

POTPOURRI ASIAN NEWSLETTER

"Learning is not attained by chance; it must be sought for with ardour and diligence." - Abigail Adams

From the Principal's Desk ...



s a lover of poetry, the first words that come to mind, when someone mentions 'April' are 'April is the cruellest month', from The Waste Land by T. S. Eliot, one of the best-known pieces of modern poetry. However, from my vantage point, this year, for The Asian School, April has been the most glorious month, where the students' lifted awards, honours and recognitions from a wide spectrum of spheres – curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular. The months preceding were equally joyful.

A glimpse of a few of these find mention in the pages of this edition of the Potpourri. While the *Aashirvachan* and *Deepotsav* ceremonies and the Investiture set a sober tone to the flow of events, the Graduation Day of the Pre Primarywing was a riot of colourfulcelebration. To add to that, were the laurels brought home in the field of sports, debates, music, art et al. While Basketball is well ensconced in the spirit of the school, Music and Debating too are emerging as forces to reckon with!

As is rightly said, 'I hear and I forget. I see and I remember. I do and I understand'. Thereby to facilitate the understanding of the basic concepts of Science and technology, another wonderful addition to the routine of the school was the introduction of the STEM and Robotics programme in the Junior and Middle Wings of the School. This is in conjunction with the principles of 'exploration' and 'building a scientific temper' enshrined in the National Education Policy.

So on that positive note, I sign off Optimistic that in the months that follow, our students will gift us with more and more proud moments and we will continue to happily share them with you. God Bless!

All India Golden Jublee Basket Ball Tournament

he Asian School won the All India Golden Jublee Basket Ball Tournament held at Welham Boys School between 27 April, 2023 to 30 April, 2023.

A total of 12 teams participated in the tournament. The Asian School beat the Welham Boys team in the finals with a score of 55-84.



Republic Day

o commemorate the 74th republic day The Asian School organized a programme with flag hoisting by the Principal, followed by the National anthem, a recitation of self-composed Hindi poem and speeches. The Principal in her address urged the students to be sensitive towards National duties and to be proud of their motherland.



Election

Leaders in the making-

very recent exciting happening at The Asian School was the filing of the nominations followed by the

voting for the school council for the session 2023-24.It all began by nomination by the staff committee then self nomination followed by a shortlisting and then finally voting.



Aashirvachan

he Batch of 2023 comprising 265 Asianites were blessed for their Board Examination at the White House Court on 7th February. As always, each student was presented with a class photograph photo frame. The solemn ceremony was attended by the Principal, Head senior school, co ordinator class 10th, Dean of Activities and the respective HRT'S of all sections of class 10th.

















Investiture

he Investiture of The Asian School, Dehradun for the academic year 2022-23 was held on 3rd February 2023 with tradition and solemnity. Keeping with the

tradition of the institution, its outstanding students were invested with the duties of office bearers. There was an aura of expectancy as the beaming faces of the selected student council members marched on to the stage in sync with the inspiring music that replicated the aura of the ceremony. It was a day imbued with a sense of pride, humility, and leadership.













The proceedings of the function commenced with the spell binding rendition of the song 'We Shall Overcome' spreading the belief that each one of us can reach for the stars with determination and perseverance.

The Principal invested the new appointees with their position of authority. After receiving the Oath of maintaining fairness in judgment and the pledge to fulfill their responsibilities to the best of their abilities, from each of the newly appointed student leaders; the Principal pinned the prestigious badges and blessed the members of the Prefect Body. Earlier these students were selected through a well conducted election held in December, 2022.

The Principal Ms. Ruchi Pradhan Datta congratulated the students and wished them luck. She urged them to take up the responsibility with commitment and integrity. The ceremony came to a glorious end after the prayer by the Principal and a huge round of applause for the new appointees.





Deepotsav

ight is the symbol of truth; give light, the darkness will disappear of itself --- with this in mind hundreds of earthen lamps are lit in the White House Court of The Asian School, Dehradun every year on the occasion of "Deepotsav" - the annual custom of showering blessings on the outgoing batch of Asianites.

The ceremonial occasion which was held on 04 February 2023 was observed by lighting of hundreds of earthen lamps and presenting souvenirs, tying of 'Kalavas' and applying of 'Tilak' on the foreheads of 288 students, due to appear for the CBSE class XII Exams in March 2023.



the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Chief Guest, Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta and the dignitaries present on the occasion. As per tradition, the blessing ceremony saw the recounting of experiences during their stay at The Asian School by a number of outgoing students, who delivered their speeches and took everyone down memory lane. The students shared their memorable and joyous moments, besides the pranks within the classrooms.

On the occasion the token exchange of earthen lamps took place which was symbolic of conferring the honour, power and responsibility on the new prefect body by the old one.

Speaking on the occasion, Principal, Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta, advised the students to understand the importance of hard work and thorough preparation and to see themselves as ambassadors of their Alma Mater and bring glory to their school. The Principal blessed the children and wished them luck.

The programme concluded with inspirational songs by the Asianites and the staff for the outgoing batch.

Staff Vs Students Basketball Match

taff Vs Students Basketball Match was organized on 16 Feb 2023 at 04:00 p.m. in the Asian Acers. Students led by Master Mradul Agarwal took on their teachers led by coach Amal Rai in an entertaining match which was cheered by a large crowd of supporters for each team.



The students tried to use their superior fitness as an advantage but were in for a surprise as the experienced teachers gave them a tough competition. Both teams did an incredible job displaying their skills in the game and the match ended in a draw with each team scoring 81 points.

The event came to a pleasant end with both the teams sharing the winners' cake.

Yellow Day

ellow Day Celebration. Yellow is the colour of sunshine and happiness. It stands for freshness, positivity and joy. On 17th of February, the kindergarten of our school celebrated Yellow Day. The motive of celebrating this day was to make the kids aware of the colour yellow, its significance and to develop fine Motor skills in the students. The day began with a fun filled introduction concerning the colour yellow. The corridor and classes were decorated with yellow balloons and cutouts. Students were all dressed up in different hues and tints of yellow. Focusing on the theme, students were asked to bring the favourite toy of yellow colour for the activity. The children enjoyed the activity and made the learning event active and sporty.

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Science Week Celebrations - Junior Wing

"Science is nothing more than a refreshment of everyday's thinking"

eaching at The Asian School is all about innovation and creativity. The Junior wing celebrated 'the Science Week' from 21st February 23 to 25th Feb 23 to mark the National Science Day. Students from classes I to V participated in interesting science activities like growing saplings, making collages, tie and die, and conducting experiments. Our little Einsteins participated in all activities wholeheartedly. The objective of this celebration was not only to inculcate a scientific attitude and a research oriented temperament but also to create interest in science. The principal Ms. Ruchi Pradhan Datta praised and encouraged the participants for their outstanding efforts.



To conclude the week a special assembly was conducted in which children of different classes performed different activities like science tricks a skit on Life of Einstein etc.

These activities proved to be a wonderful platform for students to create awareness about science and technology.

Science Day Celebrations - Middle Wing

"Science is the magic that works. Without Science, everything is a miracle. "

n order to kindle the scientific temperament among our young Asianites, the Science Department organised a small Science Exhibition on the theme "HUMAN PHYSIOLOGY" in order to commemorate the National Science Day. Students of class 6th to 8th prepared and displayed their models based on the different body systems with full enthusiasm. The Asian School witnessed an array of talent and creativity of our young geniuses through these models while our young minds were motivated to learn in a fun filled and engaging manner.

The Principal, Ms. Ruchi Pradhan Datta appreciated the effort of the students and motivated them to keep up the good work.



Art Competition at Raj Bhawan

n the occasion of Vasantotsav an art competition was organised by horticulture deptt on 3 March 2023 in the Rajbhavan, Dehradun. Overall 2027 students participated between 5-18 years of age group.

24 students participated from The Asian school. Jiya Sehgal from 5C and Abhudaya Vashisht from 8E won the third and the second prize respectively.

Trophies were awarded by the honourable Governor of Uttarakhand.







Abhudaya Vashisht from class 8I Second Prize

Poetry Competition Junior Wing

Doetry is when an emotion has found its thought and the thought has found words."

To kindle the poetic flair among the students, an Intra Class poetry competition was organized in the auditorium of 'The Asian School' for classes 1,2 and 3 on 10th February 2023. The competition witnessed all students participating in full vigour and enthusiasm on the themes like friendship, nature and humour.

They were judged on parameters like content of the poem, pronunciation and clarity in speech along with confidence.

The School Principal Ms. Ruchi Pradhan Datta applauded the performance of all the participants and encouraged them to continue to take part thereby honing their linguistic skills. It was a wonderfully exhibited performance.



Holi

he Asian School celebrated Holi with high spirits by lighting the Holika which was lit by Principal, Mrs Ruchi Pradhan Datta, the entire boarding faculty took part in it and celebrated the festival. All of our negativity was submitted to the sacred fire.This event was followed by a fine dinner. There was a riot of colours as the next morning, students celebrated Holi with eco friendly colours.The colours of joy and happiness was spread all across the school campus which made the moment memorable.



Mid Term - Manali

n 9th March 2023, boarders of Class IXth and XIth of The Asian School, Dehradun went for an excursion Trip to Manali. On our way to Manali, we stopped over at Chandigarh and went to the Pinjore Gardens and Elante Mall. Next morning, students reached our final



destination, Manali. The next morning the group went to Sissiu Lake for leisure and adventure. On the third day, students went to a camping track and after that spent the evening at the Mall Road purchasing Souvenirs for our trip.



Mid Term - Mumbai & Lonavala

f you want to raise well rounded kids, grow up to become global citizens, you must explore the world with them! Keeping this in mind The Asian School, Dehradun organizes mid-term trips every year for the students.

This year the students (girls) of class IX and XI went to Mumbai and Lonavala on a five day trip from 9 March, 2023 to 13 March, 2023.

It was a funfilled and learning experience which included:

- Visit to Gateway of India in Mumbai .
- Fun rides and shows at Imagica Theme Park .
- The students went on a shopping spree at Colaba Causeway and Hill Road Markets .
- Lonavala's scenic beauty and serenity mesmerized the students and they came back with loads of memories to be treasured for a life time .
- Lovely and beautiful views of sunset at the Juhu beach .



Pre-Primary Day

he Pre-Primary Day titled 'Graduation Finale' was celebrated at the White House Court of The Asian School on 24th March 2023. The Chief Guest for the event was Miss Priya Nanda, Principal, Mondrian High School, Dehradun. The program commenced with the lighting of the lamp by the honourable dignitaries followed by a variety of entertaining programmes by the little ones.











The PKG children along with their mothers walked the ramp with a brilliant performance depicting a **'Colours Parade'.** This was followed by a captivating Zumba dance performed by the LKG children.

The little munchkins shared their beautiful kindergarten journey and thanked their teachers, parents and mentors for all the support. Glimpses of Pre Primary Day 2022-2023 were shown through a PowerPoint presentation. An incredible and stupendous performance was exhibited by all the children. The Chief Guest addressed the audience with her enlightening words. She was thrilled to see the talents of the tiny tots. She also appreciated the efforts of the parents and school who gave an exposure to the children and took them to a different era. The dignitaries present were, Director Mrs. Vartika Sah, Principal Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta, Head Middle School Ms. Prachi Mehrotra, Dean of Activities Ms. Shweta Matta and Deputy Head Junior Wing Ms. Surbhi Narula. The programme was coordinated by the Pre-Primary Coordinator Ms. Yogita Kholi and the entire staff.





Jaipur Ranthambore Trip

ajasthan is a land of royal heritage, diverse culture, and ancient history. To explore the beauty, culture and history of Rajasthan The Asian School, Dehradun organized a six days mid-term trip to Jaipur and Ranthambore from 25 March, 2023 to 30 March, 2023 for the students of class I to VIII.

It was a fun filled and learning experience which included:

- Visit to Hawa Mahal.
- Visit to City Palace.
- A learning experience at Jantar Mantar.
- Scenic beauty of the very ancient Amer Fort
- Life time experience at Ranthambore Tiger Reserve.
- Visit to the very ancient Ganesh Temple of Ranthambore Fort.
- Visit to India Gate.
- Visit to Qutub Minar.
- Later explore the EDM Mall, New Delhi



Sardarni Kawaljeet Kaur-Staff vs Student Cricket Match

staff Vs students (The Asian School), cricket match was held at the Abhimanyu Cricket Academy (ACA) grounds on 10th April 2023. The remarkable feature being that the staff team comprised members of the esteemed School Management -Vice President, Mr. Madanjeet Singh Juneja, Director – Mr. Gaganjyot Juneja, honourable guest- Col. Sumit Datta, school teaching and non teaching faculty and the sports coaches. The day- night match commenced with the staff team winning the toss and electing to bowl first leading to the



students' team scoring 153 runs for 2 wickets in 20 overs. Further in the competition the staff team acquired 143 runs, all out in 18.3 overs. Hence the recipient of the 'Late Sardarni Kawaljeet Kaur Trophy 'was the students' team who won the match by 11 runs. Bhoomi Umar (Class 10) bagged the Best Batter's Trophy scoring 51 runs, not out and Achyut Airan (Class 12) was the one to receive the Best Bowler's Trophy taking 3 wickets in 4 overs conceding 18 runs.



Baisakhi

he festival of Baisakhi was celebrated with great enthusiasm , energy ,fervour and gaiety at The Asian School on 14 April, 23. The festival of harvest was celebrated to acquaint students with our cultural heritage.

Boarders took part enthusiastically in activities like Bhangra, Gurbani, Dhol and Dance programme at the Upper Terrace followed by a special dinner.



Earth and Environmental Week

"Stop The Pollution Be Part Of The Solution"

n the occasion of 'Earth and Environmental week,' Classes 1 to 5 took a step ahead in making the environment clean by making paper-bags, hats & posters. They participated in the activity with great zeal and enthusiasm.

They also took a pledge to say "No to Plastic Bags" & "Save the Earth".











Doon Cup 2023 (Football Tournament U-14 Girls)

he Asian School, Dehradun was declared the runners-up at the Doon Cup 2023, Under-14 Girls football tournament, hosted by Ecole Globale International Girls School. 16 schools participated in this prestigious tournament. The tournament held between 16 April, 2023 to 18 April, 2023.



Teachers Brilliance Award

ongratulations to Ms.Aparna Nauriyal, Ms.Vinita Kotiyal and Mr Anvesh Kant. For winning "Teacher's Brilliance Award". We are delighted to inform everyone that out of the twenty teachers selected for "Teacher's Brilliance Award" conducted by Dainik Jagran from all over Uttarakhand, three were from The Asian School. The Selection was done by the Dainik Jagran Headquarter, Kanpur.They received the Award from the State Project Director Education Dr. Mukul Sati and Joint Secretary Regional Office CBSE Mr. Ranbir Singh. The well deserved awardees were awarded for there contribution in :

- 1. Ms. Aparna Nauriyal for Administration/Coordinator category
- 2. Ms. Vinita Kotiyal for Contribution in Hindi language

3. Mr. Anvesh Kant for Contribution in Instrumental Music It will be our utmost endeavour to continue this legacy.

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Earth Day (Pre-Primary)

arth day was celebrated in the Pre primary wing where children were made aware of our environment, importance of trees and their benefits to this planet .By taking part in activities like picking up litter and planting trees we are making our world a happier and healthier place to live in. The little ones enjoyed making earth badges and colouring worksheet on Earth day.



Tree Plantation

he tree plantation programme was organised on Thursday, 21st April , 2022. The activity began when the little ones gathered in the garden.

In the spirit of the day, the little ones planted the trees in the school ground with the help of a garderner, and were very enthusiastic and enjoyed the planting process. Although, they got their hands muddy, they loved the activity. It was a great pleasure to see our tiny preschoolers being garderners for a day.



Blue Day

he Kindergarten Section of 'The Asian School' celebrated Blue Day on 20th April 2023. It was a pleasant and cool blue day for the tiny tots. The significance of blue colour was reiterated through a series of activities. The kindergarten buds came dressed in different shades and hues of blue and were made to recognise the blue colour through playway activities



Purvi Patwa - Tennis Prodigy

e are delighted to inform that our student Ms Purvi Patwa has won State Level Tennis Tournament in the doubles with her partner Ms. Mahira Bhatiya of Bright Land School in the Under 16 category. The Tournament is being organised by Uttarakhand Tennis Association at Parade Ground, Dehradun from 07 April to 11 April 2023.

In the Finals they defeated players from the Doon International School, Dehradun. Purvi also played under 12 singles category and became runner up. She lost a close contest against Mahira Bhatiya of Bright land School.



Mid Term - Goa

lass X Boarder of The Asian School went for a Mid Term trip to Goa from 26th March to 30th March 2023. It was memorable and refreshing visiting beaches of Baga and Anjuna, Calangute and the Aguada Fort. A visit to old Goa St. Cathedral the largest Church in Asia and the Basilica of Born Jesus houses

and the relics of St. Xavier was also amazing. The beauty of the trip was the 'SUNSET RIVER CRUISE' in the Mandovi River.



All India Inter School Arithmetic Genius Contest 2022

inning reflects that you are willing to go longer, work harder and give more than anyone else!! Kudos to Eeshan Singh of Class 4 from The Asian School who has been announced as champion of Round 3.

A North Regional Round of the All India Inter School Arithmetic Genius Contest 2022 conducted by SIP academy in which around 1000 schools from more than 20 states participated.

Eeshan won a cash prize of Rs 10000 and a champion trophy.... Way to go Eeshan!!



India's Emerging Talent

ashvi Negi, a student of Grade IX of The Asian School, is a multi-talented young girl who made it to the finals of India's Emerging Talent Season – 2. Her melodious voice will soon be heard in the finals to be conducted soon in Mumbai. She went through a rigorous round of auditions conducted in 2020 and was among 100 semi finalist. She is now among the 20 finalist who will get a chance to show their talent in the finals.

India's Emerging Talent is a reality show that gives an opportunity to young children to showcase their talent in different fields in digital platform.

Kashvi is a student of class IX, plays the Guitar & the Harmonium and loves to sing classical, semi classical, western as well as Garhwali songs. She wishes to become a Doctor. The Asian School is proud of the young student and wishes her luck.

Arohi Gaur - Taekondo Prodigy

ompetition is a fun and method of developing the human body both physically and technically. DD taekondo academy organised the belt test where everybody was impressed with a little girl name Arohi Gaur of class UKG from The Asian school who secured green belt 1 with her fierce performance.



Proud Asianite has bags the medal again.

rnav Joshi of class 6 C has won a gold and a bronze medal in the 1st open International Karate competition-2022

Organised by-Dragon Warrior of Shotokan Karate Do India. Hosted by-Doon Heritage School Bhauwala.

Asian Challenge Inter-School English Debate

he Asian School, Dehradun bagged the 21st Asian Challenge organized here on 21 April 2023 in the White House Court this evening. They stood entitled to the Rolling Trophy and a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/-. "Ann Mary School, Dehradun" emerged the first Runners–up.

As per the tradition The Asian School never competes for the trophy therefore the rolling trophy and the cash prize were awarded to Ann Mary School, Dehradun and the cash prize of rupees 5,000/- and the runners up trophy were awarded to The Asian School, Dehradun.



The competition witnessed a participation of 20 students from 10 schools from the town. The topic of the event was **"There Is No Justification For War".** The event was judged by Ms. Pallavi Gupta, (HOD, DCD), Ms. Neelum Sethi (HOD English Raja Ram Mohan Roy Academy) And Mr. Jasmeet Kalra (Founder & CEO IDKA Education Naturoganics), motivational speaker.



The results of this Inter – School Debate were as follows:

Best Speaker Best Speaker Best Rebuttal Best Rebuttal Best

- (For) Himangi Pant (The Asian School)
- (Against) Priyanshi Aggarwal (The Asian School, Dehradun)
- (For) Himangi Pant (The Asian School) & Siddhi Khurana (Shri Ram Centennial School)
- (Against) Priyanshi Aggarwal (The Asian School) & Ayush Goswami (RIMC School)
- Team The Asian School

All India Asian Challenge Inter School Basketball Tournament

he 10th All India Inter School Asian Challenge Basketball Tournament commenced on 27th April 2023. A total of 12 schools participated in this 4 daylong event and played in the league cum knockout format.

Mr. Mandeep Singh and Mr. Vinod Negi, both International Volleyball players were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honor respectively for the Closing Ceremony. The final match which was to be played on 30th April 2023 was cancelled due to heavy rainfall and The Asian School, Dehradun & Corvuss American Academy, Mumbai were declared joint winners.



Master Prabhat Mishra from Corvuss American Academy, Mumbai was declared the 'most valuable player' of the tournament and Master Aditya from The Asian School, Dehradun was declared the 'most promising player'. The Chief Guest congratulated the winners and the participants.











15th Hugh Catchpole English Debate (RIMC)

"If you speak, you influence. If you influence, you change lives"

The 15th Hugh Catchpole English Debate Competition was organised by the RIMC from 27 to 29 April 2023. This prestigious debate competition received participation from over 16 schools across India. After intense debating against various prestigious schools across India like The Doon School, Welham Girls' School, RKKGPS, Bishop Cotton, Wynberg Allen etc The Asian School bagged the Runners Up position.

The Asian School team comprising Saanvika Singh, Himangi Pant and Utkarsh Khanduri proved their mettle by defeating Bishop Cotton in the Quarter Finals, the topic being 'India must adopt the policy of non- interference when conflicts enter all the other parts of the world'.

In the Semi Final round the team emerged victorious against RKKGPS where the motion was 'To ensure greater peace in Indian families husbands must become home makers'. 'India should allow guns to be owned by citizens' was the topic for the Finals. The Asian School speaking for the motion presented very strong arguments and was applauded for the same. The competition concluded with The Asian School bagging the Runner Up Award, Gift Hampers along with a cheque of Rs 10000/-

Saanvika Singh was also awarded the Second Best Speaker award.

It was a proud moment for The Asian School.

Izhar-e-Hunar

merging towards the history of Asian, victorious, undefeated, passionate, and dedicated throughout the years, "The Asian School" has once again grabbed the astonishing opportunity of participating in 'Jashn-e-hunar' an interschool event conducted by the Hopetown Girls School on 8th of April 2023.Days and days of backbreaking work and practice in various fields The Asian School achieved first position in two of the events categorized in' Izhar –e-hunar'. The zealous, vigorous and earnest students of our school had devoted all their efficiency and spirit in learning and secured the best in orchestra. A musical group which had a variety of instruments, and composed a love song which was looked after by the music department of the school after several trials and failures we successfully stood the first not only in music but even in art. Creativity is the one which is the solutions to all basic problems, and our school even stood the best in Earth art, a competition in pasting, painting and putting creativity on sheets, where two of our gems represented their talents and capacity to handle the task maturely and ranked first in their fields .Characterizing the caliber of our students and leaning our students into all particular kind of fields is what Asian has been serving since ages ,and with a hope of leading the future and gaining all success with victories around the world is what we preach.



STEM & ROBOTICS

n accordance with the National Education Policy (NEP), our school is trying to bring novel ways of learning for the students by introducing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education. In this view, the school has collaborated with TryfiBox, a product of Construkt Learning Solutions Pvt. Ltd in order to provide hands-on learning experience to students. TryfiBox has expertise in STEM based experiential learning, Coding, Robotics and all which provide a context for inquiry and discovery and help students become active problem solvers. The curriculum and courses are aligned with the best-in-class international standards to ensure global compatibility of desirable learning outcomes. Students work on real-life application to innovate.



CLASS - I (FAMILY TRAIL ON THE RAIL)



CLASS - II (PARTS OF PLANTS AND TYPES OF ROOTS)



CLASS - III (TYPES OF PLANTS)



CLASS - IV (READING A MAP)



CLASS - V (RAIN WATER HARVESTING)



CLASS - VI (PRISM AND PYRAMID)



CLASS - VII (ELECTROMAGNET)



CLASS - VIII (CELL STRUTURES)



PHOTOMONTAGE 2023

he Asian School bagged the first prize in "Photomontage 2023", a painting competition held by Hopetown School on 08 April, 2023.

Tana Dopum of class 12E and Marry of class 12B were the participants from The Asian School.

The topic of the competition was "Renowned Artists from Renaissance Era".

Heartiest congratulations to both students.



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Thank You to the Activity department for their inputs.