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NEWSLETTER FROM WOBS

Dear Welhamites,

We are very happy to bring you the first Newsletter from WOBS and hope to continue with this for times to come. We intend to publish 2-3 issues of the newsletter this year and then increase the frequency of the editions, thereafter.

Our endeavour is to bring you news from School, to help you keep in touch with the Welham of today. We would like all of you to share your personal achievements, important events of your lives and other Welhamites so that they can be shared with the entire community.

There has been a lot of activity on the WOBS front. Frequent and regular Executive Committee meetings via video conferencing, in the last few months, have initiated work in some key areas. We are currently in the process of appointing Batch Reps. We will keep all members updated on WOBS activities and initiatives via the website as well as emails.

At school, the renovation of the Swimming Pool is drawing to an end and it should be ready for the boys to swim in when they join back on the 18-JUL-2013. The school has recently inaugurated the new floodlit tennis courts with the state of the art surface. The tennis courts are placed between Shikhar

and The Squash Courts. The school has also started on the construction of a Amphitheatre, which will be located behind the LRC (the place some of us would remember as the Welham Lodge Field). It is expected to be completed by the end of 2013. We are attaching some pictures of various sites at the end of this newsletter.

We have had a tremendous increase in the Average Score for Class 10 & 12 Board exams in 2013. We congratulate the students, teachers and the principal Ms. Bindra on this outstanding achievement. The detailed results are available on the school website.

I would like to acknowledge the immense support and help of Ms. Gunmeet Bindra – Principal and Mr. Joy Arora (Liaison (officer/person) with Ex-Welhamites in school) in putting together the information for this newsletter.

As you will see from the Newsletter, Welham is constantly on the move and we continue to better ourselves on a year to year basis. We look forward to your suggestions on how we can better the newsletter and the communication within the community.

Nikhil Kripalani





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THE PREFECTORIAL BODY

2013-14

SCHOOL CAPTAIN

RAJ SHEKHAR

707 (KRISHNA HOUSE)

HOUSE CAPTAINS & PREFECTS

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| KRISHNA HOUSE | ABHAY GOENKA & ANIRUDH ATTRI | 700 (HC) 732(P) |
| CAUVERY HOUSE | SHASHANK SRIVASTAVA & NAMAN LAHOTI | 706 (HC) 727 (P) |
| GANGA HOUSE | KAUSHIK DAGA & JAI VIKRAM | 716(HC) 754(P) |
| JAMUNA HOUSE | RAVI & AKUL GURTU | 760(HC) 730(P) |
| SPORTS CAPTAIN | SHREY SINGHAL | 719 K |
| ACADEMICS CAPTAIN | SANAT ANAND | |

SPORTS NEWS

SCHOOL LEVEL

BASKETBALL

- We WON the under 18 District Basketball Championship, held at WBS (10-12 APR' 13)
- We WON the 23rd All India Afzal Khan Memorial Basketball Tournament, held at the Doon School (13-16 APR -13pril)
- We were RUNNERS UP at the All India Win Mumby Basketball Tournament held at Woodstock School, Mussoorie (17 – 20 APR' 13).
- We WON the 27th All India Golden Jubilee Basketball Tournament held at our school (25-28 APR' 13).
- We WON The Under- 14 School Basketball Team and participated in the All India IV Major Jagpal Memorial Basketball Tournament at Himachal Pradesh. We WON The Under -14 District Championship held at Dehra Dun.

HOCKEY

- We hosted the Kandhari Memorial Hockey Tournament from 01-05 MAY 2013 where 8 teams participated

EQUESTRIAN

- Jagat Pratap Thakran participated in the Delhi State Horse Show which was held at Delhi Cantt from 01-05 APR -13. He was adjudged the Second Runner up.

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HOUSE LEVEL

The Cricket Inter House was held between 10th to 16th FEB, 13 and the teams that stood first were Krishna-B (Middle School) and Cauvery-A (Senior School)

The Hockey Inter House was played from 06th to 10th MAY -13. The winners were Ganga House



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LITERARY & CULTURAL EVENTS

QUIZZES

Kaushik Daga, Akul Gurtu and Raj Shekhar of "THE QUIZZING CLUB" won the following:

1. National Champions at the IPSC Quiz at Daly College – Indore (18th–20th APR)
2. Second runners up at Hope Town School – Dehra Dun (12th - APR)
3. Second runners up at Welham Girls School – Dehra Dun (26th -APR).

DEBATE

1. We participated at the Debate held at Daly College–Indore (18th – 20th APR)
2. We lifted the trophy at the Welham Girls School – Dehra Dun (26th – APR). - Raj

Shekhar, Ritvik Kuchhal & Harshun Mehta represented WBS. Ritvik was judged the Best Speaker and Harshun the second Best Interlocutor

MISC. EVENTS

1. It was indeed a pleasure and honor that the President of Iceland visited Welham on the 03-APR-2013 and walked around the campus.
2. Six students from the Scone Grammar School – Australia were at Welham as a part of a 2-month exchange program.
3. We had a very successful Life Skills Camp as a part of the Spring Festival-2013, which was held, like every year, at Welham from 09-11 APR. The children engaged in various activities and

undoubtedly, the most popular were Adventure and Zumba Dance. Other activities during this festival were the Book Fair, PTA meetings, followed by the performance of a Spanish Band and a community dinner for parents, children and teachers.

4. The Spring Festival also has an Interhouse Dance-Drama & Western Choir Competition, which was held on the 13-APR. Ganga House won both, the Choir & Dance. I had the pleasure of sitting through the GANGA House presentation and I must say that it was one of the finest I have seen.

5. We had a Careers Workshop on the 15th & 16th APR, "ONE STEP UP" for

Class 10. Films were screened for the boys for various options of careers and subject choices

6. Welham Boys' participated in the International Youth Conference, 'Earth and Man' on the 23rd & 24th -APR. Hosted by the Doon School and organized by "The Achievers Program", The conference focused on student initiatives towards saving the environment. Amongst the 29 schools that participated, Welham bagged the trophy in the category for Best Visuals. Prabhapaar Batra, Vinayak Agarwal & Ms. Deepali Singh represented the school.

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Sanat Anand from Class 12 – Science Stream has won the prestigious KYPY (Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana) fellowship from the Govt. of India which entitles him to a stipend of Rs. 5500 per month and admission into the IISERS (Indian Institute of Science Education and Research)

Upam Lahkar a Class -12 student achieved laurels at the Art Competition organized by the " Arts University, Bournemouth" of UK. Upam's painting found a spot among the top 25 winning entries from around the world as a part of 'Who Are You', a contest that aims to give a platform to aspiring artists designers and photographers aged 14 to 19. Upam was felicitated at a celebratory event in London on May 22nd. His painting was also displayed on 75 billboards across the UK from 20th MAY onwards for 2 weeks.

On 18th APR Survodaya IT FEST was held at Scindia School, Gwalior. **Sanat Anand** from Class-12 won the 1st prize at the computer programming competition. The time allotted was two hours but Sanat completed the task in seven minutes. His achievement was much appreciated by the judge who is a professor at IIT Guwahati.



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MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

The Annual Meeting of the Round Square South Asian and Gulf Region was held at the Indian School, Al Ghubra, Muscat from 16th - 18th JAN 2013 and was attended by the School Round Square Representative, Mr. Rakesh Bhatt.

Four students attended the Senior Round Square Conference from 22nd - 27th JAN 2013 at Chittagong Grammar School, Bangladesh. The theme of the conference was 'Heroes'.

Six students attended the Young Round Square Conference at Maharani Gayatri Devi Girl's School, Jaipur from 28th - 29th JAN 2013. The theme of the conference was 'The Fauna Leadership'.

Five students attended the Senior Round Square Conference from 08th - 10th FEB 2013 at Indian High School, Dubai. The theme of the conference was 'Ethical Leadership'.

SCHOLARS' RECOGNITION DAY

The Scholars' recognition day was held on 13th APR 2013 during the Baisakhi Festival.

What was noteworthy, and something we should all be really proud of, is that there has been an exponential rise in the number of prize winners from the last year. Ms. Bindra, in her speech said "I may sound boastful, but legitimately so; I am proud to report that the number of distinction holders has gone up from 70 to 121. The number of Bronze Scholars alone has gone up from 44 to 75, Silver Scholars have doubled from 11 to 22 and the number of boys who have earned the Scholar's Gown has gone up from 17 to 37; all of this translating into a fantabulous leap in the ratio of distinction holders, which in other words means, that for every five students, we have a scholar! This is particularly heartening considering that there has been no let up in the number of other activities in the School. In fact, the number of competitions that our boys have participated in was at an all time high last year, coupled with the 75th year glorious Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

SUBJECT
AWARDS
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MEGA
SPELLATHON FOR THE
YEAR 2013

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AWARD FOR CONSISTENT
PERFORMANCE IN ACADEMICS

BRONZE – 75,
SILVER- 23, GOLD – 6,
SCHOLARS' TIE – 10,
SCHOLARS' CREST – 2,
SCHOLARS' BLAZER- 1,
SCHOLARS' GOWN – 37,
SCHOLARS' SCARF – 5



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INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:

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| ARTIST OF THE YEAR: | UPAM LAHKAR - 698 / JA |
| PRINCIPAL'S COMMENDATION FOR ART : | UPAM LAHKAR - 698 / JA |
| VOCALIST OF THE YEAR: | SHIVAM RAJPUT - 163 / CA |
| INSTRUMENTALIST OF THE YEAR: | PULKIT MITTAL - 064(KA) |
| BEST QUIZZER OF THE YEAR: | AKUL GURTU - 730 (JA) |
| BEST PUBLIC SPEAKER(ENGLISH): | RAJ SHEKHAR - 707(KA) |

INTER-HOUSE AWARDS:

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| RAMANUJAN TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS: | KRISHNA HOUSE |
| TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN DANCE / DRAMA : | GANGA |
| TROPHY FOR EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC: | GANGA & CAUVERY |
| ARTHUR HUGHES TROPHY FOR DEBATE: | KRISHNA HOUSE |

NEW TEACHERS WHO HAVE JOINED THE WELHAM FAMILY

1. Dr. Rachna Singh - Social Science Dept. – Ex-Welhamite' 87 (She is the daughter of Mr. Alfred Singh who taught at Welham for many years)
2. Mr. Ishan Saxena - Social Science Deptt.
3. Ms. Tulika Srivastav – Junior School
4. Mr. Satinder Pandey - Hindi Department
5. Mrs. Shibani Arora - Western Music Teacher

CHILDREN OF EX-WELHAMITES WHO HAVE JOINED THE WELHAM FAMILY

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| 1. PRANAV RAHEJA | CLASS IV | S/o Kamal Raheja - 1992 |
| 2. KUSH AGGARWAL | CLASS V | S/o GaganAgarwal – 1983 |
| 3. AVI G KRIPLANI | CLASS VI | S/o Nikhil Kripalani - 1990 |
| 4. BIR RAJ SINGH SONI | CLASS VI | S/o JasjitSoni - 1983 |
| 5. LAKSHAY AGARWAL | CLASS VII | S/o TarunAggarwal |
| 6. PARTH AGGARWAL | CLASS VII | S/o GaganAgarwal -1983 |
| 7. HARSHUL BHATIA | CLASS VII | S/o Durgesh Bhatia - 1991 |
| 8. UDAI KOCHHAR | CLASS VIII | S/o AshutoshKochhar -1987 |
| 9. PRATEEK MATTA | CLASS VIII | S/o AnandMatta - 1990 |



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- Amphitheatre construction in progress.
- The recently enlarged Orchard field, beside the Principal's cottage (formerly called the Kitchen Field).
- Swimming Pool - work in progress.
- New Floodlit Tennis Courts between Shikhar & Squash Courts
- Classes block – a recently installed sculpture
- A new sculpture installed besides the Activity Centre during the Platinum Jubilee
- Cricket nets on the small field close to White House and Junior School Classes block

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