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Alumni Reflections

A Heartfelt Message from an Alumna: A Grateful Tribute to Gyananda

As I settle into my college life, I find myself reflecting on the seven incredible years I spent at Gyananda, which transformed me in ways I could never have imagined. Today, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to everyone at Gyananda who made my time there so special.

For me, Gyananda was more than just a school. It was a second home where I grew, laughed, and discovered who I truly am. I spent more time there than I did with my own family, and I wouldn't have it any other way. I truly believe that Gyananda is a school like no other — brilliant, welcoming, and endlessly encouraging.

I often find myself thinking about the little things that made Gyananda so unique. The wide, thoughtful steps on the staircase that never made my feet hurt, the countless times we filled markers with ink in class, and even the upma. Every little moment brings back memories of that incredible place.

I can't help but smile when I think of the table manners lessons, like how I was taught to use a fork with my right hand and a spoon with my left. Back then, as a lefty, I thought it was unnecessary. But now, I find myself explaining the very same thing to my peers here. Who would've thought? I also catch myself reminding people to keep their elbows off the table and make sure no one wastes food — just as I was taught at Gyananda. These small habits, once a burden, now come naturally to me, and it makes me realize how deeply Gyananda's values are embedded in my daily life.

One of the most bittersweet moments I had at Gyananda was when I didn't get the Head Girl position in 11th grade. I was devastated at the time. But, as my mom wisely told me, everything happens for a reason. And today, when I look back, I see how much that experience has shaped my journey. The leadership roles I held, like being Discipline Captain, and the skills I developed — from anchoring events to confidently

speaking in front of large audiences — have helped me in ways I could never have predicted.

I also feel immense pride in representing Gyananda here at college. When I told people about my time as head girl and discipline captain, it was the discipline role that impressed them the most, especially since discipline is highly valued here. I know that none of this would have been possible without the confidence and values Gyananda instilled in me.

Gyananda is a part of me — and its influence will always guide me. I have so much love and respect for the teachers who shaped my life.

To all my teachers and friends at Gyananda: thank you for everything. You shaped me into the person I am today, and I will forever be grateful.

With all my love,

-Gunn Ahuja



Campus Chronicles

Club Updates

English Society: The Return of Debates!

After a well-deserved break and some exciting trips, the English Society will be ready to return to action! Our weekly debate sessions will resume as soon as the school reopens, bringing back the lively discussions and thought-provoking arguments we all enjoy. Whether you're a seasoned debater or looking to dip your toes into the world of rhetoric, all students are welcome to join. This year, we're planning a mix of classic topics and some new, contemporary issues that are sure to spark heated discussions. Don't miss out on your chance to speak your mind and sharpen those public speaking skills!

Science Society: Gearing Up for the Annual Science Exhibit!

The Science Society is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for this year's highly anticipated **Science and Technology Exhibit!** Our members have been working tirelessly, conducting experiments, creating interactive displays, and brainstorming new ways to make this year's exhibit bigger and better than ever. The exhibit will include displays on subjects of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Robotics!

Stay tuned for more details about the event to take place in December! We can't wait to share our hard work with you.

Our shining star, Aradhya Shah clinched a Silver Medal in the Under 15 singles category at the SFA Badminton Championship! Congratulations on this impressive achievement!"

ROLLING AWAY WITH AWARDS!

We are proud to announce that Heerat Bhardwaj participated in the 40th Inter School Roller Skating Championship held in Mount Litera Zee School on 20th October 2024 and won a Gold Medal.

Congratulations to Heerat for her Outstanding Achievement!

Aanya Sajwan participated in the S. Wasu Memorial Dehradun District Table Tennis Championship, organized by the District Table Tennis Association, held at Summer Valley School from October 26 to October 28, 2024. She secured 3rd position in the U15 category and 2nd position in the U17 category, defeating teams from Montessori High School, Him Jyoti, Tons Bridge, Summer Valley, Maharana Pratap, Welham's, and KVS.

Congratulations on your remarkable achievement!

Surprise!!

Attention, all adventure seekers!

As you gear up for your upcoming trek and trips, a secret few have got something special in store for you! Keep your eyes wide open and your spirits high because **a fun surprise awaits you during the trip!**

Be ready for some unexpected moments that will make this adventure even more memorable. Whether it's a special activity, a treat, or something totally unique, they promise it'll be worth the wait!

So, pack your enthusiasm along with your gear—they can't wait to share this surprise with all of you! See you on the trail!





NEWS: Nerdy Exclamations About the World

Headlines With Humour

(We do not wish to offend anyone with our brilliant sense of wit. Humour adds a fresh twist, so let's make sure you don't give *The Echo* any reason to get cancelled.)

Amit Shah Unleashes Gujarat's Waste-to-Energy Superplant!

- In a bold move to tackle trash like a superhero, Amit Shah kicked off Gujarat's biggest waste-to-energy plant. It's like turning garbage into gold—minus the pirates!

In a Stunning Twist, Trump Declares Himself the Winner—Again!

- In a move that left even his closest allies scratching their heads, Donald Trump has declared victory in the 2024 election—again. His campaign slogan: 'Because Why Not?' Some are calling it a 'historical upset'—others are just glad the TV debates are finally over!

Adani Power Plays Hardball: Bangladesh Gets the Lights Dimmed

- Adani Power decided to play a game of "who can hold their breath the longest" with Bangladesh, cutting power by half over some serious unpaid bills. Talk about a shocking energy crisis!

North Korea's Missile Mania: Introducing the "Hwasong-19"

- North Korea just launched the "Hwasong-19," claiming it's the world's strongest missile. Is it a bird? Is it a plane? Or just their latest attempt to grab headlines?

BJP's UCC Pledge: A Code for All (Except Tribals)

- The BJP is diving into the Uniform Civil Code pool, but don't worry, they're keeping floaties for tribal communities. Because who doesn't love a little wiggly room?

Delhi's Air Quality: Is That Smog or Just a Bad Day?

- Delhi's air quality has hit the "hazardous" jackpot, surpassing WHO limits by 59 times. Perfect weather for those who love a good game of "Guess That Smell!"

IPL 2025 Auction in Riyadh: Bring Your Bids and Your Passport!

- The IPL mega auction is heading to Riyadh, where the players will be up for grabs like the last slice of pizza at a party. Mark your calendars for November 24-25!

RCB Shakes Things Up: Virat Kohli's Captaincy on the Chopping Block

- RCB surprised everyone with a captaincy switcheroo, leaving fans wondering if it's still the same team or a reality show twist!

ISRO's Moon Mission Rehearsal: Pretend You're on the Moon!

- ISRO has launched its first analog space mission in Ladakh, where astronauts are practicing how to live like they're on the moon. Space snacks, anyone?

Rajnath Singh's Defense Export Goals: Shooting for the Stars!

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is aiming for ₹50,000 crore in defence exports by 2029-30. It's like the Olympics, but instead of medals, it's all about missiles!

Parliament's Renewable Energy Bill: More Solar, Less Sizzle!

- The Indian Parliament just passed a bill to ramp up renewable energy. They want 50% of energy needs to come from clean sources by 2030. Time to say goodbye to fossil fuels and hello to solar power parties!



Creative Construction

Outside



Outside I see the never-ending sky,
With heavy clouds that lie clad,
Weeping tears—who knows whether
happy or sad?
The smell of these tears on the
untouched ground
Makes my heart with nostalgia pound.
On a day so sound, the weather piles
my emotions into a mound.
The pitter-patter of these sobs makes
me hesitate,
Not wanting to turn the knobs and
move into a world full of cons.

- DHUNN SALUJA, *TRAINEE*

परीक्षा का डर

सारे आंदोलन और क्रांतियाँ याद
करके बैठे हैं हम,
सपनों में भी राजा-महाराजों की जंग
देख लेते हैं हम,
हरप्पा का कौन सा साल था? यही
सोचते रहते हैं हम,
इस तरह इतिहास के पन्नों में उलझे
हैं हम,
कभी लगती है हिंदी की गद्य में जान,
तो कभी अर्थशास्त्र का ग्राफ देख
निकल जाता है प्राण,
कभी राजनीति के सिद्धांत समझ

नहीं आते,
तो कभी अंग्रेजी के सवाल हमें रुला
जाते।
ये बोर्ड का इम्तिहान ही तो है, हमारा
असली मैदान,
जहाँ जीतना है, हर हाल में, और
बनाना है एक नया पहचान,
परीक्षा का डर तो है, पर जोश भी कम
नहीं,
तो चलो जुट जाएँ, कड़ी मेहनत में
एक बार,
परीक्षा में बिखेर दें अपने हुनर

का सार।
तैयार रहो, खुद पर यकीन बनाए
रखो,
किसी भी मुश्किल में अपना हौसला
बढ़ाए रखो।
कक्षा 12 की इस परीक्षा को तुम खेल
समझ लो,
मंज़िल पास है, बस एक आखिरी
मेहनत कर लो!

- अजीत कुमार



Opinionated Editorial



Justice as a Trend: Musings on the RG Kar Rape Case -SHARANYA RAJMOHAN

Talks about justice of late have acquired trend-like features and often to the detriment of serious arguments, where what matters is urgency over critical nuances of legal system requirements. Questions are raised concerning the approach to justice with regard to the RG Kar rape case in Kolkata.

The case itself has gained huge media attention and highlighted worrying trends of sexual violence in the country as well as expectations of the people to see accountability. But such passion often results in a more performative approach to justice rather than a substantive one. Online outrage added to the protest makes for a sort of wave that can momentarily carry along with it but risks turning into a trend where people get bored of the cause they took up so enthusiastically.

This perspective of justice as a trendsetter can be detrimental to the very foundation of the law. Although speedy justice is something that is desirable, due process cannot be sacrificed at its altar. In the case of RG Kar, the initial outpouring for the victim

had led to a hasty rush for punitive measures against the accused. This being the case, however, justice requires careful investigation of all evidence and testimonies that are presented. There's a danger of overgeneralization when justice is merely a trend, so one loses sight of the reality and complexities of the law to get instant gratification.

As well, the public's input in determining justice through the social media has a silver lining and dark side of the coin. It strengthens the voices of those crying for justice while creating the mob mentality, which threatens to rush the law and judiciary. Here, if the RG Kar incident became a media blitz, there is a probability that its urgency will result in further compromise of our very idea of justice based on reason and objectivity, which has seemingly already taken place.

As agents of social change, we must question the periodic justice trend. Every case like that of RG Kar needs to be viewed as part of a pattern in society and not something that can be tackled in

isolation. What is needed, therefore, is long-term engagement for this endemic problem of sexual violence. This calls for deep-seated systemic reforms along with education and an active effort to understand the nature of the violence, rather than merely reacting to symptoms.

In conclusion, though the RG Kar case stands as an important moment in the continued struggle for justice, it also serves to highlight the dangers of defining justice in terms of trends. If we are truly to create change that is going to last, then we need to ensure depth over speed, ensuring our calls for justice translate into meaningful reform rather than merely a flash in the pan of outrage. We need to ensure that steps are taken which are not merely reposting an Instagram story. Only then can we hope to build a society where justice is not just some trend but a fundamental principle in guiding our legal and social systems.

Because to treat justice as a trend is to undermine its essence; it must be a continuous pursuit, not akin to fast fashion.





Upcoming Events

- ❑ **6th November (Wednesday):** Special Assembly for Guru Nanak Jayanti Celebration (Grade V)
- ❑ **7th to 15th November (Thursday-Friday):** School Excursions for All Grades
- ❑ **12th November (Tuesday):** Holiday (Igaas) for All Grades
- ❑ **15th November (Friday):** Holiday (Guru Nanak Jayanti) for All Grades
- ❑ **20th November (Wednesday):** Inter House Shlok Pratiyogita for Grade IV-V

"From Couch Potatoes to Campus Gods!"



PEEL ME A BREAK! (Our Potatoes Are Tired)



Birthday

- 2C - SAGARIKA GOYAL - 6th November**
- 3B - GAYATRI SINGH CHANDEL - 6th November**
- 4A - ANAESHA AGGARWAL - 6th November**
- 4A - VAIBHAVI KOTIYAL - 7th November**
- 4B - AVIANA ARORA - 7th November**
- 10 - KAVYA PANWAR - 7th November**
- 7A - YASHVI SHARMA - 8th November**
- 4B - ADVIKA BADAHOTI - 10th November**
- 7A - REETI VAISH - 10th November**
- 2C - ZYVANA CHAUHAN - 11th November**
- 8B - ARSHIA NEGI - 11th November**
- 7B - ANANYA SINGHAL - 12th November**
- 6A - CHAITANYAA TANWAR - 14th November**
- 1A - ADYA SINGH SHAH - 15th November**
- 1A - AYEZA AZIM SHAIKH - 15th November**
- 4A - MANVI NAUTIYAL - 17th November**
- 12 - PRIYAL SINGHAL - 17th November**
- 1A - DEVISHAA TOMAR - 20th November**
- 10 - AKSHITA MATHUR - 20th November**
- 9 - VANSHIKA SHAH - 21st November**
- 8B - PRANVI BHASIN - 22nd November**
- LKG - ANGEL - 23rd November**



ADVENTURES AWAIT:

“A Trek to the Bugyal and a Trip to Amritsar”

Get ready for an exciting and unforgettable adventure! Our upcoming school-organized trek is set to be an enriching journey that combines outdoor exploration, personal growth, and the thrill of discovery. This trek will take you beyond the classroom and into the heart of nature, where towering mountains, snow-covered forests, and travelling await your exploration.

This adventure promises to inspire, ignite your sense of adventure, and offer invaluable experiences that will stay with you forever. So gear up for a journey filled with excitement, camaraderie, and a treasure trove of unforgettable moments. Prepare to make this trek one you'll cherish for years to come!

The Trek to Dayara Bugyal:

This will be the perfect adventure for students from 8th standard to 12th standard, where they will have a thrilling trek experience for 5 days and 4 nights in this fantastic region of Uttarkashi, Dayara Bugyal. This promises to be the ultimate view with the richest experience of an outdoor expedition.

Every day is going to bring a new trail. For that trek, one can observe breathtaking scenery, from the beautiful landscapes of the Himalayas to the physically challenging experiences of this journey. On the way to their adventurous journey, students can expect to see high mountains and beautiful green meadows and lakes—all those offering a new sense of adventure and discoveries.

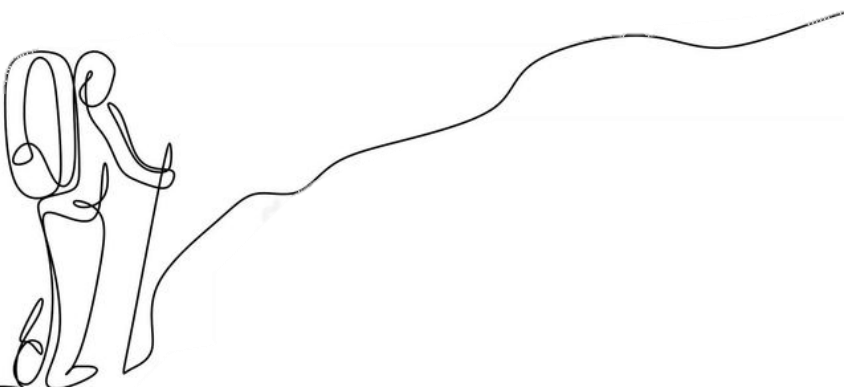
This makes for an exciting day of trekking to end in an evening orientation that reviews what's been covered in the day and sets up preparation for the challenge that has to be overcome the next day. It's a good mix of discovery, learning, and bonding.

The Trip to Chandigarh and Amritsar:

Chandigarh and Amritsar are truly beautiful representations of Punjab and challenge one to explore and learn. This trip is for grades 6 and 7 where a peaceful ride is taken into Chandigarh, a city that features modern architecture side by side with lush lands. A masterpiece in the city is the famous Rock Garden with its breath-taking sculptures crafted from used things. Creativity can be as powerful as it is here.

Students then go to Amritsar "City of Gold"—and the stunning Golden Temple, pouring peace and spirituality out from its walls, where all and sundry can sit in the serenity surrounding it. The elevating chanted mantras and fragrances of the langar ceremony reflect community and service.

This pilgrimage is a powerful reminder of the depth of culture and the value of unity; no one forgets his or her experience.





Snapshots



Pass Pranjali, pass!



I came, I kicked, I missed.



The Most Feared Player

Put Your Thinking Caps On....

Answer these 'most likely to' questions based on your knowledge of your classmates, friends or perhaps even teachers!

1. Most likely to "accidentally" get sent to the principal's office for being too creative?
2. Most likely to make the best excuses when they forget their homework?
3. Most likely to finish an exam in 5 minutes and then spend the rest of the time daydreaming?
4. Most likely to stay up all night studying, then sleep through their alarm?
5. Most likely to secretly know the entire class's gossip and act like they don't?

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