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**PRINCIPAL'S ANNUAL REPORT**

18th APRIL, 1996.

Gen. & Mrs. Varma, Ladies & Gentlemen, Girls & Boys,

It is my pleasure to welcome all of you to our Seventy-first Annual Prize and Speech Day.

Gen. Varma, our Chief Guest of this evening was commissioned into the Regiment of Artillery almost thirty-five years ago. During these years of his service he has attended important courses like LGSC, Senior Defence Management etc. He has also commanded many Regiments and in fact for his distinguished services in ASIAD '82, he was awarded the Chief of Army Staff Commendation Card. Gen. Varma is no stranger to Barnes School. His daughters have studied here, during his earlier tenure in Devlali. He has earlier presided over functions here and has always helped us in times of need.

The Academic Year opened with 612 boarders and 627 day-scholars, although the day-scholars numbers keep fluctuating a bit throughout the year mainly due to the Army postings.

**Academics**

We had a pass percentage of 86.7% in the I.C.S.E. Examination this year. There was a marked improvement in the Science results and a slight improvement in Mathematics. Maths is the problem subject all over, with the result that the Council for the I.S.C. have decided to make Maths an optional subject; this will come into effect in 1999. The bifurcated syllabus for the I.C.S.E. examination is in effect now and this certainly reduces the amount the students have to study.

### Health

The health of the students have been generally good, except for the usual cases of mumps, chicken-pox etc. There was one epidemic that hit us though. The hospitals were full and the guestrooms had to be used as an emergency ward. However that period of stress was looked after by the nurses and all was well again.

### Staff changes

There were no major staff changes at the end of the Academic year. Mrs. P. Ganguly left at the beginning of the new term to join her husband in the Gulf. Mrs. R Uberai was appointed in her place. Mrs. D. Dixon (Matron) Haig Brown also resigned on Medical grounds. Mrs. Perry was appointed in her place. Mr. S. Koloti from the office resigned for better prospects and Mr. Dalvi replaced him. An additional hand was required in the office. Mr. Joshi was appointed.

### CO - CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Our heavy co-curricular schedule keeps both our staff and students busy through out the year. This is a very important part of the development of the child and helps the child to relax after the heavy academic schedule.

The P.T. & GYm was held on Saturday, 5th August '95. The Chief Guests were Air. Cdr. & Mrs. R. Barucha. All present enjoyed the evening although a few caught their breaths during the leap through and over the ring of fire. The Chief Guests complimented all those that participated and those responsible for a good job. Well done !

The Soccer season followed by this is the most hectic, for during the mid-term holidays the Anglo-Indian school in Maharashtra organise a tournament where nine or ten Schools take part. However, before this we play an Inter-school match with St. Peter's School, Mazagoan. This match ended in a 2-2 draw. The Inter-school tournament was held in Bishops School, Pune. We once again reached the Finals and played against Bishops school. The latter won 3-0, after an exciting tournament.

The Inter-house Singing & Elocution competition was held on 22nd September '95. This is a very relaxing programme and all present enjoyed the elocution, the songs and the house choruses.

On Teachers Day the children put up an enjoyable variety entertainment. This was followed by lunch for the teachers in the Staff Room.

The Annual Athletics was held on Friday, 20th October '95. The Chief Guest was Brig. Rajesh Kumar. The highlights of the meet was the open relay in which four teams took part. The race was exciting. Barnes School won the race easily followed by Artillery Centre Boys Company and third were the Artillery Centre team.

A group of our Athletes were chosen to represent Barnes in the district open meet in Nasik. All our participants did very well in the meet. Six students from Barnes were selected to represent Nasik District in the State Athletic meet at Amravati. Varsha Sangar did well at that meet.

Founders Day - the 29th of January was celebrated with a Chapel Service followed by the School Fete. The staff and students put in a lot of hard work and the result was that the Fete turned out to be a grand success which fetched the school a very good profit besides giving the children and visitors a very enjoyable day.

The Annual School Play "Down the Hatch" (a Comedy in 3 Acts) was held on Saturday 25th November 1995. It was as enjoyable as ever. This has now become a feature in Devlali. It was well attended. Mr. & Mrs. T. K. Choudhary (I.G. of Police - Bombay) were the Chief Guest and they enjoyed the play a great deal.

In the Annual Inter School Basket ball for girls and Hockey for Boys against St. Peter's School, Mazagoan, both our teams were victorious.

The Inter-house Boxing, which was held on 27th March '95, was another exciting event which marked the last event before the examination.

### General

The water promised to us by the Cantonment Board is almost a reality. The pipes have been laid and it seems that we should get water shortly. This will be a great boon to the school.

An All India Painting Competition for schools organised by the World Wild Life Organisation was held in the school Hall. Three students from Barnes were awarded Cash Prizes for their work.

A scheme of social Forestry has been started in the school and there have been some sponsors of tree guards to protect the trees. The school campus being so vast (265 acres), there is no other way we can nurture trees except by providing them with protection by means of tree guards.

Mrs Archana Kurita a parent generously donated Rs. 36,000/- for the purchase and installation of fans in the class rooms, the fans have been installed. Mr. Basant Gurnani, another parent, also donated Rs. 8,000/- for the purchase of ten fans.

Lord Edward Fitz Roy - The great great grandson of our Founder Mr. George Barnes visited our school on the 27th October, '95. He was here for only a few hours and visited all the classes and met all the staff during his brief visit.

As usual we had a number of ex-students visiting our school during the re-union around October, when they stay over for about three days, during which there is plenty of merriment around Barnes. In fact, this year we've had an unusual number of visits from very old students and staff having been associated with Barnes around the mid-thirties and mid-forties. These old students had come either from the U.K. or Australia, and it has given us great pleasure to have them over.

To mention a few, there were Mr. Alfred D. F. Gabb (1939 to 1946) from U. K.; Mr. Kevin Dean from U. K.; Mr. Noel Sparks also from U. K. Mr. Sparks was a teacher in the school from 1945 to 1947 and Block Master of Candy Block. He was accompanied by his daughter. Mr. Joe and Thomas Clark from Australia (1942 - 1947) also walked down the memory lane for a few days.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I am grateful for all the work put in by the members of my staff. With their effort we have had a successful year 95-96, for without their help and co-operation it would be difficult for the school to run smoothly. And last but not least, I would like to thank the Committee members of the school who are always there for me to lean on and have supported me in every way.

Thank You !

## FLASH BACK

In 1718 a priest of the Honourable East India Company, Richard Cobbe, founded a boarding school for poor children near Flora fountain. This school was run for almost a hundred years with only 12 pupils. In 1815 Archdeacon Barnes appealed to his congregation in St. Thoma's Cathedral for funds to expand the school. The response was good. The Society was registered and by 1825 the school was moved to Byculla.

The school flourished in its new situation, and in three years (1815-1818) the numbers doubled from 12 to 25. Mr. Mac Veigh, the Headmaster, felt that this number was unmanageable and resigned in protest.

From 1815 to 1924 the boarding-and-day schools were situated in Byculla. In the meanwhile 265 acres of land had been bought in Devlali where a boarding school was being constructed. In 1925, the boarders moved to Devlali. This school was planned on a vast scale. In 1925 a boarding school for 1,000 boarders seemed unthinkable, when most schools were happy with about 200 boarders.

During the last seventy one years, Barnes has had three Principals. The Revd. T. E. Evans (1925-1934), Mr. W. R. Coles (1934-1969), Mr. J. L. Davis (1969-1985) and the present principal, Mr. A. R. Baker.

Now Barnes School, Devlali, is one of the largest residential schools in India. It is run by the Bombay Education Society. The school is open to children of all communities who can fit in with and benefit from the multifaceted and all-round education provided. The number of children attending the school is about 1200 boarders and day scholars.

## THE BOMBAY EDUCATION SOCIETY

Barnes High School, Deolali and Christ Church High School, Byculla.

### The Crest of the Society and its Schools

From the College of Arms, London, we have obtained the following complete and authentic description.

It is a combination of the crest of Archdeacon Barnes, our Founder, on the left side, and that of his wife, who belonged to the Carnac family, on the right. On the left is a blue shield with the faces of three white leopards and on the right, four quarters alternately white and blue with crossed swords, three five pointed stars and a crescent. The swords are in their natural steel colour with the points upwards. The stars are blue over the white quarters and white over the blue. Similarly the crescent is white and blue. The bird is white falcon with golden beak and legs. It is standing on a green mount with six alternate twists of white and blue underneath. The motto, in Latin, can be translated, "I shall arise with the strength I have received." This has a three-fold significance. In our school days and after, we rise to ever greater heights, fortified with the strength of body, mind and spirit which we have gained while in school.

## MEMOIRS

(This article appeared in the 1971 Barnicle at the time of retirement of Mr. Coles.)

### Forty Years On

When afar and asunder, parted are those who are singing today.  
BARNES IN RETROSPECT BY Mr. W. R. COLES. (late)

These words from the school song of Harrow, Sir Winston Churchill's old school, come to mind as I write of Barnes from 1926 to 1968, the nearly forty-three years I lived and worked there. Truly my companions and the children of my early years are all parted afar and asunder. Yet, like St. Luke, it seems good to me, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account that new generations may know the truth concerning things.

Just about a hundred years ago people began to think education for their children should be provided by Government. Before that there were schools for the rich. For the poor there were very few schools and those were mostly provided by the Church and charitable people. In the early 1700's many such schools were established in England. So it was that when the Rev. Richard Cobbe was appointed Chaplain to the Honourable East India Company's Factory at Bombay, he founded in 1718, in a building not far from the present Cathedral of St. Thomas in the Fort, a small free school where twelve poor boys were housed, clothed, fed and educated by just one master. That Charity school was the grain of mustard seed from which the mighty tree of Barnes has sprung.

A hundred years passed by. Another East India Company Chaplain, the Venerable Archdeacon George Barnes, realised that the Charity School could not possibly meet the needs of the hundreds of children then without any education. So he appealed for funds and started the Bombay Education Society in 1815, the oldest Society in the city interested in the welfare and upbringing of children. The first, small school was taken over. Numbers grew rapidly until it was apparent that new grounds and school buildings were essential. A large airy site at Byculla was given by Government. This time the girls were also provided for. New school buildings were opened in 1825. One of the copper plates commemorating the opening is now on the wall of Evans Hall, Devlali. The other remains with Christ Church School, Byculla, which with the parish church there, stand on part of the land given originally to the B.E.S., Much of the land was later sold to help build Barnes. A photograph of the old school used to hang in my office at Devlali. I hope it still does. When I arrived in India in September, 1926, I spent a night in one of the Byculla buildings. The buildings have long since been demolished to make room for modern blocks of flats.

The B.E.S. Schools as they were popularly known were primarily boarding Schools for Anglo-Indians, boys and girls, mainly belonging to the Anglican Church. However, day-scholars were admitted and they were of all castes and creeds. For another hundred years there seems to have been little change. Then in the early 1930's the B. E. S. amalgamated with the Indo-British Institution which had been founded by the Rev. George CANDY, about 1837. Byculla was by then crowded and unhealthy. Plans, initiated by Sir Reginald Spence and Mr. Haig-Brown, to move the Boarding part of the schools away from Bombay to the cooler and healthier Deccan Plateau began to take shape. A site of more than 250 acres at Devlali was purchased. On November 17, 1923, Sir George Lloyd laid the Foundation stone of Evans Hall. Less than two years later, January 29, 1925, a special train brought the first boarders to Devlali. With old time ceremony, in the presence of many distinguished guests, Barnes was declared open by Sir Leslie Wilson, Governor of Bombay and patron of the Bombay Education Society.

This short historical sketch explains much of the present Barnes. It is still primarily, and I hope it always will be as long as there is need, a place where the poor Anglo-Indian children of the Anglican and Protestant Churches can be given a good upbringing and sound education. It is still a Church school where Christian ideals are practised and imparted. It is a boarding school, the largest in Western India. It has a long, proud record of service to the community going back 250 years. More has been added over the years and more still will be added in the future but the school will not, I am sure, belie its history. The memory of founders and benefactors is preserved in the names of the buildings : Barnes, Candy, Spence, Haig-Brown, Lloyd. Other names are remembered. Greaves House is named after Sir John Greaves, prominent Bombay business man of the firm of Greaves Cotton, Director of the Bombay Education Society from 1930 and Chairman of its Managing Committee from 1939 to 1949. Royal House commemorates Harry Royal, and old boy of the B.E.S. school from the years around 1900 to 1910 who became an important officer of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Honorary Treasurer of the B. E. S. for many years. Other old students may be honoured in a similar way in time to come. One name is yet to come and to me the greatest of them all, the Rev. Thomas Evans, familiarly but not irreverently, Tom Evans or just Tom. After being Headmaster at the old schools at Byculla since 1910, he became the first Headmaster of Barnes, without whom it would probably not have survived its early years. His portrait hangs in Evans Hall which we named in memory of him when he retired in 1934. A short, five feet two or three, plump, round-faced man with a merry twinkle in his blue eyes and a determined chin is how I remember him. That twinkle could change in an instant to a steely blue stare that few could outface. The chin seemed to jut out further then. A more determined, dedicated man would be hard to find. He moved to Devlali in 1925. Architects planned, committees discussed, contractors built, but one man, a resolute, little man, apparently tireless, really brought Barnes into being. He controlled, checked, yes, and at times drove his staff, the children, the servants, workmen and the Managing Committee till all was complete. In 1932 he became a priest. His attitude mellowed and became more embracing though still at times the schoolmaster broke through. In his fifties at this time, he was as active as many a young man half his age. He was extremely hard to heat at tennis; he climbed the surrounding hills, including Broken Tooth and Kalsubai. On his return to England he served as a country parish priest for nearly thirty years. He died on April 16th, 1962. Truly it could be said of him as of St. Paul, he had fought a good fight and run a straight race.

Barnes in 1926. The buildings were the same as now only they looked new, raw and bare. There were no gardens. The few trees were small and far apart. There were two separate and distinct schools, one for boys and one for girls, and none was allowed to forget that. A boy who looked at a girl was in danger of severe punishment. There were separate classes. In standard IX, the top class (equivalent to Std. XI today) there were four boys sitting for the Senior Cambridge and I think two girls. Numbers in other classes, especially the girls', were small. There were about 250 boarders in all and only a dozen day scholars. No Indian languages were taught. The boys learnt Latin and the girls French. Not much in the way of Science was taught and there was no division into Arts and Science in the top classes. Besides the Senior Cambridge in Std. IX there was the Junior Cambridge in VIII and Prelim. in VI. All the boarders were Anglo-Indian or European. Among the day-scholars perhaps there were half a dozen Indian children. The boys wore white shirts and blue shorts as now but instead of shoes they had Ammunition boots, the type used in the army. They weren't very comfortable but were good for football. For the athletic sports most ran in bare feet. The girls wore a blue frock as much below the knees as now above. What they wore underneath is unbelievable. There were knickers and bodices, long stockings, at least two petticoats besides other garments for the colder weather. Above all, for both boys and girls, and staff, topees were compulsory. It was a punishable offence to be seen out of doors without one. Everyone was firmly convinced, doctors included, that there was sunstroke lurking for bare heads in the sun. It was possible to feed children on less than Rs. 10/- a month. Prices were low for everything and with them salaries were small too. Our servants earned about Rs.

10 or 12/- a month compared with nearly 90/- they get today. In the school hospital children were often ill with malaria. That, with topees and other things is almost unknown now. The children's dining hall was upstairs in the big hall. The food was brought up from the kitchens by hand lift. Just as nowadays boys and girls never seem content with their meals and find fault either with the quality or quantity, so in the 1920's there were the same complaints. And so there will be till the end of time. At lunch time the staff had their meal on the stage facing the children. For dinner, a very formal occasion, we were expected to wear evening clothes; dinner jackets and stiff shirts for the men, long frocks for the ladies. There was a special staff dining-room where in turn the juniors had to sit at the high table with the Headmaster and his wife - terrifying ordeal at first. Much the same games were played as now but not badminton, volley-ball or base-ball. Instead there was some tennis. There was no swimming-pool as there is today. Just the stream which had no water when it was most wanted in the hot weather. Yet there was as much laughter and happiness then as now-but I think not so much studying then.

The A. F. I. - Auxilliary Force, India; the G. I. P. Rly. Rgt.- Great Indian Peninsula Railway Regiment; Cadet Company, Barnes School; Strength, 2 officers and 60 cadets; officer Commanding Lt. A. A. Anthony, Second-in-command Lt. W. R. Coles. That sounds a rigmarole perhaps but it was very real in the life of the school from 1927 to 1947. All the senior boys joined as soon as they were fifteen. There was regular army uniform : khaki shorts and tunic, grey shirts (everyone called them greybacks), "Ammo" boots and everlasting putties that had to be continually wound and unwound and rolled up tightly. And of course extra large army topees with the G.I.P. flash. As accessories there were webbing belts and shoulder straps., ammunition pouches, haversacks and knapsacks; real bayonets and rifles. They seemed to weigh a ton to new recruits. The armoury was in the steel-doored room next to the science laboratory and the clothing store was in the room leading off the present Std. X Science. Parades were held on Friday evening and Saturday morning - before breakfast. There was endless polishing of boots, belts and buckles. Thanks goodness the buttons and badges were black. *Company-Attention ! Slope-Arms ! Present-Arms !* What punctilious smartness was drilled into everyone before a ceremonial parade. And no amateur stuff either. A regular Staff Sergeant from the army put the Company through its paces. Then how everyone chucked out his chest at the Guards of Honour for Lord Brabourne, Sir Roger Lumley and others. Boots were useful for their click when smart turns to right or left were ordered but oh ! their weight on route marches, and the blisters ! Highlights of the year were the shooting classification and the annual camp with the rest of the battalion. On the 25 yds. miniature .22 range in the school the early training was done. Then came the annual classification into 1st. Class shots, 2nd. and 3rd.. This was done with live .303 ammunition on the military ranges. The kick of the recoil bruised many a shoulder. The butts party whose duty it was to look after the targets and signal back the scores took more delight at waving the red flag for a miss than at planting the white disc over the bull. We did not live under canvas in camp every year but we nearly always joined in the big field day, the final parade and all the sporting events. One of the darkest secrets of history is how one year Devlali was captured by the Barnes Cadets. Boxing night saw at least half a dozen cadets matched against the privates and corporals of the other companies of the Regiment. With the coming of war in 1939 how valuable became those A.F.I. certificates gained in school. Victory in 1945 was closely followed by Independence in 1947. On the very morning of August 15, all A.F.I. units were disbanded forthwith-by express telegram. So passed a phase of Barnes that will not return.

The 1930's were times of stringency and change. I was married while on furlough in England. The first news we heard on our arrival at Barnes was of a money crisis. All over the world there was a depression. Trade was bad everywhere. Business men went bankrupt. Many people lost their jobs and those who kept them had their salaries reduced. Barnes was affected with everyone else. Apart from the general world-wide trouble, the school had for the first six years at Devlali not paid its way. Every year there were deficits running tens of thousands of rupees. Because

of that we still owed the builders more than six lakhs, and every year there was interest to pay amounting to over Rs. 40,000. So there was ushered in a hard period of austerity. Many of the original staff left around these years. Mr. Evans decided to retire in 1934 and I succeeded him as Headmaster in May. I was only thirty and not very experienced. Ahead stretched years of the strictest economy but gradually we cleared our debts and learned to live within our means. By 1939 we were beginning to build up reserve funds. In 1937 we started the Employees Provident Fund. It was in the early thirties that our first Indian boarders were admitted. We dropped Latin and French. For a time we taught Urdu; then Hindustani as preached by Mahatma Gandhi. Lastly we settled for Hindi. To start with neither the majority of the parents nor the children took kindly to Indian languages. Eventually we were reconciled to one language and, when in addition to Hindi we had to introduce Marathi, we did feel badly dealt with. The winds of change were blowing. Common sense, too, dictated we should be reorientated. With the change in languages came Indian history, emphasis on India and Asia in geography. For nature study the birds and beasts, trees and flowers of India took the place of robin red-breasts, oaks and daffodils. Co-education became complete in these years, partly as a matter of financial expediency but fundamentally as a matter of principle. The kindergarten classes had always been mixed. Now we added an extra class yearly till in all our classes there were boys and girls. My own family was growing up. Rosemary, born in 1932, began attending school. James, born three years later, suffered from dysentery when he was only a few months old and never properly got rid of the germ. In 1935 my wife and I with the children enjoyed a six months' furlough in England. Those were the days of Hitler and the Nazis in Germany. Storm clouds of war were gathering thick and fast. In India the struggle for Independence grew fiercer year by year.

At first it seemed the war would pass by Devlali but it was not long before changes came. Overnight part of our school compound was requisitioned and all the land to the west where we used to have our cross-country runs, around Surprise Hill was put out of bounds to form part of the new School of Artillery with its ranges stretching to Square Top and beyond. From a small peacetime garrison of two or three hundred, Devlali and the surrounding area eventually became an enormous Transit Camp holding at its maximum 70,000 men. They came from Australia and New Zealand only to be quickly on their way again to the deserts of North Africa. Regiments came from England to go always further east to Burma or Malaya. Amongst these men and elsewhere Barnes was well represented as more and more old students joined the Forces - mainly the Army, though also the Air Force and the Navy. Old Girls became nurses or Joined as W. A. C.'s (Women's Auxilliary Corps). Younger men on the staff went off to enlist. Gradually it became more and more difficult to find teachers. Retired men and, in some cases, misfits had to be engaged. At times classes had to be combined since no teachers at all were available. While the roll of old students in the Forces grew there came from time to time the sad news of casualties, prisoners of war and deaths on active service. The Military Hospital expanded fivefold to deal with the mounting toll of wounded men sent back from the fighting areas. At the end of 1941 and the beginning of 1942 war came close to India with the capture of Burma by the Japanese. Of the civilians from Rangoon and other Burmese towns who managed to escape by air or ship or by trekking over the mountains, some came to Barnes - children and adults both. Three teachers and some matrons joined us in this way. At one time it seemed there was nothing to stop the Japanese coming into Assam, Bengal or even further. For a period they had command of the sea. It was considered possible that planes from an aircraft carrier might bomb Bombay and Devlali. So at Barnes we set to dig trenches, erect blast walls, learn First Aid and undergo training in A. R. P. (Air Raid Precaution). At any hour of the day or night the Headmaster could be seen, and heard, cycling around the compound, blowing on a whistle. At the first shrill blast everything had to be stopped, even a meal, and off all had to troop to their Air Raid Stations. Thank goodness this phase did not last long.

Every effort was made to entertain the troops. We had some wonderful cricket matches against teams including top club players from Australia, and football games with teams including one or two professionals from the English Leagues. Individual soldiers were invited to our homes. That for many was what they appreciated most - a little touch of home. Just to sit quietly and relax, have a cup of tea and a chat, mostly about their families. Professional artistes from the stage and screen, organised by a special Government Department, E. N. S. A., were sent around the big troop centres. In Devlali, at first all the entertainments were held in Evans Hall. We took in most of the Chapel and all the balconies. Even then so great was the crush that even Colonels did not mind sitting on the floor in the aisles. Variety shows, orchestras, plays of all and every kind, Barnes saw in those days. What is now the school of Artillery Children's School near the Cathay Cinema, was built as the Lumley Canteen. One night a week till the canteen finally closed down at the end of 1947 a team of the staff of Barnes used to run it, first preparing food, then serving it. By the end of it all we could cut bread, prepare sandwiches, pour tea with the best. In a two-hour period one night we served 968 cups of tea - which works out at eight cups a minute. Feeding the boarders during the war was not easy. We used to get our milk from the Military Farm but at just a week's notice we had to make our own arrangements. Potatoes which in pre-war times came from Italy or East Africa were often nonexistent. If it was not wheat, it was rice, or sugar or something else which could not be had for love or money. Luckily it never happened that there was a shortage of everything at the same time. Our class-work suffered inevitably from lack of proper staff and also from the booming of guns practising on the ranges throughout the day and night. These handicaps were experienced in England with the Air raids. The Cambridge school certificate examining body let up a little on their normal standards. Our children had to write their answers in pencil with carbon copies so that if the ship carrying one set of answers was sunk, there was the second set which might get through in safety. One year the question papers did not arrive in time. Unluckily for the candidates who hoped to be excused from taking the examination, fresh single papers were flown over and the printing was done in India. Destruction and death touched Barnes. The disastrous dock fire and explosion in Bombay brought orphans to the school. Their fathers had been killed while on duty with the Fire Brigade. In 1944 tragedy struck the School itself. Three boys were killed by the explosion of a mortar shell which had been found just outside the boundary and which they were investigating at the rear of Candy Block. Despite distractions and disasters life went on. In 1941 Mr. and Mrs. Fernandes were married and the wedding reception was held in Evans Hall. Mr. Fernandes worked for the Bombay Education Society from 1918 to 1924 at Byculla and from 1925 onwards at Barnes until he retired in 1965. He was in charge of the school office and the Headmaster's secretary. Mrs. Fernandes was a teacher from 1937 to 1964. Between them they served the school for well over seventy years which must surely be a record for any school. My son, James, had another serious attack of dysentery in 1942. It was decided my wife should take him and Rosemary home to England. Their journey by sea in the midst of the war was perilous even though their ship went round the Cape of Good Hope and almost into the Antarctic to keep clear of submarines. In England they went bang into the air raids of the Battle of Britain. At last 'D' day came, followed by victory for the Allies in Europe. A year later, after the atomic blasts at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the war in Asia, too, came to an end.

The din of battle ceased but the turmoil and struggle for Independence in India went on, to be brought to a sad climax with Partition. The separation of East and West Pakistan caused much bloodshed and a gigantic refugee problem. Formerly there were few Sikh and Sindi children in the school. Now they came in dozens and twenties. More than ever before Barnes became cosmopolitan in outlook, and was indeed, as all similar schools have been, an oasis where caste, creed, colour or nationality were of no import. This was eloquently illustrated the day Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated. At first it was not evident who his assailant was and the minority communities in Devlali and elsewhere were fearful. Barnes that night became a haven of refuge for children and adults. Devlali was now a Transit Camp in reverse. The men who had two, three or four

years before passed through on their way east now returned on their homeward way to the west. With them went families who had lived in India all their lives, whose children had come to Barnes and other such Schools. There was fear of the future and what would be the place of Anglo-Indians in the new India. Our schools were the poorer for this exodus which even now has not ceased. It seemed as if the cream of our teachers and students had deserted us. Yet, if anything, there was better opportunity for employment than before. Financial aid from Government for schools was continued. Special grants to Anglo-Indian schools were to be cut but only gradually, over a ten-year period. In all this uncertainty the Managing Committee of the Bombay Education Society debated the advisability of continuing to run Barnes. Long and fierce grew the arguments for and against. Finally those who thought it wise to close and sell lost. They promptly washed their hands of the Society. On those whose faith made them vote for continuance now rested the onus of proving their decision right. How well they struggled, Barnes today gives evidence. After six months' furlough in 1951, I had barely been back a week before I was asked to go to Poona to look after St. Mary's Training College for men and women teachers. The previous Principal had left; the new one was expected in a month or two. Handing over the running of Barnes to my First Assistant, I went. As Barnes with other schools expected its main supply of young teachers from St. Mary's, it was sound policy to keep the College going. In the event I had to stay a whole year before the new Principal could come. Back at Barnes at the commencement of 1953, life was running once again at its peacetime, normal pace. Numbers increased, double divisions were required in some classes. Our studies improved. More children took the Cambridge examination and more passed. The old Junior Cambridge was discontinued. As a war memorial we wished to build a separate Chapel. In the architect's plans a school chapel held a prominent place but there was never enough money in the school funds to build one. Since 1925 we had been raising our own fund. By 1939 we had about Rs. 6,000. As a result of our new efforts in 1946 and the following years, we added nearly another Rs. 20,000. The money is invested with the B. E. S. and must by now be about Rs. 35,000. 1950 was our Silver Jubilee. Special commemoration bronze medals were struck and awarded to all with any claim to distinction. There were fun fairs, a grand Jubilee Ball in Evans Hall, special prizes including silver fountain-pens. Those of the staff who were celebrating their personal jubilees were given silver plaques or, in the case of servants, Government Saving Certificates. 1954 saw another crisis. Mr. Morarji Desai in the Bombay Government passed orders that only children whose mother-tongue was English could be admitted to Anglo-Indian schools where the medium of instruction was English by constitutional right. All other children were to be compelled to attend Indian language schools whether their parents wished that or not. If persisted in the order meant starving our schools of three-quarters of their students. Ruin, no less, faced us. Mr. Frank Anthony, believing that constitutional rights of parents were being invaded, decided on behalf of all Anglo-Indian schools throughout the country, to challenge the order in the courts. A specific school and specific parents had to be found in whose name the case could go forward. It was Barnes that supplied both. Mr. Justice Chagla in the Bombay High Court ruled that the Order was unconstitutional. The Government went in appeal to the Supreme Court at Delhi. There the Chagla decision was upheld. Our schools were saved and the right of parents to send their children to any school of their unfettered choice was vindicated. Some who had been fearful of opposing Government foretold a difficult time ahead for being the spearhead of the attack. In fact there was not the vestige of harassment or ill-feeling on the part of the Education Department. On the contrary our relations with Government became more cordial. In 1955 I was the President of the Association of Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools. At the annual conference that year in Bombay, Mr. Hitendra Desai, now Chief Minister of Gujerat but then Education Minister in the undivided Bombay State, opened the proceedings and made appreciative reference to the work of our schools.

The years 1955 to 1960 were largely a time of preparation. In 1960 all Government financial aid was to cease - by our own choice. We could still be eligible for aid but there would be too many strings attached to grants after that. Something over Rs. 70,000 a year would have to be

made up. Most of it was done relatively painlessly. Our fees from the beginning had been all-inclusive-books, clothing, stationery and so on. Now we asked parents themselves to equip their children with a little more each year. Some small increase in fees there was but for those entitled to help from B.E.S. resources, there was no cutting back of the provision made for them. The old Senior Cambridge examination changed its name to the Indian School Certificate examination but the papers were still set and marked in England. Only the administration was transferred to India, to be the responsibility as it still is of Mr. A. E. T. Barrow, the secretary of the Council. Mr. Barrow taught at Barnes from 1938 to 1944. Later on, in 1966, when he needed an assistant secretary in New Delhi, he took Mr. W. R. King, also on the staff of Barnes from 1950 to 1965. 1963 was to usher in new requirements for passing the I.S.C.E., particularly in mathematics and science. In the Arts there was to be little change. Instead of teaching the combined subject called Physics-with-Chemistry we had to prepare for separate Physics, separate Chemistry and Advanced Mathematics. Since then we have added, in 1967, another separate subject - Biology for the benefit especially of the would-be doctors. Mathematics is perpetually undergoing great changes. The traditional methods of teaching and even the content of the subject is under constant review. It is inevitable in the new, atomic, computerised, modern world. Figures for the year 1958 afford a comparison with those ten years later. Then there were 338 boarders; in 1968, over 450. Fifteen girls and boys sat for the Senior Cambridge then, fourteen passed, three in the First Division. In 1968 forty out of forty-one passed with eleven in the First Division. The day-scholar population has fluctuated. In 1958 it was 200, the same as it is today but in between it climbed to over 250. The opening of new schools and the expansion of others quite naturally affected our numbers. Some parents whose children had a long way to come to Barnes - an hour's journey morning and evening, preferred schools closer at hand. 1958 saw the first of a series of long distance excursions organised by the school. Ellora and Ajanta, Mysore, Ootacamund and Bangalore; Kashmere. The war with China in 1962 put a stop to those exciting travels. When next we tried in 1963, the Railways were so overcrowded that we gave up the idea of further journeys in large numbers. To the south of the school, in the Sayadries, there stands up a 4,500 ft. peak whose correct name is Awandhe, but which for Barnes has always been Broken Tooth. Several times in my early years I and others had climbed to the base of the Tooth itself without ever getting to the summit. A party of seniors got to the top in 1959 with the help of an experienced climber and ropes plus local knowledge from the nearby villagers. Soon afterwards with the arrival of the Rev. E. Goodman to be the school chaplain, a regular outward Bound Club came into being. Looking back, this period was one of many-sided activities. The School Magazine which started a new lease of life in 1956 under the title, *The Barnicle*, a short form of Barnes Chronicle, is evidence of this fresh zest.

The early sixties saw the reshaping and enlarging of the old 'Duck's' Pond into a swimming-pool to be really proud of. Out of the one-seventy-foot length, often muddy and for half the year and more empty during the dry weather, was made a safe, shallow pool for the smallest children and senior pool, 25 metres long, and 4.5 ft. deep throughout for serious swimming and racing. At the down stream end a ten-foot deep pool was excavated exclusively for diving with 1,2 and 3 metre boards. The rough, unkempt, banks of the Duck's Pond were terraced and planted with trees and flower beds. To feed the pool a well was dug on the north side and an electric pump installed so that there would always be fresh water. Finally we built dressing-rooms. All this cost something like Rs. 40,000. We collected Rs. 20,000 ourselves and the B.E.S. put in the rest.

The new pool was opened in 1962 by Mr. N. Ferguson, the chairman of the School Managing Committee. Three other amenities sprang up in this period; the School Shop, the Library and the senior boys' recreation room. What used to be originally the boys' bathing room at the west end of Evans Hall, though not used for many years, was converted into the School Shop incorporating the separate and smaller tuck shops for boys and girls which had so devotedly been managed by members of staff. Not only tuck was now available but everything from exercise

books to football boots. A school library had always been in existence but it was only under the Rev. E. Goodman, a trained librarian before being ordained, that it was fittingly housed, arranged and catalogued. The British Council helped with a magnificent gift of Rs. 5,000's worth of new books. Similarly there had always been recreation rooms for the children but it was Mr. MacInnis who showed what could really be made of them by his development of the senior boys' room. The equivalent of two class-rooms on the ground floor of Spence Block formed the shell. Gradually, by the boys' own efforts, chairs, tables, couches, a radio, record player, games and magazines were added. The whole was kept spotless and as polished as a new pin. On the outbreak of hostilities with the Chinese in 1962 and again with Pakistan in 1965 Barnes, in company with rest of India, contributed to the Prime Minister's Defence Fund, made food parcels and provided comforts for the troops on the northern borders and the wounded, some of whom were sent to the Military Hospital in Devlali. Another landmark. In 1963 we passed the six hundred mark in our total of students. My wife who had been in England with the children since 1942 returned to India in 1964. The next year we went on furlough, contacting Besians wherever we went. That means everyone with connections with the B. E. S. schools - the old Byculla school, Christ Church, and Barnes. In 1951 while in England I had the idea of bringing together all three groups in one association. In England there is an annual get together. That is where I met most Besians in 1965. On the return flight we stopped off at Bahrain and were right royally entertained by the Kanoos, Jhangianis, and particularly Malcolm Wrightman and his wife both one-time teachers at Barnes. In India the Besians are for the present not very active but that they were is evidenced by the annual Besian Prizes awarded to the best scholars in the top classes. Other Besians there are in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South and East Africa and in the Persian Gulf, in fact, everywhere.

The plane from Bahrain bringing us back to India touched down safely at Santa-Cruz. On reporting my arrival to the Chairman, Mr. P. S. Whaley, he asked what were my future plans. I pointed out I was already far beyond the official retiring age of fifty-eight and that beyond sixty-five the Education Department would not permit my further service. It was agreed that I should retire at the end of 1968. A generous upgrading of staff salaries with corresponding increases in pay for all grades of workers came into force from April, 1966. Concurrently both boarding and tuition fees were raised. The annual budget hit between five and six lakhs compared with my first, in 1934, of under one lakh. Many of the buildings were reroofed at a cost of half a lakh. It was becoming clearer that a major overhaul of the electric wiring and of the sanitary fittings throughout the school would soon have to be undertaken. From January, 1967, a Bursar was appointed to control the business side of the school. I was asked to prepare a scheme for extending the accommodation to take 200 more boarders, bringing the maximum to 600. Without a much more copious supply of water, that was not feasible in my opinion. Instead, a less ambitious plan was adopted to take up to 480. This meant increasing the size of the dining-hall, rearranging the kitchen and storerooms. Each of the sixteen dormitories, originally planned, very lavishly, to hold twenty-five now quite comfortably took thirty. Bathrooms attached to the dormitories were furnished with more showers, wash-basins and commodes. Two other innovations pleased everyone, especially my wife, for she had been telling me for a long time they were really necessary. At the end of 1967 in addition to the old school bus, then fourteen years old, a new Standard Herald car was bought. Just before the monsoon of 1968 all the school roads were tar-macadamised. So the months slipped by consumed with planning for a new era. Our studies improved culminating in the record success of the I.S.C.E. classes of 1968. Our numbers grew, our discipline was steady and the general tone as good as it had ever been. More and more was spent on feeding. The cost per head per month which was once less than ten rupees was at the end eighty rupees. At my last prize giving I claimed I was handing over the school in good condition to Mr. J. L. Davis, the incoming Head. I still feel I was justified in my claim.

I have not gone into complete retirement. At the request of Bishop Luther I am now in administrative charge of Auto-Skills, Nasik, where automobile mechanics are trained. The job is similar to the one at Barnes but vastly scaled down; 20 students instead of 650, a total staff of ten instead of sixty and more, two or three letters a day to answer instead of dozens; no parents to interview. As I sit back with less to do and reread this tale of mine of Barnes over the past forty-three years, it seems most of my time was taken up in administration and matters impersonal, figures, time-tables, budgets and so on. Of course, that was not really so. There was the staff, teaching, domestic and the more humble bearers, hamals, coolies, who worked with me and without whom nothing could have been achieved. Some stayed a short while only but there were always the stalwarts with many years of service to give stability and the fruits of their experience. Above all else were the children for whom Barnes exists and around whom the staff, the planning, everything revolves. Five generations of them have passed through my hands and the wonder still holds me.

Awkward cubs they were when first they came to school. Then they grew in stature, strong they grew in mind. till came the time for parting when onward they would go as men to face the world ! God be with them all till we meet again.

### Keep Your Dream

Donald J. O'Connor

Not long ago there came the urge To visit scenes of yore,  
I felt my pulse being to surg With such a trip in store.  
I'd see again the little school And wander o'er the hill,  
Until I reached the swimmin' pool Behind the creaking mill.

The courthouse clock, the village square, The park on Pleasant Street,  
I felt would all be waiting there To welcome friendly feet.  
The folks would stop to mingle, Most of them old pals of mine,  
And I sensed a happy tingle For the sake of Auld Lang Syne.

If you've ever gone as I did, To the haunts of long ago,  
Where in childhood you abided, Then I'm certain you must know-  
What a heartsick feeling lingers, When you realize the change  
That the years with tireless fingers tend their efforts to arrange.

Beheld deep emotion buildings smart and up-to-date,  
and I quickly lost the notion that old-fashioned things will wait;  
just the swimmin' pool had lasted and I watched its silent flow,  
is each dream I had was blasted of the town I used to know.

Even friends shook hands discreetly and 'twas then I realized,  
me had snapped the link completely to the things we once had prized.  
And I know what lay in waiting I have compromised with fact,  
and be still anticipating - with my happy dreams intact.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S MAIL

NORTON HOUSE  
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18th October 1995.

Dear Alan,

Monday was the highlight of my visit to India and a day I will never forget. Above all I was impressed with the enthusiasm of all concerned - both staff and pupils - and am thrilled to have a family connection with such a wonderful and happy place.

Thank you and your wife for giving up so much of your time, for the excellent lunch, and party and for looking after me so well all day.

I finally arrived at Dadar at 11.30 p.m. and got a taxi which flew towards the airport only to blow up about 2 kilometers short, so I finally got to the Departure lounge at midnight in a 3-wheeler! No panic, and an excellent flight on time.

I will have my next tour programme sent to you from Bombay and hope to see you on November 17th and maybe you will be able to come to the Reception that evening.

Thank you again for a 'great' day. I intend to keep in touch from now on.

Sincerely,

Edward.

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2nd January, 1996.

Dear Alan,

At last I am getting down to write again and send a few photographs! You may think this is a New Year resolution. I trust you, your wife and son and all at Barnes have had a really lovely Christmas. Good Wishes to you all for 1996.

I have been remembering our adventures of just 12 months ago. The memories are still very fresh and vivid. It was really a memorable experience to visit Barnes after 50 years. I was able to share this particularly with Canon Gerald (Gerry) Vunngavin in September when we attended the BESian Reunion in London. We had about 3 hours over Biriani (?) at an Indian Cafe near South Wimbledon Underground Station, before walking to Malden Hall for the Reunion. We would not have been able to share much otherwise. We had not met since we left school in December 1944! So it was a very happy few hours. The Reunion was a happy time for meeting. I took the lapel badges and left them with Horace Donnelly. They were selling well. I hope you will have received 10-00 Pounds plus other monies as a result of the DO. I had to leave early to get back to Southampton. Gerry wrote just before Christmas. I understand from him that it was decided to discontinue the Reunions - a sad decision, but inevitable - advancing age!

I have enclosed only a few photographs. When I hear from you that they arrived safely I will send more. The photographs of the school buildings have come out well. Many people here have been much impressed by them. We have also enjoyed the video which you so kindly gave us. My wife was particularly interested with the transport arrangements to get the students to school.

Once again thank you for making my sister and me so welcome. Unfortunately she has been unwell with osteo-arthritis since we returned. We hope to visit her and her husband later in the year - they live in Shrewsbury.

Good Wishes,

Sincerely,

Ralph.

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Wembley  
Middlesex HA97jn  
26th March, 1996.

Dear Alan,

At long last I have put pen to paper to thank you for the splendid couple of days that I spent at Barnes in early February. A large measure of the welcome received was down to you personally and the "family" atmosphere you have been able to cultivate at Barnes. I now look upon Barnes with great affection.

I hope you like the photographs. I, of course, took a lot more of the buildings etc. and showed them recently to my step-uncle, Mervyn Meek, who was at Barnes in the early to mid 30's and now lives in Toronto. He was over to the U K on holiday. He enjoyed very much seeing the old school and told me stories of his younger brother, Robert Meek, hanging his towel on the window of Lloyd Block and it falling onto the ledge and Robert going out onto the ledge to retrieve it!

Uncle Robert now lives in Brisbane and I spoke to him on the phone and he wants to see the photographs now, so off they will go to Australia!

Do please give some thought to a trip to the U.K. You and your good lady wife and son are welcome to stay with Joan and me in Wembley. As I am retired now, I will be able to chauffeur you about. Think about it, you should see the U K before you pass on!

I am assuming that my mother's memorial Award is now in place and the first one will be awarded this year. Is that so?

Incidentally, when we were in New Delhi I met a girl called Thelma Newnes who was at Barnes in the mid 50's and early 60's. She was very interested in what I had to tell her about Barnes.

We are due to go and see Margaret and Reggie Jones soon who you may remember visited Barnes last year?

We are already planning our next trip to India but I am not sure when. We shall try and fit in a visit to Barnes, if you will have us. Joan is rather anxious to see what she missed!

Best wishes to your good lady, your Mother and son and all my friends at Barnes. Tell Joe Hardy that I contacted his sister.  
Keep in touch.

Yours Sincerely,

Kevin.

**THE SEVENTY-FIRST  
ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING  
April 18th 1996 at 5.00 p.m.**

**Chairman : Maj. Gen. Deepak Varma  
(Dy. Commandant, School of Artillery, Devlali.)  
Mrs. Rekha Varma has kindly consented to give away the prizes.**

**Programme**

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| 1) Opening Prayer             | The Principal                    |
| 2) The Lord's Prayer          | The School Choir                 |
| 3) Thanksgiving Hymn (No. 65) | The School Choir and all present |
| 4) The Annual Report          | The Principal                    |
| 5) It's A Miracle             | The School Choir                 |
| 6) Address                    | The Chairman                     |
| 7) Santa Lucia                | The School Choir                 |
| 8) Distribution of Prizes     | Mrs. Rekha Varma                 |
| 9) Vote of Thanks             | The Vice Principal               |
| 10) "Onward Barnes"           | The School                       |

**CLASS PRIZES FOR 1995-96**

Class	Gen. Proficiency	Application & Progress	
Prep A	S. Nair & B. Sengar	N. Sharma [Neatness]	P. Vidyarti [Helpfulness]
Prep B	A. Yadav & Yash Trivedi	S. Sebastain [Neatness]	T. Vidhale [Conscientious Work]
1A	A. Bhatnagar & R. Chinoy	D. Sharma [Conscientious Work]	A. Khandelwal [General Improvement]
1B	C. Robinson & M. Kolati	V. Somani [Neatness]	N. Ahmed [General Improvement]
1C	B. Khan & R. Shreyas	L. Meccardo [Neatness]	P. Rayjade [Helpfulness]
2A	R. Gadkari & D. D'Souza	A. Pagare [Neat Handwriting]	R. Manchanda [Helpfulness]
2B	M. Mishra & D. Nagar	D. Kaur [Conscientious Work]	S. Agarwal [Good Conduct]
2C	A. Kanal & S. Mulik	V. Sonawane [Conscientious Work]	R. Jaiswal [Helpfulness]
3A	A. K. Arun & D. Irani	N. Pilkhwal [General Improvement]	I. Khan [Conscientious Work]
3B	P. Pabitwar & R. Khan	N. Karande [Conscientious Work]	N. Tandel [Helpfulness]
3C	I. Shaikh & P. Kukreja	A. Bhatnagar [Conscientious Work]	V. Joseph [Neatness & Good Handwriting]
4A	S. Madnani & C. Fonseca	R. Chinoy [Good Conduct]	A. Sircar [Helpfulness]
4B	D. Joshi & S. Bholim	P. Bhambani [Conscientious Work]	P. Singh [Hard Work & Perseverance]
4C	P. Shekhawat & M. Singh	A. Saini [Neatness & Helpfulness]	D. Sharma & J. D'Souza

Classes	First	Second	Third	Languages	Soc. Studies
5A	R. Wen	M. Macdonald	Y. Shete	R. Wen	M. Macdonald
5B	S. Gupta	S. Srivastava	R. Bijlani	S. Gupta	R. Bijlani
5C	R. Oberoi	U. Khan	A. Sharma	R. Oberoi	U. Khan

Classes	First	Second	Maths & Sc.	Languages	Social Studies
6A	P. Chattopadhyay	S. Gajwani	C. D'Souza	P. Chattopadhyay	B. Thoke
6B	P. Gupta	M. Chandnani	R. Gade	P. Gupta	M. Chandnani
6C	P. Singh	P. Yadav	D. Sharma	P. Singh	M. Shree
7A	A. Rai	P. Bhadkamkar	A. Rai	P. Bhadkamkar	S. Bhowmick
7B	B. Shah	N. Gupta	B. Shah	B. Wadhwa	N. Gupta
7C	G. Pahwa	N. Yadav	G. Pahwa	N. Yadav	D. B. Thakur
8A	H. Madon	N. Pandit	N. Pandit	H. Madon	J. Chandnani
8B	B. Fernandez	A. Pathan	A. Pathan	B. Fernandez	M. Macdonald
8C	A. Hooda	K. Yadav	K. Yaçav	A. Hooda	A. Kamat
9A	G. Ahuja	L. Pachuau	G. Ahuja	M. O'Connor	M. O'Connor
9B	M. Moghe	V. Pahuja & S. Devgaonkar	M. Moghe	S. Malviya	V. Pahuja
9C	R. Pilkhwal	S. Ray	R. Pilkhwal	S. Ray	S. Tamang
10A	A. Pandit	C. Gandhi	A. Pandit	A. Shaikh	C. Gandhi
10B	M. Singh	R. Shrivastava	N. Chadda	M. Singh	H. Madon

**SPECIAL PRIZES**

Prize	Junior	Middle	Senior
Cherian Art Ferguson English Divinity	S. Gupta	J. Jagtap	K. Gajare, S. Damania A. Pandit
	P. Gupta	M. D'Souza R. Gajare	
Moral Instruction General Knowledge Elocution (Girls) Elocution (Boys) Singing (Girls) Singing (Boys) School Play	A. Kriplani, T. Pachuau	K. Yadav B. Fernandez	M. O'Connor R. Spitz S. Dasgupta W. Taylor A. Navlani L. Pachuau H. Madon A. Sahu R. Shrivastava A. Pandit M. O'Connor M. O'Connor A. Pandit
	M. Chandani P. Singh D. Sharma R. Wen M. Pinto T. Pachuau		
Music	C. Fonseca	M. Kurita J. Chandnani	A. Pandit
Needle Work Boy's Craft Economics Biology Computer Studies Elsie Perkins Memorial Glynne Howell Debating Rotary Shield Maths Shivde Marathi Kennelly Medal Special Prize for all Round Performance		B. Fernandez	A. Pandit
		N. Pandit	
		P. Ranjita	

### GENERAL PRIZES

#### Prizes

School Captain  
Best Boarder Prefect  
Best Day Scholar Prefect  
Thomson Award (Best in ICSE 93-94)

#### Girls

R. Thakker  
S. Dasgupta  
M. D'Souza  
S. Jojode

#### Boys

A. Ahuja  
R. Pilkhwal

### SPORTS PRIZES FOR GIRLS

Hockey  
Table Tennis  
Softball  
  
Badminton

L. Pachuau  
M. D'Souza  
M. D'Souza  
  
M. D'Souza

Basketball  
Throwball  
Bulbuls  
  
Sportswoman (95-96)

M. Gough  
S. Tamang  
Blue Jay  
(gp.ldr. B. Jackson)  
M. Gough

### INTER HOUSE TROPHIES FOR GIRLS

Badminton  
Basketball  
Lilly Cup-Hockey  
Wilson Cup-Athletics  
Hoffman Cup-Table Tennis  
Soft Ball

J.A.  
J.A.  
J.A.  
H.K.  
J.A. + H.K.  
J.A.

Blanden Cup-Throwball  
Marshall Cup - P.T.  
Tayebally Study Cup  
Keily Shield (Best-  
All round House 94-95)

J.A. + H.K.  
F.N.  
H.K.  
H.K.

### Sports Prizes for Boys

Forward Cup - Hockey  
Rowlandson Cup - Cricket  
Junior Gymnast  
Cub Six  
  
Volleyball  
Basketball

W.Taylor  
S. Shaikh  
S. Iqbal  
Cobra  
(Tp. Ldr. S. Passi)  
I. Kokani  
F. Ibrahim

Forward cup - Football  
Hoffman Cup - Table Tennis  
Senior Gymnast  
Scout Patrol  
  
Easdon Cup - Sportsman 95-96

M. H. Rain  
A. Patel  
U. Abuji  
Cheetah  
  
F. Ibrahim

### Inter-House Trophies for Boys

Moore Cup - Hockey  
Hoffman Cup -  
Table Tennis  
Spokes Cup -  
Cross Country  
Cup for P.T.  
Volleyball Cup  
Blanden Cup -  
Basketball

Royal  
Spence  
  
Royal  
  
Greaves  
Candy  
Spence

Supt. Down Cup - Boxing  
Ashton Cup - Football  
  
Riley Cup - Cricket  
  
Henry Down Cup - Athletics  
Blanden Shield - Study  
Hodge Shield - Best All Round  
House 95-96

Candy  
Spence  
  
Greaves  
  
Spence  
Royal  
Greaves

### Inter-House Trophies for Boys and Girls

#### Trophy

Elocution & Singing

Colour  
Yellow

Houses  
F. N. & Spence

### Debating

King Trophy Best in Athletics (Combined House) Yellow  
Speck Trophy - Best Combined House 95-96 Blues

Greens, Blues, Reds  
Blues

J.A. H.K. E.C.  
Candy, Greaves, Royal  
F.N. & Spence  
H.K. & Greaves

### Awards for Distinctions in Games Boys

Hockey  
Cricket  
Table Tennis  
Volleyball

W. Taylor  
S. Shaikh  
A. Patel  
I. Kokani

Boxing  
Football  
Gymnastics  
Basketball

V. Jagtap & N. Khan  
M. H. Rain  
S. Iqbal & U. Abuji  
F. Ibrahim

### Awards for Distinctions in Games Girls

Hockey  
Table Tennis  
Soft Ball  
Badminton

L. Pachuau  
M. D'Souza  
M. D'Souza  
M. D'Souza

Basket Ball  
Throwball

M. Gough  
S. Tamang

### CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

The cross country practices commenced on the 19th of June, just a few days after school reopened after a long warm summer holiday.

For many new comers this was a new experience and a very exciting one. They had to follow the old boys to get accustomed to the route which they had to run in their respective divisions.

A few of the boys set to work with great earnest and dedication but many who failed to take their practices seriously landed up at low positions.

The Finals were held on the 27th July at 11.30 a.m., two days before the date mentioned in the school calendar as the School Football XI had to leave for Bombay to play the Annual friendly match with St. Peter's, Mazagaon..

It was an interesting sight to see all the competitors dressed in their house colours and for the first time numbers were used on the vests. They gathered before Evans Hall which is the starting and finishing point, anxiously anticipating the start off.

The first to be flagged off were the Midgets, followed by one group after the other. Yogesh Patel of Spence House was the first runner to come in. In the Novice division Vimal Patel of Spence house was first. Satish Pasi of Candy house was first in the Junior division. In the Inter division Sarfaraz Shaikh of Royal House came first. Jai Kumar Jojode of Candy House came first in the Senior division. Among the Bulbuls girls first was Sushma Singh of Helen Keller, second was Heena Faridi of Florence Nightingale and third was Neha Sharma of Helen Keller.

The meet came to a close at 1.35 p.m. after Mrs. A. Baker distributed the prizes.

A group of Bulbuls (girls) had also been practising for the thrill of the cross country race. They also ran on the Final Day.

### CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

POSITION	NAME	HOUSE
<b>Midget Division</b> : Distance 2.5 km.		
FIRST	Yogesh Patel (8 min 41sec)	Spence
SECOND	Melroy MacDonald	Royal
THIRD	Manish Mishra	Spence
Record : B. Maredia (Spence) - 1979 ... 8 min. 9 secs.		

<b>Novices Division</b> : Distance - 3.5 km.		
FIRST	Vimal Patel (14 min 35secs)	Spence
SECOND	Qamar Ahmed	Spence
THIRD	Amit Kriplani	Royal
Record : B. Maredia (Spence) - 1981 ... 12 m. 45 secs.		

<b>Junior Division</b> : Distance - 4.5 Km.		
FIRST	Satish Pasi (16 min 45.3sec)	Candy
SECOND	Wilson Mathew	Candy
THIRD	Suraj Bhagat	Royal
Record : B. Maredia (Spence) 1983 ... 15 min. 02 secs.		

<b>Inters Division</b> : Distance - 5.5 km.		
FIRST	Sarfaraz Shaikh (20min 20sec)	Royal
SECOND	William Taylor	Candy
THIRD	Sanjay Pahuja	Candy
Record : A. Mahmood (Spence) - 1985 ... 18 min. 28 secs.		

<b>Seniors Division</b> : Distance - 7 kms.		
FIRST	Jaikumar Jojode (26min 42sec)	Candy
SECOND	Siddarth Pawar	Royal
THIRD	Johnson Mathew	Candy
Record : R. Newton (Spence) - 1984 ... 23 min. 13 secs.		

POSITIONS	HOUSE	POINTS
First :	Royal House	1387 points
Second :	Spence House	1272 points
Third :	Greaves House	1244 points
Fourth :	Candy House	1021 points

### NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS

#### MIDGET DIVISION (8-10 Years)

CANDY	GREAVES	ROYAL	SPENCE
L. Chandnani	A. Parihar	R. Borade	P. Singh
N. Chakraborty	A. Chaudhary	K. Karpe	R. Wen
M. Sikka	N. Mahajan	A. Kathe	Y. Patil
M. Shurpalekar	A. Ansari	S. Pendarkar	S. Nasa
J. Shah	A. Jain	V. Tiwari	R. Tiwari

A. Grover  
A. Agarwal  
V. Sharma  
D. Shukla

A. Shaikh

M. Rathi

S. Khan  
D. Murkute  
M. Mishra  
R. Mishra  
R. Golaith

#### NOVICES DIVISION (10-12 Years)

P. Kumar	G. Jaggi	M. MacDonald	S. Ansari
P. Singh	C. D'Souza	A. Kriplani	Q. Ahmed
S. Ansari	I. Pathan	S. Jadhav	S. Khan
H. Singh	C. Raynolds	P. Rege	T. Ansari
R. Kumar	N. Naram	D. Tandel	N. Khan
P. Bang	R. Chandnani	P. Khan	P. Gupta
M. Obidiki	I. Shaikh	K. Tiwari	S. Gupta
M. Solanki	R. Kungle	R. Sonawane	S. Pawar
M. Agarwal	M. Wakil	A. Karpe	S. Fernandes
E. Pendigrast	C. DeSouza	A. Giri	A. Bhatt
D. Bhatija	M. Khan	S. Dhish	V. Patel
D. Sonowane		I. Shinde	K. Sonawane
N. Lotwani		B. Baker	S. Shirsat
			N. Rao
			S. Rao

#### JUNIOR DIVISION (12-14 Years)

S. Kardak	B. Gupta	S. Bhagat	P. Patil
P. Patel	I. Hussain	V. Gandhi	M. Ansari
S. Pasi	T. Pachua	M. MacDonald	A. Gupta
P. Bhagwat	K. Patel	A. Shellar	C. Briggs
S. Kanchane	F. Bharmal	V. Nagareddy	P. Nikam
N. Dhotre	A. Sharma	V. Pardeshi	A. Ansari
W. Mathew	B. Shah	S. Chaugule	P. Ansari
V. Katke	M. D'Souza	S. Ahuja	S. Ansari
A. Kurian	A. Parihar	R. Sangar	N. Gupta
R. Chakraborty	V. Jagtap	S. Iqbal	R. Gupta
J. Barrett	A. Pathan	K. Alam	V. Shukla
J. Barrett	T. Boraste	G. Borade	T. Jigru
B. Bahauddin	S. Kuwari	M. Hirandani	R. Pilkhwal
R. Tripathi	A. Mishra	S. Yadav	
A. Pawar	N. Nagareddy	G. Dhoke	
	K. Khade	S. Kriplani	
	S. Jaggi		
	K. Kadkhodayan		
	P. Takle		

#### INTER DIVISION (14-16 Years)

CANDY	GREAVES	ROYAL	SPENCE
K. Malviya	J. Jagtap	S. Shaikh	V. Parashar

A. Pahuja  
K. Patel  
R. Shaikh  
S. Pahuja  
V. Pahuja  
N. Hodges  
W. Taylor

A. Patel  
M. Gohel  
R. Gupta  
R. Lewis  
S. Borade  
N. Khan  
A. Shafi  
N. Gubitra  
C. Gandhi  
A. Johnson  
J. Kuwari

P. Jadhavrao  
P. Jadhavrao  
S. Hiramath  
N. Almeida  
N. Patil  
M. Dhabade  
L. Bhoge  
R. Khode

W. Moallim  
A. Patel  
A. Bahauddin  
N. Murid  
N. Parashar  
I. Hussain  
U. Shaikh  
A. Lala

#### SENIOR DIVISION (16 & above)

J. Jojode  
F. Barrett  
J. Mathew  
Mohd. H. Rein  
S. Patel  
F. Ibrahim

U. Abuji  
A. Azeem  
P. Shaikh  
C. Thakur

A. Ahuja  
S. Pawar  
M. MacDonald  
V. Kriplani

N. Parashar  
A. Sahu  
R. Sayed  
I. Kokni  
I. Shaikh  
S. Kuwari

#### CROSS COUNTRY (BULBULS) - 1995-96.

Shushma Singh  
Heena Faridi  
Neha Sharma  
Katherine Smith  
Vidhula Aher  
Dolly Khan  
Neetu Singh  
Nafiza Pereira  
Khushboo Dongade  
Vandhana Pandey  
Mumtaz Faridi

... First  
... Second  
... Third

Kaveri Puri  
Anita Roy  
Deepti Roy  
Noella Perry  
Amrita Laxmi  
Sumaiya Shaikh  
Kismat Maredia  
Innocent Sebastian  
Lydia Viegas  
Niloufer Pereira

Incharge : Mr. C.P. Dinger &  
Mr. K. Ryder.

All that we are is the result  
of what we have thought : it  
if founded on our thoughts,  
it is made up of our  
thoughts. If a man speaks or  
acts with a pure thought,  
happiness follows him, like  
a shadow that never leaves  
him.

Dhammapada, 1.1.2

#### P.T. AND GYMNASTICS REPORT

A tough and intensive physical training programme during the day and in the late evenings continued for three weeks in preparation for the P.T. and Gymnastics show scheduled on 5th August '96. A training in Gymnastics, Judo, Karate, Ju-Jitsu and Pyramids was given to the entire middle and senior school. Finally, 5th August arrived. The boys looked smart in their colourful house vests and white full pants on the final day. The hall was packed with parents, staff and students.

The girls and boys both performed very creditably. The programme started with an exhibition of intricate and dexterous mat work exercises by the winning gymnasts. After the girls P.T. and marching, the boys had theirs. Their exercises were based on various positions and movements of different forms of sport such as cricket, boxing and swimming. Then came the girls' pyramids and horse-work and then the boys' pyramids. The boys' pyramids are always quite breathtaking as they build up to a high level, with the smallest boy from each house on the top. The audience were quite impressed with this feat. The boys' horse-work followed - again an exhibition of head balance, head over long arm, neck roll and somersaults by the best gymnasts in the school.

The fire dive and girls Karate events were thrilling. A lathi drill (Kata) was performed by 7th and 8th standard students. A special weapon attack and defence-show was displayed by Usama Abuji, the school Captain and Fardeen Ibrahim, the school Vice-Captain.

The Chief Guest, Air Commodore- R.D. Bharucha, said that the Physical Education standard in Barnes School is very high.

Mrs. Renu Bharucha distributed the prizes.

Mr. A. Baker, the Principal, welcomed the gathering and commended Mrs. Meshak and Mr. Isaac, the girls' and boys' P.T.'s. for their hard work.

Sayed Iqbal of Royal house and Usama Abuji of Greaves house received the best Gymnast of 1995-96 awards in the Junior and Senior sections respectively.

Greaves house came first and received the trophy with 244.2 points. Candy house came second with 243.5 points, Spence house came third with 217.4 points and Royal house came fourth with 207.3 points.

Mr. Thorpe the Vice Principal proposed the vote of thanks.

The results were as follows :

Exercise	Junior			Seniors		
Horizontal Bar	1st	S. Pasi	(C)	1st	Mohd Hussain	(C)
	2nd	P. Kumar	(C)	2nd	U. Abuji	(G)
	3rd	S. Ansari	(C)	3rd	F. Barret	(C)
Parallel Bars				3rd	R. Lewis	(G)
	1st	V. Shukla	(S)	1st	U. Abuji	(G)
	2nd	S. Pasi	(C)	2nd	Mohd Hussain	(C)
	2nd	S. Bhagat	(R)	2nd	I. Shaikh	(S)

**Broad Box**

1st	S. Iqbal	(R)	1st	U. Abuji	(G)
2nd	S. Pasi	(C)	2nd	W. Taylor	(C)
3rd	V. Shukla	(S)	3rd	Mohd Hussain	(C)

**Long Box**

1st	S. Iqbal	(R)	1st	Mohd Hussain	(C)
2nd	V. Shukla	(S)	1st	U. Abuji	(G)
3rd	S. Bhagat	(R)	3rd	W. Taylor	(C)

**Mat Work**

1st	P. Khan	(R)
2nd	S. Pasi	(C)
2nd	S. Iqbal	(R)

**Best Gymnast**

S. Iqbal	(R)	U. Abuji	(G)
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**The Final Results were :**

House	Positions	Points
Greaves	1st	244.2
Candy	2nd	243.5
Spence	3rd	217.4
Royal	4th	207.3

**P.T. and Gymnastics Report (Girls)**

The new term began with practice sessions for the P.T. and Gymnastics show which was to be held on the 5th of August '95.

The practice began one month in advance of the final day and the girls showed a great eagerness to participate in these activities. Although many wanted to take part in the final only a few could be chosen.

The mat-work, broad-box and long box competitions were held on the 25th and 26th of July '95. The girls did so well that it was hard for the judges to decide the winner. Michelle Gough of Helen Keller and Afsana Shaikh of Joan of Arc were adjudged the best Junior and Senior Gymnasts respectively for 1995-96.

The final display on the 5th of August started with the mat work followed by the marching and the drill. As a change from the usual items the girls were taught a different set of Isometric exercises known as Aerobics. It involved a lot of co-ordination but with a lot of training and hard work the girls did it to perfection. The graceful movements synchronized beautifully with the count and music. This was followed by the pyramids which were done with quick precision.

The resounding cheer and clapping indicated how well it was received by the audience.

The pyramids formed by the four houses received an echoing applause. The girls had indeed put in a lot of hard work. Without their hard work and the instructions that were imparted to them in the long practice sessions which demanded a lot of patience the girls would never have touched such excellence on the final day.

The Hoop drill which was a colourful display of varied formations held the spectators spell bound. The precision perfect and the music contributed to the aesthetic effect.

It was exhilarating to see the girls dive through and over the burning flames. The accuracy and confidence of the performers was admittedly par excellence and the credit of this goes to Mr. S. Isaac.

The Chief Guest Air Commodore R.D. Bharucha was thoroughly impressed by the students' performance. In his address he commented on the high standard of Physical Education in Barnes, the like of which he had never seen such a grand display. He didn't have to say more, we knew we had done it !

Mrs Renu Bharucha who gave away the prizes also appreciated the show.

	Juniors			Seniors		
<b>Mat Work</b>	1st	M. Gough	H.K.	1st	S. Gupta	F.N.
	2nd	S. Haslem	J.A.	2nd	A. Shaikh	J.A.
		N. D'Souza	E.C		C. Kumari	F.N.
<b>Horse Work</b>	1st	M. Gough	H.K.	1st	A. Shaikh	J.A.
	2nd	N. D'Souza	E.C.	2nd	S. Gupta	F.N.
	3rd	S. Haslam	J.A.	3rd	C. Kumari	F.N.
<b>Best Junior Gymnast</b>	M. Gough	Helen Keller				
<b>Best Senior Gymnast</b>	A. Shaikh	Joan of Arc.				

**The Final Results were :**

House	Positions	Points
Florence Nightingale	1st	269.9
Joan of Arc	2nd	266.7
Helen Keller	3rd	263.0
Edith Cavell	4th	251.7

Incharge : Mrs. B.Meshak.

**Thanksgiving**

For hope that waits, for faith that dares, For patience that still smiles and bears,  
For love that fails not, nor withstands; For healing touch of children's hands,  
For happy labour, high intent, For all life's blessed sacrament,  
Comrade of our nights and days, Thou gives ! all things, take our praise !

- Arthur Ketchum

### FOOTBALL Report.

The curtains rose on the football season on Thursday, June 15th. The boys played with enthusiasm and energy keeping in view their Inter-house matches ahead. No quarter was given and none asked for as the boys sharpened their skills in their practice games.

#### Friendly Matches

A new look First XI containing only three players from last year's team, played a number of friendly matches against outside teams. These outside teams were Santosh XI, T.D. Boys and Five Field Regiment. The first two teams named above proved too strong for our boys and won handsomely against us. Against Five Field Regiment our boys played well enough to register a comfortable victory.

#### Staff vs Student Matches

Several staff vs student matches were played. The games were hotly contested and the results were always a narrow victory either way. These matches gave the boys invaluable practice for the Inter-school tournament in front of them.

#### Inter-House Tournament

The Inter-House tournament commenced on Wednesday, 5th July '95. The following boys represented their houses in their respective divisions.

#### CANDY HOUSE

A	B	C	D	E
F. Ibrahim (Capt)	S. Pahuja (Capt)	J. Mantri (Capt)	F. Shaikh (Capt)	A. Korian (Capt)
W. Taylor (V.Capt)	K. Malviya (V.Capt)	V. Pahuja (V.Capt)	N. Dhotre (V.Capt)	P. Bang (V.Capt)
J. Mathew GK.	A. Pahuja GK.	S. Passi	J. Barret GK	R. Chakraborty GK.
Md. H. Rain	K. Patel	B. Bahauddin	S. Kanchane	P. Kumar
S. Bhawnani	A. Bahauddin	P. Bhagwat	S. Ansari	E. Pendigrast
M. Pundri	R. Shaikh	W. Mathew	R. Kumar	J. Shah
F. Barret	N. Khan	A. Shaikh	V. Katke	M. Obidiki
RD. Tripathi	A. Pathan	S. Damania	M. Agarwal	N. Chakraborty
JK. Jojode	R. Kokate	S. Malviya	Z. Khan	O. Irani
R. Verma	A. Vanhmingpuia	P. Patel	H. Madon	S. Shah
S. Patel	M. Khan	Z. Shah	N. Hodges	D. Thakur
		N. Solanki	J. Barret	S. Khan
		D. Chatpar	J. Gomes	A. Ansari
		S. Kardak	M. Solanki	R. Balani
			N. Lotwani	P. Rach

#### GREAVES HOUSE

A	B	C	D	E
U. Abuji (Capt)	K. Kadkhodayan(Cp)	B. Saha (Capt)	S. Bholim (Capt)	F. Bharmal (Capt)
C. Thakur(V.Capt)	J. Jagtap (V.Capt)	S. Jaggi (V.Capt)	T. Boraste (V.Capt)	S. Khan (V.Capt)
N. Khan GK	M. Bijlani GK	G. Jaggi GK	A. Johnson	A. Keskar GK
R. Lewis	P. Shaikh	A. Mishra	S. Kuwari	S. Bholim
N. Gubitra	C. Gandhi	K. Khode	K. Patel	R. Chandnani

A. Pathan	D. Dutia	V. Patel	N. Naram	I. Hussain
M. Gohel	A. Azæem	P. Hyalij	C. D'Souza	N. Mahajan
V. Chinchalkar	J. Kuwari	S. Borade	N. Nagareddy	T. Pachua
A. Shafi	A. Kamble	A. Patel	I. Farouqui	M. Vakil
M. Khoramshahi	R. Gupta	A. Patel	V. Jagtap	I. Pathan
R. Keshwani	A. Navlani	A. Parihar	F. Pathan	A. Sharma
	R. Choudhari			B. Gupta
	B. Gupta			A. Pathan
	P. Kuttikrishnan			M. Gupta
				R. Bijlani

#### ROYAL HOUSE

A	B	C	D	E
S. Shaikh (Capt)	A. Shellar (Capt)	S. Bhagat (Capt)	N. Karande (Capt)	M. Macdonald (Capt)
M. Macdonald(V.C)	S. Bhagat (V.Capt)	R. Ansari (V.Capt)	M. Hirandani(V.Capt)	D. Tandel (V.Capt)
S. Pawar GK	W. Ansari	J. Ahuja	R. Sangar GK	I. Shinde GK
A. Ahuja	R. Khode	A. Patil	S. Iqbal	N. Patel
A. Martin	V. Gandhi	S. Yadav	P. Pagar	S. Nagareddy
N. Patel	S. Hiremath	S. Kriplani	A. Ansari	P. Khan
V. Kriplani	M. Moghe	C. Thakre	M. Hiremath	P. Rege
P. Jadhavrao	S. Chougale	G. Dhake	Y. Tuplondhe	A. Upadhyay
V. Shinkar	G. Ahuja	S. Ahuja	G. Borade	A. Kriplani
S. Sonawane	V. Pardeshi	K. Tiwari	B. Baker	S. Kumar
N. Dham	L. Bhoge	V. Nagareddy	S. Maredia	M. Macdonald
	M. Dhabade			S. Dhish
	N. Almeida			N. More
				N. Khobragade
				E. Patel
				K. Aswale

#### SPENCE HOUSE

A	B	C	D	E
V. Parashar	A. Patel	C. Briggs	S. Ansari	K. Sonawane (Capt)
N. Parashar	N. Parashar	N. Gupta	R. Izadayar	R. Pawar
A. Sahu	I. Shaikh	R. Gupta	P. Singh	S. Khan
R. Pilakwal	W. Moallim	A. Gupta	S. Gupta	Y. Khatri
I. Kokni	N. Murid	A. Ansari	A. Bholim	Y. Patel
R. Sayyed	A. Lalla	M. Ansari	A. Sahu	S. Khan
O. Shaikh	M. Buddhia	H. Ali	N. Rao	S. Fernandez
A. Bahauddin	A. Upadhyay	V. Shukla	R. Spitz	Q. Ahmed
A. Rangooni	N. Sirsat	I. Hussain	S. Rao	S. Ansari
M. Gupta	P. Nikam	R. Mohd.	T. Jigru	J. Pinto
S. Kuwari	P. Pujari	P. Patel	S. Sirsat	T. Ansari
	P. Ansari	Mohd. Jassim	M. Paul	N. Gupta
			R. Spitz	T. Shinde
				R. Tiwari
				K. Chawla
				S. Pawse

The results in each division were as follows :

	A	B	C	D	E	Total
Candy	7	4	2	5	2	20
Greaves	1	1	7	1	2	12
Royal	1	6	1	6	7	21
Spence	7	6	6	4	3	26

The Overall Points and Positions were as follows :

House	Positions	Points
Spence	First	26
Royal	Second	21
Candy	Third	20
Greaves	Fourth	12

As indicated above Spence House came out the overall champions. Congratulations to them and better luck to the other three houses next time.

#### Barnes School Vs St. Peter's School Annual Fixture.

This year the match was held on the St. Peter's school ground, Bombay on the 29th of July '95. In a game that failed to reach exciting heights Barnes took the lead. St. Peter's equalised late in the game. Barnes again took the lead to make it 2-1. A brilliant solo effort by St. Peter's Captain in the dying minutes ensured a 2-2 draw.

Following are the names of the players who represented the school team against St. Peter's.

#### Barnes vs St. Peter's

F. Ibrahim (Capt)	N. Parashar
W. Taylor (V. Capt)	Md. H. Rain
R. Sayyed (G.K.)	M. Macdonald
M. Gupta	F. Barret
V. Parashar	R. Tripathi
J. K. Jojode	N. Khan
U. Abuji	N. Parashar
A. Pathan	A. Bahuddin

#### The Inter School Tournament

The Maharashtra ICSE Anglo-Indian Schools Football tournament '95 was held in Bishop's School, Pune, from August 25th to August 31st. The eight schools which participated were divided into the following two groups :

#### Group A

Barnes School, Devlali  
St. Peter's School, Bombay  
Bombay Scottish School  
Campion School, Bombay

#### Group B

Bishop's School, Pune.  
St. Peter's School, Panchgani.  
Hutchings School, Pune.  
Christ Church School, Bombay.

In their league matches Barnes had the following results :

1. Barnes School vs Campion School, Bombay	...	7-1
2. Barnes School vs St. Peter's School, Bombay	...	3-2
3. Barnes School vs Bombay Scottish School	...	3-0

The Semi-final line-up and results were

Barnes School vs St. Peter's School Panchgani	...	2-1
Bishop's School vs St. Peter's, Bombay	...	2-0

#### The Finals

This was contested between Barnes School and Bishop's School, Pune. The game was expected to be a hotly contested one but it turned out otherwise. Bishop's played extremely well to dethrone Barnes 3-0 and become champions for the first time. Barnes did their best but Bishop's deserved the victory.

A large number of ex-students from Barnes turned up for the matches played by Barnes and cheered their school lustily.

Listed below are the players who represented the school team in the inter-school tournament.

#### Inter-School Tournament

F. Ibrahim (Capt)	N. Parashar
W. Taylor (V. Capt)	V. Parashar
R. Sayyed (G.K.)	F. Barret
Md. H. Rain	J. K. Jojode
M. Macdonald	S. Passi
M. Gupta	N. Khan
N. Murid	R. Lewis
A. Pathan	U. Abuji

The Don Bosco Tournament Nasik : This tournament was held on the 17th of September. The Barnes Club comprising staff and students of the school took part in it. Unfortunately, Barnes Club were beaten in their first match only by the T.D. boys 6-2. The boys however, enjoyed the outing.

The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Tournament '95 : This tournament, in which Barnes School participated, was organised for the first time by a local body. The boys played a spirited first match against T.D. boys but lost 3-0. Thus a long and arduous football season came to an end.

In-charge : Mr. J. Redden

#### The Family

The Family is like a book, the children are the leaves,  
The parents are the cover, which protective beauty gives; Love is the little golden clasp that bindeth up the trust.  
Oh, break it not, lest all the leaves be scattered and are lost.

- Oscar E Feucht

## THE SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ATHLETICS MEETING OF BARNES SCHOOL : (BOYS)

Friday 20th October, 1995 dawned bright and sunny dispelling any lingering doubts of rain. All over Barnes there was an air of excitement. In the morning, the boys were busy getting their kit ready, applying blanco to whiten their PT shoes to a sparkling white, not achieved even when new. After breakfast, the MOD Mr. B. Fernandez had lined up the boys to assist in laying out the furniture and equipment at the Pavilion. At 2.30 exactly the Meet began with the punctual arrival of the Chief Guest, Brig. Rajesh Kumar and his charming wife, Mrs Veena R. Kumar, who had kindly consented to give away the prizes.

The meet got underway with the March-past of the athletes, after a brief introduction of the Chief Guest, who then declared the Meet open. The combined Yellow house, Florence Nightingale and Spence were judged the best in Marching and were awarded the Sqd.Ldr. Liddle Cup for Marching. Mr. D. Correa, House Master, Spence House, was seen with a huge grin on his face when the results were announced !

The various events followed each other with great precision due to the excellent organisation of the two staff members in charge : Mr. A. D'Souza and Mrs. V. Thorpe. Kudos to both of them!

A special mention must be made of the Tiny Tots' race and the Clown Race. It was indeed something special to see the little ones run as fast as they could down the special course, cheered on by their parents. Sweets were distributed to all of them at the end of the race. The Clown Race was an event with a difference. Here not only did the participants have a distance to run, they had to dip their faces into a layer of flour to pick up a sweet with their teeth. It was a sight to see the small faces covered with flour, emerging triumphantly !

Many of our "Old Boys" make it a point to visit Barnes on Athletics day. This year the ex-students were represented by Mehmoud Patni, Munnu Hussain, Samuel Bardey, Hanif Quereshi, Rustum Parvaresh, Musadiq Haghigi, whose son is now in School, Royal House, Monaz [nee Deolaliwala] and Rosalind Sampson, [nee Phillips,] Latif Baig and Gulam Kokni to name just a few.

The Open Relay was the event everyone had waited for, with baited breath. The School of Artillery were the holders of the floating Trophy, and every year Barnes was thwarted in winning the coveted prize. However, this year would be different, everyone hoped. It must be remembered that the Open takes place at the end of all the other events, and the School Team is obviously tired. But this year, the School team, led by our Head Boy, Usama Abuji were determined to triumph; and triumph they did, defeating their "Fauji" rivals, and winning the Open Relay Trophy after a very long interval.

### The School Relay Teams :

#### Boys A

Usama Abuji  
William Taylor  
Riyaz Sayyed  
Imran Kokni

#### Boys B

Nasir Khan  
Ajay Pahuja  
Umar Shaikh  
Ilyas Shaikh

#### Artillery Centre A

Rajbir Singh  
Punjab Singh  
Hoshiar Singh  
Gurdip Singh

#### Artillery Centre B

Smunmugh Aveli  
Bhim Singh  
Balvinder Singh  
Bilvallangam

The last event was the staff race, in which many staff ladies and gents took part and amused everyone watching.

Spence House was awarded the Henry Down Cup for the Champion House, having gained 205 points. The Barrow Hard Lines Cup [for the Runner Up House] was awarded to Candy House.

Fardeen Ibrahim of Candy House was awarded the Rex Ludorum for the Senior Division.

William Taylor, also of Candy House was awarded the Rex Ludorum for the Inter Division.

Naushad Murid of Spence House, was awarded the Rex Ludorum for the Junior division.

Gulsharan Jaggi of Greaves House was awarded the Rex Ludorum for the Novice division.

Manish Mishra of Spence House, was awarded the Rex Ludorum for the Midget division.

### Girls Rex Ludorum

Lynn Pachuau of Helen Keller was awarded the Rex Ludorum in the Senior Division.

Michelle Gough, also of Helen Keller was awarded the Rex Ludorum for the Inter division.

Sushma Singh also of Helen Keller, was awarded the Rex Ludorum for the Junior Division.

Nafisa Periera of Florence Nightingale won the Rex Ludorum in the Novice Division.

The Mixed Relay was won by the Blue House [ Helen Keller and Greaves ]

The Meet ended with the Closing Ceremony, and the lowering of the School Flag by the Head Boy and the Prefects. The Head Boy, on handing over the Flag requested the Chief Guest for a holiday, which was granted and added to the Divali Holidays which commenced as the Meet closed, to the delight of both staff students, and parents.

Organiser : Boys : Mr A.D'Souza  
Girls : Mrs V. Thorpe

Report compiled by Mr. D.O'Connor.

**THE SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL ATHLETICS MEETING**

**FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER 1995**

**TIME : 2.30 P.M.**

**President : Brig. Rajesh Kumar**

**Commandant, Artillery Centre,**

**Nasik Road Camp.**

**Mrs. Veena Rajesh Kumar gave away the Prizes.**

**SENIOR DIVISION (Over 16 Years)  
INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS - BOYS 1995-96.**

Event	First	Second	Third	Time/Ht. Dist.
100 m	A. Martin R	F. Ibrahim C	I. Kokni S	11.4 sec.
200 m	F. Ibrahim C	A. Martin R	R. Sayed S	24.5 sec.
400 m	R. Sayed S	F. Ibrahim C	I. Kokni S	57 sec
800 m	R. Sayed S	F. Ibrahim C	S. Pawar R	2 min. 19.4 sec.
1500 m	S. Pawar R	R. Sayed S	J. Mathew C	5 min. 16.4 sec.
110 m. Hurdles	R. Sayed S	F. Ibrahim C	U. Abuji G	18.5 sec.
Long Jump	F. Ibrahim C	I. Kokni S	A. Martin R	5.95 metres
High Jump	F. Ibrahim C	U. Abuji G	R. Sayed S	1.50 metres
Triple Jump	F. Ibrahim C	R. Sayed S	A. Martin R	11.35 metres
Discus (2 kg.)	N. Khan G	I. Kokni S	F. Ibrahim C	21.37 metres
Javelin (800 gr.)	U. Shaikh S	N. Khan G	I. Kokni S	36.55 metres
Shot Put (14 lb)	I. Shaikh S	I. Kokne S	R. Sayed S	8.23 metres
4x100 m. Relay	Spence	Greaves	Candy	50.0 sec.
4x400 m. Relay	Spence	Candy	Royal	3 min. 53.5 sec.
Medley Relay	Spence	Royal	Candy	4 min. 8.6 sec.

**Rex Ludorum : F. Ibrahim (C)**

**INTER DIVISION (14 - 16 Years)**

100 m	W. Taylor C	V. Parashar S	M. Gohel G	12.12 sec.
200 m	W. Taylor C	A. Pahuja C	V. Parashar S	25.5 sec.
400 m	S. Shaikh R	W. Taylor C	A. Pahuja C	58.3 sec
800 m	S. Shaikh R	N. Murid S	V. Parashar S	2 min. 24.1 sec.
1500 m	S. Shaikh R	S. Passi C	N. Murid S	5 min. 18.4 sec
110 m. Hurdles	S. Shaikh R	W. Taylor C	M. Gohel G	19.1 sec.
Long Jump	V. Parashar S	W. Taylor C	A. Pahuja C	5.39 metres
High Jump	S. Shaikh R	V. Parashar S	J. Jagtap G	1.53 metres
Triple Jump	A. Pahuja C	W. Taylor C	V. Parashar S	10.96 metres
Discus (1.5 kg)	W. Taylor C	S. Shaikh R	M. Gohel G	25.85 metres
Javelin (800 gr)	W. Taylor C	R. Candy R	A. Upadhyay S	41.13 metres
Shot Put (12 lb)	W. Taylor C	S. Shaikh R	M. Bijlani G	8.95 metres
4x100 m. Relay	Candy	Royal	Greaves	51.1 sec.

**Rex Ludorum : W. Taylor (C)**

**JUNIOR DIVISION (12-14 Years)**

100 m	N. Murid S	B. Bahauddin C	S. Passi C	13.1 sec.
200 m	N. Murid S	C. Briggs S	S. Passi C	27.6 sec.

400 m	N. Murid S	S. Passi C	C. Briggs S	75.5 sec.
110 m. Hurdles	N. Murid S	C. Briggs S	S. Iqbal R	19.9 sec.
Long Jump	N. Murid S	C. Briggs S	S. Passi C	5.05metres (N.R.)
High Jump	N. Murid S	S. Passi C	S. Khoramshahi G	1.34 metres
Discus (1 kg)	C. Briggs S	B. Bahauddin C	D. Dhutia G	23.63 metres
Shot Put (10 lb)	B. Bahauddin C	W. Mathew C	F. Haghighi R	9.50 metres
4x100 m Relay	Spence	Greaves	Royal	55.5 sec.

**Rex Ludorum : N. Murid (S)**

**NOVICE DIVISION (10-12 Years)**

100 m	GS. Jaggi G	S. Ansari C	M. Obidiki C	14.4 sec.
200 m	GS. Jaggi G	Q. Ahmad S	M. Obidiki C	31.2 sec.
Long Jump	P. Singh S	G. Jaggi G	M. Obidiki C	4.04 metres
High Jump	GS. Jaggi G	P. Gupta S	T. Pachuau G	1.20 metres

**Rex Ludorum : G S Jaggi (G).**

**MIDGET DIVISION (8 - 10 Yrs)**

50 m	M. MacDonald R	M. Mishra S	R. Tiwari S	7.4 sec
100 m	M. MacDonald R	M. Mishra S	R. Tiwari S	15.2 sec
Long Jump	M. Mishra S	R. Tiwari S	M. MacDonald R	3.50 metres
High Jump	M. Mishra S	M. MacDonald R	R. Tiwari S	1.07 metres

**Rex Ludorum : M. Mishra (S)**

Event	First	Second	Third	Time
Mixed Relay	BLUES	GREENS	YELLOWS	55.6 sec.
March Past	YELLOWS	BLUES	GREENS	RED (Fourth)
4x400 Open Relay	BARNES 'A'	ARTY Boys	ARTY CENTRE 'A'	

**POINTS**

TOTALS OF DIVISIONS	MIDGETS	NOVICES	JUNIORS	INTERS	SENIORS	MARCH PAST & MIXED RELAY	CANDY	GREAVES	ROYAL	SPENCE
	-	-	14	22	11	55	18	76	23	
TOTAL OF	17	25	05	23						
GRAND TOTAL	153	81	91	205						

**FLOATING CUPS AND TROPHIES**

1. Sqn. Ldr Liddle Cup for Marching
  2. Cup for Junior Relay
  3. Cup for Intermediate Relay
  4. Bakshi Cup for Senior Relay
- Yellow  
Spence  
Candy  
Spence

5. W.Robb Cup for Medley Relay	Spence
6. Open Relay Cup	Barnes 'A'
7. Trophy for Mixed Relay	Blues
8. Barrow Hard Lines Cup (for Runner-up House)	Candy
9. Henry Down Cup for Champion House	Spence
10. King Cup for Best Combined House	Spence & Florence Nightingale
11. Sprint Cup for 100m. Senior Boys	A. Martin.

#### HOUSE POSITIONS AND POINTS

POSITION	HOUSE	POINTS
FIRST	SPENCE	205
SECOND	CANDY	153
THIRD	ROYAL	91
FOURTH	GREAVES	81

MR. A. D'SOUZA.

#### INTER HOUSE ATHLETICS RECORDS - (BOYS) SENIOR BOYS (OVER 16 Yrs.)

Event	Year	Record	
100m	1971	M. Scott	11.3 sec.
	1976	C. Albuquerque	11.3 sec.
200m	1971	M. Scott	23.3 sec.
400m	1972	S. S. Keer	52.6 sec.
800m	1986	C. Albuquerque	2min. 11.8 sec.
1500m	1983	R. Newton	4min. 36.0 sec.
110m. Hurdles (High)	1971	M. Scott	15.6 sec.
	1979	N. Nadkarni	15.6 sec.
Long jump	1963	Md. Khan	6.10 metres
High Jump	1963	Md. Khan	1.65 metres
Triple Jump	1963	Md. Khan	12.42 metres
Discus	1979	G. Hilbert	29.05 metres
Javelin (800 gms)	1962	R. Raymer	46.28 metres
Shot Put (14 lb.)	1940	J. Vikers	10.77 metres
4x100 m. Relay	1964	Candy	47.5 sec.
4x400 m. Relay	1976	Candy	3min. 45.5 sec.
2x8x4x2 Medley Relay	1989	Spence	3min. 59.5 sec.

#### INTER DIVISION (14 to 16 Yrs)

100m	1994	F. Ibrahim	11.7 sec.
200m	1994	F. Ibrahim	24.3 sec.
400m	1990	D. Ovichegan	55.5 sec.
800m	1990	D. Ovichegan	2m. 17.1 sec.
1500m	1981	R. Newton	4min. 50.5 sec.

110m Hurdles (High)	1977	S. Khan	16.8 sec.
Long Jump	1994	F. Ibrahim	5.70 metres
High Jump	1962	Md. Khan	1.58 metres
	1986	Ab. Samatar	1.58 metres
Triple Jump	1994	F. Ibrahim	11.50 metres
Discus 1.5 kg.	1964	R.. Vyas	32.23 metres
Javelin	1964	R.. Vyas	43.38 metres
Shot Put 12 lb..	1993	M. Ovichegan	11.06 metres
4x100 m. Relay	1994	Candy	50.1 sec.

#### JUNIOR DIVISION (12 to 14 Yrs)

100m	1994	R. Canday	12.4 sec.
200m	1981	Ab. Sheikh	24.5 sec.
400m	1982	S. Khokar	1min. 1.5 sec.
110m Hurdles (Low)	1982	B. Maredia	18.6 sec.
Long Jump	1995	N. Murid	5.05 metres
High Jump	1976	B. Kolpe	1.40 metres
Discus 1 kg.	1959	Md. T. Badri	27.90 metres
Shot Put 10 lb.	1992	Md. Ali Warsame	10.95 metres
4x100 m. Relay	1992	Candy	53.5 sec.

#### NOVICE DIVISION (10 to 12 Yrs)

100m.	1973	M. Patni	13.4 sec.
200m.	1973	M. Patni	27.4 sec.
Long Jump	1973	M. Patni	4.34 metres
High Jump	1994	C. Briggs	1.26 metres

#### MIDGET DIVISION (8 to 10 Yrs)

50m.	1994	S. Ansari	7.4 sec.
	1995	M. McDonald	7.4 sec.
100m.	1975	Z. Khan	15.0 sec.
Long Jump	1975	Z. Khan	3.63 sec.
High Jump	1971	M. Patni	1.13 metres

#### A Smile

A Smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts for ever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and one is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A Smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good-will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a SMILE so much as he who has no more to give.

**INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS - GIRLS  
SENIOR DIVISION (Over 14 Yrs.)**

Events	First	Second	Third	Time/Ht/Dist
100 m	S. Dutt EC	C. Kumari FN	L. Pachuau HK	15.5 sec.
200 m	S. Dutt EC	L. Pachuau HK	D. Pendigrast JA	34.5 sec.
400 m	S. Dutt EC	L. Pachuau HK	D. Pendigrast JA	1 min 24 sec
110 m (L.Hurd)	S. Devargaonkar JA	C. Kumari FN	L. Pachuau HK	24.4 sec.
Long Jump	S. Devargaonkar JA	D. Mansey JA	N. Bharwani FN	3.44 metres
High Jump	D. Pendigrast JA	L. Pachuau HK	C. Kumari FN	1.05 metres
Triple Jump	S. Devargaonkar JA	D. Mansey JA	M. D'Souza JA	7.77 metres.
Shot Put	S. Tamang HK	D. Mansey JA	L. Pachuau HK	6.08 metres
Javelin	L. Pachuau HK	M. D'Souza JA	A. Shaikh JA	15.50 metres
Discus	A. Shaikh JA	M. D'Souza JA	R. Thakkar EC	12.45 metres
4x100 m Relay	H.K.	F.N.	J.A.	1min 5.3 sec
4x100 m	G & H.K.	C & J.A.	S & F.N.	55.6 sec.
Mixed Relay				

**Rex Ludorum : L. Pachuau (H.K.)**

**INTER DIVISION (12 to 14 Years)**

100 m	M. Gough HK	S. Shaikh HK	S. Gupta FN	15.2 sec.
200 m	M. Gough HK	S. Shaikh HK	P. Ranjita JA	33.5 sec.
110m.L.Hurdles	M. Gough HK	N. D'Souza EC	S. Gupta FN	24.8 sec.
Long Jump	M. Gough HK	A. Hooda FN	P. Ranjita JA	3.54 metres
High Jump	S. Gupta FN	N. D'Souza EC	S. Shaikh HK	1.2 metres
Discus	V. Sangar EC	A. Kamat HK	M. Gough HK	13.36 metres
Javelin	V. Sangar EC	A. Kamat HK	S. Shaikh HK	19.20 metres
Shot Put	V. Sangar EC	A. Kamat HK	S. Shaikh HK	7.12 metres

**Rex Ludorum : M. Gough (H.K.)**

**JUNIOR DIVISION (10 to 12 Year)**

50 m (F)	S. Singh HK	D. Sharma HK	N. Pereira FN	8.5 sec.
100 m (F)	S. Singh HK	D. Sharma HK	Nil. Pereira FN	16.2 sec.
50 m Skip	S. Singh HK	V. Meshram EC	N. Pereira FN	10.1 sec.
100m. Skip.	D. Sharma HK	S. Singh HK	V. Meshram EC	18.9 sec.
Long Jump	S. Singh HK	N. Pereira FN	M. Maredia EC	2.78 metres
High Jump	S. Singh HK	D. Sharma HK	N. Gupta FN	0.88 metres
4x100 m.Relay	H.K.	E.C.	F.N.	1 min 11.94 sec.

**Rex Ludorum : S. Singh (H.K.)**

**NOVICE DIVISION (Under 10 Years)**

50 m (F)	Naf. Pereira FN	L. Meshak JA	N. Karande FN	9.2 sec.
100 m	L. Meshak JA	N. Karande FN	N. Pereira FN	18.20 sec.
50 m. Skipping	N. Pereira FN	N. Karande FN	K. Maredia HK	11.1 sec.
Long Jump	K. Maredia HK	L. Meshak JA	N. Karande FN	2.59 metres
High Jump	M. Faridi FN	N. Karande FN	N. Pereira FN	0.80 metres

**Rex Ludorum : N. Pereira (F.N.)**

**POINTS**

March Past	First F.N. 20 pts.	Second H.K. 15 pts.	Third J.A. 10 pts.	Fourth E.C. 5 pts.
Totals of Divisions	J.A.	H.K.	E.C.	F.N.
SENIOR	54	42	16	18
INTER	2	39	21	10
JUNIOR	-	52	12	10
NOVICE	11	6	-	28
MARCH PAST	10	15	5	20
GRAND TOTAL	77	154	54	86

**FLOATING TROPHIES**

Sqn Ldr. Liddle Cup for Marching	...	F.N. & Spence
Cup for Junior Relay	...	H.K.
Trophy for Mixed Relay	...	Greaves & Helen Keller
Wilson Cup for Senior Relay	...	H.K.

**HOUSE POSITIONS AND POINTS**

Position	House	Pts.
1st	HELEN KELLER	154
2nd	FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE	86
3rd	JOAN OF ARC	77
4th	EDITH CAVELL	54

Incharge : Mrs. V. Thorpe.

**INTER - HOUSE ATHLETICS RECORDS - (GIRLS)**

**SENIOR GIRLS (Over 14 Yrs)**

Events	Year	Record	
100m	1950	E. Hill	13.2 sec.
200 m	1964	C. Cox	29.6 sec.
400m	1983	Ro. Emmanuel	1min. 12.9 sec.
110m.Low Hurdles	1984	A. Tully	20.6 sec.
Long Jump	1959	M. Dawes	4.51 m.
High Jump	1946	C. Palmer Wilson	1.35 m.
Triple Jump	1973	H. Mackenzie	8.80 m
Discus	1973	M. Cox	24.35 m.
Javelin	1967	I. Garrett	27.94 m.
Shot Put	1950	E. Hill	9.14 m.
4x100m.Relay	1963	Edith Cavell	59.9 sec.
4x100m.Mixed Relay	1983	Spence & F.N.	52.5 sec.

### INTER GIRLS (12 - 14 Yrs)

Events	Year	Record	Time/ HT/ DIST
100m	1972	H. Mackenzie	14.1 sec.
200m	1963	C. Cox	31.5 sec.
110m Low Hurdles	1991	P. Isaac	22.4 sec.
Long Jump	1959	Y. Dennis	4.09 m.
High Jump	1943	C. Palmer Wilson	1.32 m.
Discus	1991	R. Shaikh	18.77 m.
Javelin	1976	K. Scott	22.88 m.
Shot Put	1957	B. Peters	7.12 m.
	1995	V. Sangar	7.12 m.

### JUNIOR DIVISION (10 -12 Yrs)

Events	Year	Record	Time/ HT/ DIST
50m	-	1964 G. King	8 secs.
	-	1966 N. Vakil	
100m	-	1975 R. Bhambure	15.0 sec.
50m. Sk.	-	1975 R. Bhambure	8.7 sec
	-	1982 Ro. Emmanuel	
100m. Sk.	-	1982 Ro. Emmanuel	16.2 sec.
Long Jump	-	1959 M. Arklie	3.84m.
High Jump	-	1945 S. Pawle	1.17m.
4x100m Relay	-	1966 Edith Cavell	1 min. 2.1 sec

### NOVICE DIVISION (Under 10 Yrs)

50m	-	1964 H. Dhillon	9.3 sec.
100m	-	1965 H. Dhillon	16.2 sec.
50m. Sk.	-	1980 Ro. Emmanuel	9.3 sec.
Long Jump	-	1957 M. Arklie	3.45 m.
High Jump	-	1972 K. Scott	0.95 m.

### BARNES SCHOOL PARTICIPATION IN THE NASIK DISTRICT ATHLETICS MEET

The Nasik District Athletic Association organised a District Athletic Meet this year from 1st December to 3rd December '95 at H.P.T. College grounds. Many schools, clubs and companies from various parts of the District participated as it was an open selection meet for the Maharashtra State Meet.

Barnes School offers its students an all round ability in various games and sports which play an important role in their General education. This year many of the Inter-house Athletics winners were selected to represent the school in this District Athletic Meet. About twenty eight athletes participated, representing various groups in various events, from our school.

On the 1st of December, '95 as our school bus entered the H.P.T. college grounds all the athletes and officials of various teams diverted their attention towards our students. All of them

were pleased to see the personality and discipline of our Athletes. They also commented that they were proud to have such a school in Nasik. Our students also kept up the name of their school by winning in every event in which they participated. Each and every student tried his or her level best and came back to school with a winner's certificate for all the three days.

They were all extremely happy to participate in this meet and were looking forward to be selected for the Maharashtra State. Seven of our students were selected for state level and Varsha Sangar was selected for the Nationals.

Following are the positions secured by our athletes in the various age groups in various events.

#### Boys under 18 years

Name	Event	Position
Fardeen Ibrahim	Long Jump	I
	Triple Jump	I
	100 metres	II
	200 metres	III
Usama Abuji	200 metres	II
	400 metres	II
	High Jump	II
	Long Jump	II
Sarfaz Shaikh	100 metres	III
	100 metres Hurdles	I
	Discus Throw	I
	High Jump	III
	Shot Put	III
William Taylor	Javelin Throw	I
	Discus Throw	II
Augustin Martin	100 metres	II

The relay team of boys under 18 stood first. All mentioned above had participated in it.

#### Boys under 16 years

Name	Event	Position
Riyaz Sayyed	110 metres Hurdles	I
	Triple Jump	II
	400 metres	III
Nasir Khan	Javelin Throw	II
	110 metres Hurdles	III
Ajay Pahuja	Triple Jump	III
Siddharth Pawar	1500 metres	III
Mohd. Hussain Rain	110 metres Hurdles	II

The relay team under 16 years stood third in position.

### Boys under 14 years

Name	Event	Position
Naushad Murid	100 metres	I
	110 metres Hurdles	II
Rhet Lewis	Javelin Throw	II

### Boys under 12 years

Gursharan Jaggi	80 metres	III
	300 metres	III

### Girls under 18 years

Swati Devgaonkar	Javelin Throw	I
	400 metres	III

### Girls under 16 years

Lynn Pachuaua	Javelin Throw	II
	High Jump	II
	Shot Put	III

Varsha Sangar	Javelin Throw	I
	Discus Throw	II
	Shot Put	II

Diana Pendigrast	High Jump	I
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### Girls under 14 years

Michelle Gough	100 metres	II
	200 metres	II

Savita Gupta	Shot Put	II
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Seven of our Athletes were selected to represent the Nasik District at the Maharashtra Athletic Championship which was held at Amravati from 27th to 29th December '95.

These were Usama Abuji, William Taylor, Fardeen Ibrahim, Sarfaraz Shaikh, Augustine Martin, Swati Devgaonkar and Varsha Sangar.

Varsha Sangar who stood first in shot put in under 16 years at Amravati was selected to represent the Maharashtra State at the National Athletic Championship.

Hats off to all these athletes for their excellent performance in the District Meet.

Mrs. B. Meshak  
Physical Education Teacher (Girls)

## CRICKET REPORT

A couple of broken windows and glass panes heralded the cricket season from the 31st of August '95, not to mention the smashed headlights and vehicles. Dressed in their whites, the little cricket enthusiasts were seen all over the campus, organizing themselves into teams where ever space for a suitable pitch was found and in their eagerness, even the main road wasn't spared. Pedestrians, they believed, were invading their domain. Thus infected with the cricket fever many budding participants came regularly for practice. Unfortunately only few were chosen for the school team.

It was a time for discovering hidden talents and for tapping sporting potential that is sometimes overlooked in so many of our students. During the house practice, the boys did not take the practice seriously. While for some of the houses it was a year of hard earned victories for others it was a year of close and narrow defeats. The inter house tournament started from the 27th of November. Once the tournament began one could see the seriousness of the houses with the captains trying to give the last minute coaching to their house boys. The matches were contested with great enthusiasm. The standard was low but the competition keen. The tournament ended on the 5th of Dec. The Riley cup was once again awarded to Greaves House.

The best cricket player for the year was given to Sarfaraz Shaikh of Royal House for his outstanding performance. A marvellous stroke player, almost impertinent as he lifts the ball to various parts of the ground. His style is fluid his effect savage. But he also proved being a mere batsman. However, his bowling is not as good and can be misleading, appearing innocuous.

This year we could not have many school eleven matches. The school mostly played with the second eleven or the staff team. The following boys represented the school team :

1. Fardeen Ibrahim	- Captain	9. Vijay Pahuja
2. William Taylor	- Vice-Captain	10. Akash Sahu
3. Kuldeep Malviya		11. Afzal Patel
4. Sarfaraz Shaikh		12. Bazil Bahauddin
5. Mohd Hussain		13. Tarun Mewani
6. Maxim MacDonald		14. Nasir Hussain
7. Sayeed Iqbal		15. Rhet Lewis
8. Rahul Kokate		16. Manoj Gupta
		17. Chintu Gandhi.

The old boys match was played on the sixth of October. The old boys won the toss and put in the school eleven to bat. In thirty overs the school team scored 141 runs Tarun Mewani scored 39 runs in one hour and twenty three minutes, playing 45 balls. The old Boys in return scored 94 in 30 overs. The Ex-students awarded the man of the match cup to William Taylor for his all round performance. The best batsman T. Mewani was awarded a cash prize.

The Ex-students played a match on the seventh of October against the staff. Winning the toss they decided to field. In 20 overs the staff scored 82 runs. In return the old boys scored 75 runs.

The following represented the staff team

Mr. G. Hardy	Mr. K. Ryder
Mr. V. Frederick	Mr. A. D'Souza

Mr. J. Redden	Mr. R. Waring
Mr. S. Alphonso	Mr. B. Fernandez
Mr. P. Dinger	Mr. D. Robins
Mr. Nair	Mr. B. Henderson

There was a very active cricket season this year and I am sure that the staff as well the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

I would like to render my thanks to all the staff members and the others who helped to make this cricket season a success.

Incharge **Bruce Henderson.**  
**Paul Rao**

The following boys participated in the Inter-house Cricket tournament.

#### GREAVES HOUSE

A Team	B Team	C Team	D Team	E Team
C. Gandhi	M. Gohel	A. Patel	A. Parihar	B. Gupta
C. Thakur	A. Pathan	B. Shah	G. Jaggi	A. Sharma
A. Shafi	J. Jagtap	S. Jaggi	S. Bholim	S. Bholim
R. Lewis	P. Shaikh	R. Gupta	R. Gajare	F. Bharmal
N. Khan	D. Dhutia	A. Johnson	P. Hyalij	N. Mahajan
V. Chinchalkar	N. Gubitra	S. Borade	V. Jagtap	K. Patel
M. Bijlani	A. Mishra	A. Patel	P. Takle	R. Chandnani
U. Abuji	J. Kuwari	S. Ray	V. Patil	A. Keskar
V. Patil	R. Chaudhary	S. Khan	A. Fariqui	F. Pathan
A. Navlani	K. Khadkhodyan	T. Boraste	N. Nagareddy	M. Gupta
A. Azeem	A. Kamble	K. Bhatia	A. Pathan	M. Vakil

#### CANDY HOUSE

A Team	B Team	C Team	D Team	E Team
W Taylor	R. Tripathi	S. Passi	J. Barrett	R. Chakraborty
M. Hussain	N. Khan	J. Mantri	N. Hodges	E. Pendigrast
K. Malviya	F. Barrett	S. Wadhwa	M. Agarwal	J. Gomes
F. Ibrahim	J. Mathew	W. Mathew	V. Katkar	L. Chandnani
M. Punderi	A. Pahuja	N. Dhotre	S. Ansari	M. Obidiki
B. Bhauddin	S. Pahuja	K. Patel	Z. Khan	R. Singh
V. Pahuja	S. Patel	S. Malviya	A. Korian	D. Gandhi
R. Kokate	S. Malviya	Z. Shah	S. Kanchane	J. Barrett
R. Shaikh	A. Bhauddin	M. Khan	C. D'Costa	N. Chakraborty
A. Shaikh	A. Khan	P. Patel	P. Kumar	P. Bang
	S. Bhavnani	P. Bhagat		

#### ROYAL HOUSE

A Team	B Team	C Team	D Team	E Team
S. Shaikh	S. Bhagat	K. Tiwari	Y. Memon	M. Patel
A. Ahuja	R. Ansari	Y. Tuplonde	P. Pagar	D. Tandel
S. Iqbal	A. Patel	S. Bhagat	R. Sangar	S. Dhish
M. MacDonald	V. Ansari	S. Hiramath	M. Hiranandani	M. MacDonald
V. Kriplani	N. Dham	T. Khan	S. Nagareddy	D. Mehta
A. Martin	M. Moghe	S. Yadav	F. Haghghi	K. Aswale
S. Pawar	L. Bhoge	A. Ansari	K. Alam	S. Yadhav
G. Ahuja	S. Chougule	J. Ahuja	N. Karande	M. MacDonald
V. Shinker	R. Khode	G. Dhake	B. Baker	I. Shinde
N. Patel	V. Gandhi	V. Pardesi	S. Ahuja	A. Kriplani
P. Jadhavrao	N. Patil	C. Thakre	M. Hiremath	S. Nagareddy

#### SPENCE HOUSE

A. Team	B. Team	C Team	D Team	E Team
A. Patel	N. Upadhaya	R. Binraza	H. Ali	R. Tiwari
I. Kokni	N. Murid	V. Shukla	S. Ansari	S. Ansari
A. Sahu	N. Parashar	N. Gupta	M. Ansari	S. Gupta
V. Parashar	W. Moalim	C. Briggs	P. Singh	V. Patel
M. Gupta	I. Shaikh	R. Gupta	N. Rao	Y. Sharma
N. Parashar	R. Sayaid	K. Ahmed	S. Rao	T. Ansari
A. Bhauddin	A. Lala	A. Gupta	T. Jigru	K. Sonawane
U. Shaikh	R. Sayeed	P. Pujari	A. Bholim	S. Fernandez
R. Palkhwal	M. Budhia	A. Ansari	S. Ansari	P. Gupta
S. Kuwari	I. Hussain	J. Pinto	P. Ansari	N. Barve
T. Merwani	P. Patel	P. Patel	A. Sanu	S. Khan

The house position and points were as follows :

First	Greaves	18 pts.
Second	Candy	16 pts.
Second	Royal	16 pts.
Fourth	Spence	10 pts.

The Batting and Bowling averages for all Matches :

Names	Innings	Not Out	Runs	Highest	Catches	Average	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average
S. Shaikh	3	2	75	40	3	25.0	12	4	20	10	1.6
W. Taylor	3	-	40	16	4	13.3	12	2	38	5	3.1
A. Sahu	3	-	60	26	4	20.0	12	-	40	3	3.3
M. MacDonald	3	-	34	17	2	11.3	12	-	45	4	3.7
S. Iqbal	3	-	-	-	3	0.0	12	2	18	6	1.5

## VOLLEY BALL

Volley ball has become one of the most popular games in Barnes. Whether it is the arrival of ex-students on a weekend or a holiday, volley ball is played by the staff and the students enthusiastically.

Though volley ball nets were put up immediately after the Diwali holidays, officially volley ball season started with the onset of the third term. Lists were handed in on 18.1.96 as scheduled and the tournament started with true spirit of sportsmanship on 23.1.96 and ended on 5.2.96. Greaves house tried very hard to win the tournament by any means. Despite their unruly behavior and their efforts to violate the rules, Candy House emerged as victors with 16 points, followed by Greaves with 10 points, Spence with 8 points and Royal with 2 points.

Imran Kokni of Spence House was adjudged the best volley ball player of 1995-96.

An unofficial volleyball tournament was organised on 26th January 1996, the Republic Day. There were five teams viz. Staff A, Staff B, Boys A, Boys B and Bhimstar. The preliminary matches were held in the morning and the final match was played in the evening between Boys A vs Staff A in which the staff team emerged as winners.

Both the winners and the runners-up were presented with cakes.

There was a volley ball match held between Barnes school and 99 Field Regiment on 12.2.96. The soldiers who were well trained professional players won the match 3-1. Snatching one game from the experts by our boys is a good sign of the hard work put in by our boys and the staff throughout the volley ball season.

The following boys took part in the house tournaments :

CANDY			SPENCE		
A Team	B Team	C Team	A Team	B Team	C Team
F. Ibrahim	M. Pundri	F. Barret	V. Parashar	A. Patel	W. Moallim
W. Taylor	J. Jojode	S. Pahuja	N. Parashar	A. Bahauddin	N. Murid
M. H. Rain	K. Malviya	S. Pasi	I. Kokni	N. Parashar	A. Gupta
S. Patel	A. Pahuja	A. Bahuddin	R. Sayyed	U. Shaikh	C. Briggs
S. Bhavnani	J. Mathew	R. Kokate	A. Sahu	M. Riyad	V. Shukla
J. Mantri	V. Pahuja	N. Khan	M. Gupta	R. Pilkhwai	M. Bhudin

GREAVES			ROYAL		
A Team	B Team	C Team	A Team	B Team	C Team
U. Abuji	N. Khan	A. Pathan	S. Shaikh	R. Ansari	S. Bhagat
C. Thakur	M. Gohel	T. Boraste	A. Ahuja	V. Ansari	J. Ahuja
A. Azeem	P. Shaikh	A. Patel	S. Pawar	R. Khode	Y. Tuplondhe
M. Bijlani	R. Gupta	S. Jaggi	A. Martin	L. Bhoge	S. Iqbal
N. Gubitra	J. Jagtap	A. Johnson	M. MacDonald	S. Sonawane	V. Gandhi
D. Dhutia	V. Chinchalkar	R. Lewis	S. Bhagat	V. Kriplani	N. Patil

Incharge : Mr. R. Robinson & Mr. V. Nair.

## HOCKEY

This year the hockey season was a longer one and the boys had more practice sessions. There was a definite improvement in the standard of hockey this year in the school, the best ones surfacing during the house matches, which began on the 26th of February.

The competition was good and healthy, especially in the 'A' division. The younger boys, promoted to seniors this year, showed a lot of promise for the coming few years.

Royal House came first with 17 points, Candy House were second with 16 points, Greaves House were third with 13 points. William Taylor was adjudged the 'Best Player' for the year.

The Inter House Results were as follows :

House	Position	Points
Royal	1st	17
Candy	2nd	16
Greaves	3rd	14
Spence	4th	13

There were many boys this year, who turned up for the morning as well as evening practices to make it into the school XVI. Choosing the team was a difficult task and the following XVI were finally picked after much deliberation.

1. Mohd. Hussain Raien	Goal Keeper
2. Augustine Martin	Left full back
3. Usama Abuji	Centre full back (Vice Captain)
4. Fardeen Ibrahim	Right full Back
5. Rahul dev Tripathi	Left half back (left winger)
6. Maxim MacDonald	Centre Half Back
7. Manoj Gupta	Right Half Back
8. Francis Barret	Left winger
9. William Taylor	Left Inner (Mid fielder) - (Captain)
10. Vivek Parashar	Right Inner
11. Rhett Lewis	Right winger
12. Johnson Mathew	Reserve Goal Keeper
13. Riyaz Sayyed	Centre Full Back
14. Nitesh Parashar	Full Back
15. Sarfraz Shaikh	Right Half Back / Inner
16. Satish Pasi	Left Inner / Half Back.

The teams left for St. Peter's school, Mazagoan, Bombay, on the 16th of March. The match was played on the 17th at 8.00 a.m. as no umpires were available in the evening owing to the World Cup Cricket Finals.

The match was a good, fast one with the possession of the ball being shared by both teams. Barnes conceded a penalty stroke in the first five minutes and were down a goal. This, however, did not dampen the spirit of our boys and they kept making frequent raids on the rival goal. We were soon rewarded when Vivek Parashar scored and levelled the game. Then, late in the same half, Rhett Lewis put us ahead with another field goal.

The second half proved to be more exciting. William Taylor, the Captain of Barnes, was injured early into this half and went off to hospital for stitches. This was a big blow to us. However, we kept up the pressure and did not give up. Both the teams fought and played well and the second half went goal-less. The final result was in favour of Barnes, who won 2-1. It was a well contested game. All the boys performed well. Manoj Gupta, Vivek Parashar, Rhett Lewis, Satish Pasi, Riyaz Sayyed and Augustine Martin must be praised along with their Captain William Taylor, for keeping a cool head and playing an intelligent and good game.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who helped in the training of the boys, especially Mr. B. Henderson and Mr. Soloman (Vijji - a junior national player, from Devlali Camp) for giving up their time and coming out to play and give tips to the boys. Here I would like to thank Mr. Rustom Parvaresh (ex-student) for his contribution of two thousand rupees for a celebration dinner for both the boys hockey and Girls basketball teams. The dinner was held on 23rd March, in the staff room and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

On our return from St. Peter's, Bombay, on the 20th of March, which was a holiday, a seven-a-side one-day hockey tournament was organised. Four teams, equally strong, took part. The duration of the game was 30 minutes. Six matches were played, beginning at 8.45 a.m. There was a keen competition and a lot of cheering from the side-lines. It was a very exciting morning, with the final result being decided on goal difference. There was a tie between 'B' team (Red) and 'D' team (Green) who emerged as combined winners. The prize of Rs.61 was shared by these two teams. The teams were as follows :

A Team (Blue)	B Team (Red)	C Team (Yellow)	D Team (Green)
W. Taylor	M. MacDonald	M. Gupta	V. Parashar
S. Pasi	R. Lewis	F. Barret	R. Tripathi
S. Chougule	S. Shaikh	N. Parashar	W. Moallim
R. Sayyed	A. Martin	P. Shaikh	A. Patel
A. Bahauddin	A. Ahuja	U. Shaikh	A. Bahauddin
S. Bhagat	P. Bhagat	V. Shukla	G. Hardy
J. Mathew	K. Patel	N. Parashar	M. Raien
		A. Pathan	J. Jagtap

'A' Team (Blue), 'B' Team (Red) and 'D' Team (Green) ended with six points each.

In conclusion, I would once again, like to thank all members of staff who helped out and umpired various house matches and also those boys who came out for practice, especially those who were not selected, for the school team.

This year was a success, thanks to the hard work put in by the boys and I do sincerely hope that the same response is got from them every year.

The following boys participated in the Inter-house hockey tournament.

#### CANDY HOUSE

A Team	B Team	C Team	D Team	E Team
W. Taylor (Capt)	A. Valminpuia (Capt)	P. Patel (Capt)	W. Mathew (Capt)	V. Khatke (Capt)
M. Rain (V.Capt)	V. Pahuja (V.Capt)	B. Bahuddin (V.Capt)	P. Bhagwat (V.Capt)	S. Kanchane (V.Capt)
F. Barret	A. Pahuja	S. Wadhwa	S. Ansari	M. Obidiki

M. Pundri	R. Kokate	N. Hodges	J. Barret	F. Shaikh
R. Tripathi	A. Pathan	N. Solanki	S. Kardak	P. Bang
K. Patel	N. Khan	Z. Shah	R. Chauhan	Z. Khan
A. Bahauddin	M. Khan	S. Shah	D. Bhatija	M. Agarwal
S. Bhavnani	S. Malviya	S. Khan	C. D'Costa	J. Barret
J. Mathew	J. Shah	P. Singh	A. Korian	E. Pendigrast
R. Verma	N. Lotwani	N. Dhotre	H. Patil	R. Chakraborty
S. Pasi	P. Kumar	M. Singh	R. Balani	P. Rach
				<u>Subs :</u>
				N. Chakraborty
				A. Lobo

#### GREAVES HOUSE

A Team	B Team	C Team	D Team	E Team
M. Gohel (Capt)	M. Bijlani (Capt)	T. Boraste (Capt)	S. Bholim (Capt)	G. Jaggi (Capt)
N. Khan	S. Jaggi	M. Gupta	F. Pathan	A. Sharma
R. Lewis	A. Johnson	A. Patel	K. Patel	N. Naram
A. Pathan	D. Dhutia	R. Chandnani	N. Nagareddy	T. Pachua
N. Gubitra	A. Patel	H. Varaghi	Ab. Pathan	C. Reynolds
S. Rai	A. Parihar	A. Mishra	F. Bharmal	N. Mahajan
A. Jain	R. Gupta	S. Borade	P. Hyalij	G. Jaggi
P. Shaikh	K. Khadkhodayan	B. Shah	V. Jagtap	S. Bholim
J. Jagtap	A. Chaudhary	K. Khade	I. Faruqui	S. Hussain
V. Patil	Z. D'Souza	S. Khan	L. Chandnani	A. Khan
K. Khade	J. Kuwari	B. Gupta	S. Kuwari	M. Vakil
				<u>Subs :</u>
				A. Raza
				R. Kunchikore

#### ROYAL HOUSE

A Team	B Team	C Team	D Team	E Team
A. Martin (Capt)	A. Ansari (Capt)	S. Bhagat (Capt)	M. Hirandani (Capt)	M. Patil (Capt)
A. Ahuja	V. Ansari	J. Ahuja	S. Nagareddy	D. Tandel
S. Shaikh	A. Patil	V. Nagareddy	M. MacDonald	S. Yadav
V. Pardeshi	L. Bhoge	N. Karande	M. Hiremath	A. Kriplani
S. Chaugule	S. Hiremath	A. Ansari	S. Maredia	S. Dhish
M. MacDonald	S. Yadav	S. Iqbal	B. Baker	K. Aswale
R. Khode	K. Tiwari	S. Ahuja	P. Pagar	M. MacDonald
G. Ahuja	V. Gandhi	Y. Tuplondhe	F. Haghghi	E. Patel
S. Bhagat	S. Kriplani	G. Dhake	G. Borade	S. Bardi
V. Almeida	A. Giri	R. Sonawane	A. Upadhyay	S. Gaikwad
D. Mehta	C. Thakre	P. Khan	R. Borade	I. Shainde
				<u>Subs :</u>
				K. Karpe
				R. Chauhan

### SPENCE HOUSE

A Team	B Team	C Team	D Team	E Team
M. Gupta (Capt)	N. Murid (Capt)	C. Briggs (Capt)	S. Ansari (Capt)	P. Gupta (Capt)
A. Bahuddin	P. Patel	R. Gupta	P. Singh	S. Khan
I. Kokni	A. Bholim	N. Gupta	S. Ansari	S. Fernandes
N. Parashar	P. Pujari	A. Gupta	T. Ansari	R. Tiwari
U. Shaikh	R. Reza	M. Ansari	S. Gupta	Y. Patel
W. Moallim	R. Izadyar	P. Ansari	K. Sonawane	S. Khan
A. Patel	M. Budhia	S. Rao	N. Khan	S. Pawse
V. Shukla	A. Sanu	A. Lala	Q. Ahmed	S. R. Abas
S. Kuwari	P. Nikam	T. Jigru	H. Nagori	R. Pawar
R. Sayyed	J. Pinto	N. Rao	S. Kunder	S. Sirsat
	N. Madhugunde	A. Ansari	V. Patel	S. Ansari
				<u>Subs :</u>
				A. Bholim
				A. Khatri

Incharge : Mr. G. Hardy.

### BOYS INTER HOUSE TABLE TENNIS

The Inter House Table Tennis Tournament began on the 15th of February and ended on the 27th of February.

The Boys representing their Houses were as follows :

CANDY	GREAVES	ROYAL	SPENCE
William Taylor	Alfred Johnson	Sarfraz Shaikh	Afzal Patel
Mohd. Rain	Mohit Bijlani	Sujit Bhagat	Ashish Lala
Ajay Pahuja	Sampuran Singh	Yoshid Tuplonde	Nishant Parashar
Rahul Tripathi	Rhett Lewis	Rehan Ansari	Manoj Gupta
Kiran Patel	Ajay Patel	Maxim MacDonald	Romin Izadyar
Vijay Pahuja	Asghar Pathan		Waki Moallim
	Parvez Shaikh		
	Jagdish Jagtap		

Royal House started as strong favourites to win the tournament with Sarfraz and Sujit playing well, but Spence House was determined to remain at the top, where they finished in the tournament last year. This was possible with Afzal Patel playing at his best to beat Sarfraz Shaikh and helping him was Ashish Lala. They both played well to take Spence to the top.

Candy House continued its poor performance.

Greaves played better this year with Alfred Johnson and Mohit Bijlani winning a couple of games each in their singles matches.

The final positions were :

1st	SPENCE	26 points
2nd	ROYAL	22 points
3rd	GREAVES	18 points
4th	CANDY	06 points

The Best player in the tournament was Afzal Patel of Spence House.

Vivian Frederick & Sachin Kulkarni.

### BOXING

Year after year we have managed to maintain a fairly high standard of Boxing in Barnes School due to various reasons. One of the main reasons is God's immense grace in protecting our Boxers from major injuries.

We keep hearing about many boxers, on the international scene, dying due to head injuries sustained in the ring, but by the grace of God we have had no such injury because of head-guards that our boxers are supplied with.

Another reason is that boxing generates tremendous enthusiasm and many a boy has an undying desire to become "A Boxer".

The training for footwork started when the boys did hill climbing and cross country running. Further footwork training was given through skipping. Abdominal exercises were given in the form of push-up on finger tips and running with weight on their backs. Boys did shadow boxing and sparring for skill, stamina and endurance.

Forty Boxers from each house were selected to participate in the 16 weight groups. Eight days of preliminary bouts were conducted.

The Millings for the tiny tots was hilarious as the untrained Boxers punched away to glory till the time keeper rang the bell. All the houses participated with 10 entries per house in the milling group.

### RESULTS - FINAL DAY

WEIGHT	WINNER	RUNNER - UP
1. 19-26 kg Jr. Fly	S. Fernandes S	N. Sonawane C
2. 27-29 kg Jr. Bantam	P. Singh S	P. Bang C
3. 30-31 kg Jr. Feather	R. Tiwari S	V. Almeida R
4. 32-34 kg Jr. Light	V. Jagtap G	S. Ansari C
5. 35-37 kg jr. Welter	A. Ansari S	A. Gupta S
6. 38-40 kg Jr. Welter	S. Yadav R	S. Bhagat R
7. 41-45 kg Jr. Middle	A. Patel G	S. Pasi C

8. 46-47 kg Jr. Middle	F. Barrett	C	J. Kuwari	G
9. 48-51 kg Jr. L/Heavy	A. Pathan	C	A. Ahuja	R
10. 52-54 kg Jr. Heavy	Md. H. Raien	C	R. Lewis	G
11. 55-57 kg Sr. Fly	V. Pahuja	C	M. Gupta	S
12. 60-61 kg Sr. Feather	N. Khan	G	R. Sayyed	S
13. 62-63 kg Sr. Light	J. Mathew	C	I. Shaikh	S
14. 64-67 kg Sr. Welter	N. Khan	C	I. Kokni	S
15. 68-70 kg Sr. Middle	M. Punderi	C	S. Bhavnani	C
16. Millings	Greaves		Candy	
17. Abv. 80 kg Sr. Heavy	A. Bholim	S	P. Pujari	S
Most Scientific Boxer	Jr. V. Jagtap	G	Sr. N. Khan	C
Best Loser	Jr. V. Almeida	R	Sr. I. Kokni	S

The final results were as follows :

House	Position	Points
CANDY	1st	123
SPENCE	2nd	118
GREAVES	3rd	96
ROYAL	4th	84

#### PRELIMINARY ROUNDS - Student's Daily Report

##### 7.3.96 - 1st Day

The preliminary boxing bouts began on 7th March '96, and although it was the first day most of the spectators showed keen interest in it. Most of the bouts were of Candy and Greaves. Mr. S. Isaac was the referee. One of the children's favourite bout was that of Mitesh Patil and Arun Agarwal in which the latter won over the former. During the breaks the boys cheered for their boxers representing their houses to boost their spirits. The bout between Nyaneshwar and Preetam was not as hard-hitting a bout as it was expected to be. Nyaneshwar hardly threw a few punches and the referee declared Preetam out-classed. Most of the boys waited for the last few bouts as the fights were tough ones. The last bout of the evening was between Malcolm and Abdul. Malcolm being experienced proved to be a better boxer and made an easy win over Abdul.

The following bouts took place on this day.

Weights	Contestants			Winner		
19-26 kg.	M. Patil	R	A. Agarwal	C	A. Agarwal	C
	A. Robinson	C	N. Patel	R	A. Robinson	C
	Y. Bhorsee	S	R. Kuwari	G	R. Kuwari	G
	N. Sonawane	C	P. Mahadik	G	N. Sonawane	C
	A. Kuwari	R	V. Sharma	C	V. Sharma	C
	S. Fernandez	S	I. Pathan	G	S. Fernandez	S
27-29 kg.	J. Maredia	R	D. Mahajan	S	J. Maredia	R
	C. D'Costa	C	C. Prashant	S	C. Prashant	S
	P. Bang	C	A. Choudhary	G	P. Bang	C

30-31 kg.	V. Almedia	R	M. Khan	G	V. Almedia	R
35-37 kg.	R. Chandnani	G	N. Narang	G	R. Chandani	G
	A. Ansari	S	N. Karande	R	A. Ansari	S
	M. Agarwal	C	S. Bholim	G	S. Bholim	G
	G. Dhake	R	S. Shah	C	G. Dhake	R
	S. Iqbal	R	G. Jagi	G	G. Jagi	G
	M. MacDonald	R	A. Pathan	G	M. MacDonald	R

Judges : Mr. A. D'Souza, Mr. D. Correa, Mr. S. Kulkarni  
Time Keeper : Mr. B. Henderson.

##### 11.3.96 - 2nd Day

The second day of the preliminary bouts was a bit more interesting because most of the bouts were of senior boys. Only the first few bouts of Lloyd block children were not of much interest. After the small bouts the tough bouts began, the first being that of Praveen Kumar of Candy and Arvind Upadhyay of Royal. It was a hard-hitting bout but Praveen's punches proved to be more accurate and of more force. These powerful punches were the cause of Arvind fainting straight after the bout. Then came the bout of Pancham Bhagwat - last year's finalist and Kapil Patel. Pancham being a technical boxer made an easy win over Kapil. Everyone was waiting for the last bout between Fransis Barrett and Vijay Nagareddy with great enthusiasm. Vijay Nagareddy was badly punched by Fransis Barrett and the referee Mr. S. Isaac declared Vijay Nagareddy out-classed. The judges made quick decisions through-out for all the bouts. Most of the bouts were of Spence House, who scored the most number of points.

The following bouts took place on this day.

Weights	Contestants			Winner		
19-26 kg.	V. Sharma	C	S. Fernandes	S	S. Fernandes	S
	K. Khobragade	R	R. Malhotra	S	R. Malhotra	S
	S. Kaushal	S	P. Sharma	R	S. Kaushal	S
	S. Pendarkar	R	K. Sonawane	S	K. Sonawane	S
27-29 kg.	S. Maredia	R	C. Prashant	S	S. Maredia	R
	P. Bang	C	J. Shah	S	P. Bang	C
	R. Gupta	S	S. Patil	C	R. Gupta	S
	P. Singh	S	V. Jalwar	R	P. Singh	S
	N. Lotwani	C	M. Rathi	R	M. Rathi	R
30-31 kg.	P. Kumar	C	A. Upadhaya	R	P. Kumar	C
	L. Chandnani	G	Y. Patel	S	L. Chandnani	G
	G. Aswale	R	R. Chakraborty	C	R. Chakraborty	C
	P. Gaud	S	J. Barrett	C	P. Gaud	S
	P. Katakwar	G	A. Khan	R	P. Katakwar	G
35-37 kg.	P. Bhagwat	C	K. Patel	G	P. Bhagwat	C
46-47 kg.	C. Briggs	S	V. Gandhi	R	C. Briggs	S
	F. Barrett	C	V. Nagareddy	R	F. Barrett	C

Judges : Mr. V. Nair, Mr. S. Gadre, Mr. D. Correa  
Time Keeper : Mr. A. D'Souza

12.3.96 - 3rd Day

Excitement and interest was building up with each passing day. One of the hard hitting bouts of this day was between Asif Ansari and Ravi Chandnani. Asif showed his hidden skill against Ravi and proved to be the best boxer of the evening. The bout between G. Jaggi and M. MacDonald was a very hard-hitting bout and the judges were unable to take a quick decision. At last M. MacDonald won after a hard fight. The bout between N. Mahajan and M. Shaikh proved to be the funniest bout of the evening. The antics of these two jumping around like grasshoppers kept the spectators in splits. Finally the bout was awarded to N. Mahajan. The last bout was between Pankil Patel and Abhishek Jain and although both put up a tough fight, Pankil fought steadfastly and managed to last till the end even though he lost the bout.

The following bouts took place on this day.

Weights	Contestants		Winner			
19-26 kg.	A. Agarwal	C	A. Robinson	C	A. Agarwal	C
	A. Kungle	G	N. Sonawane	C	N. Sonawane	C
30-31 kg.	R. Tiwari	S	A. Kriplani	R	R. Tiwari	S
	V. Dharadhar	G	J. Shah	C	V. Dharadhar	G
32-34 kg.	S. Ansari	C	G. Borade	R	S. Ansari	C
	M. MacDonald	R	I. Hussein	G	I. Hussein	G
	N. Mahajan	G	M. Shaikh	G	N. Mahajan	G
	E. Patel	R	A. Grover	C	A. Grover	C
	V. Jagtap	G	T. Pachuau	G	V. Jagtap	G
35-37 kg.	R. Chandnani	G	A. Ansari	S	A. Ansari	S
	S. Bholim	G	G. Dhake	R	S. Bholim	G
	G. Jaggi	G	M. MacDonald	R	M. MacDonald	R
	A. Gupta	S	A. Khan	G	A. Gupta	S
	A. Kurian	C	N. Khan	S	A. Kurian	C
	N. Gupta	S	S. Nagareddy	R	S. Nagareddy	R
	S. Khan	C	S. Yadav	R	Z. Khan	C
41-45 kg.	P. Patel	C	A. Jain	G	P. Patel	C

Judges: Mr. S. Gadre, Mr. V. Nair, Mr. R. Robinson  
Time Keeper : Mr. A. D'Souza

13.3.96 - 4th Day

Came the fourth day of the Preliminary rounds. Everybody had been eagerly looking forward to this great day for many had been fortunate enough to bag bouts on this day. Several boxers were in high spirits. The bout between Ajay Pahuja and Umar Shaikh was a tough one. Both being technical boxers, they made the decision for the judges very difficult. In the end Umar showed frustration after knowing the fact that he had lost. The bout between Amit A. and Vinod S. was a hard-hitting bout. Though Vinod put up a brilliant performance against Amit, but still lost with a few points. The last bout of the evening was between Sampuran J. and Vijay Pahuja. Vijay boxed with all his might and being expert in dodging and ducking made himself a hard proposition to Sampuran after the very first round. In the end Vijay had a satisfying victory.

The following bouts took place on this day.

Weights	Contestants		Winner			
19-26 kg.	F. Shaikh	G	P. Bhamre	R	F. Shaikh	G
	P. Bhagwat	C	P. Gaitonde	R	P. Bhagwat	C
	S. Bhagat	R	V. Kelkar	G	S. Bhagat	R
35-37 kg.	I. Farooqui	G	K. Fernandez	R	I. Farooqui	G
	A. Patel	G	S. Yadav	R	S. Yadav	R
38-40 kg.						
41-45 kg.	S. Pasi	C	P. Ansari	S	P. Pasi	C
	V. Khatke	C	M. Hirandani	R	M. Hirandani	R
48-51 kg.	A. Mishra	G	V. Pardesi	R	A. Mishra	G
	N. Parashar	S	J. Jagtap	G	N. Parashar	S
	M. Khan	C	M. Ansari	S	M. Khan	C
	R. Benjaki	S	N. Dhotre	C	R. Benjaki	S
	A. Ahuja	R	V. Shukla	S	A. Ahuja	R
52-54 kg.	M. Hussain	C	N. Nagareddy	G	M. Hussain	C
	K. Tiwari	R	H. Nagori	S	K. Tiwari	R
	O. Shaikh	S	A. Pahuja	C	A. Pahuja	C
55-57 kg.	M. MacDonald	R	A. Bahauddin	S	A. Bahauddin	S
	S. Jaggi	G	V. Pahuja	C	V. Pahuja	C

Judges : Mr. S. Kulkarni, Mr. P. Dinger, Mr. A. D'Souza.  
Time Keeper : Mr. J. Redden.

19.3.96 - 5th Day

It was the day of all tough bouts. The first bout began with A. Agarwal and N. Sonawane. Both being technical, the judges found it very hard to decide. In the end N. Sonawane got through it luckily. Asif Ansari, pitted against S. Bholim, once again showed his skills. With a few hard punches he made short of S. Bholim and won a place in the Finals. the bout between R. Tripathi and Waki Moalim was a hard-hitting bout. Rahul with a few hard punches made an easy prey over Waki. The bout between S. Shah and A. Bahauddin was the funniest bout of the evening. Both were looking at each other instead of boxing. The referee gave them a warning. Asad hardly threw a few punches and the referee declared Zubin outclassed.

The following bouts were held on this day.

Weights	Contestants		Winner			
19-26 kg.	A. Agarwal	C	N. Sonawane	C	N. Sonawane	C
	S. Kaushal	S	S. Hiremath	R	S. Kaushal	S
27-29 kg.	S. Maredia	R	P. Bang	C	P. Bang	C
	K. Aswale	R	D. Narang	S	D. Narang	S
	M. Rathi	R	R. Dayal	S	M. Rathi	R
32-34 kg.	S. Ansari	C	F. Bharmal	G	S. Ansari	C
	A. Grover	C	V. Jagtap	G	V. Jagtap	G

35-37kg.	A. Ansari	S	S. Bholim	G	A. Ansari	S
	A. Gupta	S	A. Kurian	C	A. Gupta	S
41-45 kg.	S. Nagareddy	R	Z. Khan	C	S. Nagareddy	R
	A. Patel	G	S. Ansari	S	A. Patel	G
	J. Barrett	C	S. Khan	G	S. Khan	G
48-51 kg.	A. Parihar	G	R. Gupta	S	R. Gupta	S
	J. Kuwari	G	Y. Toplonde	R	J. Kuwari	G
52-54 kg.	A. Vanhmingpuia	C	A. Martin	R	A. Martin	R
60-61 kg.	R. Tripathi	C	W. Moallim	S	R. Tripathi	C
	A. Patel	S	A. Ansari	R	A. Patel	S
64-67 kg.	Z. Shah	C	A. Bahauddin	C	A. Bahauddin	C

Judges : Mr. M. Thorpe, Mr. D. O'Connor, Mr. K. Rider  
Time Keeper : Mr. B. Fernandez.

#### 18.3.96 - 6th Day.

Come the 6th day and a few tough bouts were still to be fought. The bout between M. Khan and N. Parashar was a hard-hitting one. Although Mehboob was inexperienced and was without much practice, he put up a brilliant performance. N. Parashar was declared the winner as he was ahead by a few points. The bout between Asif P and A Mishra was not a very hard-hitting one. Asif with his good height advantage and few hard punches proved to be a better boxer. The last bout was between A. Pahuja and R. Lewis and was awaited breathlessly by the spectators. At the very beginning Rhett proved to be a better boxer, but in the last round Ajay, though he was wearied, suddenly came back into reckoning and threw a few hard punches. The judges were unable to make a quick decision. In the end Rhett Lewis scraped through with only a few more points and left Ajay behind disappointed.

Weights	Contestants		Winner			
19-26 kg.	F. Shane	S	F. Shah	G	F. Shane	S
	R. Mahajan	S	S. Kaushal	S	S. Kaushal	S
27-29 kg.	D. Narang	S	R. Golait	S	R. Golait	S
30-31 kg.	V. Almedia	R	P. Kumar	C	V. Almedia	R
	R. Chakraborty	C	C. Chandani	G	R. Chakraborty	C
	P. Gupta	S	R. Tiwari	S	R. Tiwari	S
	A. Karpe	S	V. Dharadhar	S	V. Dharadhar	S
35-37 kg.	S. Nagareddy	R	P. Bhagwat	C	P. Bhagwat	C
38-40 kg.	S. Bhagat	R	I. Farooki	G	S. Bhagat	R
	S. Malviya	C	S. Yadav	R	S. Yadav	R
41-45 kg.	S. Passi	C	M. Hirandani	R	S. Passi	C
	A. Patel	G	S. Khan	G	A. Patel	G

48-51 kg.	J. Pinto	S	N. More	R	J. Pinto	S
	R. Izadyar	S	S. Kuwari	G	S. Kuwari	G
52-54 kg.	A. Pathan	C	A. Mishra	G	A. Pathan	C
	N. Parashar	S	M. Khan	C	N. Parashar	C
	A. Pahuja	C	R. Lewis	G	R. Lewis	G

Judges : Mr. C. Dinger, Mr. D. O'Conner, Mr. A. D'Souza.  
Time Keeper : Mr. J. Redden.

#### 21.3.96 - 7th Day.

The seventh day was an important day as some of the winners of this day would be selected for the finals. It was obvious that the boxers would strive hard to win on this day. The second bout was of S. Ansari and I. Hussein. As soon as the bout started, Shoeb, without wasting a second, began to attack Imtiaz. The judges declared Imtiaz outclassed. The bout between N. Mahajan and V. Jagtap was a good one too. Both being good boxers made the bout very interesting. V. Jagtap managed to get through it. The last bout of the evening was a clash between N. Khan and A. Bahauddin of Candy House. The referee warned them many a time for not boxing. Later Nadeem threw a few punches and Asad was declared outclassed.

The following bouts took place on this day.

Weights	Contestants		Winner			
27-29 kg.	P. Singh	S	M. Rathi	R	P. Singh	S
32-34 kg.	S. Ansari	C	I. Hussein	G	S. Ansari	C
	N. Mahajan	G	V. Jagtap	G	V. Jagtap	G
35-37 kg.	M. MacDonald	R	A. Gupta	S	A. Gupta	S
41-45 kg.	J. Pinto	S	S. Kuwari	G	S. Kuwari	G
47-48 kg.	R. Binrazak	S	A. Ahuja	R	A. Ahuja	R
52-54 kg.	Md. H. Raien	C	A. Martin	R	Md. H. Raien	C
60-61 kg.	N. Khan	G	A. Patel	S	N. Khan	G
64-67 kg.	N. Khan	C	A. Bahuddin	C	N. Khan	C

Judges : Mr. G. Hardy, Mr. D'Correa, Mr. C. Dinger  
Time-Keeper : Mr. V. Fredrick

#### 25.3.96 - 8th Day

The eighth day of the Preliminary rounds was the semi-final day. All the winners had to fight their last bout to reach the finals. All bouts were tough because it was the semi-finals day. It began with Shane Fernandez and S. Kaushal. The latter had a good height advantage but Shane proved to be a better boxer and won over him. Then the bout between C. Briggs of Spence and J. Kuwari of Greaves was a tough one. Cyril was a better boxer but Javed fought with great technique and overwhelmed Cyril. The toughest bout of the evening was between Asif Pathan and Nishant Parashar. The bout began. Asif just threw a few hard punches and Nishant started bleeding badly. Nishant was badly punched by Asif and the latter outclassed Nishant very easily. Now it was the time for childrens (Shah Rukh) Arfat Bahauddin and Vijay Pahuja. Arfat was over-confident and lost the bout. The last bout was of the heaviest contestants. It was a pre-contested bout. It also proved to be the funniest bout of the evening. Akbar Bholim and Pradip Pujari were the contestants. Akbar had the advantage of height and scored over Pradeep.

The following bouts took place on this day.

Weights	Contestants		Winner			
19-26 kg.	S. Fernandes	S	S. Kaushal	S	S. Fernandes	S
27-29 kg.	R. Gupta	S	P. Singh	S	P. Singh	S
30-31 kg.	V. Almedia	R	R. Chakraborty	C	V. Almedia	R
35-37 kg.	A. gupta	S	P. Bhagwat	C	A. Gupta	S
41-45 kg.	S. Passi	C	S. Kuwari	G	S. Passi	C
46-47 kg.	F. Barrett	C	R. Gupta	S	F. Barrett	C
48-51 kg.	A. Pathan	C	N. Parashar	S	A. Pathan	C
52-54 kg.	R. Tiwari	R	R. Lewis	G	R. Lewis	G
55-57 kg.	A. Bahuddin	S	V. Pahuja	C	V. Pahuja	C
60-61 kg.	R. Syed	S	R. Tripathi	C	R. Syed	S
64-67 kg.	I. Kokni	S	P. Sheikh	G	I. Kokni	S
80 kg.	A. Bholim	S	P. Pujari	S	A. Bholim	S

Judges : Mr. V. Nair, Mr. D. O'Connor, Mr. A. D'Souza.  
Time Keeper : Mr. T. Redden.

### "He Leads"

I cannot always trace the onward  
course my ship must take  
But, looking backward, I behold afar  
its shining wake  
Illumined with God's light of love,  
and so I onward go  
In perfect trust that He who holds  
the course must know.

I cannot always see the plan on which  
He builds my life  
For oft the sound of hammers, blow on  
blow, the noise of strife  
Confuse me till I quite forget  
He knows and oversees.

I cannot always know and understand  
the Master's rule;  
I cannot always do the tasks He gives  
in life's hard school,  
But I am learning with His help to  
solve them one by one.  
And when I cannot understand, to say  
"Thy will be done."

### BASKET BALL (BOYS)

The Basket ball practice matches began on the 15th of January and the Inter house tournaments began on the 23rd Jan. As Basketball coincides with volleyball, we were unable to have matches with the staff as most members of the staff preferred to play volley ball.

Nevertheless, it was good to see a lot of youngsters taking the initiative in coming forward with great interest in learning the game and playing it whenever possible.

The Inter house tournaments commenced with Candy playing Greaves and concluded with Greaves playing Royal house.

Once again, Spence house made a clean sweep and topped the table with 12 points followed by Candy and Greaves with 6 points each and Royal house with no score.

Fardeen Ibrahim of Candy house was adjudged the best player of the year.

The overall results were as follows :

House	Position	Points
SPENCE	1st	12
CANDY	2nd	06
GREAVES	2nd	06
ROYAL	4th	00

#### The Representatives of 'A' Teams

CANDY	GREAVES	ROYAL	SPENCE
F. Ibrahim (Capt)	U. Abuji (Capt)	A. Ahuja (Capt)	V. Parashar (Capt)
W. Taylor	N. Khan	S. Pawar	N. Parashar
S. Patel	P. Shaikh	S. Shaikh	R. Pilkhwai
F. Barrett	A. Pathan	M. MacDonald	R. Sayyed
J. Mathew	C. Thakur	A. Martin	I. Kokni
<u>Sub :</u>	<u>Sub :</u>	<u>Sub :</u>	<u>Sub :</u>
J. Mantri	D. Dutia	V. Gandhi	I. Shaikh

#### The Representatives of 'B' Teams

CANDY	GREAVES	ROYAL	SPENCE
Md. H. Rain (Capt)	R. Lewis (Capt)	S. Sonawane (Capt)	A. Patel (Capt)
P. Patel	A. Patel	S. Bhagat	U. Shaikh
S. Bhavnani	T. Boraste	V. Ansari	A. Bahauddin
K. Patel	A. Johnson	R. Ansari	A. Sahu
K. Malviya	M. D'Souza	R. Khode	W. Moallim
<u>Sub :</u>	<u>Sub :</u>	<u>Sub :</u>	<u>Sub :</u>
R. Kokate	N. Gubitra	B. Baker	M. Gupta
R. D. Tripathi	S. Singh	S. Hiramath	P. Pujari
	M. Gohel		
	M. Bijlani		

Incharge : Mr. C. P. Dinger, Mr. K. Ryder.

## BASKET BALL (Girls)

We entered the new year 1996 with the commencement of Basket Ball practice matches. There were a number of new faces in the respective teams. Rules of the game were explained to the new comers and the old ones brushed up their memory.

The Inter-house tournaments began on the 23rd January and concluded on the 5th February '96. After practices there was a definite improvement in the game. All the four houses played well. They enjoyed the tournament matches which were so keenly contested.

Joan of Arc seemed a promising team. They synchronized beautifully with one another and won all the five matches. Afsana Shaikh scored the highest for her house.

The results of the Inter-house basketball tournaments were as follows :

House	Position	Points
Joan of Arc	First	6 pts.
Helen Keller	Second	4 pts.
Florence Nightingale	Third	2 pts.
Edith Cavell	Fourth	0 pts.

The representative of the Inter-house basketball teams were :

Joan of Arc	Florence Nightingale	Edith Cavell	Helen Keller
A. Shaikh	C. Kumar	V. Sangar	M. Gough
M. D'Souza	D. Kumar	N. D'Souza	L. Pachuau
D. Mansey	S. Sikander	V. Sakharkar	S. Tamang
B. Bhavnani	S. Gupta	M. D'Cruz	S. Shaikh
S. Ahire	N. Bharwani	L. Vegas	F. Ahmed
<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Reserves</u>	<u>Reserves</u>
D. Pendigrast	S. Dasgupta	M. Hodges	K. Mukaddam
N. Singh	S. Bhalerao	M. Kurita	A. Kamath

Michelle Gough of Helen Keller was adjudged the best player of 1996.

Then came the time to concentrate on the school team that would be representing Barnes School for the Annual Inter-school Basket-ball fixture against St. Peter's school, Mazagoan. At first it was difficult choosing the team since all the girls showed as much interest in the game. They all worked hard. Finally we decided on the first ten and an intense practice of 2 hours daily was started for them.

An excellent player and Captain Afsana Shaikh took on herself the responsibility of organising the team for each practice with the unfailing help yet another great player Michelle Gough our Vice-Captain. The other three promising players along with them were Sarita Tamang, Snehal Ahire and Michelle D'Souza. The team reserves included Samantha Haslem, Fatima Ahmed, Lynn Pachuau, Shivangi Singh and Chasmita Kunder.

The Basket Ball team was given a well-wished farewell and lots of luck on the 17th March to come back as winners once more. They boarded the Panchvati train at Devlali station at 7.10

a.m. and had an interesting and comfortable journey to Bombay, laughing and sharing feelings of nervousness with each other and the boys of the school hockey team.

Anticipation mixed with nervousness and a bit of confidence was a common feeling before the moment of truth. The opposing team were as good as our team and put up a good fight. But Barnes School team were not to be shaken from their resolution. They caught up with their opponents inspite of trailing in the first half of the match by a few points. They soon levelled the score and went ahead in the second half of the match. The final score was Barnes School 33 pts and St. Peter's 25 pts.

Afsana Shaikh and Michelle Gough put their talent of basketing to good use, while Snehal Ahire, Michelle D'Souza and Sarita Tamang kept the opponents from scoring much less than they could have. The reserves played their part as well. They moved into the game at the slightest display of exhaustion on the faces of the first five players.

After winning for the third consecutive year, we got ready to head back to the place we belonged to - our beautiful school, Barnes ! With smiles on our faces and light and happy hearts we returned to Devlali. News of our victory pleased every one on the campus and the team received hearty congratulations all around.

Three Cheers for Barnes !!

Incharge : Mrs. B. Meshak.  
Asst. By : Miss L. Fernandez.

## BADMINTON (Girls)

In the first match of the season Edith Cavell proved to be stronger than Florence Nightingale. Varsha Sangar of Edith Cavell beat Karen Fernandes of Florence Nightingale in the singles match after Karen went down fighting. Karen put up a brave fight returning shot for shot till eventually Varsha overpowered her. It was really heartening to see her graciously accept defeat by shaking hands with the winner in the true spirit of sportsmanship !

Interestingly the last match is also worth putting on record. The Greens swept past the Reds and won all the three matches. Varsha Sangar fought like a tigress with Michelle D'Souza (Greens). Both vying for the best player's award, both the girls strove hard, but Michelle's style and placing, acquired through practice and training, won her the trophy. Her free style swinging strokes that place the shuttle cock specifically where the defensive player cannot reach it, are indeed remarkable.

The other outstanding players are Michelle Gough of Helen Keller and Afsana Shaikh of Joan of Arc.

Though we had a short span of time for badminton we managed to practice, train and complete the Inter house tournaments from 15th February to 27th February 1996, and as every year the girls put in their very best effort for their favourite game.

The Inter House Badminton results :

House	Position	Points
Joan of Arc	1st	16
Helen Keller & Edith Cavell	2nd	13
Florence Nightingale	4th	12

Best Player : Michelle D'Souza of Joan of Arc.

**HOUSE TEAMS :**

**EDITH CAVELL**

A Team Doubles	B Team Doubles	A Team Singles
Varsha Sangar Lourdes Viegas	Miki Kurita Maisie O'Connor	Varsha Sangar

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE**

A Team Doubles	B Team Doubles	A Team Singles
Roma Fernandes Karen Fernandez	Chasmita Kumar Saber Dasgupta	Karen Fernandes

**JOAN OF ARC**

A Team Doubles	B Team Doubles	A Team Singles
Michelle D'Souza Afsana Shaikh	Denise Mansey Snehal Ahire	Michelle D'Souza

**HELEN KELLER**

A Team Doubles	B Team Doubles	A Team Singles
Lynn Pachuau Sarita Tamang	Michelle Gough Anupama Kamat	Lynn Pachuau

Incharge : Mrs. N. Rao.

Assisted by : Mrs. A. Rehman, Mrs. L. Issac

**Salutation To The Down**

Look to this day ! For it is life, the very life of life,  
In its brief course, Lie all the verities and realities of your existence ;  
The bliss of growth, The glory of action  
The splendour of beauty, For yesterday is but a dream  
And tomorrow is only a vision, But today well lived makes every  
yesterday a dream of happiness, And every tomorrow a vision of hope.  
Look well, therefore to this day ! Such is the salutation to the down

- Kalidasa -

**HOCKEY 1995-96 (Girls)**

Hockey is one of the many games that is enjoyed by the senior girls of our school. The game requires a lot of stamina and energy and healthy individuals who will readily give in their best to the very end.

As soon as the hockey season began this year, many of our girls were seen proudly walking around with hockey sticks in their hands, waiting most anxiously for the practices to begin. It was not long before practices began giving opportunity to the girls of all four houses to select carefully the best players for their team to represent their respective Houses. This having been done, the House lists were handed in to the teachers concerned and the Inter House Hockey Tournament began on the 15.2.96. As usual there was excitement for the rest of the days that followed. With every succeeding day the excitement grew, each House trying to out-beat the other. However, the Green House (Joan of Arc) triumphed over the other three Houses. Lyn Pachuau of Helen Keller (Blue House) was declared the best player for the year 1995-96.

The following girls played for the Inter House Hockey Tournament :

Joan of Arc	Helen Keller	Edith Cavell	Florence Nightingale
A Shaikh	L. Pahuau	L. Viegas	R. Fernandes
M. D'Souza	S. Tamang	M. Hodges	K. Fernandes
S. Ahire	M. Gough	V. Sakharakar	W. Fernandes
N. Singh	F. Ahmed	M. O'Connor	C. Kunder
S. Singh	A. Kamat	N. D'Souza	D. Kunder
J. Mathias	B. Fernandez	A. Choudhary	S. Sikander
D. Mansey	M. Bhatia	M. D'Cruz	S. Gupta
S. Devargaonkar	D. Sharma	M. Kurita	N. Bharvani
B. Bhavnani	N. Mukaddam	A. Nayak	S. Fernandez
S. Haslem	K. Mukaddam	S. Choudhary	D. Vaz
D. Pendigrast	S. Shaikh	V. Sangar	P. Dhanani
Reserves	Reserves	Reserves	Reserves
R. Pawar	P. Pujari	P. Rathod	S. Dasgupta
J. Hodges	G. Bardey	B. Mendonsa	S. Bhalerao

The overall results were as follows :

House	Points	Positions
Joan of Arc	6	First
Helen Keller	4	Second
Edith Cavell	2	Third
Florence Nightingale	0	Fourth

Incharge : Miss G. Pinto,  
Miss C. Pereira.

### TABLE TENNIS (Girls)

The girls started practising for the Inter-House Table Tennis matches in June. The tournaments were held in July.

It was a difficult task for the House Captains to organise their teams as there were not many girls who could play. However, many of the girls were determined to learn the game in order to be chosen. There were a few who knew the game and played well and also helped their friends to learn. M. D'Souza, A. Shaikh, S. Tamang, V. Sangar and R. Fernandez were some of them.

The teams played with great interest and there was a tie between Joan of Arc and Helen Keller for the first place with 14 points, followed by the Nightingales with 6 points and Cavells with 2 points.

There was a keen competition between M. D'Souza, S. Tamang and V. Sangar for the position of best player, and M. D'Souza of Joan of Arc was adjudged the best player.

#### Participants for the Inter House Competition

Joan of Arc	Helen Keller	Edith Cavell	Florence Nightingale
<b>A Team</b>	<b>A Team</b>	<b>A Team</b>	<b>A Team</b>
M. D'Souza A. Shaikh	S. Tamang A. Kamath	V. Sangar L. Vegas	R. Fernandez S. Gupta
<b>B Team</b>	<b>B Team</b>	<b>B Team</b>	<b>B Team</b>
S. Ahire S. Haslem	M. Gough F. Ahmed	M. Kurita M. O'Connor	C. Kumar D. Rao

The results for the Year 1995-96 are as follows :

House	Position	Points
Joan of Arc	1st	14
Helen Keller	1st	14
Florence Nightingale	3rd	6
Edith Cavell	4th	2

Incharge : Miss P. Barnham  
Assisted by : Mrs. V. Robins

### SOFTBALL REPORT

Soft ball is a game that is thoroughly enjoyed by the girls of our school. The new academic year June '95 began with regular softball practices for all four houses. Even the new comers practised earnestly. Then the House Prefects chose the best players to represent their respective houses.

On the 6th of July the Inter-House soft ball matches began. During all those days there was excitement, interest and enthusiasm seen among the girls. All of them played their best so that their house would win. But the Joans had experienced players. They won all their matches.

Michelle D'Souza was adjudged the best player.

The Inter-house softball results were as follows :

House	Position	Points
Joan of Arc	First	6
Helen Keller	Second	4
Edith Cavell	Third	2
Florence Nightingale	Fourth	0

The House Teams were as follows :

Florence Nightingale	Edith Cavell	Joan of Arc	Helen Keller
D. Kumari	M. Kurita	R. Pawar	F. Ahmed
D. Rao	M. O'Connor	S. Haslem	G. Bardey
G. Nair	M. Hodges	S. Singh	K. Mukaddam
S. Dasgupta	L. Vegas	S. Ahire	M. Gough
N. Bharwani	N. D'Souza	A. Shaikh	A. Kamath
C. Kumari	M. D'Cruz	B. Bhavnani	L. Pachuau
S. Sikandar	V. Sangar	D. Mansey	S. Shaikh
R. Fernandez	S. Choudhary	J. Hodges	C. Savyell
S. Gupta	R. Thakkar	M. D'Souza	S. Tamang
Reserves :	Reserves :	Reserves :	Reserves :
M. Pinto	B. Mendonsa	J. Mathias	L. Parihar
D. Vaz	V. Sakharkar	C. Pires	B. Fernandez

Incharge : Miss E. Fernandez.  
Assisted by : Mrs. J. Dinger.

## THROW BALL (Girls)

The throwball season began on the 15th of January, 1996. The girls had quite a few practice matches. There was a week for warming up and clarification of any doubt regarding the rules of the game.

The Inter-House matches started on the 23rd of January and ended on the 5th of February. The following girls were chosen by their House Captains to play for the tournament.

Joan of Arc	Helen Keller	Edith Cavell	Florence Nightingale
R. Pawar	K. Mukaddam	M. D'Cruz	C. Kumar
S. Haslem	F. Ahmed	S. Choudhary	D. Kumar
J. Mathias	M. Gough	V. Sakharkar	K. Fernandes
S. Ahire	S. Shaikh	M. Hodges	N. Bharwani
A. Shaikh	L. Pachuau	N. D'Souza	S. Gupta
B. Bhavnani	G. Bardey	L. Veigas	S. Sikander
D. Pendigrast	M. Bhatiya	R. Thakkar	S. Dasgupta
D. Mansey	S. Tamang (Capt.)	P. Sughand	W. Fernandes
M. D'Souza (Capt.)	R. Aher	V. Sangar	D. Vaz
Reserves :	Reserves :	Reserves :	Reserves :
P. Rangeeta	A. Bardey	S. Dutt	S. Fernandes
N. Singh	A. Kamath	M. O'Connor	P. Dhanani

During the matches there was much excitement and enthusiasm from all the four houses. Each house tried very hard to win and hence all the four houses were almost equally strong. The strong servers and receivers were Michelle D'Souza, Denise Mansey and Afsana Shaikh from Joan of Arc, Varsha Sangar and Priya Sughand from Edith Cavell, Karen Fernandes and Saveri Dasgupta from Florence Nightingale and finally Sarita Tamang and Lyn Pachuau from Helen Keller.

The results of the Inter-house matches were :

Position	House	Points
First	Joan of Arc & Helen Keller	4 each
Third	Edith Cavell & Florence Nightingale	2 each

Sarita Tamang of Helen Keller was chosen as the best player of the year.

Incharge : Mrs. S. Redden.  
Mrs. L. Borle.

## THE BULBULS

Bulbul : Eastern song thrush, little bird found in forest clearings, gardens and orchards. Diet : insects, fruits, flowers and nectar. The name 'Bulbuls', brings to mind these little brown coloured birds fluttering around and filling the air with their delightful songs. The Bulbuls were asked to gather information about these birds and Anita Roy of Std. IV - A gleaned the above information from the school library. Just as the bulbuls are busy in their natural habitat, the Bulbuls of Barnes have been equally busy all the year round performing good deeds everyday as part of their pledge.

At the beginning of each school year, many excited juniors are seen clamouring round the teachers concerned, longing to get themselves enrolled as Bulbuls.

The 'Bulbuls' which is a lower level of Girl-guides is a group of junior girls from classes IV and V who are preparing themselves to be future guides and later on responsible citizens of the country. They are a group which is sub-divided and each sub-group is named after a flower or a bird. Each of the four groups has a leader and a helper who plays an important role in maintaining discipline and organising games, skits and other group activities whereby they learn to work in harmony with each other, creating a spirit of togetherness and love for each other. As per their promise which is as follows : "I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to keep the law of the Bulbul flock and to do a good turn everyday." They are expected to do something good each day of their lives. This is clearly revealed by the way they react in small ways, showing their concern and readiness to lend a helping hand as and when a situation arises. At the weekly meetings they give a report of the good that they have done. Sometimes a good deed done by a single member of the group is a very good example to the others. This year, at the request of Mrs. Baker they helped out in doing gardening duties for a period of about two weeks. During their free time the little ones were seen busying themselves watering about twenty plants daily. A time-table was set and put up in the dining room where they checked out their duties accordingly. It was the responsibility of the group leader to see that this task was accomplished. Barnes being a place where we suffer from a shortage of water most of the time, the Bulbuls could not continue with this task for long.

A couple of enthusiastic Bulbuls took part in the cross-country event. In spite of bad weather and marshy areas of land through which they had to have their practices, it was worth watching them all strive to be the winners. However, it was Sushma Singh who came first followed by Heena Faridi and Neha Sharma, who came second and third respectively. All the participants were greeted with a stimulating cup of hot coffee after their run.

The third term saw a change of events. We were called for by the Principal and asked to introduce the system of Girl Guides involving children of the sixth and seventh standard. Mrs. Waring and myself, though reluctant, eventually took up the challenge and found that the response was good. It is worth mentioning that some of our day-scholars showed a great deal of interest in belonging to the group and came regularly for the weekly meetings. On two occasions they cooked out in the open, they collected fire-wood, lit a fire, cut and chopped up onions, chillies and tomatoes, half of them worked on a gas stove while the other half on wood fire and prepared Uppma. The objective of this practical experience was for the Girl Guides and the Bulbuls to appreciate the convenience of modern day gas cooking over that of cooking on a wood fire. The Uppma turned out to be good and sixty happy faces were seen enjoyably consuming what they had cooked.

At the end of the academic session the Bulbuls and Girl Guides were taken out for a picnic. This is the most exciting event of the year. Though it has been a regular feature with the Bulbuls - this year, with the guides the number rose to almost sixty. The Principal, however, gave his willing consent for the bus to make two trips to the Dharna river. The school provided us with packed lunch, tea-time snacks and Rasna. Tea was prepared by the Bulbuls and guides on a wood fire.

These enthusiastic youngsters have diligently, throughout the year contributed towards the picnic expenses. Prizes, sweets and snacks are purchased from the money saved.

It was a bright and sunny day, the babbling river added to the gaiety of their spirits as fifty-nine jubilant girls waded into the river. They had a most enjoyable time splashing, paddling and floating in the cool waters of the Dharna, under the vigilant supervision of the three teachers - Miss M. Verghese, Mrs. L. Waring and Miss G. Pinto who accompanied the children. They played a variety of interesting games namely - the elimination game, matching the proverbs, finding the hidden names of places in a variety of sentences etc. Many more games were planned for but due to insufficient time the remaining games and prize distribution had to be carried over to the following Friday meeting at school.

The best behaved girls - Niloufer Pereira and Shweta Dutt were awarded prizes. On Prize Day Bernadine Jackson, the group leader of "Blue Jays" carried away the trophy on behalf of the group. Thus ended another busy academic year of Bulbuls and Girl Guides activities.

Miss G. Pinto.  
Mrs. L. Waring.

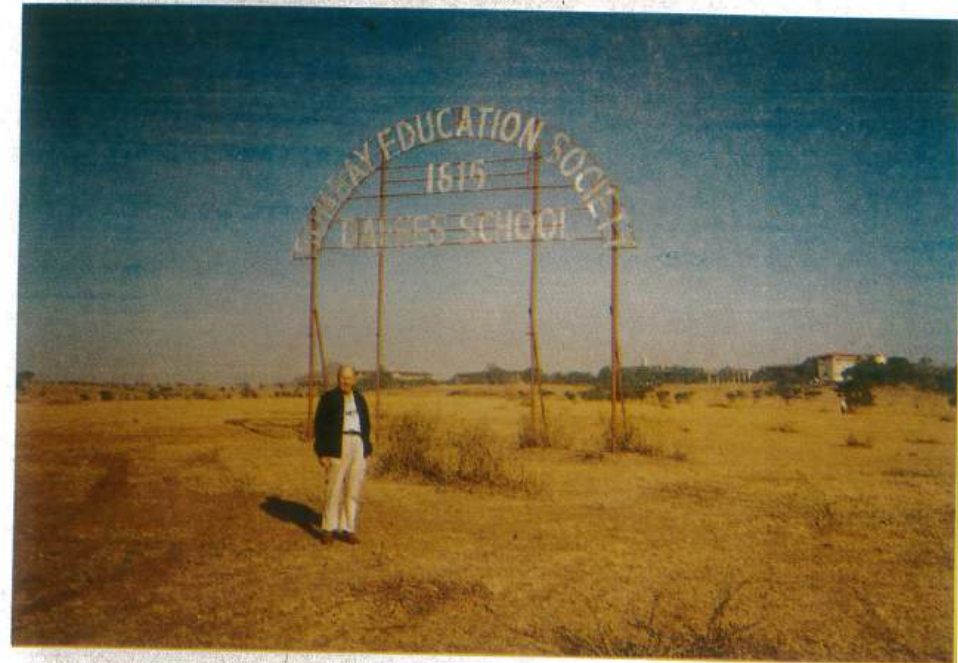
**Girl Guides**

Mary D'Cruz  
Archana Dutt  
Deepika Thadani  
Varsha Yeole  
Gauhar Shaikh  
Cynthia Peabody  
Khatija Mukhadam  
Minal Chandok  
Videesha Meshram  
Suwarna Choudhary  
Nazia Hamdulay  
Diana Pendigrast  
Neha Shivare  
Rabiya Pawar  
Dolly Sharma

**Bulbuls**

Miki Kurita	Bernadine Jackson	Niloufer Pereira
Niloufer Mukhadam	Mazida Maredia	Minal Jaiswal
Pooja Pujari	Latika Balani	Dipti Roy
Geeta Nair	Neetu Singh	Neha Sharma
Lourdes Viegas	Kshama Keskar	Kismat Maredia
Jennifer Hodges	Vidhula Aher	Khushboo Dogra
Poonam Rathod	Sumaiya Shaikh	Lydia Viegas
Shairoz Momin	Innocent Sebastian	Heena Faridi
Priyanka Johar	Nirmala Jojode	Dolly Khan
Amanda Waring	Kaveri Puri	Katherine Smith
Sweta Dutt	Ena Chandok	Sonia Braganza
Neha Gupta	Noella Perry	Roshini Dhish
Aparna Choudhary	Vandhana Pandey	Mumtaz Faridi
Michelle Pinto	Nafiza Pereira	Diyva Bhandari
Shazia Hamdulay	Anita Roy	Supriya Aher
	Sushma Singh	

**AROUND THE CAMPUS**



A PANAROMIC VIEW OF THE BARNES SCHOOL ESTATE. STANDING IN THE FOREGROUND IS MR. RALPH GUR, AN EX-STUDENT.



ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL - GATE LODGE - AND THE LONG HUFF AND PUFF DRIVE TO THE MAIN CAMPUS

AROUND THE CAMPUS



AT THE TOP OF THE DRIVE PRINCIPLE'S BUNGALOW ON THE LEFT AND THE SECURITY OFFICE ON THE RIGHT.



CORNER OF LLOYD BLOCK IN THE FOREGROUND ACADEMIC BLOCK AND THEN EVAN'S HALL.

PRIZE DAY



CHIEF GUESTS MAJ. GEN. DEEPAK VARMA AND MRS. REKHA VARMA WELCOMED BY MR. & MRS. BAKER



PRIZE DAY BOOKS AND TROPHIES FOR THE ACHIEVERS

BOXING - WINNERS & RUNNERS UP



ATHLETICS



THE PRINCIPAL, MR. A. R. BAKER, WELCOMING THE CHIEF GUESTS, BRIGADIER RAJESH KUMAR AND MRS. VEENA KUMAR.



ATHLETIC CHAMPIONS WITH MR. A. D'SOUZA  
F. IBRAHIM, N. MURID, W. TAYLOR, G. JAGGI AND M. MISHRA

SCHOOL CRICKET TEAM



(SITTING L. TO R.) R. KOKATE, R. LEWIS, M. HUSSAIN, I. HUSSAIN, V. PAHUJA,  
W. TAYLOR, M. GUPTA, M. MACDONALD, MR. B. HENDERSON (INCHARGE),  
(STANDING L. TO R.) A. PATEL, S. SHAIK, N. HUSSAIN, A. SAHU, F. IBRAHIM,  
S. PAWAR, K. MALVIYA, E. BAHAUDDIN.



MRS. B. MESHAK WITH THE ATHLETES WHO REPRESENTED BARNES SCHOOL  
IN THE INTER DISTRICT ATHLETIC MEET.

SCHOOL BASKETBALL WINNING TEAM



A. SHAIKH, B. BHAVNANI, S. AHIRE, M. D'SOUZA, D. PENDIGRAST, D. MANSEY  
AND S. SINGH WITH MISS L. FERNANDEZ AND MRS. B. MESKAK



THE BULBULS ENJOYING AN OUTING IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT !

P. T. AND GYMNASTIC DISPLAY BY GIRLS



PYRAMIDS



HOOP DRILL

CROSS COUNTRY



"RAIN DROPS KEEP FALLING ON MY HEAD" - SWIRLING MISTS AND THE LUSH GREENERY MINGLE WITH THE BLUE, RED, GREEN AND YELLOW VESTS OF THE CROSS COUNTRY ENTHUSIAST



EXHAUSTED BUT TRIUMPHANT - THE WEARY RUNNERS ARE PEPPED UP WITH COFFEE

NATIVITY PLAY



HEAVENLY HOSTS AND EARTHLY WOPSHIPPERS, FOR THE NEW BORN KING

A TABLEAU AND GRAND FINALE



THE CHOIR

ANNUAL PLAY  
" DOWN THE HATCH "



CHIEF GUESTS MR. T.K. CHOWDHARY ADDRESSING THE AUDIENCE AND THE CAST  
MRS. CHOWDHARY CAN BE SEEN ON THE EXTREME RIGHT



THE CAST OF "DOWN THE HATCH"  
WITH THE DIRECTORS AND HELPERS

" DOWN THE MATCH "



(L. TO R.) . J. CLUNIE (F.IBRAHIM), ANN CLUNIE (S. DASGUPTA)  
 (L. TO R.- BACK ROW) : TANKERMAN (C. THAKUR), CHLAKY WHITE (A. SHAFI),  
 SAM DUCKWORTH (C. GANDHI) AND ROSEMARY PETT (M. D'SOUZA)



UMPLEBY (A. NAVLANI - WINNER OF  
 "BEST PERFORMER" AWARD)  
 WITH HUGO MINTO



FLAG HOISTING ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

JUNIOR SCHOOL VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT



ACTION SONGS - PREPS



STD V - GOLDI LOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

JUNIOR SCHOOL VARIETY ENTERTAINMENT



STD VI - "WHO KILLED COCK ROBIN"



STD VI - A PEACOCK DANCE



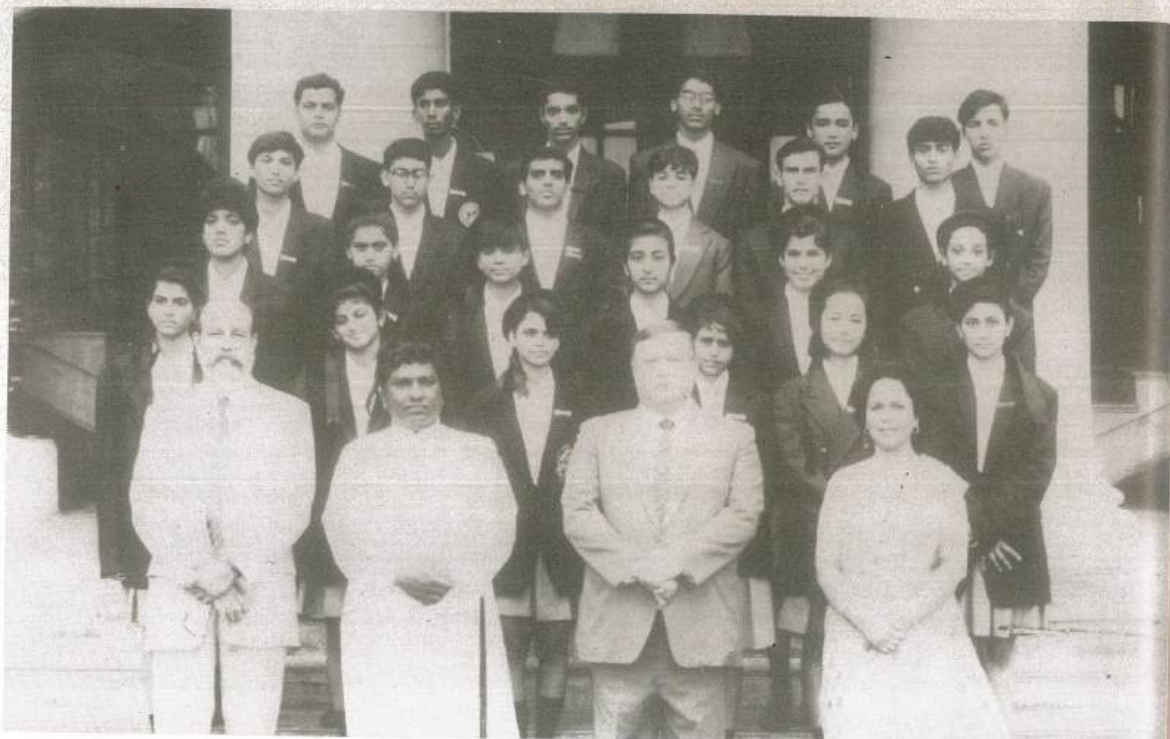
NON TEACHING STAFF

Sitting (L to R) : Mrs. P. Fernandes, Mr. J. Fernandes, Mr. A. Baker (Principal) Mr. S.T. Borle, Mrs. S. Gama.

Standing (L to R) :  
1st Row : Mrs. J. Swing, Mrs R. DeSouza, Mrs N. Nair, Mrs. J. John, Mrs C.Peters, Mrs. R.Pavey, Mrs C. D'Cruz.

2nd Row : Mrs. R. Ahmed, Mrs. D. Kelly, Mrs. O. Obidiki, Mrs. J. Barnham, Mrs. D. Spitz, Mrs. D. Fernandes.

3rd Row : Mr. S. Alphonso, Mr. D. Robins, Mr. S. Joshi, Mr. R. Waring, Mr. B. Kokne, Mr. A. Mathias, Mr. B. Gade, Mr. G. Samuel, Mr. H. Pavey.



### The Prefects - 1995-96

- Front Row : Vice Principle - Mr. M. Thorpe; Chaplain - Rev. P. Kamble;  
Principle - Mr. A. Baker; Mrs. A. Baker.
- Second Row : Vice Captain - R. Fernandes (F.N.); Vice Captain - A. Shaikh (J.A.)  
Vice Captain - M. Hodges (E.C.); Vice Captain - M. D'Souza (H.K.)  
Vice Captain - L. Pachuaui (H.K.); Captain S. Tamang (H.K.).
- Third Row : Captain - M. D'Souza (J.A.); Vice Captain - S. Devergaonkar (J.A.);  
Head Girl, Captain - R. Thakker (E.C.); Vice Captain - P. Kukreja  
(F.N.); Vice Captain - P. Sughand (E.C.); Captain - S. Dasgupta  
(F.N.).
- Fourth Row : Captain - V. Parashar (Spence); Vice Captain - R. Verma (Candy)  
Head Boy, Captain - U. Abuji (Greaves); Vice Captain -  
K. Khadkhodyan (Greaves); Vice Captain - W. Taylor (Candy); Vice  
Captain - N. Parashar (Spence).
- Fifth Row : Vice Captain - C. Thakur (Greaves); Captain - A. Ahuja (Royal);  
Vice Captain - S. Pawar (Royal); Captain - F. Ibrahim (Candy);  
Vice Captain - R. Pilkhwal (Spence); Vice Captain - G. Ahuja (Royal).

### SCOUTS

Twenty one boys from std. VII, VIII, IX and X were selected as scouts for the year 1995-96. They were divided into four groups. The names of the groups and those of the boys belonging to each group are given below ::

Cheetah	Leopard	Tiger	Lion
Waki Moallim	Jaikumar Jojode	Chintu Gandhi	Vikram Kriplani
Aejaz Azeem	Nilesh Patil	Jitendra Mantri	S. Nager Ali
Pankaj Hyalij	Ajit Navlani	Romin Izadyar	Ajay Patel
Ravindra Khode	Iqbal Hussain	Yoshid Triplonde	Vishal Shinkar
Lalith Bhoge	Afzal Patel	Vinod Shukla	Prakash Nikam

Sayed Aziz Shafi was selected as the leader of the scouts.

The Scouts met on Fridays at about 5 p.m. except on weekends. Mr. V. Nair and Mr. B. Fernandez supervised the activities. Mr. B. Fernandez was also appointed as scout master this year. The scout master gives lectures on the importance of the ideals of the scout movement, aim of scouts etc. during their meetings. Scouts also had marching practices. They were taught the "Oath" which they have to take on important days like 15th August. They went for walks along the country-side accompanied by the scout-master. These activities freshened their minds and helped them to escape from the monotony of academic work.

Independence day and Republic Day are of great importance to the scouts. The scouts are always ready to sacrifice their lives for the nation. The scouts line up in their respective groups and attend the Independence day and Republic day functions. They also take an oath to do their best for the country.

Group "Cheetah" was adjudged the best scout patrol and Waki Moallim received the trophy for the patrol on Prize Day.

Scout-in-charge : Mr. V. Nair.  
& Mr. B. Fernandez.

### THE INTER-HOUSE DEBATE

The Inter House debate Competition began on the 21st. June, 1995. The first debate was between the Greens and the Blues. The topic that was chosen for the debate was "Children should be given greater freedom". This topic created great interest among the student body and there was enthusiastic applause as each speaker made his or her points. Richa Shrivastava, a new speaker for the Blue team was the Best Speaker, with 77 points. The Blues spoke for the opposition. Havana Madon, leading the Green Team, scored 72 points.

The second debate was between the Yellows and the Reds. It was held on the 27th June, 1995. The topic chosen was "India's Educational System needs to be changed". This debate also

was found very interesting by the audience. Red House, speaking against the motion won by a large margin. Maisie O'Connor, scoring 76 points was the Best Speaker. Rahul Pilkhwal, with 73 points, came second. Priya Sughand, came third with 72 points.

The third debate was between the Greens and the Yellows. It was held on the 3rd July, 1995. The Greens spoke for the proposition, "The British Raj was beneficial to India". Yellows were the opposition. Green House won convincingly, with 238 points, to the Yellows' 214 points. Havana Madon was the Best Speaker with 66 points. Sheel Wadhwa was placed second with 58 points.

The Fourth debate was held on the 10th July, 1995. It was between the Greens and the Reds. The Greens chose to speak for the proposition "Women play a greater role in society than men". This was a closely contested debate with intense competition between Havana Madon and Maisie O'Connor. The Reds won by a narrow margin, having scored 313 points to the Green total of 304 points. Once again, Maisie O'Connor was the best speaker with 85 points. Havana Madon came second with 81 points.

The fifth debate was held on the 18th July, 1995 between the Yellows and the Blues. The Yellows chose to speak for the proposition, "Indian values have no place in a modern world". However, the Blues were outright winners scoring 263 points to the Yellow total of 214 points. Once again the Best speaker was Richa Shrivastava, with a personal score of 75 points. Chintu Gandhi, scoring 60 points came second.

The sixth and last debate was between the Reds and the Blues. The Reds spoke for the proposition "Industrialisation, not conservation is the path to India's progress". There was much excitement as the result of this debate would decide the overall winners of the competition. The Blues who had prepared well and organised their plan well in advance were the winners scoring 287 points to the Red total of 275 points. Once again, Maisie O'Connor was the Best Speaker with a personal score of 74 points. Richa Shrivastava who scored 71, came second; Chintu Gandhi, scoring 70 points came third.

All through the debates, I noticed that children in the audience took a lot of interest in the proceedings and when the debaters had finished, quite a few boys and girls would step up to the mike to make their own points and support the team of their choice. This is a healthy trend as it leads to the discovery of hidden talents.

**The teams for the Inter house debates :**

<b>Greens</b>	: Havana Madon Rishi Verma	Michelle D'Souza Sheel Wadhwa
<b>Blues</b>	: Melanie D'Souza/ Guramrita Oberoi/ Ajaz Azeem/ Nikhil Chedda/ Mohit Bijlani Chintu Gandhi	Richa Shrivastava
<b>Reds</b>	: Maisie O'Connor Gaurav Ahuja	Priya Sughand Adithya U.G. / Nishant Dham.
<b>Yellows</b>	: Rashmi Thakker Ashish Lala	Saveri Dasgupta / Savita Gupta Rahul Pilkhwal.

**The Scores (Point wise)**

Greens (Joan of Arc and Candy)	810 points.
Blues (Helen Keller and Greaves)	809 points.
Reds (Edith Cavell and Royal)	887 points.
Yellows (Flo. Nightingale ad Spence)	668 points.

**Individual Positions :**

- 1st Best speaker and winner of the Glynne Howell Cup for the Year 1995-1996 :  
Maisie O'Connor, with 235 points
- 2nd Richa Shrivastava 223 points
- 3rd Havana Madon 219 points..

**Incharge : Mr. D. O'Connor  
Assisted by : Mrs. N. Rao.  
Recorder : Mr. A. D'Souza.**

**Promise yourself**

- To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every one you meet.
- To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.
- To look at the sunny side of everything, and make your optimism come true.
- To think only the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.
- To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- To wear a cheerful countenance at all times, and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

**ELOCUTION AND SINGING (HOUSE) COMPETITION,  
Barnes School - 22nd September 1995 (4.30 p.m.)**

**ELOCUTION - JUNIOR GIRLS - Under 12 Yrs.**

House	Competitor	Poem	Poet	Pts.	Hou/Pos.
Green	A. Waring	Explained	A. A. Milne	76	2nd
Blue	D. Sharma	One, Two, Three	Anonymous	77	1st
Red	P. Jawhar	How Do Wars Begin	Anonymous	73	3rd
Yellow	S. Shrivastava	Uncle John's Pig	Anonymous	72	4th

**ELOCUTION - JUNIOR BOYS - Under 12 Yrs.**

Green	C. D'Costa	The Donkey	G. K. Chestertson	63	4th
Blue	C. DeSouza	The Bath	Capt. H. Graham	73	2nd
Red	B. Baker	The Little Black Boy	W. Blake	71	3rd
Yellow	R. Wen	The Spanish Main	E. V. Knox	78	1st

**ELOCUTION - SENIOR GIRLS - Above 12 Yrs.**

Green	S. Ahire	The Green Eye of the Yellow God	J. M. Hayes	65	4th
Blue	M. D'Souza	The Song of the Shirt	Thomas Hood	78	2nd
Red	M. O'Connor	Evening Prayer	A. J. Burr	85	1st
Yellow	S. Gupta	The Curfew must not ring tonight	R. H. Thorpe	72	3rd

**ELOCUTION - SENIOR BOYS - Above 12 Yrs.**

Green	S. Bhavnani	The wind in a frolic	W. Howitt	66	4th
Blue	C. Gandhi	The Victory and death of Samson	John Milton	73	2nd
Red	G. Ahuja	The Old Man	W. Gibson	69	3rd
Yellow	Richard Spitz	The Human Attitude	G. Dearmer	77	1st

**SINGING - JUNIOR GIRLS - Under 12 Yrs.**

Green	B. Jackson	Into my Heart	63	3rd
Blue	I. Sebastian	Turning the world upside down	59	4th
Red	L. Vegas	Love Lifted Me	70	2nd
Yellow	M. Pinto	Trust in Me	72	1st

**SINGING - JUNIOR BOYS - Under 12 Yrs.**

Green	A. Hodges	Red River Valley	70	4th
Blue	T. Pachaua	Sing a Simple Song	75	1st
Red	M. MacDonald	I'm gonna Sing your Praises	71	3rd
Yellow	S. Fernandez	Roses are Red	74	2nd

**SINGING - SENIOR BOYS - Above 12 Yrs.**

Green	W. Taylor	Love is all Around	70	1st
Blue	A. Shafi	I Can't Help Falling in Love	69	2nd
Red	M. Hiranandani	Raining in My Heart	66	3rd
Yellow	J. Pinto	I Just called to Say I Love You	56	4th

**SINGING - SENIOR GIRLS - Above 12 Yrs.**

Green	D. Mansey	Country Roads	69	2nd
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Blue	M. Gough	All Heavens Declare	66	4th
Red	M. Hodges	He's Still Working on Me	68	3rd
Yellow	S. Dasgupta	Shepherd of My Heart	77	1st

**HOUSE CHORUSES - JUNIORS AND SENIORS**

Greens	Joan of Arc & Candy . . .	Beautiful Isle of somewhere	67	3rd
Blues :	Helen Keller & Greaves . . .	Chim Chimney	70	1st
Reds :	Edith Cavell & Royal . . .	Flower Seller	64	4th
Yellow :	Florence Nightingale & Spence . . .	I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen	70	1st

Mr. A.R. Baker (Principal) acknowledges with sincere thanks the co-operation of :

The Judges :	1. Mrs. A. Sobti	2. Mrs. P. Sambyal
	3. Maj. C. Rego	4. Mr. M. Thorpe (Memory)
The Staff :	1. Mrs. A. Baker (Sr. Boys / Sr. Girls.)	
	2. Mrs. S. D'Souza (Jr. Girls)	
	3. Mr. D. O'Connor (Jr. Boys)	
	4. Mr. & Mrs. D. Correa (Singing Girls Solo)	
	5. Mr. K. Ryder (Singing Solo Boys)	
	6. Miss M. Verghese (House Choruses)	
	7. Miss G. Pinto & Mr. V. Frederick (Recorders)	
	8. Mrs. S. Frederick (Certificates)	

and all the staff who have helped in any way with the Singing and Elocution Programme.

**COMBINED HOUSE RESULTS**

House	Grand Total	Position	
Yellow	Spence & Florence Nightingale	578	1st
Red	Royal & Edith Cavell	573	2nd
Blue	Greaves & Helen Keller	570	3rd
Green	Candy & Joan of Arc	542	4th

**THE ANNUAL SCHOOL PLAY**

It was Saturday, the 25th November, the Chief Guests Mr. T. C. Chowdhari, I.G. Police - Bombay, and Mrs. Chowdhari arrived punctually at 5.30 p.m. and were welcomed by Mr. & Mrs. Baker and taken in for the staging of the Annual school play at Evans Hall, the pride of Barnes School.

The comedy chosen for this year was "Down the Hatch" by Dennis Driscoll. It had three Acts.

The curtains opened on the sitting room of Thomas Tankerman, an eccentric scatter-brained writer. He lived in the country, not far from the sea. Two others living with him were his manservant, Umpleby, and an artist, Hugo Minto, who did the illustrations for his books.

Prohibition had been clamped but Tankerman was defiant and decided to strike a "blow for the freedom of an individual". He entered into a deal to smuggle a case of liquor into his house.

Luckily for him he discovered accidentally that the house he was living in was readymade for the job and if one went "down the hatch" by means of a secret lift one reached a cellar which had a secret access used by some smugglers in the past- just the ideal setting for a smuggling operation!

Soon the Tankerman household is invaded by several visitors - some invited, most uninvited. The first to arrive is Anne Clunie, Tankerman's niece, who is estranged from her husband John. Then come Sam Duckworth and Chalky White, two R.A.F. servicemen who have been thrown out on disciplinary grounds. The others who follow are Tankerman's sister, Maud Christie, Besty Johnson and John Clunie, accompanied by the actress Rosemary Pett. At the same time news also arrives that the "stuff" was also reaching that night, throwing Tankerman and his unwilling accomplice, Umpleby, into all kinds of blundering antics in their effort to keep their "activity" guarded and secretive.

Finally things get sorted out and Tankerman sits down with Sam Duckworth and Chalky White to enjoy the fruit of his efforts. But when the "fruit" goes "down the hatch", Tankerman realizes he has been duped !

This year's play was a subtle comedy. It contained a lot of the typical wry English humour, the type that would keep you smiling but not the type that would rock you with laughter and make your eyes water - make you "peep" through your eyes, as it were. It is not easy to get comic plays of that kind year after year, and we have to make do with what is available. Every year, hunt for the next play begins as soon as one is over.

Barnes being a boarding school of 600 plus boarders, the schedule all the year round is very tight and we have to work within a certain time frame. Besides, the children have to take part in other activities and competitions. The players are novices and so great patience and effort are required on the part of those directing the play, to elicit the required performance from each player. Most of the players are selected from class X as at this stage at least some kind of mature performance may be expected of them.

Here in Barnes we live in "Splendid Isolation" in more ways than one. The school stands not only by itself on a slightly elevated land, elevated enough to make the drive to school "uphill", but it is also far "from the madding crowd" - the nearest township (or Camp or Resting Camp as it was during the time of the British) is about 6 kilometres away. Our nearest neighbour is the Air Force Station. Nasik is forty kilometres away. Therefore everytime we look for a play we have to look at it from all angles - see whether, contained as we are, we can manage all the props and costumes ourselves.

So the best type to choose are plays dealing with present times.

The next task was to select characters for the play. The most obvious choice for the part of Umpleby, the very sad faced man servant of Tankerman, was Ajit Navlani being endowed naturally with a morose expression. Ajit went on to win the "Best Performer's" Certificate. From amongst the numerous volunteers we managed to select a cast satisfying the given pen sketches of the respective characters. Thus Animesh Upadhyay, a nervous and highly strung lad, was given the role of the residing artist, Hugo Minto. Animesh's performance was satisfactorily creditable. Syed Aziz Shafi and Chintu Gandhi were given the roles of the two ex R.A.F. airmen - Chalky White and Sam Duckworth respectively. Many from amongst the audience opined that Aziz Shafi as Chalky White should have got the Best Performer's award. Usually after the final performance is over, there are more than two contenders for the best performance award, as each member of the cast puts in his or her best effort. All the tension, wringing despair and frustration are wiped away by the final day performance when somehow everything clicks and these young girls and boys produce a performance which is almost professional. Chander Thakur was given the role of Tankerman,

the writer. Michelle D'Souza was selected to be Maud Christie (Tankerman's sister and a Group Officer of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force), Ankita Hooda played the role of Betsy Johnson (Batwoman of Maud Christie) Saveri Dasgupta was cast as Anne Clunie (Tankerman's niece). Fardeen Ibrahim as John Clunie (Anne's husband) and Melanie D'Souza was cast as the current girl friend of John Clunie - Rosemary Pett, an actress.

Amin Shaikh, Siddharth Bhavnani, Rashmi Thakkar and Affaque Rangooni Volunteered to be prompters and stage helpers. Of all the variety of effort that goes into the making of a play, prompting is perhaps the most tedious and thankless. Kudos to these four youngsters for volunteering to enshoulder the unglamorous role of prompting and backstage performance.

Mrs. A. Baker

#### CREDITS

- Mr. A. D'Souza and Mrs. A Baker for Directing the Play.
- Mrs. A. Baker for producing the Play.
- The Cast who have rehearsed for the past month.
- Mr. B. Henderson for compiling the Brochure and for his untiring efforts to secure advertisements and complimentary pages for the Brochure.
- Mr. K. Ryder, Mr. V. Nair and Mr. R. Waring for their contribution in securing advertisements for the Brochure.
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- Make-up - Mr D. Correa, Mrs. E. Correa and Mrs. L. Waring.
- The Maintenance Staff - Mr. R. Waring and Mr. D. Robins, Bairu, Namdeo and Lazarus.
- The Office Staff - Dispatching appeals and other clerical work in connection with the production.
- Mr. Borle and the Mess Staff for tea and snacks for the cast.
- Mrs. R. DeSouza and the tailors - Babu, Murli and Muthu Swami.
- B. K. Kakad, Rattan Sirsat, (Electricians) & M. Bhalerao (Painter & Polisher)
- Milton Studio - Photographs.
- Advertisers, Donors & Ex-Students for their contribution to the Brochure.
- All friends and well-wishers for their general interest and help.
- Mr. Varma of Kamla Printing Press for printing the Brochure in record time.
- All assistance received too late for publication.

#### The Nativity Play and Carol Service

The Nativity Play and Carol Service was held on the 14th of December 1994. As usual the Hall was decked with holly and all sorts of other beautiful Christmassy decorations which enlivened the place and gave everyone present there, that explicable inner glow, that special feeling of Christmas - that says 'this is the time of the year when we feel magnanimous and wish peace and good will to all around in Barnes !

The Carol service was inaugurated by the Vice Principal, Mr. M. Thorpe. The service was interspersed

with readings from the Bible on the birth of the Saviour. There were plenty of Christmas Carols sweetly sung by the school choir. The Christmas message was delivered by Mr. S. Issac.

This year a record number of one hundred and forty three children took part in the Nativity Play. The role of Mary was played by Bernadine Jackson while Timothy Lianthanpuli played Joseph, and their humble donkey was Nicholas Chakraborty. He patiently trotted beside the couple as they tiredly walked over to the four inkeepers while the choir sang the carol 'Little Donkey'.

The four inkeepers were Johnny Barrett, Malcom MacDonald, Jordan Gomes and Sarfaraz Ansari. The Innkeeper had no room for Mary and Joseph in the inn, but offered them some room in the stable. The curtains opened onto a warm and cozy stable scene with many animal props gazing down onto the stage, waiting along with two little boys dressed up as sheep - they were Garry Gama and Slade Peters. They were waiting in anticipation for something wonderful to happen.

Forty six angels took part in this activity. There were five little angels to attend to Baby Jesus; These were Crystal Perry, Natasha Vaz, Soni Roy, Lavina Thakur and Shruti Nair. They graced the lowly stable with their presence while the Choir sang 'Angels we have heard on High'. This was followed by 'The First Nowell' while the shepherds came to worship the Saviour. They bore simple gifts like their lambs and shawls for the babe in the manger.

Plenty of little angels flitted onto the stage dressed in pale pink and green, with twinkling haloes round their heads. Gabriella Dinger, Finella D'Cruz, Christina Robinson, Anisha Kanal, Rebecca Smith, Preeti Kamble, Kavita Roy and Minal Jaiswal to mention but a few (there were thirty two of them in all). The Shepherdess played by Rachael Gujar also worshipped with the flowers she had collected for the Infant King.

The three Kings in all their royal splendour played by Joseph Barrett, Clint Reynolds and Michael Obidiki majestically followed the twinkling star as it enthralled the audience and the kings on its silent journey towards the stable. The beautiful star was again the handiwork of Mr. Richard Waring - our thanks to him. The Kings paid their respects and presented the Babe in the manger with their gifts of gold, frankincense and Myrrh. Each gift having its own special significance - gold, a gift fit for a King, frankincense to worship Him with and Myrrh with tinge of sadness foretelling of His death on the cross.

Angel Gabrielle was played by Saberi Dasgupta: she was assisted by two other angels - Ami Lakhpatwalla and Miki Kurita.

There were three little drummer boys namely Trent Thomas, Joshua Alphonso and Nicholas O'Connor. They sang the carol 'Little Drummer Boy' with a little help from the choir.

As the Christmas story unfolded, it held the audience in rapt attention and then they found a whole host of little worshippers trooping down the aisle upto the stable each bearing gifts for the Christ Child while the choir and the congregation sang 'O Come All Ye Faithful'.

The solemn atmosphere was broken then by Santa's appearance - he was Carl D'Souza and he had his little helper in Philip. Philip Wen looked a perfect little elf and the tune of 'Jingle Bells' echoed through the hall with the congregation joyously joining the singing. Mrs Santa played by Supriya Ahire too had her helper - Steffy Sebastian. Mrs Santa carried a tray of X'Mas goodies. Dolly Sharma was the Narrator and was prompt in her narration of the Christmas story.

There were eight candle bearers who lit up the dim stable with their electric candles (courtesy Mr. R. Waring). While the last scene unfolded to the tune of the evergreen favourite 'Silent Night,

Holy Night !'

Ryan Redden and Stephanie Mansey were two New Year fairies who wished everyone for the season.

Thirty three little girls and boys formed a junior group of carol singers and they sang a few carols in their sweet voices - 'Silver Bells', 'Twelve Days of Christmas' and 'Go tell it on the Mountain!'

The children who took part in the Nativity Play were as usual given a packet of sweets for all their efforts. Thanks and credit are due to Miss Verghese who planned and directed the whole event. Her helpful co-workers were Mrs. S. Redden, Mrs. L. Waring, Miss P. Barnham, Miss E. Fernandez and Mrs B. Meshak and Mr. K. Ryder. We also thank Mrs. R. De'Souza, Mr. R. Waring, Mr. D. Robins and their team of workers for their ready help and co-operation. We must not forget to thank all volunteers - Miss G. Pinto, Mrs. S. D'Souza, and others who lent a helping hand and of-course a 'Thank You' to all the children who worked hard to make the function a grand success.

The vote of thanks was given by the Principal - Mr. A.R. Baker. He said that the final scene on stage was portrayed by little children warming the place with the golden glow of Christmas candles. He stressed that this warmth must not remain on the stage but in our hearts as well. He also reminded us that Christmas is a time for sharing and that by sharing we make others happy and in doing so we make ourselves happy too. The Principal then went on to explain to the children that we should all take a lesson from the three Kings who, although they were important, humbled themselves to worship the Lord in a stable. I conclude with his words "It is nice to be important but it is more important to be nice !"

Mrs. L. Waring.

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Hamlet : I never gave you aught  
And, with them, words of  
so sweet breath composed,  
As made the things more  
rich : their perfume lost,  
Take these again : for to the  
noble mind,  
Rich gifts wax poor when  
givers prove unkind.  
Ophelia : My honour'd  
lord, you know right well  
you did;

William Shakespeare

**STUDY CUPS - 1995-96**

Marks are not given to Std. Nursery to IV and hence these classes are not considered for points for the Study Cups.

The percentage marks of every pupil for the first and second Terminal Exams are recorded. The points are awarded to these percentages according to the Table given below :

PLUS POINTS		MINUS POINTS	
40% to 45.9%	+1	35% to 39.9%	-1
46 to 50.9%	+2	30 to 34.9%	-2
51 to 55.9%	+3	25 to 29.9%	-3
56 to 60.9%	+4	20 to 24.9%	-4
61 to 65.9%	+5	15 to 19.9%	-5
66 to 70.9%	+6	10 to 14.9%	-6
71 to 75.9%	+7	5 to 9.9%	-7
76 to 80.9%	+8	0 to 4.9%	-8
81 to 85.9%	+9		
86 and above	+10		

Then Housewise grand totals are made and these are divided by the number of pupils to get the Study Cup Quotient.

$$\text{Study Cup Quotient} = \frac{\text{Total Points}}{\text{No. of Pupils}}$$

The House with the largest Study Cup Quotient wins the Study Cup.

Details for Tayebally Study Cup for Girls and Blanden Study Shield for Boys are given below:

**TAYEBALLY STUDY CUP FOR GIRLS - 1995 - 96**

CLASSES	J.A.		H.K.		E.C.		F.N.	
	Pupils	Points	Pupils	Points	Pupils	Points	Pupils	Points
5A	7	+25	2	+6	3	+7	1	+4
5B	6	+39	4	+27	5	+7	4	+18
5C	1	+1	5	+34	7	+38	2	+16
6A	2	+8	2	+10	6	+9	3	-4
6B	2	+10	6	+23	5	+24	2	+9
6C	4	+10	1	-1	3	+13	4	+24
7A	1	+4	4	0	6	+9	5	-1
7B	6	-3	-	--	2	-5	3	-1
7C	3	+17	4	+10	4	+21	3	+9
8A	3	+5	2	+8	4	+21	1	+5
8B	2	0	4	+11	3	+2	3	0
8C	2	+2	2	+7	2	+9	2	+8
9A	3	-7	1	+5	5	+10	1	-1
9B	6	-3	3	-5	2	-1	3	+1
9C	1	-2	1	+4	--	--	2	-3
10A	--	--	3	+11	3	+15	2	+1
10B	3	+7	2	+9	2	+10	3	+13
TOTAL	52	113	47	159	62	189	44	88

Study Cup	113/52	159/47	189/62	88/44
Quotient	2.17	3.38	3.05	2.0
Position	3rd	1st	2nd	4th
Pts.				
for KEILY	4	8	6	2

**BLANDEN STUDY CUP FOR BOYS - 1995 - 96**

CLASSES	CANDY		GREAVES		ROYAL		SPENCE	
	Pupils	Points	Pupils	Points	Pupils	Points	Pupils	Points
5A	8	+2	6	0	12	+36	10	-23
5B	8	0	7	+22	5	0	5	+3
5C	7	+20	11	+18	8	+43	7	0
6A	6	+1	9	-8	7	-4	8	+6
6B	10	+22	4	+4	6	+7	9	-10
6C	12	+1	8	+15	7	+18	7	+1
7A	5	-1	7	+15	8	-2	6	+11
7B	8	+9	6	+5	7	+13	11	+32
7C	2	+1	3	-6	15	+28	6	0
8A	5	+21	8	+20	3	+13	1	-1
8B	3	-4	7	+4	2	+3	5	+6
8C	3	+2	7	+3	3	+8	8	-9
9A	7	+10	2	-2	3	+8	8	+12
9B	7	+1	3	-2	5	+8	1	+1
9C	6	-5	6	+11	6	-7	7	+2
10A	7	+4	4	+7	6	+14	5	-6
10B	4	+2	7	+8	5	-1	3	+5
TOTAL	108	+86	105	+114	108	+179	107	+76
Study Cup	86/108		114/105		179/108		76/107	
Quotient	0.80		1.09		1.71		0.71	
Position	3rd		2nd		1st		4th	
Pts. For								
HODGE	4		6		8		2	

**KEILY SHIELD FOR GIRLS - 1995 - 96**

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES	J.A.	H.K.	E.C.	F.N.
	(Greens)	(Blues)	(Reds)	(Yellows)
TABLE TENNIS	3.5	3.5	1	2
SOFTBALL	4	3	2	1
DEBATE	1	4	3	2
P.T./GYM.	3	2	1	4
ELO./SINGING	1	2	4	3
SWIMMING	-	-	-	-
ATHLETICS	2	4	1	3
THROWBALL	3.5	3.5	1.5	1.5
BASKETBALL	4	3	2	1
BADMINTON	4	2.5	2.5	1

HOCKEY	4	3	2	1
STUDY	4	8	6	2
TOTAL POINTS	34	38.5	26	21.5
POSITION	2nd	1st	3rd	4th

Keily Shield won by Blue Houses.  
 Speck combined trophy to - Blues - Helen Keller & Greaves  
 Elocution and Singing trophy to - Yellows - FN & Spence  
 Trophy for debate to - Greens, Blues, Reds - JA & C, HK & G, EC & R.  
 King Trophy for Athletics - Yellows FN & Spence  
 Lumley Medal Panel - N.A.  
 Lumley Medal to - N.A.  
 Best Day Scholar Prefect - Melanie D'Souza  
 Best Boarder Prefect - Saberi Dasgupta  
 Sportswoman of 95-96 - Michelle Gough  
 Swimming was not held.

Mrs. S. D'Souza

**HODGE SHIELD FOR BOYS - 1995 - 96**

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES	CANDY (Greens)	GREAVES (Blues)	ROYAL (Reds)	SPENCE (Yellows)
FOOTBALL	2	1	3	4
CROSSCOUNTRY	1	2	4	3
DEBATE	3	3	3	1
P.T./GYM	3	4	1	2
ELO./SINGING	1	4	2	3
SWIMMING	-	-	-	-
DIVING	-	-	-	-
ATHLETICS	3	1	2	4
CRICKET	2.5	4	2.5	1
VOLLEYBALL	4	3	1	2
BASKETBALL	2.5	2.5	1	4
TABLE TENNIS	1	2	3	4
HOCKEY	3	2	4	1
BOXING	4	2	1	3
STUDY	4	6	8	2
TOTAL POINTS	34	36.5	35.5	34
POSITION	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd

Hodge Shield won by Greaves House  
 Speck combined trophy to - Blues - Helen Keller & Greaves  
 Elocution and Singing trophy to - Yellows - F.N. & Spence  
 Trophy for Debate - Greens, Blues, Reds - J.A. & C, H.K. & G, E.C. & R  
 King trophy for Athletics - Yellows - F.N. & Spence  
 Lumely Medal Panel - N.A.  
 Lumley Medal to - N.A

Best Day Scholar Prefect - Rahul Pilkhwal  
 Best Boarder Prefect - Amit Ahuja  
 Sports man of 95-96 - Fardeen Ibrahim  
 No Swimming and Diving held this year.

Mr. M. Thorpe

**Messages on Independence Day**

Respected Principal, member of the Staff and my fellow students,

"Independence" - the word probably has little or no meaning to us but to our grandparents and their parents the word meant a lot more. Independence was the ultimate aim of every person then. The atrocities committed by the British on the Indians compelled them to fight against the British for their rights. A fire for Independence raged in the heart of every person. Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Bhagat Singh and Jawaharlal Nehru were born and they organised the freedom struggle and finally attained Independence on the 15th of August 1947.

Today, 48 years after, we stand here to commemorate this event.

In these 48 years India has progressed tremendously but still India lies amongst the backward nations of the world and the reason for this is not far to seek. Population and illiteracy contribute mainly to the above factor. Social defects like the caste system still remain rampant in our society. Communal hatred, and corruption which are on the rise in the recent years also lead to the deterioration of India and it is our duty to remove these unwanted factors from our country. Students had always been an integral part of the struggle for freedom and it is we who should try to remove the unwanted factors from our society, for we are India's future and hence, it is we, who hold the golden key to India's success.

Jai Hind !

Rashmi Thakkar.  
 Head Girl.

On 15th August, 1947 India became independent, marking the final victory of the National Movement. Every year, this historic day is celebrated all over India, with a public holiday and flag hoisting.

Freedom for India did not come easily. It was obtained by the sweat and blood of martyrs who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Today, 45 years later, many of us take our freedom for granted, not remembering or caring for those who made freedom possible for us.

All of us have a sacred duty to protect our motherland. We face a difficult and dangerous situation today. All over the nation there are divisive forces at work which are trying to destroy India. They are creating a climate of fear and hatred, tearing apart the delicate fabric of nationhood. It is up to us to protect the nation. The future is in our hands, and we must strive and even sacrifice our narrow personal desires for the common good of our country. Let us make a solemn

affirmation that all of us here today will put our country first. Let me conclude with the words of Dadabhai Naoroji, "the grand old man of India"

"Whether I am Hindu, a Mohammedan, a Parsi, a Christian or of any other creed, I am above all, an Indian. Our country is India, our Nationality is Indian."

Jai Hind !

Usama Abuji.  
Head Boy.

#### Messages on Republic Day

Every year all over India, Republic Day is celebrated by hoisting the National Flag. Schools, educational institutions, government offices remain closed on this day, I wonder how many students here know what makes this day so special in our lives ? 26th January was specially chosen for the promulgation of our constitution, because this day has special significance in our struggle for freedom. It was on this day, in the year 1929, at the Lahore Session of the Indian National Congress that a resolution was passed for complete independence. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was the President of the Indian National Congress at this historic session. Freedom did not come overnight and our countrymen had to sacrifice much, even their lives for freedom. From 1926 to 1950, 26th January was celebrated as Independence Day every year. On 26th January, 1950 the Indian Constitution came into force, and India became a Sovereign, Democratic, Republic, cutting loose the shackles of the past. Since 26th January, 1950, this day is celebrated all over India as Republic Day.

Today we stand once more before the national Flag to reaffirm our commitment to our beloved country. Today let us once again dedicate our lives to the service of India. Let us commit our endeavours to create a new better India, free from evils of casteism, religious fanaticism, corruption and communalism that are tearing our country apart. Let us rather work together to create a new India, so that our nation might awaken to freedom once again.

Jai Hind.  
Usama Abuji.

Respected Principal, Staff and my fellow students,

On this day we must remember and honour those who fought for the Independence of India, not only people like Mahatma Gandhi, Nehru, Tilak and Lal Bahadur Shastri, but numerous unknown warriors must also have a special place in our hearts.

There is a saying -

"Health, wealth, fertility, joy and safety  
are called a land's five ornaments."

In our country there is plenty of fertility - both of soil and of people. There is wealth but unequally distributed - three fifths of the people live below the poverty line. Their existence is joyless and insecure. For them there is no tomorrow. They do not have wealth therefore, they are the victims of numerous economic evils. Means of enjoying good health are denied to them. Besides, our countrymen are distressed by numerous other evils that they feel no "safety" and "joy".

In other words - What price Independence ?

India today is far from the vision and hopes those who gave up their lives for their motherland. Should their sacrifice be allowed to go in vain ? No, my friends. We, the future of India have the power to take India "back to the future".

Speaking for myself -

I am proud of being an Indian and I am sure everyone of us living on this soil feels the same. I am also confident that this love for our motherland and for one another as bretheren of our family will keep us as an integrated whole. We will continue supporting one another in times of adversity of tomorrow. We can make India one of the best countries in the world.

Jai Hind !

Rashmi Thakkar  
Head Girl

Mr. Baker, Members of the Staff and Students,

It was after years of struggle, that India finally got her freedom on the 15th of August 1947. But the question was - as is ever - freedom from what ? ..... to do what ? .... Freedom from the foreign yoke ... yes .. To do what ? That took three years to figure out under the leadership of Dr. Rajendra Prasad and the Chairmanship of Dr. Ambedkar - for true freedom must work within boundaries, for the greater the freedom one has, the greater the responsibility. It was eventually on the 26th of January, 1950 that India was declared a Republic. It was on this memorable day that the constitution of India came into force, with the promises of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity for all Indians, regardless of caste or creed. With this, dreams of a better India, were implanted in the minds of all self respecting Indians - Dreams and hopes that our country, as a Democracy, would emerge as a just, united, sovereign and secular state, and that the lives of all Indians would be uplifted to heights unknown before freedom.

Reflecting on almost half a century of freedom, we see that it is only a few of those dreams which have been realised - No doubt, India has progressed in many fields like agriculture, industry, medicine, aviation, science and technology - but along with the progress came a lot of set backs too - Personal gain and self centered interests have unfortunately become the priority of many and with this the country and people of India are suffering.

I need not put before you today all that has gone wrong within the country and its leadership - The newspapers and newsbulletins bear witness to that - but I would rather like to emphasis the fact that brooding on past failures and injustices, or criticism of leadership of our country will bear us no fruit. Let us instead, as conscientious Indians, with a more positive and detached attitude, each try to make our own small contribution towards making India the country of our dreams and that of our forefathers, in a very simple and straightforward way, by doing our given task of the moment, with honesty, integrity and unselfishness. Perhaps if each one of us could at the end of each day, say to ourselves, with complete honesty, "I have done my best today" - then, surely, it would be one step forward, in helping to make India the really great nation she can, and ought to be - for after all a nation is made up of individuals.

I end with a quotation which I feel would help all of us to achieve this goal - I quote -

"Keep your heart free from hate, your mind from worry. Live simply, expect little, give much,

think often, pray always. Fill your life with love, scatter sunshine. Forget self, think of others. Do as you would be done by. These are the tried links in contentment's golden chain".

Thank you,  
Jai Hind !

Mr. A. D'Souza.

### A Message on Teachers' Day

Respected Mr. and Mrs. Baker, my dear Teachers and friends,

In olden times, the teachers were called 'gurus' and were held in the highest esteem by the pupils, so much so, that Eklavia did not hesitate to sever his right thumb as 'guru dakshina' to his guru Acharya Drona.

Teachers have and will continue to occupy a unique position in society. They mould today's children into tomorrow's citizens, and thus perform the task of nation-building.

In present times, too, teachers are very much loved and respected even by the naughtiest of the naughty, and pupils always cherish the happy times they spent with their teachers in school.

No matter what they become when they grow up - doctors, lawyers, engineers, captains, commanders or great men - they never forget their teachers, as it is they, who laid the foundation for the destiny of every child.

So as a token of love and gratitude for our teachers, we celebrate 'Teachers' Day', which is the birthday of President Radha Krishnan, a great teacher and philosopher.

On behalf of all the students of Barnes School, I would like to thank all our teachers, for their untiring help and guidance to all of us.

Thank you, dear teachers !

Ronisha Chinoy - IV - A.

### The Junior School Sports

The "Mini Olympics" of the Junior School was held on the 12th and 13th October. The first of the two days is always a tiring one as we have the "heats" held on that day, with about 500 children to take part in various races. Each child is given the chance to participate in one or the other of the races, according to their age groups. Then the best three of each group are selected and again have a final race on the second day, to decide the winners. This generates a lot of fun and excitement for all the participants, though only a few are the lucky winners, who receive cash prizes from the Principal later on. Fortunately for us, the weather was cool and pleasantly cloudy on the 12th, though the 13th turned out to be a scorchingly hot day once again. However, regardless of the weather, the Juniors enjoyed these two days thoroughly, as they were out in the open air for the greater part of the day and inbetween the races were allowed to have a picnic "tiffin" with their friends, and, of course, being out of the classroom is quite a treat for them anytime!

The teachers, too, in a relaxed mood, enjoyed each other's culinary efforts as many produced a variety of delicious eatables to be shared by all.

We are grateful to all the teachers for their help and co-operation in managing to keep the children fairly well disciplined down on the field and for helping to run the races efficiently, in good time and without many mishaps.

Thanks are also due to Mr. Waring and his workers for arranging the field and electrical equipment, and to Mr. Borle and Mrs. Obidiki for quenching the thirst of the teachers, on both days, with cold drinks.

We were happy to see that a few parents made the effort to attend the Junior Sports. It would be more encouraging if some others joined in, too. Their children would be thrilled if they did !

Below are the results of the races :

#### Bunny Hop Race (Girls)

Kulpreet Rawal	1st	Prep-B
Kasturi Ahirrao	2nd	Prep-A
Anuriya Dutta	3rd	Prep-A

#### Crab Race (Boys)

Devishankar Shukla &	1st	III - C
Prashant Kukreja		III - C
Gandhi Dasan &	2nd	III - B
Anup Rijhwani		III - B
Abhishek Prabhu &	3rd	III - C
Vijeet Joseph		III - C

#### Pencil Balancing Race (Girls)

Finella D'Cruz	1st	I - A
Shivani Puranik	2nd	I - A
Gabriella Dinger	3rd	I - A

#### Fan Race (Girls)

Anita Roy	1st	IV - A
Pallavi Meshram	2nd	III - B
Sony Zunj	3rd	IV - A

#### Bunny Hop Race (Boys)

Kushanu Verma	1st	Prep - B
Divij Atreya	2nd	Prep - B
Satyabret Tiwari	3rd	Nursery

#### Skipping Race (Boys)

Vijendra Negi	1st	II - A
Saumil Gharat	2nd	II - B
Rhythm Waskar	3rd	II - B

#### Pencil Balancing Race (Boys)

Jaspreet Singh	1st	I - B
Akshay Bhatnagar	2nd	I - A
Nitin Nagar	3rd	I - B

#### Jumbled Shoes Race (Girls)

Deborah D'Souza	1st	II - A
Sahiba Nanda	2nd	II - A
Rupali Godse	3rd	II - A

#### Hopping Race (Girls)

Kaveri Aswale	1st	II - C
Mitalee Koloti	2nd	I - B
Christina Robinson	3rd	I - B

#### Book Balancing Race (Boys)

Mukund Singh	1st	IV - C
Aaron Athaide	2nd	IV - C
Sushank Rana	3rd	IV - C

#### Frog's Leap Race (Boys)

Vikrant Gaikwad	1st	I - A
Sanjay Mane	2nd	I - A
Mayur Sumra	3rd	I - B

#### Flat Race - 50 m. (Boys)

Abhijit Katke	1st	IV - B
Nilesh Ubhale	2nd	IV - B
Shoeb Bardi	3rd	IV - C

**"Crazy Tails" Race (Boys)**

Nitin Magodia	1st	II - B
Rehan Ahmed	2nd	I - B
Mahesh Devargaonkar	3rd	II - B

**Button Your Shirts Race (Boys)**

Srikant Godse	1st	IV - B.
Kishore Shinde	2nd	II - C
Pritam Rayjade	3rd	III - C

**Spoon & Potato Race (Girls)**

Prerna Thorat	1st	IV - A
Rhonda Fernandez	2nd	III - C
Preeti Kamble	3rd	III - A

**Bursting the Balloon Race (Boys)**

Md. Azhar Momin	1st	II - B
Jorell D'Abreo	2nd	III - A
Dyrgesh Shukla	3rd	III - A

**Results of the Prep House Races Held at the Senior Athletics Meet on Friday, 20th October, 1995.****Tiny Tots Flat Race**

Kailash Raut	1st	Nursery
Ryan Redden	2nd	Nursery
Harpreet Singh	3rd	Nursery

**Sack Race - Prep House Boys**

Thanpui Kassem	1st
Imran Ahmed	2nd
Arul Robinson	3rd

**Three Legged Race - Prep House Girls**

Anisha Kanal and Beulah Fernandez	1st
Damanjeet Kaur and Poonam Kareer	2nd
Crystal Perry and Bilquis Khan	3rd

**"Find Your Sweets" Race - Prep House Boys**

S.M. Zafarullah	1st
Risi Tiwari	2nd
Nikhil Pilkhwal	3rd

Mrs. S. D'Souza  
& Mrs. J. Dinger.

**THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ELOCUTION COMPETITION**

Elocution is given a fair amount of importance at Barnes, especially in the lower classes, and rightly so, as it helps to teach the children enunciation, functions of punctuation and correct pronunciation in spoken English - a very important foundation for the learning of the English language. Besides this, children do love to recite and with the wealth of poetry available our teachers, in the Junior school, manage to make Elocution both a valuable and an enjoyable part of education for the children. As such, the Junior Elocution Competition is a sort of culmination of your efforts in this field. This year, the competition was held on the 1st December. As always, groups of about 20 children from each class right from the Nursery to std. VI, recited on stage, each little one expressive and entertaining to say the least; each saying their piece with the greatest concentration and enthusiasm, hoping that their class would be the lucky winners at the end. This year, we were fortunate to have three very competent judges, namely Mr. Baker, our own Principal, Miss M. Verghese, our Music Mistress, and Mrs Kanal a parent and well wisher of the school. Our very grateful thanks to them for giving up their precious time to help out with the judging.

The response of parents was, once again very heartening and we were happy that inspite of pressing engagements, many made the effort to attend the Elocution Competition and thus there were beaming smiles and waves from the stage to familiar, loving faces in the audience.

The school baker surpassed himself this year by producing three enormous, artistically decorated cakes as prizes for the lucky winners. We are grateful to him and Mr. Borle for arranging this

I am happy to say that the standard of elocution was reasonably high and for this the junior school teachers require commendation.

Sincere thanks also go out to Mr. K. Ryder for being an able compere and to the maintenance and tailoring departments for their help.

The results of the competition were as follows :

**Group I**

Std II C for reciting "When Mummy goes to Town".

**Group II**

A tie between two classes

Std III B for reciting "Somebody Else".

& Std IV A for reciting "The Owl and the Pussycat".

**Group III**

Std VI A for reciting "The Owl Critic".

Mrs. S. D'Souza

### THE JUNIOR SCHOOL CONCERT

The Junior School concert is always a favourite event for the Junior children and their parents. For this function, crowds throng the school, all eager to see their children participate in the concert in however small a capacity.

For weeks before the 23rd March there was feverish activity in the Junior school; the children eager and over-active, the teachers busy and harrassed, a general air of excitement and anticipation pervading the whole Junior School. At last after a considerably taxing and gruelling session of practices, costume making, setting up of props the final day arrived - the 23rd of March. We started the function at 4.00 p.m. and this time as Mr. Baker, the Principal was out of station, Mr. Thorpe the Vice Principal presided over the function.

The programme began on a lively note, with the children of Std. III singing joyfully and lustily "The Way To Be Happy" and "Put a Great Big Smile Upon Your Face", setting a cheerful trend for the rest of the evening. Then followed the younger ones of the school - the Preps with some action songs. The Nursery children, as usual, delighted all present with their uninhibited performance while dancing and singing. Std. I also had a few action songs.

The children of std III enacted the popular fairy tale "Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs".

The evening's programme is never complete without a whole host of dances. Std IV entertained us with a medley of dances which are done in India - the Koli, the Rajasthani, the Bhangra and to show the western influence in India, the Break dance, all very colourful and lively.

Std. V also enacted a popular children's fairy tale, that of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", an operatta with a number of songs, dances and effective forest scenes.

Std. VI came up with a delightfully unorthodox version of "Who Killed Cock Robin", with catchy songs and a lot of fun included.

The girls of std. VI also performed a "Peacock Dance", a very delicate and tasteful performance.

A very commendable performance was the classical Indian dance done by little Shruti Nair of Prep - A, so very tiny, but managing the intricate dance steps and head and hand movements with both dexterity and grace.

The highlight of the evening was "The Fashion Panorama", an interestingly new idea depicting a variety of Indian and Western fashions, both traditional and modern, being modelled by our little ones, very confidently and almost professionally; shades of future Beauty Queens and models !

It once again turned out to be rather a long evening, but this seems to be inevitable when we try to include as many as five hundred children in the evening's performance and most of the audience did enjoy and appreciate the efforts of the children and their teachers.

I would like to thank all the teachers from Nursery to std VI for their untiring efforts in helping to put together this entertainment. Thanks are also due to Mr. Borle for providing eats for all the performers and refreshing drinks for the teachers; to Mr. Waring and Mr. Robins for their help in various ways and to all those involved in the maintenance and tailoring department of the school.

Mrs. S. D'Souza  
Headmistress - Jr. School.

### PREFECTS - HOUSE PRESIDENTS 1995 - 1996.

HOUSES	COLOUR	MOTTO	PRESIDENTS	PREFECTS
CANDY	GREEN	NEVER GIVE IN	MR. S. ISAAC	F. IBRAHIM W. TAYLOR R. VERMA
JOAN OF ARC	GREEN	NEVER GIVE IN	MRS. L. ISAAC MRS. L. BORLE	MICHELLE D'SOUZA A. SHAIKH S. DEVARGAONKAR
GREAVES	BLUE	COURAGE IS DESTINY	MR. A. D'SOUZA	U. ABUJI C. THAKUR K. KHADKODAYAN
HELEN KELLER	BLUE	COURAGE IS DESTINY	Ms. G. PINTO MRS. C. ALPHONSO	S. TAMANG L. PACHUAU MELANIE D'SOUZA
ROYAL	RED	FIRMNESS IN ACTION	MR. M. THORPE	A. AHUJA S. PAWAR G. AHUJA
EDITH CAVELL	RED	FIRMNESS IN ACTION	MRS. V. THORPE MRS. E. CORREA	R. THAKKER M. HODGES P. SUGHAND
SPENCE	YELLOW	UNITY IN ACTION	MR. D. CORREA	V. PARASHAR N. PARASHAR R. PILKHWAL
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE	YELLOW	UNITY IN ACTION	MRS. V. ROBINS MRS. S. FREDERICK	S. DASGUPTA R. FERNANDEZ P. KUKREJA

HEAD BOY - U. ABUJI

VICE HEAD BOY - F. IBRAHIM

HEAD GIRL - R. THAKKER

VICE HEAD GIRL - S. DASGUPTA

" The service is noblest which is rendered for its own sake.

Mahatma Gandhi.

FROM THE EDITOR'S SCRAP BOOK

*The Philosopher*

*I'm not much on philosophy, I don't know all the creeds;  
I don't know what's inside the books my next door neighbor  
reads. I haven't studied ancient tongues, my English isn't good;  
I know I've said a lot of things that a scholar never would.  
But this is my experience, and so I'll pass it on; the time to  
be a friend to man is when he's needing one.*

*I don't discuss religion much - I wouldn't if I could; I know  
I hate to draw a line between what's bad and good. I've had  
to plod along through life and learn from other men, and so  
I've done a lot of things I'll never do again. But then, I found  
along the way, the time to be a friend is when a fellow's needing'  
all the help that you can lend.*

*I'm not much on philosophy, the books I never read; I've  
had to get the things I know from life that's hard indeed. I've  
never seen a winter through but I've had to stand alone, or  
seen some man without the means, and forced to make a  
loan. So if you have a cheer to give, or extra strength to lend  
- go out and help the man along who really needs a friend.*

**Prayer for the family**

Heavenly Father, you have given us a model of life in the Holy Family of Nazareth, help us O loving Father to make our family another Nazareth where love, peace and joy reign, may it be deeply contemplative, intensely Eucharistic and vibrant with joy.

Help us to stay together in joy and sorrow through family prayer.

Teach us to see Jesus in the members of our family especially in their distressing disguise.

May the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus make our hearts meek and humble like His and help us to carry out our family duties in a holy way.

May we love one another as God loves each one of us more and more each day, forgive each others faults as you forgive our sins.

Help us, O Loving Father, to take whatever you give and to give whatever you take with a big smile.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

Holy Guardian Angels, be always with us, guide and protect us.

Amen,  
(Composed by Mother Teresa)

## SCHOOL SONG

### ONWARD BARNES !

1. Hear our loyal anthem, as we make it rise  
To our School, with all our might ;  
Barnes has reared us, taught us all the good we prize,  
Here we've learned what's true and right.

**Chorus :**

Onward Barnes ! Upward Barnes !  
Shall be our watchword and our aim.  
Till the echoes ring, let us sing  
To your honour, praise and fame.

2. Awkward cubs we were when first we came to School  
Often grimy, spoilt & slack;  
Heavy was the way till we had learnt the rule.  
Learnt to know and keep the track.

3. Grown we are in stature, strong we are in mind,  
Now we see they nobly live  
That forsake vain glory, gentle are and kind,  
Ever strive their best to give.

4. Comes the time for parting, onward we must go,  
Face the world as men at length,  
But we will remember all the school we owe,  
May she grow from strength to strength.

**Chorus:**

Onward Barnes ! Upward Barnes !  
Shall be our watchword and our aim.  
Till the echoes ring, let us sing  
To your honour, praise and fame.



NURSERY - MRS T. NANDA



I C - MRS Y. ROBINS



PREPARATORY B - MRS P. BARNHAM

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II B - MRS A. KHAN



II C - MRS J. DINGER



III A - MISS C. FERNANDEZ



III B - MRS S. REDDEN



IV A - MISS L. FERNANDEZ



III C - MRS C. J. SINGH



IV B - MRS H. UBEROI



IV C - MR S. GADRE



V B - MRS Z. DASTOOR



V A - MISS G. PINTO



V C - MRS N. BAINS



VI A - MRS V. THORPE



VI C - MR C. DINGER



VI B - MR J. REDDEN



VII A - MR B. HENDERSON



VII B - MR B. FERNANDEZ



VIII A - MR G. HARDY



VII C - MR Z. KHAN



VIII B - MRS L. WARING



VIII C - MRS N. RAO



IX B - MR V. NAIR



IX A - MR D. O'CONNOR



IX C - MR R. ROBINSON

ICSC CLASS 1995-96 WITH THEIR TEACHERS



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Left to right :

Front Row Sitting : Mr. S.Kulkarni; (Computer Science); Mrs. B.Meshak(P.T.I. Girls); Mr. D.O'Connor (History, Civics & Economics); Mrs. K.Goel (Hindi); Mr. V.Frederick ((Chemistry); Mr. A.D'Souza (Mathematics & Physics); Mr. M.Thorpe (Mathematics); Mr. A.Baker (Principal); Mrs. A.Baker (English); Mr. D.Correa (Geography & Art); Mrs. A.Rehman (Librarian); Mr. R.Robinson (Biology); Miss S.Rao (Boys Craft); Mr. V.Nair (Chemistry).

2nd Row Standing : Kalpana Gajare; Twinkle Kabli; Havana Medon; Richa Shrivastava; Pooja Kukreja; Shilpa Kaskar; Rashmi Thakker; Priya Sughand; Guramrita Oberoi; Pooja Joshi; Dipti Karvir; Aditi Pandit; Melanie D'Souza.

3rd Row Standing : Nilesh Patil; Mangesh Khobragade; Satyan Damania; Sanjay Pahuja; Tarun Mewani; Nitin Ughade; Vivek Parashar; Nikhil Chadha; Prasad Jadhavrao; Meherzad Khoramshahi; Jitendra Mantri.

4th Row Standing : Sandeep sonawane; Kuldeep Malviya; Varun Asthana; Vishal Shinkar; Ajit Navlani; Md. Rafiq Hamidulla; Usama Abuji; Sachin Patel; Iqbal Hussain Johar; Aejaz Azeem; Animesh Upadhyay; Ghintu Gandhi; Jaikumar jode; Anchit Chauhan.

Last Row Standing : Amin Shaikh; Aziz Shafi; Nitesh Parashar; Vishal Patil; Richard Canday; Chander Thakur; Fardeen Ibrahim; Affaque Rangooni; Akash Sahu; Siddharth Pawar; Rafique Keshwani; Varun Prasad; Vinod Chincholkar; Vikram Kriplani; Shalin Nagpal.

# ARTICLE SECTION

## A Handy Family

This is the Father, short and stout.  
This is the Mother,  
With the children about  
This is the Brother,  
He looks taller than Papa.  
This is the Sister,  
On my side of Ma.  
And I am the Baby,  
I too will grow.  
And here is the Family.  
All in a row.

A. K. Arun  
Class III-A

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## Good Manners

We must respect, obey and listen to our parents and our elders. We must be kind. When any one comes to your house you should wish them and make them feel welcome. We should look after them and make them comfortable. When they give you something you should say "Thank you". When you hurt someone you must say "Sorry". We should never forget our manners. That is one thing to remember always.

Bhavna Agarwal  
Class III-A.

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## Jumbo the Elephant

Jumbo was a big elephant. One day Jumbo was walking in the forest. On his way, he saw a little girl crying. He asked her, "Little girl, why are you crying?" The little girl said, "My bucket has a hole in it. That's why I am crying". Jumbo looked at the bucket. It had a big hole, "Don't cry little girl", he said. He went to the pond and put his long trunk in it, and filled it with water. "I will take the water to your home". The elephant took the water to the girl's home. On their way they found another bucket. Jumbo filled the bucket with water. The girl got her water and a new bucket from clever Jumbo.

Vikram Pawar  
Class III-A

### Autobiography of a Television

I am a Television. I came to India in 1972. Parents mostly watch films and programmes on me. Children mostly watch cartoons on me. Parents are throwing me out of their houses because they think that I am spoiling their children.

Irtiq Khan  
Class III-A

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### Christmas

Christmas is the festival of the Christians. It is celebrated on the 25th of December. It is the birthday of Jesus Christ.

People go to the Church and say their prayers. They decorate the house, make cakes and sweets. They wear new clothes and wish everyone a "Merry Christmas".

Children hang their stockings on the bed side, to get gifts from Santa Claus.

Adnan Tarwala  
Class III-A.

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### My Pet Dog

I have a dog. He is my pet dog. I love him very much. He eats meat and bones. He guards my house. When I run, he runs after me. He plays with me. My dog is very nice. He loves me very much. When anyone runs, he runs after them. When he gets angry he barks. I like him very much. He plays with the other dogs and is friendly with them. He is a male. He is black and white in colour. My dog's name is Rocky.

Rechal Gurjar  
Class III-A

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### Rakshabandhan

On Rakshabandhan day sisters tie Rakhis on their brothers hands. On Rakshabandhan day we wear new clothes and go for a picnic. On Rakshabandhan day we have a lot of fun and some of us go to the hotel for a lunch or a dinner. The Rakhi is a promise, of a brother to

his sister, to protect her from any harm.

Delzin Irani  
Class III-A

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### My Horse

I have a nice pet horse. It is white in colour. He likes me very much. His name is Jack. He has four legs, two eyes, two ears and one tail. He can run very fast. He can carry heavy weights. My horse is very faithful to my family. I ride on my horse everyday. He is a pretty horse.

Nikhil Pilkhwal  
Class III-A

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### My Toys and Games

I have a lot of toys at home. Toys are of different types, such as : guns, cars, dolls and carroms. All my Toys have a lighting system in them. My favourite game is cricket. I like to play and watch cricket very much. Whenever it is time for me to play I always play cricket. I like my toys and my best game very much.

Dhawal Pandey  
Class III-A

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### Our Class Concert

Every year we have a concert in the Junior School. This year for the concert we are having Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs.

I am a tree in the concert. My friend is also a tree in the concert. My other friend is a hunter. We like our concert because it is very interesting.

Pandurang Pabitwar  
Class III-B

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### Great Indians

The great Indians were Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Rabindranath Tagore, Laxmibai, Sarojini Naidu, etc. They fought for the freedom of our country. They were ready to die, but never to bow their heads to the enemies.

Some of them died and some died in jail. Some are still alive. They fought with the enemies of our country. We are still proud of them all.

Sukriti Rishi  
Class III-B

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### My Faithful animal

My faithful animal is a dog. His name is Papu. He looks after our house. My dog is black in colour. My dog has a loud bark. He has a long tail. When I come home he wags his tail. My dog eats bones. When my dog was small he was frightened of people. He roams about with me.

Ajay V. Chawla  
Class III-B

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### My Pet Dog

I have a pet dog. Its name is Tommy. It is black and white in colour. My dog always wags its tail when it sees me, but barks when strangers come to my house. It has a fluffy tail and fluffy ears. My dog has a loud bark. My dog is always chained. It has very big paws. It loves to swim in the water. It runs very fast. It is always with me.

Arul Robinson  
Class III-B

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### My trip to Ajanta and Ellora Caves

During the winter holidays my father decided to take us to Ajanta and Ellora caves by train.

The next day we went to Ellora and Daulatabad fort by MTOC bus. There are many caves in Ellora, made by Buddhists, Brahmans and Jains. Then we had our lunch. In the afternoon we saw Daulatabad fort. It is also called Deogiri.

The third day we went to the Ajanta caves. It has many paintings. The paintings are very old and famous in the world.

They are based on Jataka stories. In the evening we came back to our guest house. I was tired and hungry. We had our dinner and had a bath and went off to sleep. The next day we came back to Devlali by train. I enjoyed my trip very much.

Avanti Tatke  
Class III-C

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### My Visit to Delhi

During my Christmas holidays I went to Delhi with my parents, for my maternal uncle's marriage. It was a long journey. I enjoyed myself there very much and at the marriage I ate lots of sweets and icecreams. In Delhi we saw the International trade fair.

At the fair there were a lot of stalls. We bought two things from the stalls.

We saw a dinosaur. It was very huge and it made a loud noise and it looked real.

Nidhi Jain  
Class III-C

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### Saputara Trip

We had Christmas holidays last month. I had gone to Saputara with my parents and cousins. We went by an Armada Jeep. I enjoyed myself very much. We saw the beautiful scenes of Sunrise and Sunset. There were monkeys on the way. We gave them nuts and they took the nuts as we do. There were mountains which we climbed. We had taken snacks with us. There was a garden. We sat together there and ate food. We took out snaps of that beautiful place. We did not feel like coming back. We played on the swing and laughed and enjoyed ourselves. We stayed in a hotel. We took a round on a trolley and went to the other side of the mountain in a trolley. I was very scared when I was in the trolley. We even enjoyed boating there.

At last we had to leave that place in the evening. We packed all our things and left. We

were looking back because we liked the place very much.

**Chinky Sughand**  
Class III-C

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### How I Spent My Holidays

My holidays started on 16th December. On Christmas day we had a party. We decorated our house. My brother and I decorated the Christmas tree. We had put a star outside our house. We went to the Church in the morning and at night, Santa Claus gave me a gun. My uncle came to our house to stay for a few days. We went for a picnic near a dam. Our regiment went to see a movie in the movie hall.

**Vijeet Joseph**  
Class III-C

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### My trip to Goa

During the winter holidays my father decided to go to Goa. On the 28th of December we left at seven o'clock and reached Poona in the afternoon. We had our lunch on the way. We reached Kolhapur at eight o'clock. We spent a night in a hotel and the next day we reached in the afternoon at four, then we went to Colva and then to the beach and we came back at seven thirty. We went to the pool side because there was a magic show. The next day we went to Vasco because there was a ship. The name of that ship was Doulas. When we went on it they gave a book called 'The lost Son' and it was written when the lost Son came home, it meant a FAMILY UNITED once more. Then we went to Margoa to shop. I bought lots of clothes and other things. Again I went to the poolside because there was lambo dance and he told my sister to go underneath the lambo stick. Then the next day I went to the swimming pool. The whole day I spent swimming and I came back at seven thirty. The next day I went to my aunty's house. At night till twelve we had a barbecue. Then the next day I went to a fair. I went to see the circus. I saw a lot of clowns and there were a thousand girls in the circus, museum. The next day we went shopping. Then we went to Ponda, over there I went to all the temples. Then we went to old Goa. There we went to a church. We had many ice-creams. The next day was New Year's Eve and my sister and other people in the hotel met an old man. Then there was a magic show, clown and a buffet. The next day we were leaving for Devlali. I enjoyed myself in Goa.

**Beulah Fernandez**  
Class III-C

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### Our Sports Day

My name is Cordelia. On Sports day I took part in the fan race. The sports Semi-finals were held on the 12th. I came 4th in my race but I didn't worry because I did not want a prize for my race. My parents are the best prize I could ever have. I enjoyed myself a lot on sports day. The next day was the finals of our sports day. I was not called for the fan race because I had come 4th the previous day. So I sat with my friends under the trees. We played games and ate our tiffins. I enjoyed myself a lot on both the days.

**Cordelia**  
Class IV-A

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### The School Fete

On the 29th of January the school fete was held. My sister Roxanne, Megha, Prashant, Priyanka and I went for the school fete. I played a lot of games and won many gifts. My sister, my friends and I were very satisfied with what we played. I can truly say that my teacher's game was the best. It was called Roulette. I ate ice-creams, cakes, noodles and pastries. I enjoyed the fete very much. My sister played all the games at the fete. I met my friend Havana too, at the school fete. I was waiting for my friend Cordelia to come but Depti told me that she was absent. The eatables at the school fete were delicious. I met Mr. Kevin Ryder at the games stall and had a chat with him. Then I went to Mrs. Borle at the eatables stall. After meeting all my teachers and my friends I went back home at three O'clock.

**Ronisha Chinoy**  
Class IV-A

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### The Fair

On the 29th of January we celebrated our schools' Founder's day. I went to school early. When I reached I saw many children dressed in fancy clothes. A few were in school uniform. There were many colourful stalls. I also saw a big giant wheel. I went to my class and waited for my teacher to come and buy coupons worth rupees twenty.

At 9:30 a.m. the fair started. At one of the games we had to pull out a string. I won a shampoo and played many more games. Afterwards I started feeling hungry so I went to the ice-cream stall and bought an ice-cream. Then I ate many other things. They were yummy ! I also went for a ride on the giant wheel. I enjoyed the fair very much.

**Prerana Thorat**  
Class IV-A

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## Diwali

Diwali is the festival of lights. The word 'Deepawali' means a row of lights. Diwali is the most beautiful and joyful of all Hindu festivals. It lasts for three days. Each of these days has a religious meaning.

Long before the festival, people start cleaning, white washing and decorating their houses. During the festival every house has its row of oil lamps lit early in the morning and at night. People get up early. Children burn crackers. Women draw lovely rangoli designs.

Bazaars look beautiful with decorations. People worship the Goddess Laxmi, who is the Goddess of wealth.

People visit their friends and relatives with boxes of sweets or dry fruits. They wish them 'Happy Diwali'. Diwali is thus the brightest of all Indian festivals.

**Sohan Madnani**  
Class IV-A

## My Stay in Calcutta

On the 17th of December I went to Bombay. The next day I went to the Sahar airport and flew to Calcutta at six O'clock in the morning. I reached the Dum Dum airport within two hours. When I reached Calcutta I went to my father's elder brother's flat at Hiraydaypur. There we had breakfast and then went to the Command-hospital near the famous Alipore zoo, to see my grandmother. On the 24th of December she became very serious.

Later, on the 11th of January, the doctor said she would be no more and after sometime she became very cold. She had expired. She had left us and gone. Since I was in Calcutta I could not go to my school fete on the 29th of January. On the 30th we came back to Devlali. And on the 31st I joined school.

**Anindita Sircar**  
Class IV-A

## Autobiography of a Mango Tree

At first I was a little mango seed. Then a gardener planted me in a garden in the rainy season. Helped by the rain and sunshine, I sprouted and soon I grew into a small plant. Then my leaves

were very tiny. Slowly I grew into a big and strong tree. One spring, lovely white flowers appeared on my branches. Then those flowers turned into green mangoes. My branches were weighed down by them and I felt so proud. Many little boys came to break mangoes off me. They used to throw stones at me and I did not like it. I was glad when the gardener kept a strict watch to see that no one came near me to pluck the mangoes. After a while my green mangoes turned into lovely yellow juicy mangoes. They were so tasty and juicy that the gardener became very rich by selling my lovely mangoes. Now, I am a prized tree in his orchard and I am very well cared for.

**Shakeel Bholim**  
Class IV-B

## My Pet Dog

My Pet dog is a black Doberman called Stella. She is only one year old. She is a very intelligent and loving creature and gives us great moments of fun and happiness.

Though she looks very ferocious, she never bites us. Her loud bark is enough to scare us. She hates being tied and if we even chain her, she cries so loudly that we have to open her immediately.

My mother cooks food for her separately but she loves to eat the food we do. So at times, when my mother is not looking, we slip her titbits at mealtimes.

Stella can run very fast. Her favourite sport is fetching the ball. She can jump and catch the ball when it is in midair. Infact, if she was included in the Indian cricket team, I'm sure India would never lose due to dropped catches.

Stella is an excellent watch dog and barks loudly at strangers. She is a wonderful companion and I love her a lot.

**Prasanjit Roy**  
Class IV-B

## The Magic Flute

Once there lived a little boy called Suresh. He was very kindhearted. One day his mother gave him money and told him to bring some fruit. While he was coming back he saw an old lady. She looked very hungry so Suresh gave her the fruit that he had bought. While the lady was eating she became a fairy. She gave Suresh a flute and vanished. Suresh felt very happy.

He began to play lovely music. People around him gave him money. He began to earn money by playing music on the flute. Soon the King heard about Suresh's music. He called him to the palace and felt his music very pleasant. So he made him a member of the royal palace. Suresh became very popular. This story has a moral - a little kindness can bring someone a rich reward.

Prem Preet Singh  
Class IV-B

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### My Best Friend

My best friend is Abhijit. He is eleven years old. He is tall, thin and rather dark to look at. He loves to play cricket and hockey. He stays in Nasik City. His favourite festivals are Diwali and Holi. He can dance very well. He has a brother and two sisters. He likes to see movies. He is good at studies and wants to be a doctor when he grows up. He is very helpful towards everyone. He and I have been boarders together since we were in the Prep. I love my friend very much.

Deepak Rajput  
Class IV-B

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### The Scariest Day of My Life

One night, it was raining. My mother and I went to throw garbage out in the dust-bin outside on the streets. On the way my mother saw a snake which was pitch black. I did not see it because I was looking here and there. Frightened, my mother told me to run. In my hurry I ran towards a broken truck which was standing nearby. Suddenly I heard a rustling sound behind me. I spun around and saw the snake behind me. I screamed and it disappeared under a broken tyre. My mother and a few men from nearby came running towards me. I was shaking badly and through chattering teeth, I told them about the snake. The men moved the tyre, but the snake was nowhere to be seen. It must have run away. However, even today, when I think of that scary incident, I start shivering.

Disha Joshi  
Class IV-B

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### My Dream

My dream was a little scary and a little funny. There I was, deep under the water. Luckily,

I had my oxygen mask and I put it on my mouth. I was ready to swim. Suddenly I saw a giant underwater cave. I went inside it. It was amazing. I swam right into it. Suddenly I saw a pile of attractive toys. I was tempted to pick them up. Just then I heard a sound. When I looked back, I saw two mud men coming towards the piles of toys with more toys. I hid behind the toys. I was very scared as these men looked very fierce and frightening. Suddenly, a big wave lifted me up and I found myself right in front of them. When they squeezed the trigger, black slimy mud was squirted out at me. I screamed and began to swim for dear life. Just then my head hit a huge underwater rock. My eyes opened and I found that I had fallen off my bed. Thank God, it had only been a dream.

Rahul Gogoi  
Class IV-B

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### The Moon

The night has come and so is the moon.  
But I was sad, for it would go away soon

Though it watches Venus, Earth and Mars,  
It also has a big family, of stars.

I like the moon,  
and I thought I'll,  
become it myself one day.

But then I discovered,  
that I was too shy,  
to live high up,  
in the sky.

Mukund Singh  
Class IV-C

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### The Deadliest Thing In The Season of Lights

During the time of Diwali, the streets were filled with cracker-shops, some charging high prices, some charging low prices, some selling big crackers and some small crackers. All the houses

in the neighbourhood were lit up with coloured lights, candles and "diyas".

Everything was bright and it was a full moon night when a boy of about eleven plus, came on his bicycle happily whistling a merry tune. He got off his cycle put it on the stand and went to one of the cracker shops to buy some crackers. He took out his wallet, took out a hundred rupee note and bought some chain crackers, some Laxmi bombs and a box of coloured matches. Not very far away from the street he lit a match and tried out the chain crackers. He was enjoying them bursting, as they echoed in the distance giving out dull rays of light. Eagerly taking out a Laxmi bomb from his pocket, he wasted no time in lighting it and ran away to save his life; but sad to say minutes later he heard a hundred crackers exploding, and seconds later the whole street was ablaze with huge flames of fire engulfing the shops. Big bombs, rockets and chain crackers were rocketing up and bursting from all the shops which got burnt. As a result of his carelessness about twenty people died, and one or two who could escape, had minor burns.

From the surrounding area we could hear bells. Those were the fire brigades. About three were there to put off the flames of fire which were red hot. We heard another siren. This was the ambulance to pick up the dead bodies and the burnt people. The boy was caught and was taken to his father. His father scolded him and told him never to burn crackers in the absence of adults. That is why I would like to tell you that during the time of lights, children must only light crackers under the supervision of adults.

Contributed by : Richard Wen  
Class V - A

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### The Solar Eclipse

The Solar Eclipse is a natural and beautiful phenomenon of the sky, provided seen through special Eclipse - glasses or scientifically tested filters.

An eclipse occurs when the moon comes between the sun, and the earth, thus casting a huge shadow on the bright sun. This happens because the moon, which orbits around the earth, is bound to travel across the side of the earth that faces the sun in order to compete its orbit. This phenomenon makes it look as if the moon were eating the sun.

This ever memorable natural phenomenon was seen recently in the Indian sky on 24th October 1995 between 7:25 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. First of all the western edge of the sun was "eaten away by the moon", like a bite being taken when eating a Marie biscuit. Soon after that, the brighter part of the sun became smaller and smaller. The sky started to darken, and after a few moments the Crescent of the sun disappeared completely behind the moon and a marvelous pearly corona glowed in the sky, around a black disc.

Even though it was a sunny day the birds were confused and flew to their nests due to the sudden darkness, cool breezes and a hushed atmosphere. On this day, to eye witness and study this rare, natural phenomenon physicists, biologists, astronomers and behavioural experts had parked

themselves at various places like "Neem ka Thana", Lucknow, Diamond Harbour and a few other places. On the 70 km belt of the total Solar eclipse in India, in Nasik it was seen around 72 percent only.

During the total solar eclipse, strange interesting moments were seen when the sun peeped through the mountains of the moon, causing a Diamond ring effect.

There are a number of superstitions related to the eclipse but these should be ignored and everybody should see this marvelous, natural beautiful phenomenon of the sky.

The next total Solar eclipse will appear in the sky on 11.8.99. Wait and don't miss out.

Contributed By : Geetanjali Puranik  
Class V - A

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### The Heart of Gold

Once there was a boy named Tom. He was very naughty. He always played dirty tricks on small animals. All the people were very tired of him. Even the fairies were tired of him. So one day they went to a doctor and told him about Tom. The doctor said, "Bring him to me tomorrow." The next day the fairies took Tom to the doctor. The doctor checked Tom and said, "This boy has a very bad heart. His heart needs to be changed. The doctor searched everywhere for good heart for him, but he could not find a good heart for Tom. So he told the fairies, "Go and bring a good heart for him." So the fairies went and brought many hearts to the doctor but he just said, "No". In the end the fairies brought a big heart of gold and he said "This will do". So the doctor changed Tom's heart and put the big gold heart. The fairies were glad they had contributed to such a good deed. From that day Tom was so kind to the animals that all became his friends. Everyone said, "Tom is so good. He has a heart of gold."

Contributed By : Bernadine Jackson.  
Class V - B.

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### My Brother

My brother's age is eight,  
He makes me all day wait,  
Like a fish after a bait,  
He chases me around the gate.  
My brother is really a pest,  
He always complains to the rest.

He worries me like a press,  
With his crazy many a guess.  
My brother plays in the puddle,  
and messes his clothes in the muddle.  
He is a very naughty boy,  
And always breaks all my toys.  
My brother has a beautiful name "Vikrant",  
He wets me with his toy cannon.  
Sometimes he is very sweet,  
he never forgets to share a treat.  
I love my only brother,  
better than any other.  
He likes me so dearly,  
I can see for he worries a lot about me.

Contributed By : Vishwabhakti Popatkar.  
Class V - B.

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#### Why I Like to Go to School

I go to school to become a good person. There we learn Moral Science which teaches us good values of life, such as not to rob, not to fight, not to talk rudely, not to speak lies, always be truthful and honest, obey parents and teachers and to be loving and sharing.

We learn other subjects which give us General Knowledge and make our minds to grow. We learn English, Literature, Hindi Literature so that we can know cultural values. We learn music so that we can play songs. We take part in sports for physical fitness and to have sporting spirit. The school also teaches us to face the set back of our lives with courage and strength.

We learn History to know about the past and learn from it to make our future more fruitful. This way we find that the school is the place which makes us perfect human beings and this is the reason, I love to come to school.

Contributed By : Snigdha Shrivastav.  
Class V - B.

#### Our School's Fete

Our school's fete is always celebrated on 29th of January because it is our Founder's day. The fete starts at 10:00 a.m.

Each class has one stall. There were many different stalls like - eatables stalls, soft drink stall, games stall, and there were swings too. My teacher had an eatable stall. In it there were "Kachori", "Samosas", "Chikki" and wafers.

When the fete started, I first visited all the stalls. I then ran to my teacher's stall. I took two "Samosas", they were delicious ! Then I went and had "dahi vadas". I liked them very much. They were very tasty and were tasting as if they were made by my mother. When my parents came I went to the Chinese stall. I ate vegetable noodles.

After the fete was over our Principal announced a holiday for the next day. Although it had been a tiring day I enjoyed it very much.

Contributed By : Surbhi Gupta.  
Class V - B.

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#### Do You Know That .....

1. A man can live without food for 3 weeks, without water for 3 days and air for 3 minutes.
2. A Hippopotamus can run faster than a man.
3. Dolphins can sleep with one eye open.
4. An earthworm can pull ten times its own weight.
5. Only female mosquitoes can bite.
6. A caterpillar has 6000 muscles, man has only 666.
7. By the poison of a King Cobra (1 gm), about 150 persons can be killed.
8. Gold fish turns white if kept in a dark room.
9. A silk-worm has two brains.
10. An owl cannot move its eyes but can turn its head round completely and look behind without moving any other part of its body.
11. Only human beings cry. Animals never do. Their tears are used only to wash their eyes.
12. One square kilometre of land has more insects than the total number of human beings on the earth.
13. The deadliest jellyfish is so poisonous that it can kill a person in twenty minutes.
14. The female Emperor penguin comes to the land, lays one egg on bare ice and returns to the ocean. The male keeps the egg warm for two months until it hatches. For these two months the male does not eat.
15. Every person in the world shares his/her birthday with at least 10 million other people.
16. A kind of Pottery called porcelain is so thin and delicate that light can pass through it.

17. There are five thousand different languages and dialects spoken in the world. Eight hundred of these are spoken in India alone.

Contributed by : Archana Malik.  
Class V - C.

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### Books and Reading

Books play a very important role in the life of a person. A man is always happy if he is a lover of books. Books are the chief source of our knowledge. Books are the greatest gifts of mankind. Books give us useful knowledge.

Books are often called best friends, and it is really true. A usual friend can die or change, but books never leave you.

Books are like treasure, therefore, Ruskin calls books 'King Treasure'.

Reading books is the best way to spend our leisure time. If we read books we never feel bored. Instead we get some useful knowledge which can come in use afterwards.

Books are available for each and every age group of people. They also come in different categories. They can be novels, poems or comics. They can also be of General Knowledge, history and science books. All types of books should be read. Very often poetry books are not read and so people lose out on a wealth of wondrous ideas, music of words and beautiful imagination of poets. They show us their beautiful imagination.

It's no wonder then why a reader becomes a 'book-lover'.

By : Pritha Chattopadhyay  
Class VI - A

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### School Games

These days too much emphasis is laid on academic education. It is important but it does not mean only studying books and mugging up answers. Children should not be expected to only study. They require some change.

It is said that a healthy mind exists in a healthy body. So school games are very important. The common school games are Athletics, basket ball, volley ball, football, cricket, hockey, boxing, table tennis, badminton and gymnastics.

Games provide a recreation and relaxation to the students. They keep them strong and healthy. They refresh their minds and provide character training. They teach them team spirit, fair play, and, above all teach a person to accept victory and defeat with equal mindedness. All schools should have Games on the time-table as it really helps children to be active and healthy and finally to study well.

Contributed by : Manish Agarwal  
Class VI - B

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### A Lesson

One day after dinner I went for a walk with my mother, father and brother. A car was moving at a great speed when a woman came out of a bus, took two steps forward and was hit by it. Her hands and her legs were very badly injured and from her forehead blood came out. My father said that she had fainted but I thought she was dead.

We immediately took her to the hospital in an autorickshaw. The doctor said that her condition was very serious. They would have to do an operation otherwise she would die. So she was taken into the operation theatre. After a few hours the doctors came out and said that the operation was successful. We thanked him a lot and went into the theatre. We asked her address. Her parents came and thanked us. This means when ever we walk we should walk on the left hand side. To cross the road we should first look right and left and than right again. If any vehicle is coming we should wait for a while and then cross the road after the vehicle has passed. This will keep us from having an accident.

Contributed by : Reena Gade  
Class VI - B

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### An Indian Farmer

India is an agricultural country. So the Indian farmer is an important person. He grows many types of crops and vegetables. He works hard from morning to evening. Others are fed by him, but he himself remains ill fed. The farmer digs his field and removes the mud. He harvests the crops when they ripen. The farmer lives in a mud house. His food is very simple. He never sits idle. The crops are his life and blood. He lives from hand to mouth. He is illiterate. He is satisfied with his life and that is his greatest blessing.

Contributed by : Gurusharan  
Class VI - B

### A Frightening Dream

When I go to sleep I am usually very tired so I rarely have any dreams, but last night I had a really frightening dream which woke me up in the middle of the night, screaming.

I dreamt that I was playing on a field. Suddenly the ground beneath me opened and I fell through it. I fell for sometime and landed with a thud. I had fallen into an old well. I screamed for help but no one heard me. Then I saw a tunnel. It was a bit narrow but I managed to crawl into it. I could hear some terrifying echoes. I got very scared.

After crawling for sometime I reached a door. When I pushed it, it broke into pieces because it was very old. I was in a bungalow. There were cobwebs from the ceiling to the floor. Bats and rats had made their houses in it. I was feeling very sick. I managed to run out, but my throat was dry with thirst. Then I saw a tap and was very happy. I rushed to it and opened it. But to my horror blood came out of it. I screamed very loudly. My mother rushed to my room and found me lying on the bathroom floor with my hand on the tap.

Contributed by : Princy Gupta  
Class VI - B

### My School Days

There are 24 hours in a day,  
During these hours, I work and play,  
When I was small I used to say  
'Good day,' everybody 'Good day'.

School is everyday,  
There is no holiday,  
Except Saturday and Sunday.

I'll tell you about Sunday,  
I finish all my work on Saturday,  
And then I play on Sunday.

On any other day,  
When I am back from school day,  
I do all my homework for the day,  
And in the evening I play.

Contributed by : Vineet Mohan  
Class VI - C

### Some Astonishing Facts

1. Rafael Molina, the famous 19th century bull fighter, killed some 4867 bulls.
2. Crocodiles shed tears when they eat.
3. Although, dogs have poor eye-sight, they possess a superb sense of smell.
4. Walt Disney's most popular cartoon figure, Mickey Mouse, has the largest number of fans.
5. A python can swallow a bear of 90 kgs.
6. Many fly's lifespan is only one day.
7. All dogs can bark, but the Australian dog, dingo, cannot.
8. Ants can pull loads = 300 times their own weight.
9. Horses show aggression by laying back their ears.
10. The fierce dinosaur was the Tyrannosaurus which has sixty long and sharp teeth, used to attack and eat other dinosaurs.  
Branchiosaurus was so large a dinosaur which weighed 100,000 pounds, 40 feet tall and 80 feet long.
11. A Cheetah can run to short distances with speed up to 96 km/hr.
12. A Raccoon is an animal who washes its food before eating.
13. A cow has 4 stomachs.
14. A Kangaroo can jump to a height of more than 10 ft which is one and a half time the record high jump of an athlete.
15. Snails have 14175 teeth laid along 135 rows on their tongue.
16. A butterfly has 12,000 eyes.
17. Dolphins sleep with one eye open.
18. The Crow is the most clever bird.
19. A small porcupine can kill a grown-up lion.
20. A snail can continuously sleep for 3 or 4 years.
21. A bug can stay hungry for 365 days.
22. A male horse has 40 teeth.
23. If a goldfish is kept in a dark room for 24 hours it turns white.
24. A male seal is called a bull, a female is called a cow but the young one is called a pup.
25. Nature formed the statue of Queen Victoria which was untouched by man.
26. Meteors are even smaller than sand pieces.
27. Light travels 186, 300 miles per second.
28. A motor car can be easily picked up on the moon as a bicycle on the earth.
29. A person of 150 lb would weight 24 lb on the moon.
30. An originally horizontal rock was forced vertically by the force of a meteor crater.

Contributed by : Akshay Mahajan &  
Madhav Shree. Class VI - C

### Boarding School

Many children in the world think that boarding life has many demerits but they never think

about the merits. I, being experienced of this life, can differentiate between the merits and demerits. Many parents leave their children in the boarding school as a punishment for being disobedient to them at home, but some other parents leave their children in boarding school for them to learn all the new things and to learn to interact with people of different habits.

The merits are many, I shall now explain them to you. The children living in a boarding school become independent and they gradually come to know the differences between right and wrong. We learn to live without our parents who are miles away from us. We get good companions who come from all types of races, who talk about their culture which is unknown to us and we live like one big family. There is one more big advantage for us, we have different activities other than academics. Every term we have two different games and both indoor and outdoor games are played in a boarding school.

As regards the demerits, we do not get enough information about the main worries of the world. The rules are very strict and the studies are very hard. While living in a boarding school, a child's main problem is his yearning for his parents as he cannot help thinking about them. Many of the students fight with each other because of jealousy which is not right. Too much of physical and mental work makes you sick.

The children living in a boarding schools come across many ups and downs in their tenure. But life in boarding keeps us fit and healthy and strengthens our physical attributes. I would say that boarding life is an adventure that one should experience in life.

Miki Kurita  
Class VII - A

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### Games I like Playing and Watching

Games and sports are common to all races of mankind. The test of physical ability and agility comes through games.

Among the games I like playing, are cricket, table tennis, lawn tennis, badminton and football.

As you will see these games involve a lot of skill and practice, just as all games do. Games involve a lot of team spirit and co-ordination. They also improve our sense of control. Physical fitness and ability is an important factor in games and sports.

Football is played in many countries. It is a game played and loved all over the world. In Brazil as soon as children are able to walk, they are handed a football and sent outside to play. This is the popularity of football.

Cricket is also a popular game, though only a few countries play it. Lesser known countries that play cricket are Canada, Singapore and a few others. Cricket is mainly played in two ways. There are one day matches and five day test matches. I like the one day games because they involve a lot of suspense and excitement and action. I do not like test matches because they

take too long. Five days is a lot of time, which nobody has to spare or waste. The game played is very slow and boring.

I like watching sports and games which involve a lot of action. Athletics, boxing, gymnastics and swimming are some of the events that I enjoy watching. Gymnastics involves a lot of muscle power and agility. Athletics consists of several events.

Games which are dangerous but still loved by all are boxing, wrestling and judo, sky diving, bungee jumping, motor racing and many more. Many sports men have died due to these sports. Boxing is packed with a lot of action, which is why it is very popular.

Games which are boring to watch are rowing, shooting and archery. Watching these games makes me sleepy.

All in all, sports and games are fun and enjoyable to watch. Games and sports lead a major role in our lives.

Arpit Rai  
Class VII - A

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### Hobbies

A hobby is a favourite diversion or occupation. It is taken up simply for pleasure or amusement.

Different people have different hobbies. Some take to collecting stamps, some choose gardening, some painting, and so on.

But whatever the hobby, it has its value. The human heart seeks pure joy in work, and this is what they find in a hobby. A person chooses his hobby according to his liking, so it gives him real pleasure and amusement. Besides, the hobby prevents a man from misusing or idling his leisure hours.

Moreover, different hobbies develop different qualities. Stamps contain pictures of great personalities, places and objects of the countries concerned. So stamp collection gives us interesting lessons on history and geography. Gardening and painting develop a sense of beauty and joy in nature, and other hobbies have their own importance.

But everything that gives amusement is not a hobby. It must not interfere with our main work and the pleasure it gives should be pure and innocent. Thus, if a student neglects his studies in pursuit of his hobby, the hobby becomes a vice with them.

Suman Bhowmick  
Class VII - A

### Some Strange Facts

1. Giraffes have very long elegant necks. But that can sometimes lead to trouble because giraffes cannot cough, they very often get throat infections - can you imagine a sore throat that long!
2. Most people like dogs. But in Japan and U.S.A. they have taken things a little far. There are restaurants especially for dogs !
3. You might not think that snails are very fierce. But a snail can have as many as twenty-five thousand teeth. Imagine being bitten by one !
4. A polar bear may look clumsy and slow, but when it is chasing something on the ice it can reach a speed of some twenty-five miles an hour.
5. Have you ever seen a kangaroo ? Some of them are very big aren't they ? But when they are born, Kangaroo babies, or joeys, are only one inch long. No wonder they are grateful for the mother's pouch to carry them around until they are big enough to look after themselves.
6. The electric eel can generate 400 volts, enough to power a T.V. and fridge to stun its enemies. More than half its body is used for producing electricity. What a shocker !
7. Can fish talk ? Some fish apparently can. A breed of fish called a croaker makes weird noises with two muscles in its belly that beat against a little sac that is filled with air !
8. You wouldn't believe the lengths some wild animal collectors go to catch the object of their interest. Once, an African bird collector actually made himself an ostrich costume. Wearing this he was able to walk easily into the middle of a flock of ostriches and catch one !
9. Here's a colourful tale : the South American Tinamon - known as the Easter Egg Bird lays multi-coloured eggs in blue, green, pink, yellow and purple.
10. In 1917 two little girls in Yorkshire, England took pictures of what they said were fairies. This aroused such interest that famous scientists and public figures went up to Yorkshire to see if they could prove that the photographs were fake. Much to everybody's amazement, nobody could prove anything at all. In fact, it is still a mystery as to whether the pictures were genuine pictures of real fairies - if they are fakes, how on earth did two young girls manage to baffle all those experts ?
11. You probably know that parrots are good talkers but they are even better at listening. Their hearing is so keen that they were kept on the Eiffel tower, Paris, in World War I. Their job was to sound the alarm when aircraft were approaching.
12. The eggs of the green turtle not only look exactly like pingpong balls, but also bounce when dropped.
13. The Queen is the only person in Britain who does not need to have a number plate on her car.
14. What is your favourite Christmas dish ? In the middle ages Great Pie was popular with royal families so long as the table was strong enough. Beneath the inch thick pastry was a whole turkey, stuffed with a whole goose stuffed with a chicken, stuffed with a partridge, stuffed with a pigeon. Anyone for seconds ?

Contributed by : Suman Bhowmich  
Class VII - A

### Queer Things

Just yesterday a very queer thing happened. In fact queer things happened throughout the day. It all began when while on my way to school, I stopped to watch two tame monkeys that were made to dance by their owner. It was quite amazing to watch the monkeys. When this show was over the monkeys were sent to collect money from all of us. I tried to sneak away, but one of the monkeys followed me. As I started running, the monkey ran after me. In my panic, I did not see a small pool in front of me and I fell headlong into it. I returned home and took leave from school.

When I went home, I had a refreshing bath and my mother sent me off shopping. She told me to buy some mushrooms. When I went to the supermarket the shopkeeper had left the shop in the care of his son. I asked him where the mushrooms were kept. He was dazed at the word mushroom, so I took a paper and pencil and drew a mushroom. Imagine my surprise when he showed me an umbrella instead of a mushroom ! Infact I was so shocked that I decided to go home empty handed.

As I was going home I saw a small boy, put some saw-dust on the ice-cream cone. When I asked him why he did that, he replied saying that the ice-cream vendor did not have sprinklers. So he decided to pretend as if the saw dust was sprinklers.

Later I decided to visit the zoo. When I went there I saw two men who were laughing at a monkey who was amusing them. They kept laughing and eating pop corn while they sat on a bench in the front of the monkey cage. After some time they got up and realized that they had been sitting on a freshly painted bench, and at this both the monkeys and I burst out laughing.

When I got home I found that one of my earrings was missing, so I went all the way back to the bus stop, I later discovered that the earring had fallen into my shirt pocket. That afternoon my friend asked me if I believed in freedom of speech. I said I did. He replied "That's great so I can use your phone as long as I like!" That evening my shirt got wet so I pleaded with my brother to iron it for me. After sometime I smelt something burning. I peeped into my bedroom and saw my brother ironing my raincoat. I asked him to explain what he was up to and he replied he was trying to dry my raincoat by ironing it !

And the queerest thing of all is that I made up all this five minutes ago !

Shraddha Prabhu  
Class VII - B

### Poverty and its cures

India and several other countries today are facing the problem of poverty. Poverty is a condition in which people cannot satisfy their basic needs which are food, shelter and clothing.

The government of India is taking various measures to remove poverty. They are improving employment opportunities for the unemployed people so that they can atleast satisfy their basic needs. Secondly they are adopting various measures to keep a check on the population in order to avoid scarcity of products. Thirdly they are trying to increase the income in order to improve their standard of living.

The government should encourage and start small and large scale industries as these industries would provide more employment opportunities.

The government should provide for land less farmers and give more to those farmers whose land is not sufficient for their livelihood.

The government should try do improve the quality and quantity of agricultural and industrial products so as to meet the needs of the people.

The government should provide loans to the public in order to facilitate self employment. It should also provide the pubic with various social security measures like medical facilities, old age pension and may more.

Dinesh Krishnani  
Class VII - B

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### Monday Mo(u)rnning Blues !

Monday morning blues ! That is precisely how I felt after a lovely weekend, when the bell rang for the first period - maths ! This feeling was shared by a minimum of ninety five percent of my class. That is, minus the five percent 'super brain' whiz kids.

The latest statistics showed that the 'super five percent' had finished a hundred and ten percent of their maths homework, while the rest were struggling to complete at least ten percent !

Enter - the Maths teacher ! (Does this remind you of "Enter the Dragaon") There was some mumble and grumble, and then our class broke out into a monotonous "Good Mo(u)rnning !, Sir "The maths teacher then, out of the blue, announced a homework check ! Something he had never done before, not at least with class VII-C.

It was now time for ninety five percent of us in VII-C to somehow complete a hundred percent of our maths homework - at the average rate of five and half sums per minute. This was to enable us to finish a week's homework in 10:2 minutes.

Ninety five percent of the class panicked as sweat trickled down their faces. We borrowed and begged for notebooks to somehow copy them all out, but only the fortunate few got the work done. My partner, Radhika Likhi, and I were unfortunately not among the fortunate ones.

I felt nervous as the teacher started correcting our work. After five girls, it would be us ! Both of us were not aces, but bases, in maths.

I could see his massive figure inching towards us. Soon he will be near us ! Suddenly, Radhika shrieked at him; LIZZARRD !! I jumped, too, due to my lizzy-phobia. Soon there was pandemonium. Our teacher - a practical and sensible person - came armed with a wooden ruler to scare away the (non-existent) lizard in order to restore peace and harmony in class. The monitor peered under desks, she peered under chairs. She turned over the charts, she examined the doors, but could not find the (non-existent) lizard. She almost gave up when again "LIZZARRD!" screamed Rabiya Pawar, another talented performer of Seven C. The monitor rushed to the spot to catch the lizard. She gave up, but by this time the teacher was suspicious. We were in trouble and turned to 'Saviour Radhika who was now kind of red, pink and purple when, suddenly, RINGGG!!! Our Prefect was just in time with his adorable bell !

By : Manisha Amitabha  
Class VII - C

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### A Taste of Death

It was the 7th of October and the birthday of my best friend. I wanted to get her a beautiful gift. Since I was in a hurry, I stepped on to the moving bus quickly. I felt my foot slip and I fell flat on the road. Instantly the wheels of the bus ran over me and I died on the spot. It had been my great desire to know about death and it was now fulfilled.

As soon as I died I felt a great calm and was free from all worries and cares of life. I seemed to be floating in air. But I had one more wish. I wanted to see the reaction of my friends and relations to my death. So I flew to my best friend, Deepali's, house. She had still not received the news of my death. Suddenly, the phone rang and she picked it up. As she held the phone to her ear, her face turned pale and then white. I guessed she was listening to news about my death. Soon Kirti, another friend, entered her house and told her to hurry up for the party. She said, "We have to pick her up ! Have you forgotten ? Come on, She will get angry, if we are late. Deepali replied sadly, "Now she will never get angry." Kirti gave a stunned look. "How are you sure ?" Deepali said, "She died in an accident this morning" Then they fell into each others arms, weeping. Finally they decided to go to my house. I also moved there. Everybody was crying. I felt tears in my eyes, not for me, but for all my sorrowing relations and friends. I felt unhappy at their grief and wished I could go back to them.

As I was thinking all this, suddenly, I felt a pull and then a strong tug. I realized I was moving back. Then I felt myself entering my body and coming back to life. I opened my eyes and found myself in a white room. I was lying on a bed. Everyone was surprised to see me alive, and I heard shouts of joy. My mother started crying and my friends started smiling. They all started to talk at once. When they gave me a chance, I promised them I will never die. As I long as

my parents, my relatives and my friends want me, I would stay alive. It was their love and care which brought me back to life again.

Neelika Yadav  
Class VII - C

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### Lost in Electra World (A traumatic experience)

One Sunday evening my family decided to go to the Electra World, (Meerut) a good place for a lovely holiday. My cousins came along, too.

At about six o'clock we started our journey to Electra World. It was an hour's journey. Soon we reached our destination. We bought our tickets and went inside. There were many kinds of rides. To name a few, there was Tilt-a-Whirl, Rock 'o plane, Motor boat, Giant Wheel and Roller coaster.

I enjoyed the Rock o' plane ride the most. Besides there were camel ride, horse ride and elephant ride. They were very enjoyable.

It was dark when we went to the merry-go-round. It was a lovely ride. When the ride ended my seat was far away from the exit.

Just behind that, was a small pond in which ducks were wading gaily. I stood there watching the ducks when I just remembered that I should return to the group. When I came outside the circle what a shock I got ! My family was no where in sight.

I stood there looking for them, but they did not appear. I knew that I was going to break in tears at any moment. The moment this thought flicked through my mind I found tears rolling down my cheeks. I got frightened that I would not be seeing them again.

Then a kind hearted lady came to me and asked me why I was crying. I answered that I was lost. She took pity on me and gave me a softy ice-cream. I was happy and at the same time unhappy. She said that if I gave her my home address she would take me to the announcement counter and call for my parents. I was just going to tell her my address when I saw my parents coming; what a relief it was ! I was so happy that I could hardly speak. They all thanked the lady for all she did.

They told me that I was very careless and ought to be careful. At once I realized that it was true. Well all's well that ends well.

Radhika Likhi  
VII - C

### Superstitions

Friday the 13th. Are you concerned about it ? Does it trouble you ? It probably doesn't but still you take care not to let any bad luck fall on you.

Our daily lives are filled with either minding or avoiding superstitions and many people are prone to believe them.

The breaking of mirror is supposed to bring seven years of bad luck. Walking under a ladder or opening an umbrella inside the house is also frowned upon.

When you sit at a table and spill some salt you are supposed to throw some over your shoulder. If not you will be plagued with bad luck.

Rabbits feet are good luck charms. So is knocking on wood.

Knocking on wood is a tradition that has come down from the early Christians. As they were not allowed to make the sign of the cross, they either knocked on wood (for the wooden cross) or crossed their fingers (Also for the cross). Woe to you, if a black cat crosses your path. On the other hand having a horse shoe is supposed to bring good luck to you (and your marriage) provided that it is kept with the ends up (so that luck does not fall out of the bottom !). If a bird excretes on you ; you must not grumble about having to wash, as it is supposed to bring good luck to you. Then, there is the eternal "Two for sorrow, three for joy, four for a letter, five for a boy, .....!"

Man tries to explain everything and what he cannot explain he takes as either non existent or supernatural. This is the basis for the greatest superstition (or truth) of all religions. Is there a God up there ? This is the question that sometimes passes through everyones mind : May be there is, may be there isn't.

Man is a superstitious creature and will probably continue to be one. So when Friday the 13th comes don't forget to pull out your rabbits foot, knock on wood, cross your fingers and throw salt over your shoulder !

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Class VIII - A

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### Huge Veggies

In Canada, every year there is a competition in which people try to grow the largest vegetables. The competition is organised by the World Pumpkin Federation which is based in Nova Scotia, Canada. The main event centres around the pumpkin. People work hard the whole year for just this one event. They try different combinations of manure seeds and soil. Some people have

also been found spying on their neighbours from helicopters to learn their growing techniques !

The winners and runners up get to display their vegetables at farm markets. Later on they fetch top prices !

The weights of some GARDEN HEAVYWEIGHTS are given below :

1. Cabbage	-	56.3 kgs.
2. Carrot	-	193.25 inches long.
3. Cauliflower	-	23.926 kgs.
4. Celery (1 bunch)	-	21.1675 kgs.
5. Biter Gourd (Karela)	-	199 inches long
6. Lettuce	-	11.35 kgs.
7. Potato	-	3.4165 kgs.
8. Pumpkin	-	370.6908 kgs.
9. Radish	-	12.9975 kgs.
10. Tomato	-	3.5182 kgs.
11. Watermelon	-	118.948 kgs.

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Class VIII - A

### Real Happiness

Once while reading the newspaper I was shocked to see two pictures side by side. The first one was of a marriage of a millionaire's son, which was taking place in an aeroplane while the other one was of Mother Teresa who was nursing the disabled. I was shocked to see the difference between the happiness of the two. While one sought happiness in the presentation of his wealth, the other sought happiness by helping the needy.

What is real happiness ? It varies from person to person and situation to situation. It can be a feeling which expresses pleasure, contentment or satisfaction. According to Lucifer, happiness is a virtue to be aimed at and attained like other virtues.

Some people think of it in terms of money and here comes the question - Are rich people happy ? But when the Sultan of Spain counted the days of happiness in his life it was only seventeen days when his life was full of pleasure and luxuries but a mill labourer points out that his entire life if full of bliss even though he has to pass through many hardships. So happiness is not found in material things. It is like beauty which lies in the eyes of the beholder. Though life is a combination of bliss and sorrow it is upto you, how you accept it and overcome it and therein lies happiness.

In the words of Emerson 'Happiness is a perfume which you cannot pour on others without

getting a few drops on yourself."

By : Shweta Adke  
Class VIII - A

### Advertising is Necessary For India's Progress

Advertising is quite necessary for the development of a country. The progress in television media has made it possible to bring advertisements to each individual. As the industries are growing, the advertisements are also growing. Advertisements are necessary for the people to know about the products, its use and its cost.

At first, the information about goods was not known to a consumer till he checked out in the shops or market, but now a consumer knows about goods when it is launched in the market. This has been made possible because of the television media. The television media plays an important role in the success of particular goods. Advertising on television costs a large sum of money. The success of the goods or an article which is to be sold is dependent on the way the advertisement is brought to the notice of the public. Thus models are in great demand in modern times. Road advertisements are increasing in great numbers. Buildings are being painted with the names of the building and companies. These companies pay to the owners for the use of the building. This type of advertising is very cheap. Some of the companies give sample products free to get popularity.

But advertising also has some disadvantages. Some advertisements shown on television are not fit to be viewed by children because of the way in which these advertisements corrupt the minds of teenagers. The television media thinks that if these advertisements are shown in between popular programmes, they will be seen by many people, but this practice is not liked by the people who are watching the programme as it spoils the mood of the viewers. There is always competition amongst many goods. So some advertisements criticize the goods of other companies and this leads to quarrels between the companies.

Advertisements of movies are stuck on beautiful buildings, even historic monuments, but these spoil the beauty of the buildings. Advertisements are also stuck on boundary walls of private establishments.

Therefore, if, advertising is put to good use its results will be beneficial to India because it is a developing country and thus its economy will improve.

Pandurang Takle  
Class VIII - A

## What is Your Name ?

What is your name ? Why do you have it ? Where did it come from ? Of course, you can answer the first question but can you answer the other two ? Perhaps your parents will be able to help you. Dictionaries, encyclopedias and books about names may be useful too. There are conventional names, biblical names, orthodox names and unorthodox names.

People have probably had names almost since language began. The very first words may have been the names or sounds people used to identify themselves with. It is likely that long ago each person had only one name.

A family name is called a surname. A person may have one or more middle name in addition to his surname and first name, also referred to as Christian name.

At one time a given name described a person in a certain way. Bernard means "bold as a bear" and Bonita means "Pretty" and Beulah means "she who will be married thrice". Amongst the Red Indians, names were given according to a person's skill. For instance, Red Indian boy with the name 'Morning Cloud' can later on be called 'Dear Slayer' because of his skill at slaying deer. Today people have names that may not describe them at all, but their nicknames might.

Nicknames are short ways to say a name, but they should not be used because they spoil the actual name given to you. Bill, Will and Willie are nicknames for William. Pat, Pattie or Patsy are short for Patricia. Rob or Bob may be used instead of Robert. Other names come from the way young children mispronounce names. Sometimes a name that started as a nickname ends up as another name for another person.

So you see, there are stories behind people's names; Perhaps, the future explorations of space and new ways of life may also provide words for names.

Then there are names for twins. For twins people usually prefer names which rhyme or sound similar. There are names like Higgeledy and Piggeledy (good names for pigs) or Shilly and Shally or Dilly and Dolly. Namby and Pamby are more suitable for poodles, Whing and Swing for swallows; Whisky and Frisky, Inky and Pinky, Helter and Skelter or Mell and Pell for twin kittens; Wishy and Washy especially for fish.

Crinkum and Crankum are perfect for squirrels like Hanky and Panky or Fiddle and Faddle or Mumbo and Jumbo or even Dumbo for elephants. Rolly and Polly are mainly for fat twins. Chitter and Chatter, Jingle and Jangle or Pitter and Patter are suitable for fat and noisy twins. Further, there is Hocus and Pocus but these are peculiar and have to be used like Mixty and Maxty for extremely unidentical twins.

So you see what rhymes when you have to name twins !

Blossom Fernandez  
Class VIII - B

## SETI

### (The Search for Extra - Terrestrial Intelligence)

Flying saucers ! Aliens ! X - Files ! How much is fact and how much is fiction ? Much that we read in newspapers in pure sensationalism, not supported by facts. Most so called "Close encounters" are in fact explainable occurrences, the explanations ranging from low flying aircraft to weather balloons and freak weather conditions. However, a tiny proportion of these encounters have no viable explanation and therefore must be accepted as having taken place.

Modern scientists like Carl Sagan have accepted the likelihood that given the huge number of galaxies, constellations and stellar systems, it is likely that life has developed somewhere else, as it has developed on earth. What form has this unknown life, taken ? That we cannot determine without further data and it is this quest for knowledge that has motivated the present search for extra terrestrial intelligence.

The search is now confined to NASA and American, European, and Australian Universities. The Hubble telescope has enabled scientists to look into the very periphery of the universe and to receive radio signals and light emission from star systems literally billions of light years away. These signals are in fact those that were made at the beginning of creation itself and thus scientists are able to add to their knowledge of the universe. In the above stated search all signals are being studied to see if there are any messages contained in them, perhaps in ways not readily understood. So far the results have been disappointing. In the late 70's the U.S.A. launched a space ship carrying a message from Earth to any intelligent life that might find it. It contained a gold plaque on which was inscribed a picture of a man and a woman holding up their hands in a sign of peace and a diagram showing Earth's solar system. The hope is that someone out there will find it and call to say Hi ! Let's be friends !

Much has been made by the press of the so called aliens and abductions of men and women, by these aliens. Many movies and T.V. serials have been made about such alien abductions and how these people have been constantly kept under some form of surveillance by such aliens, even from their childhood. When finally released, these abductees have written books, given interviews about their experiences and we are left wondering just how much is true and how much has been fabricated to feed a public hungry for sensationalism. Many such abductees have agreed to undergo lie detector tests and also psychological testing. Many have been proved to be false. A fraction have been documented as "Unexplained". The victims have successfully passed the lie detector tests and their psychological profiles do not show any abnormalities. Thus what happened to them is mystifying. Were they abducted by alien's ? They say so emphatically !

The truth is out there !

M. V. O'Connor  
Class IX-A

### Definition of an "honest" man

An honest man is truthful in his words and in his deeds. He says just what he thinks is true and he scorns to tell a lie because he thinks it is a sin to tell a lie, and therefore takes pain to speak out honestly what he feels. Whether he likes a thing or dislikes it, he speaks his mind openly. If he makes a promise, he is sure to keep it, even at considerable loss to himself. He never goes back on his promise but ever tries to act honestly.

I am asking you what are the advantages of being honest? An honest person possesses a clear conscience. For example, if he is a servant he will do his work as well as he can or if he is a shopkeeper he will see that the goods he sells are sound and worth their price.

An honest man will look the whole world in the face, and will walk with his head erect. He will never try to cheat even those who are ignorant. He will earn his living by honest labour and will deal straightforwardly with all.

An honest man wins the trust and respect of others. People know that he will never steal a pie and so trust him with their money affairs. They know that they can rely on him for he will never cheat them. People will respect such a man howsoever poor or "low" he may be.

So I am telling you that honesty is a virtue without which a man's character is worthless. An honest man's character is as strong and firm as a rock. He may be punished by death, but he will never sacrifice his principle of honesty on his whole character is based. He will rather die than act dishonestly. "An honest man," in short is the noblest work of God.

So an honest man, though he may be extremely poor, is he kind of man who cannot be bought with gold. He cannot be tempted from the path of honesty and virtue even by the strongest temptations. An honest man thinks even for a moment that it may pay him to be dishonest. He is honest because he sincerely feels that, it is wrong to be dishonest. So be honest and be a leader.

Dhaval Dutia  
Class IX-B

### The Path of Honesty

"Honesty is the best Policy" this statement must have been written by a great man or a great Philosopher. This statement is absolutely correct. Some may say that "Honesty is a waste of time in the Modern World", but I disagree with this statement.

Honesty leads to joy, happiness and peace of mind. Dishonesty leads to the road of dishonour, lies, fear, selfishness and cruelty. If a person is honest he has a good future. There is no future

for a person who is not honest. Some say that "if we are honest in life we do not get what we need in our life", then I would like to ask a very simple question to all those who feel that being honest is of no use. After receiving all you need in your life by unfair means would you be a happy person? Some may say 'Yes' but I guarantee you would not be a happy person. If you gain the same things in an honest manner I would say what you would be perfectly happy. Some may not gain this happiness, but do not worry because one day it will come when God will reward you for your honesty.

I have seen many little children who do not even know what honesty is but trudge along the road of dishonesty. This is because of their elders who teach them the good things but they themselves do not follow them and the small children think that the right way is the way on which their elders are going. So, dear friends, please give up dishonest ways and follow the way which God has shown us - the path of honesty. If we follow it we will find peace and prosperity in our lives and the day will come when this earth will be known as "Planet of Peace".

After reading this far there would still be a question left in the minds of people who are reading this article and that is "what about the difficulties we have to face, the cruel behaviour of rich people who are dishonest?" In answer to this question I would say that another name for a human being is "Suffering" and this suffering can be eradicated from our life if we choose the path of goodness and honesty. Now comes the question of facing difficulties and other things which we come across by being honest. All the difficulties and sufferings are just a test for us from God to see how honest we are and if we pass in this test in our life, then our life is full of joy and happiness. This test is something like a test which we write in our school life and this test is given by the subject teacher to test our knowledge but the test in our life is given by God to test our honesty.

So friends let us try to make this world a better place to live in. Let my dreams come true that one day this Earth may be called, "A Planet of Peace". This dream may be the dream of others too. So let us try to make this world "A BETTER PLACE TO LIVE IN".

S. Hiramath  
Class IX-B

### My Favourite Snack

No one in this world can do without eating because food is necessary for life. Nowadays people travel extensively and hence cultivate various tastes with regard to foods from different lands.

Satellite television being the most popular mode of communication, has cooking programmes such as "Khana Khazana" "Yan can cook" and others which are being watched by everyone regularly.

Nowadays the demand for restaurants is increasing day by day. Eating has become more of a fad rather than a necessity. People today live to eat and not eat to live as in the past.

Being a part of this world I am no exception. I love to eat and cook and would like to share with you one of the dishes I like most, which is "Onion Pizza".

Onion Pizza is basically a fastfood item which originally comes from U.S.A. I like it a lot. I even bake my own Pizza without my mother's help. It is very easy to make but it does require a little bit of planning.

All you need is two cups of white flour, fresh yeast, Onions, Cheese, butter, some spices and "Patience". The preparation takes a little longer if you are making the base at home, but it takes only ten minutes with a readymade base.

Prepare the dough by mixing one cup of maida with half teaspoon salt and knead into a dough with half to three quarters cups milk and water into which the yeast has been added. Knead lightly on a floured board. Roll the dough into a nice big flat round. Butter the top lavishly, scatter the chopped, light fried onions on the base, sprinkle a little a little salt, spread the grated cheese generously make a star design with tomato sauce, then add a little spices and look ! It's all ready to be baked. Yellow and red and the golden onions peeping out, what a picture it makes. Ten minutes of baking at 175° degrees gets it ready. Within those ten minutes get ready with your fork and knife on the table to enjoy the delicious meal.

The right pizza adds a lot of spice to my day !

By : Manas K. Moghe  
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### Mother

You are patient kind and understanding,  
When I need someone you are always beside me standing.  
You don't care about what people say,  
And don't allow me to stray away.  
You know the right from wrong,  
And mentally you are strong.  
Things would never be the same without you.  
Because you're a perfect mother, my heartiest thanks to you.

Ami Lakhpatwala  
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### Your Soul

Everything changes and nothing remains,  
Except for your soul which always remain the same.  
Be yourself, don't try to be someone whos' not at all you,  
Because that someone will have many faults,  
But the appreciated will be the true you.  
Your soul is eternal, it is yours, it is the only thing that belongs to you.  
All worldly things will be gone, including your body too,  
So guide your soul the right way,  
Don't let it go astray  
And happiness will be yours to stay.

Ami Lakhpatwala  
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### Kite Flying - A Hobby

"Bo Katta" or "Patang Kati". This is the resounding cry you will usually hear when you are on a field with boys flying kites. Children with huge thorny sticks are all over the place waiting for the kite that has been cut, to come with in their reach. This is one of the most interesting times when one is flying a kite. Children who fly kites come from all walks of life. Some live in huts, while some children have parents who own one or two appartments in the vicinity. Children run after the cut kites not because they do not have the money to buy new kites, but for the excitement of the loot from "heaven", as it were.

The first kites were flown by the Chinese Mandarins who were the king's caretakers. They believed that when the king was asleep his soul was in the sky and the kite kept it away from all dangers.

In China, the ninth day of the ninth month is ear-marked as Kite's day. On that festive day, the sky is studded with thousands of floating kites shaped like dragons, fishes, birds and butterflies.

Legend has it that a man once dreamt of an impending calamity befalling his household. Promptly he took his family along, escaping to a hillside and spent time flying kites.

When he came back in the evening, he found that his dream (or nightmare) had come true. The ruined house and the dead cattle buried under the debris. Kite's day commemorates the family's safe escape from the imminent catastrophe.

In India, the Moghuls patronised kite-flying. One of the emperors, Bedar Bakht, loved the sport so much that he even lost his throne. Bedar Bakht was elevated to the throne by Rohilla Ruffian Ghulam Quadir after dethroning Shah Alam in 1778. The emperor spent all his time in kite-flying instead of attending to his royal duties. The enraged Ghulam Quadir promptly stripped him of his royal robes.

Indians celebrate the heralding of the spring season (Rituraj Vasant) with kite-contests. Makar Sankranti, celebrated today, is the day set aside for kite-flying especially in North India, Maharashtra and Gujarat. One can see kites of all kinds, diving, floating, soaring and getting at each other in the sky.

Contests are held to evaluate the skill of the contestants to fly their machines and their prowess in aerial adventure. Nirjala, the annual month-long 'All India Kite Contest' in Agra, is a unique event attracting skilled contestants from all over the country. Spectators come from far and wide.

In Japan, kites were introduced from China during the 10th century. The Japanese began making large kites which were about four square metres in size, flown by seven or eight adults with a rope as thick as the thumb.

The largest kite in Japan, the Wan-Wan-Dako or giant round kite, was made of 3,100 sheets of light Japanese paper, each sheet measuring 40 cms by 50 cms. It weighed 8.5 tonnes and it took 200 kite-fliers to handle the line. In Japan there is a magnificent museum of kites at Nihonbashi, which displays 2,500 kites of different varieties.

The noble sport of kite-flying or patang-bazi has always had a moral fascination for the young and the old alike throughout the world. The popular pastime is not as harmless as it may appear to be. There are chances of falling off the roof or being run over by a car or falling into the sewage pond.

There are mainly two methods of kite flying. One is called "dheel", the noble method and the other is known as "sapaata" which requires the speed and opportunity of a swooping eagle apart from skill and brains. The latter requires perfect timing and anticipation.

Children in India spend most of their pocket money on kites and the thread called 'MANJA' which is coated with glass and if not handled properly can result in a deep cut in the palm or fingers. Some children do not bother to buy the manja but make it themselves. Flying kites in the open ground is alright but flying it in the middle of the road or from a terrace is very risky as one can be run over or fall down from a terrace. Several such accidents have taken place.

When kites were first flown in India, they were rather small and very cheap but now-a-days we can get kites as big as blackboards and cost as much as fifty rupees, but most of the kites cost between fifty paise and five rupees.

In some places, there are kite flying competitions where people buy rolls of 'MANJA' worth hundreds of rupees. There many types of kites. Some of them are box kites, plastic kites, foldable kites and so on.

It is a very good pastime and if you want excitement go for it.

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Class IX - C

## History of Basketball

Most of us are very fond of the game of Basketball. We all love to dribble the ball and put it inside the ring. However most of us have never bothered to find out when, where and how this game began ? Many of us who play basketball would not even be knowing that this is the only competitive sport which began on American soil !

The story of basketball is very old. Well, it began in about 1891 AD, when a game similar to basketball was devised by a clergyman. At that time it was called Pok - Tapok, and was played by Ancient Americans on the Yucatan Peninsula.

However, the credit for starting the real game of basketball, how we know it today and framing its rules goes to James Naismith, a Canadian by birth. He is also called the founder of the modern game of basketball.

In the beginning when this game was first invented, suspended peach baskets were used and thus this is how the game got its name as basketball. At that time the balls were the fruits of the coconut tree and slowly these coconut with the advancement of time, changed into the balls which we are all familiar with. The earlier baskets were later on, in 1906, replaced by hoops fixed on a board and put ten feet above the ground. This height was chosen to allow maximum stretching of the body during the game.

Afterwards in 1932 the International Association of this game called Federation International Basketball Association (FIBA) was formed and, in 1936 this game was introduced for the first time in the Olympics (which at that time were held in Berlin). In India this game was first played in 1930 but the basketball federation of India which controls this game was introduced only in India in 1950.

Since then it has been quite a popular game for all sportsmen and is supposed to be a game of the masses. It is also liked because it is a fast scoring game in which we have to be very fast and alert throughout.

Basketball is played in two ways : Professionally (NBA) and Amateurlly (FIBA). The professional basketball player plays for prize money whereas amateurs play for medals.

Contributed by : Rahul Pilkhwal  
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## Special Occasions

There are moments in our life which we dearly remember and do not let them slip away from our memory. These moments are eagerly awaited for. They are the special occasions in our life.

Special occasions are celebrated in different ways, depending upon the situation. Some occasions are celebrated in a free manner, whereas there are some which require a more formal conduct.

For instance, the birthday party of a ten year old, going on to eleven, is celebrated in a very different manner in comparison to the promotion party of an army official. Both are special occasions for the persons concerned, yet the former is celebrated in a very carefree manner, whereas the latter is celebrated in a rather formal way. Thus we see that the manner of celebrating a special occasion has to be taken into consideration. The manner in which a person celebrates a special occasion also reflects his character or personality. It shows his maturity and where he stands in the society.

There are various types of special occasions. One may celebrate a wedding anniversary or one may celebrate the birth of his child. Neither of the above two occasions is less important than the other to the person concerned. All special occasions are important, disregarding the status of the person. It is inhuman to say that the promotion of a higher ranked army officer is dearer to the hearts of people than the promotion of a lower ranked army officer. Some moments are so full of happiness and excitement that they are celebrated and the joy of the moment is shared with other people present.

Looking back in time, I can remember my eighth birthday. The whole atmosphere was filled with an air of excitement.

In those days, for me, going from seven to eight was a big step ahead in life and the moment called for more than just being happy. I wanted to share my happiness. I thought that if I were the only person filled with happiness than such an important day would lose its charm. Bearing this thought in my mind, I decided to throw a party in which I invited dozens of friends and relatives. It carried on through out the night and I guess, that everyone present really enjoyed. This, for me, was a very special moment in my life and will be remembered always.

Looking back now, an, eighth birthday was not such a special occasion as since then much water has flowed under the bridge and there have been many occasions and each one at the time of its occurrence has been very special to me. Still at that time, my eighth birthday was a very special day for me. Well, so much on the personal front.

In the history of mankind on this earth, there have been numerous special occasions. In this 20th Century the demolishing of the Berlin Wall was a special occasion, so was the dropping of the atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and so was the landing of man on the moon. For each country in this world there were special occasions. For India 15th August, 1947 was a momentous day. But right now there is a special occasion the whole world is looking forward to irrespective of nationality, caste or creed : Can you guess what it is ?

Yes, that special occasion is entering into the 21st century !

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Class X - A

### The Importance of Education for Girls

Education is a basic necessity of meaningful existence. It helps widen our outlook, sharpens our intellect and develops a proper understanding of all things. Whether imparted to a girl or a boy, education is always helpful in leading a better life.

In the olden days, girls were not educated. Educating them was considered a waste of time and money because ultimately they had to get married and look after their families. However, times have changed and with that views have changed. Now as much importance is given to the education of girls as that of boys.

Usually, boys inherit the ancestral property while the girl is married off. If, by a stroke of misfortune, the girl becomes a widow, she is rendered helpless. The boy, even if uneducated, can set up a business by selling the inherited property and thereafter, live happily. What about the girl ? For instance, one of my father's friends married off his daughter at an early age, even before she was out of college. Unfortunately, barely a year had passed when she lost her husband in an accident. Her in-laws cast her out of the family, labelling her as a bad woman. Helpless, she turned to her parents. They did provide her with shelter but they too had to cut down their own expenses in order to accommodate hers. Even the girl realizes that she is a burden on the family but she can hardly do anything about it. If she had been educated properly, today she could have lined on independent life, earning her livelihood.

Secondly, it is a well known fact that girls are more responsible and attached to their parents than boys. There is a saying,

"A son is a son till he gets him a wife,  
"But a daughter is a daughter for the rest of her life",

If, as happens often, sons abandon their parents in their old age, it is their daughters who support them. However, this is possible only if daughters are well educated and capable of earning enough to support themselves and their parents.

Sometimes, the head or the earning member of the family passes away, as happened with one of my sister's friends. Her father passed away. There was no other member in the family. Being the eldest, the responsibility of the family fell on her shoulders. She lost no time in finding a job and providing for all the needs of her family. This was possible only because she had been educated. She is now shouldering all the responsibilities of her family first as well as a male member would have done, perhaps better. Today she leads a fulfilled life and her mother is glad that she and her husband had been wise enough to educate the girl.

Today, girls are entering even the Male dominated fields, solely because of education. Educated women are capable of leading independent, happy lives and can even support their families. Another reason why girls should be educated is the large amount of money needed to lead a life of contentment. If there is just one earning member in a family, the family members have to think twice before spending even a small amount of money. It certainly is not so if there are two earning members in the family.

Many women in India, after marriage, end up in settling down as housewives. Even here, education

plays an important role. An educated housewife will always manage her house in a better manner than an uneducated one. She will be more meticulous about cleanliness in and around her house and all other small but important matters that will most probably be ignored by an uneducated housewife. She will understand her husband and children better. She will be aware of the company her children keep and of the ways they spend their spare time. She alone will be able to guide them through all the dark phases of life and help them make the right choices.

After all, how can one expect India to progress if the mothers of the country remain illiterate? An educated woman will make an ideal wife too, supporting and comforting her husband in difficult times and providing intelligent company to her husband.

An educated woman forms an eminent part of the society too. First and foremost, she is enlightened and well-informed on account of being educated and hence makes a good citizen. She is well aware of her rights and duties and, therefore, participates actively in all affairs of the country. She serves the society in various forms sometimes as a social worker, sometimes as an efficient housewife and sometimes through a particular profession, thus taking part in the economic progress of the nation. Last but not the least, an educated woman is well acquainted with the problem that is continually hampering our progress - the rapid increase in population, she will wisely plan her family and thereby, contribute towards reducing the country's problems too.

Therefore, we can conclude that an educated woman is a boon to the society. Hence, in modern times, money spent on girls education is money well spent. After all, it is education that helps them to lead an independent and happy life, without being a burden to their families or to the society or to themselves.

Contributed by : Mridul Singh  
Class X - B

### What I Am Looking Forward To Most In Life

These are my last few months in school. Tomorrow is not far away when I shall step into the outside world to seek newer horizons. All these years, I have been groomed and brought up to be a confident young lady by my teachers and parents. Although I shall miss the lovely life, I am experiencing today, I am looking forward to stepping out in life to vindicate myself as the lovely young lady my superiors have moulded me into.

All the world's a stage and so goes a famous passage from one of Shakespeare's plays. Tomorrow the first two stages of my life shall be over and I will begin a new one.

"The outside world is not as glamorous as you seem to think, dear. These are the best years of your life, so make the most of them, if you don't you will regret it when you grown up" say my parents. I cannot say anything now. I just have to experience life before drawing conclusions.

For these fifteen years of my life, everything has been catered for. There was never one moment in my life, when I had to strive to get anything. Sometimes when I think over what my parents

have said, I wonder "Is a grown up's life really so bad? Even if it is, I am looking forward to it. There will be ups and downs, moments of happiness and moments of despair, but these stages shall also pass away. There is a saying that "Life is like a camera, so keep smiling". As I have smiled all my life, so far, so I shall continue to do so.

There is no much in life I am looking forward to achieving. A good further education, good friends, a satisfying and successful career, a happy family and, most of all a-looking back when all this has been achieved and say, "How much I enjoyed life!" Until I step out of my present life, where I have been protected and provided for, I shall not be able to achieve it all. Everyone has to pass through this stage one day, it is true; but as you approach the line, you want to cross it even faster.

Well, life is a great store of experiences and each one unfolds differently at each stage in life. Soon, I shall step into an experience of a life time; one which shall remain in my memory forever.

Thus I enjoy the last few months of a most happy life and am looking forward most eagerly to the experiences of life ahead of me.

Havana Madon  
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### The Magic of Fairy Tales

"FAIRY TALES" - the mere mention of these two words is enough to brighten up our faces. How many among us have not heard or read fairy tales sometime or the other in his life? How many have not been delighted while hearing them? Hardly any, Fairy tales have charged the imagination of children and grown-ups since times immemorial. And they continue to do so, even today even in present times which offer entertainment on such a mega scale. Fairy tales have a magic of their own.

The magic of fairy tales cannot be described or summed in mere words. It is an experience one has to feel. Since the time a child is born, he is told fairy tales, tales of men and fairies, tales of a distant magical land. Fairy tales fascinate the minds of everyone. Their charm is unique. They have an enchanting magical aura of their own. They tell you about places where almost everything is possible. Be it reading a book of fairy tales or listening to these stories from elders, or watching them on the screen, their charm is undiminished. From the moment we hear words

like "once upon a time", we are no longer our usual selves.

Fairy tales takes us to lands with goblins and fairies, charms and enchanted castles, spells and what not. They take us to a land we always fantasize about. Fairy tales follow no rules, they can be anyway we like them to be. No matter what time it is, or what our mood is, they never fail to cast their spell. Fairy tales appeal not only to children, but they appeal to the elders as well. Hearing a fairy tale is as mesmerising as narrating it. May be that is the reason why our elders never get tired of telling us the same stories over and over again. When all else fails a fairy tale never fails to stop a willing child. Such is the magical mystery of fairy tales. People who are involved in producing fairy tale motion pictures and books have added to their charm immensely. Fairy tales fire our imagination. We come out of their charm feeling elated and fresh. Fairy tales cast spells like nothing else can.

After listening to or reading a fairy tale, hardly anyone can forget the environment in which a fairy tale is set. Fairy tales like that of Alladdin have not grown stale, though they have provided food for thought and imagination. They leave us with mixed feelings. On one hand, we wish that we could be a part of that wonderland, while on the other hand, we feel scared of the unrealism in them. All the same, they never seem to be less inviting. The more we venture into the realm of fairy tales, the more they love us. No one can deny this fact.

No one knows how or when they come into existence. However, in their hearts, everyone is thankful that they are there somehow, they provide a refuge from the world of realism. They never fail to soothe us if we close our eyes and imagine that we are looking at the words 'Fairy tales', the word itself seems to have an aura of mystery and magic around it. If we think of fairy tales, unknowingly our faces seem to lighten up and we have a kind of a soft smile on our faces. We feel lighter and are ready to face the world.

One can hardly imagine a fairy tale without a moral to top it all off with. When children listen, read or see fairy tales, they invariably imbibe those morals, too. Fairy tales introduce children to characters that are warm, affectionate, caring and one basically good. Believe it or not, this has a lasting impression on them especially young children and plays a role in shaping their character and developing them into better citizens. These fairy tales also play a part towards the betterment of the society.

There is a villain also in every piece. Good is pitted against bad and is shown to triumph over evil in every fairy tale.

Fairy tales are evergreen. They have been there to delight us and will continue to delight us for many years to come. How or why they are so addicting, no one seems to know, but are glad that they do, I, for one, find them ever so enchanting and dear to my heart as nothing else. Anyone who has not experienced the magic of fairy tales is missing something, so get hold of a fairy tale, and take a deep plunge into the world which is full of magic.

Nikhil Chaddha

### What price competition ?

We live in a world of competition. There is competition among nations and even individuals in various spheres. Every-body is engaged in a neck competition to prevail over the other.

Competition is not something which has been gifted to us by modern life. Even in the pre-historical era animals competed in the race of "survival of the fittest". Even our forefathers had to face much competition. They had to compete in order to survive. They had to protect their own settlements from invaders, and they too, on their part, endeavoured to spread their settlements, as a result of which, they became a challenge to the survival of others.

The jungle-law of "survival of the fittest" has taken many different forms in modern life. Competition in modern life is felt mostly in academic, professional and other such fields.

Even now, when I am writing this composition, I feel a sense of competition, I want to write my composition better than others in order to fetch more marks. This feeling is not restricted to me only, every student in the examination hall is nursing the same sentiments as I am. We students have to face the maximum amount of competition in academic spheres.

Now-a-days, schools and colleges give admission only to merit-class or first class students with marks above eighty five percent. Even students with second class are not given much priority. In the days when our fathers were students, it was considered very meritorious for a student to secure sixty five percent. In our times no one even cares for a pupil with such percentage. Competition has become such an integral part of the human psychology and existence that even our parents despair or get depressed with us if we perchance get somewhat low grades. There are several cases of dejected young students committing suicide or resorting to intoxicants when they fail to cope with the competitive world.

Uptil now I was talking about academic competition; now for professional competition. Even after securing good marks a youth is not spared of competition. He again has to face very tough competition to get a job. For one single post there are thousands of candidates. As a result, only the most worthy person secures the post. As a result of strict competition, highly qualified persons either remain unemployed or employed in a capacity below their standard. Even after getting a job a person has to compete for promotion with his colleagues.

Even in the political field politicians feel the stress of competition from other leaders. Every countries competing with each other to be more prosperous and more powerful. This has resulted in a deadly Nuclear-Armo Race which is now prevailing in the world.

However, life is not a bed of roses. No pains, no gains. If competition were lacking and getting everything had been easy, then the entire world would have been peopled by lazy and incompetent humans. Competition keeps a man apace with his surroundings and also keeps him alert and active. Even the present form of man can be attributed to the various adversities, in the prevailing environment. Man had to compete with Nature to be alive, and this brought about his evolution.

The main disadvantage of competition is that it makes us selfish and envious of achievements of others. We, in order to prevail over others try everything to be successful. We even sometimes try to harm the other person. As a result of competition the world has been divided into developed

and developing countries. There is a wide gulf nations of belonging to these categories; and it is usually the group of developing nations which are exploited. The several wars fought in history can be attributed to enmity and jealousy among countries.

Hence, it is suggested that competition is very essential for the progress of the world. However, we must not use unfair means and it should also be ensured that the competition is a fair and healthy one.

Animesh Upadhyay  
Class X - B

### On Conflict

They in whom the twin-urges of acquisition and rejection have come to an end do not desire anything nor do they renounce anything. The mind does not reach the state of utter tranquillity till these two impulses (of acquisition and of rejection) have been eliminated. Even, so, as long as one feels 'this is real' and 'this is unreal' and mind does not experience peace and equilibrium. How can equanimity, purity or dispassion arise in the mind of one who is swayed by thoughts of 'this is right', 'this is loss'? When there is only one Brahman (which is forever one and the many) what can be said to the right and what wrong? As long as the mind is swayed by thoughts of the desirable and the undesirable there cannot be equanimity.

Yoga Vasishta.

## SCHOOL SONG

### ONWARD BARNES !

1. Hear our loyal anthem, as we make it rise  
To our School, with all our might ;  
Barnes has reared us, taught us all the good we prize,  
Here we've learned what's true and right.

#### Chorus :

Onward Barnes ! Upward Barnes !  
Shall be our watchword and our aim.  
Till the echoes ring, let us sing  
To your honour, praise and fame.

2. Awkward cubs we were when first we came to School  
Often grimy, spoilt & slack;  
Heavy was the way till we had learnt the rule.  
Learnt to know and keep the track.

3. Grown we are in stature, strong we are in mind,  
Now we see they nobly live  
That forsake vain glory, gentle are and kind,  
Ever strive their best to give.

4. Comes the time for parting, onward we must go,  
Face the world as men at length,  
But we will remember all the school we owe,  
May she grow from strength to strength.

#### Chorus:

Onward Barnes ! Upward Barnes !  
Shall be our watchword and our aim.  
Till the echoes ring, let us sing  
To your honour, praise and fame.

# HINDI SECTION

## गिनती

इक्का दुक्का तिक्का जी । चले न खोटा सिक्का जी ॥  
दुक्का तिक्का चौका जी । दो न किसी को धोखाजी ॥  
तिक्का चौका पंजा जी । बुरा झूठ का धंधाजी ॥  
चौका पंजा छक्का जी । फल मेहनतका पक्का जी ॥  
पंजा छक्का सत्ता जी काटे चोर का पत्ता जी ॥

नाम : सोहन मदनानी, कक्षा ५ वी.

## पूनो आयी, राखी लायी

बूँदे पडती झीनी-झीनी । उठती सुगंध भीनी-भीनी ॥  
सावन की हरियाली छायी । पूनो आयी, राखी लायी ॥  
राखी का बंधन हाथ किये । रोली और चंदन साथ लिये ॥  
मैं. बुला रही, "आओ भाई" । पूनो आयी, राखी लायी ॥  
राखी उपहार बहन का है । राखी तो प्यार बहन का है ॥  
इसका बंधन है सुखदायी । पूनो आयी, राखी लायी ॥  
भाई, वह धन्य सुभागा है । जिसने पहना यह धागा है ॥  
वह बहन धन्य जिसके भाई । पूनो आयी, राखी लायी ॥

नाम : सोहन मदनानी, कक्षा ५ वी (अ)

## स्कूल का मेला

हमारे स्कूल मे २९ जनवरी का दिन हर वर्ष स्कूल के मेले की तरह मनाया जाता हैं क्योंकि इस दिन सन् १८१५ मे श्री बार्नस ने इस स्कूल में गरीब बच्चों को शिक्षा देने के लिए सलाह दी थी ।

इस दिन सारे बच्चे बहुत खुश दिखाई देते हैं । सारे बच्चे इस दिन पर रंग बिरंगे कपडे पहनते हैं । जैसे ही मेला शुरु होता है सब बच्चे खाने पीने या खेलनेवाले स्टॉल की तरफ भागते हैं । सब खानेवाले स्टॉल का खाना बहुत स्वादिष्ट था । खेल मे जीतने पर बहुत अच्छे-अच्छे उपहार मिलते थे ।

इस दिन सारे अध्यापक व अध्यापिकाएँ की एक ना एक खाने या खेलने की स्टॉल होती है । अगर हमें इन स्टॉल में से कुछ खाना या खेलना है तो हमें उन्हें कूपोनस देने पडते हैं ।

यह मेला दोपहर के ५.०० बजे खत्म होता है। दोपहर तक हम सब बहुत थक जाते हैं। हम दोपहर के ४.३० बजे तक घर पहुँच जाते हैं और अगले मेले का बेसबरी से इन्तजार करते हैं।

प्रिन्सी गुप्ता, कक्षा ६ (ब)

### जीवन में हास्य - विनोद का महत्व।

मानव की स्वभावगत प्रवृत्तियों में एक बड़ी ही मोहक प्रवृत्ति है - हास्य-विनोद की। हास्य लाख दुःखों की अचूक औषधी है, स्वास्थ्य का अनोखा मंत्र है। चिन्ताओं के पुलिन्दे को थोड़ी देर के लिए अलग करने में हास्य विनोद सक्षम है। गाँधीजी ने कहा है कि यदि मुझमें विनोद का भाव न होता तो मैंने बहुत पहले ही आत्महत्या कर ली होती। संतों ने भी कहा है "यदि दुःखों में भी सुख की अनुभूति चाहते हो तो हँसमुख बनो।" वह मनुष्य बड़ा ही भाग्यशाली है जिसे विधाता से हास्य और विनोद का बहुमूल्य वरदान मिला हो। हँसमुख व्यक्ति वह फव्वारा है जिसके शीतल छीटें आस पास के व्यक्तियों के मन को प्रफुल्लित करते रहते हैं। मुसकान के साथ अपनी गलती स्वीकार करना भी एक कला है, जो सभी कलाओं की भाँति अभ्यास से आती है। हास्य-विनोद अच्छे शरीर के लिए ही जरूरी नहीं है पर अच्छे मन के लिए भी जरूरी है। गोस्वामी तुलसीदास ने 'रामचरित मानस' में विश्व सुंदरी की कामना करनेवाले बंदर मुँह नारद के द्वारा शिष्ट हास्य की अवतरणा कर सोने में सुगंधि ला दी है। हँसमुख चेहरा ऐसा आईना है जिसमें परमात्मा हर क्षण दिखाई देता है। सामाजिक जीवन में भी हास्य-विनोद की बड़ी उपयोगिता है। हँसी के एक झोंके से मन का मैल धुल जाता है, कटुता स्पिरिट की बूँद की तरह उड जाती है - कहा गया है - भाषा और भूषण है विनोद। जिस व्यक्ति के भाषण में हास्य - विनोद का पुट होता है उससे लोग सर्वाधिक प्रभावित होते हैं और उसकी तकरीर देर तक सुनने के बाद भी उकताते नहीं। राहुल सांकृत्यायन ऐसे ही वक्ता थे। जीवन में आपको ऐसे बहुत से व्यक्ति मिल जाएँगे जिनको आप घंटों सुन्नता पसंद करेंगे। इस जीवन में हास्य-विनोद बहुत ही जरूरी है।

नाम : माला भाटीया, ८ वी (अ)

### बचपन की नाव

कभी धूपमें अपने घरसे निकलना। वो चिडिया की वो बुलबुल वो तितली पकडना ॥  
वो गुडिया की शादी में लडना - झगडना ॥ वो पीपल के पत्तों में प्यारे से तोते ॥  
वो टूटी हुई चूडियों की निशानी। वो कागज की कश्ती वो बारिश का पानी ॥  
एक बुडिया जिसे बच्चे कहते थे नानी। वो नानी की बातों में परियों का डेरा ॥

भुलाए नहीं भूल सकता है कोई। वो छोटी सी रातें वो लम्बी कहानी ॥

वो कागज की करती वो बारिश का पानी ॥

नम्रता गोस्वामी, कक्षा ८ वी (अ)

### वर्षा ऋतु

हवा का हिंडोला माँगे बरखा की रानी। प्यार की निशानी माँगे बरखा की रानी ॥  
अमुआ की डाली माहीं, अमुआ की डाली। अमुआ की डाली माहीं झूले तरुणार्ई ॥

सूनी २ बाँवरी में जागी पीर बाँवरी। आँखियों ने निंदियों से की है मनमानी ॥

मौलसरी रोशनी में जागती है रातें। बाँदलों का रथ सजा, घटा हुई बाँवरी ॥

घरती सुहाग हुई (मोतियों से) २। हवा का हिंडोला....

नम्रता गोस्वामी, कक्षा ८ वी (अ)

### मेरा भारत महान

भारत संसार का शिरोमणी देश है। हमारी भारत-माता सन १९४७, १५ अगस्त को आजाद हुई। भारत के राष्ट्रीय चिन्ह है जैसे राष्ट्रीय फूल कमल, राष्ट्रीय गान : जन-गन-मन, राष्ट्रीय पक्षी मोर, राष्ट्रीय जानवर शेर आदि। भारत माता ने कई वीरों को जन्म दिया, जैसे रानी लक्ष्मीबाई, चंद्रशेखर आजाद, लाल बहादुर शास्त्री आदि।

भारत एक ऐसा महान देश है, जिसकी रक्षा करता है हिमालय, जिसकी शोभा बढ़ाती है गंगा, जिसमें है काश्मीर जैसी धरती का स्वर्ग कहलायी जाने वाली जगह। भारत को पहले सोने की चिडिया कहा जाता था पर अंग्रेज व्यापारियोंके रूप में आए और सोना लूटकर ले गए, पर भारत में फिर भी कई आश्चर्यजनक चीजें हैं जिनको दूसरे देशोंने बनाने की पूरी कोशिश की पर बना न पाए, जैसे शाहजहाँ ने मुमताज की याद में बनाया था ताजमहल, कुतुब मिनार दिल्ली में स्थित एक ऊँचा मिनार है ऐसे तो और भी कई चीजें हैं जिनकी कीमत बहुमूल्य है पर उनका वर्णन करना मुश्किल है।

भारतीय लोगों में जो एकता और प्यार है वह शायद ही किसी दूसरे देश में मिले। हमारे देश के वीर-जवान अपने देश के लिए जान भी दे सकते हैं। हमारे देश में कई कलाकारों, खिलाडियों एवं प्रतिभाशालियों का जन्म हुआ पर उनमें से कुछ को सफलता मिली कुछ को नहीं।

भारत माता ही हमारी सबकुछ है और हम ही भारत माता के सबकुछ हैं। भारतीय झंडा तिरंगा तीन रंगोंसे बना हुआ है जो १५ अगस्त को लहराया जाता है। हमें गर्व होना चाहिए कि हम भारत जैसे महान देश के वासी हैं जहाँ खेत अनाज के रूप में सोना देते हैं। भारत माता ने हम सबको पाला पोसा है हमारे मन में भारत माता के लिए सम्पूर्ण

प्यार होना चाहिए। भारत माता के लिए हम सबका एक ही नारा होना चाहिए कि हमारा देश हमेशा खुशहाल एवं हर तरह से संपूर्ण रहे।  
जय हिंद।

अभिषेक परिहार, कक्षा ८ वी (अ)

बरसात की एक रात

वह रात १२ अगस्त, १९९५ थी, जब मैं अपने घर में पढ़ रहा था। अचानक मैंने देखा कि हवा का चलना रुक गया और आसमान में काले बादल छा गये और बादल जोरोंसे गरज रहे थे जैसे कि आसमान टूट पड़ेगा। अचानक बिजली चली गयी, तब मेरी हालत क्या हो गयी थी ये मैं ही जानता था। घर में भी कोई नहीं था, मेरा माँ और पिताजी बाहर गये हुए थे। कुछ ही देर बाद जोरों की हवा चलना शुरू हो गयी और पेड़-पौधे तो ऐसे हिल रहे थे जैसे कि कभी भी गिर पड़ेंगे।

अचानक जोरो की बरसात शुरू हो गयी। अभी मुझे तो कुछ समझ में नहीं आ रहा था क्योंकि न बिजली, न मेरे माता पिता। बादल और जोरों से गरज ने लगे और मैं अकेला घर में काँप रहा था। ठंड के मारे नहीं, डर के मारे, अचानक मुझे दरवाजे में खट-खट सी आवाज सुनाई दी। तब मैंने किसी तरह एक मोमबत्ती जलाकर दरवाजा खोला पर दरवाजे में कोई भी नहीं था तभी मैंने नीचे देखा तो एक टूटी हुई डाली पड़ी हुई थी। उसके बाद कुछ देर न मैं दरवाजे के पास गया। कुछ देर के बाद मैं ऊपर गया और चुपचाप बैठ गया।

थोड़ी देर बाद बरसात बंद हो गयी, तो मुझे कितनी शांति मिली थी सिर्फ मैं ही जानता हूँ। खिड़की खोलकर बाहर देखा तो मेरी आँखोंके सामने सबसे भयानक चीज थी। मैंने देखा कि रास्ता पूरा कीचड़ से भरा हुआ था, जहाँ भी देखो वहाँ पानी और कीचड़। पर बिजली अभी तक नहीं आयी थी। रास्ता तो आधा पानी से भर गया था। एक दो पेड़ तो गिर भी गये थे। तभी मैंने वापस दरवाजे में आवाज सुनी पर मैं डर के मारे नहीं खोल रहा था। कुछ देर बाद मैंने अपनी माँ की आवाज सुनी तब मैं निश्चिंत होकर दरवाजा खोला और देखा कि मेरी माता और पिता खड़े हैं। मैं तब काँप रहा था। मेरी माँ को मेरी हालत देखते पता चल गया कि क्या हुआ था। उन्होंने मुझे प्यार किया और न डरने के लिये कहा। फिर मैं कभी भी डरा नहीं।

वह दिन मुझे अभी तक याद है और हमेशा याद रहेगा।

सुमन भौमिक, कक्षा ८ वी (अ)

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आदरणीय महोदय,

मैं आपका ध्यान हमारी पाठशाला के रास्ते में पड़नेवाले एक ऐसे कलंक की ओर आकर्षित करना चाहता हूँ। जिसे हम कई दिनों से नर्क की तरह भोग रहे हैं। लिखते हुए मुझे शर्मिंदगी महसूस हो रही है।

गंदगी इतनी है कि नाक पर रुमाल लगाकर चलने के बावजूद, भी लगता है कि हमारा रुमाल कई दिनों से सड़ा है। कुत्ते बिल्लियाँ बासी रोटियों के टुकड़ों के लिए ऐसे लडते दिखाई देते हैं, जैसे कि हमारे नेता लोग।

एक करुण दृष्य मैंने ऐसा देखा कि मेरा मन दहल गया। कचरे के ढेर पर पड़ा कुछ बासा अनाज एक गरीब व्यक्ति वहीं बैठ कर खा रहा था। मुझे लगा सच ही मेरा-भारत महान है।

हमारे देश को सोने की चिडिया माना जाता था। सोना तो कपूर की तरह फुर से उड़ गया और बची यह अधमरी चिडियाँ।

मेहरबान साहब, आपकी मेहरबानी से इस दुर्गंध भरे साम्राज्य को तुरंत हटा देंगे तो मैं समझूंगा कि हम बहुत जल्द चाँद पर अवश्य पहुँच जाएँगे।

साभार।

आपका कृपाभिलाषी  
निशांत धाम, कक्षा ९ वी (अ)

क्या आप जानते हैं

- प्रश्न : अलकतरे की झील किस देश में है ?  
उत्तर : ट्रिनीडाड में।  
प्रश्न : कहाँ के लोग बालू रेत से नहाते हैं ?  
उत्तर : सहारा रेगिस्तान के लोग।  
प्रश्न : भारत की सबसे उपजाऊ मिट्टी कौनसी है ?  
उत्तर : एल्युवियल।  
प्रश्न : हमारे देश में कुल कितनी बेलियाँ बोली जाती हैं ?

- उत्तर : ८४५ बोलियाँ बोली जाती है।  
 प्रश्न : सबसे अधिक अपराध किस देश में होते हैं ?  
 उत्तर : अमेरिका में।  
 प्रश्न : चुम्बक किन धातुओं से बनता है ?  
 उत्तर : अल्यूमिनियम और निकल से।  
 प्रश्न : सबसे लम्बा वृक्ष कौनसा है ?  
 उत्तर : युकोलिप्टस (१०० मीटर)।  
 प्रश्न : सबसे खतरनाक पक्षी कौन होता है ?  
 उत्तर : कैसोबरी बर्ड (ऑस्ट्रेलिया)।  
 प्रश्न : सबसे पोष्टिक फल कौनसा है ?  
 उत्तर : नाशपती (सबसे अधिक कैलोरी)।  
 प्रश्न : चन्द्र ग्रहण साल में कितने हो सकते हैं ?  
 उत्तर : अधिकतम ३ बार।  
 प्रश्न : संध्या तारा किस ग्रह को कहते हैं ?  
 उत्तर : शुक्र ग्रह को कहते हैं।  
 प्रश्न : सबसे छोटा पक्षी कौन होता है ?  
 उत्तर : हमिबंग, वजन मात्र डेढ़ ग्राम।

सीमा शर्मा, कक्षा ९ वी (ब)

#### अभिलाषा

पढाई ही हमारे जीवन का एक महत्वपूर्ण अंश है। इसी के बल पर हम सब कुछ हासिल कर सकते हैं। हर माता पिता की यह अभिलाषा रहती है कि उसका बेटा कोई बड़ा अफसर बने। हमें अपना लक्ष्य प्राप्त करना चाहिए।

हमारी पहुँच हमेशा आसमान तक होनी चाहिए। हर एक व्यक्ति धरती पर जन्म लेता है मगर बहुत कम लोग हैं जो आसमान के तारे छूते हैं।

इसी तरह हम भी इस दुनियाँ में अपना लक्ष्य प्राप्त करके अपने माता पिता का नाम रौशन करें यही मेरी अभिलाषा है।

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मन के हारे हार है, मन के जीते जीत।

मनुष्य मननशील प्राणी है। यानि उसका सारा काम उसके मन पर निर्भर करता है। यदि कोई मनुष्य किसी कार्य को करने के लिए अपने मन में ठान ले कि उसे वह कार्य हर हाल में करना है तो उसे उस कार्य में अवश्य सफलता मिलेगी और यदि कोई व्यक्ति किसी कार्य को करने के लिए मन से तैयार नहीं होगा तो उसे उस कार्य में सफलता कभी नहीं मिलेगी और वह कार्य नहीं कर पाएगा।

इसके आधार पर उपयुक्त कथन 'मन के हारे हार है मन के जीते जीत' शत प्रतिशत सत्य है अथवा सही है। इस कथन को सिद्ध करने के लिए अनेक उदाहरण दिये जा सकते हैं, जैसे :-

युद्ध में सिकन्दर ने पोरस को शरीर से तो हरा दिया था पर वह उसे मन से नहीं हरा पाया था, इसलिए जब सिकन्दर ने पोरस से पूछा कि "तुम्हारे साथ कैसा सलूक किया जाए" तब पोरस ने निर्भीक होकर उत्तर दिया "जैसा एक राजा को दूसरे राजा के साथ करना चाहिए"

यह वाक्य सुन कर सिकन्दर बहुत प्रसन्न हुआ और उसने पोरस को तुरंत आजाद कर दिया।

इतना विशाल और शक्तिशाली ब्रिटीश राज्य जिसने सम्पूर्ण भारत में अपना राज्य चलाया उसे गांधीजी जैसे एक साधारण पुरुष ने चुनौती दी और सारे अंग्रेजों को भारत से हटाने का दृढ़ निश्चय किया अंत में सम्पूर्ण ब्रिटीश राज्य को गाँधीजी के आगे हार मान कर स्वदेश लौटना पडा। यह सब इसलिए सम्भव नहीं हुआ क्योंकि गाँधीजी बहुत ताकतवर थे बल्कि इसलिए गाँधीजी ने अंग्रेजों को भारत से हटा कर भारत को आजादी दिलाने का अपने मन में ठान लिया था और उनकी अपार मनशक्ति के आगे पूरे ब्रिटीश राज्य को घुटने टेकने पडे।

महाभारत में जब अर्जुन ने जयद्रथ का वध सूर्य से पहले करने का अपने मन में ठान लिया था तब अर्जुन ने कठिनाइयों के बावजूद भी अपना यह पण पूरा किया। इसलिये सम्भव हुआ, क्योंकि अर्जुन ने मन से जयद्रथ का वध करने की बात ठान ली थी।

और इसी प्रकार इस कथन को सिद्ध करने के लिये अनेकों उदाहरण दिये जा सकते हैं।

मन बहुत शक्तिशाली होता है। यदि मन चाहे तो सबकुछ हो सकता है और यदि न चाहे तो कुछ भी नहीं हो सकता, अतः हमें अपने मन को हर वक्त कठिन से कठिन कार्य करने के लिये तैयार रखना चाहिए। जिसने अपने मन पर काबू पा लिया उसने सब जीत लिया और जो काबू न पा सका वह कुछ भी नहीं कर सकता इसलिये "मन के हारे हार है मन के जीते जीत"।

राहुल पिलखवाल, कक्षा ९ वी

#### हँसना मना है।

परीक्षा भवन में एक लडका चुपचाप बैठा था। इस पर शिक्षक ने पूछा "तुम चुपचाप बैठे हो, क्या प्रश्न कठिन है?" इस पर छात्र ने जवाब दिया, "नहीं मैं सोच रहा था कि किस प्रश्न का उत्तर मेरी किस जेब में है।"

शिक्षक : तुमने अपने सिर पर बर्फ क्यों रखी है ?

छात्र : पिताजी का कहना है कि पेपर ठंडे दिमाग से लिखना चाहिए।

चिंकी की माँ (चिंकी से) : आज स्कूल से जल्दी क्यों आ गई ?  
चिंकी : मैंने पिंकी को मारा तो टीचर ने मुझे क्लास से निकाल दिया।  
माँ : लेकिन तुमने पिंकी को क्यों मारा ?  
चिंकी : क्योंकि आज घर जल्दी आना था।

(एक व्यक्ति दंगे में मारा गया और वहाँ भीड़ जमा हो गई)

पागल : गोली कहाँ लगी थी ?

व्यक्ति : आँख के नीचे।

पागल : शुक्र है आँख के नीचे लगी, वरना आँख चली जाती।

सर ( एक लडके से ) : बादल गरजते हैं तो बिजली क्यों चमकती है ?

लडका : सर बादल बिजली जलाकर देख लेते हैं कि कहीं कोई जगह सूखी तो नहीं रह गयी ?

एक बार एक आदमी बस में चढ़ता है और कहता है कि, लगता है चिड़िया घर के सारे जानवर इसी बस में चढ़ गये हैं। तभी एक आदमी कहता है कि, बस एक गधे की कमी थी वह भी पूरी हो गई।”

पहला लडका : मेरे पिताजी पैसे की थैली लेकर हमेशा घूमते रहते हैं।

दूसरा लडका : जरूर तुम्हारे पिताजी लखपति होंगे।

पहला : नहीं, मेरे पिताजी बस के कन्डक्टर हैं।

चोर ( हवालदार से ) : हवालदार साहब आपने मुझे गिरफ्तार क्यों किया।

हवालदार : क्योंकि तुम्हारा सिर फिर गया है।

चोर : तो फिर सिर बाँधीए हात क्यों बांध रहे हो।

एक व्यक्ति : नेताजी कहाँ चले ?

नेता : शिकार पर।

पहला व्यक्ति : पक्षियों के शिकार पर !

नेता : नहीं विपत्तियों के।

नेताजी (पत्नीसे): आज मेरा भाषण सुनकर लोगों को नींद आ गयी।

पत्नी : तो दुःखी क्यों होते हो? आओ जरा मुझे को भी भाषण सुना दो, उसे नींद ही नहीं आ रही है।

पत्नी (पति से) : आजकल के पति छुरी - काटें से खाना पसंद क्यों करते हैं ?

पति : इसलिए कि आजकल की पत्नियाँ ऐसा खाना बनाती है कि हाथ लगाने को जी नहीं चाहता।

एक लडका साईकिल चलाते हुअे गधे के ऊपर गिर जाता है।

एक लडकी : वाह, भाई भाई गले मिल रहे हैं।

लडका : (गधे से) भय्या आप चाहें तो अपनी भाभी के गले मिल सकते हैं।

विक्रम कृपलानी, कक्षा १० वी (अ)

### चुटकुले

१. यात्री : कुली, ऐसे डिब्बे मे मेरा सामान रखो, जिस में एक भी यात्री न हो।

कुली : ठीक है, हुजूर मैं आपका सामान मालगाडी के डिब्बे में रख देता हूँ।

२. नितीन : मैं अपनी कक्षा में प्रथम आ सकता हूँ, पर एक शर्त है ?

विनोद : क्या ?

नितीन : परीक्षा मे मेरे सिवा और कोई छात्र सम्मिलित नहीं होना चाहिए।

३. मालिक : शामू इस चिट्ठी को डाकखाने मे डाल आओ।

शामू : चिट्ठी डाल आया।

मालिक : शायद मैं पता लिखना भूल गया।

शामू : हां हुजूर अपने चिट्ठीपर पता नहीं लिखा था।

मालिक : तुम्हें बताना चाहिए था।

शामू : हुजूर, मैं ने सोचा कि शायद आप पता गुप्त रखना चाहते है।

४. पति (काम से घर आकर) : जल्दी से मुझे सलाद खाने के लिए दो।

पत्नी : तुम्हे कैसे पता चला कि मैने आज सलाद बनाया है।

पति : क्योंकि आज किसी चीजके जलनेकी खुशबू नहीं आ रही है।

५. राजू : मोहन मैने आज एक नया कुत्ता खरीदा है। तुम शाम को उसके साथ खेलने आना।

मोहन : वह काटता तो नहीं ?

राजू : यही तो मुझे पता करना है।

६. माँ अपने बेटे से : स्कूल से सीधा घर आना।

बेटा : मगर माँ सडक पर बहुत मोड है।

७. रामू : मेरा भाई रोज दाढी बनाता है।

शामू : मेरा भाई दिन में पचास बार दाढी बनाता है।

रामू : क्या वह पागल है।

शामू : नहीं नाई है।

### पहेलियाँ

१. मारने से लाठी, खाने से मीठी उत्तर : गन्ना

२. पहले हरा, बादमें पीला, बडा रसीला। उत्तर : आम

३. काली बकरी पेट में लकड़ी। उत्तर : हुक्का

४. कोई उसे पकड़ न पाए, सबका ही मन वह ललचाए। रोज सुबह होते ही नीली चादर मे वह छिप जाए।

उत्तर : तारा

५. दुःख सुख का मैं हाल सुनाऊँ सबके पास मैं आऊँ जाऊँ मगर सफर में कुछ न खाऊँ जेल की सजा हर बार मैं पाऊँ।

उत्तर : पत्र

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### मेरा प्रिय मित्र

खून का रिश्ता तो एक जाहिर और कुदरती रिश्ता है। मगर एक ऐसा रिश्ता है जिसमे दो इन्सानों का दिल और दिमाग एक अटूट बंधन में बंध जाते हैं। जिसके पास कोई मित्र नहीं, उसकी जिंदगी पर धिक्कार है। गालिब ने सही कहा था - “दोस्ती का नाम जिंदगी, जिंदगी का नाम दोस्ती।” मित्र तो कई हो सकते हैं, पर एक विशेष मित्र होता है, जो हमारी धडकनों में बसता है।

मेरा दुनिया में सिर्फ एक ही मित्र है - प्रशांत बनसोडे। मेरा कोई सगा भाई नहीं, इसलिए मैं इसी से अपनी भाई न होने की कमी पूरी कर सकता हूँ, मेरा दोस्त मेरा हम उग्र है, फिर भी जब हमारी मुलाकात हुई थी, तभी हम समझ गए कि हम एक दूसरे पर यकीन कर सकते हैं।

मेरा मित्र पढाई तथा खेलकूद दोनों में प्रवीण है। उसमें जो चीज सबसे अच्छी लगती है वह है उसकी हँसमुख प्रवृत्ति। मैंने उसे आज तक कभी उदास नहीं देखा। दर्द दुःख के वक्त भी वह सहनशीलता व विवेक से काम करता है। वह जिंदादिली और “बॉडी-बिल्डिंग” का शौकीन है। वह ताकत व हृदय की कोमलता की अपूर्व मिसाल है। वह अपनी शक्ति पर कभी घमंड नहीं करता, उल्टा अपनी ताकत से दूसरों की मदद करने को वह हमेशा तैयार है। वह बड़ा परोपकारी है।

वह नाइन्साफी व जुल्म देख नहीं सकता। और उसका यह गुण अक्सर उसे आतताइयों से मुठभेड मे डाल देता है और हमेशा फतह उसी के कदम चूमती है। वह पक्का देश-प्रेमी है। मेरा मित्र काफी कुशाग्र-बुद्धी है, जो गत दस साल से लगातार अपनी कक्षा में प्रथम आता रहा है। वह काफी रुपवान भी है। बल, बुद्धी व रुप का ऐसा अनोखा संगम आपको शायद ही कहीं मिले। वह किसी बुरी आदत का शिकार नहीं है। वह हमेशा सच बोलता है। और माँ-बाप व भगवान को छोडकर, वह किसी से नहीं डरता। प्रशांत शायद बडा होकर ब्रह्मचारी बनेगा, स्त्री जातिसें वह कोसों दूर भागता है उसकी गुणों के कारण कई लडकियाँ उस पर फिदा हैं, पर वह किसी को भी घास नहीं डालता, वह बडा चरित्रवान है उसकी मनोकामना है कि वह पुलिस अधिकारी बनें और इसके लिए वह खुद को ज्ञान, मानसिक एवम् शारीरिक तौर से तैयार कर रहा है मेरा प्रशांत लाखों मे एक है। वह मेरे लिए अपनी जान की भी बाजी लगा सकता है।

यों तो मैं प्रशांत पर एक पूरी किताब लिख सकता हूँ, पर क्या करूँ, वक्त ही नहीं है और मैं फिलहाल परीक्षा दे रहा हूँ। परंतु, फिर भी मैं अंत में कहना चाहूँगा, कि प्रशांत जैसा कोई मित्र नहीं मिलेगा। अगर मृत्यु के बाद, भगवान ने मुझे पूछा कि मुझे क्या चाहिए, तो मैं प्रशांत को अगले जन्म मे, दोस्त के रुप में माँगूँगा।

अनिमेश उपाध्याय, कक्षा १० वी (ब)

### शीत ऋतु में पर्वतीय स्थल की सैर

हमारी सर्दियों की छुट्टियाँ शुरु होने वाली थीं। एक दिन पिताजी ने दफ्तर से आकर यह खुशखबरी दी की छुट्टियों में हम सब शिमला जा रहे हैं। खुशी मे मेरा दिल झूम उठा।

रेल में आरक्षण इत्यादि पिताजी करवा चुके थे। अब घर पर सफर की तैयारियाँ शुरु हो गयीं। केवल पन्द्रह दिन का ही कार्यक्रम था पर तैयारियाँ बहुत सारी थी। आवश्यक वस्तुएँ खरीदी गयी, सामान बँधा, पास-पडोसियों से बिदा ली गई। आखिरकार वो दिन आ ही गया जिसका हमें बेसब्री से इंतजार था। शिमला पहुँचने के लिए हम लोग इतने उत्सुक थे कि मालूम होता था की रेलगाडी बैलगाडी से भी धीरे चल रही है। खैर शाम के चार बजे हम शिमला के रेलवे स्टेशन पर पहुँच गए।

वहाँ से रिक्शा द्वारा हम उस होटल में पहुँचे जहाँ हमारे कमरे आरक्षित थे। सफर की थकान के कारण जाकर सोये तो सुबह ही उठे। सुबह सूर्योदय से पहले ही हम सब नाश्ता कर चुके थे। हमारे कमरे की खिडकी से दो पहाडियों के शिखर दूर क्षितीज मे दिखते थे। धीरे धीरे, अँधेरा छँटने लगा व सूर्य अपनी किरणों के रथ पर सवार, उन पहाडियों के पीछे से उदय हुआ। इतना सुंदर दृष्य देखकर दिल बाग बाग हो उठा।

फिर तैयार होकर हम घूमने निकले वहाँ अत्याधिक ठंड थी। चारों तरफ पहाड ही पहाड दीखते थे। बर्फ से ढकी पहाडियाँ ऐसी प्रतीत होती थीं मानो उन्हें किसीने सफेद चादर से ढक दिया हो। ऐसे ऐसे मनोरम दृष्य देखने को मिले की हम साँस लेना ही भूल जाते थे। उनका वर्णन करने के लिए शब्द ही नहीं मिलते। यूँ लगता था मानो प्रकृति कि गोद में आ पहुँचे हैं। जैसे प्रकृति का सारा सौन्दर्य सिमट कर शहर में समा गया हो। लुभावनी पहाडों की चोटियाँ, कहीं कहीं कल-कल करते झरने दर्शकों का मन मोह लेते थे। मन करता था कि सदा के लिए कहीं रह जायें।

शिमला का एक और आकर्षण ‘एको-पाईट’। वहाँ पर तो चिल्ला चिल्ला कर हम सबका गला ही बैठ गया। लगता था जैसे वादियाँ हमारा स्वागत कर रही हैं, हमें अपने पास बुला रही हैं। शिमला के बर्फ से ढके पहाड, उनके तलों में सिमटी वादियाँ, वादियों में स्थित पुराने लकडी के घर, घरों की बर्फ से ढकी छतें और वहाँ के अनेक अन्य मनमोहक दृष्य-इन सबको देखकर एक अजीब सी शांति की अनुभूति होती थी।

हर अच्छी चीज का अंत निश्चित है। इसी प्रकार शिमला में हमारा निवास भी समाप्त हुआ और हम वापस आ गये लेकिन खाली हाथ नहीं। हमने शिमला में अनेक वस्तुएँ खरीदी, वहाँ के मनोरम दृष्यों को अपने कैमरे में कैद

कर लिया और अपने दिलों में बसाली उस खूबसूरत मनमोहक शहर की मीठी सुनहरी याद। बस एक चीज थी जो हम किसी तरह नहीं ला पाए - वह शांति की अनुभूति जिसका एहसास हमें शिमला में हुआ था।

वे पन्द्रह दिन मेरे जीवन के सबसे यादगार दिन थे। लगता था कि हम स्वर्ग की सैर कर वापस धरती पर लौट आए हैं। वहाँकी एक-एक बात आज भी मेरे दिल में एक सुनहरी याद बनकर महक रही है।

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### मरे जीवन का महत्वपूर्ण दिन

हर एक व्यक्ति की जिंदगी में कई घटनाएँ घटती हैं। कुछ तो सुखद होते हैं, तो कुछ दुःखद। मेरी जिंदगी में भी कई रोचक घटनाएँ घट चुकी हैं। आज मैं ऐसी ही एक घटना का वर्णन कर रहा हूँ। सौभाग्यवश, यह एक महत्वपूर्ण और सुखद अनुभव था।

उन दिनों, चूँकि मेरे पिताजी का तबादला नासिक में हुआ था, तो मुझे भी नासिक के एक स्कूल में मेरे पिताजी ने मेरा दारिद्वला कर दिया।

जिस वक्त मुझे स्कूल में दाखिला मिला, उस वक्त उस स्कूल में "हेड बॉय" के पद के लिए बालकों में होड लगी हुई थी। चूँकि मैं नया था, और उस समय सभी अपनी धुन में मस्त थे, मैं चाह कर भी इस पद का उम्मीदवार न बन सका। हर एक शिष्य अपने गुरुजनों का मन जीतने के लिए काफी कोशिश कर रहा था। इसलिए मैं किसी से घुलमिल न सका।

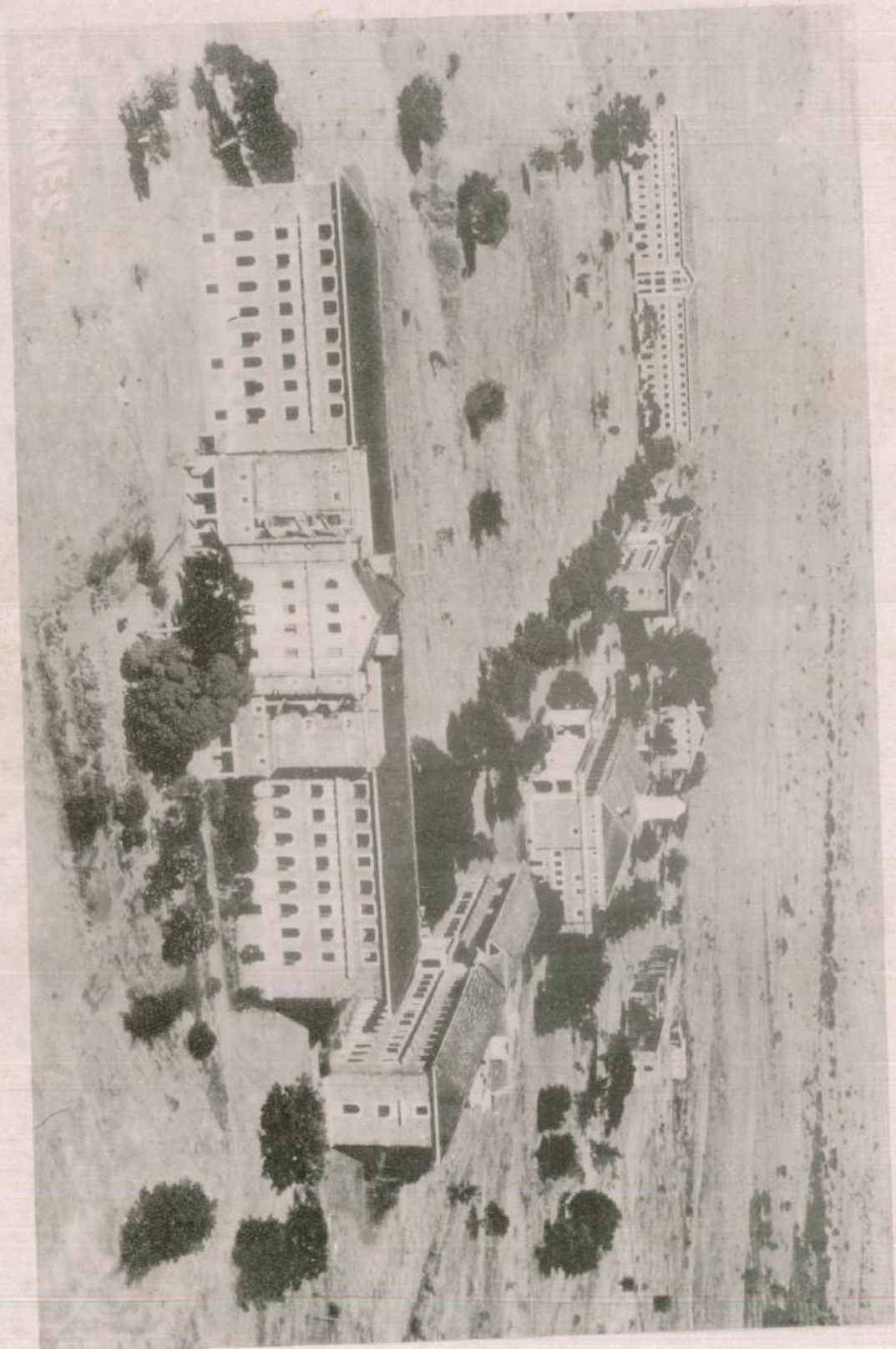
मैं स्कूल के सारे अध्यापकों से भी ठीक से परिचित न था। एक दिन जब मैं पाठशाला जा रहा था, तब करीबन सुबह के छः बजे होंगे उस वक्त। मैंने देखा कि सड़क पर एक वृद्ध व्यक्ति गिरे पड़े है। उनके माथे से काफी खून बह रहा था। शायद उनके साथ कोई दुर्घटना घटी थी। मुझसे उनकी हालत देखी न गई। मैंने झट से अपना रुमाल उनके माथे पर बाँध दिया था, तथा, अपने "वॉटर बॉटल" से पानी निकालकर उनके मुँह पर छिडकाया जिससे कि वह शीघ्र ही होश में आ गए। उन्हें इनके द्वारा बताए पते पर घर छोड़ आया। इस सारी प्रतिक्रिया में मुझे स्कूल के लिए देर हो गयी। जब मैं पहुँचा तो कक्षा का दूसरा विषय चल रहा था। विलंब होने के कारण, मुझे डॉट सुननी पडी। मैं अपनी ही नजरों में गिर गया।

खैर जैसे-तैसे दिन कट गया। दूसरे दिन, जब मैं स्कूल पहुँचा तो उन वृद्ध को "स्टाफ रूम" में जाते हुए पाया। मैं दंग रह गया। मेरे दयालु कार्य के बारे में पूरे स्कूल को पता चल गया। और उन्ही अध्यापक की मदद से मैं स्कूल का "हेड बॉय" बन गया। जिस दिन मुझे वह महत्वपूर्ण पद मिला, यह मेरी जिंदगी का महत्वपूर्ण दिन था।

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