



Rabindra Jayanti Celebrations

"You cannot cross the sea merely by standing and staring at the water"

- Rabindranath Tagore



A Special Assembly was conducted to celebrate *Rabindra Jayanti* on 8th May. Students enacted his poem, '*Where the mind is without fear*' and presented a dance performance on his composition, '*Ekla Cholo Re*'. Some of Tagore's achievements

such as winning the Nobel Prize for his collection of poems 'Gitanjali', composition of national anthems of two countries, India and Bangladesh and setting up the Visva Bharati University in Santiniketan were spoken about. Simultaneously, three art students painted his portrait with glue on a black background. They then sprinkled golden glitter on it to bring to life a beautiful golden portrait of *Gurudev*.

To commemorate the occasion, a sapling of the *Nimbu* plant was planted by the Society Secretary, Mr. Anoop Seth and an *Amla* sapling by the Principal, Ms. Diana Luji. They were assisted by the students of class I, who have promised to nurture these plants over the years they will be in PYDS.

Retro Radio Show

"Memories are timeless treasures of the heart."



Over the past two decades, the Radio has lost listenership rapidly to Smartphones, Streaming services and On-demand content. As an interesting activity, students of class XI were asked to organise a radio show. They were given a week to prepare, during which they researched extensively to create a retro variety programme, '*U-Turn*'. The 45 minute show was led by two Radio Jockeys (RJs) and had segments for short stories, discussion on general elections, heritage and beauty of Uttarakhand, ongoing IPL matches and so on. The presenters delighted the audience by singing songs, enacting yesteryear advertisements such as, 'washing powder Nirma...' and similar. There was a slot for listeners to call and place

requests, during which RJs received a request to broadcast crime stories. The radio of the yesteryear was brought to life for the students, while for the older, it was a nostalgic trip back to their childhood days. All viewers enjoyed the refreshing break from their routine.

Computer & Tinkering Inter-House Competition

"Competition is the best form of motivation" - Cordae



An Inter-house Competition was organised by the Computer and the Tinkering department. It was divided into three groups, Primary, Middle and Senior.

Primary had two groups - classes I to III and class IV, V and NJ-6. The first group participated in a quiz, while the second group designed a domino using TinkerCad. The middle school group assembled quarky robots to race on an obstacle track. This race took place in the auditorium, where it was simultaneously live streamed enabling all students in the audience to observe every move made by their house teams. The senior school group had to make a 'reel' on 'Gender Equality'. The teams had to build their reels from scratch within two hours using resources available on campus. Team members bustled across the campus to borrow cameras, arrange props, finalise shooting locations and so on.

At the end, a House wise quiz was conducted in all categories for the students in the audience. The scores earned by houses were added to their total. Kachnar

House was declared the winner of the competition, while Amaltas House was the runner up.

Kalataru Inter School Visual Arts Competition

“Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life” - Pablo Picasso



An Inter School Art and Craft Competition was hosted by the Oberoi School of Integrated Studies, Dehradun on 4th May. The segments of the competition were varied and interesting and it is a matter of pride that our students participated in six competitions, of which they won prizes in five.

Still Life Elegance: The duo of class XII, Neha Thakur and Sushma Sharma bagged the 1st prize for their narrative portrait composition.

Mandala Art: Ridhima Dhiman of class VIII won the 2nd position.

Story of Clay: Aditya Saini and Bhawna Mehra of class VIII won the 3rd prize for their clay work on 'Family'.

Fairy House: Hansa, Ranu and Vijya Laxmi won the 2nd prize for creating a fairy house out of a bottle and clay.

Landscape: Tanisha, Tanishka and Ankita of class XII secured the 3rd position for

their landscape mural, created out of waste materials.

Low Relief Category: Sanya Pundir made a clay mural of a nesting bird, for which they were given certificates of participation.

Iti Natya Theater Competition

"The world is a stage; the stage is a world of entertainment" - Howard Dietz



On the 5th of May eight students and two teachers of our Saturday Drama Club, attended The 'Iti Natya Competition', organised by 'Young Indians', and 'Valley of Words', Dehradun. The theme was Kalidasa's legendary drama, *Abhigyan Shakuntalam*. The eleven participating schools presented different Acts of his famous work, '*Abhigyan Shakuntalam*'.

Our students had the good opportunity to watch seven performances. Being a multilingual event, it was a great learning experience for them to be able to watch plays in Hindi, English and Sanskrit, in a single event. Our students keenly observed the use of props, stage management, dialogue delivery, presentation, etc. They came away excited and eager to participate in upcoming theatre competitions.

Annual Medical Checkup

"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see"

- John F Kennedy



The annual health checkup for all of our students was conducted at Uttaranchal Hospital between 1st to 31st May. Students were given a full physical checkup including dental and vision. Some children were advised further dental checkups, while others were prescribed deworming medication. Colour Vision Defect (CVD) and squint were also diagnosed in a few cases.

A two day eye camp was set up by Vivekananda Netralaya on our campus which thoroughly examined the eyes of all students from classes IV to XII, for vision and infection. Cases of CVD and squint detected previously were also examined thoroughly and treatments prescribed. Our school tied up with ASG Eye Hospital, Dehradun who offered 50 free consultation coupons. These have been handed out to students who needed further investigation, to be able to visit the hospital during the summer break.

Inter School Debate Competition

"We can agree to not agree"



An Inter-School Debate Competition, '*Abhivryakti*' was held at Maa Anandmayee Memorial School, Dehradun. The competition saw participation from ten schools. Swastika Rawat and Alakh Thapli represented PYDS for the middle school English debate on, 'Artificial Intelligence a threat to employment'. Alakh Thapli spoke for the motion and secured the second prize, while Swastika Rawat, who spoke against the motion, was recognised as the best speaker. Ambika Negi and Labinder Singh Panwar represented PYDS in the senior Hindi category where the topic was, "Sex education should be imparted in schools". Our speakers demonstrated remarkable confidence and eloquence in presenting their point of view.

The judges praised our students for their clear and logical debating skills and their ability to raise thought provoking points. Students' vocabulary and clear diction were also commended. One judge went on to say that PYDS students always leave behind a unique and lasting impression.

Inter School Hindi poem recitation

"Embraced by words old and new, I love to speak in poetic hue"



An Inter School Hindi Poem Recitation Competition, 'Time to Rhyme' was organised at the Oberoi School of Integrated Studies, Dehradun on May 11. The competition was a celebration of linguistic skills and cultural values that stimulated students to engage keenly with Hindi poetry.

Of the three students who participated in the Solo category, Ankita of class II bagged the second prize for reciting '*Desh Prem*'. In the group category, our team of class V students won the third prize for the poem '*Shikshaprad*'.

Parent Teacher Meeting

"Every student is a today's sapling, tomorrow's evergreen"



A Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM) was held before the onset of summer vacations with the objective of advising parents on issues to be addressed during the break. All parents of class I, II and III students were called to discuss academic progress, behaviour, discipline, homework and their role in childrens' education. For class IV to XII, parents of select students who were struggling academically or had discipline issues were called.

During the PTM teachers met parents on a one to one basis and suggested strategies such as, fixing time and target for studies, scheduling a study plan etc. Parents of students, who were losing academic ground because of problems at home, were counselled by teachers.

Remembering Swamy Sir

"PYDS belongs to all of us and it is our responsibility.

I belong to PYDS but do not own it" - G K Swamy



On 31st May, before breaking for summer vacations, the School gathered to remember our founder, Mr G K Swamy, on his third death anniversary. A minute's silence was observed in his memory. Some beneficiaries remembered him fondly and stepped forward to express gratitude.

Nikita Rana - class XI

Nikita came to PYDS in June 2018 as a student of the first Navjeevan batch. She shared her memories as... *"Today we are here to pay tribute to a person who was more than just a name to us. As we remember him, let us walk past our sorrow and recount the life he lived, the love he shared and the legacy he left behind for us. Let us honour him by enriching our lives with the same affection, ambition and vision he had for us. I knew very little about the importance of education when I came here from Kalap, a remote village in Uttarkashi. It was, Swamy Sir, who spent hours talking to us in school, imparting knowledge and motivating us to believe in ourselves. I recall his greatest advice, 'Before achieving your materialistic goal, you must become a good person. For it is only then that you will be able to achieve whatever you aspire for'. Swamy Sir had a special ability to make each person feel, seen, heard and valued. I was extremely fortunate to receive one-on-one mentoring from him, which completely transformed my life."*

Rohit Chauhan - class X

Rohit joined PYDS in Navjeevan 2, he shared his reflections on Swamy Sir's impact in his life. *"When I joined PYDS, I was filled with excitement at the prospect of meeting Swamy Sir. His presence in our class was always a source of inspiration*

and wisdom. He would visit us once or twice a week, teaching valuable lessons and sharing stories from his own life. One particular day we played a unique game in class, in which we had to draw the missing tail of a horse on board, while blindfolded. After several attempts, one of my batchmates successfully completed the task. When Swamy Sir asked us what we had learned from this experience, each of us had a different answer. As he was about to leave, he imparted a powerful message, "Never give up in life", he said and left the class. His advice has stuck with me; I draw strength from it when I am faced with daunting tasks. I shall forever be grateful to Swamy Sir and Chinni Ma'am for providing me with the invaluable opportunity to be a student of PYDS."

Later in the day, the School welcomed Mrs Chinni Swamy for a prayer meeting in the auditorium, where she, Anoop Sir and Diana Ma'am lit the lamp and offered flowers before Swamy Sir's portrait. The choir sang hymns to commemorate the occasion. Ms Meena Khatri and Ms Jyoti Dangwal, both students of Swamy Sir and now working for PYDS proudly shared their memories with students and staff in the audience. As Chinni Ma'am rose to leave, teachers and staff flocked around her eager to have a word with her. She on her part acknowledged and spoke pleasantly with everyone. The sight was indeed one that will be cherished in the mind's eye for a long time.

We are proud of...

Elin Kerketta, PYDS batch 2019



Elin joined PYDS in class III, in 2010. Presently working as a Guest Relation Executive in luxury brand hotel, she is one of our tangible outcomes.

**The Sun beats down its wrath, the brave defy it and carry on,
Showers will come and we will dance with joy;
Till then take care, goodbye!**

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