Mr. Kunal) have joined the sis family in partnership with Mahesh Bhupati Academy as our new tennis coaches
- 👁️ JAM session '16- Agni stood first followed by Prithvi and Jal.
- 👁️ 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November Kabir, Dhruv, Krittin and Ekansh participated in Tennis championship in Kasiga and qualified for semifinals.
- 👁️ 21<sup>st</sup> November- NSO conducted Science Olympiad.
- 👁️ 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Junior master mind finals will be held.
- 👁️ 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Prithvi House farewell.
- 👁️ 4<sup>th</sup> December- Agni House Farewell
- 👁️ We joyously welcome Mr Devvrat Badoni to the SIS family.

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