

POTPOURRI



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings dear readers!

Every end of the school year is a chance to look back and celebrate the joy of teaching and the journey of learning and when the year gone by is a commemorative Silver jubilee year, the joy multiplies manifold.

Therefore, at the commencement of a brand, new Term, we all need a moment to appreciate all the little moments this year that added up to something truly significant. So, while you go through the pages of the last Potpourri of 2024-25, I'm sure that you'll rejoice in the accomplishments of our students, whether big or small.

To begin right at the top, the 25th Founder's Day celebration was truly spectacular and appreciated by parents and guests alike. The theme for the annual exhibitions were the Sustainable Development Goals and the purpose was to acquaint all the students with the SDGs through hands on activities. As is rightly said, "I do and I understand".



Both the Sports Days too were peppered with myriad interesting elements such as the Cartoon parade in the vintage cars, the school band display and such others. The school's marching band continues to grow from strength to strength and has gradually become the pride of the Sport's Day.



However, the cherry on the icing was the Founder's play, Zangoora, a unique school adaption of the mega musical. The gigantic sets, mesmerising light and sound arrangements, creative costumes and superlative performances kept everyone glued to their seats, rising only for a standing ovation as the sky burst into a spectacular burst of fireworks at the grand finale.



Among various other achievements that are reflected in the forthcoming pages, a product of much perseverance and satisfaction is the publishing of the third back-to-back edition of our inhouse story book, Reflection III. Well done, Asianites, you make me so proud!

The TAS MUN was also a mega success, a feat that we aim to replicate this year too.



Additionally, focus on mental health and well being and exposure to the multiple options of careers through specialised sessions and the TAS Careers fair are also worth a mention.

To wrap it up, the end of the school year is not just a break from the classroom, but a time to reflect on the growth you've inspired and the seeds you've sown. Therefore, reflect and recharge and then embrace the fresh new Term with renewed vigour. Till then, God Bless and God speed!

The Asian school celebrated its momentous 25th Founder's Day on 25.10.24 with reverence. The commemoration began with the inauguration of the subject exhibitions. The festivities were elevated by the esteemed presence of the chief guest, Dr. Anuradha Pundeet Malla, a distinguished educator. The respective departments of all the subjects exhibited projects revolving around the theme of '17 Goals of Sustainable Development.' The

projects included the structure of Lord Shiva, Merchant of Venice, Organic Farming in Sikkim, Green Economy, etc. The Asian School also organised the Annual Book Fair, showcasing books from different genres. It was inaugurated by Ms. Pooja Marwah, a columnist and prolific author. It was heartwarming to witness students from all age groups in attendance, indulging in the joy of books, even in the digital age.



25th Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet 2024

The 25th Annual Inter-House Athletic Meet of The Asian School, Dehradun, commenced on 19th October 2024 with an inaugural ceremony led by Principal Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta and concluded on 24th October 2024 with a grand closing ceremony. The Chief Guest, Mr. Sandeep Sejwal, Olympian swimmer, along with his wife, Mrs. Pooja Banerjee, graced the closing ceremony.

Students competed fiercely across track and field events, displaying remarkable sportsmanship and determination. Arjun House emerged as the Overall Champion, securing the Inter-House Athletic Trophy, while Shivaji House won the March Past Trophy for their discipline and unity. Ishi Sharma (Ashoka House) and Prakhar Singh (Ranjit House) were honoured as the Best Athletes (Girls & Boys, respectively).



The event featured a Plank Exercise Drill by Middle School, a Disney Parade by Junior School, and a High Horse Gymnastics Display by Senior School. The school band, led by Himanshi, captivated the audience with stirring tunes.

The Chief Guest awarded the trophies and emphasized perseverance, teamwork and sports as a foundation for leadership.

The Principal Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta declared the meet closed as the school flag was lowered and handed to Retd. Subedar Sanjay Kumar Rana (HOD Sports, APTC).

The much awaited 25th Junior Annual Sports Day of The Asian School, Dehradun was a thrilling spectacle of energy, teamwork and sheer determination. Held on 23rd October, 2024, the event unfolded amidst the verdant expanse of the school's lush green Woods.

Gracing the occasion on the Silver Jubilee celebrations as the chief guest was Ms. Meenakshi Soti, the founder Principal of the illustrious Doon Heritage School, Dehradun.

The sports day was a kaleidoscope of athleticism, featuring a diverse array of races for students of all ages. From the exhilarating sprints of the older students to the playful "Cinderella" and "Royal Prince Race" for Pre-Primary children, the event catered to every age group. The students of Classes 4 and 5 demonstrated a Zumba Dance which was indeed eye catching along with a Multi Sports Drill which was an amalgamation of yoga and sports equipments. A fun-filled race for parents, aptly named "Gear Up and Drive!!!" encouraged active participation from the guardians setting a positive example for their children.



The Principal of The Asian School, Ms. Ruchi Pradhan Datta, proposed the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the event.

As the sun set, students walked away with medals, memories and the lesson that **true victory lies in participation and perseverance.**

Here's to another year of sporting excellence!

25 Years of Excellence Celebrated.

On the 26th of October, 2024, The Asian School, Dehradun came alive with celebrations of its Silver Jubilee. The event began with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the honourable Chief Guest - Mr Anupam Kher, an inspirational man of many talents - actor, director and writer.

Following the welcome address, the Director - Mr Gaganjyot Juneja offered a glimpse into his vision for The Asian School in the coming years. He also announced the expansion of franchises in Jammu, Ludhiana and Ponta Sahib. The Principal - Ms Ruchi Pradhan Datta, while presenting the Annual Report, briefed the audience about salient events and results of the past year in scholastic and non-scholastic areas. The Co-curricular Activity Captain - Arunima Saxena, spoke of co-curricular pursuits, while Vanya Sirohi, the Sports Captain, proudly presented the achievements in sports. The CBSE achievers were felicitated on the occasion by Mr Kher, which was followed by the felicitation of the founding members. Eventually, there was a ceremonious launch of the 25th Edition of 'Colors', the school magazine along with the third volume of 'Reflections', an articulate collection of short stories penned by the Asianites.





The distinguished Chief Guest, in his address, stated that the biggest obstacle holding today's youngsters back is the fear of failure and emphasized that failure is not a reflection of a person's worth, but rather an event that can foster growth.

In the cultural programme, the curtain raiser was the school song, performed by the school choir which was superseded by an exhilarating show by Groovers, the school band. However, the highlight of the celebrations came to be 'Zangoora' : The Gypsy Prince', an epic musical tale. After which the Head Girl - Samriddhi Kotiyal shared a heartfelt speech and the Head Boy - Divyansh Kalra reminisced about his journey. The jollification eventually came to conclusion with a vote of thanks proposed by the Vice Head Girl, Priyanshi Aggarwal.

A fruit and vegetable market day was organised for the students of Pre primary on 14th November 2024. The objective was to inculcate healthy eating habits. This activity was conducted as multi sensory learning activity where children could see, touch, feel and smell the fruits and vegetables. The young minds learned how different types of vegetables grow differently, importance of eating fruits & vegetables over junk food.

It was a wonderful fun learning experience for the children and they thoroughly enjoyed the day.



On 21st November 2024, our Pre primary students went on a field trip to the Supermarket as a part of extended learning. A super market is a wonderful place for children to be made aware of and learn about different kinds of foods and other things available there. Children were shown different sections of the Supermarket (grocery section, grain section, toys section, toiletry section , stationery section and many more). Children were also explained how things are bought, billed and paid for . On the whole, it was a fun filled learning experience and full enjoyment for each child .



The Asian School buzzed with joy as the Annual Children's Day Fete unfolded at The Asian Acres. Inaugurated by Principal Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta, the event featured delectable cuisine, exciting games, and thrilling rides. The lucky draw's grand prize, a Honda Activa, was won by Mrs. Beena Sharma, while Ms. Shipra Gupta won an electric bicycle, and G.P. Joshi received a Voltage air conditioner. An electrifying jam session and lively music added to the festivities. With enthusiastic participation from students, staff, and families, the fete was a cherished celebration of fun and togetherness.



22 नवंबर 2024 को दि एशियन स्कूल द्वारा कक्षा 8 के विद्यार्थियों के लिए अंतरकक्षीय वाद- विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। वाद- विवाद का विषय निम्नलिखित था।

सोशल मीडिया सामग्रियों पर प्रतिबंध अनिवार्य कर देना चाहिए



22 नवंबर 2024 को दि एशियन स्कूल द्वारा कक्षा 7 के विद्यार्थियों के लिए अंतर कक्षीय वाद- विवाद प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। वाद -विवाद का विषय निम्नलिखित था।

सार्वजनिक परिवहन के इस्तेमाल को अनिवार्य कर देना चाहिए



Pirates on Adventure (14-12-2024)

The evening celebration started with the entry of the respected judges, Milli Thawani, Mayank Vermani, and Himadri Patel, all successful in their lives and ex-Asianites. The beautiful evening was hosted by Anvishita and Bappy, who was initially terrified by the presence of Captain Rowdy Crowd (Peehuna), but his heart lightened with the arrival of the Sea Queen, Adrina.

The night was filled with excitement, featuring the "Pirate Toast" song, thrilling performances, and a lively DJ night. It was truly a fun-filled ride for all present, creating unforgettable memories at The Asian School.





Then, the prizes for the ramp walk were given out as follows

Title	Winner
Mr. Asianite	Heisnam Daniel Mangang
Ms. Asianite	Prapti Pandey
Spark of the Eve	1. Aayush Gupta, 2. Aarya Jaiswal
Early Bird	1. Anugya Bhatt, 2. Suhani Mittal
Mr. Congeniality	Apoorv Rastogi
Ms. Congeniality	Arunima Saxena
Best Hairdo	Akanshi Raturi
Best Ramp Walk	1. Shadman Salimi, 2. Drishti Chaudhary
Best Dancer	1. Sarthak Tiwari, 2. Tejasvi Thapa
Google Genius	Priyanshi Agarwal, Atharv Raj Singh
Million Dollar Smile	Ameya Kulshrestha, Antriksh Saini
Beauty with Brains	Vanya Sirohi
People's Choice	Mehak Aurora, Aditya Singh
Mr. Confident	Aridaman Singh
Ms. Confident	Jyotsna Nautiyal
Mr. Influencer	Aditya Rathore
Ms. Influencer	Khushali Dobhal
Best Outfit	(B) Kavya Rathore, (G) Namya Ahlawat
Captain Black Pearl Jackson	Athoigamba Salam
Perfect Presence	Pratul Pratap Singh, Aanandi Kapoor
Mr. Elegant	Stanzin Choswang
Ms. Elegant	Himanshi

The students of Classes 1 to 5 from The Asian School went on a picnic to the Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun, on 11/12/24&12/12/24. The day started with great excitement as the children boarded the buses in the morning.

At FRI, the students were amazed by the beautiful campus and its grand buildings. They visited the museums, where they learned about trees, plants, and the importance of saving the environment. The interesting displays and explanations made learning fun for everyone.

After the museum tour, the children enjoyed playing games and participating in group activities on the large, green lawns. Teachers joined in the fun, making the day even more special.

Later, everyone sat together to enjoy a delicious lunch under the trees. The children also had some free time to explore the peaceful surroundings before heading back.

The picnic was a perfect mix of learning and fun. The students returned home happy and full of new knowledge about nature.



DEC 2024

A "Stranger Danger" activity took place in the Pre-Primary on December 2, 2024, to educate children about the potential risks associated with interacting with strangers. During the activity, young learners were specifically taught to refrain from engaging in conversation with or accepting items from unknown individuals.



DEC 2024



The solemn occasion, the annual custom of showering blessings on the Asianites, was held on the 1st of February, 2025. The Principal, (along with her words of blessings) and the respective HRTs, applied 'Tilak' on the foreheads of the students, who would appear for the CBSE , class X Board Examination. It was followed by a motivational song sung by the school choir. Students were presented with framed class photographs as mementos. The Principal in her speech gave valuable tips to students on how to fare well in the exams with confidence and self assurance.



The Asian School's Deepotsav ceremony bid farewell to Class XII students, symbolizing wisdom and new beginnings. Earthen lamps, Kalavas, and Tilak marked the occasion, with Principal Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta and Chief Guest Mr. Kuldeep Gairola (Additional State Project Director) inspiring students with words of perseverance and self-belief. A lamp exchange between Prefects highlighted the passing of responsibility, concluding the event with nostalgia and hope.



Appointment of the New Prefectorial Body (Session 2025-26) - Investiture 2025

After an interesting rollercoaster session of recommendations, nominations, self nominations, speeches and shortlisting finally the elections were held on the 4th of December, 2024. Sealed boxes were opened to disclose the "New Leaders @ TAS", ready to take the light of glory forward disclosing the following results.

CATEGORY	NAME OF STUDENTS	HOUSE
HEAD BOY	AARUSH PRATAP SINGH	SHIVAJI
HEAD GIRL	ANVISHITA YADAV	ARJUN
VICE HEAD BOY	AKSHAT VERMA	RANJEET
VICE HEAD GIRL	SHREYA RAJPUT	ARJUN
SPORTS CAPTAIN BOY	SHAURYA BASERA	ASHOKA
SPORTS CAPTAIN GIRL	BHOOMI UMAR	ARJUN
CAPTAIN CCA	AAHANA BAHAL	ASHOKA
CAPTAIN CCA	KASHVI NEGI	ARJUN
LITERARY SECRETARY	VIDHI RANA	RANJEET
LITERARY SECRETARY	RIDDHI BIJALWAN	ARJUN
CAMPUS OFFICIAL	KUNWAR ANANT VEER SINGH	ASHOKA
CAMPUS OFFICIAL	MAAHI SINGH	ARJUN





CATEGORY	BOY	GIRL
ARJUN HOUSE CAPTAIN	ALOK CHAUHAN	SILVANIA GURUNG
ARJUN HOUSE PREFECT	AADIT SHARMA	SWASTIKA NAUTIYAL
ASHOKA HOUSE CAPTAIN	ADARSH CHAURASIA	PEEHUNA SHARMA
ASHOKA HOUSE PREFECT	VANSH TOMAR	RHYTHM NARULA
RANJEET HOUSE CAPTAIN	BAPPY KUNDU	LALREMRUATI VANUCHHIA
RANJEET HOUSE PREFECT	BHAVIK SINGH RAUTELA	SHYNA SOOD
SHIVAJI HOUSE CAPTAIN	YASHRAJ SINGH	MANYA JANGPANGI
SHIVAJI HOUSE PREFECT	ADITYA NEGI	GAURIKA SAXENA
MESS SECRETARY	YASHWAN JAISWAL (ARJUN)	AANYA JAISWAL(ASHOKA)

Following which the Investiture Ceremony was held on the 5th of February 2025 with great solemnity. The prominent teachers and the senior school students attended the commemoration as the newly elected Student Council members took on leadership roles. Principal Ms. Ruchi Pradhan Datta administered the oath of fairness and responsibility, with each leader pledging to serve with integrity. The Principal congratulated them and urged commitment to their duties. The event concluded with a prayer and applause.

On the 1st of February, 2025, an exciting Staff vs Students Basketball Match was held. The staff team, comprising sports coaches, secured victory with an eight - pointed lead, while expressing pride in the impressive performance of the Student Team they had trained.

Mr Amal Rai emerged as the highest scorer with 46 points and Heisnam Daniel Mangang of class XII was declared as the Most Valuable Player. The event concluded with a cake - cutting ceremony led by the Principal, Mrs Ruchi Pradhan Datta.



दिनांक 5.02.25 व 6.02.25 को दी एशियन स्कूल में अंतरकक्षीय समूह कविता वाचन प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। जिसमें एक से कक्षा पाँच तक के विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया।

प्रतियोगिता के विषय

कक्षा एक	-	माँ
कक्षा दो	-	वर्षा
कक्षा तीन	-	सपना
कक्षा चार	-	वीर रस
कक्षा पाँच	-	पर्यावरण



सभी प्रतिभागियों ने सुंदर प्रस्तुतीकरण दिया।

कक्षा पाँच अ की छात्रा जसमायरा कौर ने कुशलतापूर्वक मंच का संचालन किया।

कार्यक्रम के अंत में प्रधानाचार्या महोदया ने सभा को संबोधित करते हुए सभी विद्यार्थियों का उत्साहवर्धन किया।

A Culinary Delight

"Cooking is like magic—you mix a little love with ingredients, and something amazing happens!"

The Asian School hosted the "Little Master Chef Activity" on 1st February 2025 for Classes IV & V, where young chefs showcased their culinary creativity with nutritious and visually appealing dishes.

Judges assessed the dishes on nutrition and taste, interacting with students about ingredients, health benefits, and historical significance. The competition was intense, with participants impressing the judges with their skills.

The event not only enhanced creativity and decision-making skills but also helped students explore their passion for cooking. As the young chefs proved, "Anyone can be a chef—all you need is imagination and a sprinkle of fun!"



“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

On February 8, 2025, our class 5 debate on “Online School is Better Than In-Person School” captivated an audience comprising class 4 and class 5 students, as passionate young debaters presented well-researched arguments highlighting the flexibility and innovative benefits of online learning against the essential social interaction and structured environment of traditional schooling; the event

was honoured by the presence of Principal Mrs Ruchi Pradhan Datta and Head Mistress Ms Prachi Mehrotra, while Judges Ms Geetanjali and Ms Surabhi Narula impartially evaluated the spirited discussions, ultimately underscoring the potential for a balanced, hybrid approach to education. The day concluded with winners emerging from both teams, reflecting the high calibre of thought and effort from all participants.



The vibrant Kite Festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm on the school campus, bringing joy and excitement to the students of Grades 1 to 8. Under the supervision of the sports teachers and activity incharges, the young boarders enthusiastically took part in the event, showcasing their skills in kite flying.

The school grounds turned into a colorful spectacle as the sky was filled with beautifully designed kites of various shapes, sizes, and colours. The students, with eager hands and beaming faces, competed to keep their kites

soaring high, enjoying the thrill of the activity. The sports teachers ensured the event was conducted smoothly and safely, guiding the students and helping them maneuver their kites skillfully.

Adding to the significance of the event, our respected Principal Ma'am graced the occasion with her presence. She appreciated the students' enthusiasm and admired the picturesque sight of the kites dancing in the sky. Her encouraging words motivated the students to participate actively and enjoy the spirit of the festival.



The festival provided a wonderful opportunity for students to learn teamwork, patience, and coordination while celebrating a traditional outdoor activity. The event concluded on a joyful note, with students cherishing their experience and looking forward to more such engaging activities in the future.

Spring is in the air !

After a prolonged winter season, it's thrilling to feel the warm sun and the brighter days . Therefore we celebrate the changing season with a hands on activities while making the little ones aware about the spring season.

Spring day was celebrated on 14th February 2025 in which the little ones came dressed as different elements of the Spring such as colourful flowers, butterflies, bee and kites etc.



A drawing and colouring competition was organised for the tiny tots of classes Nursery to UKG on 19th February 2025. The little artists participated in the competition with great zeal and enthusiasm and at the same time took great care to colour their masterpieces with their creativity. The students coloured beautifully in the picture and exhibited their skills by filling colours in it.



A storytelling competition was organized for the students of Class 3 at the Junior School. The event provided a wonderful platform for young storytellers to showcase their creativity, confidence, and narration skills.

The competition was judged by Ms. Namrata and Ms. Surabhi Narula, who carefully evaluated the participants on their expression, fluency, and storytelling techniques. The children enthusiastically narrated their stories, bringing

characters to life with their animated voices and gestures.

The event was graced by the presence of the Principal, Mrs. Ruchi Pradhan Datta, and the Headmistress, Ms. Prachi Mehrotra, who encouraged the students with their inspiring words. The storytelling competition not only enhanced the students' communication skills but also instilled in them a love for stories and literature.



TABLA COMPETITION

Class 11 F student, Harjas Singh Bawa, showcased his talent in the Indian Classical Music category, specifically in the Tabla Competition. He achieved the first position in the Instrumental (Tabla) competition at Tarang 28.11.2025, hosted at Mount Litera Zee School Dehradun, surpassing competitors from 5 other schools.



DOON BUSINESS SCHOOL COMPETITION



TSEWANG NAMDAN

One of the students named Tsewang, has been selected to take part in the prestigious National Basketball camp.



SHVITI KUMAR



Shviti Kumar from class IX -G has made an impressive mark by winning a silver medal in the under-17 category and a bronze medal in the under-19 category at the Uttarakhand State Fencing Championship. Additionally, she has set a new record as the youngest fencer to qualify for the Nationals in both the Under-17 and Under-19 categories.

DOGS

What are dogs?

Each time I hear the word, my mind whispers, GOD
For isn't it divine? Reverse it, and there you find DOG.

Yet, I watch as stones are hurled,
See their pain, their hurt unfurled.

Never a shelter, never a meal,
Only neglect, and wounds that won't heal.

I'm thirteen, too young, too small
To build them a heaven, to answer their call.

This world, it seems, can't even respect
Their own blood — what hope for the neglected.

Yet, in their eyes, a flicker of hope remains,
A wagging tail, despite their chains.
In the biting cold, as we warm by the fire,
They roam the streets, fueled by hope that won't tire.
They seek, they search, for a place to stay,
A cozy corner, to keep the cold at bay.

Some call them dirty, a danger to behold,
But what of the filth in our hearts we withhold?

Yes, some dogs bark, some may bite,
But have you wondered why they fight?
We blame the breed, label them 'cruel',
Pitbull, Rottweiler — tools for the fool.
It's not in their nature, but in how they're raised,
Their fate lies in the hands that are praised.

Dogs, the most loyal beings on earth,
Sacrificing all, for what it's worth.
They'd give their life, without a second thought,
For love, loyalty that cannot be bought.

Even if you hate, even if you scorn,
They'll save you, whether the storm.

And when it's over, they'll face the pain,
Only to be hurt, again and again.

So ask yourself, look deep inside —
Who else would stand by your side??
Who else would give, their life, their all,
If not a DOG, who answers the call?

The answer my friend, is CLEAR and BARE:
"There's no love purer than theirs, no love that can
compare!"

Prajusha Pharasi
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