

their age but somehow look older and maturer than them and naturally this results in a certain amount of frustration.

Excursions continue to gain in popularity. This year we considered it advisable to discontinue sending boys long distances by bus. Parties of boys have gone to Chakrata, Deoban, Budher, Khadamba and Mandali. One group visited Nahan and Renuka Lake and others stayed in Forest Rest Houses on the banks of the Jumna and Ganges.

Swimming, of course, emerges an easy winner when it comes to an essay on 'Your favourite sport or pastime', and the results of inter-company meet saw some creditable performances.

The standard of P.T. continues to maintain a very satisfactory level. This year for the first time the tiny tots of Toad Hall participated and their efforts were a joy to behold.

The interest in hobbies has not flagged, rather it has increased. Art in various forms, music, carpentry continue to attract many enthusiasts, and a few boys in the 10+age group have made a start in assembling transistors and also battery eliminators for their transistors at home.

Our parents, with few exceptions, have been understanding and appreciative to a gratifying degree. Some, with the best of intentions, I know, are inclined to place too great an emphasis on text books and examination results and in consequence to exaggerate their importance out of all proportions. That they are important, there is no gainsaying, but they must be viewed in their proper perspective. Other considerations apart, it is detrimental to the best interest of a child to pressurize his intellectual capacity unduly. Parents who are tempted to do this would do well to remind themselves that education is not as much a matter of 'putting in' as of 'drawing out'. Our primary aim is to keep a boy

happy so that he can give off his best in class and out; and to provide an environment in which he can develop a self confidence which will foster a sturdy independence in the years to come.

A well run school is like a highly complicated piece of machinery in which the smallest cog, nut or bolt plays an important part and contributes to the smooth running and efficient functioning of the machine as a whole. I have already referred to the labours of those who teach. I now wish to thank all the others, the administrative and clerical staff, the school doctor and the hospital staff, the matrons who do credit to an onerous job, the class IV employees, each of whom in one way or another has contributed to the health and general well-being of our boys.

My last 'thank you' is to the chairman and members of the Board of Trustees, who have, as always in the past, given me their help, advice and support in unstinted measure. I am firmly of the opinion that any progress that a school achieves is commensurate with the active interest that the managing body takes in all matters pertaining to the school and in this respect Welham is singularly fortunate.

One last word, not of apology, but of explanation to our guests. For reasons beyond our control the tea that follows this afternoon performance will, perforce, be an austerity one.

I hope you have not found this report too tedious, but a Founder's Day speech must be of necessity to a great extent repetitive. This reminds me of an anecdote I read some years ago in a story of life in a public school. An old boy brought a friend of his to Founder's Day. At the conclusion of the Headmaster's speech, the friend remarked admiringly 'An excellent speech. The old man did remarkably well'. 'So he did', rejoined the old boy. 'I have heard him give the same speech every Founder's Day for the last ten years'.

STOP PRESS

The Servants' Strike

From the 21st October to the 10th November we were 'servantless'. A crisis, surely, in the best-run households; in a school—a calamity, or so the servants thought—but we are made of sterner stuff. We faced the situation cheerfully and willingly and in no time at all, a regular strike routine was established. The teaching staff, in addition to their usual duties, helped with the serving of meals and took over the washing up. They also helped to bathe the little ones and saw to the cleanliness and tidiness of the hostels and the classrooms. The Matrons, also in addition to their usual duties, coped most efficiently with the extra work and the hundred and one problems created by the absence of the servants. All the boys were cheerful and helpful throughout this period, but some of them were remarkably helpful and considerate.

A special word of praise goes to Mr. Sughan Chand, our mess contractor, who in the absence of cooks (except the head cook) mates and masalchis provided excellent meals throughout. This was no mean job and was cheerfully shouldered by Mr. Sughan Chand and his sons. We are, indeed, very thankful to him.

Now that the strike is over, we are all busy with our end of term programme, and well on the way to forgetting this unwelcome though fruitful experience.

(Ed.)

SCHOOL DIARY

Spring Term 1973

Happy New Year to you all. We start the term with a bang.

- Jan. 31* The boys started arriving.
- Feb. 1* School Assembly and off to new classes.
- Feb. 4* Welham Lodge and Seas went to Mussoorie to see the snow. Welham Lodge trekked up and walked down.
- Feb. 27* Cricket Match vs. The Ambassador Club. We won.
- Feb. 28* Cricket Match vs. The Ambassador Club.
- Mar. 2* Cricket Match vs. Nanhi Duniya.
- Mar. 3* Holiday for Shivratri.
Cricket Match vs. Guru Ram Rai Public School.
Captains were announced.
- March 4* Oaks and Riverside went to Mussoorie with Mr. Joshi, Mr. gaur, Mr. Uniyal and Mr. Thomson. They went right up to Lal Tibba.
- March 9* Return Cricket Match with the Embassy Club.
- March 10* Magic Show by K.P. Bali.
- March 12* Inter Company Cricket Match.
- March 16* Cricket Match vs. Doon School.
- March 18* Seas and Welham Lodge went to the Rangers College to see the annual 'Flower Show'.
- March 19* 'Holi rae'. Holiday.
- March 22* Cricket Match vs. Doon School on their ground.
- March 23* Mid-Term tests.
- March 24* Mid-Term tests.
- March 28* Mid-Term break starts after lunch. Oaks left for Nainital.
Welham Lodge left for Uni and Deoban.

- March 29* Riverside went to Corbett Park.
Leftovers of Seas and Welham Lodge went to Chakrata.
N.G. and N.U. went to Rampur Mandi. White House and Toad Hall went to Satnarain.
- April 1* No, I am not fooling you ! Cheery and Brown all the campers returned back.
- April 5* Welham Lodge, Seas and Oaks went to the Doon School to see their boxing bouts.
- April 12* Hockey Match vs. Guru Ram Rai Public School. We won.
- April 13* Holiday for Baisakhi. Puppet Show.
- April 15* Twenty five boys of Welham Lodge went to the Doon School for their Inter House Singing Competition.
- April 20* Hockey Match vs. Welham Girls High School. It ended in a draw. Well done li'l ones.
- April 21* Twentyfive boys went to the Indian Military Academy to see a thrilling Polo Match.
- April 22* Electric Puppet Show was very much enjoyed by young and old. Nanaji fascinated them a lot.
- April 25* Hockey Match vs. Embassy Club.
- April 26* Hockey Match vs. Guru Ram Rai Public School.
- April 27* Hockey Hatch vs. Doon School on their ground.
- April 30* Musical entertainment. Sonu's dance could overwhelm even the famous danuese Helen.
- May 1* Hockey Match vs. Doon School.
- May 2* Inter Company Table Tennis matches.
- May 4* Welham Lodge and Seas went to the Doon School to see their annual play, "Silence, the Court is in Session".
Inter Company Hockey Match—Seniors.
- May 5* Inter Company Swimming Competition. Ganges won.
- May 6* Puppet Show.

- May 7* Inter Company Hockey Match—Sub-Juniors.
- May 8* The much enjoyed Musical Entertainment was repeated. Sandeep (381) and Sonu's dances were appreciated + a Punjabi song.
Inter Company Hockey Match—Juniors.
- May 9* End of Term tests.
- May 10* Farewell Party to Mrs. Cook and Mr. Thomson.
- May 11* Hockey Match. Staff vs. Boys.
- May 12* Good-Bye Dinner.
- May 13* School Assembly and Prize Distribution.
Servants' Sports.
Happy Hols, study hard, help your mothers and enjoy yourselves. Cheerio.

Autumn Term 1973

Welcome to all.

- July 22* Parties started arriving.
- July 24* Poured cats and dogs. The school assembly had to be cancelled. Holiday.
- July 25* Classes began.
- Aug. 10* Football Match vs. N.D. Club. We won the first match of the term.
- Aug. 15* Holiday for Independence Day. Flag hoisting by Mr. Joshi.
- Aug. 16* Football Match vs. Jaskirat's team.
- Aug. 17* Miss Oliphant's Birthday.
- Aug. 18* Football matches vs. two teams of Guru Ram Rai Public School. Two minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect for the passing away of Mrs. Sax who had been a matron here for many years.
- Aug. 19* Mr. Gaur's grandson's birthday. At Home to the Welham Lodge boys.

- Aug. 21* Holiday for Janamashtmi. As usual the boys worked hard to make beautiful Mandirs to win the competition. Oaks put up skits and dances depicting authentic scenes of Krishna Leela. Rajiv (421), Satinder (228) and Vikesh (204) deserve a hand for their acting and dance.
- Aug. 28* Football Match vs. Doon School, on their ground.
- Aug. 29* Football Match vs. Carman School.
- Aug. 31* Football Match vs. Jaskirat's Team.
- Sept. 3* Football Match vs. N.D. Club.
- Sept. 4* Football Match vs. Doon School.
- Sept. 10* Inter-School Football Tournament organised by D.D.S.A.
Our Sub-Juniors played against Mr. Marshall's School and Juniors played against Guru Ram Rai Public School. Won both the matches.
- Sept. 11* Football Match vs. Vidya Mandir.
- Sept. 12* Football Match vs. Guru Ram Rai Public School—Sub-Juniors.
- Sept. 15* Mock Common Entrance Exam. Welham Girls High School had a mini Fete. How could their mini brothers resist it !!
- Sept. 17* Inter Company Football Match of Senior Section.
- Sept. 18* Inter Company Football matches. Juniors and Sub-Juniors, ended in a draw.
- Sept. 19* Replay of Inter Company Football matches.
- Sept. 21* Miss Oliphant's IX death anniversary.
- Sept. 22* Common Entrance Examination.
- Sept. 26* Inter Company Swimming Competition.
- Sept. 27* Inter Company Swimming Competition was continued.
- Oct. 2* Gandhi Jayanti Holiday.
- Oct. 4* Mid-term break after lunch.
Welham Lodge went to Deoban. Nainital and Chakrata Parties also left in the morning.
Rain and campers vied with each other.

- Oct. 5* N.G. and N.U. went to Satnarain.
Toad Hall and White House left for Mussoorie.
- Oct. 6* Dusehra. Woodseats went to Rampur Mandi.
- Oct. 7* The First Inter Public Schools Athletic Meet for Girls on our ground.
- Oct. 8* Evening—all the campers returned.
- Oct. 16* Seas, Oaks, Welham Lodge and Riverside went to Welham Girls High School to see their 'Bharat Gaurav'. Brothers from all the houses accompanied them.
- Oct. 20* Twenty athletes went to the Inter Company Athletic Meet of I.M.A.
- Oct. 21* Servants' Strike from 10 A.M.
- Oct. 25* Diwali was celebrated with aplomb.
- Oct. 26* D.D.S.A. Athletic Meet on the Doon School ground.
- Oct. 27* Morning—Brothers went to the Girls' School for Bhai Duj. Afternoon—Riverside upwards went to the Doon School to cheer up our athletes at the D.D.S.A. Athletic Meet.
- Oct. 28* Badminton Finals.
- Nov. 3* The whole school went to Clement Town for a Fete organised by 14 Div. Had great fun.
- Nov. 7* The servants' strike is still on and I can see the teachers in the class-rooms, in the kitchen and then busy giving baths to the boys in the hostels. For how long will it carry on ?? I had better send my secret agent to find out before he too gets exhausted.

O.K. then, see you !!!

H. Lally

Staff and Students helping themselves during the
Servants' Strike.



Another view of Staff and Students helping themselves during the Servants' Strike.



A VISIT TO LONDON

My summer holidays began. I was very happy because my parents were in London and I was supposed to meet them there. I left Delhi early in the morning. I had a long and comfortable flight.

I reached London at five in the evening. My parents greeted me with open arms.

The next day we went to Trafalgar Square by tube. As we came out of the station, we saw pigeons all around us. I went and bought some grain. We held the grain in our palms and suddenly the pigeons flew down on us. They emptied our palms. We took some photographs. From here we went to Buckingham Palace. Here we saw the changing of the Guard. This takes place everyday at six in the morning and at six in the evening. From here we returned to the hotel.

The next day we went to see Windsor Castle. Here we were told the history behind the castle. We went in and saw all the rooms. They were very beautiful. The furniture was also very beautiful. While returning, we saw the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and London Bridge.

The next morning my father had some work at the Post Office Tower. This gave us a chance to see the high Post Office Tower. After that we went to Bond Street. Here we did a lot of shopping. From here we went to Oxford Circus where we got a few photographs taken.

The next day we went to Battersea Park. This is one of the biggest amusement parks in the world. Here we played many interesting games. We won many prizes. After this we saw the Dolphin Show. Here a dolphin did many acrobatic tricks. This was the centre of attraction at the park. Then we went back to the hotel.

We started packing because the next day we were supposed to leave. The next morning we went to the

airport. We went back to Lagos. I was very sad to leave this beautiful city.

Deepinder (388)
11 Years

NEW YORK

The Natural History Museum

I have visited the museum of natural history in New York two or three times.

In the museum there are things like the skeletons of dinosaurs and there are real live whales inside huge tanks; then there are sharks and sword fish.

Then there is the skeleton of the human body.

There is also the heart in its shape and you can see what is inside because there are steps to climb in and see the parts of the heart.

There is a huge human body sculpture in stone in which you can see all the parts of the body.

Then there is the sculpture of the human brain; there are steps so you can see the nervous system and the reflex system which send the answers to your body—like when your hand touches the fire then the hand pulls itself away.

There are pieces of skeletons of Famous people and many other things; but the thing I liked best was the dinosaurs' skeletons.

Tushar (56)
10 Years

MY CINEMA HALL

My father owns a Cinema Hall which is in Patna. There are seven Cinema Halls in Patna but I like mine the best. It is right in the heart of the town. Its name is 'Pearl'. From outside the Cinema Hall is yellow and inside it is red and blue. It looks very beautiful.

There are nearly a thousand seats in it. Many people like to come to this hall. It is very comfortable. It is air-conditioned. Some people doze off to sleep in the comfortable seats.

Many good movies come to our hall so there is always a large crowd. There is always a long queue standing by the ticket booth. The movies are changed fortnightly.

My father has an office inside the hall. There are ten fire extinguishers ready to be used. There are ten bathrooms, five for gents and five for ladies. There is a main door to enter and six exit doors. Our Cinema Hall is always kept clean. There are about forty workers and a Manager. He is incharge of the whole Cinema Hall.

I think it is the best Cinema Hall in Patna.

Rajshekhar (266)

11 years

A CLOTH MILL

In India there are many Cloth Mills. My father owns one.

It is quite a big mill. It was built in 1938. Its name is Nandlal Bhandari Mill. There are 4,000 labourers working in it. Many types of cloth are made. Some parts of the mill are very dirty. There are four big godowns to keep the bales of cotton.

This mill is very well known in Indore because it produces many kinds of cloth. The mill covers a lot of space. Most of the machines are automatic. There is one general manager and many other officers. It has a big canteen where the labourers have their meals. There has been no strike so far. The labourers are well-paid.

There are big boilers to boil the water. Plain cloth is dyed in these.

The cloth is spun out of cotton. When the people visit the mill they get diaries and pen sets.

Shrenik (71)

11 Years.

TWO VIEWS OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day is a National Celebration. It is celebrated on the fifteenth of August.

This was the day when we got freedom from the Britishers. It was twenty-six years ago, at mid-night, that we got our freedom. There were a great many people who fought for freedom. Some of them were Tilak, Subhash Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh and Chandra Shekhar Azad. We got freedom after many years of British rule. We celebrate Independence Day with a holiday. People praise the great men who fought for freedom. In Delhi they celebrate Independence Day by having the soldiers march. One by one different tanks and guns pass, and the gathered crowd sees it all.

We celebrated it in school. We assembled in the morning. Mr. Joshi unfurled the flag and then we sang **Jana-Gana-Mana**. This time we recited a poem called 'Desh Hamara'. The junior boys also recited a poem. I

gave a little speech about Independence Day. In the end, we sang a song called 'Vijayi Vishv. We had a holiday on this day. When Mr. Gaur put on his transistor, we heard a speech made by our Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

This day is a great one. It is celebrated with great pomp and show.

Neeraj Kichlu (210)

10 years.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day is on the 15th of August. We got Independence on this day. We were under the Britishers for over a hundred years. Our freedom fighters were Mahatma Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose, Madam Kama, Jawahar Lal Nehru and Bal Ganga Dhar Tilak.

All the people are very happy on this day. In the Army they celebrate it with great fun. We have parties. The shops are decorated very nicely. Many people go to Delhi and there they see the parade. The officers look very smart in full uniform.

On Independence eve there is a party in the army. They have a Parade. It looks very nice. I like it very much, and I hope we will celebrate it with great fun next year also.

Dushyant (27)

10 years.

A RUBBER PLANTATION

A rubber tree grows in hilly places. The tree needs a lot of care.

When the plant grows up, the workers prick the tree and the milk starts dripping. A cup is placed underneath to collect this milk. The milk is taken to the factory. It is cooked there and made into rubber. They keep it in the sun to dry.

After drying, they sell it. One pickel of rubber costs \$700 in Malaysia. It is sold to tyre factories. Tyres and shoes and many other things are made from rubber.

Balvinder. (384).
11 years.

MY VISIT TO THE TAJ MAHAL

I went to the Taj Mahal in my last holidays. The Taj Mahal is in Agra. Outside the Taj Mahal are the shops and beautiful rose gardens. The Taj Mahal is made up of marble. This stone is very expensive and it shines in the sun. Behind the Taj Mahal, the river Jamuna flows. The Taj Mahal was build by Emperor Shah Jahan. In the Mahal there are two tombs—of emperor Shah Jahan and queen Mumtaj Mahal. There is a tunnel from the Taj Mahal to the Agra Red Fort under the river Jamuna. The Taj Mahal is one of the modern wonders of the world. The Taj Mahal is the most famous building in Agra. Many foreigners come to see the Taj Mahal.

Atul Bhargava (72).
10 years.

THE TAJ MAHAL

Our school closed for the summer holidays. I went to see my uncle in Agra. I reached Agra by train. That day my uncle took me to see the Taj Mahal. It was full moon night.

The Taj Mahal is built on the bank of the river Jamuna. The Taj Mahal was built by Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz. It is one of the best buildings in the world. The Taj is made out of white marble. There are flowers on the sea bed. There is a garden all around it. A narrow passage of water passes through the garden. The stone of Taj Mahal tells us the true love story of the queen and the emperor.

We stayed there for three hours and returned by the light of the moon. I liked this place very much. I would like to go there again and again.

Ravinder (26)
10 years.

MY ADVENTURE

One day my friend and I were riding our bicycles. My friend's name was Sanjay. We were riding along the road. We were going to a nearby shop to buy sweets. My friend and I had Rs. 2 between us. While coming back we were riding beside a wall, when somebody dropped a sack on Sanjay. The man ran from there. I had to follow him.

I kept on following till I saw the man jumping into a car. I quickly took down the number of the car and again followed. We went over bumpy roads and in the middle of a forest. There I saw a house set right in the middle of the forest between two trees.

Meanwhile what was happening to Sanjay? When the sack was dropped on him he tried to struggle but couldn't get free.

Now when I saw the house I felt very frightened. But I took courage and walked cautiously up to the house. I peeped in and saw that my friend was tied to a chair. I could do nothing. I was helpless!

Now night fell. It was the very moment I was waiting for. No one was in the house except Sanjay. He was lying on the floor. I carefully opened the door. I had my torch. It was a moonlit night. I was glad about that.

Suddenly Sanjay woke up. He was glad to see me. First I untied his rope. Then he and I ran out. I had taken the door key as there was only one door.

We quickly rode to the police station and told the inspector the whole story. He was amazed. Twenty-two policemen got into one truck and the inspector and I and two other policemen got into the car. They reached the house. They jumped down and I gave them the key. They opened the door and went into the house. There was nobody there. There were stairs leading upstairs. They went upstairs silently and came to a room. There we heard voices. We opened the door, our guns in hand.

What a surprise it was for them! When they were captured and put into jail we received a reward of Rs. 500. Our parents were very glad and bought us a watch each.

Adhiraj (299)
10 years.

GNATS

The Gnat is the smallest fighter aircraft in the world. This was a British aircraft. The British did not like this aircraft. India came forward and bought it from England. This aircraft was named Gnat because it was the smallest aircraft built and a Gnat is a very small fly.

India took it and started manufacturing it in India. Indian pilots are known to be very skilful. They know how to fly this plane. They are experts at flying this small aircraft.

During the war between India and Pakistan, the Gnat squadrons did stalwart service.

Every five minutes, a plane landed and took off. Gnats became world famous. These are manufactured by the Hindustan Aircraft Company.

Shoukat Sikand (379)
11 years.

A TEA GARDEN

I live in Assam. You may be knowing that Assam is a place of tea gardens. Tea is very common in Assam. My father is the Manager of a tea garden.

My father's tea garden is called Panitola. Assam is a nice state. In Assam there are many tea gardens. My father's tea garden is 12,00 acres. In Assam there is no shortage of tea. I like to drink tea. Now I will tell you how tea is made.

At first people are sent to pluck tea. After the tea is plucked a truck comes and all the plucked tea is put in it, the truck is taken to the factory. All the tea is taken out of the truck.

After it is taken out of the truck, it is weighed. Then it is put out in the sun. Then it is taken into a big room where the tea is made. It is very interesting to watch how tea is made. A visit to a tea garden is really very interesting.

Brij Raj Singh (253)
10 years.

WHEN I GROW UP

When I grow up I would like to be a pilot. When I become a pilot I will fly round the world and earn lots of money. When I grow up I won't marry because if the plane crashes my wife will cry, so it is no use marrying if you wish to be a pilot.

Being a pilot is fun. Flying a plane is enjoying life although it is dangerous. But I must learn to be brave. I have almost made up my mind about being a pilot. I may change when I go to college. When I grow up I will have to face many difficulties. But in life you have to face difficulties.

I am waiting to see the Great Wall of China. I will fly to France, Africa, America and Switzerland. Being a pilot is fun.

Arun Mahtari (85)
9 years.

MY SUMMER HOLIDAYS

These summer holidays I went to Simla. We left Delhi at 6 A.M. and stopped for breakfast at Chandigarh.

After Chandigarh the mountains started and it was difficult for the car to climb. We stopped at Solan and had lunch. In Simla we stayed in a house which belonged to Sir Surjeet Singh Majitha. The house was very huge but dirty and we all started to scrub. Every day we went for long walks. Once a week we went shopping on the Mall and bought food, books and so on. Once we went to the Glen and enjoyed a picnic there. Then we had to return home but when we started our car, it would not go. At last it started. After a month's stay in Simla, we had to return to Delhi. I missed Simla a lot.

Nikhil (33)

9 years.

LOST IN A FOREST

One day I went for a walk with my dog Berry. Suddenly a tiger appeared. It started chasing me. I ran for my life. I saw a tall tree and I climbed up. The tiger then went away. I climbed down and saw a house. I went inside and saw a witch. She said, 'I will change you into an ape'. Again, I ran and ran till I saw a wood-cutter. He said to me, 'Are you lost?' I said, 'Yes, I am. Will you take me home?' He said, 'Yes.' After he had cut the wood he took me home. My mother was so pleased that she gave the man ten rupees.

I shall never forget the day I was lost. I always tell little children not to venture into the forest or the same thing would happen to them.

Noshir Mehta (354)

8 years.

MY TRIP TO KASHMIR

I went to Kashmir in my summer holidays. First I went to Gulmarg. It was a lovely place. I went horse riding over there. I went on a trolley. It went straight to a mountain. We stayed at Greenland Park Hotel. It was a lovely hotel. We had lunch over there. We went for walks. We went to Gulmarg Club and saw a play over there. It was all about hippies. We had some drinks over there. On the way to our hotel we saw men playing golf. We saw a trolley going to a mountain peak. In it were two men. We waved out to them. It was dark so we went to the hotel. We had dinner over there. We played cards. The next morning we went to Pahalgam. On the way we saw many goats and mules. We reached Pahalgam at about 6 o'clock. We had some rest over there. The next day we got up and went sight-seeing. We went to Pahalgam club and had some drinks. We saw a river on the way. It was flowing very fast. We stayed at a tourist hut. My friend was also there. His name was Bunty. My friend played some games with me.

Sandeep Garg (109)

11 years.

AN OUTING IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

I lived in Glennothes. I liked the place very much. One day we went for an outing on the Scottish Highlands.

When we reached the Highlands we saw that everyone was wearing a kilt. We went to a shop and my father got me a kilt. When I wore it I looked very funny but I wore it.

We went to an airy spot and sat down. It was quite sunny so we had a drink of squash. My sisters and I played around. We saw a squirrel. We chased it, and in a fright it ran to another tree in a trice. Then my father and I went for a walk. We saw lots of things. The hills were very misty. It is easy to get lost there.

The forests were full of marshes. While I was walking I stepped into one but it was not deep. My father pulled me out and we went back to my mother.

It was very misty. The mist appeared all of a sudden and enveloped us for a while rolling away to another direction. We had a picnic lunch and came back home before it was dark. In the evening the place looked mysterious and weird.

Arvinder S. Parmar (35)

11 years.

PALAM IS POPULAR

As I entered the airport I saw a board. On it was written, "Palam Airport" Delhi. And then I saw a Hanger and many big planes were inside the Hanger. In the middle Hanger there was a very big plane of the B.O.A.C. As I went a little further, I saw a jeep driving down the runway.

I went inside a lounge. There I saw a pile of suitcases. A porter loaded them into a wagon. After that he put the suitcases on a broad belt and at the side of the belt people were standing. The porter pulled at a knob and the belt began to go round and round and the people started taking their suitcases, as the belt went round past them. I also sat on the belt and my father picked me up. It was great fun sitting on the luggage belt.

I went out of the lounge. I saw a round radar. It was pointing to the east, and I also saw a red cloth on a bamboo stick. Then, I went into a room, where men were talking to the pilots about flight 707.

I also saw a plane take off. It was on the runway and passengers were boarding it. After about fifteen minutes the porter took out the steps. Then the plane started, it made such a noise that I had to close my ears. It went forward and then came back at an amazing speed, then the wheels left the runway and soon the plane was in the air. In a few seconds it had disappeared into the sky.

I was left gazing at the amazing spectacle.

Dapinder Singh (127)
10 years.

A VISIT TO PALAM AIRPORT

One day my father took me to the Palam Airport during my summer vacation. Palam Airport is about 10 miles from my house. We went there by car and it took us about 20 minutes to reach there.

On arrival there, we parked our car in front of the Airport building. There were separate car parks, for private cars and taxis.

There were two separate buildings. One was for Internal flights and the other for International flights. The entrance to the building was by tickets which were available. My father bought two tickets. We entered the Internal flights building. On entering the building, we saw many counters for different cities of India. We saw a lot of people waiting at the counters to get their tickets checked.

When we went a little further we saw a coffee bar, a snack bar and a book stall. After that we saw two different passages. One was for incoming passengers and the other was for outgoing passengers.

After seeing the Internal side we went to the International side. There we saw many counters of different Air lines. There was a lounge where passengers were waiting for their flights. There were also coffee and snack bars. There was a restaurant upstairs.

From there we went to the gallery where relations of passengers see them off and welcome them. From there we could see many aeroplanes of different airlines. Some passengers were getting in and some were getting their luggage loaded.

In the meantime we saw an Air India plane landing. After it stopped, the passengers started getting off. They were brought to the building by bus. We saw that modern machines were being used for loading and unloading the luggage. The airport buildings are kept very clean. There was a lot of noise and people were very busy. We had light refreshments at the restaurant and after that we returned home.

Hemant (128)

11 years.

AN EXCITING ADVENTURE

One day I was walking along the road. It was very cold. So I was wearing two coats. In spite of that I was shivering. Suddenly two men jumped on me. I fought one off and escaped from the other.

The next day I thought of taking a torch, and a revolver with me. For that day the night was inky black. I looked to the right and saw the two men getting into a house. When they came out, I saw them carrying a big bundle in which I guessed there were some valuable things.

They started their car when I took a jump and landed quietly on the roof. They did not know that. They went to their hideout, hid their things and came out.

I looked at my watch and saw that the time was 11 o'clock. I couldn't see anything in the dark. Suddenly I heard an owl hoot and I got surprised. The car stopped with a jolt. I got a jerk and was almost thrown off. The thieves got out and went into a goldsmith's house. When they came out, I saw they had bags of gold ornaments in their hands. Again they started off towards the National Bank of Jaipur and Ajmer. It was the biggest bank in that area. They went inside and shot at all the policemen. The bank staff surrendered. In the meantime I telephoned the police. The police got late so I went inside with my revolver in my hand. The man tried to shoot me but I shot at his hand and he dropped his pistol. The same thing happened with the other.

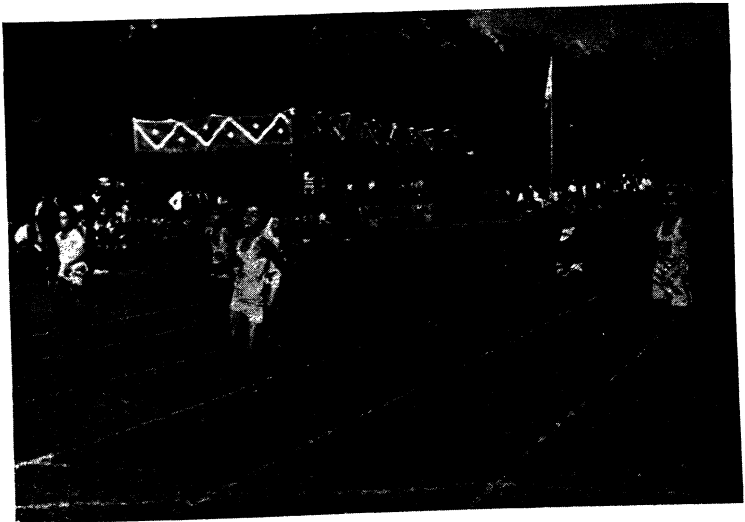
When the police came the Inspector thought I was the thief so he told me to drop my revolver. One of the bankers told him that I had captured the thieves. He was very surprised to hear that. He asked my name and I told him. He telephoned my father about the thieves. They were both handcuffed. One was as plump as a partridge and the other was as thin as a rake. They were both very angry. After they had gone I told the Inspector my story. He congratulated me and I got a reward.

Sandeep Bhargava (119)

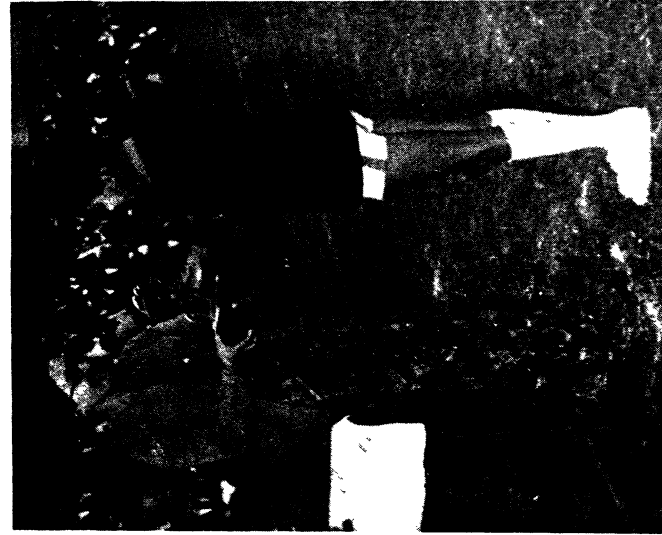
11 years.



W.P.S. in the 32nd Distt. Athletic Sports, 1972.



W.P.S. Sprinters in action at the 32nd Distt. Athletic Sports, 1972.



The District Athletic Sports, 1972
Receiving the Certificate.



Pradeep (426) clearing 4' 2" at the Distt.
Athletic Sports, 1972.

A VISIT TO A FARM

A farmer's life is very dull and silent. In villages there is not much activity as in towns.

One day some of my friends and I decided to visit a farm. So the next day, early in the morning, before dawn, we started for a farm in a jeep.

The weather was very pleasant. On the way, we came across a flock of sheep. Then we reached the farm.

When the cock crew we saw the farmers hustling out of bed. Then they went to the field to work.

The birds were chirping sweetly in the trees. The herds of cattle were grazing in the field nearby.

Some women were milking the cows, while the others were cutting wheat. We saw the grain ready for harvesting.

As the dawn faded, the rays of the sun filled the sky. The farmers continued their work. They seemed to be as happy as larks.

Some farmers were sowing seeds, some were giving water to the vegetables. The fields were full of vegetables.

In the afternoon they had two hours' break for lunch. We also had our lunch at that time.

After lunch we went to see the barn. There we saw goats, sheep, cows and buffaloes.

Then we visited the hen-pen. There the hens were chuckling. It was a very beautiful sight.

At five o'clock the farmers retired from their work. They had their dinner. Then they sang songs around the fire. After that they went off to sleep.

By nine o'clock the whole farm was silent. Then we also returned to our homes.

This was the best farm I had ever visited.

Amit Roy Chaudhury (324)

11 years.

MY FRIEND'S FARM

Last holidays my friends and I visited my friend's farm. We went early because when the cock crows the farmers hustle out of their beds to do farming.

When we reached there, we saw the farmers and their men doing jobs like ploughing the field, working at the tube-well and milking the cows. The women wearing gay coloured clothes, were churning milk to make butter, feeding the hens, cleaning the barn, hen-pen and the pigs-ty, bringing the water from the well and weeding the fields.

As we went along we plucked some carrots, raddish and other grains. By now we were near my friend's farm-house. At twelve o'clock we ate our lunch and rested for an hour. At five-thirty the work started and stopped at six-thirty. The farmers sang songs, told stories and held a panchayat. After some time they ate their dinner and slept by 9 o'clock.

Ashwani (357)

10 years.

RHYMING TIME

Seventeen boys in C.E.D.,
 All as naughty as can be.
 Vivek Kumar just loves to talk,
 Around the classroom he'll always walk.
 Sanjay Atal's the brainy one,
 His work is well and neatly done.
 Rajnish Verma's the poshest one,
 He's always bossing everyone.
 Ravinder Brar's the quiet one,
 He hardly troubles anyone.
 Krishna Pal's the tricky one,
 That's why his work is never done.
 I'll say no more, I think you've guessed,
 This class you'll agree is the very best.

Ajay Rawla,
 10 years.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

Once Peter and I were walking across a field. As we were walking along we heard a cry for help from behind us. We ran back to see who was shouting. Suddenly a pellet hit Peter, so Peter fell unconscious. I was not strong enough to carry him, so I dragged him along. As I was dragging him along, I heard a shot. I ran to hide in an empty pond. As I jumped in I was arrested.

There were twenty men in the block. They tied me up and Peter also. After about two hours Peter woke up. We had reached the place. In the night we took their cycles and escaped. Then we informed the police and gave the

address. The kidnapers were caught and put into Jail. Then some days after we got a big reward.

Harsh (356)
10 years.

HOBBIES—AN ANNUAL FEATURE

My favourite hobby is making models. It is fun and very interesting. I mostly make planes and cars. My favourite model that I made was a car which had a motor which you have to wind with a special key.

I started making models when I was five years old, but at that time when I made a model I had to leave it until the glue was dry because it was so messy with glue, but now I can make very nice models. Model making is indeed great fun and a very interesting hobby and I like it very much too.

Anoop Chawla (315)
9 years.

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My hobby is collecting toys. I save my pocket money and buy toys. Sometimes I buy little cars, guns and games. Sometimes I save a lot of money and buy a bike or a big toy. I had bought one bike with my savings, and another one I had got for my birthday. I call my friend to come and play with my new toys. Many of them I get from my aunts and uncles so I have many toys. There are good toys where I live. There are cheap toys there so I buy many of them.

There are rubber toys which scare people and I buy them to scare my mother and my maids. So I buy many toys. I like my hobby very much.

Sudipto Sarkar (317)
10 years.

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Many people in the world have hobbies. Some like to collect coins and stamps, view cards and picture postcards. Many people like reading books. I am one of those who have a passion for reading.

Whenever I get bored I turn to my books. If I get a good book I keep on reading it all day long until it is finished.

Once I was reading a good exciting story book. I was so absorbed in my book that I didn't even hear my mother calling me. I heard a voice call out but I didn't take any notice of it. She gave me a scolding and threatened to tear my book up. Since I am a boy, my favourite authors are Enid Blyton and Franklin W. Dixon. I have a small collection of their books.

Enid Blyton writes many exciting and mysterious books. Out of all her books I like 'Fire on a Treasure Island' the best. Franklin W. Dixon writes detective and adventure stories. My best book of his was 'The Haunted Fort'. I enjoyed reading classics also like 'The Woman in White' and 'Jane Eyre.' They were quite interesting.

Since I started reading books my English has improved. When I grow up I will have a library and I will keep books that will give me knowledge. One gets knowledge by reading books. One learns about religion, people and their customs.

I would like to go on reading books. I will never give up my hobby.

Rajshekhar Singh (266)
11 years.

A TRIP TO NEPAL

During my summer holidays I went to Nepal. It is a very nice place. When I heard about the programme, I was very happy. My brothers were happy too.

When I reached there, I was very happy. All the Nepalese were talking in their own language.

The next evening I went to see my farm. I saw sugar cane. I told my servant to get one for me. The next day when I went to a bamboo field, I saw a lion sitting near the tree. My uncle shot that lion.

I liked my trip to Nepal very much.

Sangeeta (238)
9 years.

A RAINY DAY

It was the month of July and small pieces of clouds began to float in the sky. One morning big thick clouds appeared on the sky. A cool wind began to blow. In a short while the sky was covered by dark clouds. In a few minutes it began to rain in torrents. Lightning flashed and it thundered.

The rain water formed into small streams and began to flow into the gutters. Soon the streets began to look like

canals. People in the street were walking in knee-deep water with their umbrellas over their heads. Those who had been caught in the rain unawares were drenched through and through.

We had great fun. We were bathing in the rain and throwing water on one other. Some of the children were sailing paper-boats.

The rain stopped in the afternoon. The weather became cool and pleasant. Tanks and ponds overflowed. Trees looked green and fresh. Frogs began to croak in the ponds. People went out for walks to enjoy the fine weather. Some arranged picnics. Farmers began preparations for ploughing their land for the autumn crop.

Pradeep (426)
P.C.E.

SHOPPING AT CONNAUGHT PLACE

I live in Delhi. There are many places to visit and many beautiful things to see.

Once I went to Connaught Place for shopping. It was my sister's birthday. So I had to buy a present for her. I went at about 7 p.m. The people were roaming about. There is a very big fountain. There is a famous shop for buying presents. I bought a present which was a small Russian doll because my sister likes to play with dolls. The shop was over-crowded. I bought many things. Cars were parked all along the Connaught Circus. Some people were

just window-shopping. The shops looked bright and gay. The shop windows were attractive and tempting.

I bought a few things for myself and returned home.

Sanjay (333)

11 years.

SHOPPING WITH MUMMY

One summer morning I went shopping. I was home in London. First we went into a shop where you could get skis and games like golf, basket ball, tennis and football.

The streets were crowded with cars, buses, taxies and people. Some people were carrying heavy bags and some were still looking at things in the shop-windows. We went to Woolworth's and bought jerseys and toys.

We had our lunch in a restaurant. We waited for a taxi but no taxi came. So we had to go by train.

We went to a tube railway station and went home. We reached home in seventeen minutes.

Dalip Singh (366)

9 years.

THE COUNTRY I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT

I would like to visit Germany, because it is said that it is a beautiful country. The people who live there are called Germans and the language they speak is called German.

I would like to see their pictures and compare them with ours. Best of all, I like their language. I know some

of it. It is a bit hard. Then I would go and see their restaurants and eat food there. I would see what kinds of toys they have and buy some of them.

I have read in history that there was a great German dictator named Hitler. First he was a shoe-maker and then he became a great man. He tried to conquer the world but he didn't succeed. When he tried to attack America and England he was defeated. Some people still remember about him.

In Germany there are also trains and buses. They are just like ours. I would like to ride in them. Germany is somewhat a cold country. There is a lot of snow there in winter.

The more I know about Germany, the more I feel like going there. Don't you ?

Sanjay Atal (432)

10 years.

A DAY AT THE SEASIDE

One day when I woke up I saw that the sun was shining and the day was warm. The sun had come out after a long spell of rainy weather, so we decided to spend the day by the sea-side.

We packed all our things and started off. It was a very pleasant day and I was feeling very cheerful. After about an hour's drive we spotted the beach. There were people swimming, children riding on camels and horses and some people were just relaxing in the warm sun-shine. The water was still but the ripples appeared where the people splashed about.

Soon we too were relaxing and enjoying ourselves. My brother and I ran towards the water. As we came near we could see that there was a lot of foam on the water. Soon we too were splashing about happily when I heard a cry from my brother. I soon made out that he had got a cramp. Luckily my father was near-by and he managed to rescue him.

After sometime he felt all right. Everything was forgotten when we heard the tinkling sound of the bells of a camel. The camel swayed from side to side and it was a wonder that we did not fall off. Soon we ate a delicious meal followed by a gorgeous pudding.

Soon it was evening and I was very sad that the day was over and hoped that I would have another outing like this.

Rohit Kumar,
11 years.

A TRIP TO THE MOON

When I heard that Neil Armstrong, the famous astronaut, had reached the moon and was the first one to step into it, I decided to go there too, and make myself famous.

After many months of training, I was ready to blast off. After giving the speech I was interviewed. When I was on the rocket-launch, I said goodbye to my parents.

As I went inside the rocket, I saw two other astronauts, sitting there. Their names were James Smith and Rudy Arnold, who were my helpers. As the countdown was going on, a heavy rain came.

After the countdown we blasted off. As we were out of the earth's gravity I said goodbye to sweet earth. When we were far from the earth we collided with a shower of meteors.

There was no serious damage but the power line was cut and we had great difficulty in mending it. We wirelessed and told them that everything was all right, inside the space ship.

Suddenly the rocket started to sway and revolve round and round. I quickly got out of the space ship with a life rope around my waist, to see what the matter was.

There was a magnetic rock which was stuck to the space ship so it was spinning. This caused the space ship to revolve. After a lot of sweat, we freed the space ship from the magnetic rock, and just then we saw the moon ahead of us.

We landed there and explored a little. A little later we entered a cave and saw many rocks piled up. I took a photograph of it and then we all took three or four moon rocks each.

As we were walking back to our space ship, we felt as light as a feather and started to think that we were walking in a dream. We climbed our space ship and blasted off for earth.

We did not have any difficulty on the way back, even the stars seemed peaceful. As we entered earth's gravity our speed increased, we went about eight thousand kilometres per hour.

As we landed in the Indian Ocean a ship came to receive us. As we approached the shore I saw my parents, Mrs. Indira Gandhi and even the President of the U.S.S.R. were ready to greet me, with garlands.

When the news reached me that I was the most famous man on earth, I became as happy as a lark and jumped

around for joy, with my first trip to the moon had been a success !

Indrajit (19)
C.E.B.

A DAY WHEN EVERYTHING WENT WRONG

One Sunday morning when I got up, I was thinking that it would be my lucky day when my daddy came to give me my milk but when I was drinking it the cup slipped from my hand and when my daddy saw that he gave me a scolding. I had no milk that day. Then I went out to play but I slipped and hurt my leg. After a while I went to the library to read a book but I pulled too hard and all the books came tumbling down and I had to tidy the mess. Then I played with my toys but they broke and I had to play with some other things. I played with some other things but they gave me trouble. It was dark by then and I slept thinking what an unlucky day it had been.

Sandeep (68)
9 years.

LIFE IN AN ASHRAM

I live in an Ashram. It is in Rishikesh. Its name is Swargashram. It is a beautiful Ashram.

It is situated on the banks of the river Ganges in Rishikesh. It is a very cool place.

Life in an Ashram is very difficult and regulated. You have to get up at four o'clock in the morning, and have a

holy dip in the river Ganges. Then one has to go for his morning prayers. In this Ashram there are two wings. One is Geeta Bhawan and the other is Parmarth Niketan. These are very beautiful places.

It is a pleasure to live there. I love to live in the Ashram. Free food is offered to people daily. One is supposed to keep the place neat and clean. I have to do all the washing and cleaning myself. It is a good disciplined life for a boy of my age.

Naresh (435)
11 years.

THE PLACE I LIKE BEST OF ALL AND WHY

The place I like best of all is Siraska. I like it because it is peaceful and quiet. It is in the middle of a forest. Siraska is a very well kept and clean place.

It is surrounded by mountains. These mountains have many caves. These caves are occupied by tigers. There are many trees with beautiful birds singing on them.

There are many deers, blue-bulls and panthers in that area. Shooting is not allowed there. There is a very big lake. It is as smooth as velvet at night. There are many coloured fish in it.

At night the growls of the tigers and the call of the peacocks are heard. Early in the morning we hear the birds singing sweetly on the trees.

Near the guest house there is a waterfall. The waterfall comes from the mountain, through a big hole. I love to bathe in it. This water is also drunk by the animals.

I like Siraska very much. It is a heaven on earth. When I go there I feel far away from the maddening crowd.

Indrajit (19)

10 years.

THE MYSTERY OF THE SPIRAL STAIRCASE

One of the best books I have read is 'The Mystery of the Spiral Staircase'. It is written by Franklin W. Dixon.

The main characters in it are the Hardys and their chubby friend Chuck Mortimer.

It is about a pirate who is a descendant of Black Beard and who is involved in a counterfeit racket. Frank and Joe are bent on solving the mystery while their father is away. Suddenly they start receiving threatening notes. In the middle of the night Joe is kidnapped. The Hardy's plump jolly Aunt Gertrude begs Frank to find Joe. When the mailman comes, he gives them a parcel in which there are two pigeons and a note saying to send a ransom of a hundred pounds.

This is what Frank does. He takes wads of paper and colours them like money. When they reach the kidnapers, they release Joe and in their haste, don't notice they are handling counterfeit notes. After having a blood-curdling experience Frank, Joe and Chuck solve the mystery.

Ajay Rawla (190)

10 years.

THE WINNING GOAL

We were having a hockey match against the Doon School. The match started at 5 o'clock, after tea.

At first they were winning, two-one. Then our school had a penalty corner, but we missed the goal.

After the interval they wanted to score a goal but we scored a goal and the score was two each. There was only one minute left to finish the match. Our captain Pradeep (426) scored a lovely goal and we won the match by one goal ! All the boys were very happy and shouted 'Hurrah ! Hurrah !' The day was ours.

Saujanya (73)
10 years.

EXCITING CRICKET

It happened like this. After lunch Atul's team and my team had a cricket match.

We played the match on my lawn. Atul won the toss and took to batting. Atul's team batted well and were out for 54 runs. Then it was our turn for batting. Vikas and I went first. I was facing Atul, who was bowling. Our team's score was eleven, when Atul bowled. I drove it over the fence and the ball broke the bedroom window. I knew that I had broken it !

At last when the game was over, we were as proud as Punch because we had won the match.

Sukhmeet (294)
10 years.

AN ANTHOLOGY OF 'LIKES'

I like my mother. Her name is Mrs. Asha Bhargava. She is tall, thin and very attractive. Her age is 34 years. She is very fond of playing cards. Reading is her hobby. She knows how to drive a car and takes me out for very long drives. She likes to wear shirts and bell-bottoms. Sometimes she also wears lungis.

When I am at school she writes to me and sends me nicely-packed parcels. When I am at home she makes me delicious things to eat. When my limbs are aching, she soothes them by massage. Sometimes she scratches my back. When I need something, she gives it to me.

She understands my moods. When I am in an angry mood, she tries to calm me down. She makes all sorts of delicious dishes for me. Sometimes she scolds me but does not spank me. When she is sick I ask her if she needs anything. She often suffers from severe headaches.

Whenever she goes to another place, she makes the house comfortable so that we can be comfortable in her absence. She takes one room for my father and herself. I get one room for myself. I like my mother very much.

Sandeep Bhargava (119)
11 years.

THE PERSON I LIKE BEST AND WHY

I like my father the best because he takes good care of me and makes my life easy to live through.

My father's name is Parduman Chawla. He was born in Lahore, when it belonged to India. After a year or two his family got transferred to Delhi where he grew up. My

father became very fond of badminton. When he was about 21 years old, he started to become very good in badminton and was soon India number two and fifth best in the world. My father won many trophies and even had to give some away because they were getting a little too much. Now my father has settled down in life.

My father's zodiac sign is scorpio. His birthday is very close to mine because his is on the third of November and mine is on the eleventh of November.

I really pity my father because he lost his father when he was only twelve years old.

I love my father very much and I am sure he loves me very much too.

Anoop Chawla (315)

9 years.

PEOPLE I LIKE

I like many people but I like my mother, father and my grandmother the best.

My mother is a very cheerful and charming lady. She is very fond of jokes and funny stories. I like her because she cooks so many nice things for me and everyday a tasty pudding is made for me. When I'm a bit unhappy she tells me jokes and makes me laugh. She is very fat. She likes me very much.

My father is a very jolly man. He is about 43 years old. I like him because he is willing to buy me any toy. He always buys a lot of books for me. In many ways we both are alike, like he likes to swim, so do I, I like to ride a

cycle, so does he and we both love to see movies. Ho too likes me very very much.

My grandmother is 58 years old. She wears specks. I like her because she does all that she can for me. Although she is old, she is very lively and active always ready to help me when I need help. I do many errands for her. Sometimes she takes me to a temple and prays that I may live long.

I like these people very much and I can give my life for them.

Sanjay Atal
10½ years.

TWO PERSONS I LIKE BEST

I like my mother and father the best. They are very kind and nice to me. But sometimes when I am naughty they get angry with me. They give me whatever I ask them. They have sent me to such a nice school. They spend a lot of money on me. For they want me to become an intelligent boy. They buy me very expensive toys just to make me happy.

They love me a lot. But sometimes I am sad because they fight with each other. They love me more than my sisters. They love me but they do not want to spoil me. When I am in school they send me lovely cards and a lot of sweets. If I write for something they send it by parcel. I love them as much they love me and I will never forget their kindness to me.

Mukul (213)
10 years.

THE UNCLE I LIKE BEST

My best uncle is Ramesh. He lives in Bombay. He is a Doctor. His hair is black. His wife is a teacher. He gives me sweets. He has two children. He is short, fat and strong. I like him because he gives me sweets and biscuits. He is a kind man. He likes to dance. He can speak good English. He has been to London. He told me a long story of Tarzan of the Apes. He is a good high jumper and he is good in other sports also.

Anoop Sinha (233)
8 years.

THE UNCLE I LIKE BEST

I have many uncles but I like one of them the best. His name is Santosh. He is very tall and handsome. He has a moustache. He has long black hair and brown eyes. He is quite fair.

My uncle is married and lives in Bombay. He has a daughter who is my girl friend. He is very kind and gives me lots of things to eat. He owns a cloth shop. His hobbies are riding and collecting stamps. I like him so much that I wish he was sitting here with me just now.

Rajeev (28)
9 years.

MY FAVOURITE UNCLE

My best uncle's name is Raji Khanna. He is in the army. He is fifty years old. He lives in Delhi. He is kind

to me. He is my mother's brother. He buys me anything I want. He takes me fishing everyday. Sometimes when I am naughty he scolds me.

He has two children. He has got a long moustache. He is a Colonel in the army. He is tall and thin. I like him because he takes me anywhere I want to go. He was almost killed by a robber once. He swims well. I like him very much.

Rahul (268)
8 years.

THE TWO PEOPLE I LIKE BEST

The two people I like best are Sanjay and Protap. They are friendly boys and play football. They always give me sweets, but sometimes we have friendly quarrels. I don't mind because I know that they will become my friends again. I like Protap better than Sanjay because Sanjay is mostly quarreling with me. When I report him he gets a scolding, then he becomes my friend again. Protap always plays whatever I play and helps me when I am in trouble. On Monday is Protap's tuck day and he gives me sweets.

Protap is always my friend as I know that when Sanjay is against me, he will be with me. I like Protap better than Sanjay because Sanjay doesn't give me things when I ask him. When he doesn't give me anything then Protaps takes a few sweets from him when he is not looking. At picture time Sanjay is very busy looking at the picture so Protap takes a lot of tuck from him and we share it. I like him very much.

Indar Dhillon (126)
9 years.

THE PERSON I LIKE

The person I like most is my mummy. She is very sweet and loving. She loves me very much, looks after me and gives me several things. Her loving care makes me a happy and a good boy. She wakes me up with a sweet kiss and with endearing words.

She gives me lots of toys, beautiful clothes and chocolates, sweets and delicious food to eat. She takes me for walk also. She is as sweet as honey and candy. She is beautiful also.

At night she tells me stories and gives me a kiss also. When I am naughty she gives me a spanking but I enjoy it because she is kind and sweet.

I like my mummy very much.

Rohit (208)

10 years.

DREAMS—STATE YOUR CHOICE**My Best Dream**

It was a hot evening. I was tired after a long walk. I lay down for a rest. I fell asleep. It was the best dream I have ever had.

The President had called me to his house. His butler told me to sit down and wait for a little while. The President came in and told me that a special rocket was made in India for me to go to the Mars. I was as happy as a lark when I heard this. He told me that I was to go to Mars in plain clothes and he told me to come to the parade ground on Wednesday where the rocket would be waiting for me.

Wednesday came. The sun had come out. I had worn my best clothes and packed my trunk. I had all the things I would need. As I saw the rocket I jumped with joy. The man who made the rocket told me how the rocket control worked. I remembered everything.

My parents bade me good-bye as I went inside the rocket. I would be the first boy to go to Mars. I started the rocket with ease. In a few hours I was out of the earth's gravity. Soon I forgot the controls and was at my wit's end. I could see many planets from my front window. I was going to another planet when somebody shook me hard. When I woke up I was astonished to see my mother scolding me, for I was late for my dinner. I hope I get an opportunity to go to Mars some day.

Rajshekhhar Singh (266)
11 years.

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I had a very horrifying dream, that my father was lost in space in a planet called Mars. His space ship collided with a meteor and then he landed in Mars. I told my mother that I would go and find him. My mother was very worried about me, but still I wanted to find him. Even the space patrol could not find him.

Then I set off from the earth and landed on Jupiter, because I had run out of petrol. I got out of the space ship and started roaming here and there. Suddenly I was caught by two funny looking beings, they had small elephant like ears, one trunk about sixty centimeters long and they had three fingers. They took me and locked me in a stinky round house made of stone.

Suddenly I felt something in my pocket. It was a gadget! It would explode if I put a little water on it. I had

a flask full of water and a key which could open any lock. I opened the lock and went out. I took out the gadget and put it near their communication-room. Then I went and brought two tanks of petrol and filled up my ship. Then I went back to the place where the gadget was and dropped two drops of water on it. In a moment the gadget blasted and with it the whole communication-room.

Then I ran back to my ship and took off. I heard a message from the space patrol. They told me that they had found my father and they were waiting for me to come to Mars. When I landed on Mars, I saw my father standing there with some of the men. My father went inside the Space Patrol ship and told me to come after them. When I was coming back to my ship a tidal wave came and I was drowned!

Just then I woke up and saw my father standing with a bucket in his hand. He had put water on me and was laughing! I was happy and relieved to see him.

Indrajit (19)
10 years.

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Last night I had a horrid dream, but it was exciting also.

One night, I was sitting in my bed reading a story book. Just at that time I heard a noise that shook the whole house and the noise came again and again and the whole house shook. At once the door to my room opened and in came five green men wearing red-cloaks, purple hats and they had red eyes. They told me to come with them to their homes. I was very surprised at the men. I asked them, "What do you want? For what reason have you come here? Whom do you want?" They gave me no answer and their leader said something in a foreign language and four men caught me and took

me outside. There I saw a flying saucer. They took me inside the flying saucer. We began to fly.

I saw stars and all the nine planets. The flying saucer landed on the planet Jupiter. All the green men went out, they took me to their place. And their wives brought me food. The food was just like minerals. I refused to eat so they got very angry. Soon I felt a blow on my head and I became unconscious for two hours. After a time, I regained consciousness so I asked why they had captured me? They said, "We have captured you because we want you to tell us how a Sputnik is made." Just then I saw a Sputnik pass by. I waved frantically.

The captain realized that I had been captured, so he opened up oxygen onto the green men. Their masks were off so they died.

Just then I woke up with the ringing of the bell. I got up and saw that I was in school and remembered my dream, and I told it to the boys.

Dapinder Singh (127)
10 years.

A JOURNEY BY CAR

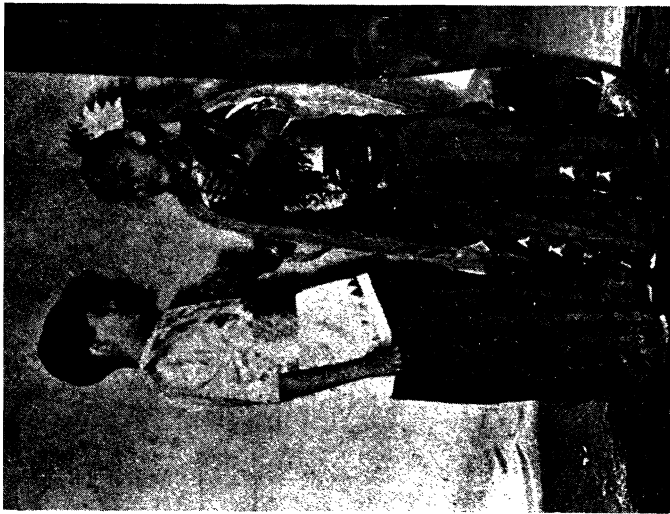
During the summer holidays we went to Delhi by car. We started from Assam at 4 o'clock or so. We were going in an Ambassador. We took the road to Calcutta. We had started very early so the wind felt very nice. We had fun watching the people open their shops for the day. When the sun had come out my father stopped the car at some place and we had our breakfast there. We went on after our breakfast. Now that the sun had come out it was quite hot. We saw some peacocks on the way.



Vishnu appears to bestow blessings on Balak Dhruv.



Prince Dhruv is reprimanded by his stepmother.



A scene from "Balak Dhruv."



The king goes a courting—A scene from the "Ugly Duckling."

Then we had our lunch. After two days we reached Calcutta. The next day we started for Delhi. We reached Bihar in one day. It was very hot there. We stayed the night at my brother's house. The next day again we started for Delhi. Now the journey was very, very hot. We reached Delhi that night. This was one of my best and most enjoyable journeys.

Jasjit (336)
10 years.

A JOURNEY BY CAR

I was going to Mysore by car. We started at 9.30 p.m. My mother, sister, aunt, uncle and my cousin were with me. On the way we passed many factories and farms. We also passed a big town called Mandya. We were driving along the Mysore-Banglore Highway.

We saw birds, cows, goats, horses and monkeys on the way. We saw many hills and also crossed the river Kaveri. We were about to go to Seringapatam but we didn't. We also ate many things and talked. We played many games on the way. Our car broke down. Luckily we were in a town, so we got the car repaired. It was raining on the way. We enjoyed the journey very much. We reached Mysore at 7 a.m. We were all very tired after the long journey. I wish to go to Mysore again.

Aditya Goenker (242)
9 years.

A JOURNEY BY TRAIN

It was my last day at Wellington. I was staying with my father. A friend of my father was taking me to Delhi. He had two sons. One was about my age and the other was six years old. My father left us at the station. We were starting in the evening. We sat down in the train and when it was ready to start my father left the train. The name of the train was Nilgiri Express. The train was going very fast and I saw Wellington left behind. We played for some time and then we had our dinner. I went to sleep very quickly because the movements of the train had made me tired. The next day we got up early and had our breakfast. The bigger boy was called Brijesh. All day long we sat near the window and watched the stations that passed. The next day we changed trains. We reached Delhi the next morning. It was a very tiring journey.

Tinpi (12)
10 years.

PICNICKING

One day I woke up with a surprise awaiting me. My mother told me that we were going for a picnic. I got up ready and ran down for breakfast. After every thing was ready we started. I asked my mother where we were going? She replied that we were going to Salang pass. At last we reached the picnic spot. Near the place where we were sitting there was a river with a very strong current. The cold air made us hungry, so we started having lunch. There was chicken, drinks and kababs. Then we had a barbecue.

It was lovely to sit outside and have lunch. Then suddenly I spied something white on the mountains. I asked

my father what it was. He said it was snow. My mother decided to go and see the snow. So, wearing our coats, we started. It was cold on top, so after playing with the snow we came down. We started for home. It was cold as we reached Kabul. I shall never forget this picnic.

Nikhil (33)

9 years.

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A PICNIC

I went for a picnic in Simla. We went by car. We reached there at nine o'clock. I had lots of fun. After playing we ate our food. I also took my gun and shot a crow. Then we went for a walk in the forest. I went riding on horse back. I climbed hills. I went with my dog to buy sweets. Then I climbed a pine tree. I gave my dog some food. I went skating. I went sliding down a landslide. In the evening we came back.

Arjun Verma (448)

8 years.

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A CELEBRATION AT NIGHT

Diwali is the most important festival of the Hindus. It is celebrated in the month of October. As I went through the streets I saw people wearing gay coloured clothes, shops decorated and glittering with tinsel and houses decorated with clay lamps. There were all sorts of toys, games and books. The women wore beautiful, coloured sarees and ornaments. The children burst many crackers. The children laughed, romped and chattered.

Everywhere there were plays about the brave acts of Rama. People were sending sweets to each other. Everyone was feasting and inviting friends and relations. The booming of crackers tore through the air. The streets looked like fairy land, decorated with clay-lamps, lights and festoons. It was late into the night so I went back home.

I was delighted watching this magnificent celebration.

Biswadeep (246)

10 years

THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE

Some time back I had the happiest day of my life. It started like this. I was very weak in studies. I had no hopes of passing in the Final Test, which was very near.

I did my test and came back home, looking very sad and dull and thinking that my mother would scold me, but instead of that I was congratulated heartily by my mother. I was very surprised and asked her the reason for congratulating me. She told me that I had come first in the Final Test. I danced about feeling very happy.

Suddenly someone knocked at the door. I went and opened it. My father was standing there. He had a box of sweets with him and was looking very happy. He told us that he had won the first prize in the Uttar Pradesh State Lottery and had one lakh rupees with him. We were very happy and decided to give a dinner party to our relatives and friends.

We were all feeling hungry so we ate our lunch. After lunch we were resting, when suddenly there was a loud knock on the door. My father opened it. My elder brother was there and had four passports in his hand.

He told us that he had won a scholarship to Canada and could take his family with him also. He had bought the tickets and we had to go by the next flight, the next day.

We had a very delicious dinner at night. The next day we flew off to Canada. On the way I thought that what a happy day it had been.

I think that no other day can be happier than this one.

Mukul Kumar (281)

10 years.

AN INTERESTING SHOP

I have been to many shops, but I find my school tuck shop the most interesting. Usually I go with my parents, or someone when I go to any shop, but to my school tuck shop, I always go alone.

My school tuck shop is in front of the Principal's office, in the building for lower school. The tuck shop man is a very kind fellow. He gives sweets free to many boys. He never cheats anyone.

We get almost everything we need there. If my film role is finished I go there and buy it. Sometimes I feel thirsty and want to have a coke. I go there and have it. Not only these things but stationery, albums, chocolates, sweets and story books are also available there.

If you go there after lunch you will always find a long queue of boys eagerly waiting for their turn to buy things they need.

The most interesting thing about this shop is that we get many kinds of things in one shop, whereas in other shops, we get one kind of thing in one shop.

My school tuck shop is interesting indeed. It is the best place in the whole school !

Mukul Kumar (281)
10 years.

AN EXCITING EXPERIENCE

It was a cloudy day. I was riding on my bicycle.

As I rode into a lane, I heard somebody moan and groan in the house to my left. I stopped my bicycle and peeped through the window. I saw a man and a woman sitting with their hands and legs bound. In another room, I heard a lot of banging going on. I guessed that it must be the hide-out of a gang of robbers.

I thought of some way of helping them. So I went in stealthily. I went inside the room where the man and the woman were bound. I cut their bonds with my pen-knife. The robbers were busily searching for money and finding costly things. The man had the key to the room in which the robbers were. He locked the room and the robbers were trapped. The leader of the gang was left outside. As we were going outside, we saw the leader. He took out his revolver from his holster, hidden beneath his coat, but before he could fire, a knife was thrown at him. It struck him on his temple and he fell down dead.

Then we went to call the police. When we came back with the police, the robbers were banging at the door and shouting. We opened the door and the police arrested them.

After a few days, the man gave me a reward. It was a beautiful Swiss watch. I shall never forget the day, when this incident took place.

Ashish Khanna (429)
11 years.

AN INTERESTING STORY

These holidays I read a book named 'Ajax the Warrior.' It was a very very interesting book. It was all about an Australian wild dog. In some place in Australia there was a flood. So the people went to a hillock. They stayed for about two or three hours. When the flood waters receded they saw snakes, frogs and many other water creatures. When they were returning to their homes they saw a huge tree. From that tree they heard whimpers. So they went to investigate. They found three Australian wild dog pups but only one of them was alive. They picked it up and kept it.

They named it Ajax. And this story is all about him. They kept this dog till it grew up. The master of this dog had a daughter. Once his daughter went to have a bath in the sea. When she was having her swim a big wave came and swept her away. She called to Ajax despairingly. Ajax heard. He ran and jumped into the sea to save her; she was going very fast. But Ajax was not swimming slowly. When he reached her he caught her frock and brought her ashore, so this was the first time he had saved her. This is not only the interesting incident; there are many more interesting incidents which would take too long to relate.

Harshraj Singh (356)

10 years.

MY BROTHER

My brother's name is Dinyar. He has short brown hair. He is in 'Seas' Hostel. He is my elder brother. He always helps me to fight back if anyone bullies me. He takes

care of me when we are in the train, going home. He buys me all sorts of things with his pocket money.

He is a very kind brother. He helps me against my enemies, he teaches me how to fight back and to skate. He likes to eat hot things like chola, and all such other things. My brother can be very kind.

Noshir (354)

8 years.



MY PET DOG

I had a dog. It was a golden Retriever. Its name was Berry. We had bought her from a policeman by the name of Mr. Knight. He was a nice gentleman. When my dog grew up we used to take her to the maidan. She used to run so fast that she used to whiz past us then we took her home and gave her breakfast; then we would take her out and play ball. Whenever my father and I went to play chess she would often come and jump onto the bed and watch us play. Then once she was in pain; we thought she was going to have a litter of pups. So we made a large wooden kennel and put her inside. The next day we saw she had got a litter of beautiful pups. So we kept them for about five days and then sold them. Years passed by happily. One day when she was drinking her barley water, she fell and was at the point of death, so we had to have her put to sleep. We cried a lot. She was 14 years old, that means 91 in human age.

Dinyar Mehta (353)

10 years.



SCHOOL MASTERS—TAKE TIPS

I always think that if I were a school master I would not let the boys misbehave. I would also be kind. I would show four movies in a week. They would be allowed to go out on Sundays on their bikes. I would try to make the boys happy. I would also be strict if the boys did not listen to me. I would try to make the school food better than it is in any other school.

I would allow the boys to have as much to eat as they wanted at break time. I would disguise myself as a stranger and see if the boys were happy. I would give the servants one hundred rupees a month. There wouldn't be any Common Entrance. The boys would be allowed to go to Doon School after finishing Welham School. I would allow them to go out with their parents any time. They would be allowed to bring Radios from home. They would get fifty rupees a month. There would be a good big Tuck Shop. They would be allowed to buy tuck any time they wanted. I really wish I were a school master, and perhaps one day I will be.

Kawal (396)

11 years.

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If I were a school master I would be very kind. I would teach the boys Maths and English. Every Saturday I would let them show me a play. I would never be unkind to the boys. Whenever they needed something I would buy it for them. I would play with the boys and if they were caught talking in the night I would not punish them. In

studies I would be strict. I would take them to the Principal if they did not work hard. I would teach them games too. Races, broad jumps and nearly every outdoor game. I would also teach the boys how to swim. I would watch them swimming. Every Festival I would tell the Principal to give them a holiday. I would never be allowed to do this for my mother and father would never allow me to do it.

Rahul Kapur (136)
10 years.

MY MOTHER

I like my mother very much. She takes good care of me. She loves me very much. She takes me for a swim. She is tall and fair. She has nice sarees. My mother cooks food. She makes a plait. My mother lives in Mathura. She won a lottery of Rs. 2,439. When I am good she buys me sweets, but when I am very naughty she scolds me. She takes me for a horse-ride every morning.

Azmat (339)
8 years.

AN INTERESTING SHOP

The most interesting shop I have ever seen is 'Paragon' in Park Street, Calcutta. It is a toy shop and once you go in you don't feel like coming out.

There are hundreds of lovely toys there and you feel like buying everything. They also sell ice cream, cakes and different kinds of sweets, chocolates and lots of other eats.

The first floor is full of toys, the second is full of books and clothes for children of different ages. For girls you can get beautiful dolls, their frocks, cots, prams and all sorts of other things.

I was fascinated by the variety of cars, trains, and planes they had. We spent hours going round the shop and came out reluctantly!

Dalpat Singh (163)
10 years.

TOKYO FOR ME

I would like to visit Tokyo. I would like to visit Tokyo, because it is a very nice city and there are many beautiful things over there. There are many expensive things in Tokyo like toys, foreign tuck, car sets. My father would get me one of the car sets.

I would sit on the tea cups, on the moon rocket and on the train. I would have great fun. My father would get himself a television set. I would see the big golden sleeping Buddha. I would see all the Buddhists. It would be so wonderful if I could visit Tokyo.

Rajiv Sabharwal (103)
10 years.

CANADA—A WONDERFUL COUNTRY

During my holidays I went to Canada. It was always snowing over there. It was very cold. The country looked very beautiful. The buildings were very beautiful. I stayed in a hotel.

The people over there were very hard-working and were friendly also. Some rich men had beautiful, vast lawns, of fresh, green grass. Over there, the variety of food was delicious. I was thrilled to see a toy train taking children for a ride.

I got a ticket for a plane ride. I flew all around Canada. I also went in a toy train. It was fun. After that I went for a cruise, in a boat, down the river.

I liked Canada very much. It was an exciting place. I will go there again some time.

Harbhajan (88)
11 years.

AN ACCIDENT

I was returning to Dehra Dun by bus. The driver was speeding. A tonga was coming from the opposite direction. The horse got frightened and went on the wrong side of the road. The bus driver tried to stop the bus but he could not. The tonga driver never had a chance. Soon there was a collision and both the tongaman and his horse were killed instantaneously. Then there was a great commotion! We took the man to the hospital and telephoned to the police. The policeman went to the spot and took the bus driver to the police station. This was the most serious accident I have ever seen in my life.

Ravinder (26)
11 years.

OUR BOYS SEE THE WORLD

Egypt

I was wanting to go abroad. At last I got a chance. The first country I went to was Egypt.

I was very excited to reach Cairo, the capital of Egypt. It is on the Nile. I stayed in a flat. I liked the country and its people very much. The people of Egypt are friendly and quite hard working. The people of Egypt are rich. There, trams run from one place to another. There are many stops for the trams. You give one piastra and you can go anywhere you want.

The people over there are very fat and very fond of playing football. I went to see the 'Pyramids'. They are very old tombs of kings. I saw the museum at Cairo. First I saw the toy-trains. I was thrilled to see them moving about. I saw the mummies. There were coffins and dead bodies of many kings and queens in them. The fruits of Egypt were quite delicious.

I liked Egypt very much, although I like my country better than it.

Atul (355)

10 years.

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A TRIP TO MALAYSIA

I went to Malaysia on the 10th of July. We started at about six-thirty. We were out of Singapore in about half an hour. We could not get out of Singapore until our passports and luggage were checked. After they had checked our passports and luggage we started on our way again.

When we reached there we had our lunch and went to our hotel. We had some rest and at four o'clock we went to a beach near the hotel. The next day we started on our way again. This time we went to Kaulalumpur. Again the next day we started on our way to a hill-station. On the way we had to cross two rivers and twice we had to cross the rivers on ferries. After that we had a cold drink. Then we started on our way. We had to go six hundred feet high to the hill-station. The name of the hill-station was Camaral-Highlands. We stayed there for two days and started on our way back. On the way back we stayed at Kaulalumpur for the night. Then in the morning we started our journey back to Singapore. It was a 280 miles journey.

Vinay,
8 years.

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A TRIP TO KULU

In my holidays I made up my mind to go to Kulu. From there I went to Pathankot. I stayed there for two or three days. It was very hot over there. The fourth day we started from there for Kulu. We reached kulu at 2 o'clock in the morning. On the way I saw many animals.

The next day I saw a movie, I saw many nice places in Kulu. One was Rothang Pass. It was very cold over there. It was covered with snow. The snow was so slippery that I could not walk properly. I made snow balls and threw them on my sister.

The second place I saw was Mani Karn. I went by Jeep. On the way I saw snake plants and beautiful scenery. I took

some photographs. Then I ate my lunch. I enjoyed myself over there.

The third place I saw was Nagar Castle. It was a beautiful place. I saw different kinds of flowers and paintings. Kulu is a lovely place, I enjoyed myself there.

Deepak (325)

9 years.

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HYDERABAD

The highest building is in the centre of the city. It is called the Charminar. It is the second highest building in India. In Hyderabad there is a fort called Golconda Fort. It is very high and strong. There is a Zoo called Nehru Zoological Gardens. The animals are not in cages but set free in natural surroundings.

There is a toy train in the Zoo. We had lots of fun in the train. There is a very high hill near Charminar. It is called the Momhod Hill. You can see the whole of Hyderabad from its summit.

There is a very big market called Murzamzia Market. It is a fruit market.

In Hyderabad there is a road which is called Abid Road. There are brightly-lighted shops on both sides of this road. It is the fifth biggest city in India.

Ujjal (168)

9 years.

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A TRIP TO TEHERAN

Last summer holidays my mother and father got four tickets to go to Iran. The next day we packed our clothes and went to the Airport. After clearing through the customs we got into a bus and went to the plane. We sat in the plane and the plane took off. Soon we were asleep. When we got up we were flying over Teheran. We landed and were out of the airport after ten minutes.

Soon we were seeing the beautiful city of Teheran. There are many beautiful parks in Teheran. They are full of velvety grass. Nobody is allowed to walk on it. We went to our hotel. Its name was 'Mar Mar' Hotel.

The next day we went and saw 'The Shair-yar'. It has a small beautiful museum at the bottom. Next we went to see some big department stores. They had funny Persian names. We bought some antiques and came back to the hotel.

The next day we went for a picnic to Karadj. We bathed in the river and saw the Karadj dam. We played a little and then saw the Karadj dam. After eating our lunch came back and rested for an hour.

In the evening we went around the city. The Iranians are anti-Indian and pro-Pakistani, but I hope they will be friends again as they used to be before.

The next day we bought some comics, books and toys for myself. That night we came back to India. I was sad to leave the beautiful places, but I still like Mother India better.

Vivek K. Rishi (165)

11 years.

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A HOLIDAY IN MALTA

Once I went to Malta with my mother. When we reached Malta we saw that my grandmother, uncles and aunts were waiting to receive us at the airport. When I went inside my parents took me to a shop and gave me a drink. After I had had the drink, they took me home in a van which they had brought.

When we reached home I had a bath. Then we went to a movie and after the movie we went to a fair in Malta. First I went for a horse-race. I came second because I had a big horse. I got a basket of sweets and toffee as a prize.

Then I went for a toy plane ride. After that I went for fishing and a lucky-dip. We had to take a fishing-rod and hook it to some thing with our eyes closed. I won a little basket of toys and a set of feltpens. After the fair, I went home and saw some programmes on the T.V. The next day I went to see a T.V. tower. Then I went to my cousin's house. I played a game called 90-90 with him. It was a game played with a football. Then we went to swim in the sea. The sea was deep blue. It was great fun to swim and find shells on the beach. In the evening my mother took me to a restaurant. I danced with my cousin-sister. I ate in the evening. We went for a walk. We could see the sea and the lights of the city twinkling like stars. We took a lift home and came back. After a month I came back to Bombay.

Ram A. Keswani (122)

9 years.

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A VISIT TO DISNEY LAND

In my summer holiday my daddy took me to Los Angeles. We took the night plane and reached Los Angeles in the morning.

As we entered Disney Land, I felt very excited. First of all I went to Tomorrow Land. There I had a submarine ride, and saw all the wild creatures in the water.

I had rides on rockets and very fast trains. Then at 5.30 P.M. a parade came down the Main Street. Mickey Mouse led the parade. Pluto, Alice and Goofy were also in the parade.

The three little pigs also trotted past. I shook hands with Mickey Mouse and the pirates.

I was very excited. The parade was followed by the light of crackers on the Main Street.

I went to Frontier Land and went down the river in a raft.

I went to the land of rocks. As the raft crossed the water, I played on the rocks. Then I went back to the raft.

The next day I went to Fantasy Land. There I met Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs. Their dresses and masks looked so real. We did some shopping also. I sat in the huge cup. The restaurants were full of people and gay music was being played everywhere.

We also visited the Haunted House on New Orleans Square. There were ghosts in almost every room. I was so scared that my daddy had to bring me out in a hurry. That night I couldn't sleep well.

We bought some souvenirs and flew back to Honolulu.

Sunil Manghnani (222)

9 years.

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LIFE IN LAGOS

Lagos, as you know, is the capital of Nigeria. It lies on the west coast of Africa.

Lagos is a hot and clean city. There are many big departmental stores here. The men here wear a loose dress, something like a robe known as the Agbada. There are many local markets.

There are many hospitals here. The most well-known are the General Hospital and the Lagos University Teaching Hospital. It is the only city in Africa which has an ultra modern bridge. All the important Government offices are here.

Food shortage is very rare here. All types of food is available in the stores. People here are kind helpful and hard working. They are always serious about their work. The standard of education here is not very high. The schools are mostly Christian schools. 80% of the population of the city is Christian.

This is one of the most beautiful cities in Africa. Life here is really interesting.

Deepinder,
11 years.

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CAMPING AT KANASAR

On 28th of March the boys were joyful, for we were going camping. We set out before midday. We didn't have our fruit here. Mr. Uniyal and Mr. Jalota went with us.

Mr. Uniyal had decided to have our lunch at Kalsi, but when we reached Kalsi, we had our fruit instead of our lunch. Then Mr. Uniyal said that we would have our lunch at Sahiya. So when we reached Sahiya, we had our lunch. After having our lunch we set off again. Many of the boys were car sick

Sir decided to stay at Chakrata that night. When we reached Chakrata, we saw that the rest-house had small rooms with fire-places. We started playing and rambling around the rest-house. It was exciting to see new hide-outs. We had been told many ghost stories about that place. So we went around looking for adventure.

At tea-time we had coffee and something to eat. After that the boys started collecting wood for the bon-fire. We played many games, like Hide-and-Seek, King and Queen, and many card games. After sometime we went to sleep.

When morning came, we had our breakfast and went to play. After some time Sir called us to make a line and we set out for Deoban. The path was covered with snow and was very steep. If we had slipped we would have gone down the mountain side. We had to walk carefully. We reached there at tea-time and had our lunch. It was a nice place. There were many trees. Most of them were pine trees. They were very tall. There was a wooden house there. It had ten rooms. There was also a dirty pond, into which we threw stones. We were always playing there. We went for walks every day. One day we went to the Godam, where, boys who had money, bought things. We had nice time there.

Every day we used to have a camp-fire. We used to collect many big pieces of wood. Then we used to keep them for the night and burn them at night.

Three days passed quickly, so we had to come back to school and I was feeling quite sad about returning because I loved the mountains, trees and the birds there.

Samir (133)

C.E.B.

11 years.

FROM OUR GAMES CORRESPONDENT

Cricket

We have had a fairly good season. The boys have shown the usual enthusiasm and much new talent has come to light. Our gallant Pradeep (426) is the best All-rounder Welham has had for years, and Sanjay Rai Dewan (147) is an outstanding bowler. Other stars include Nikhil (67), Vishwajit (21) and Sameer (433). Balvinder has kept wicket for the first time and who knows? we may have a budding 'Engineer' in our midst!

The most exciting match was a Welham—Doon School one. We won! The Doon School needed only 3 runs to win in the last over, and Pradeep (426) took the wicket of the last batsman when all seemed lost. Pradeep became a hero overnight! We wish him well and will follow his cricket career with interest.

NEW BOYS—SPRING TERM, 1973

No.	Names	No.	Names
11	Satyajeet	143	Pushkar
13	Amit Kumar	145	Amzat Ullah
16	Alok Kumar	157	Harjasbir
20	Rohit Jain	160	Neeraj
23	Sumesh	162	Mohit
32	Vivek Bhargava	176	Jatinder
38	Rupinder	177	Sanjiv
39	Bhanu	179	Navjote
40	Dinesh	187	Jaswinder
48	Sujay K. Mishra	198	Kamal
59	Vinay	209	Shatrujit Singh
74	Sanjiv	215	Upendra Singh
77	Gurpreet	216	Jasnit
78	Vineet	220	Shishir
80	Ashish	221	Ashok
90	Rajesh	224	Anand
93	Aloke Modi	225	Raghubir
95	Sunny Mahant	230	Munish
104	Atul Jain	231	Aditya
108	Mandhir	236	Pradipta
110	Vibhas	252	Gulabinder
113	Mohit	254	Rajesh
114	Arvind	259	Vivek
130	Sandeep	261	Rajesh
131	Salil	267	Rajiv
134	Aditya	268	Rahul
135	Anil	270	Rajat
139	Gautam	274	Tarun
141	Gurvir	275	Divya
142	Amarvir	276	D. Gopal Rajan

No.	Names	No.	Names
277	Sumer	372	Karni Singh
280	Midhat	386	Indraneel
284	Abhay	391	Pankaj
287	Shailendra	406	Vinay
288	Dinesh	407	Vijit
290	Ravi	415	Prakash
297	Harpal	418	Maheshinder
300	Rohit	424	Praveen
303	Rekash	425	Manoj
304	Parag	427	Ashish
315	Anoop	434	Kapil
320	Samir	436	Jitendar
322	Sanjay	439	Vivek
330	Sanjai	441	Vivek S. Rana
334	Vinay	442	Sumaj
339	Azmat Pal	445	Pratul
342	Kaiomarz	448	Arjun Verma
364	Harbeer Singh	449	Arun Verma
365	Sanjay		

NEW BOYS AUTUMN TERM, 1973

No.	Names	No.	Names
30	Sanjay	314	Arvind
34	Pavan	351	Sunil
170	Harpal	376	Sanjay
182	Aditya	378	Jagjit
233	Anoop	450	Rajesh
255	Rohit	451	Karnesh
293	Atool	452	Rahul

LEAVERS—AUTNMN TERM, 1972

No.	Name	No.	Name
11	Jai Vardhan	143	Sharad
13	Dharmainder	145	Uttiya
16	Atul Charla	157	Rahul
20	Gurinderjit	160	Rajiv Tayal
23	Vijit	162	Atul N. Goyal
32	Mohinder	170	Sukhbir Singh
38	Anuj	176	Rajiv Kapur
39	Paramjit	177	Madhav
40	Birendra Singh	179	Yudhishtira
48	Suneel	187	Manish Sharma
59	Girish	198	Pravin
74	Dinesh	209	Jaideep
77	Kapil	215	Deepak
78	Sandeep	216	Vinayak
80	Raghav	221	Sanjiv
90	Ragesh Datt	224	Amarendra
93	Rajiv	225	Vinit Verma
95	Udai	230	Vivek
103-A	Alok Mehta	231	Jitendra
104	Lalit	236	Raghuvansh
108	Viveka	252	Anoop
110	Adil	254	Surya Bansal
113	Arun	259	Apurva
130	Vikramjeet	261	Soami
131	Jaskirat	267	Vikram
134	Ram Gupta	268	Robin
135	Shankar	270	Rakesh
139	Sanjiv	274	Sanjay
141	Rahul	275	Arvinder
142	Rajiv	276	Rajiv

No.	Names	No.	Names
277	Sanjiv Kapoor	365	Manu Avtar
280	Rajiv Bhagat	372	Rajat
284	Vibhu Sabharwal	376	Sharvan
287	Monjit	378	Arvind
288	Vikal Kumar	386	Gautam
290	Ashwini Kumar	391	Adnan
297	Ravi Matta	406	Vikram Kaul
300	Parveen	407	Gobindram
303	Dev Prakash	415	Sandeep
304	Anil	418	Shatrujit
315	Sachin Sohani	424	Mukunda
320	Arjun Rawla	425	Somen Hazra
322	Sandeep	427	Jugjiv
330	Vikram Sircar	434	Giridhar
334	Anup Kumar	436	Dushyant
339	Uday	439	Aditya Sircar
342	Ajay	441	Rakesh Chugh
351	Yogendra	442	Dilip
364	Sanjay Labroo	445	Sharad

LEAVERS—SPRING TERM, 1973

No.	Name	No.	Names
30	Charan Dip Grewal	293	Manoj Goel
34	Vivek Mehra	314	Niranjan Kumar
182	Vikrant Mankotia	363	Jagatbir Sandhu
220A	Ajay Agarwal	376	Ajay Bawa
233	Udendra Singh	378	Sanjay Bawa
255	Amit	409	Sandeep Agarwal

CAPTAINS**Spring and Autumn Terms, 1973**

School Captain		Deepinder	(388)
Ganges	{	Captain	Pradeep (426)
		Vice-Captain	Raj Shekhar (266)
Jumna	{	Captain	Sandeep (109)
		Vice-Captain	Vishwajeet (21)

PRIZES**Autumn Term, 1972**

ENGLISH			MATHS	
Class	No.	Name	No.	Name
UKG	49	Sanjay Datta	411	Sandeep
L1	187	Manish	154	Vikash
L2	363	Jagatbir	361	Viraj
U1	54	Sanjay	206	Sanjay
UII	191	Atul	359	Kumud
PT	85	Arun	256	Subodh
TA	33	Nikhil	46	Deepak
T	237	Rohit	237	Rohit
UTB	242	Aditya	273	Ajay
UTA	218	Mayurdhwaj	383	Ajay
LRD	12	Tinky	330	Vikram
LRC	68	Sandeep	421	Rajiv
LRB	317	Sudipto	217	Arun
LRA	162	Atul	73	Saujanya
URC	432	Sanjay	428	Sanjeev
URB	299	Adhiraj	281	Mukul
URA	67	Nikhil	70	Sandeep
CED	405	Rajiv	128	Hemant
CEC	388	Deepinder	388	Deepinder
CEB	195	Sankar	221	Sanjiv
CEA	215	Deepak	372	Rajat
PCE	177	Madhav	230	Vivek

HINDI			OTHER SUBJECTS	
UKG	207	Vikram	—	
L1	232	Piyush	—	
L2	89	Anup	363	Jagatbir
U1	17	Prabhjot	111	Annu
U2	295	Sunil	172	Naval
PT	53	Ram Mohan	172	„
TA	107	Bipul	271	Siddharta
T	192	Santbir	258	Ratanjit
UTB	238	Sangeeta	273	Ajay
UTA	218	Mayurdhwaj	213	Mukul
LRD	143	Sharad	336	Jasjit
LRC	239	Viney	68	Sandeep
LRB	444	Brijesh	317	Sudipto
LRA	73	Saujanya	355	Atul
URB	410	Manmohan	281	Mukul
URC	432	Sanjay	432	Sanjay
URA	210	Neeraj	324	Amit
CED	405	Rajeev	405	Rajeev
CEC	304	Anil	388	Deepinder
CEB	142	Rajiv	221	Sanjiv
CEA	351	Yogendra	274	Sanjay
PCE	415	Sandeep	415	Sandeep
SCIENCE			FORM	
UKG	—		326	Deepak
L1	—		154	Vikash
L2	—		363	Jagatbir
U1	—		206	Sanjay
U2	—		424	Mukund
PT	—		229	Rajiv
TA	—		46	Deepak
T	258	Ratanjit	86	Asis
UTB	242	Aditya	273	Ajai

UTA	213	Mukul	218	Mayurdhwaj
LRD	126	Inder	330	Vikram
LRC	68	Sandeep	68	Sandeep
LRB	317	Sudipto	317	Sudipto
LRA	355	Atul	355	Atul
URB	356	Harsh	281	Mukul
URA	397	Deepak	324	Amit
URC	432	Sanjay	432	Sanjay
CED	339	Uday		
,,	429	Ashish	405	Rajiv
CEC	388	Deepinder	388	Deepinder
CEB	142	Rajeev	142	Rajeev
CEA	342	Ajay		
PCE	93	Rajiv	415	Sandeep

GARDENING

No.	Name	Grade
404	Manpreet	1st
381	Sandeep	2nd
6	Ashwani	3rd

ART

No.	Name	Particulars for painting
107	Bipul	
42	Sunil	,,
83	Basant	,,
271	Sidharth	,,
28	Rajiv	,,
33	Nikhil	,,
34	Vivek	,,
387	Jagdeep	,,
281	Mukul	,,
112	Vivek	,,
233	Udendra	,,
419	Yadvendra	,,

10	Sanjay	for lino-painting
444	Brajesh	„ „
216	Vinayek	„ painting
177	Madhav	„ lino-painting
224	Amrendra	„ „
390	Manoj	„ clay work
342	Ajay	„ batik
93	Rajiv	„ „
415	Sandeep	„ painting
391	Adnan	„ lino-painting

INTER COMPANY MATCHES

1.	Athletics	Ganges by (108-99) 9 pts.
2.	Badminton	Jumna by (4-0) games
3.	Football (Jr)	Jumna by (1-0) goal
4.	„ (Sr)	Ganges by (2-0) goals
5.	PT	Jumna by (435-399) 36 points
6.	Swimming	Jumna by (153-129) 24 points
7.	Gardening	Ganges by (277½-251) 26½

COLOURS

Football	139 Sanjiv
	93 Rajiv
	20 Gurinderjit
Athletic	131 Jaskirat
	... 103A Alok Mehta
	304 Anil Bahadur
Badminton	426 Pradeep
	93 Rajiv
	426 Pradeep

INTER COMPANY MARKS SHIELD

Ganges	...	1274
Jumna	...	1229

Won by GANGES by 45 points.

PRIZES AND TROPHIES

Spring Term, 1973

ENGLISH			MATHS	
Class	No.	Name	No.	Name
K.G.	160	Neeraj	198	Kamal
L. I	330	Sanjay	230	Munish
L. II	195	Vikram	49	Sanjay
U. I	332	Piyush	62	Ashish
U. II	439	Vivek	187	Jasvinder
T.A.	359	Kumud	345	Rama Pal
T.B.	361	Viraj	111	Anu
U.T.D.	284	Abhay	320	Lal Davesh
U.T.C.	268	Rahul		
U.T.B.	33	Nikhil	256	Subodh
U.T.A.	237	Rohit	237	Rohit
L.R.B.	354 } 168 }	Nosher Ujjal	401	Deepak
L.R.A.	273	Ajay	123	Vinit
U.R.C.	12 } 336 }	Tinky Jasjit	218	Mayurdhwaj
U.R.B.	315	Anoop	235	Anish
U.R.A.	317	Sudipto	103	Rajiv
C.E.E.	355	Atul	6	Ashvani
C.E.D.	432	Sanjay	432	Sanjay
C.E.C.	299 } 208 }	Adhiraj Rohit	208	Rohit
C.E.B.	210	Neeraj	324	Amit
C.E.A.	429	Ashish	333	Sanjay
P.C.E.	266 } 222 }	Raj Sh Raj Sh	161	Amit

HINDI			SOCIAL STUDIES		
Class	No.	Name	No.	Name	
K.G.	183	Aditya	183	Aditya	
L. I	275	Divya	16	Alok	
L. II	195	Vikram	389	Kundan	
U. I	154	Vikas	264	Madhukar	
U. II	89	Anup	261	Rajesh	
T.A.	359	Kumud	412	Tarun	
T.B.	327	Sumant	54	Sanjay	
U.T.D.	406	Vinay	442	Sumaj	
U.T.C.	285	Daksh	268	Rahul	
U.T.B.	53	Ram Mohan	34	Vivek	
U.T.A.	343	Meet	192	Santbeer	
L.R.B.	238	Sangita	242	Aditya	
L.R.A.	273	Ajay	273	Ajay	
U.R.C.	218	Mayurdhwaj	213	Mukul	
U.R.B.			315	Anoop	
U.R.A.	204	Vikesh	197	Ravinder	
C.E.E.	243	Vinod	355	Atul	
C.E.D.	428	Sanjiv	432	Sanjay	
C.E.C.	396	Kawal	403	Ajit	
C.E.B.	210	Neeraj Amit	246	Vishwadeep	
	269				
C.E.A.	212	Sanjay Sanjay	333	Sanjay	
	333				
P.C.E.	405	Rajiv			

SCIENCE

Class	No.	Name
T.B.	156	Bharat
U.T.D.	442	Sumaj
U.T.C.	201	Ajay
U.T.B.	33	Nikhil
U.T.A.	258	Ratanjit

L.R.B.	242	Aditya
L.R.A.	273	Ajay
U.R.C.	230	Mukul
U.R.B.	315	Anoop
U.R.A.	317	Sudipto
C.E.E.	355	Atul
C.E.D.	432	Sanjay
C.E.C.	299	Adhiraj
C.E.B.	281	Mukul
C.E.A.	173	Robin
P.C.E.	388	Deepinder

FORM PRIZE

Class	No.	Name
K.G.	160	Neeraj
L. I	104	Atul
L. II	195	Vikram
U. I	154	Vikas
U. II	211	Saheb Piara
T.A.	206	Sanjay
T.B.	327	Sumant
U.T.D.	442	Sumaj
U.T.C.	448	Arjun
U.T.B.	—	—
U.T.A.	86	Asis
L.R.B.	242	Aditya
L.R.A.	273	Ajay
U.R.C.	—	—
U.R.B.	—	—
U.R.A.	317	Sudipto
C.E.E.	355	Atul
C.E.D.	432	Sanjay
C.E.C.	299	Adhiraj
C.E.B.	—	—
C.E.A.	429	Ashish
P.C.E.	—	—

FLOWER COMPETITION

Senior Section

No.	Name	Grade
65	Rajesh	
337	Sanjeev	I
405	Rajiv	
429	Ashish	

Junior Section

No.	Name	Grade
24	Arun	
96	Paramjit	I
273	Ajay	II

ART

No.	Name	Particulars
34	Vivek	Painting
53	Ram Mohan	Painting
54	Sanjay	Clay-work
61	Sameer	Painting
83	Basant Raj	Painting
86	Asis	Painting
122	Ram	Painting
200	Hardev	Painting
227	Shyamender	Painting
228	Satendra	Tie and Dye work
233	Udendra	Painting
235	Anis	Paper-cut design
254	Rajesh	Clay-work
315	Anoop	Paper-cut design
346	Raghuvendra	Lino-printing
355	Atul	Soap Carving
379	Shoukat	Batik and Tie and Dye work

ART PRIZES (Continued)

No.	Name	Particulars
384	Balvinder	Clay-work
390	Manoj	Batik and Tie and Dye work
405	Rajiv	Lino-printing

INTER-COMPANY MATCHES

<i>Cricket</i>	Winners
Junior	JUMNA
Senior	GANGES
<i>Hockey</i>	
Junior	JUMNA
Senior	GANGES
<i>Swimming</i>	GANGES
<i>Table Tennis</i>	JUMNA

COLOURS

CRICKET		HOCKEY	
No.	Name	No.	Name
21.	Vishwajeet.	128.	Hemant.
63.	Dipak Singh.	166.	Gaurav.
147.	Sanjiv Rai	324.	Amit.
433.	Sameer Kothiwal.	341.	Rupinder.

TABLE TENNIS

67.	Nikhil Khurana	388.	Deepinder.
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INTER-COMPANY MARKS SHIELD

GANGES	1129 points
JUMNA	970 points

Won by GANGES.

GEMS OF THOUGHT FOR 1974.

1. Lose as if you like it. Win as if you're used to it.
 2. There are many things in this world, besides soap, to which you must close your eyes.
 3. Dear God, grant that I may be beautiful within.
 4. I do not choose the best—the best chooses me.
 5. What are we in this world for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other.
 6. Thus said Macaulay:
I would rather be a poor man in a garret with plenty of books than a king who did not love reading.
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