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He who laughs last, laughs best

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EDITORIAL

The start of yet another term at Welham A term full of its pleasures and hazards, enjoyment and hard work, joy and sorrow. Summing up, not much different from any other term. The rain, in the first few days of the term, greeted us back to school and everything has now started functioning smoothly.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new staff members who have joined us this term. Among them are Mr. O. P. Malhotra, Mr. R. Jayal, Mr. H. Gairola, Mr. Benjamin, Dr. A. Sabherwal and Mr. J. Davis. We do hope that they have a long, pleasureable and eventful stay here at Welham. Also, congratulations to Mr. Raina and Mr R. Jayal, on their appointment as the House Masters of Jamuna and Cauvery respectively. We would like to bid farewell to a few teachers who have left this term. Mr. Niblett. Mr. and Mrs. Lawless, Mr, Chatterjee, Dr. Oberoi and Miss Ward. Hopefully they enjoyed their stay here with us.

Mr. Kandhari is at present out on a trip to Europe. He shall be in London for most of the time. He has gone there to study the possibilities of using a Computer in this institution and also study the various principles of education and other activities in British schools so that he may employ them here and improve this school. We wish him a safe, successful and pleasant trip.

The face-lift that has been given to the "Triveni" building, sure does improve its facade. From the old multicoloured structure, it has come to be a more decent and sober looking building. Also, the Principals' tree planting campaign should meet with success. A large number of trees have been planted in front of the "Triveni" building, with protective grills around them. Various other trees have also been planted at places all over the campus.

Thats all from the Editors' pen.

Vijit Sawhney

OBITUARY

With deep regret we announce the demise of Mr. J. A. K. Martyn one of the first members of the Board of Trustees of our school. He was born on August 15, 1903 at Sedbergh. An extremely unassuming man, he was loved and honoured by all. Mr Martyn was a gentle man, who has now gone from our midst and will be greatly missed. He suffered from a heart-attack in Vienna on the 24th of June, and passed away

on the 29th. The country honoured him by giving him the Padma Shri, this year.

May his soul rest in peace.

With sorrow we have to inform our readers Mr. Joshi, our old Principal died on 19th August, 1984. He was with us from 1967 to 1973.

The First Man



Who were the first Men? After a succession of Ice ages lasting for hundreds and thousands of years, a bleak million of years in which the earth was inhabited by enormous reptiles, further ice ages, and also a long period dominated by early men, who had learned to use primitive tools and clothe themselves. The first true men seem to have emerged about fifty thousands years ago. They were hunters, they used spears and throwing-stones, wore skins and furs and painted on the walls of their caves—paintings which remains to be seen today in caves in France and Spain

civilization in the Nile Valley, and in Mesopotamia between the River Tigris and Euphrates. Empires and city-states spread across Arabia, in to Turkey and thence to Europe; sailors made their first perilous journey upon the Mediterranean, taking months of labour and danger to cover distances which a modern liner traverses between sunrise and dusk.

Empire followed empire – Egyptian, Greek, Romans. Chinese and slowly men grouped themselves by race, religion and way of life into the nations of the present day, while the worlds population rose from a few million to the present estimated total of some 4,000,000,000.

Vikram Chopra : VI-A

About eight thousand years ago, man had improved to a level at which he made finely polished stone implements, and cultivated fields of corn. Then about six thousand years ago, came the first

HISTORY

History is the subject,
In which I come last,
History is the mystery
Of the unknown past.
In history a man from Java,
Was burnt by the boiling lava,
In history we know about
The wars and battles

And the great men who once lay in the cradles.
In History we know
About the daring devils,
Who fought very hard
And alas! they fell
History is given in many other books
We are just describing some for you to have a look.
Ashutosh Pant and Aman Mehra VII A

RIDDLE

1. Which driver can drive without any license ?
2. With what do you pass a port with.
3. What is the difference between a man and a running Dog ?
4. He makes nest, and what's more never fishes, then what for ?
5. It has four legs, either straight or bendy.

5. Though it cannot walk, it comes in quite proudly.
4. A Spider.
3. The man wear trouser and the dog pants.
2. Pass-Port.
1. Screw Driver.

Answer :

Fill in the miss ng letters [Birds]

1. - P - R - -
2. K - - - - I - - - E -
3. - U - - I - - - - R -
4. P - - C - - K
5. - - L - - I - - - H
6. B - - - U -
7. - - L - - R -
8. - A - - O -
9. O - - R - - H
10. - I - - - ON

MONEY

Long ago when people were not at all civilized and people were no less than native barbarians in the Stone Ages there was no idea of exchange system or money amongst the people

Time went on as people become more civilized and intelligent. People started using the Barter system. But this system was not found convenient by the people.

Then came the use of money and people started using copper or bronze coins. Later the use of paper notes came into being. These days money has a lot of value.

When I go deep into my thoughts; I feel that these days there is nothing in this vast world that

money can not buy. It makes me feel that one has to take very new steps in life and without money one can make no progress in life.

But realizing later that it is a false fact that money can not buy everything in this scientific age.

Amit Rajan VII A

SWIMMING

Swimming is a nice game
which has got world wide fame.
Splashes are here,
and splashes are there,
splashes are sprinkling everywhere.

A boy wants to dive in the pool
But the prefect says' you are a big fat fool,
The boy becomes sad
and thinks the prefect is mad.

There are no frogs there,
and no one croaks,
but many people there,
are doing many strokes.

Some parents are filled with pride,
To see their children doing a dive.
So, if you jump in the swimming pool,
you should get refreshed and cool.

Ashutosh Pant & Aman Mehra VII A

MY RABBIT

I Had a White Rabbit
Who Had a Bad Habbit
He Used to eat my hat
And was becoming very fat
He got hurt on his nose
And afterwards also on his toes
Once in my house
He met his friend mouse

He started to fight
And then I tied him tight
Then I caught the mouse
And threw him out of my house
Then I made my rabbit lie
And ran away telling him bye-bye.

Manjot Chug VII B

MY FRIEND SAM

I have a dear old friend named Sam
He is a jolly and interesting Man
He has legs that are quite strong
And legs, hairy and long.
Sam has a body that is very stout,
And he also has a talkative mouth,
He has a hairless head that is very big,
On top of that he wears a wig,

Sam wears a clean white suit,
With shining polished shoes.
Sam has family to tell you about.
Two children and a wife that are very proud.
What Sam is you must have known
He is a driver in Mr. Collins Van.

Akin Methta VIII B

A Dead Mans Fight

At the middle of the night,
Two dead men began to fight,
One young man objected to a foul play,
The deaf man after hearing their objection,
Did'nt know what to say.
An audience of dumb men,

Cheering like tigers in a den,
The dumb judge eating porridge with fudge
Shouted 'Order ! Order!'
But by the dawn the two dead men
Were killed by a pecking hen,
And only God knows when.

Jagjit Singh Kochar VII B

Your Views on the Social Boycott of the Olympics Lead by the Soviet Union

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| <p>1) I think it is wrong for both the superpowers to involve politics, under the flame of Olympics.
 Udeshpal Singh Mann</p> <p>2) It was much expected for the cold war to penetrate the Olympics and to shatter the unity of the games.
 Sameer Duggal</p> <p>3) The Americans deserved it. 'Tit for Tat'.
 Sanyog Mehta</p> <p>4) The U. S. S. R. should not have boycotted the Olympics for the benefit of mankind.
 Tariq Azad</p> <p>5) It was politically motivated and politicians should not be allowed to monkey around with the Olympics.
 Pradeep K. Jeswani</p> <p>6) The U.S.A. is responsible for this entire episode.
 Viresh Sharda</p> <p>7) The Soviets should have got over it and forgotten the bitter incident. (regarding the American boycott)
 Ashu Khanna</p> <p>8) It was America's fault. Why didn't they assure 100% security to the 'Eastern Block'.
 Manvendra Salkalan</p> <p>9) It was the most peaceful manner, in which the U. S. taught the Soviets, not to exploit humanitarian rights.
 Mukul Goyal</p> <p>10. After the Soviet boycott the Americans should have assured the Soviets that there would be no regretting incident between them if they came.
 Amit Kamra</p> <p>11) Instead of missiles the superpowers have launched</p> | <p>new weapons of destruction of unity of mankind.
 Gaurav Kampani</p> <p>12) The Soviet reason for the Social Boycott had an extremely flimsy background.
 Akin Mehta</p> <p>13) Olympic time should be a time when all enmity should be dissolved.
 Manish Kakkar</p> <p>14) The Soviets had to take revenge. Human nature is such.
 Rupinder Thind</p> <p>15) The U. N. O. should take measures to abolish the very thoughts of boycott against the human race.
 Aminder Singh Bal</p> <p>16) In spite of the Soviet boycott, it was decent of some Eastern Countries like Romania to participate in the games.
 Sanjay Aggarwal</p> <p>17) The Boycott has stolen the spirit put forward by promoters for over ninety years.
 Anil Bharwani</p> <p>18) As the world follows the two superpowers, they should not mislead the world.</p> <p>19) The Soviets & the Americans have been blinded due to the bitter effects of the cold war and they are creating hurdles in every field to promote international understanding.
 Sanjeev Singhal</p> <p>20) If I was in President Reagan's place, I would literally force the Soviets to participate in the games, even if I was compelled to launch highly sophisticated agitations.
 Abhay Singh</p> |
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काल का चपरासी

ईश्वर एक परीक्षक है
 हम सब परीक्षार्थी
 बचपन, जवानी, बुढ़ापा
 तीन घण्टे का समय है ।
 अतः दोस्तों !
 जो करना है कर जाओ,

जो लिखना है लिख जाओ ।
 कहीं ऐसा न हो काल का चपरासी
 घण्टी वजा दे, तन की कापी छिन जाए
 और तुम यह कहते रह जाओ
 कि याद तो था, पर लिख नहीं पाया ।

• संजय अग्रवाल

चारों धाम की यात्रा

जैसा कि आप लोग जानते ही हैं। कि उत्तरा खण्ड की यात्रा भारत में सबसे कठिन यात्रा है। यह भारत में चारों धाम की यात्रा के नाम से प्रसिद्ध है।

मेरे पिता ने इस बार चारों धाम की यात्रा करने का प्रोग्राम बनाया।

२३ जून रविवार को हमने यात्रा आरम्भ की। चलते-२ हम हरिद्वार पहुंचे जहाँ हमने दोपहर का खाना खाया गंगा जी में स्नान किया और यात्रा फिर से आरम्भ हुई। ग्राँथ पलखते ही वर्षीली हवाओं ने हमारा मन मोह लिया। बर्फ से ढके पहाड़ों को देख मुझे ऐसा लग रहा था कि जैसे कि मैं नन्दन वन में घूम रहा हूँ। अचानक दुर्भाग्य से हमारी कार का पन्चर हो गया। ड्राईवर ने भट से टायर बदला और यात्रा फिर आरम्भ की चलते-चलते हनुमान चट्टी आ गई जहाँ हमने रात गुजारी थी। ठण्ड बहुत थी। हमने रात एक रेस्ट हाऊस में गुजारी जो एक दम नदी के बराबर में था। रात अच्छी तरह गुजरी। सुबह उठकर हमने अपना सामान बांधकर गाड़ी में रख दिया और तेरह कि०मी० चलने के लिए तीन घोड़े किए। एक पर मेरे पापा एक पर मेरी मम्मी और एक पर मेरा अनुजा, मैं और मेरे अग्रज पैदल गए। हम घोड़े वालों से पूरा एक घण्टा पहले यमुनोत्री पहुंच गए और यमुनोत्री के दर्शन किए। हमारे पास अपनी कण्डी थी जिसमें हमारे कपड़े थे। इतने में हम ऊपर पहुंचे और गरम पानी के तीन कुण्ड देखे दो में तो घुसना ही असम्भव था और तीसरे में नहा सकते थे। इतने में हमारे मम्मी पापा और छोटा भाई आ पहुँचे। हमने नहाना शुरू किया। गरम पानी में मजा आ रहा था नहा धोकर हमने कपड़े बदले। फिर जमुना जी की हमने पूजा की। हमने दो छिद्र देखे जहाँ से जमुना जी शुरु होती हैं। फिर हमने मन्दिर में दान दक्षिणा दी। फिर सबसे गरम पानी के कुण्ड में हमने चावल रख दिए। पाँच मिनट बाद वह बिलकुल पक गए। यही वहाँ का प्रसाद है। फिर हमारे पण्डित ने हमें एक ढाबे में बहुत स्वादिष्ट भोजन करवाया। फिर हमने पण्डित को दक्षिणा देकर विदा ली फिर हम उसी तरह मजे में वापस हनुमान चट्टी के लिए चल दिए मुझे चलने में बड़ा मजा आ रहा था। ठीक चार बजे हम हनुमान

चट्टी पहुंच गए। हमने बत्त बरबाद करना मुनासिब न समझा और सीधे कार में बैठकर हम बड़कोट पहुंच गए। रात वही बितायी। सुबह उठकर हम गाड़ी में बैठ कर चल दिए। बीच में हमारी गाड़ी खराब हो गई। धूप में खड़े हुए थे कि अचानक एक खाली बस आ रही थी। हमने अपना सामान उसी में डाला और बस में बैठकर गंगोत्री की तरफ गए। बीच में बस दो बार खराब हुई और तीसरी बार जब खराब हुई तो फिर आगे न चल सकी। किरमत की बात थी कि पुलिस वालों की जीप गुजर रही थी। हमने उनसे सहायता मांगी और उन्होंने दी। फिर हम लंका पहुंचे जहाँ से गंगोत्री तीन कि०मी० पैदल का रास्ता है। हमने वहाँ एक रात व्यतीत की और सुबह उठकर अपना सामान रेस्ट-हाऊस में ही छोड़ा और नहाने का सामान लेकर गंगोत्री पहुंचे। वहाँ गंगा जी बहुत डरावनी लग रही थी। हमने आगे जाकर स्नान किया। पानी बहुत ठण्डा था। ऊपर से बर्फ पिघल-पिघल कर आ रही थी। फिर हमने कपड़े बदले और मन्दिर में आराधना करी। पण्डितों को दान-दक्षिणा दी और चल दिए। चलते-चलते जब हम थक जाते थे तब हम किसी पर्वत की छाया में बैठकर आराम कर लेते थे। लंका थोड़ी ही दूर रह गयी थी कि मेरी नजर एक बड़े पत्थर पर पड़ोती जहाँ हमारे स्कूल का नाम Welham Boys लिखा हुआ था। मैं मन ही मन में बहुत खुश हुआ।

इतने में हम लोग लंका पहुंच गये। हमारा ड्राईवर गाड़ी ठीक करवा कर ले आया था। हमने अपना सामान बाँधा और चल दिए। शाम तक हम उत्तरकाशी पहुंच गए। हमने वह रात वहाँ गुजारी सुबह उठकर हम नहा धोकर केदारनाथ के लिए चल दिए सारे दिन के सफर के बाद हम गौरीकुण्ड पहुंचे। हमने रेस्ट हाऊस ढूँढा और फिर वहाँ के गरम पानी के कुण्ड में स्नान किया सारे दिन की थकान उतर गई। फिर हम विश्राम गृह पहुँचे और ठाठ से सो गए।

सुबह उठे और हम घोड़े लेने गए। पर बदमसीबी से घोड़े वालों ने हड़ताल कर दी। अब यह तो हमारी मम्मी के लिए समस्या हो गई कि १५ कि०मी० की खड़ी चढ़ाई वे कैसे करती। अचानक एक घोड़े वाला आया उसके पास दो घोड़े थे।

(शेष अगले अंक में)

SPORTS REVIEW

In the Olympics France won a surprise victory in the soccer finals. These Olympics certainly have evoked enthusiasm in our boys and thus opened ground for new talent.

In the very beginning of the new season a soccer match was held between the Staff and the Boys.

The Boys as expected won the match receiving no opposition from the staff. The match ended with a final score of (8-0). The goals being scored by Rakesh, Neeraj, Neeran and Umesh.

The second match was played against Guru Nanak Academy. Both the Senior and Junior teams lost 3-1 and 7-0 respectively.

The Inter School tournaments began too soon not giving enough time for preparation. Nevertheless our teams put up a good show.

The first match in the seniors division was played against St. Joseph's Academy. The match ended in a close victory for St. Josephs, (3-2).

In spite of this loss our team was not discouraged and went on to win the next match against St. Thomas College. The final tally being (4-3). The credit for this victory on the whole went to the teams' perfect co-ordination and technique.

In the next match they showed signs of nervousness which was the major cause of defeat against The Doon School. The final score being (6-2)

The Junior's first match was against R.R.M.A. but due to some misunderstanding between both the teams, match ended in a mess and thus was cancelled off.

In the second match which was against the Moravian institute, our boys kept the opposition at bay, with the match ending in a tie.

In their match against the Doon School they set an example for the senior team by winning the match with ease (3-1)

Playing against the Guru Nanak's team for a second time reminded them of their previous defeat. This caused discouragement amongst our players resulting in loss. (6-0)

Swimming has started with a lot of vigour. The Boys being great enthusiasts of the sport have never left the pool uncrowded even for a single day. The boys have started practising for the on coming diving competitions

-Umesh Shivlani

Cultural And Literary Activities

Coming back to school, is so exciting ! first the sad parting with parents, then the excitement of meeting friends. Boys come back to school with different moods 10th formers with strain created by the thought of hard work ahead, and class 1st boys with tears prming up in their eyes. I personally feel the 6th and 8th class boys come with the happiest mods. It is taken for granted that the holidays must have been fun, why shouldnt they be ? with the olympics going on in Los Angles.

Now to the point ! As usual literary and cultural activities have yet to pick up some speed (they always get going very slowly). The junior school getting first

preference saw a Hindi movie, 'Ek kutte ke kahani) on 31st Aug. The audio squad was wise in not showing it to the seniors because the remarks the boys would pass would really pinch them. Oh yes ! They really created a rumour that they were going to put up, 'The French Connection', but in the end it came to nothing, and instead of the auditorium we were sitting in our beds on Saturday. What a way to spend a Saturday.

Though of course they made up for it later on when they showed a western, 'The Plainsman' on the 8th The juniors were also shown a puppet show on the 9th

That all there has taken place, but we have a lot to look forward to. For so long, bye !

Udeshpal Singh Mann

Welham News

First of all we would like to welcome a whole lot of new staff members:

Mr. O. P. Malhotra	Maths
Mr. Jayal	English & Housemaster for Cauvery
Mr. Gairola	Geography
Mr. Benjamin	EVS
Mr. John Davis	Biology and Chemistry
Dr. Sabbharwal	Resident Doctor.

The 'Triveni' building has undergone minor changes or rather improvements. The whole building has been repainted in a beautiful biege colour

The swimming pool has become very clean Class x boys are cramming real hard for the forthcoming exams.

Plans for the Mid-Terms are already in progress.

Our Principal has gone to England for a month and a half.

Two unrecognizable faces appered on the first day. It was soon figured out to be those of Harjeet Singh Saluja and Udeshpal Singh Mann (who are now 'Cut Surds')

Sanyog Mehta

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