

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2019

“In the entire circle of the year there are no days so delightful as those of a fine October.” – Alexander Smith

GANGA BOX: LAUNCH EVENT

Students of Class V were invited by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH which has been working jointly with partners in India for sustainable economic, ecological, and social development for the last 60 years. The SGR project supports the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and its State Project Management Group (SPMG) in Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh with the objective: ‘Responsible actors at national and state level increasingly apply integrated approaches to the management of river systems based on EU procedures.’

Selected students went to Hotel Park on 1 October 2019 where they displayed innovative models made by them based on preservation and recycling of water and also presented a ‘Nukkad Natak’ to sensitize the audience about water preservation and its importance for our future generations. The audience, consisting of over 200 teachers and Principals of different schools, appreciated the efforts and confidence of the students.



WORLD ELDERS DAY

Students of Suncity School celebrated The Elders Day on 1 October 2019 with love, care and compassion towards the old people who form the pillars of our society. They not only shape the families, but also show us the right path of life.

On the occasion of World Elderly Day, the school invited the elderly people from the Earth Savior Foundation on 4th Oct' 19. The guests from the old age home witnessed the school assembly and were then served breakfast in the refectory by the students of grade 10. The students also gave Thank You Cards to them as a token of gratitude.

The activity was a part of an English chapter of grade 10, 'The Dear Departed.' Students got a chance to interact with the elderly and enjoyed the experiences shared by the guests. The activity was planned to help the students inculcate the values of respect and compassion towards old people and making them realize that the old people need our care and presence to feel happy and loved.

'MI-me' EVENT 2019

SUNCITY School proudly hosted the Inter- School Event 'MI-me' on 11 October 2019. 'MI-me' revolves around Howard Gardner's theory of Multiple Intelligences. Fourteen schools, including the host school, were a part of this event. The competitions gave children a platform to explore and realise their latent talents.

The programme started with Lighting of the Lamp ceremony in the presence of our Special Guest, Ms. Guneet Ohri and our esteemed judges, which was followed by a scintillating dance performance by the students of Kindergarten, various competitions and performances. All the participants showcased tremendous confidence and creativity.

Children from the NGO, 'Dream Girl Foundation', were invited and were provided a platform to showcase their talent. They gave a laudable performance.

'MI-me' Champion of the Day was an exclusive category where one child from Nursery and Kindergarten from each school participated in all the competitions of the day. The children performed with great enthusiasm and made their schools proud by bringing laurels. The winners were felicitated by our Guest Ms. Guneet Ohri, our esteemed judges, our Director, Ms. Rupa Chakravarty and our Principal, Ms. Sandeepa Rai.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AT 'I DIG HISTORY'

The students of Kindergarten were taken for a visit to 'I Dig History' at Ambience Mall, Gurgaon, on 14-17 October 2019.

'I Dig History' is a Children's Play Museum dedicated to the cause of edutainment wherein children learn about both natural history and mankind's endeavours through the passage of time. The children were engaged in a mix of motor activities, virtual reality, sculpture painting and free play in an exciting setting of dinosaurs, Egyptian pyramids, space ship and sail ships.

Children also had an access to VR experiences like walk in a dinosaur park and an outer space experience.

It was a day full of experiential learning for the little ones.

ISA AND GENERATION GLOBAL VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH INDONESIAN SCHOOLS

Suncity Students had an interactive video conference with two Indonesian schools SMAN 10 Padang and SMAN 2 Trenggalk on 11 October 2019. The theme of the discussion was exploring core skills-Essentials of Dialogue on Festivals. At the onset, the students from each school shared their responses to their favourite festival and what they entailed – the story behind the festival – and *how* they celebrated it, their rituals, timings, music and food. The Indonesian students were excited about the PowerPoint shared by Suncity School, highlighting the varied diverse celebrations Indians enjoyed.

The ice breaker encouraged students to dig deeper into a dialogue about the meaning and impact of festivals on students and their communities. The aim of the dialogue was for students to have a rich understanding of the festivals that their peers experience – and that understanding was further reached by students asking response questions to one another.

The concluding questions had the students share reflections about what their takeaway was and where they experienced key dialogue exchange. The students shared their surprise that Durga Puja and one of the Indonesian festivals, had a stark similarity of immersing idols into the river and the best dialogue was when one question popped up on the values the festivals instilled and all shared personal perspectives.

Sheersh Kachhwaha, Vanshika Sethi, Dhairya Bhandari, Vikram Tapadia, Mritunjaya Thakur, Madhurima Mandal, Simone Sharma and Chhavi Ingle from Grade XI displayed exemplary dialogue skills at the conference.

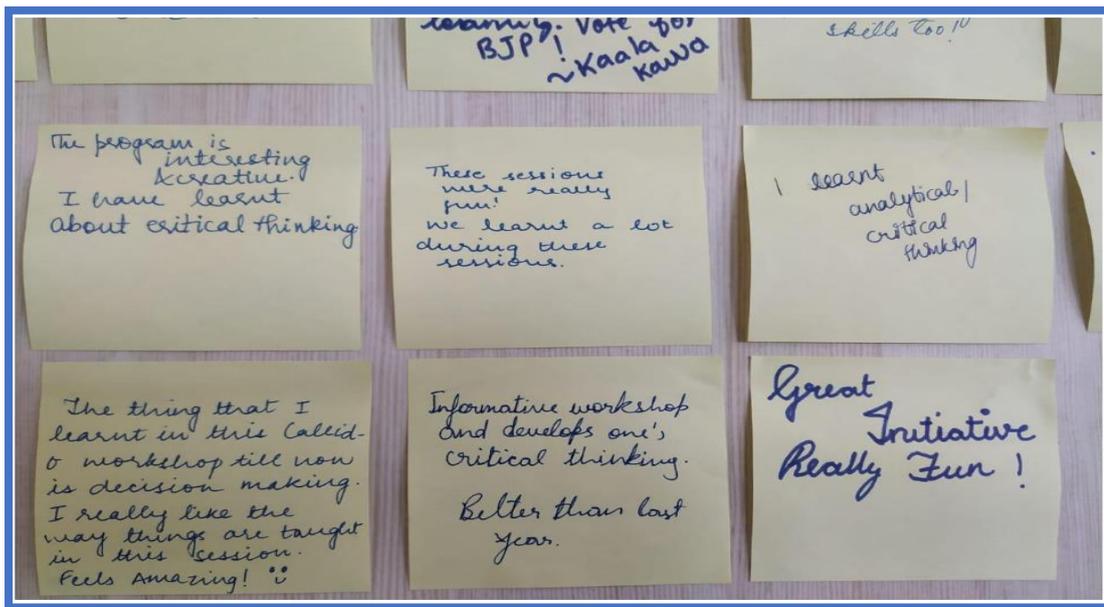
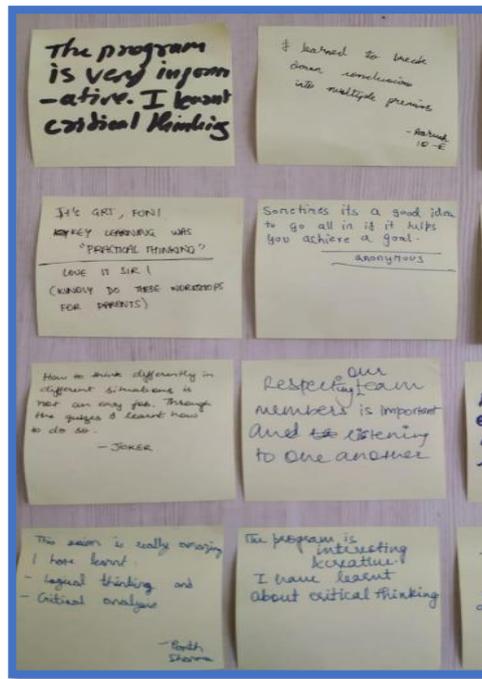
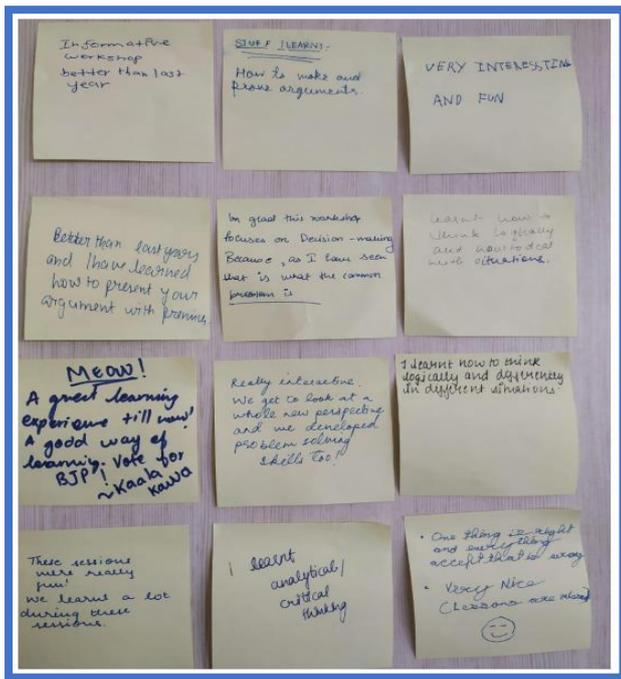


WORKSHOP SESSION REPORT ON CALLIDO

Students of Grades IX-X took part in the **Callido Learning Workshop**.

The workshop sessions help students to work on their critical thinking and research skills. **Callido learning is endorsed by Cambridge University and Ivy League professors.**

Following are the reflections after the workshop from students



SUNCITY SCHOOL'S VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH KIROVOGRAD SCHOOL 25, UKRAINE AND BAL BHARATI PUBLIC SCHOOL

A Video Conference was held with Ukraine and Indian Schools on 22 October 2019, as a part of Generation Global, an initiative by the Tony Blair Faith Foundation. The topic of the Conference was views on wealth, poverty and charity. Generation Global prepares students, giving them the skills and experience they need to navigate differences in a peaceful way.

The students explored the link between poverty and charity, what kinds of poverty students found in their communities, were asked to think about the importance of charity whether it is necessary and why, and what faith says about the need to be charitable and other reasons for their passion (or lack of) for charity.

This enabled the students to get into larger questions about the ways that different religions and cultures approach issues about the need to be positive people, care for others, if we have the power of change” The students were able to refer from examples from their own backgrounds and engage in meaningful discussion.

Students from Grade XI who participated were Chhavi Ingle, Mrityunjaya Thakur, Simoni Sharma, SheershKachhwaha, Vikram Tapadia, Madhurima Mandal, Nemika Sahni, Anisha Gupta, Tanishq Jakhar and Neel Khullar.



PROJECT REPORT ON THE ARAVALI VISIT

Biology students of Grade XII visited the Aravali hills to conduct a survey on environmental impact of unprecedented construction and mining in Aravali hills.

Students conducted on spot sample analysis of the land, area and plant species available.



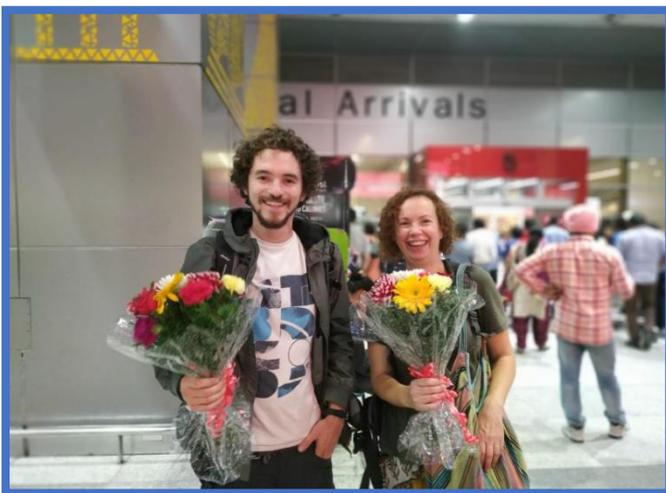
EXCHANGE PROGRAMME - INDIA 2019

SUNCITY SCHOOL AND LYCÉE L'OISELET BOURGOIN JAILLIEU

A student exchange programme took place between Suncity School and Lycée l'Oiselet Bougouin Jaillieu, France, from 14 October 2019 to 24 October 2019. The French delegation from Lycée l'Oiselet, included two teachers: Madame Eglantine Wuillot and Monsieur Thibaud *Pillant*, and twenty-five students. The visitors were hosted by families of Suncity students.

During this ten-day trip, they participated in pedagogic activities as well as cultural visits. Students from both schools benefitted from a meaningful exchange of ideas and carried fond memories.

Days 1&2 – Monday, 14th October 2019 & Tuesday, 15th October



The French delegation arrived at New Delhi late on Monday night. They were received by teachers of Suncity school, and by the host families.

They spent the following day with their hosts, going for outings or getting to know them better.

Day 3 – Wednesday, 16th October 2019



The French students were welcomed to school with garlands, ‘tilak’ and Synergy magazine.

Thereafter, they learnt the *basics of Hindi* for greetings.

This was followed by an ISA Activity, ‘*Our monuments under siege*’. Suncity school students presented a panel discussion, wherein they shared their research on monuments in different countries like Afghanistan, Myanmar, China, France and India. They shared their knowledge of the preservation policies and laws followed in these countries. The French students also shared their information on different monuments of France.

Thereafter, they participated in a Science Activity, ‘*Each Day Earth Day*’, wherein various methods of waste management were discussed. French students made newspaper bags and grade V students presented their projects on water recycling. French students also shared ways of waste management in their school, society and country.

Later in the day, they were introduced to all the students in the Maths and ICT Week Assembly. They also participated in *Mathematics Quiz*.

They had an *initiation towards Indian music and dance*, wherein they started learning a Hindi song, based on the seven notes of music, as well as an Indian Folk dance, Bhangra.

Day 4 – Thursday, 17th October 2019



The day began with **Rangoli making activity**, wherein they used natural ingredients to create beautiful patterns.

Thereafter, they participated in a **discussion with environmentalist, Ms. Marina Torchia**, who inspired them to contribute towards protecting the environment, in whichever way possible.



The English activity, '**A Posy of Performing Arts**' was also organized on this day. Suncitizens dramatized written works of writers from across the world. They also demonstrated the teaching methodology at Suncity by showing glimpses of parent walk-in and other fun-filled activities.

This was followed by the '**Financial Literacy Project**'. This activity involved, in the first part, prioritizing needs and wants, and in the second part, calculating expenses on 'wants' in the long run. The objective of the activity was to help them see how much one can save, by spending judiciously.

Initiation to **Indian dance and music**, continued through this day.

Day 5 – Friday, 18th October 2019



Visit to NGO : NGO Sanshil Foundation's initiative, '**Project Bagiya**', which is a school for the underprivileged. The students spent quality time with the school students, sharing their languages, cultures and games. Students of Bagiya, applied 'Henna' onto the hands of French students, which they appreciated very much.

Initiation to Indian dance and music continued.

They also participated in a **culinary activity** pertaining to Indian sweet-making.



In the evening, the French delegation was invited to the Chairman's residence for *Diwali get-together*. They arrived, dressed beautifully, many of them in Indian costumes. They enjoyed the food and spent a delightful evening.

Day 6 – Saturday, 19th October 2019



The French students, started early on this day, to *visit Taj Mahal* in Agra. They were mesmerized by the beauty of the Taj Mahal, and thoroughly enjoyed this day trip.



Another highlight of the day was *lunch hosted by Dharini Jain*, a parent of one of Suncity School's students. The French guests were deeply touched by the warmth and hospitality of the Indian family.

Day 7 – Sunday, 20th October 2019



This day was marked by the visit to '*Dilli Haat*', '*Gurudwara Bangla Sahib*' and '*Waste to Wonder Park*'. The students had a joyful experience, shopping for Indian handicrafts in the colourful and vibrant ambience of Dilli Haat.

Thereafter, they paid their reverence at Gurudwara Bangla Sahib. Finally, they spent relaxing moments in the 'waste to wonder' park, marveling at the models of the seven wonders of the world, designed out of waste materials.

Day 8 – Monday, 21st October 2019

This was a holiday, due to elections in Haryana, and French students spent the *day with host families*. They bonded with their Indian counterparts over outings and get-togethers.

Day 9 – Tuesday, 22nd October 2019



On this day, an ISA Activity, pertaining to International Relations, and particularly to, *Amnesty International*, was conducted. Suncity school students made a presentation on Amnesty International. Thereafter, students wrote letters to Heads of State, highlighting the plight of individuals being imprisoned in their own countries and requesting for their release.

A *chocolate-making session* was conducted by 'The Chocolate Foundation'.

The training in music and dance continued side by side.

Day 10 – Wednesday, 23rd October 2019



This being their last day at Suncity School, a closing ceremony, '**Grand Gala**', was organized. **Madam Marie Doublier**, attaché at the French Embassy for co-operation in education, was the special guest for the event.

The ceremony was marked by performances of students of both the host and the visiting school. Suncity school students presented a French song and a French dance, 'Can Can'. The highlights of the assembly, were the dance and song performance by Lycée Oiselet students. They put up a stunning 'Bhangra' dance performance in colorful costumes, displaying both self-confidence and grace. The song performance, based on the seven notes of music, was no less splendid, with the French students doing complete justice to the Hindi song.

Some French students and teachers also shared their experiences during the exchange. They were highly appreciative of the activities being conducted and the hospitality of their Indian friends.

Suncity School Deputy Head Girl, Ananya Singh, and Head Boy, Kinshuk Yadav, presented the **Vote of Thanks**.

The ceremony ended with the singing of the French and the Indian national anthems.

Later in the day, the French students visited **Anandgram**. They not only admired the artifacts but were also pleased by the beauty and the tranquillity of the place.

Day 11 – Thursday, 24th October 2019

The French students were seen off, early in the morning this day, by their Indian hosts. It was a heart-touching moment. They were taken to the airport, in the school bus.

On the whole, it was a wonderful and joyful experience for students of both the schools.



SPECTACULAR SPORTS

GIFA TOURNAMENT

Our soccer players participated in Great Indian Football Action Soccer tournament held at CWG Akshardham on 15 September -13 October 2019

The Girls' team won the tournament and got Rs. 50000/- as cash prize.

S.no	Student's Name	Grade	Position
1	RINAYA DUGGAL	IX-A	Winner
2	ARZOI DUGGAL	IX-D	Winner
3	HIRANMAYI JAJORIA	XI-A	Winner
4	PREHA GANDHI	XI-C	Winner



INVITATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

Our Suncitizens, Rahil Relan of Grade III F and Chehak Relan of Grade I C participated in the Invitational Chess Tournament held at Orchid Garden Suncity on 2 October 2019 and bagged top laurels.

S.No	Student's Name	Grade	Position
1	RAHIL RELAN	III-F	Second Position
2	CHEHAK RELAN	I-C	First Position

SGFI STATE SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Krishna Mehndiratta of Grade XII C participated in the U-19 Boys category in the SGFI State Tournament which was held at Kurukshetra on 2-6 Oct 2019.



TEAM TENNIS OPEN TOURNAMENT

G.D. Goenka Public School organised a Team Tennis Open Tournament on 5-7 October 2019.

Our talented Suncitizen, Aarav Roy, participated in the tournament and played with immense skill and emerged as a Winner in the U-10 Boys category.



HARYANA STATE TABLE TENNIS

Our talented Table Tennis players participated in Haryana State and Inter District Table Tennis tournament held at Sonapat on 6-8 October 2019 and won top prizes.

S.NO	Student's Name	Grade	POSITION
1	SANJANA VERMA	VI-F	a Silver and a Bronze Medal
2	MAHIR VARMA	V-C	a Gold Medal



INTER-SCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION

Our six swimmers participated in the Inter-School Swimming Competition held at Lotus Valley International School on 9 October 2019.

They made us extremely proud by bagging five Gold medals and two Silver medals.

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	NAMAN SHARMA	VI-G	a Bronze
2	ADYA SHARMA	V-B	a Bronze
3	KHUSHI MEHTA	VI-C	a Bronze
4	HRIDAY KABIR	VII-G	a Bronze
5	TARINI KHATRI	VIII-B	a Silver
6	SIDDHANTH SEHRAWAT	IX-A	Two silver and a bronze
7	MAHIP REEN	VIII-B	Two bronze



JUNIOR AND SUB JUNIOR HARYANA STATE SWIMMING COMPETITION

Our talented swimmer participated in the Junior and Sub-Junior Haryana State Swimming Competition held at Huda Gymkhana Club on 10-12 October 2019. He made us extremely proud by bagging a Gold medal for his stupendous swimming skills.

S.No	Student's Name	Grade	Position
1	DAKSH GANDHI	IV-C	a Gold

CBSE ZONAL LEVEL SKATING TOURNAMENT

Our Suncitizen, Hreelina Basak of Grade VII – F participated in the CBSE Zonal Level Skating Competition held at Fatehgarh Sahib on 8-13 October 2019

S. No	Name	Grade	Position
1	HREELINA BASAK	VII F	A Silver medal and selected for National

She is selected for National CBSE skating competition.



YOUNG INDIA SKATING COMPETITION

Six Suncity Skaters took part in the Skating Competition in Young India Sports Academy on 13 October 2019 and made us proud by scoring impressive ranks in various categories.

S. No	Name	Grade	Position
1	KASHVI SINGH	Nur.-B	FIRST
2	AVYAAN AGARWAL	Nur.-G	THIRD
3	AKSHAT JOSHI	II-G	FIRST
4	RUDRAKSH BHUWAN PADHALNI	II-F	SECOND
5	AISHANI SENGUPTA	II-F	SECOND
6	SHAINA SINGHAL	IV-G	FIRST
7	KANAV UTKARSH PANDYA	II-E	Participated
8	JAIVIK CHANANA	I-D	Participated



INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our school basketball Boys and Girls team proudly represented the school in U-19 category at Pathways World School on 14-17 October 2019.



FRIENDLY ROLL-BALL SKATING

Our Suncitizens participated in the Friendly Roll-ball Skating Competition held at Shalom Presidency School, Gurugram on 16 October 2019.



INDIAN GOLF UNION NORTHERN JUNIOR & LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Suncitizen, Palakshi Sehrawat of Grade VII D participated in the Indian Golf Union Northern Junior and Ladies Championship held at Jaipur on 13-18 October 2019.

ELEVEN INTER-HOUSE BADMINTON COMPETITION

The Eleventh Inter-House Badminton Tournament was held on 18 October 2019.

The certificates were presented by parents. The tournament was quite a learning experience for our teams.

S. No	Student Name	Class	House	Position
1	AARYMAN TANWAR	VIII-E	Atlantic	Runner up
2	AADITYA ARORA	VIII-D	Arctic	Winner
3	SHEERSH KACHHWAHA	XI-D	Atlantic	Runner up
4	ESHAAN GULATI	XI-C	Indian	Winner
5	VIDUSHI GUPTA	XI-D	Pacific	Winner
6	ANANYA SETHIA	IX-E	Atlantic	Runner up
7	ANGAD AHUJA	VII-C	Atlantic	Winner
8	HARSH BAYAD	VII-D	Indian	Runner up
9	AAROHI ARORA	VIII-E	Arctic	Winner
10	RAISSA SHARMA	VIII-C	Pacific	Runner up

ATLANTIC HOUSE EMERGED AS THE WINNERS.



NORTH INDIA KARATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Shotokan Union of Indian Karate Federation organized the North India Karate Championship 2019 Tournament on 19-20 October 2019 at Bluebells Public School.

Our Suncitizen, Purva Bang of Grade IV – D participated in the event and made us proud by bagging a Gold medal and emerging as the winner in the U-10 Girls in the Ind. Kata category.



SUB-JUNIOR OPEN STATE BADMINTON COMPETITION

Our aspiring badminton champions, Vidushi Jaidka of Grade IX D and Angad Ahuja of Grade VII C participated in the Sub Junior open Badminton championship held at Faridabad on 17-20 October 2019.



INTER-SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Our school Basketball Girls team proudly represented the school in U-19 category at Lancers International School on 19-25 October 2019.

Our girls' team did their best in the match and secured second place in the tournament.

S.NO	Student's Name	Grade
1	SAIRAA JULKA	IX-B
2	NEMIKA SAHNI	XI-C
3	STUTI SHARMA	X-B
4	MEHEK KAPOOR	XI-C
5	ANUSHA MAKKAR	XI-C
6	SAMAIRA SUNEJA	8-C
7	YESHITA SAHAI	VII-B
8	ASTHA VORA	VIII-F
9	GAURI GAUTAM	VIII-F
10	ZIKRA TAHIR WANI	VIII-C
11	ANUSHKA VORA	VIII-B
12	SHIVIKA JAIN	VIII-G
SECOND PLACE		



DISTRICT ROLLER SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP

Hreelina Basak of Grade VII – E made us proud by bagging four bronze medals in the District Roller Skating Championship held at Skating Bank Track at Gurugram from 19-20 October 2019.



LAWN TENNIS TOURNAMENT-FITSCO SPORTS ACADEMY

Fitsco Sports Academy organized a Lawn Tennis Tournament on 19-20 October 2019.

Saavya Bhargava of Grade VI – C participated in the competition and played to the best of her potential a Silver medal for her stupendous performance on the court.

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-WORKSHOPS

3 OCTOBER	BRICSMATH	RUSSIAN CENTRE OF SCIENCE AND CULTURE	MS. SANGEETA VERMA
12 OCTOBER	Integration of Current Affairs and General Awareness with Academic Curriculum	INTACH	MS. VIDHI AND MS GEETIKA ARORA