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MARIA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL
BIRKUCHI, NARENGI, GUWAHATI

Newsletter

FROM THE DESK OF THE MANAGING TRUSTEE

For Maria's Public School, it has been a quest for excellence in the last twenty five years. Stepping into the new millennium, the demands and needs of the 21st century children have been the prime concern in the last decade and the school now works with a renewed vigour to empower the children with the required knowledge. The confined classroom teaching of yesteryears has become obsolete. It would hardly satiate the appetite of the knowledge-hungry children. So MPS has vowed to provide holistic education through its 'Learning

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The Founder and Managing Trustee of Maria's Public School, Ms. Nellie Ahmed Tanweer, whose vision and determination has given the institution the position it occupies today.

THE PRINCIPAL SPEAKS

THE JOY OF READING

*The more you read,
the more you will know
The more you learn,
the more places you will go...*

Dr. Seuss



Yes, only if you read more.... It disappoints me greatly to see that there has been an abysmal decline in your reading habit especially during the last decade or so. And, yes, like in so many other cases, we could possibly attribute it to the fast paced world that you live in, with a myriad distractions coming in the way, thereby telling on your patience of sitting quietly for some time and soaking in the delight of a story woven around an adventure, a mystery or simply a fairy tale.

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From the Desk of the Founder & Managing Trustee

From page 1 beyond the classroom' roping in scientific as well as aesthetic facets of growth. The school is proud to have groomed children who have been able to show their excellence in the national as well as international arenas in different disciplines. This has been possible as Maria's acknowledges talent and furnish space for growth. Mofizuddin Ahmed Hazarika (MAH) Literary Awards initiated in 2001 has been one such platform where literary as well as scholarly and oratory talents are encouraged. In this yearly fest competitions were organised not only in English but also in Assamese, Hindi and Sanskrit. This endeavour is a part of Maria's mission to instill in the children a sense of bonding with the roots so that they take pride in their rich heritage. It has forged ahead with the merging and blending of the different vernaculars of the state and has been successful in bridging a gap between the schools run with different mediums of instruction. The aim is also to liberate the creative mind and provide a wide sphere where the young and budding poets, thinkers, writers, elocutionists showcase their talent with spontaneity without feeling any bondage to a particular language. This effort of Maria's has been applauded by all concerned. Besides providing a new-age teaching and learning process Maria's has edified its teaching faculty to empathise with the digital generation who are techno-literates with values which might seem alien to the generation born before the advent of computers. The role of the teachers and parents as well, is

crucial at this juncture. The need is to understand the mind-set of the children and to guide them through a proper path. It's a difficult time undoubtedly, but we would definitely

emerge triumphant in our roles as providers if we are supportive, perceptive and empathetic.

Mrs Nellie Ahmed Tanweer

The Joy of Reading

From page 1 I do not remember when I first started reading. Neither do I remember my parents forcefully putting a book in my hands. My memory takes me back to the time when I was probably five or six. It was a fat, green book published by Dean, called The Ideal Book for Tinies (I still possess it!) which used to be under my pillow every night and I would be transported to the world of Margery May's Birthday Hankies, Mrs. Bumble's Shop and Mr. Toto, besides the gnomes and elves, pixies, imps and fairies! Maybe because I used to see my parents with books in their hands that I inculcated the habit of reading so young. Or maybe it was because we were so used to gifting each other with books on our birthdays and other occasions that books were never in short supply in our homes. We children would invariably pick up a book when we were not playing outdoors or were at school. Distractions in those days, were next to nothing, remember? As I grew older, I started devouring all the delightful stories of Enid Blyton- Darrel Rivers, the O'Sullivan Twins, the

Famous Five , Secret Seven and the Five Findouters became a part of my life. Slowly, I graduated to Nancy Drew, then came in Agatha Christie and the Classics. I felt so important and grown up when Chase, Georgette Heyer and Sidney Sheldon fell into my hands!

Reading is a lifetime habit. It gives your brain a different kind of workout which no TV channel or mobile phone app can possibly give you. It can slash stress levels, encourage positive thinking and strengthen friendships. Reading boosts your vocabulary. Researchers estimate that we learn 5 to 15 percent of all the words we know through reading. This is very important for you children, as your vocabulary size is directly related to the books you read. Most importantly, reading makes you aware of the world around you. Books can transport you to the corners of the Earth where probably you have never ever visited. It enhances your imagination and creativity. And of course, books help you brighten your day!

So make reading a habit.

Alpana K. Phukan

EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Tweeting birds, blooming flowers, clear sky and with spring in tow, Maria's Public School started the new session with more zeal, more zest and more passion. Wonder if the clear and fruitful weather was a premonition for our incoming success.

For indeed, what with outstanding

Class X and XII results, the Inter-School MUN and such accolades in our pockets, Marians made it a point to imprint a mark not only in India but also around the world. But, more on that later...

Academics and activities went hand in hand this session and we always had one event or the other to look forward to, right? It is never a boring day for you if you are a Marian.

Let us not keep you waiting, to sum it up this term was one of great

laurels and we are already gearing up for the second term.

Happy Reading Everyone.

The Editorial Board

Ana Barua

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An outstanding achievement



Shahil Dey of class 4 won a cache of awards in Chess Championships held in India and abroad. His achievements include the 1st rank in the Under 7 National Championship, 1st Rank in the Under 8 Commonwealth Championship, 2nd Rank in the Asian Championship held in South Korea. Now, this chess prodigy has come back from Greece after taking part in the under 10 World Championship and secured the 10th rank. Kudos to Shahil.

Achievements

- A delegation of Maria's Public School got the Best Delegation Award in the SBGMUN'15!
- Shashank Tamuli of Class 6 won the bronze medal in the Karate National Games that was a part of Indian Independence Cup.
- Nilotpal Kashyap of Class 6 won the gold medal in an art competition hosted by Income Tax Recreation Club.
- Bikash Gupta of Class 6 won the first prize in a Badminton competition.

- Zahra Shaikh of Class 7 and Shimaz Haque of class 6 won the 2nd and 3rd prize respectively in the Inter-School Spell Bee. (Cat 4)
- Sumit Saha of Class 7 has won the silver medal in the national abacus competition.
- Rajdeep Chakraborty of Class 7 won the first prize in the Tabla Competition organized by Assam Music College.
- Harshit Rajalambya of Class 7 won the best fielder in a triangular series.
- Rishika Mahanta of Class 7 won the bronze medal in All Assam Badminton Tournament.
- Kristi Kaushik of Class 7 has won the third prize in a Table Tennis competition held at Nehru Stadium, Guwahati on the occasion of National Sports Day.
- Darshdeep Singh of 7 won the third prize in the R.G. Baruah Swimming Competition.
- Minara Pakiza Ullah of Class 8 won the silver medal in the All Assam Ranking Badminton Tournament held in Don Bosco School, Guwahati.
- Mayukh Saikia and Abhigyan Duarah of Class 8 won the 2nd prize in the Wild Wisdom Quiz.
- Mayukh Saikia and Suyash Das of Class 8 won the 3rd prize in the All Assam Mathelatics Championship.
- Tanushka Chakraborty of Class 9 won the Bronze Medal in the state

- level Taekwondo Championship.
- Tanushka Charaborty and Madonna Baruah of class 9 won the 1st and 3rd prize respectively in the Inter-School Spell Bee (Cat 5)
- Himaghna Barua of Class 9 won the bronze medal in Assam inter-district Taekwondo championship.
- Tanim S. Mozumder of Class 9 was rewarded with Rs 1000 for being the youngest writer in the Reader's Digest.
- Riza Anirvaan of Class 10 won the bronze medal in Table Tennis Competition held in Don Bosco School, Guwahati .
- Padmanav Baruah and Saurav Das of Class 10 won the 1st and 2nd prize respectively in the Cotton College Quiz Fest.
- Padmanav Baruah of Class 10 won the 1st prize in the World Quiz Championship (Guwahati Leg)
- Anurag Baruah of Class XI won the Best Promising Speaker in the recently held East India Debate in The Assam Valley International School.
- Arundhati Chowdhury of Class XI Best Speaker in Extempore in the RGS- Cross Currents.
- Akashneel Sarma of Class XII won the 3rd Best Speaker in the ICA Debate.
- Akashneel Sarma of Class XII won the best speaker award in the interschool group discussion 'Gross fire' held in Sanskrit the Gurukul.

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RESULTS

Education plays a crucial part in our lives. It transforms people's personalities, enhances knowledge and builds up confidence. A child without education is like a bird without wings.

Maria's has always excelled, when it comes to the arena of academics. All the year round we have plenty of co-curricular activities like MUN'S, debates, art competitions, quizzes etc but despite it all the results of the school have out-shone

almost all the schools of the region.

The result of our last session 2014-15 has been splendid! The senior secondary and class X as always have set a benchmark scoring excellent grades.

From our H.S the toppers from 3 streams: ● Science – Neeraj Kakoti (95%) ● Humanities – Nimisha Sabhapandit (97%) ● Commerce – Rohan Saikia and Akanksha Biyani (95.4%)

From our secondary examination, we have 20 students scoring 10 points:

● Parsha Hazarika ● Shabin Jawed

● Ripunjay Medhi ● Aditya Goswami ● Akansha Jha ● Neetya Pasari ● Mansi Khetan ● Chhandeep Kashyap ● Isteeda Ikbali ● Vaibhavi Sharma Pathak ● Manish Upadhyay ● Vasundhara Sikaria ● Aniket Banerjee ● Diptava Deb ● Samyukta Nath ● Ankita Goswami ● Shubhangi Nath ● Manash Sharma ● Namrata Gohain ● Naveed Rahman Saikia

I would like to congratulate the above students and wish them a brilliant future ahead! We are proud of our Marian's!

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Namrata Khound

Maria's as Global Citizens

(Special Mention)

A delegation of 20 students from class 8 to 12 went to Malta along with our Principal Ma'am, Alpana K. Phukan for a workshop on Entrepreneurship, Creativity and Innovation, hosted by the University of Malta.

2 students from class 10 Violina Das and Siddhant Aggarwala along with Mr. Biswajit De went to West Virginia, USA to attend the 7th International Students Climate and Conservation Congress.

A delegation recently attended the Harvard Model United Nations'15, while another delegation attended the Doon School Model United Nations'15.

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Handing over the baton!

Aarjav Phukan- the ex Head Boy of the School, handed over the baton of duty to the present head boy. Know of which day am I talking about? Yes, it's the Investiture Ceremony, where alumni Junti Sharma Pathak, the guest for the day gave us an awe-inspiring speech about what leadership is all about. The table below represents the leaders of the school who took the oath to serve their best.

Head Boy: Akashneel Sharma

Deputy Head Boy:

Anurag Baruah (XI)

Abhinav Borah (X)

Head Girl: Asmaani Kumar

Deputy Head Girl:

Arijita Sinha Roy (XI)

Manpreet Kaur (X)

Discipline Captain:

Arundhuti Bhagawati

Deputy Discipline Captain:

Tushar Nath

Abhilash Kaman

Cultural Secretary:

Manesa Krichena

Deputy Cultural Secretary:

Pratiksha

Sports Captain:

Kaustav Barua

Deputy Sports Captain:

Akashdeep Saikia

Jatinga House Captain:

Vedika Goswami

Deputy: Cheryl Ziaul

Manas House Captain:

Arundhati Chowdhury

Deputy: Darshana Gauratra

Orang House Captain:

Parsha Hazarika

Deputy: Sourav Das

Nameri House Captain:

Shreya Bhattacharya

Deputy: Violina Das

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Tanim S. Mozumder

A teacher writes

Let us

Rejoice

A cheerful heart is a good medicine. It makes the face cheerful. Guard your heart, for it is the spring of life. How can we have a cheerful, peaceful, joyful heart. As we know, God, our creator wants us to be happy always, that is the reason he created all the things necessary for us before he created us. He wants to keep the intimacy so he created man in his

own image. Even we all have the urge to love and to be loved. Love is a decision and commitment. It is a free gift of oneself to another. It is a free choice of relationship with another person. Everybody is longing for the intimacy. This is the basic need of man. Intimacy the word is originated from the Latin word 'Intima'- innermost. Dr. Dan See page 5

Let us

Rejoice

From page 4 Mc Adam says, "The desire to share one's innermost self with another". So to fulfil this basic need we must love each other. If not, the problems may arise. We should not blame anyone for the problem in our lives, but ourselves. Let us be honest to ourselves and ask, do we really love our fellow beings? Give unconditional love regardless of what they do, disapprove their bad behaviour, but not them. Parents, teachers, be friendly with your children, do not try to be their friends. When you are wrong admit it, let them learn truthfulness from you. Spend quality time with them. Nobility of our character should be

the guiding spirit of our behaviour. We should manifest genuine enthusiasm and pride in our calling as parents, teachers. Education must lead us to respect and love others irrespective of their religion and economic status. Benjamin Franklin says "when you are good to others you are best to yourself". We teachers and parents should be the living example in front of our children. We can create a positive atmosphere by taking sound decisions and by accepting responsibilities. A person can change so many lives by the example of his/her genuine life. Parents and teachers, together we can change the society for the betterment, and then our children surely will live joyfully, peacefully, cheerfully. In my opinion, if possible, never make use of corporal punishments, sarcasm, and attempts to humiliate our children. Especially

adolescents are subject to vigorous emotional drives as well as interior conflicts. We have to form an atmosphere of love, a community of love. The sorrow of the one must be the sorrow of all; the joy of one must be the joy of all. Then we can see the qualities like trust, openness, willingness to serve others, courtesy and thoughtfulness in our society. Together we can make wonders, an atmosphere of friendliness and peace. We can have a cheerful, joyful heart which God has already planned for us, let us rejoice.

Mahatma Gandhi said "contentment is the richest treasure a person can have".

"Resentment is like taking poison and waiting for the outer person to die" Malachy Mccount.

Mercy Alex

Dip. in Counselling, Dip. In N.L.P.

A parent writes

OF TOMORROW

Disorderliness and unruliness are observed everywhere in our society today. People gossip on the road, park their vehicles according to their whims and fancies, show physical might, scramble and meddle in shops and markets, oblivious to inconveniences of law abiding citizens of the society. Some irritated people comment that this behavior is the result of lack of proper teaching in educational institutions or because of inappropriate nurturing in the families. Now a question arises, whether the teachers are responsible or the parents are accountable for these unruly activities.

People often say, "He is an educated man, but his behavior is not up to the mark". In common concept, if a man attains a certain qualification he is considered as educated. But if that man displays some indecent behavior, will it be justified to adorn

him as an educated person? On the other hand, we might find an illiterate man living in a remote village adorned with generosity and hospitality. Then will it be reasonable to rationalize those people in the villages as uneducated?

To my understanding the word 'Education' has a wide significance. Attaining a certificate of qualification from educational institutions is not sufficient enough to affirm one to be an educated person. It needs more. If a person possesses a good culture in addition to his academic qualification, he will be embellished to be a perfect person. Educational institutions help us to acquire academic knowledge. If a person obtains some academic degree, he is simply a certificate or degree holder, not educated in the strictest sense of the term, unless he is cultured.

Culture of a person germinates

from his own family and the environment in which he belongs. In this context I recall a very short story carrying a large connotation that I came across during my school days. The story goes like this

There was an old man with a disability of movement. His body trembled and whatever he took into his grip often tumbled down the ground and sometimes broke into pieces. Thus, he was served solid food in wooden dishes on a wooden tumbler by his son and daughter-in-law. One day the couple noticed that their four-year old son was busy cutting wood. Seeing this, the couple queried their son about his work. The four-year old boy replied that he was trying to manufacture two wooden dishes and two tumblers out of wood. The couple again asked the boy about the utility of those articles. The boy placidly answered that he would provide food and drink in those articles, when his parents would

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From page 5 become old.

From this story we can appraise that family environment and ambiance, generates impact in the mind of a child. If we see the present unruliness in the society, in context of the above story, family milieu may be one of the root causes. Honestly speaking, it is not my idea to insult and taunt the parents of the already stained and blemished children. The matter that has already been occurred cannot be altered and readjusted. But, I am concerned about the future generations. The present state of affairs cannot turn worse than that of the present. Unless the mind setup and character of a child is patterned in an accurate direction, there is no use of blaming the educational institutions or the family environment in designing and redesigning the intellect of a child.

I read an interesting Persian story of a wise man. His name was NausaranAdil. 'Adil' means wise.

OF TOMORROW

Nausaran was so intelligent and astute that people used 'Adil' as his title. One day a man asked him, "From whom do you learn etiquette and good behavior?"

NausaranAdil replied, "From wicked and evil persons." The man: "How?"

NausaranAdil: "The deeds and activities which they do, I always stay away from those."

Thus, even if there is no environment and atmosphere for erudition of good culture either in the family or in educational institutions, a child may learn it as NausaranAdil did. To acquire this learning a minute of surveillance is necessary to see whether a particular act of a person really attracts us as satisfactory and acceptable and if our conscience immediately negates it, better we

should avoid such type of activity. This way we may be able to improve our nature, temperament and personality.

It is possible to keep away from improper and intolerable activities if, consistently, we create self determination and perseverance to guide our consciences intelligently and it is absolutely possible to create our determination and willpower. We must follow the words of famous poet William Ernest Henley, "I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul."

The present generation of the children, since they are the future of tomorrow, must be aware and conscious to preserve the society in its proper state in order to develop our nation in all aspects.

MZ Haque

Mofizuddin Ahmed Hazarika Literary Fest, 2015

A celebration of talent and excellence

"Don't ever hesitate to spread your wings and fly; to follow your dreams to their destination. Because after all, life is not a song, it's a concert!"

-Mrs Gauri Basu, Vice Principal of Loreto House, Kolkata



The Mofizuddin Ahmed Hazarika Literary Fest is a grand four day event, held every year, in the memory of eminent poet and writer, Mofizuddin Ahmed Hazarika. A much awaited event for the students; the various competitions seek to challenge the students' skill, giving them an opportunity to showcase their talents.

This year, students representing more than 29 schools in the city

participated in the competitions, which were held from the 17th to the 20th of August. These four days were filled with well fought debates, enthralling elocutions, creative writing and an exciting quiz!

On the 30th of August, 2015, the Mofizuddin Ahmed Hazarika Literary Awards ceremony, organised by our school, was held at the District Library Auditorium.

The programme started with the welcome address by Mrs Madhabi Goswami, HoD, Assamsese department of our school. The event was graced by the presence of Dr Amarjyoti Choudhury, Pro Vice Chancellor of Tezpur University, the Guest of Honour for the event was Mrs Gauri Basu, the Vice Principal of Loreto House, Kolkata. Dr Mafuza Rahman, retired HoD See page 7

The Mofizuddin Ahmed Hazarika Literary Fest Award Winners

Results of Interschool English Elocution

18th August, 2015

- Seniors** 1st Meghma Kataki (X) - Maria's Public School
2nd Chisa Sangma (X) - Miles Bronson Residential School, Borjhar
3rd Rounak Mittal (IX) Royal Global School
- Juniors** 1st Iffat Ruhani Borbhuyan (VII) - Axel Public School
2nd Shakil Imtiaz (VIII) Maria's Public School
3rd Pratim Gogoi (VII) - Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Silpukhuri

Result of Mah Assamese Creative Writing Competition

Date : 17 August, 2015

- 1st Rikee Talukdar - Srimanta Sankar Academy, Dispur
2nd Arpan Lahon - Modern English School, Kahilipara
3rd Bhabarnab Kashyap - Srimanta Sankar Academy, Dispur

Results of Interschool English Creative writing

17th August, 2015

- Juniors** 1st Antarakshi Dev Choudhury - Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Silpukhuri
2nd Tanvir Islam - Sarla Birla Gyan Jyoti, Amingaon
3rd Pratyusha Talukdar - Maria's Public School
- Senior** 1st Subham Sinha - Guwahati Public School, Panjabari
2nd Nitin Bhattacharyya - Srimanta Shankar Academy, Dispur
3rd Ipsita Choudhury - Maria's Public School

Result of Interschool Assamese Elocution

17th August, 2015

- Senior** 1st Trinav Barkakati (X) - Srimanta Sankar Academy
2nd Subhram Bhattacharya (X) - Maria's Public School
3rd Susmita Talukdar (X) - T.C. Girls' H.S. School
- Junior** 1st Ishan Ehsan (VI) - Maria's Public School
2nd Asthajitananda Bordoloi (V) - Maria's Public School
3rd Samiran Sharma (VII) - Cotton Collegiate Govt. H.S. School

Jugal Kishore Choudhury Memorial Award for Excellence in Elocution

Rolling Trophy for best performance as a team in english

Elocution- Maria's Public School

Team Members: 1. Meghma Kataki
2. Shakil Imtiaz
3. Tania Choudhury
4. Divisha Kashyap



Result of Interschool Debate

20th August, 2015

- Best Speaker-** Akashneel Sharma - Maria's Public School
- Runner-up -** 1. Devarnav Sharma - Army Public School
2. Arshia Amin Choudhury - Sarla Birla Gyan Jyoti
- Best Team -** Akashneel Sharma, Asmaani Kumar - Maria's Public School
- 1st Runner-up -** Devarnav Sharma, Hitoishi Sarkar - Army Public School
- 2nd Runner-up -** Arshia Amin Choudhury, Nehal Agarwala - Sarla Birla Gyan Jyoti

Result of Interschool Quiz

19th August, 2015

- 1st- Srimanta Sankar Academy**
- Team** 1. Sudershan Goswami (XII)
2. Tapan Jyoti Saikia (XII)
3. Abhinav Das (XI)
- 2nd- Maria's Public School**
- Team** 1. Anurag Barua (XI)
2. Padmanav Baruah (X)
3. Saurav Das (X)
- 3rd- Maharishi Vidya Mandir, Barsajai**
- Team** 1. Rishabh Gogoi (XII)
2. Arnab Das (XI)
3. Plawani Sarma (X)

MAHL Fest, 2015

From page 6 of Geography of Cotton College State University, Mr Anis-Uz-Zaman, the current president of Xodou Axom Kabi Sanmelan and the president of Mofizuddin Ahmed Hazarika Literary Awards Committee.

The award ceremony started with four special awards to Violina Das and Siddhant Agarwal, students of Class X, for their remarkable performance in the Student Climate and Conservation Congress held in West Virginia, US this year and to Sahil Dey, Class IV and Afsheen Zaman, UKG, child chess prodigies who created ripples in the national and international chess arena!

Prizes for the Literary Fest were distributed to winners from various schools in Guwahati. Our school's performance was really commendable, but the icing on the cake was The Jugal Kishore Choudhury Running Trophy being awarded to our very own elocution team! This trophy has been offered by Prof Ranjit Choudhury, retired Head of the Department, English, Cotton College, in memory of his late uncle to acknowledge excellence in elocution.

— **Meghna Bhattacharyya**

Diplomacy Reigns here at Maria's.

Suits, socials, debates, research; any idea about what is being referred to? A round of tapping could be heard along with MUN resonating from everywhere, because that's what is being referred to.

To put it in the MUN format, this Editorial Board member is proud to inform you that Maria's Public School was the first school in North-East India to have ever hosted an Inter-School MUN from the 7th to the 9th of May.

The esteemed vice-chancellor of the Cotton College State University, Dr. Dhruba Jyoti Saikia graced the occasion with his honourable presence. In his speech, he expressively stressed on the importance of change and the management of resources while also underlining the importance of MUN in today's world.

We all know what happened after that. With the handing of the gavels, the test of diplomacy, negotiation



and public speaking began. As the three days rolled by, the delegates returned to normalcy with heavy but content hearts. Back to school again? *Sigh*

-Tanim S. Mozumder

GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Graduation Ceremony of Maria's Public School which took place on the 6th of June was an event that marked the hard work, determination, perseverance and excellence of our seniors, Batch 2014-2015. It was graced by the presence of our Chief Guest for the evening Dr. Mahfuza Rahman, Guest of Honour Shri Ranjit Choudhury, Special Invitees Mr. T. Mate and Mr. H. Barman, our Founder and Managing Trustee Nellie Ma'am and our dear Principal Alpana Ma'am. This auspicious occasion began with a welcome song by the school choir, a welcome speech by Nellie Ma'am after which the ceremonial lamp was lit by the dignitaries present. It was after this that Alpana Ma'am read out the school report highlighting the landmarks, the milestones, the achievements of Maria's in the past year. This was followed by speeches by our chief guests and guest of honour who emphasized about the plethora of opportunities that the world beholds and the importance of seizing them as they pass us by and as we strive to make a mark and follow our

dreams to their destination. We then proceeded with the graduation ceremony after which each of the stream toppers namely Neeraj Kakoti from Science, Nimisha Savapandit from Arts, Akansha Biyani and Rohan Saikia shared a few words of gratitude and hope and inspiration as they realized that it was time to start the journey to the next milestone in their lives. The cultural program then took

place which was a dance performance based on a fusion of elements from various dance forms across the world. The event thus concluded after this with tears of farewell, words of gratitude, hearts filled with memories and hope for all that is to come and a vow to face every hurdle with truth, determination and perseverance.

- Asmaani Kumar

Go Green Because Green Is In

On the 22nd of April Maria's Public School celebrated the 45th anniversary of Earth Day. The school being situated in one of the most prominent bio-diversity hotspots of the country the students were taught how to protect and conserve our Mother Earth.

The students were encouraged and mobilized into various programmes based on 'Sustainability, Biodiversity Awareness & Environment Conservation'. A special interactive presentation session was organized with Mr Udayan Borthakur,

Publicity Secretary & Head, Wildlife Genetics Programme, Aaranyak Assam. The school also appointed the Green Environment Monitors(GEMS) during the celebration who would take care of the future activities and programmes based on the conservation and protection of our environment. The teacher in-charges of the programme were Biswajit De, Lipi Choudhury, Sushmita Chakravarty, Subhalakshmi Baruah & Nivedita Chowdhury.

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Ana Barua

INTER HOUSE DEBATE AND RECITATION COMPETITION

An inter house debate and recitation competition was held in the month of May among the students of different houses. Students were grouped according to their houses and classes; hence there was a senior category as well as a junior one.

The topic of the debate for the senior category was "The present school syllabus is an instrument designed to kill creativity". While the juniors debated on "Coming to school without a uniform will help students learn better".

The recitation competition was held for each of the languages, namely, Assamese, Hindi and Sanskrit. Students from both the categories took part in the competition with full gusto and recited the poems wonderfully.

Innovation at its best!

Come 16th May and all the scientific-heads and scientific-pots of Maria's Public School put up a grand show for the Interschool Science Exhibition. From technology to nature, the students expressed that they were not far behind discovering a new cure, a new idea or a new source of power. All around the air itself gave off a scientific aura of it's own as the judges moved about complementing and appreciating each and every model. One project that surely needs mention was an idea proposed by a group of class 10 students who challenged the researchers' theory that hiv aids is incurable. The theory that they proposed was the use of nano technology to control the stem cells of the body. Now, now, no boring you guys...let's end it by saying that the day was something where innovation was it it's best.

Tanim S. Mozumder

World Environment Day



related to the conservation of environment.

The highlights of this year's World Environment day were the street play competition and the relay race competition held among the

The 5th day of the month of June is celebrated as The World Environment Day. Each year our school contributes to the cause by performing various activities related to the conservation and welfare of the environment. This year too, the students from different classes were involved in different activities like poster making, article writing, creating models out of waste materials and a special screening

four houses.

The theme for the street play competition was 'tobacco and its harmful effects'. All the houses came up with different ideas to showcase the main theme and to deliver a meaningful message. The relay race was successful in bringing out the best in everyone. The enthusiasm and sportsmanship displayed by everyone was exceedingly impressive.

Celebrating Sports Day!

On the 29th of August, Maria's Public School celebrated The National Sport's Day with respect to the birth anniversary of noted hockey player of India-Dhyan Chand.

To be true, all of us enjoy sports but how many of us do respect it, cherish it or play it with utmost discipline?

The day started with this question from the speech delivered

by the School Sports Captain-Kautav Barua. He underlined the values of a true sportsman and it may surprise us but sports are actually about being disciplined, being punctual and of course being fair. He also mentioned the importance of sports in our lives and the negligence that it is suffering from. The special assembly ended with all of us pledging to lead a life of true sportsmanship and to behold it

importance in the days to come.

Despite the light shower, the school gathered to watch the friendly football match between Class 11 and Class 12; which was the highlight of the day. Class 12 won for 6-1. Although in sports there is never a loser, there is just the opponent team who played better or worse than you did.

Tanim S. Mozumder

Teachers' Day

One of the main and most awaited events of the year, Teachers' Day, was celebrated with fun and enthusiasm. It witnessed the active participation of students as well as teachers like never before.

This year's Teachers' Day celebration, named Crescendo, comprised of performances by various student groups and also an added question and answer round for the teachers. The traditional as well as modern dance performances, the melodious songs

and the hilarious and highly entertaining quiz was appreciated and enjoyed by everyone. The show also had a special performance by a group of students

from class 12. What made this act special was that the students performed song specially requested by the teachers.

The best part of the day was to see the bright smiles on the teachers' faces after being well received and appreciated by their students.



A decade of an assassination

Walking down the main street of downtown Dallas, my attention was caught by a siren coming from behind me. I turned around and saw a police car approaching. The law enforcers asked me to use the footpath. Without any hesitation or protest, I complied with.

After taking a few paces, I stopped to look. Huge flocks of men and women with immense enthusiasm and eagerness aligned themselves on the sides of the road. And the place was in its true sense bustling with life. I was surprised but not astonished. Dallas had been a huge vote pot and thus I presumed of the

arrival of maybe yet another politician.

My eyes caught of a vacant corner where the road meandered. Realizing that I had the noon all to myself, I joined the eager crowd.

After about half an hour or so later, I saw a modern convertible car approaching from the horizon. The crowd roared.

With very slow pace, the car approached. The man stuck his body out and waved to the crowd.

As the car turned at the meander, the man gazed into my eyes. Suddenly the attention of my ears was caught by a shot of explosion, but I did not bother to look

around. However what I saw as I lost myself into the depth of his eyes was blood tumbling down the side of his head wetting his jet black coat. Those few seconds seemed to be like decades.

An intense ray of light blinded me.

I woke up with the book still on my lap. Putting the book aside, I walked a few steps to switch the TV off. But just as I reached out my finger, I saw the Television screen read "U.S.A. hangs its head in shame as the assassination of John F. Kennedy completes a decade".

**Snehasish Kumar
Sharmah Thakur**

Inter school quiz competition

On the 19th of August an inter school quiz competition was organised by MPS which was conducted by renowned Quiz master Barry O'Brien. Various school from across the city participated in this quiz. Our team along with five other teams qualified for the stage round. Mr. Barry had an air about him which captured the attention of the young

and the old alike. The people present in the auditorium were fortunate enough to get some ideas on personality development and speaking skills. This quiz gave a platform for the healdy bonding of the students with the Quiz master. Mr. Brien encouraged the students to let their creativity reach its potential.



Saving our rhinos

A few days ago, I was going through a newspaper and I saw a news that two rhinos were killed and their horns were pulled out. So, let's imagine in the parallel universe or in the upside down world, you are roaming freely not bearing any kind of tension or stress; then suddenly a rhino arrives and cuts off your nose..... How would you feel? You would be bearing immense pain and probably your soul will leave the body forever immediately to comfort the soul from inconsolable agony. So, bearing in mind about humanity, think of those helpless creatures that have to bear such kind of pain! I really don't understand the mindset of the ones

Sumatran rhinos and only about 35-45 Javan rhinos are left in the eastern part of the world but if the hunting of rhinos continue in the present manner, then we will have to bid farewell to this species. Rhinos are solitary creatures and they have poor eye sight. These minus points of the rhinos prove to be advantageous for poachers. The killing and trading of rhino products

people are not educated in this country with only 74.04% literacy rate. It is very much true that until everyone in India gets educated, it would always be in a developing stage, not developed. We should take a few measures for the



has been made illegal in Assam and other countries but still this smuggling continues. People in Assam still buy rhino horns, especially in villages and a few people believe in some superstitions and myths which

preservation of this vulnerable species or else imminent result would be the disappearance of rhinos before the arrival of our posterity, like illegalizing rhino trade, by making harsher prison sentences for poachers. Next, by educating people about rhinos, giving bans on rhino sale and lastly by going social that is by joining initiatives and clubs. While a few points mentioned above are already adopted by Assam Government and by other countries but they are not strict at all. People should join clubs and initiatives and should make everyone aware about this problem. Everyone's small step for preservation of rhinos can lead to a giant move towards humanity.

Sugandha Borah

who are involved in poaching; how can their conscience allow them to commit such merciless sins just for the sake of money? Materialism has stuck inside everyone nowadays. Materialistic possessions and a few bucks are given more prominence than the natural gifts in our today's society. The existence of 'Rhinocerotidae' has become an imbroglio. This vulnerable species has been living and breeding on earth from a very early time. But unfortunately, the present condition of rhinos is in the frontiers of extinction. Only about 2500 one-horned rhinos in Assam and Nepal, less than 100

leads to this illegal trade. Rhino horn has no MEDICINAL PROPERTIES! The horns consist of agglutinated hair or keratin proteins. Their horns are traded in black market for ornamental and unscientific medicinal purposes. They are either brought by the people for the flaunting of their possessions or for their misconception regarding their properties; because



Guidance of love

Anasuya Mudiari

VI -D

Mother of mine you are so much to me,
Your love is incomparable,
Even deeper than the sea.

Mother your hand gave me support to
Stand on my legs and climb up
All the stairs of difficulties,
In darkness without a torch,
But with the candle of hope in my heart
Which you enlightened mother,
Showed me the way to glory.

Mother you picked me up from every fall
And taught me to fight with every obstacle in my path
With the weapons of wisdom, might and patience
Which you proved mother,
To be the sharpest of all
In this challenging world.



Thoughts of mine

Tanim S. Mozumder

Thoughts of mine
Want to fly the ever ending sky.
Thoughts of mine
Want independence from the social barriers.
Thoughts of mine
Want to swim the vast ocean.
Thoughts of mine
Want to be fed by the ripe fruits of knowledge.
Thoughts of mine
Want to be washed by the clear water of wit.
Thoughts of mine
Want to bath in bright sunshine by the rays of reason.
Thoughts of mine
Want to cross all limits and boundaries
Thoughts of mine
Want to taste the true essence of freedom.

The Bird and the Curd

Nistha Dekka

VII C

Once there was a bird,
Who liked the most was curd.
One day she saw a large bowl full with curd,
With no one around, it was standing still.
The bird didn't have her meal.
So, she took her chance,
And flew to the curd with a delightful dance.
Thinking she was alone in the empty house.
But when she peeped into it,
She saw her enemy the 'mouse'.
She chirped loud with annoyance and anger.
And the mouse ran away thinking there was danger.
And came running up to the room was the little owner of the house.
She started starring at the bird and also the half eaten curd.
But the bird flapped her wings and flew away without thinking about
Such silly things.



Player No. 2

Abhinav Borah

X-C

Don't be disheartened,
For your comrade needs you;
Be brave and strong,
You'll be the hero of something new.
No man will ever live
If there's no support,
Try your best and always
Aim for a little more.
Seize the day
And be victorious,
Don't let anybody pull you down
Leave everyone spellbound.
Don't be disheartened,
For your comrade needs you;
For each 1st player is incomplete
Without its player no. 2.

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