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As we step into the promising realms of 2024, it's not too late to extend warm wishes for a Happy New Year! We trust that the year has started on a positive note for each one of you.

Reflecting on the resolutions we set for ourselves in 2023, let's acknowledge the efforts made and the progress achieved.

While not every goal might have been met, the journey itself was a valuable experience. Now, with renewed vigour, hope, and determination, let's embrace the opportunity to set new resolutions for personal growth and success.

Amidst the excitement of new beginnings, we hosted the Junior Olympiad 2024 for our youngsters in January. We also bid farewell to the ISC Batch of 2024. Congratulations to our seniors who have completed this chapter of their academic journey. As they step into the wider world, we wish them success and happiness in all their future endeavours.

As we approach the conclusion of the academic year in a few weeks, the excitement of the IPL awaits us post-finals. Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) have welcomed back Gautam Gambhir as their mentor, gearing up for success. Similarly, our preparations for the finals are key to achieving academic excellence. Let's face these assessments with diligence, aiming high, and surprising ourselves with the outcomes.

Honouring the legacy of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and celebrating India's 75th Republic Day as we transition into February, let's embrace the spirit of 'Korbo, Lorbo, Jeetbo Re'. The enthusiasm encapsulated in these four words will undoubtedly shape our 2024 into what we aspire it to be!

Wishing everyone a fulfilling and successful year ahead. Let's make 2024 a year of accomplishment, growth, and shared victories!

Warm regards, Utkarsh Raj, 11A Assistant Student Editor

The MCKV Junior Olympiad 2024



Our school hosted the MCKV Junior Olympiad 2024 at HIT Sports Ground, Ghusuri, Howrah, on January 11. Mr Jitin Yadav, IAS, Additional District Magistrate, Howrah, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Our Chairman, Mr Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, delivered an inaugural speech, setting the tone for a day of excitement. To ignite a spirit of true sportsmanship and harmony among students, the traditional torch relay was followed by a charming Balloon Walk by the toddlers. The March Past by the children, set to rhythmic drumbeats, and the solemn oath-taking ceremony created a captivating atmosphere, officially marking the beginning of the annual sports day of the Junior School. A Fancy Walk by the Foundational Stage students, representing United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, captured the hearts of the spectators.

The track and field events showcased the agility and stamina of the participants. Impressive displays of discipline, coordination, and teamwork were evident in the drill, yoga, martial arts, and tug-of-war. The crowd, consisting of excited parents, generously applauded the young sports stars throughout the day. The Chief Guest expressed profound appreciation for the skill, strength, and enthusiasm demonstrated by our boys. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by our Preparatory Coordinator, Ms Nikita Jha.





75th Republic Day Celebration

M. C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth celebrated the 75th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The event began with a ceremonial march past followed by the unfurling of the tricolour by Mr Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, Chairman, in the presence of Dr Parthasarathi Chakraborty, CEO, Mr Neelkantha Gupta, Director, Dr Abhijit Lahiri, Principal, MCKVIE, Mr Abhay Kejriwal, Trustee, Ms Mallika Mukherjee, Principal, MCKV, and Mr Biswajit Majumdar, Headmaster.

An invigorating speech by our Chairman impressed on the idea of upholding and glorifying the ideals of unity, honour, integrity and diversity of our nation. Lakshaya Sharma, School Vice-Captain, delivered a passionate address on the historical significance of



Republic Day and the necessity to become the ideal citizens of our country. Hitesh Kumar Bhuwalka of Class 12B was felicitated for his exceptional expertise in Speedcubing and for receiving the prestigious Telegraph Online Edugraph 18 Under 18 Award 2024. The school choir paid tribute to India's rich cultural heritage with a soul-stirring patriotic song, and prize winners were honoured for their achievements in co-curricular activities. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Utkarsh Raj, Assistant Student Editor.

Beyond the Horizons: The Class 12 Farewell Programme



On 19 January 2024, the Management, teachers, and students of Class 11 gathered in the school auditorium to bid farewell to the ISC Batch of 2024. The programme began with the customary lighting of the lamp, followed by heartfelt wishes from Mr Neelkantha Gupta, Director. Dr Parthasarathi Chakraborty, CEO, in his address emphasised that farewell marks the beginning of a new journey. The performances, including a peppy dance, a soulful musical presentation, and a unique rap on school life, were greatly admired. Laughter echoed through the auditorium as the quiz on teachers unfolded. Uday Kumar Bansal, the School Captain, delivered a heartfelt vote of thanks. As the applause faded, the boys realised this farewell was more than an event – it was the closure

of a chapter, the forging of a family, and the creation of memories that would forever resonate in their hearts like a cherished song.

MCKV's Participation in Ekal Run 2024

On the morning of Sunday, 7 January 2024, a spirited group of 177 MCKVians and 19 staff members eagerly participated in the Ekal Run, organised by Ekal Yuva - an organisation dedicated to raising awareness and supporting education and empowerment for tribal and rural children. The participants, each covering a 5 km distance in the marathon, demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm and a shared goal of making a meaningful impact on the lives of thousands of children. The event's proceeds are earmarked to fund the education of tribal children, promising a lasting influence on their futures. Witnessing the community unite for this noble cause was truly heartening, emphasising the collective commitment to fostering positive change.





Exploring Nature's Haven: An Excursion to Dhudwa Tiger Reserve

Our school organised a captivating excursion to the Dhudwa Tiger Reserve in Uttar Pradesh from 23 to 28 December 2023. The trip began with an orientation at the National Environment Science Camp, where 32 students of Classes 7, 8, and 9 were introduced to the exhilarating activities planned for their four-day stay. These activities included a nature trail through teak, sal, giant ferns, and wildflowers, primitive-style cooking, raft designing, and relay racing at the estuary of a river in the Sheesham forest. The visit to the Tharu tribal village provided a humbling experience, teaching the students to appreciate life's little blessings. The highlights of the trip were the engaging story-telling session around the campfire and the thrilling jungle safari, where the students encountered majestic tigers. This adventure served as a refreshing break for our students, instilling in them valuable life skills and creating cherished memories.



A Memorable Visit on the National Youth Day



On the occasion of *Vivekananda Jayanti* and National Youth Day, our Interactors and NCC cadets of Class 11, accompanied by Mr Biswajit Majumdar, Headmaster, and Mr Anup Kumar Singha, sports teacher, visited Swami Vivekananda's birthplace on 12 January 2024. The visit, organised by the Indian Army, provided an enlightening experience for our students, as they received valuable insights from the army officers regarding the significance of National Youth Day and Swami Vivekananda's teachings. The visit to Ramakrishna Mission Swami Vivekananda's Ancestral House and Cultural Centre in Kolkata left an indelible mark on our students, igniting a passion for learning, embracing cultural heritage, and reinforcing values of unity, service, and knowledge.

Birdwatching Trip to Santragachi Jheel for MCKV Children

Our school, in collaboration with the Birdwatchers' Society, organised the second phase of *Walk by Sound*, a birdwatching trip at Santragachhi Jheel on 27 January 2024.

The trip aimed to educate students of Class 6 about the migratory birds that have flown from Central Asia, Mongolia, China, and European countries to escape the winter. With the assistance of the members of the Birdwatchers' Society, our students observed over 3000 birds, including Gadwalls, Gargeneys, and Lesser Whistling Ducks.

This experience instilled patience, appreciation for nature,

and a sense of social responsibility in our students. They also realised the importance of preserving water bodies and the need to create an environment conducive to the well-being of birds.





A Day with the Residents of Antyodoy Anath Ashram

On 27 January 2024, our administration staff members, led by Chairman Mr Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, visited Antyodoy Anath Ashram in Paunsi, Purba Midnapur. Welcomed warmly, the team explored local vocational training centres, marvelling at the array of hand-crafted items. A delightful cultural programme by the Ashram's children captivated all. The staff members distributed sweet packets, clothes, and groceries, and personally served food to the young children. This meaningful day concluded with a note of philanthropy, as our Chairman pledged unwavering support to the residents of the Ashram.









Journey to Wellness: This month's sessions



To Change Your Life, You Need to Change Your Priorities: An interactive session for the students of Class 11 by Mr Amitabh Mohan



Self-regulation and Meditation: An interactive session conducted by the School Counsellors with the parents of Class 11

For detailed reports and photographs of the above events, please visit our website www.mckv.edu.in

A Scholar in the Making



Veni Tulsian, a student of Class 11A, was honoured with the prestigious Jagadis Bose National Science Junior Scholarship Award 2023 after undergoing multiple phases of testing, including a written test and an interview with eminent scientists and professors. The scholarship includes a monthly stipend of Rs. 1250 for two years, along with an annual book grant of Rs. 2500. This scholarship offers young students various opportunities to learn and practice science through workshops and seminars, providing them with the necessary exposure to contribute to the global scientific community.

Our heartfelt congratulations to him!

Speedcubing Sensation



Hitesh Kumar Bhuwalka, a student of Class 12B, was recognised and honoured by The Telegraph Online Edugraph 18 Under 18 Awards 2024 as one of the top 18 young achievers under the age of 18 from Eastern India. His outstanding achievements as a Speedcuber and an International Puzzle Coach earned him this prestigious accolade. The 18 under 18 winners were chosen from 53 finalists, selected from over 2500 nominations. The management, staff, and students of MCKV extend their heartfelt congratulations to Hitesh for this marvellous feat.



Interact Club Project



Interactors assisted healthcare professionals in conducting health check-up session for ancillary staff and providing valuable guidance for a healthy lifestyle.

Departmental Activity



On 24 January 2024, a Spell Bee Challenge was organised for the students of Class 9 by our English Department, with the intention of motivating them to learn standardised spelling and ignite a love for the English language.

Guess the Feathered Friends

Last month, a number of students went on a bird-watching trip to Santragachhi Jheel to observe and identify over 3000 migratory birds that have flown there, primarily from Central Asia, Mongolia, China, and European countries. Can you identify the birds they saw based on the given hints? (For more information, look for the report on Birdwatching Trip at page 3.)

- 1. A toy consisting of a light frame with thin material stretched over it, flown in the wind at the end of a long string.
- 2. A city and the district headquarters of Jogulamba district in the Indian state of Telangana. It is located 188 km (117 mi) from the state capital, Hyderabad.

The solution will be published in the next edition.

The solution to the previous riddle, What am I? (part 4) CLOUD

Winners Of Most Attractive Classroom Softboard Decoration Competition 2023-2024 (phase 2)



Preparatory Stage Topic: Say No to Plastic Class: 3 B



Middle Stage Topic: Overcome Plastic Pollution Class: 5 B



Secondary Stage Topic: Ban Plastic & Save the World Class: 9 C



Inter-House Competitions: The Achievers January 2024

Winners of House Board Decoration Competition 2023-2024 (phase 2)









First position: Theta House Topic : Indian Cuisine (South) Second position: Delta House Topic: Indian Cuisine (North) Third position: Alpha House Topic: Indian Cuisine (West) Fourth position: Beta House Topic: Indian Cuisine (East)

Position		Colouring Con	Elocution Competition			
	K.G. A	K.G. B	K.G. C	K.G.D	Classes 5 & 6	Classes 7 & 8
First	Aritra Banerjee, 8182	Ayansh Agarwal, 7708	Aadrik Kundu, 7872	Adhrit Chatterjee, 7875	Hridayam Sain, 5568, 6D	Anubhav Bansal, 5548, 7A
Second	Isant Gupta, 8453	Harsh Agarwal, 8352	Chirag Jalan, 8349	Navya Dugar, 8053	Sudipta Saha, 6406, 5A	Anik Dutta, 5344,8C
Third	Devansh Singh, 8472	Yuvam Sharma, 8323	Krishnendu Palit, 7695	Swaransh Sharma, 8045	Astitva Upadhyay, 6070, 6D	Arnav Raj, 5373, 8C

Position		Puzzle Competition	Recitation Competition			
	Nursery A	ery A Nursery B Nursery C Nursery D				Classes 1 & 2
First	Raghav Khandelwal, 8273	Diyan Mitra, 8468	Deep Kumar Sau, 8469	Priyansh Mawatwal, 8291	Ansh Kumar Shaw, 8381	Aarush Vyas, 7755, 2A
Second	Atharva Todi, 8236	Ayansh Kumar, 8185	Arin Nandy, 8243	Lavit Agarwal, 8302	Shashwat Mishra, 8217	Adhyan Singh, 7777, 2A
Third	Manthan Poddar, 8461	Ayaan Agarwal, 8385	Arush Parasrampuria , 8249	Atharv Sud, 8094	Pranit Kothari, 8528	Agnijyoti Mitra, 7336, 2B

Congratulations

• We congratulate Ms Binita Singh (Department of Hindi) for being blessed with a baby girl.

