

# POT POURRI

ASIAN MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## Excerpts from an interview with

**Mr. Madanjeet Singh**

**Vice-President, The Asian Educational Charitable Society**

Q1. {Uditi} Sir, before getting into the education world what was your profession and what made you change your field?

**Mr. Madanjeet:** Before coming in this field we were in the chemical industry, it was an ancestral business since my great grandfather but after a certain time we reached the optimum level where there was no further scope for expansion we decided to change. The idea of starting a school was an intuition coupled with desire to create a world class academic center.

Q2. {Khanak} How have times changed since you were a student? Which one do you think is better and why?

**Mr. Madanjeet:** Not much has changed students are students and teachers are teachers though the thought process has changed. The only change I see is that the pressure of studies has increased manifold, this was not there during our time.

Q3. {Pallavi} Change is the only constant and leads to evolution so how do you think has The Asian school changed over the years?

**Mr. Madanjeet:** Immensely, If we go back to 2000 we are 10 notches ahead of where we were, the infrastructure, games, activities, academics, quality of students and teachers, everything has seen a profound transformation.

Q4. {Alisha} We have many types of students like the back benchers, the reckless, the noisy ones, the studious ones. What kind were you? Would you like to share some of your experience at school?

**Mr. Madanjeet:** I was always a backbencher like the spoiled brats of the class but I was also a topper. From class XI to my graduation I studied on scholarships so it's just when you realise that you have to study.

Q5. {Alisha} everybody has a vision so where do you see The Asian School after 10 years?

**Mr. Madanjeet:** I expect it to be 10 notches ahead further. Students and teachers both must feel happy to come to school and must not shy away from playing their respective roles. An ideal school is one in which teachers and students both enjoy healthy and respectful relationship. I look at The Asian School on the best in India in times to come and for that we all have to work hard..

Q6. {Pallavi} Times have changed and so have people. How do you think the system of education has changed since you got into it?

**Mr. Madanjeet:** Nothing has changed as such because we still focus on cramming things up. Today we have children getting 98%-99% at that time we had 79% as the highest. Unlike countries like Norway and Denmark we are still on pen paper rather than palmtop and laptops.

Q7. {Uditi} On the last note is there any message you'd like to leave for the Asianites?

**Mr. Madanjeet:** Study hard, be disciplined, be grateful to God and your parents because they are the ones because of whom you are here.

**EDUCATION  
IS NOT JUST  
ABOUT GOING TO  
SCHOOL AND  
GETTING A  
DEGREE.  
IT'S ABOUT  
WIDENING  
YOUR KNOWLEDGE  
AND ABSORBING  
THE TRUTH  
ABOUT LIFE.**

**-Shakuntala Devi**



# EDITORIAL

"Sometimes you must  
HURT in order to KNOW,  
FALL in order to GROW,  
LOSE in order to GAIN,  
because life's greatest lessons  
are learned through PAIN."

— Alicia Taylor



Attempting to measure the extent of an individual's success in making full use of their talent, The Asian School helps Asianites leapfrog into the 21st century as independently thinking individuals imbibing traits of initiative and leadership.

After the Herculean task of facing the Half Yearly exams the previous month, the Asianites are once again charged to paint the town red as it's the Founder's season! The school is in full swing for the 18th Founders, prepping for various exhibitions on the theme "science and technology for national development" along with practices for sports week including various track and field events and the glorious march past. With this Asianites are also in gear for the variety entertainment programme featuring drama, dance and music.

Amidst the hustle, we had our swimmers and debaters bringing laurels to the school





(congratulations!). The names of new “assistant prefects” were also announced for election of the prefect body for the year 2018-19. The Basketball team is also cheered for the All India Basketball Challenge”. All the best!

Following the Founders we have the most awaited Diwali break succeeded by the next term which happens to be completely academic with pre-boards for class 10th and 12th and unit tests for the rest.

Looking forward to a memorable Founder’s Day and a happy and safe Diwali.

**Uditi Uday Ghadi**  
**Student Editor**  
**Class XII**







# FOR ASIANITES

## INTER-SCHOOL AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIP

The Asian School participated in the Inter-School Aquatic Championship held at Pestleweed College on September 30, 2017. The Asian School boys won the championship scoring 167 points with a total tally of 69 medals. They brought home 24 Golds, 23 Silvers and 22 Bronze medals. Aniket Jamloki of The Asian School was adjudged the best swimmer.



## SWACH BHARAT - SWASTH BHARAT AWARENESS RUN



Swachh Bharat – Swasth Bharat Awareness Run was organized by the PPSA and Pestle Weed College on Oct 02, 2017. The Asian School Girls won the Championship Trophy with nine points. The winners were:

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|----------------------|--------|
| 1. Khushi Bajaj      | Gold   |
| 2. Anushka Panwar    | Bronze |
| 3. Walushka Bahuguna | Bronze |

The boys, Abhijot Singh & Liccha Tato also brought home two Bronze Medals.

## 27<sup>TH</sup> ALL INDIA INTER-SCHOOL W. C. MEMORIAL ENGLISH DEBATE CUP

The All India Inter-School W. C. Memorial English Debate was held at Pestleweed College on October 03, 2017. A total of 10 schools participated. The Asian School won the trophy. Madhav Kejriwal won the 1st position and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-.





# WINNING IS A HABIT

## II THAKUR MEMORIAL CUP

The Asian School showed an outstanding performance and won the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thakur Memorial Cup organized by Sacred Souls School, Chandigarh from September 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017. The Asian School boys team beat Guru Nanak Public School, Chandigarh in the finals and won with a score of 67-60. Sarthak Bhatt was adjudged the most valuable player of the tournament and Krishnakant was the highest scorer.



## THE ASIAN SCHOOL SHINES AT THE SCIENCE QUIZ.

As part of the World Space Week celebrations ISRO conducted a Science Quiz and a Painting Competition at Marshal School on September 27, 2017. A number of renowned schools from the town participated in the event. The theme of the event was 'Exploring New Worlds in Space'. The Asian School stood 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the quiz as well as the painting competition. The participants for the science quiz were - Sahil Bhatt, Manya Yadav & Keshav Kapoor and for the painting competition were – Nandini Awasthi, Nandini Baliyan & Nitin Chaudhary.





# INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

On the occasion of Independence day a number of various painting and craft competition were organized in the Middle School.

Class	Category	Winners
VI -	Greeting card making competition	Arjun House
VII -	Best out of waste doll making	Ashoka House
VIII-	Canvas painting competition.	Shivaji House



## THE STAFF VS STUDENT SOCCER MATCH

The Staff vs Student soccer match, an annual event, was held on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Both teams were evenly matched, scoring three goals each. All the players played really well and contributed a lot to their respective teams. There were many attempts to goal from both teams which were foiled by the goalkeepers with zeal. The audience particularly enjoyed the match. It was won by the staff team.





# INTERHOUSE RANGOLI COMPETITION

On the occasion of Independence Day the students of the junior wing participated in the Inter-House Rangoli Competition. Girls from all the houses made beautiful Rangoli designs and showcased their talent. The winners were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> ARJUN & ASHOKA (Tie)

2<sup>nd</sup> RANJIT

3<sup>rd</sup> SHIVAJI



## FANCY DRESS



Children from classes 1st to 3rd showcased their talent by dressing up as eminent personalities of our country. Each one of them zealously spoke about the character they were dressed up as.



## FIRELESS COOKING COMPETITION

The students of classes 4th and 5th participated in the fireless cooking competition, which is an yearly event now in the junior wing. Activities like this aim at improving their skills and bringing innovation in their work. Participants served delicious food items to tickle the taste buds. Here the participants had to prepare a dish without using fire. The participants served dishes like bhelpuri, chaat, sandwiches, laddoos, oreo cookie balls, bread dahivada, to name a few. The judges and the guests appreciated the effort of the children.





## EX-ASIANITES ON THE ASIAN SCHOOL



It's a school with an extremely vast spectrum of students who excel in their respective fields and are capable of getting what they want.

**-Sameer Asthana**

This place has helped me grow into the person I am today my first love, my temple.

**-Shivang Chandra Uniyal**



The only place I miss more than home, its hard to believe that I have passed my class XII, coming here was the easiest part but leaving it, with a set of swollen tear filled eyes and a heavy heart was the hardest. This prodigious institution will always be a part of me. Till then ciao\_ciao\_for\_now#ttheasianschool\_founders.

**-Nicole Sangma**

I spent two years of my life in TAS and learnt how to survive in this world. It is now the best part of my memories.

**-Agrim Tiwari**



The Asian School has taught me to be myself, to stand up for myself. It has given me an amazing family of friends and teachers .

**-Pooja Singh**

The Asian has built in me a stronger, higher and brighter person, it has helped me to strive for excellence and stand proudly in this world.

**-Shivani Uppal**



My home, my family whose support I never lost, the place which gave me my lifetime friends and innumerable memories: THE ASIAN SCHOOL

**-Lavanya Gupta**

This place means the world to me. The person I am today has been carefully crafted and sculpted here. The Asian School is just not a building it's a heaven with family like friends and parents like teachers.

**-Divya Raj Singh**







## PARENTS ON THE ASIAN SCHOOL

As a parent we look for a school where our child not only learns but also develops her personality & I think The Asian school is best in this regard in Dehradun.

**Mr. Jaggi (Father of Muskaan Jaggi)**



The school fosters an overall growth of its students. We have had a wonderful experience in the school which has flourished over the last 10 years.

**Mr. Arya [Father of Lakshita Arya]**

It has been a very gratifying journey for my children and as a parent for me. My children right from day one have always loved to come to school. I am sure they will do very well for themselves, thanks to the teaching methods and innumerable opportunities that the school has given them.

**Dr. Indu Sekhar [Father of Ishan Sekhar]**



It feels good to call my son an Asianite and I am thankful to the institution for making him able enough to pursue what he wants after passing out. The time spent here has made him stronger.

**Mr. Sharma[Father of Shubham Sharma]**

THE ASIAN SCHOOL, a dream, I saw for my daughter's future. It was a stepping stone, a journey which is about to end after a few months leaving 14 years of memories to cherish everytime I walk past the gate.

**-Mr. Rajesh Uppal [Father of Alisha Uppal]**



The school has taught my daughter to rise after falling down and continue trying till she succeeds. It has moulded her into a person who'd be able to survive in the outside world.

**Mr. Uday Ghadi [Father of Uditi Uday Ghadi]**

Thanks to my son's teachers who helped him realize his latent potential and capacities and gave him a worthy direction.

**Ms. Monica Asthana [Mother of Sameer Asthana]**



Extremely proud as parents of an Asianite as The Asian School has provided every platform available to showcase my son's talents.

**Mr. Singhal (Father of Arnav Singhal)**

# THE AWARD WINNING ARGUMENT

By - Sagar Sameer Gupta

Held at Drona's International School

## INTELLIGENCE WITHOUT MARKS IS ACTUALLY A BIRD WITHOUT WINGS.

In the vast ocean of the internet, I have heard, numerous times, the cliché, and 90% of the people agree with this statement.

But I choose to disagree.

Marks and grades only reflect the remembering skills of a student, marks and grades makes a child feel inferior, marks and grades is not the correct criteria for judging a child.

This is what I have been hearing for the past few minutes. But looking deep into it, do these statements, put forward have any value? Do they really carry a meaning with them?

Starting with my argument, firstly I would like to ask a question to my worthy opponents that where in the debate is it mentioned that marks and grades only in school or marks and grades only in an examination. This debate simply says that marks and grades do not reflect the intelligence of a student and that simply means marks and grades anywhere and everywhere.

We all have assembled here to witness an argument; we all have assembled here to decide what is right and what is wrong. In this debate we will be allotted marks. So, are we not being judged on the basis of our abilities, are we not being judged on the basis of our potential and are we not being judged on the basis of our intelligence.

But my worthy opponents say, that marks and grades do not reflect the intelligence of a student. Wow! Great! Drum rolls please!

Our education system has various levels of exams. All of us know the level of marks needed to achieve our goals. When goals are set, competitions are equal and fair, why should not the winner rejoice and loser feel sad?

The most important argument put forward by my worthy opponents is the example of the great scientist Albert Einstein.

At the age of 16, Einstein took a college entrance examination and we all know he failed. But he obtained exceptional grades in Physics and Mathematics. He passed college with the top grade of 6 being the highest on a scale of 1-6.

Hence, my point is simple, Einstein might not have performed well in his childhood, but his marks always reflected his intelligence as his marks in physics and mathematics were exceptionally good because these are the marks in his favourite subjects which became his chosen field in life. By this we can say that, the childhood grades and marks need not be an indicator of a child's intelligence. That is why schools cannot detain a child up to class 8th. And this is important but after that stage when a child is more mature, exams become important.

I would like to ask the august gathering that if a child has never performed well in any of the examinations in the system, would you as an owner of a company take the risk of hiring him? From these examples, we can clearly say that marks and grades indeed reflect the intelligence of a student.

With this I finally rest my case.

## THE MONTHS

January has month of cold,  
February has not much cold,  
March is much of test as students have more stress,  
April is month of summer as the insects murmur,  
May has hay,  
June has long days,  
July has pleasant nights,  
August has legendary heights,  
September has beautiful loaches,  
October has a weather to go to the beaches,  
November has nasty cold,  
December is the last month to hold.

ISHITA SINGH  
VIII-B

January	July
February	August
March	September
April	October
May	November
June	December



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT



- Don't make your voice loud to be heard instead make your attitude so loud that others beg to listen to you.
- The ups and downs in life are also very important to keep us going, because a straight line even in an ECG means that we are not alive.
- If you try to do work, which is possible, that is your skill. If you try to do work, which is impossible, that is your confidence.
- When you are in light, everything will follow you, but when you are in dark, even your own shadow will leave you. That's life!
- It's quite ironic that the person who brings the best out in you and one who makes you strong actually becomes your weakness.

-ADITI MALIK IX-C

## NEWTON'S LAW!!!!

Was inattentive in Science class one day  
When the teacher at random looked my way  
I didn't look up, I wouldn't dare  
There's no escaping that intense glare.

Asked me to explain to the class  
Newton's Law of Gravity and mass  
My mind was a blank, heartbeat louder  
For an answer I started to flounder.

I stood before the class trembling with fear  
"Gravity" I said...and then oh dear!!!  
I fell off the stage on to the floor  
How the class with laughter did roar.

The children tittered in great amusement  
They didn't know my sad predicament  
The teacher said, "You've demonstrated gravity"  
"Although you did it with much levity".

At length I returned to my seat  
With an applause did they greet  
Now I look back upon this and ponder  
I decide to listen and not let my mind wander.

Shraddha Sharma  
IX-C







## SHAKE OFF YOUR PROBLEMS

"If you expect life to be easy, challenges will seem difficult. If you accept that challenges may occur, life will be easier."

— Rob Liano

**Rob Liano, is a Best Selling Author, a Certified Life Coach & a Public Speaker.**

A man's favorite donkey falls into a deep precipice. He can't pull it out no matter how hard he tries. He therefore decides to bury it alive.

Soil is poured onto the donkey from above. The donkey feels the load, shakes it off, and steps on it. More soil is poured.

It shakes it off and steps up. The more the load was poured, the higher it rose. By noon, the donkey was grazing in green pastures.

After much shaking off (of problems) And stepping up (learning from them), One will graze in GREEN PASTURES.



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