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Before the pages are flipped to the first month of 2025, encapsulating all of our achievements and activities we would like to start by paying our respects to our beloved teacher, Ms Harshada whose passing has saddened us all.



Passionately devoted to the department of art she ensured all her students were inspired by her spiritual devotion, igniting their imagination and creativity.

In our everyday routine and bound by fixed schedules we often never find an artistic view of life. In the light of recent events we, the students of Literary Society, would like to pay tribute to our art teacher by remembering to adopt an artistic perspective that finds beauty everywhere.

We hope her family finds peace and we pledge that her spirit and inspiration will remain within our hearts.

Conveying our sincere condolences to Harshada Ma'am's family we hope to cherish and honour her memory.



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SST WEEK

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January 20-27, 2025



PTM EXHIBITION



HISTORICAL FANCY DRESS

"EXPLORING THE PAST, UNDERSTANDING THE PRESENT, SHAPING THE FUTURE"

The SST week was an educational start to the first week of the new year. It was brought to life by multiple activities such as a treasure hunt, where the students of Grade 8 engaged in clue hunting; Historical fancy dress, where students dressed up as various historical figures; PTM exhibition, where the kids had the wonderful opportunity to display their geographical setups to the parents; and crossword puzzles displayed across the school, testing children's knowledge while they enjoyed the brain challenge. It also consisted of captivating presentations by 11ISC and 9IC's first MUN session. A huge tribute to esteemed Kasturi ma'am for making this week possible!

PRESENTATION BY 11 ISC



11 ISC held captivating presentations for younger classes on various history and civics topics. Guided by Kasturi ma'am these presentations had been a wonderful, educational success!

MUN



Chaired by Kasturi ma'am and volunteering co-chairs, 9IC experienced their first MUN, full of learning and heated debates. This experience was enjoyed so much that no one wanted it to end!



ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS

THE NEW COUNCIL RISES TO ACTION!



17th January also marked the day when the official Student Council had been announced to everyone. The crowd roared and cheered as Student Council 2025 made their entry on stage. The school captain Arahan Shah and co-captain Arjun Shankar won all the students hearts with their well-received speech and great leadership. "We request gen alpha and z not to let their intrusive thoughts win. That means no physical or verbal intimidation or vandalism." Said Arahan who caught the students' attention and at the same time reinstated the rules. "Growing up isn't about just having fun, it's about making the right choices. We request your cooperation to make this a wonderful school year." As Arjun ended the speech, he spoke words that inspired everyone. These words were held extremely held close to our hearts as a class since they were spoken by our Class/Chemistry teacher Charulata ma'am who has and will continue to have a special place in our hearts. In conclusion we speak for the entire Student Council as we say we are grateful to have our positions and with great power comes great responsibility which we strive to respectfully uphold!

SANKRANTI

On 17 January the students of grade 7 commenced the assembly with bringing the spirit of Sankranti to life, honouring the various ways the harvest festival is celebrated in parts of India. The students, dressed in beautiful traditional attire, launched the celebrations with a short skit, followed by pairs of students taking turns to share the different names of Sankrant in their native languages. They provided insights on how the festival is celebrated in their respective regions, highlighting how Lodi is marked with bonfires in Punjab, while Pongal is celebrated over four days in Tamil Nadu with vibrant traditions and festivities. The celebrations were concluded with energetic dances.

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ASSEMBLY CELEBRATIONS

XĪNNIÁN KUÀILÈ !

Chinese New Year was celebrated with a beautiful performance by 7th grade on 28th of January. Everyone enjoyed the celebrations and wore red coloured clothes. The assembly had a beautiful fan dance and zodiac parade where each zodiac was introduced and explained. It captured the amazing culture and introduced Indian students to a culture which is very important to the country they reside in.



REPUBLIC DAY

To celebrate the momentous occasion of India's 76th year of India adopting the constitution. "Swarnim Bharat – Virasat aur Vikas" or "Golden India, Heritage and Development" is the year's motto. The assembly was taken on by Grade 12AL. The DPS choir had sung an originally Bengali song which was beautifully translated to Hindi. It was followed up with a Bharatanatyam dance which was amazingly choreographed. Grade 12AL had prepared dances to perfectly end off the assembly.



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GUEST LECTURER

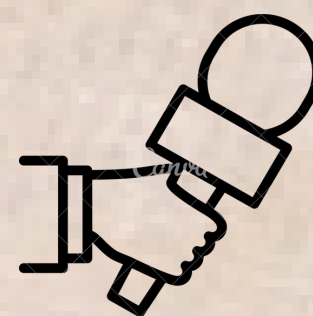
On January 17, students from classes 11 ISC and 12 AL were visited by Mr. Abhinav Goel, Senior Manager and Lead Informant, and Mr. Sivaramakrishnan Balasubramanian, Senior Director, both from Marriott International. They educated the senior students about cybersecurity, the threats of the internet, and how to navigate them. At the end of the fun session, a Kahoot game took place where the winners went home with gifts!



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INTERVIEWS



Having had the opportunity to interview all the future leaders and our current school leaders we bring forth a series of replies- For many of our student leaders, earning a position has been a dream since they were in primary! Swetha Visalakshi reminisces "This is something I've been looking forward to since I was a kid!" as Harshit Biju states that he has been waiting for this day since he was in 5th grade.

HOW DID YOU FEEL DURING THE ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE POSITIONS?

THE MOST COMMON ANSWER WAS 'OVERWHELMED, YET VERY EXCITED AND RELIEVED'.

HOW HAVE THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF DUTY BEEN?"

'A bit hectic, but I'm really glad to have my 2 amazing co captains with me to make sure everything runs smoothly.'

*-Swetha Visalakshi
(Oasis house captain)*

'Even after a day of exhaustion, I feel satisfied. Every job gives me an adrenaline rush'

-Bhumi Mehra (Deputy head)

My mind has been racing; there's quite a bit of work collaboration and communication among all councils has made it easier.'

-Araban Shah (School Captain)

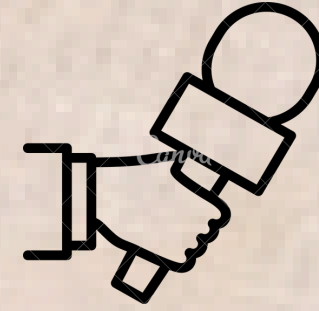
'I NEED COFFEE'

-Arjun Shankar (School Co-captain)

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INTERVIEWS



WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS AS STUDENT LEADERS?

'My role as a captain is not only to represent my house but to make sure each and every member feels valued, supported and encouraged'

*-Ananya Jain
(Lake house captain)*

'Right now, we're excited and focused on winning the upcoming Cricket Interhouse.'

*-Darshan Sai Prasna
(Spring house captain)*

'I want to make sure everyone has a great time while also respecting one another.'

*- Ashmita Mishra
(Sports council)*

'I'd love to bring in more technology to the school so we can better support everyone and make things easier for all.'

*-Neha Sushant
(Deputy head)*

THESE QUESTIONS GIVE US AN INSIGHT IN THE LIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL, ALLOWING US TO VIEW THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE FIRST MONTH OF THEIR DUTY.

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CRICKET INTERHOUSE

The highly awaited Cricket Interhouse Tournament occurred on the 27th and the 28th of January 2025. The four houses, Glacier, Lake, Oasis, and Spring competed with great sportsmanship, athleticism, and teamwork. Undeterred by the gloomy weather, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and enthusiasm. Here is a recap of how the match had evolved –



The opening match was between Oasis who decided to bowl first and Glacier who chose to bat first. The crowd seemingly was divided into two halves, one half cheering for Glacier and the other was supporting Oasis. By the half time, Glacier set a target of 43 runs for Oasis. Vidyut and the cricket team captain of Oasis, Sai, stepped onto the pitch and stunned everyone with their spectacular batting skills. Glacier tried their best and managed to successfully dismiss 3 of the Oasis batsmen. However, Oasis surpassed the target set by 2 runs and progressed to the following rounds. Two of the spectators from Oasis who were present at the match stated, "Oasis exceeded our expectations by unimaginable levels, and we are very happy with their performance. We are super proud of our house!!!"

Glacier cricket team captain, Aryan J from class 10IG A commented, "In terms of batting, there was some room for improvement, and Arav P stood out as the most credible runner. However, the team's overall fielding performance could have been stronger."

On the other hand, the winning team captain said, "Oasis has some of the strongest players, and Vidyut stands out as both the best batter and bowler. Our gameplay strategy was to ledge the ball, make them lose focus, and win the game! Initially, we thought Glacier had strong players, but after this match, our perspective shifted. That being said, we have recognized Spring as having one of the stand-out players, Darshan, who truly impressed us."

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The second match played by Lake and Spring was truly intense and jaw-dropping. Darshan from Spring house was undeniably one of the most distinguished players on the team. However, it was Kirti who rose to prominence, single-handedly spearheading Spring's efforts throughout the matches. Unfortunately, Spring's win came to an abrupt halt when Kirti was dismissed by Rishabh from Lake, one of the standout players on the opposing team.

This pivotal moment marked a significant turning point for Spring, as Kirti's departure left the team struggling to fill in for his place. At this crucial moment, Charith from 11AS stepped in to replace Kirti and delivered a stellar performance, ensuring that Spring's momentum remained intact. His exceptional gameplay proved to be a turning point, as he played an important role in keeping the team's efforts alive. By halftime, Spring had completed 76 runs in 6 overs, with just one wicket—a solid position for Spring heading into the second half.

After halftime, Lake's batting was led by Arjun Shankar, the team's most outstanding batter, who set a strong framework for their chase. Rishabh also supported with many well-executed sixes, showcasing his determination. Their combined efforts were very praiseworthy, with the entire team striving to surpass the target set by Spring. Despite that, the victory ultimately went to Spring. Lake fell short, finishing just 26 runs shy of the target. This achievement marked an important moment for Spring, as it fuelled them closer to their goal—securing the 1st position they had been tirelessly striving for.

When interviewed, Arjun Kasula, playing for Lake house from 11ISC, quoted, "There were many difficulties we faced, like, fielding indeed could have been better.

Unfortunately, even though I was not able to perform my best in this match, I cannot deny that fact. But we will strive to do better in the further matches. Speaking about our opposing team, Darshan, the Spring team captain, was the best player, whilst in our team we consider Arjun Shankar to be the finest participant."

On the other hand, when inquired, Darshan responded by saying, "The game went well. In the initial overs we were playing defensively so that we could familiarize ourselves with the opponents' play, then strike back in the following overs. The team bowled very well, and fielding was outstanding, and I hope we maintain this momentum for tomorrow. However, I am not satisfied with this win. I will only be satisfied if we win 1st for Spring in the entire Interhouse."

At this point, Glacier and Lake have won 0 matches, while Spring and Oasis have won 1 match each.

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The upcoming match between Oasis and Lake was one of the most highly anticipated encounters. Vidyut, batting first, delivered a stunning performance, smashing several incredible sixes into the sky. However, Lake dismissed 5 batsmen from Oasis. Just before halftime, the clouds suddenly darkened, casting a gloomy shadow over the pitch. The rain began to pour, forcing the match to be temporarily halted. As the day wore on, the downpour showed no signs of letting up, and so, Day 1 of the Inter-house competition came to an end with a rainy, uncertain twist.



Day 2 starts off with the resumption of the Oasis vs Lake match. After a couple of hours of intense gameplay, Oasis had scored 59 runs, but it was Lake who clinched the victory, finishing with 67 runs.

The next match between Glacier and Spring was an exciting contest. There were a few highlights of the match: Kirti's unfortunate dismissal and Charith's impressive six. In conclusion, Glacier posted 64 runs, with Spring taking 3 wickets, while Spring took the lead in the Inter-house with 81 runs and 1 wicket, as they sent 1 player from Glacier back to the pavilion.

Since Oasis and Lake had each won one match, they were tied in the standings. To determine which house would compete against Glacier for the 3rd and 4th position, and which would face Spring for the 1st and 2nd position, a rematch was held between Oasis and Lake.

Rishabh and Arjun Shankar kicked off the match with some incredible batting. But soon after, Rishabh was dismissed by Oasis, sending the crowd into an uproar of cheers. After halftime, Sai took the batting into his own hands, only to be dismissed shortly after—a moment that left the Oasis team disheartened, as Sai, visibly disappointed, could only walk off the pitch saddened by this event.

In the end, Lake won with 63 runs, edging out Oasis by 12 runs. Lake progressed to face Spring in a thrilling battle, while a disappointed Oasis, still processing the loss, prepared to face Glacier in the fight for 3rd and 4th place.



CRICKET INTERHOUSE

The final matches kicked off with Oasis facing off Glacier. Their first encounter had already set a high standard for both teams, and anticipation was building. Everyone was eagerly looking forward to this showdown, and it was clear from the start that the match would be a tight contest. After a hard-fought game, Oasis claimed victory, finishing in third place by a slim margin of just 2 runs. Meanwhile, Glacier had to accept fourth place, but their performance was highly commendable. Ms. Fakhera, the house warden for Glacier, expressed her pride by saying, "I am proud of my team," which motivated the players to continue striving for excellence. In contrast, Ms. Shelly, the warden for Oasis, was overjoyed with her team's achievement, extending heartfelt congratulations to all the players for their dedication and effort.

Last but certainly not least, the final match between Spring and Lake was nothing short of epic. The intensity was unmatched, with several key moments making it a groundbreaking event in the school's history. Spring was eager for a win, and despite their captain Darshan being dismissed by a bowler from Lake, the team's spirits remained high. The Spring supporters cheered at the top of their lungs, fuelling their team's energy. The final over, played by Kirti and Charith, was jaw-dropping. Kirti, the Man of the Match, single-handedly propelled Spring to victory, hitting multiple sixes in a row. He scored an astonishing 64 runs for his team—more than half a century!

Spring set a new school record with an impressive total of 104 runs, leaving Lake visibly worried. Despite their best efforts, Lake was not able to match the target, and when Kirti dismissed Arjun Shankar, the game was all but decided. In the end, Spring triumphed with an outstanding 84-run victory, securing a win by a truly remarkable margin.

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CRICKET INTERHOUSE

Captain Darshan, of the winning team, has stated:

"Before talking about Spring, I would like to appreciate Lake House for the way they fought against all odds and crushed it on the field. They put up a good fight and fought back exceptionally, leading to an amazing game of cricket. All the houses respected the game and played with a true spirit of sportsmanship. Special thanks to the Sports Council, Main Council, and the umpires who conducted the event as per schedule despite the uncertain weather.

My team was excellent in all aspects and displayed immense teamwork by giving their best and supporting each player of the team. Special thanks to the wardens, council members, and of course our juniors for their consistent support!"

Lastly, the Man of the Match, Kirti, said:

"I am super happy, it feels really good to be the Man of the Match and I have done this all for my captain and my team!"

In conclusion, the final standings of the highly anticipated Cricket Inter-House event were as follows:

Glacier finished in the last position, demonstrating perseverance despite their challenges, while Oasis claimed a respectable third place, showcasing a spirited effort throughout the tournament. Lake earned second place, reflecting their consistent performance and teamwork, and Spring emerged as the champions, proudly taking first place after a series of impressive displays of skill and strategy.

With this exciting conclusion, we want to extend heartfelt congratulations to all the houses and players who participated. Their hard work, dedication, and exemplary sportsmanship were evident in every match, making this event truly memorable.

As we look forward to the next Cricket Inter-House event, we eagerly anticipate the thrilling moments and competitive spirit that will surely continue to engage and inspire our community!

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CRICKET INTERHOUSE

Spring vs Lake cricket matches have always been intriguing, infuriating, or awe-inspiring. Whether you are a player of the match or not, it's safe to say we all have sat at the edge of our seats wondering which of these powerful cricket masters will take home the victory. Today was yet another day where the two houses set out to settle their scores. The match began in Lake's favour.

"Lake's playing well," Arush had said. "Their bowling and fielding is on point."

Soon after, however, the tides turned against Lake's wishes due to the repeated sixers hit by Spring's captain, Darshan, making it harder and harder for Lake's supporters to maintain their elated spirits.

"We've been deep-fried, but I still keep hope," said a Lake House supporter.

Darshan, who was single-handedly able to raise the score of the match to 63 runs, lost his partner, Keerthi, due to a highly praised catch-out by Lake's wicketkeeper, Shaurya Patel. Thereafter, the match played in Spring's favour, who left Lake with a hard-to-chase score of 74 runs.

The second inning began spectacularly for Lake. Not only had they been awarded for the numerous no balls, but the over was also dismissed as well, providing them with a good chance of winning. The second over witnessed quite a few dot balls, but fortunately for Lake, player Arjun Shankar was able to make a quick comeback by hitting three sixers and a four.

"The tables have turned," commented a few eager onlookers.

Larris's marvellous four on his first ball only added to Lake's morale. Unfortunately for our Lake lovers, the tables would turn once again. Spring's Kirti and Darshan were responsible for three different wickets. Spectators marvelled at both bowlers' skills.

One individual fawned over Kirti's talent:

"The ball can't really spin," they said, "but he's making it spin."

Losing their best batsmen, the match ended with Lake falling, making only 49 of the 75 runs they should have made to secure a win.

Though Lake's efforts were remarkable and highly praised, it was Spring who emerged with well-deserved victory in this match.

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STAY TUNED FOR THE HOUSE POINTS

