

**FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2017-18**

**February...bending from heaven, in azure mirth,  
kissed the forehead of the Earth,  
And smiled upon the silent seas,  
And bade the frozen streams be free,  
And waked to music all their fountains,  
And breathed upon the frozen mountains.**

**INTACH ART COMPETITION**

Ananya Agarwal, IX F, Aashna Jain VII-F, Sara Lamba and Adlin Revel VIII-B and Om Dhingra VIII-F, participated in the INTACH Art Competition that was held at DPS, Sector 45 on 1 February 2018. It was a meaningful and learning experience for the participants. The results will be declared in April 2018.

**ORIENTATION PROGRAMME**

Our School had organised an Orientation Programme on 3 February 2018 for the parents who have enrolled their child for the session 2018-2019. The aim of the programme was to familiarize the parents with the curriculum, rules and regulations of the school, teaching methodologies and the co-curricular activities.

**I-SMART SESSION**

I smart session was conducted for Grade VII on 8 February 2018. Students were asked to make on a comic strip on a wide range of topics. The activity enhanced their creative thinking as students imagined various ways to illustrate the same topic. This way they also discussed various issues relevant to our society.

## SPIC MACAY

Suncity School hosted a SPIC MACAY session on 9 February 2018. It was a Kathak performance by India's most celebrated and outstanding Kathak Maestro of the present age- Ms. Uma Sharma. Accompanying artists were- Mr. Khalid Mustafa (a renowned Sitarist), Mr. Mubarak Ali (a renowned Tablist), Mr. Jwala Prasad (a Vocalist), Miss Divya Garg (dancer, disciple of Uma ji), Miss Sukriti (dancer, disciple of Uma ji) and Miss Vani Bajaj (dancer, disciple of Uma ji).



SPIC MACAY is a non-profit organization, which promotes various forms of music and dance to generate awareness about the country's cultural traditions amongst the youth.

Trained under the mentorship and guidance of Shambhu Maharaj and Birju Maharaj, noted gurus of the Kathak tradition of the Lucknow gharana, Uma Sharma ji is a dancer par excellence. Well known both as a choreographer and performer, she has blazed a trail in the field imbuing it with depth, maturity and a nobility of purpose.

The audience was enthralled and was transported to an entirely different world of dance and music, with her mesmerizing footwork, expressive bhaavas (facial expressions), mudras (hand and body postures) and homogeneity in presentation of this vibrant dance form. Uma Sharma ji also demonstrated the intricacies of the dance form detailing on the various aspects of Kathak. The saga culminated with a question answer round. All the questions asked by the young children were answered aptly by the great dancer.



Each session of SPIC MACAY is a successful step taken towards making today's youth aware of both indigenous and international culture, hence creating global citizens.

### ASTRONOMY CLUB'S NIGHT OBSERVATION OUTING

Night observation at Sariska is a valuable part of our 'Astronomy club'. 51 students and 5 teachers were a part of the trip and reached "Astroport" at 5:40 p.m. After a cultural programme, the first session started with evening observation of stars, constellations, galaxies, and other heavenly bodies with a telescope. Dinner was served and was followed by the 2nd session based on locating the pole star with the help of constellations in the night sky and to determine the angle of latitude of pole star with the help of "latitude finder". In the 3rd session, students were provided with "planisphere" and given user instructions. Thereafter, students were asked to figure out the given constellations in the night sky. In the 4th session, students were ready for astrophotography. During this session, students took pictures of the night sky. After breakfast and group photo session, students boarded the bus for school.



## संस्कारशालापरीक्षाप्रतिवेदन

दिनांक—८फरवरी २०१८

८फरवरी २०१८ को सनसिटीविद्यालय के प्रांगणमें संस्कारशालापरीक्षा आयोजित की गई । इसपरीक्षाका आधार 'दैनिकजागरण' अखबारमें आनेवाली कहानियाँ थी जो संस्कारशाला शीर्षक के अंतर्गत अखबारमें आती थी । इसके अलावा छात्रों को कहानियाँ पुनरावृत्ति के रूपमें समस्त हिंदी अध्यापकगणद्वारा कक्षामें



समझाई गई । छात्रों ने जिज्ञासा से कहानियाँ

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एवं समझी । कक्षा छठी, सातवीं और आठवीं के सभी छात्रों ने इस प्रतियोगितामें बढ़-चढ़कर भाग लिया ।



## "KARO SAMBHAV: e-WASTE MANAGEMENT SCHOOL PROGRAMME

KaroSambhav School Programme aims at creating awareness on critical environmental issues e.g. Waste from Electrical and Electronic Equipments (WEEE), engaging students on preventive environmental strategies like circular economy, and inspiring them to take actions in their daily lives. The programme enables development of 21st century skills of collaboration, critical thinking, creativity, communication, ICT competencies and real-world problem solving, by deploying contemporary pedagogical practices in the classroom. The students were engaged in several activities such as article writing, radio show, nukkadnatak, presentations, innovative art depiction and skype sessions with national and international schools.



Completed - Requests that have previously been finished

All times shown are India Standard Time.

Date Requested	Session Title	Participant	
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM India Standard Time, 6 February 2018	Karo Sambhav- Cohesive Ewaste Movement	Akram Allhyani	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM India Standard Time, 3 February 2018	Guest Speaking Session	Raihana Haque	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM India Standard Time, 3 January 2018	Mystery Skype	Raihana Haque	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM India Standard Time, 22 December 2017	Karo Sambhav- Cohesive Ewaste Movement	Ruchika Chhabra	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
2:00 PM - 3:00 PM India Standard Time, 21 December 2017	Karo Sambhav- Cohesive Ewaste Movement	Deepak Bhangre	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM India Standard Time, 1 December 2017	Mystery Skype	Ranjana Varma	<a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>

The final and the felicitation round was organized in our school on 15 February 2018, where students and teachers from several

schools in Gurgaon region participated and showcased their activities.

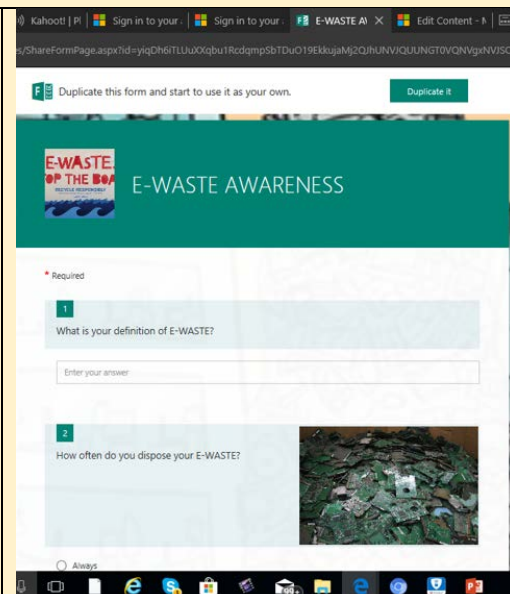
We received "Best School" certificates for the following categories among 25 schools in Gurgaon region:

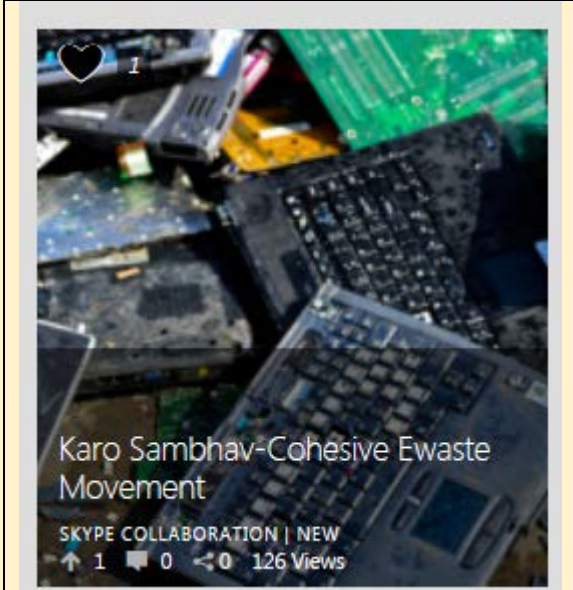
- Best Sustainable School.
- Best School for Community Outreach.
- Best School for Social Media Campaign.
- Best School for Execution of toolkit as provided.



Following teachers and students also received certificates for their valuable contributions: Vaibhav Kumar, Keerat Singh, Anika Bombwal : Best Performance

(Students), Ms. BeenaRaghav - Best Community outreach and NukkadNatak, Best Performance Teachers : Mr. Sahil Kapoor, Art Department (Ms. KalyaniVoleti, Mr. MeganshThapa, Mr. SanjoyPatra), Ms. Deepa Gandhi: Maximum E-waste collection and Ms. Kusum Turan: Social Media Campaign and Execution of toolkit.





## LOXFORD SCHOOL TRUST SCHOOLS VISIT SUNCITY SCHOOL

Eleven students and three faculty members from Loxford School of Science and Technology and Abbs Cross Schools of Loxford School Trust, U.K, visited Suncity School on 13 February 2018. This was the second visit by our school guests who are from our ISA Partner Schools.



It was a perfect Spring day and the school looking stunning with gushing fountains, sprawling lawns



and flower bedecked beds in full bloom of colourful riot. The visitors were given a traditional warm welcome by the Student Council members from Grade VIII. After a brief meeting with the School Principal, Ms. RupaChakravarty, they proceeded to the EYP Courtyard where the students of Grade III presented a mesmerizing Durga Dance. This was followed by the A Capella and Kitchen Fusion Music performance by the senior Performing Arts students. They also enjoyed a wonderful peer teaching session in Science wherein they were awestruck by an in-house air conditioner and a low economy light bulb made by one of our students.

After the Short Break in the school refectory, the guests headed for a Maths Lab session on Vedic Maths and Symmetry of Circles with a curved stitching activity in Grade VIII G. The rich cultural heritage of India was shared through a Social Studies Lesson Presentation by Grade VII C on 'Emerging Cultures in Medieval Times'. There was a humorous class on 'Paraprosdokian' by the students of Grade VI G. The guests enjoyed a sumptuous feast in the school lounge where they had an interaction with the School Principal and were also presented with mementoes. The day concluded with a Visual Arts lesson on water colours painting which they especially loved. They were full of praises for the hospitality and facilities of the host school, infact, the MI lab swept them off their feet!

This successful visit is a stepping stone in strengthening the partnership between the schools and was an enriching and memorable experience for all.

WELCOME AT THE RECEPTION BY STUDENT COUNCIL

### INTERACTION WITH THE PRINCIPAL







PERFORMING ARTS

PRESENTATION



SCIENCE  
LESSON  
IN THE



CHEMISTRY LAB



MATHS LAB ACTIVITIES IN VIII  
G



EMRGING OF CULTURES IN  
MEDIEVAL TIMES-PEER TEACHING  
IN VII C



PARAPROSDOKIEN-PEER LEARNING IN ENGLISH -VI G



## VISIT TO MI ROOM





## WATERCOLOURS PEER LESSON IN THE VISUAL ARTS ROOM

### GRADE VI SPELLATHON 2017-18

Learning and revising spellings cements the connection of letters and their sounds which further improves reading and writing fluency of the children.

Keeping this in mind, 'Grade VI - Spellathon Competition - 2017-18' was

conducted by Ms. Sharmila and her team on 23 February, 2018 amidst great enthusiasm and fervor among the students on 23 February, Friday during the club hours in the school auditorium.

There were five rounds of Spellathon conducted in each section of Grade VI throughout the year and top scorers from each class were selected as the finalists. These were -

1. SiddhantKaul (VI A)
2. Suhani Kapoor (VI B)
3. Arnav Gulati (VI C)
4. Arhaan Ashraf (VI D)
5. Sarah Gupta (VI E)
6. AmbarGogia (VI F)
7. AyushAwasthi (VI G)
8. AarnavSood (VI H)



The competition was conducted with three rounds - Round 1 - Word Scramble, Round 2 - Power Spell, Round 3 - Rapid Fire culminating into a total of 250 points. The entire event was conducted by the children covering various facets of compering, making and handing the PPT, score board keeping, and spell-checking.



The event was graced by our respected Principal Mrs. RupaChakravarty, who shared words of wisdom with the children, and our Guest of Honour, Ms. Soma Dam was enthralled with the effort put in by the students at various levels.

Each participant was given a 'Certificate of Participation' by Ms. Soma Dam, and prizes (books) were distributed to each of the first three finalists by our dear Principal Ma'am.



## SNIPPETS FROM SPORTS ARENA

### LOWER PRIMARY SPORTS DAY

The Lower Primary Annual Sports Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and gusto on 16 February 2018. Parents turned up in large numbers to witness this event which was held to promote a healthy lifestyle, teamwork and most important of all, the spirit of fair-play and sportsmanship!

The event was graced by the presence of Madam Mansi Goel and our esteemed Principal Mrs. RupaChakravarty.

The pleasantly sunny winter morning was just the perfect time of the year to showcase the students' prowess on the field. The colourful parade and march



past by more than 400 students of Grades I & II was a rousing spectacle and helped start the day on a spectacular note. This was followed by our Principal declaring the meet open. The oath ceremony which came next was a solemn affair as the students pledged sincerely to abide by all the rules and regulations. The theme for the year "Futuristic Divergent Thinking" also inspired our young Suncitizens to explore Space- the final frontier! It was not surprising then that most races had the budding athletes tackle challenges they might encounter if they

sojourned in outer space!

The day's highlight, as always, were the Parents' races which were a huge hit and held amidst bonhomie and camaraderie. The event concluded with the Prize Distribution Ceremony with a resounding applause and heartfelt appreciation.

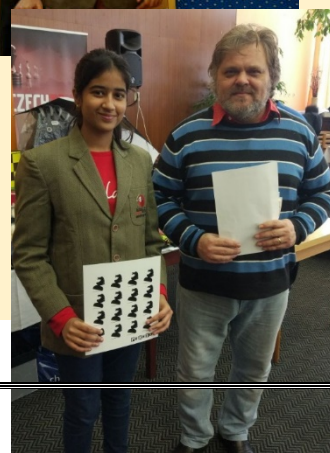
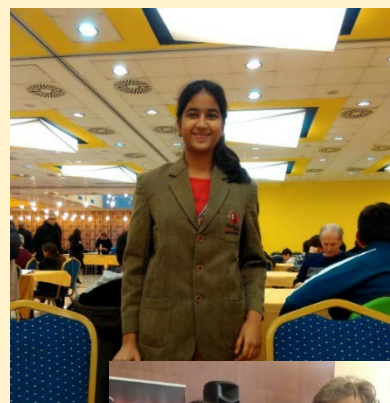






## **INTERNATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT HELD AT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN EUROPE**

Our champion TanishkaKotia of Grade IX did us proud by winning the tournament held at Czechoslovakia in Europe. During the tournament, Tanshika defeated strong players from Russia, Poland, France and Germany. She has increased her rating points to 293 and has become 1900+ rated player and the highest amongst women in Haryana. Based on her performance and being a WFM title holder,





she has got a chance to play in norm (for WIM title) tournament in France in the month of June and July 2018.

### **KHELO INDIA SWIMMING PROGRAMME**

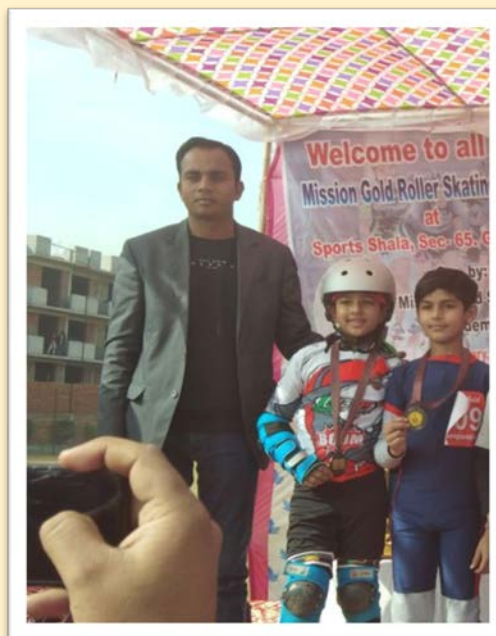
The Khelo India Programme has been introduced to revive the sports culture in India at the grass root level by building a strong framework for all sports played in our country and establish India as a great sporting nation. A total of 199 Gold medals, 199 Silver medals and 275 Bronze medals were at stake in the first KISG (Khelo India School Games). The KISG was held across 16 disciplines in the U-17 age category and 5000 school children from 29 states and 7 union territories will participate in the event from January 31 to February 8, 2018. The event was inaugurated by Honorable Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, in Delhi on 31 January 2018 at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium. As only those athletes selected by SGFI and National Federation participated.

Suncity School was extremely honoured that SiaPrathambir of Grade IX participated in the same and bagged the eleventh position amongst 37 states. It was a great opportunity for her to hone her sports skills.



### **MISSION GOLD ROLLER SKATING COMPETITION**

Arnav Khandelwal of Grade II D participated in the speed skating competition held in Gurgaon on 11 February 2018. He did the school proud by winning a bronze medal.



### CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

S.NO	FACULTY NAME	DATE	WORKSHOPS
1.	Mrs Charu Chandra Mrs. Avantika Sharma	1.2.2018	The Art of Debating-World Scholar cup
2.	Mrs. Kalyani Voleti Mr. Sanjoy Patra	9.2.2018	Interactive workshop with Sarah Atkinson, head of academic standards, University of Arts, London, on Portfolio Development
3.	Mrs. Bindu Gera	10.2.2018	Stress Management and Emotional Intelligence Workshop
4.	Mrs. Shilpa B. Suchdev	16.2.2018	Cambridge Community Meet

**Amidst the riot of colours, chirping of birds and the humming of bees, students geared up for the last lap of the academic session with exams in the month of March. All the best Suncitizens!**