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**THE TRAILBLAZERS**

Together... Towards... Tomorrow...



## Message of Managing Director

Dear Students, Parents and Educators

As we turn the pages of another vibrant year, it fills me with immense pride and joy to pen this message for our annual school newsletter: The Trailblazers. This publication stands as a testament to the extra-ordinary journey our school community embarks upon each year – a journey defined by learning, growth and achievement.

Education, as we know, is not merely about acquiring knowledge; it is about igniting curiosity, fostering creativity and building character. I am deeply inspired by the enthusiasm and resilience our students have demonstrated in both academics and co-curricular pursuits. Whether in classrooms, on sports fields, or on stage, their passion and commitment reflect the essence of holistic education.

This newsletter offers a window into the dynamic life of our school - a glimpse into the collaborative spirit of our teachers, the dedication of our students and the unwavering support of our parents. It celebrates accomplishments, big and small, and serves as a reminder of the infinite potential that lies within each of us.

To our students, I encourage them to dream boldly and act purposely, embrace challenges as opportunities to learn and never stop believing in their ability to make a difference. To our teachers and staff, dedication and innovation inspire us every day. And to our parents, thank them for being steadfast partners in nurturing our children's future.

Let this newsletter be more than just a reflection of the past year; let it spark conversation, ideas and aspirations for an even brighter tomorrow. Together, let us continue to make our school a place where minds flourish, values are nurtured and dreams take flight.

**Preetee Kumar,  
Managing Director**



## Editorial

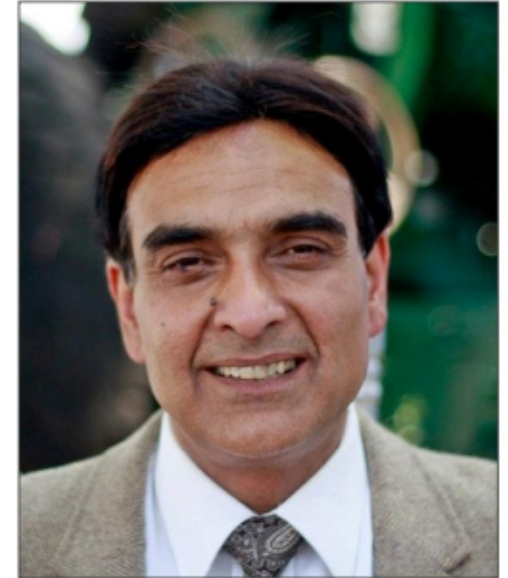
Yet again, I'm in the company of youngsters, and it's fascinating to witness these kids run, prance, and swing in complete ecstasy with barely any tension or stress, except for some home assignments. The tiny ones live in a world of their own, vastly superior to our own. I frequently observe them and entertain myself with their amusing pranks and love their independence; their world is often interesting!

They were trying to get to know me since I was new to them, and I was trying to understand them. My initial interactions with them received not an encouraging response from them. However, we became closer to one another over time. I enjoy interacting with them whenever I can, and I assume they feel the same way.

Every time I talk to them, I ask if they like reading. Few kids say they do, but I'm confident that if they are exposed to books, comics, newspapers and other publications that interest them, soon or later, they will eventually like it and may even start writing. If this happens, even if it takes some time, my goal will have been achieved.

I believe that those children who have written articles for the current newsletter will motivate the other youngsters to follow them in the forthcoming editions of The Trailblazers, the school newsletter.

**Shammi Ahluwalia**



## Bye! Bye! Solan Public School!

I was studying in The Cambridge International School, Kullu, and my friend Palasha was in The Solan Public School, Solan; she informed me that she was a boarder here. I too wanted to experience the residential school life, therefore, I told my parents that I was keen to join the boarding school, and they didn't have any issues about it. My parents did all modalities in this regard, and I joined this school on the 16th of April 2023 in grade eleven.

When I had a round of the school with Palasha, I found that the building was new and the infrastructure was amazing, particularly the library and foyer! The initial time was difficult because the system was entirely different; I felt lonely, but gradually I grew used to the system and now I enjoy being here!

Back at Kullu, I was an entirely different person. I had no patience and was very aggressive; I didn't know how to control my anger. But when I joined the Solan Public School, Solan, there was a change in me. I am now different than what I used to be; I am calm and cool. This school has made me a better human being, and I am always grateful to my school.

Here the school focuses on an individual's capabilities and potentials. The school boosts children's confidence level by encouraging children to take part in various inter house and inter school competitions. Moreover, the school takes us out to visit places. The staff members put in extra efforts while teaching us.

I must appreciate the school staff, Headmistress Mrs Sharma, MD Mrs Kumar, particularly for taking care of me. I will miss my friends Deepanshi, Janya and Dev Aditya!

After the board exam, I will have to leave this school for higher studies, and I am not sure how life will be in college, but one thing I am sure of is that I will miss this school forever!



Sharanya Negi, XII SC



## A Visit by Mrs P Kumar, MD to Finland and The Netherlands

Mrs P Kumar, MD of the SPS, Solan, visited Finland in September and October 2024 on an exchange program to comprehend and learn the Finnish education system - K to High School, which is among the best in the world. Mrs Kumar visited many schools to gain firsthand understanding of the system.

We have no doubt that Mrs. Kumar's exposure to the Finnish educational system will significantly enhance the educational system at SPS, Solan.

After Finland, Mrs Kumar went to the Netherlands. This was a World Peace Flame Foundation Exchange, owing to the Solan Public School, Solan's existing relationship with WPFF Enschede, the Netherlands. She also visited WPFF Rotterdam and interacted with their centre head.

Mrs Kumar had another opportunity to visit Rovaniemi and met Santa Claus, crossing over the Arctic Circle. Mrs Kumar attended an educational conference at IIT, Delhi, from 15 Nov to 16 Nov 2024, where ideas on the present and future of school education trends, pedagogy and technology in education were discussed. The eminent speakers spoke on these issues.



Elementary school visit & workshop



Diwali celebrations at World Peace centre, Netherlands

## Chiao SPS!

Before joining the Solan Public School, Solan, I was studying at Rishikul World Academy. My coming to this school wasn't my decision; my aunt took this decision, but I do not regret it because it was for my betterment. I joined this school in grade nine, four years ago, but I wasn't sure that I would study here for the next four years, or not. Upon coming, I went around the school campus and found it quite good; buildings are newly constructed and infrastructure is modern and attractive!

After coming to this school, I find that there is a definite change in me, for good! The one thing that I love about this school is that the school expects its students to participate in every activity, and this is very good for children. These activities make a child, a versatile personality. The credit for this goes to the staff members.

They have been very nice and considerate towards me. Now I am happy that I am a part of this school because I have learnt a lot here. I do far better at academics than before. I am thankful indeed that I have been able to get necessary exposure that has honed my skills in such a way that I have outshone whether it is dance, or debate, or declamation or elocution, or singing.

My favourite subject is biology, and my favourite teacher is Ma'am Sonika. She teaches me biology, and she is an excellent teacher! I must express my gratitude to Mrs Kumar, MD and Mrs Sharma, Headmistress. They have played an important role in my life.

No doubt I will miss this school and my friends, particularly Sharanya; we have been studying together since we were in grade five. I must express my gratitude to Mrs Kumar, MD and Mrs Sharma, Headmistress. They have changed my attitude towards my life.

I will always miss the Solan Public School!



Palasha Sharma, XII Sc



## A Visit to Singapore, Thailand and Singapore

We were chatting when my father suggested, 'Let's visit Hong Kong, Thailand and Singapore during the summertime.' All of us were thrilled to hear this! My father finalised the trip to these countries. The visit was to begin on 1st June. My grandparents, parents, aunt and my sister all were there to join this outing. Then came the appointed day when we were to start the trip.

We left for Mohali at 4:30 p.m. on 1st June because the flight to Singapore was running late. The drive took about two hours to take us to Mohali. There was greater thrill in the travel than anything else. We took a car from Mohali to the International Airport. Our flight took off, and it took us six hours to get to Singapore. It was a fun trip. In Singapore, we stayed with our aunt.

Our first visit was to the Gardens by the Bay. It took us barely five minutes to get there in the taxi we rented. The gardens are lovely and attractive. Following this visit, we returned home. The next destination was the exciting Universal Studios. There we rode the roller coaster and merry-go-round. After the rides ended, we took a rest, had lunch, and enjoyed ourselves once more. We were home around eight o'clock. After that, we visited River Wonders, where we witnessed incredible dolphin tricks! We spotted the blue whale-what a huge animal this planet has! I must tell you that I really liked the Singaporean food, and I am sure I will miss it.

After a two-hour trip from Singapore, we arrived in Hong Kong and checked into the wonderful Hotel Ramada! In this hotel, we stayed in a suite on the twenty-third floor. After that, we went to Victory Peak, where I encountered Monopoly Man, and bought stationery items. Disneyland had Mickey Mouse, princesses, delicious pancakes, and a bowl of ice cream! In Mongaok, I purchased phone covers. We had a terrific experience in Singapore. We were there for two days.

I was thrilled since Thailand was the next stop. We reached Thailand in the evening after a flight that lasted for about three hours. We also stayed at a nice hotel called the Ramada Wyndam Sukhulvit. During our shopping trip, I bought food, toys, and clothes.

We had to come back eventually, but I didn't want to. Every time when there are holidays, I ask my father to take us abroad.



Mehar Sandhu, VIII

## A Visit to Singapore, Thailand and Singapore





## The Junior School



GRADE : NURSERY

2ND ROW : AISHLEEN KAUR, DHRITI KAUSHIK

1ST ROW : RAJVEER, RAVIKA, KRISHA, INAYAT, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL),  
MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MS MONIKA ADHIKARI (HOME ROOM TEACHER),  
DIVYAM, AMRISHA, RAKHI



GRADE : LKG

1ST ROW : PRAHAN, AYRA, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL), MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR),  
MS MONIKA ADHIKARI (HOME ROOM TEACHER), AVIKA, OM, KIYANSH



GRADE : UKG

1ST ROW : PRINCE, NAISHA, ASHAVIKA, SAYAM, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL),  
MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MS MONIKA ADHIKARI (HOME ROOM TEACHER),  
JASLEEN, VAIDEHI, MADHAV, AKIL



GRADE : I

1ST ROW : GURKIRAN KAUR, KUNJ MITTAL, KRIDHA MITTAL, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL),  
MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MS SHEETAL DILTA (HOME ROOM TEACHER),  
RIYARTH SHARMA, NIOMI RANGTA, YADVIK DUTTA, MITESH KUMAR



## The Junior School



GRADE : II

2ND ROW : RIDHAAN SHARMA

1ST ROW : VISHVAM SANKHYAN, PUNIT, SIDDHANTH SINGH PANWAR, VIVAAN BADHAN, MIHIR VASHISHT, NAIRA SEWAL, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL), MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MS ANURADHA SHARMA (HOME ROOM TEACHER), VIHAAN BADHAN, KALPIT KANWAR, YASH MANDAL, NEHAL MISHRA, VAIBHAV SHARMA



GRADE : III

2ND ROW : BISHWAS KHAJURIA, ANIKAIT BHARDWAJ, BINMARTA KHAJURIA

1ST ROW : BANI NEGI, GEETANSHI RAJPUT, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL), MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MS NEEMA BUTIT (HOME ROOM TEACHER), ANIKA SETHI, ARYAMAN KALRA



GRADE : IV

2ND ROW : MANASVI NEGI

1ST ROW : NAVEKSHA ADHIKARI, TAKSH, ATIF QAZI, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL), MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MS TAMANNA SHARMA (HOME ROOM TEACHER), KAVYA, DIVYAM SANKHYAN, TANISHKA CHAUHAN, ABHINAV CHAMTA



GRADE : V

1ST ROW : VIHAAN SEWAL, TANVIKA KANWAR, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL), MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MS SHEETAL DILTA (HOME ROOM TEACHER), GOURAVI, JASHAN SINGH.



## The School Annual Day (29 October 2024)

The school organised an excursion to Goa and the trip came back on 18th October and on the 29th of October, we had the Annual School Function, there were hardly ten days to go for it. Therefore, the next day we swung into action and had only practices. The school made a schedule for the practice sessions. These training sessions were hectic and tiring, but then there were very limited days for the show. All of us were solemn about the practices.

The day arrived—29 October, when the annual function was to happen, and there was complete excitement among us and even in the staff. The show was to start at 4 p.m., and the chief guest couldn't reach the school at 4 p.m. because there were sudden official urgencies that she had to attend. But soon she was with us.

The programme took off with the lighting of the lamp. Our headmistress, Mrs Sharma, welcomed the chief guest, guest of honour, parents and other guests. The theme for the cultural programme was the religious festivals of our country.

The cultural programme started with the welcome dance followed by the folk dance, which was performed to mark the harvest season, Makar Sakranti that marks the transition of the sun into the Capricorn Zodiac sign. In Punjab, it is celebrated as Lohri, where farmers pray to God for an abundance of crops.

Then followed the Shiv Stuti Opera, which had the dainty girls of grade six that performed the song and dance drama, which was the pulse of the universe. This dance of bliss represented the human and the divine engaged in sacred movements.

Maha Shivratri Dance Drama was a dance of Shiva on the night of Maha Shivratri known as the Naaaja, and it was a representation of the ancient Vedic wisdom of how the cosmos moved. It was believed to lead to self-realisation and is performed on the 14th night before the blackout of the moon.

Holi Dance Drama is a Hindu festival that celebrates the victory of good over evil. The dance was a joyful way to celebrate the changing season and a sense of being in community.



Samarth Sood, XI Com

## **The School Annual Day (29 October 2024)**

Sufi Song is a sacred ritual and traditional form of worship in the Sufi branch of Islam, often called the dance of being because of its deep spiritual and mystical dimensions, and it has its origin in the Sufi tradition of Islamic spirituality.

Eid-Qawwal was a devotional item that originates in the 13th century in India. It was a devotional music item and physical expression of the Sufi religious traditions. It is known for its hypnotic rhythms and melodies.

Ganesh Chaturti is a Hindu festival and is celebrated to mark the birth anniversary of Lord Ganesh. People celebrate by dancing to the drumbeats with the intention of removing their sufferings.

Before the next item, the helping staffs of the school, that are the strong foundation of our school, were felicitated.

After the felicitation, the variety show resumed, and the item was a Janmastami Dance, which is a Hindu festival that celebrates the birth of Lord Krishna with dance and music.

Ram Stuti Song 'Bhaya Pragat Kripal' was a song that praised the divine qualities and appearance of Lord Ram. It described Lord Ram as the ocean of mercy, who appeared to benefit humanity through his love for all. The song also mentioned his childhood pastimes and said that hearing about his character removed all sufferings.

There was another round of felicitation for our mentors and teachers. They are the pillars of strength of our school, and we cannot imagine school without them.

Dussehra Dance Drama was the next dance drama performance that celebrated the victory of good over evil, as depicted in the epic Ramayana.

Our headmistress read out the annual school report where the achievements were highlighted and the projects that were being undertaken, and the ones the school would undertake in future.

Diwali Dance Drama symbolised triumph of good over evil; knowledge over ignorance and light over darkness. This dance drama of the show was



## The School Annual Day (29 October 2024)

exceptional, the audience couldn't help but applaud it; it thoroughly enthralled them. The children had exceptional uniformity, their steps were perfect and it had appealing rhythm.

The last item of the cultural programme was the Christmas dance performed by the tiny-tots.

The cultural show overall showcased the professional touch given to the entire programme. The programme was well-organised and the guests were happy that they attended that beautiful programme that entertained the guests completely.

The cultural programme was over but even then there was a wave of extreme happiness because the following day we had a seven-day Diwali holiday.

Samarth Sood

XI Com





## The Senior School



GRADE : VI

1ST ROW : RUBAL THAKUR, AVIBHA DHOGRU, HARSHIKA BADHAN, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL),  
MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MS NIDHI DHIMAN (HOME ROOM TEACHER),  
TANVI NEGI, VANSHIKA CHAUHAN, NIRMEET



GRADE : VII

1ST ROW : GARGI RAJPOOT, SUKRITI, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL),  
MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MR ABHISHEK SHARMA (HOME ROOM TEACHER),  
ARAV THAKUR, PIHU MITTAL, DASAMNOOR KAUR



GRADE : VIII

2ND ROW : AVNI GOYAL

1ST ROW : SUKHMANI WALIA, PAWANI MITTAL, SHUBHAM RANA, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL),  
MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MR ABHISHEK KASHYAP (HOME ROOM TEACHER),  
MEHER SANDHU, RITIKA CHAURSIA, DIXIT VERMA, AADARSH PUNDIR



GRADE : IX

2ND ROW : TASIF PURVEZ, NIKUNJ MITTAL, DEVADITYA SHARMA, ARSHPREET SINGH, AGRIM SHARDA

1ST ROW : AADITYA KALRA, PARTEEK SANDHU, MANORATH VERMA, JANYA NEGI,  
MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL), MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR),  
MR PRASHANT SHAILY (HOME ROOM TEACHER), RAJSHREE DHOGRU, SARITI SHARMA,  
NISHANT KUMAR, DEVARSH



## The Senior School



GRADE : X

2ND ROW : TEJSWINI

1ST ROW : ISHAAN SHARMA, KASHVI PANWAR, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL),  
MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MR PRASHANT SHAILY (HOME ROOM TEACHER),  
ADITYA VERMA, RAGHAV THAKUR



GRADE : XI

2ND ROW : SAMARATH SOOD, NITISH NEGI, MEHTAB SINGH

1ST ROW : PIYUSH BENAL, DEEPANSHI THAKUR, DEEPANJALI, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL),  
MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR), MS PALAK GAUTAM (HOME ROOM TEACHER),  
NAVMANDEEP, AMANAT MENON, ABHUDAY THAKUR



GRADE : XII

1ST ROW : SHARANYA NEGI, MS AVANTIKA SHARMA (PRINCIPAL), MS PREETEE KUMAR (MANAGING DIRECTOR),  
MS PALAK GAUTAM (HOME ROOM TEACHER), PALASHA SHARMA

## The Sports' Day

After the annual school day finished, we had the Diwali holidays. We came back to school after Diwali. And on 9th November we had the Sports' Day. All of us were very excited about it. We practised throughout the year. But even then we practised because it was an important event of our school.

Then came on 9th of November. It was a sunny day, slightly hotter. The Sports' Day began with the arrival of the chief guest Mr S Kaith, the Sports Officer of Solan District, and Mrs Kaith, the guest of honour. The meet began with the march past. It was quite impressive. Right after the march past, the Sports' Captain administered an oath to the athletes, asking them to take part in sports events with the spirit of sportsmanship.

My first event was 200 mt sprint where I was second. My second event was 4x 100 mt relay race. I am from Prithvi House. The other participants were Pihu, Deepanjli and Manorath. We won the second position.

It was nice to watch children taking part in various events. Every participant was trying his or her to perform well so that his or her House would win the championship. After the track events, we had the Tug of War. In the first round, we defeated Akash House but in the second match we lost to Agni House. Even then we were second. Overall, we were second. Akash House was the overall winner of the Sports' Day.

The Sports' Day came to an end in the evening. It was an interesting day full of enjoyment!

Sukriti Negi, VII





## The Sports' Day





## The Campus Round Up





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## A Sojourn to Goa

The news that the school was planning an excursion to Goa spread like wildfire. Most of us were overjoyed, and my excitement was unmatched because it was my first visit from this school. I wasted no time approaching my parents and informing them that I wanted to join this excursion. They were delighted. My younger brother, Aadarsh, first expressed little interest in this trip because none of his friends were interested, but my parents persuaded him that he should join me and that it would be a fun trip. He agreed to do this.

The trip was originally set for October 5th but it had to be rescheduled and it was finally held on 11th October. Everyone expressed one's excitement. Kids began to make all kinds of plans.

At eleven o'clock, we were scheduled to depart for Goa. We all arrived at our school by 9:15 p.m. since our train from Chandigarh was to leave at 2:10 a.m. We received instructions from the staff once more. There were sixteen boys and ten girls among us. Mr Shaily and Mrs Mishra were supposed to go with us. We got on the bus at ten and soon after began our journey to Chandigarh. When we arrived at the Chandigarh Railway Station at 11:30 p.m., several of us took some time to enjoy the joy that we were unaware of. To prevent confusion, we were instructed to stay in a corner. Ayaan Dutta, our class-fellow too joined us at the Chandigarh Railway Station.

My birthday was on October 13th, and it was a wonderful time! On the 12th, I fell asleep at 10 p.m., but Sukhmani Walia, Avni Goyal, Sariti, Kashvi, and Janya woke me up at 12 a.m., gently slapping me so that they could wish, 'A Happy Birthday to Deepanjli Darling!' Samarth and Dev Aditya approached our coach to convey their birthday wishes and offered a chocolate cake. The rest of the time, we were awake, went to bed at 4 a.m., and woke up at 7 a.m.

We arrived at the Goa Railway Station at 11:30 a.m., and the bus to the hotel was already there. After boarding the bus, we arrived in an hour. After lunch, we went to our rooms and then to the swimming pool, where we had a great time for an hour! We moved to Candolim Beach at five o'clock. A boy lost his cell phone there; it was washed away by the waves and was never recovered! After that, we visited the beachside market and enjoyed a traditional Indian delicacy called pani puri, an Indian snack. We returned to the motel at eight o'clock.

I missed dinner to host a birthday treat at the hotel. The birthday celebration continued until 11:00 p.m., at which point we were so tired that we called it a day. We visited Aguada Fort, a heritage building.



Deepanjli Verma, XI Com



## A Sojourn to Goa

The following day, we had a photo shoot there. Following our tour of the fort, we headed to Sinquerim Beach to take pictures and gather shells. The following day, we went to Vagator Beach and Market, which resembles OM in shape when viewed from above. The boys were badly wet there, and our bus driver did not let them board the bus with their wet clothing. The boys had to purchase new clothing. We then proceeded to market to purchase presents for our loved ones. Back to hotel, we had the DJ party that went on till 10 p.m. followed by dinner.

We visited the preserved body of Sanfrancisco Xavier at the Basilica of Bom Jesus on October 15. Next we went to Mangueshi Temple, but we were denied entry as some of us were not appropriately dressed, for the rules were very strict. The dress code was enforced even on foreigners. We then walked three km to a restaurant where we had a supper before continuing on to Dauna Laula Point, the location of the Hindi movie Singham. We went to Miramar Beach in the evening for a photo shoot and a sail. We were invited to attend a concert, but we preferred dancing in our own group. It was enjoyable to be on the cruise.

Unfortunately, our tour ended on October 16th, we had to pack our stuff! We left the hotel around 11:00 a.m., but we kept our bags and went shopping instead. Since Goa is known for its cashew nuts, I purchased some. It rained in the evening as we were heading to the train station, getting us wet and causing us to be an hour late. After boarding the train, we arrived at the Ambala Railway Station at 8:30 a.m., where we boarded a bus to continue on to Solan. We reached school about midday, exhausted but filled with memories!





## The Inter School Competitions - Samanvay (3 August 2024)





## The Inter School Competitions - Samanvay (3 August 2024)





## A Round of Dagshai

It was amazing news that we had a holiday on April 15th, which is Himachal Day. However, a day before the holiday, we were informed that the boarders would be taken on an excursion to the adjacent township of Dagshai. Yes, we were happy—who wouldn't want to leave the school campus? We were told that Miss Dilta and Mr Ahluwalia would be joining us. The following day, we were supposed to travel for Dagshai, but we were a little late. We boarded the school bus around 9:30 p.m., and the engine roared as we headed to Dagshai.

Although short, the trip was really exciting. The winding, uphill route itself was charming. The trip to Dagshai took hardly thirty minutes. The campus had a fantastic green cover, and we were just outside the school cafeteria when we were able to see the stunning hilltop, which was open from all sides. In the middle of the campus was a large playing field, where we were informed that the renowned Durand Cup football league games were played in the 1880s. The school auditorium was visible directly above the ground, followed by a guest house on the right and the staff housing a little distance to the right. The school dining hall, which was constructed on a hillside in 1848 and accommodated 500 people in one go. Indira House for girls and other staff quarters are located beneath the dining hall. We saw the houses of Nehru, Patel, Tagore, and Subhash, as well as a sizable university. Our desire to eat in the school cafeteria was strong. Huge structures known as the Academic Block and Administrative Offices stood just behind the cafeteria. The British government built these structures in the 1870s.



Deepanjli Verma, XI

Indira House for girls and other staff quarters are located beneath the dining hall. We saw the houses of Nehru, Patel, Tagore, and Subhash, as well as a sizable university. Our desire to eat in the school cafeteria was strong. Huge structures known as the Academic Block and Administrative Offices stood just behind the cafeteria. The British government built these structures in the 1870s. Finally, we could enter the School Cafeteria to eat snacks of our choice!

We were all excited to see the Dagshai Prison Museum, which the British had built in 1847, we were informed. There are fifty-four little prisoner cells in it. Apart from the Cellular Jail in the Andamans, which was formerly a jail, it is the only other museum in India. Sixteen of the fifty-four small cells were solitary cells used for harsh penalties. There was no light source, and these cells were minuscule.

The maximum number of inmates housed in the Dagshai Prison was fifty. Mahatma Gandhi reportedly spent two days in this prison after seeing the Irish rebels. On November 1, 1920, Jim Daly, the famous Irish rebel, was put to death there. Dagshai resident Anand Sethi assisted in the museum's curation by bringing in old and archived photos as well as other items from India, the UK, and Ireland.



## A Round of Dagshai

We were transported back to the British era when this prison was constructed by the intriguing monument. We were eager to see Polo Ground, the next stop, but when we got there, it was simply another ground. We made the decision to stay here. Here, the boys played cricket. We played games after lunch before boarding the bus to return. We were running late, so I was unable to meet my pals at the Dagshai Public School on the way back.

It took around forty-five minutes to arrive at the school. We had a great time at Dagshai!





## Grades III and IV





**Staff Photo**







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