



Sequins extend a warm welcome to six new kittens in the S.I.S. family!

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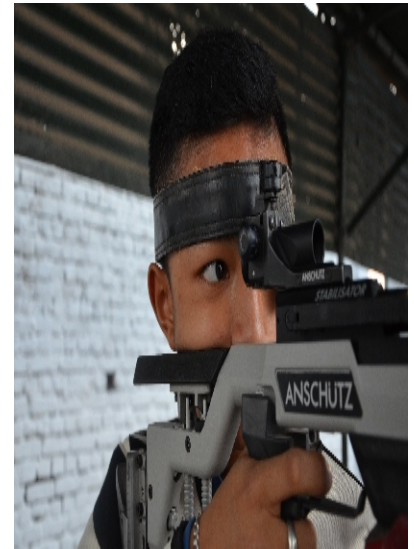
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Sports Update

- Aaryaman of class IX-A has made the school proud by qualifying in nationals (10 meters Rifle Shooting Competition) at Dr. Karni Shooting Range, Tughlaqabad, Delhi. He is now gearing himself up for the trials for internationals.
- The school organized a friendly T-20 cricket match with Sports Trainees Academy, Dehradun. Both teams played with enthusiasm. The school team showcased excellent skills and won the match. Our star openers Maanas Chaudhary (39 runs) and Shorya Bindra (31 runs) set the game going and Ashraf Irshad (42 runs) added to the runs by giving Selaqui an assailable score of 181 runs. Boundaries kept flowing and the audience was kept entertained. Our school team Captain Sanjeev Kumar took three wickets, Harsh with two and Vivek Basera one wicket, to cement Selaqui's place as the winners. Sports Trainees were 24 runs short but gave our boys some tough competition. We look forward to more such encounters and many more victories to our school team.

-Sanjeev Kumar (XI Science)



A Valuable Message

One of the most influential books I have read is '7 Habits of Highly Effective People' by Stephen R. Covey. In his book, he talks about the seven habits that we should inculcate in our daily lives so that we may become competent individuals. I especially like the first habit, which is about being 'proactive', taking charge of one's life and realizing that things don't just happen to us, we make them happen, with the choices we make. So, if we haven't got the desired grades, it is probably because we didn't grasp the concept in the class and chose not to do anything about it.

Covey also talks about the importance of responding rather than reacting to situations. A reaction is an immediate action that may not always be rational or effective. Whenever we are faced with a tough situation we must take time, think and then respond so that we avoid creating complications.

As the year draws to a close, here is hoping all of you include these values in your new year's resolution list; and that you read more books!

-Ms. Ambika Rajbongshi

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Assessment for Learning

After intense study for C.A.P. 3, students began preparing for F.A. 3. Though an amazing platform to enhance one's final score, yet not a cakewalk. It tests the students on a multitude of parameters, in accordance with the C.B.S.E. guidelines, such as; writing skills, reading skills, presentation skills, collaborative skills, etc..

A Dress Rehearsal for Boards!

Pre - boards (08th - 19th December, 2015) for class XII are a replica of the board examination. They are conducted to prepare students holistically for the final examination. The result is a comprehensive indicator of their preparation and sensitizes the students about their academic strengths and weaknesses.

Laughing Stock LOL!

□ Teacher: "Why are you late?"

Ravi: "Because of the sign."

Teacher: "Which sign?"

Ravi: "The one that says, SCHOOL AHEAD, GO SLOW."

-Vani Saxena (IX-B)

□ Mother: Wake up! Wake up! You are being late

Child: Mom I don't want to go to school

Mother: But, why?

Child: I dreamt that I was running 1000m race.

Mother: So?

Child: So, I am tired

-Yuvraj Jain (IX-B)



Word Power

□ Indelible (adj.):

A: Subconscious.

B: Beyond words.

C: Attractive.

D: Permanent.

□ Pine (v.):

A: To complain.

B: Praise.

C: Compromise.

D: Yearn.

□ Smitten (adj.):

A: Rejected.

B: Tempted.

C: Indifferent.

D: Infatuated.

□ Viscous (adj.)

A: Thick.

B: Rotten.

C: Runny.

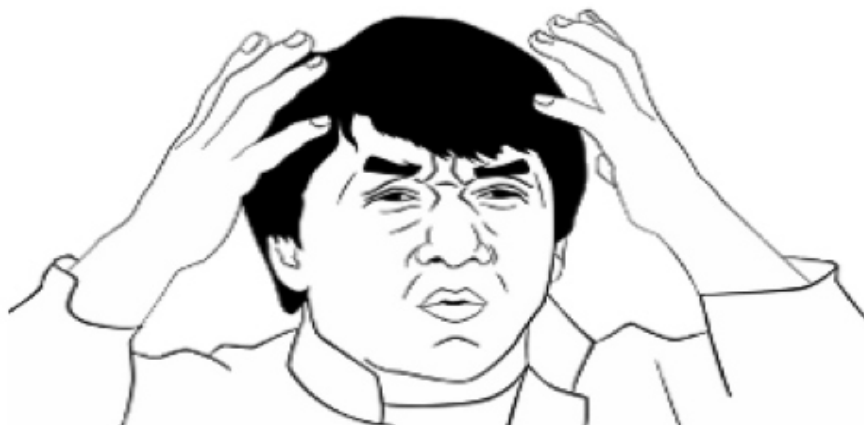
D: Overcooked.

Scratch Your Brain!

□ What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?

□ A word I know that six letters contains, subtract the last and only twelve remain. What is the word?

-Techi Lomin (IX-A)



Student's Voice Beyond the Classroom! Just Musing? Frankly?

Coming from the bustling city of Delhi, full of zest, the journey to SelaQui, in the early morning of July, wasn't exactly awe inspiring, if not depressing. Consequently, I was pleading with my dad to reverse the decision of changing my school. But the moment I crossed the gate of the school, the serene beauty literally took away my breath. The friendliness and warmth of the students further endeared me to the school. The affability and openness of the teachers removed whatever lingering traces of doubt I had. During the months, to be honest, there have been moments of nostalgia when I wished I was back among previous familiar faces.

However, the dedication of the teachers and the staff, the passion to nurture and guide us to realize our full potential, to achieve our goal and beyond, has increased my appreciation of the school. SelaQui, true to its motto, strives to mould each one of us towards excellence not only in academics, but in sports, co-curricular and other qualities needed for making us, if not leaders, capable citizens of the world. However, there has been a small nagging unclear thought at the back of my mind which got clear during the last Founder's Day, the day I realized that all House Captains and Vice Captains are male students.

I am certainly not a feminist, far from it, I love my femininity, neither am I espousing reservation for the girls. Fairness and integrity of the staff, certainly, is unquestionable. Then why do I feel there is a disparity? Is it the girls themselves? Their reluctance or unwillingness to take on the responsibility, lack of ambition or zeal? Or is it their penchant to stay within their comfort zone? However, let's not forget, the first student to achieve the Sports Blazer, in the school's history, is a girl! So, may be a bit more of encouragement or perhaps a slight nudge is required to bring out the hidden talent or capability. I am not stating that this is the solution nor am I saying there is a problem. It is just my gut feeling that we need to deliberate on this to ensure that somebody does not feel left out. I am confident that this shall enhance the growth of the school as a leading institution. Lastly, but most importantly, my musing is neither against any student nor is an attempt to put down or favor somebody. I am content and very happy in my zone.

PS: I am honest enough to know my capabilities and limits. However, by stating the above statement I am not asking girls to have power over men, but over their self inhibitions, for we must raise not only the ceiling, but also the floor.

- Henthosana Yumnam (XI - Humanities)

Lyceum Club- Making a Point !

Terrorism - Challenges and Perspectives

Terrorism is a global problem and the spurt of attacks in Beirut, Paris and Mali in a span of a week has raised many pertinent questions.

There are several challenges that terrorism has posed, of which we at the Lyceum Club discussed a few: what should be the counter terrorism strategies for terror attacks?; is bombing Syria the only way to retaliate after the Paris attacks?; why and how are terror groups finding support and recruitment across the world?; who is funding these terror organizations?; and the challenge of fighting bias, bias against a religion and associating it with terror and the bias towards western countries where we **#prayforparis** and have 'marked safe' button for Paris survivors on Facebook, but are indifferent towards the lives lost in Beirut and Garissa.

As educated and enlightened citizens, we must move away from the culture of violence, move closer to the culture of peace and **#prayfortheworld** instead.

Poem of the Month

God Is One!

Flowers are many, but garden is one.
Planets are many, but universe is one.
Ways are many, but goal is one.
Members are many, but family is one.
Religions are many, but God is one!
-Vani Saxena (IX-B)

Awards!

The following students have been awarded full colours and half colours in Tennis:

Full Colours:

- Chaitanya - XII

Half Colours:

- Dhruv Banerjee - VIII

- Kabir Kapur - IX

The following students have been declared as winners in the Inter - House Elocution Competition:

Junior Category:

Jasprit - Akash - First
Inderprit - Prithvi - Second
Muskan - Agni - Third

Sub- Senior Category:

Keniengunuo - Jal - First
Shreya - Prithvi -Second
Paritosh - Akash - Third

Senior Category:

Jibran - Prithivi - First
Akib - Akash - Second
Meghna - Jal - Third



Wall of Democracy

What are you looking forward to for this Winter Carnival?

- “I am really excited for the Santa Claus, but this time I want him to give gifts to everybody.” Minky (VII)
- “There should be a stage in the carnival, where students can showcase their talent.” Vishruti (XI)
- “I just want good food and lots of games.” Sahil (IX)
- “There should be free coupons for students.” Ayush (VIII)
- “Let's have a secret Santa this year.” Shreya (X)
- “Music should add up to the zest of the Winter Carnival.” Divyanshu (XII)



Let Your Voice be Heard!

The school organized a workshop for the students on the topic 'Aggression versus Assertiveness' which was held on the 5th of December, 2015. The workshop was conducted by Dr. Manisha Sahni from Mind the Mind organization. Through her presentations, discussions and videos the students understood that there are three ways in which they can respond to any provoking situation - passively, aggressively and lastly assertively. The next day's topic was 'Gender Sensitivity' which sensitized the students towards the stooping image of women in the society. The workshop focalized on the self worth of women, their grooming and empowerment, awaking generation and curbing gender bias in the Indian society. The workshop infused in the students a moral value of not promoting a male chauvinist/dominant society.

Article of the Month

खेल और हम

स्वस्थ शरीर में ही स्वस्थ मसूतषिक संभव है। शरीर को स्वस्थ तथा तन्दुरूस्त बनाने के लिए खेल अनविार्य है। खेल का नाम सुनते ही मन उत्साह और उल्लास से भर उठता है। आज के समय में खेलों का बड़ा महत्व है।

खेलने से शरीर पुष्ट होता है, भूख बढ़ती है, शरीर शुद्ध होता है तथा आलस्य दूर होता है। न खेलने की स्थिति में शरीर रोगी, आलसी और मोटा हो जाता है। इन सबका प्रभाव मन पर पड़ता है और हमारे मसूतषिक पर भी इसका नकारत्मक असर होता है। हम अपने लक्ष्य तक नहीं पहुँच पाते।

खेलने से मनुष्य को मेहनत करने और हार जीत को खेलने की आदत लगती है। खेल हमें अनुशासन, विश्वास तथा अन्य प्रकार की जीवन में काम आने वाली बातें सिखाते हैं।

खेल हमारे लिए मनोरंजन का साधन है। मनुष्य खेलते समय सब भूलकर लक्ष्य तक पहुँचने में लगा रहता है। अगर आप भी अपने लक्ष्य को पाना चाहते हैं तो खेलों को अपनी दिनचर्या में जरूर शामिल करें क्योंकि आगे बढ़ने के लिए शरीर और दमिग का संतुलन बेहद जरूरी है।

-योशनि नारंग (IX-A)

Food for Thought -

“Your mentality forms your reality. So the next time someone tries to bring you back to reality, realize that it's only their reality that they're talking about. Not yours!” ”

COMING UP NEXT

19th - 29th January, 2016: C.A.P. 4 and F.A. 4 for class X.

26th January, 2016: Republic Day Celebrations.

27th January - 3rd February, 2016: Second pre board examination.

2nd - 10th February, 2016: C.A.P. 4 and F.A. 4 for classes VI to IX & XI.

[Answers: Scratch Your Brain! River & Dozens & Word Power D. Permanent, D. Yearn, D. Infatuated & A. Thick]

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!