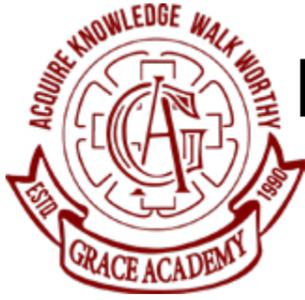


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Primary School Sports Meet

A good beginning makes a good ending.

The Annual Sports of the Primary School were held on 9th November 2019. The junior school students put up a marvellous display of talent and exuberance. The Chief Guest of the day was Mrs Helena Singh and Guest of Honour was Mrs Lisa Gergan, former Coordinator of Grace Academy for Nursery to 2.

The students, full of life, participated in various athletic races from 80 m to 200 m. The cute and energetic performance of the tiny tots, to a song, was the icing on the cake. Shimmering tinselled hoops marked the PT Display by classes 1 & 2. 'Colourful hearts' was the theme for the Class 3 PT Display and girls of classes 3 to 5 put up a bubbly and animated aerobic performance. The fun races by all the energetic youngsters brought glee to one and all. In keeping with the sporting spirit, the parents and staff competed against each other in a tug-of-war.

The Chief Guest appreciated the hard work and enthusiasm of the staff and students and wished the school the very best. The programme was declared closed by the chief guest followed by the closing hymn, 'Abide with Me'.



Inter School English Debate

It is better to debate a question, without settling it than to settle a question without debating it.

The 4th Dr. David G. Fiol Inter School English Debate was held on 12th October 2019. The school holds this debate in honour of its founding Principal, Dr. David George Fiol.

In addition to the host team, participants from Convent of Jesus and Mary, The Asian School, Purkul Youth Development Society Learning Academy and St. Joseph's Academy displayed their debating prowess. The eminent panel of judges comprised of Mrs. Judy Chacko, Mrs. Joyeeta Mukherjee and Ms. Priya Chauhan.

The debates were conducted in two rounds namely Turncoat and Modified Cambridge formats, respectively. All teams gave their very best to persuade the judges and the audience with their clever arguments and crisp rebuttals. The winning team was Convent of Jesus & Mary followed by St. Joseph's Academy as the runner up.

The best speaker for round 1 was Winifred Chopra (Grace Academy) whereas promising speakers for round 1 were Saksham Goyal (St. Joseph's Academy) & Arushi Bhatt

(Convent of Jesus & Mary). In round 2 Saksham Goyal bagged the best speaker's trophy and Monal Bharti (Convent of Jesus & Mary) was adjudged the promising speaker. The school choir presented songs that delighted one and all. The audience was enthralled and enriched by the persuasive speeches by all the participants and they are looking forward to next year's debate.



ANNUAL DAY 2019

The 29th Annual Day was held on 20th December 2019. The chief guest for the occasion was Mr GIG Mann (MLA Uttarakhand) who was accompanied by his wife, Mrs. Susan Mann. After having accorded a warm welcome to them, the Principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton introduced the chief guest. Rev. Samuel McGregor prayed and the programme commenced. Thereafter, Dr. Mohan Chacko (Chairman, Grace Educational Society) shared his greetings with the gathering.

The primary students presented the Nativity recalling the birth of Christ. The Melodic rendition of the instrumentalists was music to every ear. The much awaited part of the

programme was the adaptation of the musical, Sound of Music. The play followed the life of Maria Von Trapp who became a beacon of light for seven children yearning for love and tender care.

The live singing and performance by the students was much appreciated by the guests. A melodious song by the Staff Choir was in adoration of God Almighty. In keeping with the diversity of our vibrant nation, the senior school girls presented a Garwhali and Rajasthani folk dances before a captivated audience. All joined in to sing the evergreen Christmas hymn, Silent Night Holy Night.

The chief guest congratulated the Principal, Staff and students for putting up a splendid show. He applauded all the performers from the youngest to the oldest. He encouraged those present to make good choices in life and be a harbinger of help and care.

The evening culminated with fun-filled Christmas songs sung by one and all. Mrs. Sangeeta Ranjan (Primary School Superintendent) thanked everyone for their contribution to the event.



Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.



Childrens' Day

The theme for the day was 'Friendship' and the verse was taken from 1John 4:4 - 'You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one, who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.' The programme started with praise and worship led by Mr. Danny L.N. It was followed by a special song, 'My God is so big', by the staff. The teachers of the primary section presented an action song that all students enjoyed. Mrs Anjana Joel, Coordinator 6 to 8 addressed the students emphasizing to build on the foundation of values and being wise in making decisions. Games were organized for classes 11 and 12 students. During the break, the students were served chowmein prepared by hostel chefs which was relished by all. A football match between class 11 and 12 was the much awaited event and students enjoyed each moment as they cheered for their side.



Every child is gifted, they unwrap their packages at different times.

REPUBLIC DAY

The 71st Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January. The theme verse was taken from Galatians 5:1 'Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage'. The Vice Principal, Mr. Andriyas Singh, hoisted the tricolor and everyone joined in singing the National Anthem. Addressing the gathering Mr. Andriyas Singh spoke about our rights and responsibilities as citizens of India and urged the students to respect the freedom and sovereignty of our country. He also encouraged them to do their duty faithfully and develop good habits and values to make themselves a good citizen of the nation. The prayer for the nation was led by Mrs. Sunita Joseph. A patriotic song, 'Ham panchi aazad gagan Ke' was presented by the school choir. The School Captain Jonathan Livingston and School vice-captain Mayank Bhatia delivered their speeches and motivated students to stand for truth and never misuse one's freedom.



When you are able to maintain your own highest standards of integrity-regardless of what others do-you are destined for greatness.

Making News!

• Reading challenge organised by CBSE for classes 8 to 10 to focus on the ability to read with accuracy and reflect and evaluate. The context is divided into two stages, the first round was held here at Grace Academy for the students in the month of January. Six students qualified for the second round which was held on 11th February. The winner would be duly awarded by the board. Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body

• Students participated in the English Olympiad which was held on 16th October 2019 and secured good position. C. Philip G. Oommen (4C) received the medal of distinction. Ananya Ghildiyal (2), Mrityunjay Singh (3), Arpita Prasad (4A), Ruth L DOUNGEL (4B), Ajitha Nissi (5A), Aadi Uniyal (5B), Evelyn Deborah (6), Maanya Pathak (6), Palak Dilawar (7), Vedika Saklani (8), Aditi Gautam (9) bagged gold medal. Naithan J Nath (4A), Yushman Negi (4B), Diya Uniyal (5B), Joy Mahal (6), Mahak Dilawar (7), Suryansh K. Dubey (8) received silver medal and bronze medal was secured by Advita Khanduri (4A), Bhavi Mukta Rawat (4C), Praise Abel Renjith (5A), Divya Rana (6), Varnika Pant (7) and Jennifer G. Joseph (8).

• The students of classes 3 to 11 participated in the National Science Olympiad organised by Science Olympiad Foundation and few of them received medals. Anvi Aggarwal (3), Crispin Jonathan Nelson (4), Ajitha Nissi (5), Navya Pal (5), Rebecca Lalumpui (6), Niharika Jayara (7), Meheta Sharal Prabhu (8), Khushi Painuly (9), Pratyush Negi (10) and (Harshita Rawat) (11) bagged the gold medal. Shivansh Naithani (5) Shreya Kakkan (6), Priscilla Lalsiemthar (7) and Vedika Saklani (8) got silver medals. The bronze medal was bagged by Abel Francis John (5C) Evelyn Dedorah (6), Palak Dilawar (7) and Mahak Purhoti (8). It is a good platform for students to test their scientific acumen.

Competing at the highest level is not about winning. It's about the preparation and courage.

• An Inter school Debate was held at Marshall School on 4th November 2019. Winifred Chopra and Nandini Upadhyay students of class 11 participated in it. The topic was well debated and the students spoke with much conviction. It was a good exposure for our students.

• Krisht Jyoti Academy organised the George K Chavanikamannil Inter School debate on 19th October 2019. Angela Rajeev and Vidushi Rawat of class 9 represented the school. The topic for the debate was, 'Education fosters democracy'. The debate was well contested by students from various schools. Our students gave their best and presented their views confidently. Vidushi Rawat secured the third position in the best speaker category.

A winner is someone who recognizes his God given talent, works to develop them into skills, and uses this skill to accomplish his goals.

• On 5th November 2019, classes 9 & 11 got the privilege to participate in an event initiated by the Nagar Nigam against the use of plastic. More than one lakh citizens of Dehradun made a 50- km long human chain to sensitize people of the harmful effects of plastic and to encourage people to give up the use of polythene bags. Our school was allotted the position in front of Hotel Madhuban. The 50-km chain began from Miyanwala and ended at Clock Tower, Paltan Bazaar after crossing Mussoorie Diversion, GMS Road and Saharanpur Road. Though they were tired, it was a splendid experience for the students.

• On 2nd October 2019, the school organised a cleanliness drive on the 151st Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The day was marked by cleaning of the school campus and the classrooms. The students were divided class-wise for various section of the campus. They took it on themselves to beautify their school by painting the walls, sweeping and swabbing classrooms and the outside too. Class 9 boys cleaned the area outside the school compound right till the market in Hathibarkala and class 10 went to Vijay Colony to encourage residents to keep their surroundings clean and say no to plastic. They cleaned drains and picked trash lying on either side of the road. During the assembly, information on the life and contribution of Mahatma Gandhi towards the struggle for freedom and hygiene was given with the help of power point presentation.

Your attitude, not your aptitude, will determine your altitude.

Cleaning and organising is a practice not a project.



- Inter house Badminton tournament for junior boys and girls was held from 26th to 29th November. It was played in knock-out format. The students enthusiastically participated in the matches and gave their best. The first position was secured by Sanyam House in the boys' category and Sahas in the girls' category.

- A friendly football match was played between classes 9 and 10 on the 31st of January. Both sided played well and scored one goal each.

- As part of the winter fest organised by PTS, a one day volleyball tournament was held on the 8th of February for boys. Two teams from Grace Academy participated in it and were one of the favourites.

**// A trophy carries dust.
Memories last forever.**

- As a part of the Health and Physical Education (HPE), the school organized an excursion comprising of treks and tramps along the mountains of Maldevta in the month of November, for the students of classes IX to XII. The objective was to give the students a taste of raw wilderness of the untouched forests in the lap of nature, just on the outskirts of the city of Dehradun. The students were accompanied by trained mountaineers as well as teachers from the school. The initial part of the trek was remarked as an 'uphill task' by most students and exiting for others. The trainers encouraged the students to introspect about their world views and principles through short mind-stirring sessions. All in all, it was an unparalleled exposure for the students; a learning experience beyond the four walls of the classroom.

*A journey of a thousand miles,
must begin with a single step.*

- Math Week was observed from 12th to 16th November 2019 for the students of classes 3 to 5 to motivate students to be math friendly and enjoy doing it. During the week the teachers shared the importance of Math and how our God is God of system and order, as is reflected in the concepts of Math. It was amazing to see that most of the students have a fondness for the subject. A Math quiz was held to conclude the week. All four House teams participated with enthusiasm and gave their best.

In the month of November and January the classes went on Educational Trips to various places. It was an opportunity for students to learn beyond the books.

- For the primary school the trips were organised in the month of November. The students showed great enthusiasm as it gave them the opportunity to enjoy and learn in a different environment. They were taken to Forest Research Institute, Solar Energy Park and ONGC Botanical Garden.

*Fun is just another way of
learning.*

- Class 6 paid a visit to the Forest research Institute on 30th January. The students were all excited to go out of the school and learn something new. They were taken to various museums and observed the different types of trees and soils and their importance. The students were told about the numerous forest fires every year that destroys acres of forest and how man is responsible for most of them. It gave them the opportunity to learn the scientific names of plants and animals too.

- It was on the 24th of January that class 7 had the pleasure of visiting the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology. The students learnt about different kinds of rock structures and stones. They also learnt about the various species found millions of years ago in the Himalayan belt. In all, it developed an interest in the students about geology.

- Class 8 was very enthusiastic about their visit to the Oil and Natural Gas Oil Museum on 31st January. The students were taken to various exhibits related to oil extraction and refining and learnt about the history of oil and refinery of petroleum in India. The focus of attention was a Pendulum in the main hall that demonstrated the diurnal rotation of the earth. Everyone was attentive to the information that was passed to them. It was a good experience for the students as they observed and learnt and felt that they could apply the knowledge gained as they study science and geography.

- Class 11 had the opportunity to go to Asan Barage on 11th February. The students enjoyed the trip and learnt about the migratory birds that travel from Siberia to the wetlands in India, one of them is Asan Barage.

*Education is what remains after
one has forgotten what one has
learnt in school.*

- On 29th January the Honourable Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi addressed the student body of the nation and answered questions of students with regard to cope with the examination stress

and concentration. The students of classes 3 to 12 and the staff heard the Prime minister as he interacted with the students as he told them to analyse, concentrate on what one does, be self-disciplined and compete with oneself not others.



**// Good grades are life's
way of saying that there is a
bright future in store for you!**

TEDX

- TEDX Youth Conference was held at Welham Boys School on 9th February 2020. Five students of class 11 Humanities namely Divyanshi Garg, Winifred Chopra, Nathan Jacob, Pratyusha Dobhal, Joseph and Freda Oommen of 11 B got the privilege to be a part of it. The event was a great exposure for students as they heard six speakers belonging to extremely varied professional backgrounds ranging from a UN consultant to an ethical hacker, from a partially blind physician to an eminent theatrical personality. The event unfolded as the speakers shared experiences and insight from their lives, while also talking about exceedingly relevant issues like global cooperation, Joy of Giving, Faith and fulfilment, Hacking your mind, to name a few. In all, it was an unprecedented global experience for the students which left an imprint on each of their minds.

*Intelligence plus character that is
the goal of true education.*

ADIEU Class XII

It was on 15th February 2020, when the school formally bid farewell to class 12. The students of class 11 were very excited as they prepared for the same. The theme of the farewell was 'Gratitude' and the verse was taken from Colossians 2:7, "(Being) rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving." The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. N. Katare. The programme began with praise and worship which was led by class 11. The Chief Guest addressed the outgoing students telling them to develop an attitude of gratitude. He reminded the students the reason for their parents to send them to Grace Academy which was to achieve academic excellence and spiritual growth.

Mr. Katare encouraged them to be thankful to people even for little things.

Thereafter, Class 11 boys presented a meaningful choreography on the song 'Confidence'. To add more excitement to the programme a few games like Tug of War and grabbing the objects were organized for the students that they thoroughly enjoyed.

Reflections of their years at Grace were shared by quite a few passing out students of class 12 this time namely, Ayesha Jaideep, Sanya Kakkar, Vartika Bhandari, Anshum Sharma, Maria Darngwan, Kanika Rawat, Ayesha Dixit, Hannah Joseph, Shaina Anand Yashashvi Oberoi,

Pratham Mani, Manya Gosain and Vedahi Rana. A melodious song was presented by Esther which was followed by a lively choreography by class 11 girls on the song, 'Show Jesus'. Students were presented a folder, citation certificate and a sash with a title portraying their personality. Keeping to the tradition of lighting the candle by the Principal, Mr Benjamin Newton and passing it to the students of class 12 was a solemn moment as everybody sang the school song while passing the light. A power point presentation prepared by class 11 displayed with photographs, messages from the Principal, Vice Principal, teachers and students for the outgoing class. Finally, everyone enjoyed the sumptuous meal together.





STAFF DAY OUT!!

Travel doesn't become an adventure unless you leave yourself behind.

The Staff of Grace Academy was all set to go to 'Song Brook' an adventure park at Maldevta for picnic before the commencement of Annual examinations. We woke up to thunder, lightning and rain on 21st February and wondered whether we'll be going or not. Everyone was quite excited and the weather did not dampen our spirit as all drove to the destination. On reaching there, the rain stopped and all thanked the Lord for it. The gent staff had a great adventure as they had to pull the school jeep which

got stuck in the middle of the shallow river while crossing it. A cup of tea was much welcomed along with piping hot pakoras. Thereafter a group from the staff went to view a lake site; the others continued to play, few went to the river whereas the rest went trekking to the nearby hills. After lunch all relaxed for a while and tried a few adventure activities. Just before leaving we had a cup of tea and light snacks. In all, it was a day well spent in the lap of nature.





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And we pray this in order that we may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God. - Colossians 1:10

The staff and students are busy with the Annual examination that started in February this year. The Grace Track committee is grateful to those students and teachers who have contributed towards this newsletter in any capacity. We thank God for helping us to achieve our goals and look forward to the new academic year 2020-2021.



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