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Foreword...

Things were back to normal in April 2022, to quite an extent, after two years, and the students, as well as the teachers, were elated to get back to the school campus.

The academic calendar was prepared to keep in mind that the students get the opportunity to participate in several programs, activities, and competitions which were all organized for them to get into the mode of normal school life.

We, at Grace, thank God for His unfailing love and faithfulness toward the institution and everyone associated with it.

Primary School Activities

An Art Competition was the first activity conducted this year for the students of Classes Nursery to 5 from 23rd to 27th May 2022. Different topics were given to each Class to express their talent. All the students participated with great joy and enthusiasm.



- An Inter-House English elocution for Classes 3 to 5 was conducted on different days for different Classes in July. The competition was an attempt to promote English speaking skills, in terms of pronunciation, delivery, and voice modulation and to develop the language in its spoken form. The English teachers coordinated the event with efficiency and some of the students surprised us with their performance. They recited the poems with confidence and expression. Sahas House bagged the first position followed by Satya and Sanyam in the second and third positions respectively.



“ You can speak well if
your tongue can deliver
the message of your heart ”

Several activities were organized for students in Classes initiated by the CBSE.

- **Hindi Diwas was celebrated from 12th to 16th September in Classes 3 to 5** with a lot of fervour. Students were enlightened with the history of the language through the presentations. Various activities like reciting poems, singing patriotic songs, and short skits were presented by the students of these Classes in the assembly. On this occasion, Hindi slogan writing was organized for them.



“ Our mother tongue is that simple language from which we can express our ideas to anyone ”

- English and Hindi Poem Recitation Presentation for Nursery – Class II was held on 21st October and 18th November 2022 respectively. The students recited the poems with confidence and clarity. The efforts of the teachers, students, and parents were visible as the event was appreciated by the all who witnessed it.



• Inter House Hindi Elocution competition was conducted for Classes 3, 4 and 5 on the 18th, 19th, and 20th of October respectively. Each class had 12 participants; two students from each House. The Hindi teachers, Mrs Alka Judd, Mrs Manju Topno and Mrs. Shabnam Sunny coordinated the event efficiently. And some of the students surprised us with their performance and the props they had prepared. It was a joy to see them recite the poem with expression and confidence. The result is as follows:

Class 3:	1st Aradhya Yadav	2nd Shorit Guru	3rd Shivang Jugran
Class 4:	1st Anmol Dumaga	2nd Arnima Mishra	3rd Vanshika Negi
Class 5:	1st Yash Uniyal	2nd Anushree Gurung	3rd Trishti Gupta

• The **English Olympiad**, **Science Olympiad** and **Math Olympiad** were held on 14th October, 18th October and 10th November respectively. A number of students from classes III- V participated in these tests. The result of the Olympiads is awaited.

• The most awaited part of the year is the educational trips organised for each class to visit different places and have a good learning experience. Class Nursery – II visited **Dehradun Zoo** on different days starting from 7th, 9th, 10th, and 11th November 2022. They enjoyed watching the various coloured birds, and animals. Class 3 got the opportunity to visit The Forest Research Institute on 14th& 15th November. The students were interested to know about the different wood species and how termites destroy plants. It gave them the opportunity to learn the scientific names of plants and animals. Classes 4 and 5 visited **The Science Research Centre**. The students were shown different scientific instruments and experiments. These students came back more informed.

“ *It's never too early to begin exploring the world* ”

• **Bee Keeping Workshop** and exhibition was organised for class V students on 28th November 2022 by Mr. J. Gideon - Action for Health Education and Development in collaboration with the Embassy of Slovenia in New Delhi. The workshop aimed to encourage students to take Bee Keeping as a profession and also to make them aware of the importance of the same. The students participated in Poster making and Slogan Writing Competition and the best three entries from each section were awarded certificates and a bag of goodies. The students and teachers took a keen interest and gained information regarding bees and Bee keeping. The students, staff and guests enjoyed two western songs sung by Dr. Bobby Cash.



“ *There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you that it's going to be a butterfly* ”

• Math Quiz is a brief assessment used in education to measure growth in knowledge, abilities, and skills. It helps to enhance the interest in students towards the subject and also creates a conducive environment to work in groups outside the classroom. As part of extended learning an Inter House Math Quiz was conducted for classes 3 to 5 on 28th February 2023. There were four teams representing the four houses, each team consisted of six students. The students showcased their brilliance by rapidly answering the questions. It was a very informative and enriching competition for the participants along with the audience



“ Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas ”

OPEN HOUSE

An Open House was organized for parents and grandparents of Classes Nursery to II on the 10th of September 2022. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mrs. June Shepherd, former senior English teacher, and educator. The Masters of ceremony were Mrs. Sheeba David and Ms. Rachel Alen.

The programme started with a word of prayer by Ms. Shefali Bahadur, coordinator of 9 and 10. The primary school superintendent, Mrs. Sangeeta Ranjan introduced the chief guest. Thereafter, Class 1 presented a song titled 'Welcome, welcome how do you do? It was followed by the exhortation from the Holy Bible.

The first performance was a lively choreography on the song 'The more we get together', by Class I students which everyone enjoyed thoroughly. The dance presentation by Class Nursery was exhilarating and jubilant. A skit on the theme of loving and respecting parents was staged by students of Class II, which highlighted the theme of the programme, 'We are family'.

The action song 'The Animals go Marching', was put up by students of Class KG, which brought a smile to everyone present. The rendition of the poem 'Thanks mom, thanks dad', by Class II, delighted the audience.

The song by the students of Classes IV and V, 'Welcome to the family', was full of harmony and melody which enlivened the spirits of the guests.

In her address, the Chief Guest, Mrs. June Shepherd congratulated the management, staff, and students for a wonderful programme that she thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Shepherd said that Grace provides a safe and warm environment to students and that each child is loved and cared for.

“ Our children are our greatest treasure. They are our future ”





Independence Day

Grace Academy celebrated 75 years of India's Independence on 15th August 2022 with great enthusiasm and fervour. The chief guest for the event was Dr. Ashok Chacko, Senior medical doctor, trainer, and counsellor. The occasion was marked by the unfurling of the tricolour by the chief guest. This was followed by the singing of the national anthem. Dr. Chacko then addressed the gathering and said that everyone needs to introspect about their purpose in life and exercise their freedom responsibly. As the future of the nation, the students were encouraged to work earnestly to help overcome poverty, ignorance and the malpractices of casteism. He also challenged students to take a pledge to serve the nation and help it grow to greater heights.

After the introduction and felicitation of the chief guest by the Principal, Mr Benjamin Newton, an inter-house Hindi debate was organised for senior Classes to commemorate the occasion. The topic was well-contested by the students of each house.

After a short break, the Inter-House Hindi Debate for Classes 9-12 on the topic 'Dasvi Va Baranvi Kaksha Ka Bina Board Pariksha Ke Aanklan Karna Uchit Hai' The assessment of the Board Classes 10 & 12 without Examination is right', was held. Many students participated for the first time yet expressed themselves well. The individual position was Shreya Mani 1st, Manvi Bohra and Tanvi Thakur 2nd, and Rajat Verma 3rd. Satya House secured the first position followed by Sneha and Sanyam in the second and third positions respectively.



31st Students Council Investiture Ceremony

The Student Council Investiture Ceremony of Grace Academy for the year 2022-23 was held on the 27th of August 2022. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Ms. Shilpa Raturi, Superintendent of Archaeological Survey of India, Dehra Dun. The Masters of the ceremony were Mark DOUNGEL and Ruth GANIA.

The programme started with a word of prayer by Reverend Suraj Chellaiah, Vice Chairman of Grace Educational Society. The Principal, Mr Benjamin Newton introduced the chief guest and thereafter, he presented the Principal's Annual Report. It was followed by a melodious song titled 'Welcome to the family' by the primary school choir. Dr. Mohan Chacko, Chairman of Grace Educational Society, then addressed the gathering. Premansh Raj and Joice Angeline read the exhortation from the Holy Bible.

The solemn occasion was marked by expressing gratitude to the outgoing student council which was followed by the introduction of the newly inducted Primary School and Senior School Student Council by Mrs. Sangeeta Ranjan [Primary School Superintendent] and Mr. Andriyas Singh [Vice Principal] respectively. Proud parents placed badges on their children and the Principal led the Council members to take the oath of office for their new responsibilities. The Boy Captain for this year is Milimroi Thouman and the Girl Captain is Sinchui Lui Kamei.

The Reverend Samuel Macgregor led the prayer of dedication for the new office bearers to manage their leadership with responsibility. After the School Song, the Student Council marched down the aisle.

In her address, the Chief Guest, Ms Shilpa Raturi congratulated the newly appointed student council. She encouraged all the students to grab on to any opportunity that comes their way and that one needs to be at the right place at the right time. Further, Ms Raturi challenged the students not to give up when failures come in their life but move on and fight to reach their goals.

Mrs. Esther Jacob, Coordinator, of Classes 3 to 5 proposed the Vote of thanks and the event culminated with the National Anthem.

“Coming together is a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success”



Teachers' Day

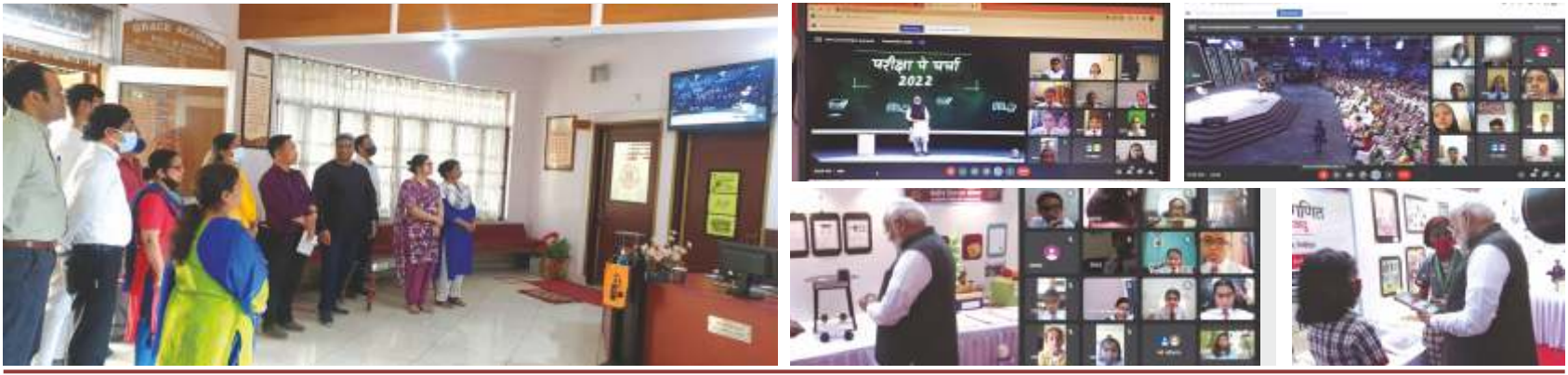
After 2 years of the pandemic, we got the opportunity of celebrating teachers' day with joy and splendour. The masters for the ceremony were Rajat Verma and Anushka Sauda of Class 12. The programme began with a word of prayer and scripture reading by Akshita Bhatt of Class 11 c4. Moving further, praise and worship was led by the school boy vice-captain Raunak Bailey. The girls of Classes 11 and 12 performed a graceful dance on 'Nothing is impossible' followed by a skit performed by students from Classes 9 to 12 reminding us that teachers care for their students even if they are mischievous at times. A few students shared their reflections about their school life. In the end, a thanksgiving message was read by the school girl captain Sinchui Liu Kamei. Everyone appreciated the programme and was elated.

“ Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is inspiring change.
Learning is more than absorbing facts; it is acquiring understanding ”



CBSE Activities

- The sixth edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha was organized for students of Classes 1 to 12 on 1st April 2022. They were to share their views on various issues and were given an opportunity to ask questions addressed to the Prime Minister. Teachers and a few parents also participated.



- An iconic initiative by The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, 'Azadi Ki Amrit Kahaniyan' is a video series that aims to bring out stories of inspirational Indians on various themes including women empowerment, environment, sustainability, and more. The diverse set of stories seeks to motivate and empower Indians from every corner of the country.
- Harela is a festival of greenery, peace, prosperity, and environmental conservation. Harela means 'day of green'. Students planted saplings around the school field to celebrate the occasion.



- Reading hour was observed on the occasion of National Reading Day in June. Class 10 students were given a mix of different stories to read in the allotted time. Students found the activity very engaging and enjoyed taking time off from the regular curriculum.
- Cyber Jaagrookta Diwas, an initiative by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal to spread awareness was taken up for a week in the assembly. Students were encouraged to write an essay on the topic: Electronic Payments and safeguards therein awareness of using social networks.

“ Security used to be an inconvenience sometimes, but now it's a necessity all the time ”

- The staff and students placed the National Flag at their houses under the drive Har Ghar Tiranga- an initiative under Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, was an initiative undertaken, wherein students were encouraged to place National Flag on their houses.



- Poshan Maah was observed to aware students of the importance of nutrition in their diet. The poster-making activity was conducted in Classes highlighting the theme of Health and nutrition. All the students took the Nutrition pledge to take a balanced diet and make others aware to do the same.

“ To eat is a necessity, but to eat intelligently is an art ”

- Swachta Pakhwada, an initiative by the board was observed in school. Students were motivated to keep their homes, school, and community clean.
- On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, a special assembly was conducted to pay tribute to the Father of the nation on 1st October. A short presentation on the life of Mahatma Gandhi was showcased. Students were encouraged to live a life of simplicity and always be ready to help the weak and neglected as initiated by Mahatma Gandhi.

“ When your environment is clean, you feel happy, motivated, and healthy ”



Senior School Activities

- Come rainy season, football fever is on. Keeping in mind the participation by maximum students, Inter-House sub-junior, Junior, and Senior football tournaments for Boys of Classes 5 & 6, 7 & 8, and 9 to 12 respectively were held in the Round Robin League format. The students were very enthusiastic about these tournaments and each house gave its best performance on the field. Satya House was the winner in sub-juniors, Sanyam House in Juniors, and Sahas House in Seniors. Overall first position was bagged by Sanyam House followed by Sahas House.



• Inter-house Spell Bee for Classes 6-8 was held in three rounds. Round 1 was a Class Round in which all students participated. 4 Best from each house and each Class were selected for Round 2. In Round 2, 12 students, three best from each house were selected for the final round

The final Round was conducted in the quad area and was witnessed by all the students. The pronouncer for this round was Ms. Shefali Bahadur. The round was an amalgamation of spelling exercises, dictation, word search, acronyms, etc. The competition was good and all students gave their best.

Aadi Uniyal of Class 8B was the winner and Sarah Ralsun of Class 7C was the Runner up.

House Position: Sanyam: First; Satya-Second; Sahas Third

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Children's Day

Children's Day was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm. The teachers presented two short comic skits and the students had a good laugh. The students cheered and joined the entire staff singing and dancing to two songs After recess, the girls witnessed a basketball match played between the girls of classes 11 and 12. The Boys on the other hand watched a football match between the boys from classes 11 and 12. Finally, classes 3 to 12 were on the field to enjoy a friendly cricket match between students and gent staff. It was quite exciting for everyone to witness the match. Nursery – Class II watched a movie. It was not just the students who had a great time, but teachers too felt like children and enjoyed themselves. The students prepared birthday cards for the Principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton and the birthday song was sung. The Vice Principal, Mr. Andriyas Singh presented a bouquet on behalf of the school.

“Children spread joy and happiness in every season as they are the most beautiful creation of God ”



What's the News !

Orientation for parents of new students for the next academic session was organized by the school in the last week of March. The principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton welcomed the parents and shared about the institution and what it stands for. The Guidance Counsellor, Mrs. Sudepta Newton oriented the parents on the vision, ethos, and functioning of the school. The queries of parents were also taken up.



- Class 10 got an opportunity to witness the rehearsal of the Passing out Parade at the Indian Military Academy (IMA) Dehradun as part of their Educational Trip on 7th June 2022. This was a very good opportunity for the students to witness the discipline and zeal of the Army officers.
- Indian Institute of Remote Sensing extended an invitation to the school to send two students to attend summer school from the 20th to the 24th of June. The focus was Remote Sensing techniques and their implications for environmental studies. Aadhya Pant and Aditya Sharma of Class XII C1 had an opportunity to attend summer school and greatly benefitted.
- A Summer Camp for Football and Basketball Coaching was organised for students from 29th June 2022 – 8th July 2022 to enhance their skills and utilize their holidays fruitfully. The students' participation in the camp was quite encouraging.

“The intelligent use of science and technology are the tools with which to achieve a new direction ”

- On the occasion of National Science Day on the 28th of February, Shreya Thapliyal of 11C3 participated in the quiz competition organised by the Survey of India.
- English, Science, Math, and Social Science Olympiads were held for students to enhance their subject knowledge. Five students namely Praise Abel Renjith Class 7, Satyam Aggarwal Class 7, Ridhima Gupta Class 6, Navya Pal Class 7, and Dev Bora Class 7 won the Gold Medal of Excellence at the School Level.

The following students won the Gold Medal of Distinction at Zonal Level:

Ridhima Gupta Class 6, Shreya Thapliyal Class 11, Ridant Gaur Class 3, Tiaremla Class 6, Navya Pal Class 7, Vedika Saklani Class 10 Binay Rawat Class 5.

“The science of today is the technology of tomorrow ”

- The school bid farewell to Mrs. Selma Singh and Mrs. Renuka Singh as they superannuated this year. The Principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton appreciated and thanked them for being a part of Grace and investing effectively in the lives of students.



- A Bible quiz was conducted by India Campus Crusade on 28th August 2022. Seventy six students participated in the written quiz. V. Abhishek Bruce Jasper of class 10 received the first position.



- St Joseph's Academy organized the J L D'Souza Memorial Inter-school English debate for seniors on 30th August 2022. There were 16 schools altogether and the debate was held in a Modified Cambridge format. Three students participated from Grace Academy namely Elizabeth Tombing, Angela Rajiv, and Manvi Bohra of Class12. They received a certificate of participation.

- 22nd Col. Shashi Memorial Inter School Football Tournament for senior boys was organized by Cambrian Hall from 3rd to 17th September 2022. It was played in a league cum knockout format. The team played well and reached the finals and secured a runners-up position. The team received a jersey each as a token of appreciation for making a mark in the tournament. The Football Team was felicitated during the assembly for having played well and securing the runners up position in the Inter-School Football team.

“Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships”

- Students participated in the Inter-School Nukkad Natak Competition held at Shri Ram Centennial School on 23rd July 2022. The topic chosen by our students was Price Rise (Inflation). Mrs Rebecca Holkar and Mrs R. George prepared the students. Students received a certificate for participation.
- Carbery Inter-School sub-junior football tournament-2022 was organized by Carman School, Dalanwala, in the Knock-Out format from 1st to 6th August 2022. Grace Academy played the match on August 2, against NDS, Rishikesh but lost the match. The team gave a tough fight despite the heavy rain.
- Mr. I.L.G Memorial Inter-School Futsal Tournament-2022 was conducted by Carman School, Dalanwala, from 8th to 16th August in the league cum knock-out format. Our team played well and displayed a very good sportsman's spirit. The team reached the finals but lost. Manguonsang Thapa of Class 7 won the 'Best player of the tournament'.

“The five S's of sports training are stamina, speed, strength, skill, and sportsman spirit; but the greatest of these is sportsman spirit”

- An Inter-School Essay Writing & Short Speech Competition was organised by the Indian Public School on 20th August for Classes 9 to 12. Vedika Saklani Class 11 & Tanvi Thakur Class 10 were given a chance to represent the school. Children tried their best, but could not score a position. Both the students were prepared by Mrs. Bhawna Joshi and Mrs. Sunita Joseph.

“Language is the dress of thoughts”

- CBSE Sahodaya School Complex Football Tournament-2022 was organized by Scholars Home in August-September. A total of 20 schools from the city participated in it. It was divided into two categories Under 15 and Under 18. The matches were in a knock-out format. The under-18 team reached the semi-final by defeating Dharma International and Army Public School. The team entered the finals by winning the match against Manav Bharti Public School. The team played in unity and showcased excellent sportsmanship. In the finals, they lost to Asian School. It was quite an achievement for the team to reach the finals in this tournament as the competition was tough. Tarun Rawat of Class 12 was awarded the highest scorer of the tournament. The team was felicitated in school and each player received a pair of studs from the school for their achievement.

“You never score a goal in life without getting a pass from someone else”



- Students of Classes 10 & 12 who secured 75% and above marks in the Board examination were felicitated by the Indian Christian Youth Federation (ICYF) at St. Joseph's Academy on 29th August.
- It was a great opportunity for thirty-five students of Class 12 to attend the Doon School Career Fair 2022 on 30th August. Many students from various schools were present there. Mrs. Sudepta Newton, the guidance counsellor, coordinated and escorted the students to help them navigate their future. A plethora of universities from the USA, UK, Canada and Australia were presenting their requirements for admission to their colleges. The fair was very informative and benefitted the student's understanding of the process of seeking admission to foreign universities.

- Our school choir went to Wynberg Allen School, Mussorie for the annual L.O. Edwards choir festival which took place on the 3rd of September 2022. The choir had 31 students and sang 'Good things just take time' adopted from Gaither group. The students were taught and guided by Mr. Danie Nungate and Mrs. Akriti Mall. The programme began at 2:00 pm. Many renowned schools of Dehradun and Mussoorie participated in the programme to give their choir presentation. The programme was full of energy and enthusiasm and the melodious songs sung by the schools were enjoyed and loved by all. It was a wonderful and delightful function.

“The true beauty of music is that it connects people”



- **A Book Fair** was organized for students by Scholastic books from 6th to 8th of October 2022. The students from grades 3 to 12 visited the fair and showed enthusiasm in choosing books of their interest for their reading. On 8th Oct, children came with their parents and purchased the books they had chosen for themselves.

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- **Anti-Bullying Week** was observed from 14th to 21st of October 2022. Mrs. Sudepta Newton, Guidance Counsellor organised a few activities for the school. Mrs. Karuna Tamang and Mr. Danny prepared meaningful assembly presentations related to the theme for the school with appropriate songs, videos, and activities based on Anti Bullying. The primary students did the hands-on activity. The older students took a pledge against Anti Bullying. The students were made aware of what is bullying and what they must do to stop bullying or being bullied. Overall, it was a good time to share and learn.

“Strong people don't put others down.... they lift them up”

- Mock Drill for Earthquake was held on 14th October 2022. Orientation was given to the students and staff as to the procedure of evacuation to be carried out. The aim was to evacuate the whole school within four minutes of the warning bell which was achieved.
- Inter-School English Debate was organized by Khrist Jyoti Academy on 15th Oct 2022. The topic was '**Artificial Intelligence Can Replace Teachers.**' The English department prepared Ananya Sam -IX and Deborah Lalmuanawmi Tombing-IX for the debate. The students presented their views confidently.
- Educational trips were organised for classes 6 to 9 from 14th to 21st Oct 2022. Students were quite excited about these trips and enjoyed to their fullest. They visited the Forest Research Institute and the ONGC Oil Museum.
- Inter-House English Debate based on the Modified Cambridge Format was held on 22nd Oct. There were two debates in all. Sanyam and Sneha Houses debated on the topic **Channels: Breaking Rules for Breaking News** and Sahas and Satya Houses on the topic **“Social Influences are Misleading Gen Z.”** Most of the participants were on stage for the first time and were new to this format yet they did very well. Sanjana & Helen Samuel chaired the debate efficiently along with Mrs Neha

Osmond. Mrs. Elizabeth Tamang, Mrs. Sangeeta Ranjan and Mrs. Renuka Mall judged the debate. Sahas House bagged the first position followed by Sanyam and Satya in the second and third positions respectively. The result is as follows: Best Speaker Proposition: Shreya Mani, Best Speaker Opposition: Mehak Dilawar, Promising Speaker Proposition: Palak Dilawar, Promising Speaker Opposition: Angela Rajeev.

“ For good ideas and true innovation, you need human interaction, conflict, argument, and debate. ”

- **Uttarakhand Diwas** was observed on 9th Nov and a special assembly was conducted giving information about the state to the students. A short quiz was conducted on the state of Uttarakhand.

In order to create awareness among school students, CBSE in collaboration with Central Vigilance Commission organized an essay writing competition on the occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week 2022.

The students of classes 10, 11, and 12 participated in it. The topic was 'Corruption-Free India for a Developed Nation'. Divya Rana of class 12 scored the highest marks followed by Anish Yadav and Pragya.

“ Integrity, transparency, and the fight against corruption have to be part of the culture. They have to be taught as fundamental values ”

- The sixth edition of **Pariksha pe Charcha** was organized for students on 27th January 2023. The students from different parts of the country shared their views on various issues and were given an opportunity to ask questions addressed to the Prime Minister. The Honourable Prime Minister answered the questions giving solutions and encouraging the students to work hard and smart. Students from classes 6 to 12 witnessed the event. Several parents also joined the event virtually.



Inter-School English Debate

Grace Academy hosted the 5th Dr. David G. Fiol Inter-School English Debate on 5th November 2022. The debate is held in honour of the founding principal, Dr. David George Fiol; his vision and foresight paved the way for what the school is today.

In addition to the host team, participants from Wynberg Allen School, Olympus High, Edify World School, Kendriya Vidyalaya 2, Army Public School, Him Jyoti School, Manav Bharti International School displayed their debating prowess. The eminent panel of judges comprised of Miss V. Sherring, Mrs. D. Katare and Mrs M. Sircar.

The debates were conducted in two rounds, namely Turncoat and Modified Cambridge formats. All teams gave their very best to persuade the judges and the audience with their clever arguments and crisp rebuttals. The winning team was Wynberg Allen School followed by Edify World school as runner-up.

The best speaker for round 1 was Suryansh Kumar Dubey (Grace Academy) whereas the most promising speaker for round 1 was Naomi Ross (Wynberg Allen School). In round 2 Shreya Angel Mani (Grace Academy) and Naomi Ross (Wynberg Allen School) were the best speakers and Suryansh K. Dubey and Bhavyaa Bhatia (Wynberg Allen School) were adjudged the promising speakers. The audience was enthralled and enriched by the persuasive speeches of all the participants and they are looking forward to next year's debate with added fervour.

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Annual Day

32nd Annual Day was held on 20th December 2022. The chief guest for the occasion was Dr Shailendra Pratap Singh (Principal, St. John's Degree College, Agra) who was accompanied by his wife. After a warm welcome the Vice-Principal, Mr. Andriyas Singh introduced the chief guest. Thereafter Dr. Mohan Chacko (Chairman, Grace Educational Society) prayed and shared his greetings with the gathering.

Ushering in the season of joy, the instrumentalists and the Senior Choir made a symphonic presentation which was enjoyed and appreciated by all. The theme of the occasion was Rejoice and keeping with it, the Primary School students rejoiced in song as the Nativity was presented by the tiny tots. The little songsters of the Primary choir also added to the delight of the audience with a musical medley. The Hindi play Kanua Nai – a satire, highlighted the message that unbridled ambition leads to disaster. The comic timing of the actors left the audience in splits. The Staff Choir gave credit to God for his grace and mercy during the year by singing Little is Much. India is a land of diversity. Highlighting our vibrant nation, the Senior girls presented folk dances before a captivated audience. Hilarious mimes were interspersed in the event as entertainment breaks.

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 acknowledged that the current generation is challenged with the need to innovate. He supported the multidisciplinary and holistic approach which is tackled deftly by the National Education Policy (NEP). Further, he encouraged those present to embody the timeless values of Satya, Sneha, Sahas & Sanyam, after the House names of Grace Academy and to Acquire Knowledge and Walk Worthy—the motto of Grace Academy.

The evening culminated when the principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton thanked everyone for making the programme a success and gave greetings for the Christmas season.

“ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights. ”



There was a lot of enthusiasm among the students in the month of December as everyone was involved in the preparations for Annual Day. There were practices for the Hindi play on one side and a variety of folk dances on the other. It was a joy to watch all students join in the folk dances during the time of rehearsals. The excitement was exhilarating. The teachers too could not resist the rhythmic beats of the songs and joined in with the students.



Republic Day

The 74th Republic Day was celebrated on 26th January. The theme verse was taken from the Holy Bible 'For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise, God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne'. Psalm 47:7-8

The programme started with the unfurling of the tricolour by the Principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton, and everyone joined in singing the National Anthem. Addressing the gathering, the Principal, Mr. Benjamin Newton spoke about upholding values and ideals as engraved in our constitution. He also spoke about being a true patriot, a peacemaker, and having an attitude of service.

This was followed by a prayer for the nation which was led by Mrs. Alka Judd. Thereafter, a rendition of a patriotic poem was presented with full vigour and enthusiasm by Manasvi Sundriyal of class 7. Suryansh Dubey and Vedika Saklani of class 11 presented their speech in English and Hindi respectively highlighting the role of every citizen in nation-building. A video presentation on facts about the Constitution of India made the students aware of the highest law of the nation. The programme ended with prayer and a vote of thanks led by the Head Mistress, Mrs. Sangeeta Ranjan.

“ Taking responsibility is a commitment to own your life, to self-leadership, growth, and freedom ”



FAREWELL CLASS 12

Fare thee well!

To bid adieu to Class 12, a farewell was organized by the students of Class 11 on February 11, 2023. The theme for the program was 'Know your Worth'. The masters of the ceremony were Shreya Mani, Akshita Bhatt, Yashashvi Sundriyal, Sakshi Rawat, and Yaqoob Gania. The program started with an opening prayer by Rushil James of class 11 followed by a meaningful time of praise and worship which was led by students of class 11. Bible reading was done by Vanshika Dheer and Charishma L. The principal Mr. Benjamin Newton introduced the chief guest Mr Zozimus Labana, Asst Professor, Dept. of Aerospace Engineering, UPES, and the guest of honour, Dr Bobby Cash, renowned country music singer, songwriter, guitarist, and composer. Thereafter, Sanjana (12 Hum), Ayushi Negi (12 Bio), Aman Yadav (12 Math) and Rudra Bhola (12 Com) shared their experiences and memories of being in school. It was followed by graceful and meaningful choreography. The rap performance by class 11 boys was quite entertaining, exhibiting new talent.

The chief guest, Mr Labana shared the exhortation from the word of God and said that we must put our value and worth on something that is not perishable, that is the love of Christ, and know the worth of our life, know the treasure of our life and know the satisfaction of our life, and to always keep God first in whatever we do. He ended with a beautiful paradox saying that we are unworthy of the cross but it is the cross that makes us worthy.

The most awaited part of the program, the games, was hosted by Mrs. Karuna Tamang and her team. The students enjoyed playing games like 'bursting the balloons', guess the voice, and musical chairs. It was followed by a word of encouragement from the guest of honour Dr Bobby Cash who encouraged the students to always be ready for any opportunity that comes their way. He then mesmerized the audience with his amazing voice and scintillating guitar performance.

After the candle-lighting ceremony and prayer of dedication by the former primary school superintendent, Mrs. Dephine Katare, Milim Thouman school head boy and Sinchui Kamei school head girl addressed the gathering and proposed a vote of thanks.

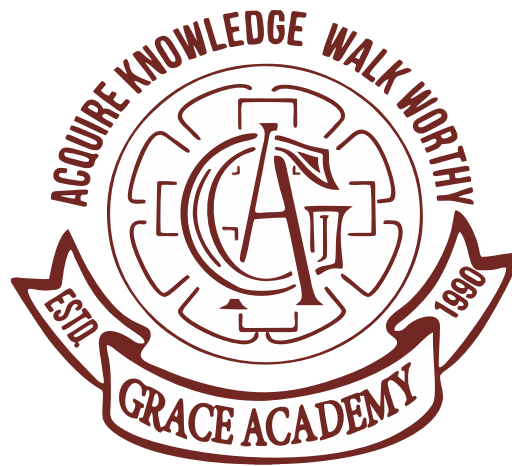
The programme came to an end with a rhythmic and joyful Garhwali folk dance and class 12 students were invited to join in. It was fun to watch them dance to the music enjoying every bit of it.

Everyone joined in for a sumptuous lunch in the Heritage block.

“ Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end ”







Looking forward to....

The next academic year 2023-24 surely would have its share of challenges! We thank God for His guidance and wisdom to carry on our work to the best of our ability, to date, this past academic year. Thanks to the staff and students who contributed to the news track in any capacity.

“ Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His mercy endures forever! ”

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