

Buzz and Bytes

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Annual Prize Distribution Day

"Success is a friend to those who persevere. He is free and very fair, you will find him if you care"

The Annual Prize Distribution Day was celebrated with much aplomb on the 25th and 27th March 2023 for the Junior and Senior wings, respectively. The School was teeming with students, parents and teachers, who gathered together to share the joy of the young achievers for the year 2022-23. The Prize Distribution was even more special since we celebrated it after a gap of three whole years.

The day started with the lighting of the lamp followed by the school ceremonial song.

The Chief Guest Mr. Satish Upadhaya, an astute Politician, the Chairperson Mr Rishi Srivastava and Mr Mukesh Chand, Deputy Director of Education graced the occasion to encourage the young achievers.

The students put up a beautiful cultural program that was a balanced mix of music, drama, dance and yoga. The audience was exhilarated to see the talented young students of The Pinnacle School.

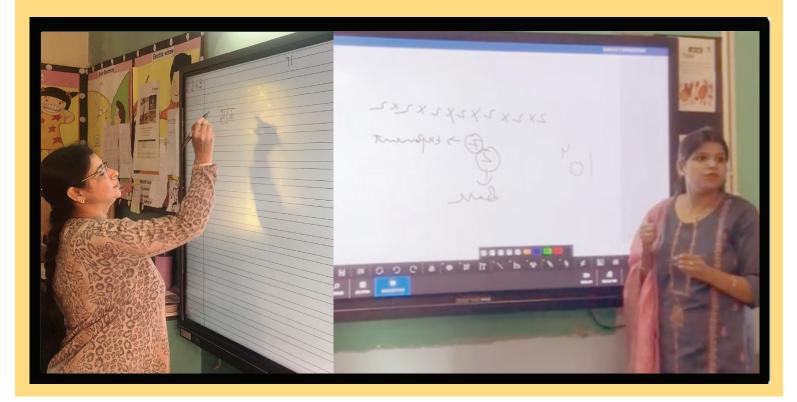
The Principal lauded and felicitated the achievers by honoring them with prizes. She addressed the gathering and underlined that the students' success was due to the sheer joint efforts of students, parents and teachers.

The celebrations came to an end with the national anthem.



The Year That Was!

SMART BOARDS were installed to promote inclusive and engaging ways to teach. Students learn better when all their sensory organs are engaged in learning and we aim to make learning as effective as we can.



STEM WORKSHOPS in Birla Vidya Niketan gave a hands-on experience to students to learn about electronics.It allows students to explore the world through their fingertips. The students were introduced to different electronic components and they created devices using these components.



SUBJECT WEEKS were introduced to give a holistic view of the subject to the children and introduce concepts through "Learning By Doing". Students showed a keen interest and participated wholeheartedly in the activities conducted by the teachers.



It will not be wrong to say that Cricket is the love of the nation.We have budding cricketers in every nook and corner of our country. We have built a CRICKET PITCH to give the students an opportunity to hone their game.



Social media is quite literally making the world go round.We have an all new FACEBOOK and INSTA presence to keep you informed about what's new and happening in the School.

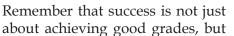


Looking ahead.....

Dear students,

As we come to the close of another academic session, it is important to remind ourselves of the importance of setting goals and staying focused. You must utilize this time to introspect and ponder upon what you have done and where you wish to see yourself in the next academic session.

All of you are in a critical period of your academic career, and the decisions you make now will have a significant impact on your future. Whether you are preparing for college, entering a higher class or ready to be a part of the workforce, it is crucial that you stay committed to becoming better and strive to achieve your goals. The teachers are facilitators to help and support you in your academic journey and are available to answer any questions you may have, provide additional resources and guidance and help you overcome any obstacles that may arise. But ultimately, it is up to you to take responsibility for your education and to make the most of the opportunities available to you.



also about developing important life skills, such as time management, self-discipline, and perseverance.

These skills will serve you well throughout your life, regardless of your chosen path.

I wish you all the best for your future and look forward to seeing all the great things you will achieve.

Ashima Bhasin

Going the extra mile : Clubs

SUPW clubs play a very important role in developing an attitude of team work among the students. It also helps in the development of socially desirable values like tolerance, cooperation and helpfullness among them. Students of SUPW clubs from classes IV - XII were involved in various activities during the academic year 2022-23.

To showcase the work done by the students, displays and exhibitions were organized. These displays taught them to appreciate the work of others, build a strong sense of community and respect for each other.

The students of MOVIE MAKING CLUB attended various workshops from INTACH project. One of our movies "Exploring Dilli Haat" was chosen for best Documentary film and was uploaded on a website called openfuture.com. This year marks the 15th year of the INTACH Film project and our association with it brought home a trophy. It was an immense pleasure to be part of this project as students learned to preserve heritage with the medium of movie making. Also many field trips were conducted by the Heritage Club and Community Care Club. These field trips broaden the horizons of the students and give them a healthy exposure of the world around them.

Deepti Madan and Pooja Aggarwal





Together everyone achieves more: School Houses

The School Student Council is a forum where the students cumulatively experience the connect between their formal learning and its application in real life situations. It provides opportunities to develop leadership skills thereby helping them grow and develop into sensitive and responsible citizens of the future.

At Pinnacle, students are divided into four houses namely Nehru, Teresa, Tagore and Gandhi. Each year, the Student Council is democratically elected from the student body. We believe that it is our responsibility as educators and facilitators to groom our young students in their leadership skills. This year the Student Council commited itself to representing student's voice in the school and helped in maintaining day-to-day discipline in the organization and execution of all activities. Participation was encouraged through various Inter-house competitions in creative and performing arts, literary activities, academics along with sports and co-curricular events.



Students from all the houses put their best foot forward and dazzled the teachers and students with their talent and creativity. The competitions, be it sports or cultural, kept the spirits of the students high. This year Nehru House scored the maximum points and were declared winners for the year.

We endeavour to make our young scholars develop into confident young leaders who will think independently and be able to steer their school to great heights!

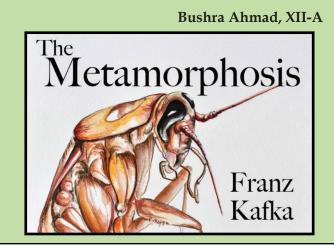
Neha Goel

Reading Matters Book review – The Metamorphosis

Franz Kafka was a novelist and short-story writer, widely regarded as one of the major figures, an icon, of 20th-century literature. The Metamorphosis written by Kafka is one of the best works of existentialist literature. It deals with the themes of alienation, disillusionment and nihilism and seems to be influenced by Kafka's personal life. The novel starts off as Gregor Samsa, the protagonist – a travelling salesman, wakes up to find himself transformed into a 'monstrous vermin'. Though his body is changed, Gregor retains human coherent thoughts and consciousness.

The story then revolves around Gregor, his feelings and how he is treated by his family. He, being the sole earner and responsible for his whole family, feels guilty as he loses the job after the transformation and is unable to do anything for the family. Upon learning about Gregor's new state – his mother, a submissive woman, faints; his father is simply disgusted with him; his sister, Grete who he was close to, seems calm and takes care of him and volunteers to feed him; and the maid being frightened begs for dismissal. However, it's strange how no-one questions the 'why' and 'how' of the sudden transformation. Gregor feels unfamiliar in his new body but starts getting accustomed to it slowly.

The concept of alienation is evident throughout the story as Gregor is alienated by his family due to his changed appearance and their behaviour towards him change, they don't accept him, feeling ashamed with his appearance, nor empathise with him and rather, are repulsed at his sight and keep him confined to his room. He is isolated from the family and feels helpless as he struggles to cling on to his past life physical remnants of when he was human.



The season to be jolly

From the lucky draw to the fete, the Christmas season has always been a season of fun and frolic. This time in school is most looked forward to by all the students. This period of 15 days starts with the assembly and carol practices. Then there is the lucky draw which is held a day or two before Christmas. Though I have not been very successful in winning it, but I enjoy the thrill and anticipation in the atmosphere. The normal school days in-between the lucky draw and the fete are like uninvited guests. Nobody wants to sit for the classes. The decorative atmosphere and the festivities give everyone an adrenaline rush.

The Christmas assembly is always fun . We are called downstairs for the Christmas assembly in which we all laugh, cheer and sing along. The weather is really cold but the energetic atmosphere keeps us warm. The main highlight is the day Santa comes on Stephanie ma'am's scooty. The whole school comes alive with action. The students stand in the corridors and the courtyard to welcome Santa .I love the part when we all sing Christmas carols together. Then comes the fete in which the main attractions are the stalls of kathi rolls and DJ. Christmas time always fills me with a long lasting dose of ecstasy which lasts until the end of winter holidays.

Unais Arif, IX-A

HELLO KITTY

My sister loves Maine Coon cats. She wanted one badly. I decided to gift her the Maine Coon cat on her birthday. I searched on google to check its cost so I could save money to buy it. I was shocked to see that it was about 20,000 rupees. The amount was big but I thought let me give it a try. I started collecting money. At first, I was able to collect around 500 rupees in four days. Then, slowly I collected five thousand rupees and then seven thousand and so on. In about 7 to 9 months, I managed to collect 20,000 rupees.

I realized I needed to collect 20, 000 rupees more for its vaccination and food. Vaccination would cost roughly about 3, 000 rupees and her food was about 8 to 9, 000 rupees. I collected more money for its house, couch, washing accessories, toilet and her comb. Just 4 days before my sister's birthday, I purchased a leash too. On her birthday, we all decorated the house. She got many gifts on her birthday. Now it was my turn to surprise her. I had brought a big box and kept the cat in it. When she opened the box, she was shocked to see her favourite cat. She started crying and hugged me tightly. I was also very happy.

Abeeha Fatima Hasaney, IV-B

