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Chasing the Dream

Shaurya Veer Singh reports the 5th SelaQui Invitational Soccer Tournament and the success it was

The most widely played sport on the planet; ‘the beautiful game’ as it was called by Pele is truly unparalleled in absolute reach and drama. Football is the largest religion in the world and one which commands startling levels of devotion from its followers. Since the inception of the progenitor of football in 476 B.C. to the invention of the modern game in England and the fiercely contested World Cup in Russia, football has never failed to amaze and fascinate spectators and players alike.



The contemporary history of the world's favourite game spans more than 100 years. It all began in 1863 in England, when rugby football and association football branched off on their different courses and the Football Association in England was formed - becoming the sport's first governing body. The very earliest form of the game for which there is scientific evidence was an exercise from a military manual dating back to the second and third centuries BC in China.

This year's world cup perfectly captured this gamut of emotions, and threw up surprises along the way that left everyone bewildered. From the pitiable state of Messi's Argentina to Neymar's Oscar worthy theatrics, there was a dash of the unexpected around every corner. The tournament also unearthed some of football's young gems, who missed no opportunity to showcase that they were ready to relieve the old sentinels of their duties. In that sense, the competition signaled the end of an era and ushered in a new generation of players to adorn bedroom walls and dreams in the years to come.

Closer home, the run up to our very own Invitational Soccer Tournament had its fair share of excitement and fervor. The exploits of last year's team-a dominating run to the final culminating in a climax that saw them settle for silver after a spirited show-undoubtedly whetted the appetite for more intense and edge of the seat action this year. Even the heavens seemed to have high hopes from the teams this year and, along with a truly remarkable pitch, provided a magical setting for this year's tournament. All of this, coupled with the gritty determination and undying resolve possessed by all the participating promised to create a truly sumptuous week of football action.

True to the promise, St. George's kick started their campaign in grand fashion, sailing past Pinegrove School 6-0.

Alas, the hosts themselves could not emulate the heroics of last year, going down rather meekly to Pinegrove School in their opening fixture. Although they showcased undeniable fight and determination against St. George's, it proved to be insufficient in overcoming a single goal deficit and our challenge came to an end in the group stage itself as we succumbed to a 1-0 defeat.

Once we entered the business end of the tournament, though, after having witnessed a fair share of lopsided and well fought contests alike, only two teams remained. As Kasiga School and Wynberg-Allen took to the field, each player undoubtedly thinking of scripting a triumph; the heavens opened up, perhaps just to test the caliber of every playing soul and to make sure that at the end, the trophy was truly earned.

A first half beyond ordinary saw Kasiga grabbing the lead through two exceptional efforts, a late surge by the Alwynians did little to repair the damage ,though, as Kasiga School ultimately triumphed to emerge as the champions of The 5th SelaQui Invitational Soccer Tournament.

SIS Hosts Uni. of Canterbury

The school hosted a group of delegates from University of Canterbury on Thursday, 23rd August. They addressed grade XI and XII students and introduced them to the University culture, departments and the courses they offer. They also discussed about the opportunities in New Zealand for the students after graduating and the friendly immigration rules to support the international students. A competition called “ACE THE CASE” was organized for grade XII students by the University. Students were asked to identify one local/ national problem, analyze it and work on the framework that can provide a solution to the problem. They were also asked to participate in an essay writing competition on the prompts provided by them. Students get two weeks to submit the same online. Five winners of this competition will be awarded the **Dean Award Scholarship** by them to study a course of their choice at the University.

The event witnessed an overwhelming and enthusiastic participation from the students. Burning issues like Women safety, Sexual Health, Environment Degradation and Poverty were addressed by them. Students were judged on their problem solving abilities, communication skills and team work.

Winners of the Dean Award Scholarship will be announced on 10th September 2018.

-Hina Sharif Khan

The Nerds Have Fun Too

On 4th August all the science geeks came out of their dazzling world of books to represent their houses in the First Science Jeopardy Quiz. Despite burning the night oil for days, they were shocked out of their wits when they saw the questions as they felt underprepared. Mr. Soham Roy and Mr. Sahil Bhardwaj succeeded in proving it to the contestants and the members of the audience that science was not just books, it has a lot more to it.

The quiz had two rounds and while the first was the regular jeopardy (that the students were familiar with) and equal marks were awarded and deducted for every correct and incorrect answer respectively. What shocked the players were the rules for the second round! The players were informed that they would be getting double points for every correct answer but that they would still lose four times the score upon giving an incorrect answer. The quadruple loss made even the simple answers considerably tough (and undoubtedly risky) for the participants to answer. As a result, Jal House emerged as the only team with a positive score (i.e. more than zero points) while all other teams scored in negatives. The runners up were the Akashians, followed by Agnians and Prithvites. The event was a smash hit as it not only added to our knowledge but also managed to do so while entertaining. We await the next edition of the same.

Blue

Blue because I'm feeling blue.

I have no clue

What I am going to do.

I've got a lot of friends

but the best ones are few.

When I get happy I feel

it's too good to be true.

When I'm home alone I

want you to come through

because these demons in my head

would kill me if I don't have anyone to talk to.

Everything I do just isn't enough for you.

I thought you were my life, my love

but life isn't all about rainbows and unicorns,

it is cruel.

People only need you when they want to use you as a tool.

Yeah, I tried to fit in.

Yeah, I try to be cool.

But it only ends up making me look like a dumb fool!

-Ronit Rakshit

Challenge Accepted

- Which is the highest lake in the world?
- Who was the dictator of North Korea before Kim Jong-Un?
- When were the first ancient Olympics held?
- When was the modern Olympic flag made?
- Who holds the world record for the 400 m sprint?
- Who is the only person ever to win the Academy Award and the Nobel Prize?
- What is the name of the new Akula class submarine inducted by the Indian navy?

Mr. Dev Lahiri, the first Headmaster of the school passed away after a battle with cancer in New Delhi on August 23rd. Mr. Lahiri studied at St. Stephen's College and the University of Oxford. He was a Rhodes scholar and an avid sportsman. He was a Housemaster at The Doon School and Headmaster of Lawrence School Lovedale, Ooty before being appointed as the founding Headmaster of Selaqui World School in 2000. It was under his supervision that the initial construction of the Main building, Dining hall, Holding house and other buildings started. Mr. Lahiri then moved on to become the Headmaster of Welham Boys School. After retirement he had been writing books and articles on school education. As a school, we mourn the tragic loss and our prayers are with the family in this moment of grief.

हमारा वातावरण

हमारा वातावरण बहुत ही अच्छा था पर कुछ कारणों से हमारा वातावरण दूषित हो रहा है। जैसे पौलोथिन, प्लास्टिक, केमिकल जैसी चीजों को जलाने से वायु प्रदूषित हो रही है। फैक्ट्रियों का गंदा पानी नदियों, समुद्र, झीलों, तालाबों आदि के पानी को प्रदूषित कर रहा है। साथ ही साथ धरती में कई तरह के रासायनिक पदार्थ डालने से धरती प्रदूषित हो रही है। कुछ लोग पेड़ों को काट रहे हैं और कुछ मनुष्य पेड़ लगा रहे हैं। फिर भी हमारा वातावरण बहुत साफ़ और हरा-भरा है। हमें अपना वातावरण साफ़ रखना चाहिए।

आयुष्मान ।

नमक

नमक किसी को कम अच्छा लगता है और किसी को ज्यादा। इसका बहुत-सी चीजों में इस्तेमाल होता है। लगभग हर सब्जी में इसे डाला जाता है। नमक के लिए तो बड़े-बड़े लोगों ने भी अपना योगदान दिया है। जैसे महात्मा गाँधी ने 'दांडी यात्रा' निकाली थी। उन्होंने कुछ लोगों के साथ इसे शुरू किया परंतु बाद में उनके साथ हज़ारों लोग जुड़ गए थे। वास्तव में दैनिक जीवन में भी नमक हमारे जीवन की बहुत महत्वपूर्ण चीज़ है, जिसकी हमें आवश्यकता है।

-- हर्ष दूबे।



ताजमहल

ताजमहल भारत के गौरव का प्रतीक बन चुका है। इसे संसार के सात आधुनिक आश्चर्यों में स्थान प्राप्त है। हर भारतवासी के मन में एक बार ताजमहल देखने की इच्छा जरूर होती है। भारत आनेवाला हर विदेशी ताजमहल देखे बिना अपनी यात्रा अधूरी समझता है। ताजमहल का निर्माण मुगल बादशाह शाहजहाँ ने किया था। शाहजहाँ अपनी बेगम मुमताज से बहुत प्रेम करते थे। मुमताज की मृत्यु होने पर उसके मकबरे के स्थान पर शाहजहाँ ने एक भव्य इमारत का निर्माण करवाया। इस इमारत का नाम ताजमहल रखा गया। ताजमहल मकराने से लाए गए सफ़ेद संगमरमर से निर्मित है। यह उत्तर प्रदेश के आगरा शहर में यमुना नदी के तट पर स्थित है। इसे बनाने में लगभग बीस हजार मजदूरों ने बीस वर्ष तक दिन-रात काम किया। ताजमहल आज भी उन मजदूरों एवं कारीगरों के परिश्रम का साक्षी बना शान से खड़ा है। इसकी चमक धूमिल न हो, पाए इसके लिए स्थानीय प्रशासन द्वारा विशेष उपाय किए गए हैं। ताजमहल की रक्षा में आम लोगों का सहयोग भी अपेक्षित है।

राघवेन्द्र ।



कर्तव्य ही ऐसा आदर्श हैं जो कभी धोखा नहीं दे सकता

- मुंशी प्रेमचंद

ज़रा सोचिए : आज का मानव अपने स्वार्थी स्वभाव के कारण प्रकृति को इतना नुकसान पहुँचा रहा है कि जिसके कारण प्रकृति का रौद्र रूप देखने को मिलता है। चाहे वह बाढ़ हो या सूखा, भू-स्खलन हो या भूकंप आदि। यह बहुत विचारणीय विषय है।

हमें अपने जीवन में निडर व साहसी बनना चाहिए। सिंह के चट्टान पर बैठने से वह सिंहासन बन जाती है। इसलिए हमें सिंह बनना चाहिए फिर तो जहाँ बम बैठेंगे वही जगह सिंहासन बन जाएगी।

Weirdo Facto

At least half of Earth's Oxygen comes from the ocean, not trees. Tiny aquatic plants called phytoplankton live near the surface of the water, drift with the currents, and generally do what plants do - make oxygen as a byproduct of taking in sunlight and carbon dioxide.

Playing a *moderate* amount of video games is actually good for you. It boosts your memory and multitasking skills, can help those with dyslexia, increases coordination, and reduces stress. (*How about an Inter-House PUBG?*)

Tears you cry when you're upset actually contain a hormone that's a natural painkiller. Your body releases this hormone (called leucine enkephalin) when you're under stress. So if you ever feel like you need to just sit and have a good cry, your body is just trying to comfort itself.

There are animals and plants considered to be "Biologically Immortal." While they can and do die, this is due to injury or disease. They don't really age (at least not in the sense of breaking down) and won't die from old age. Jellyfish and Lobsters are two examples of this.

Rhythms and Moves

18th August 2018, the students witnessed yet another edition of Inter House Fusion Dance Competition. It was a colorful and a musical evening that showcased the talent of SeQuins. The dancers had put up a highly spirited evening at the old assembly area performing for their houses with full zeal and enthusiasm. The evening was an impressive show of talent combined with hard work of days and nights. Participants performed various fusion dances based on different themes.

While Akash house depicted the birth of Goddess Durga who stems from the need to vanquish the demon Mahisasura, Prithvi house showcased their love and respect for their motherland. Both Agni and Jal houses performed the amazing transition of dances from Indian to Western and then proceeded to an Indian Western face off.

Overall the whole evening kept the audience in awe of the performers. It was a great experience for the participants and a relaxed evening for the students. To culminate the evening, the Senior Master gave us an insight into the importance of co-curricular activities in our lives. His words certainly made a difference in our attitude towards activities like dance, music and arts and we can't wait for next editions of the same. The results of the same will be declared next week. Here's to our overall development.

-Rashi Kudesia

The Unforgettable Doon Literary Festival

"The only people who see the whole picture are the ones who step out of the frame." – Salman Rushdie

The Literature festival held from 9th to 11th August in Unison World School gave us an opportunity to explore the vastness of Literature. The authors and poets that came had their own story to share. Listening to their stories on how they got into the field of Literature gave us some inspiration to try our hands in writing. Authors such as Sudeep Nagarkar and many others made the gala interesting with every passing second. An author of class 12th from Sherwood Nainital was the limelight of the entire fest. His poem on *Veer ras* had such a compelling impact leaving everyone speechless. Getting to know about the various stages you have to pass through before publishing a book made it clear to us that writing was not a child's play. It requires passion, tenacity and of course hard work to get into the line of writing. The Literature Festival was not all about authors and poets but also about raising awareness among the people about the current scenario in Dehradun. Social scientists talked about the various issues that existed in Dehradun and how to resolve them. The aura that the entire festival created was inexplicable. As we listened with scrutiny, time slipped away like sand. While we had our lunch, thoughts about various books and stories kept revolving in our minds. We could not stay for the entire program as we had to come back for the Mastermind's Final round. The festival was a great experience and getting to know about the different branches of Literature filled us with elation. We realized that words can be very powerful indeed.

In the end, "We can destroy what we have written, but we cannot unwrite it." - Anthony Burgess

-Dhruv Banerjee

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