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Brother Joseph
Principal

Brother Joseph's Message

Welcome to the new academic year 2021-22! Saying that the last session was mired with difficulties, roadblocks and uncertainties would be an understatement. The world of masks grew around us and 'don't show me your face' became a slogan for spreading awareness against the virus which pushed us towards social isolations as the physical connections were cut off. The very thought that 'man is invincible' became a mockery for never before man had to grapple with such an absurd situation whereby there was no light at the end of the tunnel. It was time to seek the 'Light' again- to sit back and reflect on our deeds and misdeeds. Accepting that there was no control over such a magnificently designed universe, in which even a butterfly fluttering its wings can create storms, we, the human beings -humbled and beaten -bowed our heads, threw up our hands to seek solace in His mercy. Maybe, it was God's way of reminding us that we

are just a tiny part of His creation. The virus is still there and we are still dangerous to each other by the virtue of our breath.

Trying to bring some normalcy, the school welcomed back the senior children but only for a short duration of time. The virus is still in the air, posing threats to our health. Nevertheless, we must stay positive and vigilant. We are looking forward to times when we would open the gates for all the classes. Till then, the online classes for the children will continue in the same innovative ways.

I welcome the new students to the Patrician family and pray for their productive journey in the school. I welcome back the old students and urge them to work hard, with dedication. Always remember that the talent is substantially significant but the efforts we put to polish our talents make us distinguishable.

Keep upgrading your talents and skills!

With blessings,

Brother O. J. Joseph



End of the Session: Celebrating St. Patrick's Day -March 17th, 2021

The Purpose and the Premise

The Hypothesis...

Imagine you were born thousands of years ago, in the times when there were no languages. You were just a cave man or a cave woman- gathering plants, hunting animals, basically roaming around, all the day, without doing anything concrete. On one fine day, you are sleeping peacefully under a tree after gobbling a fistful of juicy berries, dreaming of abstract images without any commentary going on...because...remember, there were no languages developed that time?

Your fellow cave brother is sitting somewhere under another tree, practising his aim by throwing rocks in the bushes growing in the area and all of sudden, he spots a cobra slithering towards you in an ominous manner, the reptile in question has nothing against you except that it has its personal hole in that tree, under which you are having the siesta. Your brother is frantic, he starts jumping up down making 'nonsensical' sounds. It helps in a way that you wake up and look quizzically at you fellow human being. He screams and runs for his life because he knows that snakes are, well... snakes only- not friendly at all. And even before you can say (hmmm, not say exactly) boo to the snake, it shows off its might by spreading the hood in all its glory, with the forked tongue sticking in and out. Fortunately, your brother returns with a big rock and –SMASH! You look at your brother and say- nothing, of course!!

Whew! That was a close shave...maybe this is the time when both of you sit together silently, reflecting on the need of having a way to communicate. Maybe this is the time when you start making different sounds, giving them meanings because the sounds are easier to comprehend than interpreting the awkward gestures you have been making till then. Maybe over the time, you start giving those sounds some symbols in order to leave scribbled messages for your mom, telling her that you might get late for dinner in the evening. Maybe, your expressions get finer and finer as you experiment with the language you have concocted and you start writing poetry or stories. (Snake, snake go away, Come again another day...)

And human beings learn to talk...

Hypothesis Over...

Whichever way the language might have developed... presently, we have more than 7000 of them spoken all over the world. It is said that the development of languages is one of the most important elements in human's evolution (well, according to Darwin, once upon a time we were just apes).

Languages are the tools with which we can chisel our dreams to become poets, writers, musicians, artists, teachers and yes- politicians! All the same, languages are vast and over the time they have evolved a big deal - like from inventing the wheel to sending Perseverance Rover on the Mars.

English, one of the most widely spoken languages all over the world, has many dialects and forms and around 1100 words are added every year to the Oxford Dictionary. Mind boggling, isn't it? Yet, we are still primitive in our verbal expressions as validated by Gustave Flaubert:

“Human speech is like a cracked kettle on which we tap crude rhythms for bears to dance to, while we long to make music that will melt the stars.”

Dear students, how much are you practising your language skills? We must do better than to make those crude rhythms, right?

Use Lit and Woke to express your ideas, thoughts and views. Come on; don't let any snake interrupt your siesta!

My two birds “Elsa and Anna”

By Samayra Bajaj

It was a Saturday night. When I got pain in my tooth. The very next day, My little brother Samridh, mummy and papa and I were going to the dentist to get me examined in our car. I was very scared and was in acute pain too. I was scared of thinking that what doctor would do to my teeth. Would she give me an injection? Ohhnoo.....

We were on the way to the doctor. We stopped somewhere because of the traffic. Then suddenly something happened which took smile away from my face.

I was watching out through the window then I saw, an old lady with a big cage. In the cage there were lots of tiny-tiny colourful birds. They were green, yellow, blue and white in colour. They were chirping in different-different voices. The whole area was full of their sweet singing.

Our car started to move and then I shouted:

Papa Papa please stop the car. I wanted these birds.

I said to my papa and mummy. To see me happy brought the beautiful birds for me. After getting the birds I forgot about my pain. After my check-up we reached back home.

I was so excited and happy. One bird was blue and white in colour so I named her Elsa and other bird was green in colour and very naughty so I named Anna. I gave them food and water. But I saw them saw biting on the bars of their cage and moving all over in the cage. I thought they were playing.

My mummy and dadi came and Dadi told me “pakshi to udane k liye bane hain betadekho wo bahara ane ko kitnareshan horhi hai”.

Listening to her, my thought changed then I realized they were not playing they were trying to come out. My mummy said that we were like monsters for them and they were scared of us because we had caged them. I felt sad for them.

“But if I free them then they will fly away and never come back.” I said.

My mommy, Papa and Dadi told me it's up to me. I would decide whether I wanted to keep them in the cage or I would free them.

Next morning, I woke up. I came near to the Elsa and Anna's cage. I gave them food and water. They were still trying to come out. I had decided what I wanted to do.

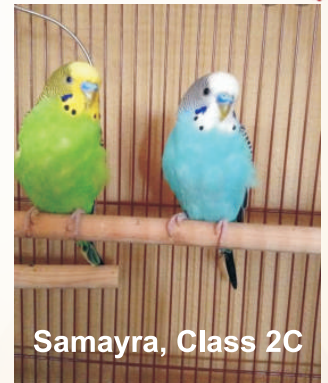
I opened the door of the cage and freed them. I said goodbye to them and said:

The sky is yours, my Elsa and Anna.

They flew away like they never had they were happy. I cried a lot on that day. All were feeling proud and trying to console me.

The house was back to the normal next day. But I would always miss my Elsa and Anna. After some days I saw them flying in the sky it brought a smile on my face again. Now, we all are happy.

“Birds are made to fly and not to be kept in the cage.”



Spell Bee Competition

“Spelling is improved when reading is done”

An online Spell Bee Competition was organised on 10th April 2021 in St. Patrick's Academy. The objective of the competition was to increase the vocabulary of the students to help them improve their writing as well as oral skills.

The competition was open for classes 6 to 8th which was conducted in three rounds; namely:

I- Pronunciation round II- Jumbled words III- Rapid Fire round.

The contest helped students go through a lot of unfamiliar words and add them to their dictionaries. They seemed quite pumped up with the way the competition was organised. Everything went on smoothly and was a huge success!

A Memorable Trip To Kerala

The trip was a beautiful and organized. I was looking for a silent peaceful vacation with my parents away from the noisy urban life. The customized package offered to us was wonderful.

All the hotels were beautiful and at exotic and locations. From the very beginning the assistance of our trip organizer, Seena has been very friendly and helpful thoughtful. Never felt any problem.

Our pilot and guide George was cheerful and a jolly person as well who assisted us throughout the trip. The overall experience was very good



GAURI KHAIRA-Class-6E

Exploring the world by sitting at home

Hello everyone, this is Akshara Mishra from class VIII D. I hope that you all are not bored of staying at home and yes, if you are, not anymore because I have bought you all a travelogue of Chopta which is known as "Mini Switzerland of Uttarakhand". The best part of this place is its climate, as I visited this place in winters, in the month of December and I saw nice snowfall at that place. I would wake up with cool salubrious breeze blowing along with the chirping of birds in Chopta which is a far cry from the blaring horns of the cities and other hill stations. The morning view from Chopta is always invigorating when the crimson rays of sun meets the snow-laden Himalayas. This hushed adobe is enclosed by the dwindling pines, deodars and rhododendrons and other conifers that can be found in this region, which makes Chopta rich in flora and fauna. The Tungnath Mountains from the Mandakini and Alaknanda river valleys are dotted with red, pink and white rhododendron flowers which are locally known as Buransh. The rhododendron trees are in abundance in Chopta and the red beauty will definitely leave you spell-bound. Do try to visit the place.

Akshara Mishra - 8th D

Super Girl-Swasti

She cares for you
And is ready to help
She is intelligent and wise
If in trouble, call-she will arrive
The one who is generous and is a friend of all
She makes everyone happy
And brings joy
She is cute
She is beautiful
Super girl 'Swasti', she is called.

Swasti Dulia - Class- 2B
(written with the help)

BALLOONS

Balloons, balloons
I love balloons
There one goes up in the air
Looking as round as the moon
Party time is coming soon
I am excited to see big, bigger and the
biggest balloons
Colourful, beautiful and bouncing balloons
Looking as round as the moon.

Ira Uniyal- Class - 1C
(Written with the help)

THE UNSEEN CLASS

It was the end of March 2020; I was excited to set foot in class IV when the invisible daemon cut my foot and locked me inside the room. The days passed and the months flew by, in the same room. I waited patiently-peeping outside the window of the room looking for an angel who could take me back again to school. But again, the days passed, the months flew by and the new year 2021 arrived.

Yet again, I opened the new pages of my books in class V but in the virtual school. The scary daemon is still alive, I am eagerly waiting for the holy Angel to hold my hand and walk with me to the school. How wonderful it will be to sit in the class made of walls with windows with my friends sitting close by!

Daksha Mehta- Class: V B

ANIMAL RIGHTS

Most people agree that everyone should treat animals well and look after their needs. However, there is often disagreement about what this means. The term animal rights are used in discussions about the way people treat animals and about what responsibilities people have in terms of animal welfare.



Q Why are Animal Rights important?

- The reason that people have rights is to prevent unjust suffering. So, Animal Rights are also important to prevent them from suffering unjustly.
- To Animal Rights activists, the main problem with this view is that humans do not have the right to use and exploit animals, no matter how well the animals are treated. Buying, selling, breeding, confining, and killing animals infringe on the animals' rights, no matter how "humanely" they are treated.
- Animals need certain things to be able to live. Food, water, and shelter are the most basic of these needs. Many countries have laws to ensure that people provide the conditions necessary for animals to live.
- People who support the idea of animal rights think that animals deserve treatment that goes beyond taking care of their basic needs. Such people do not always agree on what those rights should be, but they share some basic ideas about the rights and wrongs of animal welfare. These state that animals should not be used for experiments and that they should not be bred or killed for food, clothing, or medicines. Some people who support animal rights also believe that it is wrong to hunt animals, to keep them in zoos, or to use them for entertainment.
- We should save animals because they cannot speak and they are helpless.

- Akshada Chaudhary Class -6 E

This is about 1 minute – NAS DAILY

We all think that doing something in one minute is impossible. One minute is 0.069 % of the day. We can't imagine doing something great in one minute that can change the world. It seems logically impossible. But here is the story of Nas Daily (nasdaily.com) which has shown the world how 1-minute matter. Everything new just in 1 minute and change the world and make it a better place. That's the story of Nas Daily.

Nuseir Yassin, popularly known as Nas Daly is an Israeli video blogger. His name 'Nuseir' means people in Arabic. He uploads 1 video that's of 1-minute every day which gives a lot of knowledge about things happening around us in this world. He has also started a Podcast on Spotify-Nas Talks. He has also written a book-Around the World in 60 Seconds. He has visited almost 60 countries till now and in his videos, he talks about his experience of traveling those countries.

He always wears T-shirts of the same design on which '36% life' is written which reminds him of the treasure life.

His first video was ***"Operation Skyfall: First Hamburger in Space"***. He started publishing videos on YouTube since September 30, 2011 and his videos have 341,752,271 views to date.

His famous dialogue is—That's 1 Minute, See You Tomorrow. And he always screams when he makes a video. He has also started an academy which is about making videos named— ***"Nas Academy"***. His most famous video is the ***"Most Depressing Country"*** with 9.1 million views on YouTube and 60.1 million views on Facebook. This video is about his time in North Korea.

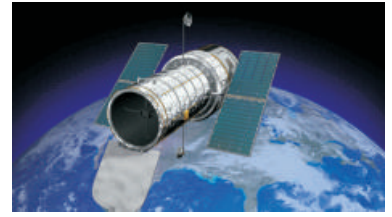
Some of his famous videos I would recommend you to watch are - ***WHERE GRAVITY DOESN'T WORK, \$5 FOR AIR, WHERE EVERYTHING IS FLIPPED, THE POWER OF OPPORTUNITY, DUBAI'S CAMEL QUEEN & CHINA'S FAKE PARIS!***

That's 1 Minute See You Tomorrow.

Mahin Bilal- Class- 6E

The HUBBLE TELESCOPE

The Hubble telescope, constructed by NASA is a successful Telescope which is still used by the scientists was launched on 24 April 1990. It was named after the great astronaut, Edwin Hubble. The Hubble space telescope is a large space-based observatory, which has revolutionized astronomy since its launch and deployment by the space shuttle discovery in 1990. The Hubble space telescope is helping scientists over 30 years. Scientists have used Hubble for observing some of the most distant stars and galaxies yet seen, as well as some of the planets in our solar system. It was operational for 30 years because of the new cutting-edge scientific instruments were added to the telescope over a course of five astronaut servicing mission. The Hubble telescope has made more than 1.4 million missions possible.



Harshit Chauhan Class- 7B

NATURE

Butterflies are fluttering around
Dogs are roaming round and round
Nature is so beautiful ,it blows our mind
You can lose yourself in it or find yourself at some times.

Nature is everywhere
Nature is everywhere you go
In the nature is the earth
In nature I find my worth.

Nature! Nature! So lush and green
The wonder of wonder, anyone has seen
The birds that are so high in the sky
Can we imitate them how hard we try?

Gauri Khaira
Class-6E

Friendship

Friendship is a simple word but it carries a deep meaning and is a loving bond between two friends. Friendship actually can't be defined through a phrase or mere words it is a great feeling which means caring, sharing and loving each other without any self-interest.

For me, friendship means being helpful to each other and share joy, sorrow and happiness together. True friends are indeed difficult to be found.

Saina Oberoi
VD

Easter- The festival of peace and eternity which marks the resurrection of JESUS CHRIST.

Easter is celebration of the triumph of life over death. It's the day when God raised Jesus on the third day after his crucifixion. This symbolised that Jesus had cleansed our sins of the past and was there to guide us in future.

Remembering the significance of the day , Easter was celebrated virtually at SAINT PATRICK'S ACADEMY. Special activities were conducted on 31st march, 2021 at 9 am. Children of class 1-5 participated wholeheartedly and came up with their marvellous presentations. Through a variety of craft work, our lovely students welcomed the saviour. Different coloured eggs, beautiful bunnies, Easter cards etc were prepared by kids. Though the children could not meet personally, but their wishes and messages were enough to bring in the Easter cheer.

It is said that "He has risen, have faith in him and the Lord would always be with you."Let us all remember that life never ends and love of lord never dies.

IMPORTANCE OF CELEBRATION OF 'WORLD FORESTRY DAY'



The World Forestry Day is celebrated every year on the 21st March to promote the importance of forests in our lives. The UN General Assembly proclaimed the 21st March as the International Day of Forests in 2012. The purpose of celebrating this day is to make people understand and aware about the importance of forests and the need to conserve them.



The theme of the International Day of Forests for 2021 was "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being". The day is celebrated to create awareness of the importance of trees and forests for humanity and the involvement of communities in saving

trees and their products. We create a healthy environment that provides oxygen to breathe, food to eat and water to drink. From 2012 onwards, every year a tree planting campaign is organized to prevent deforestation and create awareness among the people towards it. Through this we can make a real and long lasting impact on climate change.

Forests are critical for life on Earth, as they provide shelter, shade, refuge, clean air, water, food, natural resources, green cover and crucial ecosystem services. The world's forests are at constant risk from increased fragmentation, degradation of deforestation due to large scale linear infrastructure, energy projects like power, coal, nuclear and thermal developmental projects etc. People around the world come together to celebrate the occasion with an aim to create awareness of protecting the forests for our sustainable future. The celebration plays a crucial role in conservation and preservation of forests and trees by raising the awareness among the public through various means like organizing events, plantation campaigns etc.

21st March is a significant day in my life as it is not only International Day of Forests, but also my Birthday. I am blessed to have been born on 21st March and share my birthday with the International Day of Forests.

We can organize or join events that celebrate the forests like tree plantings, awareness campaigns, hosting student debates and art competitions etc.

Every little step helps! Let's restore the forests to create a better future.

Vijay Rudraksh Swami
Class -VI B

Friendship

Harseerat Kaur
4 B

Friendship is like a blooming rose,
So beautiful and so fair.
It gives you fragrance,
But thorns are also there.

Friendship is like a china cup,
Very precious and rare.
It can be mended if broken,
But cracks are also there.



RIDDLES

Q. There's a one-story house in which everything is yellow. Yellow walls, yellow doors, yellow furniture. What colour are the stairs?

Ans: There aren't any-it's a one-story house.

Q. What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?

Ans: An echo

Q. Where does today come before yesterday?

Ans: The dictionary

Q. I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

Ans: Seven

Q. I have lakes with no water, mountains with no stone and cities with no buildings. What am I?

Ans: A map

Alankrita Rawat
Class- 6E

RIDDLES

1. Which letter of the alphabet is wet and salty?

Ans. C (Sea)

2. Which letter of the alphabet is a little bird?

Ans. J (Jay)

3. What has teeth but cannot bite?

Ans. A comb

4. What has eyes but cannot see?

Ans. A Potato

5. Which are the nicest letters of the alphabet?

Ans. U and I (You and I)

Ananaya Mehrotra
Class -6E

Stephen Hawking

Stephen Hawking was born on January 8th, 1942 in Oxford. He was one of the greatest scientists of the century. He was a very unique person. He proposed and proved many theories. Stephen Hawking was a good student in the early days of the academy. He wanted to study but there was no specialized degree in math, so he turned to Physics and later he turned towards Cosmology. In 1968, he was made a member of Cambridge's Institute of Astronomy which gave a new direction to his research. This is when he started research on black holes.

At the age of 21, he was diagnosed with a motor neuron disease (MND). It's a dangerous neurological disease, due to which the nerve cells that control the movement of the muscles of the body gradually stop working, due to which the body gets paralyzed. The doctors said that Stephen Hawking would only be able to stay alive for the next few years. His illness became a big reason for him to carry out his studies and he became a great scientist. He himself said that until he was not diagnosed with that disease, his life was very boring. However, after the diagnosis, when he came to know that he would be able to live only for a few years, he had put all his attention in his work and research so that he could fully utilize his remaining life. He moved on a wheelchair on rest of his life.

In his research, he found that if this universe started with a Big Bang, then it would end with a Big Bang. He also explained Albert's Einstein's theory of relativity. Using the General Theory of Relativity and Quantum Theory together, he gave us the concept of Hawking Radiation in which we came to know that Black Holes don't always exist, they leave the Hawking radiation continuously.

Stephen Hawking is an inspiration to all of us. He died on 14 March 2018. A man whose body didn't support him, achieved all so much, that he became an inspiration for all. Stephen Hawking used to give lectures even when he was not well. Stephen Hawking always used to say the same thing, no matter how much difficult life may be, you can always do something, you can be successful if you work hard.

Courtesy-Google

VEDA PANT
Class-7-B



Welcome Back to School

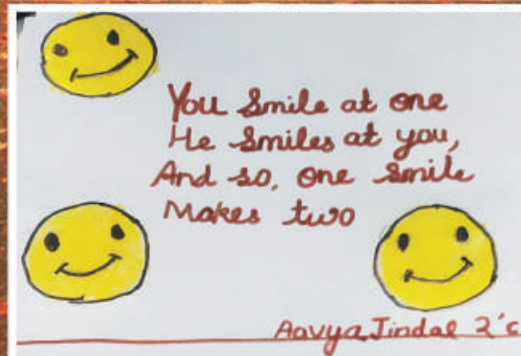
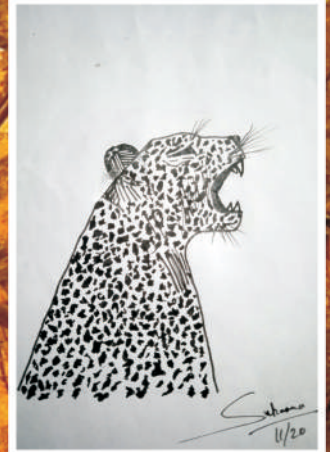
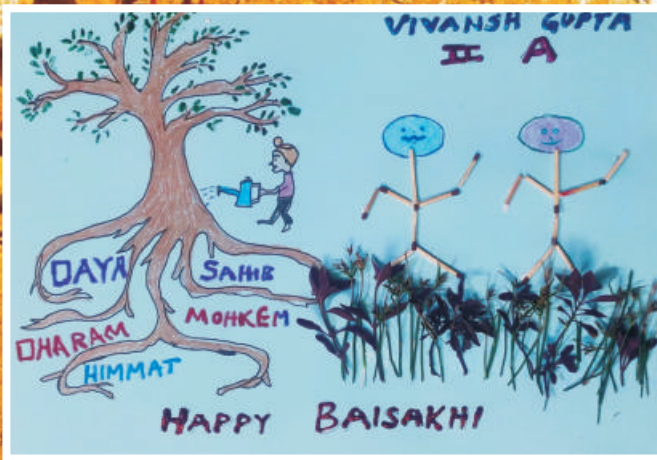
The first day of the school is usually the one filled with familiar and new faces, welcome back hugs, enthusiasm and excitement. But this year it was different. Although the students were not able to hug each other like usual, they were still able to stand with their classmates. Going back to school during the corona pandemic has elicited a jumble of emotions, both for the teachers and the students. After many weeks of distance learning, the willingness to go back to normal learning processes was demonstrably high;

everyone displayed a readiness to comply with the new safety regulations. Children were introduced to their daily schedule and they were really well behaved with masks on their faces. The students feel that in school there will be more positivity and learning will come out to be better. They had missed their friends and teachers and were eager to be back in school. For the teachers there are different steps to take to help with a smooth transition to new blended class formats. Their readiness to adapt the new set of in school rules has made the new learning possible for their students. Overall it was really great and a strange experience, which was full of challenges but we were all prepared to face it.

However, it couldn't last for long. The virus is back with a vengeance. The onus is on us now- can we defeat it by following a few simple rules and norms or should we let it rule over us and keep us holed up? Let's bring the children back to the school, let's show the world our indefatigable spirit!



The ARTISTS



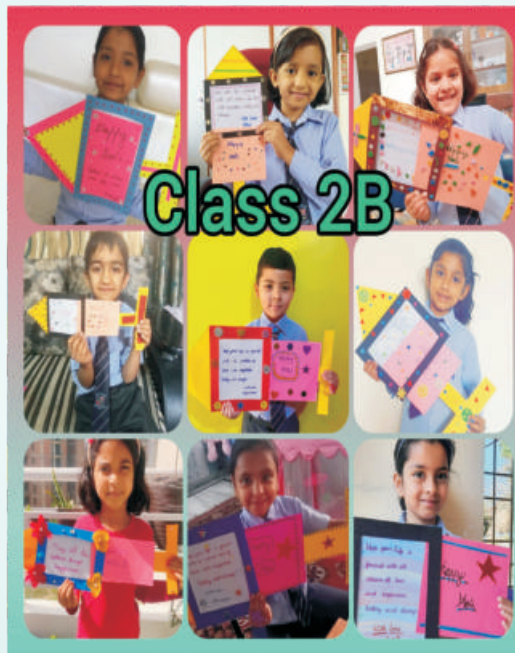
The Blossoming Kids



The Junior School



Class 3A Easter Activity



Class 2B



Class 5A



Class 5B



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CLASS 3D
HOLI ACTIVITY

Folk Dance Competition

The joyful festival of Baisakhi was celebrated with exhilaration and vehemence. It is one of the most popular festivals that is colourful, boisterous and involves food, music and dance to mark the harvest of crops. Highly synonymous to the theme of the festival, the children of Junior School celebrated the occasion with fun and dance in an Inter-Section Dance Competition. The participants were dressed in traditional attire and performed delightfully on several foot tapping conventional folk songs.

All the performances were wonderfully rich and highly engaging. It was such a phenomenal and awesome experience! Unravelling the beauty of the festival Baisakhi by the energetic patricians gave a feel as though a ray of sunshine falls on, as though mesmerised by the beauty of spring. All the performances were full of soul and life!

On the online platform, everyone was left awestruck to watch such out of this world performances, beautiful backdrops depicted the rich culture and heritage of India.

Eagerly looking forward to witness such performances yet again.

Congratulations! To all the participants and the individuals behind training, motivating and guiding the talented youngsters of the school.



Spell Bee 2021

While empowering our students with a lot of co-curricular activities, academics goes hand in hand. Here, at St. Patrick's, we stress on the overall advancement of our students. To add to it, the Inter-Section Spell Bee Competition was held on the 10th of April 2021. The online competition was one of the numerous enjoyable competitions that gave the students an opportunity to learn and recognize the correct spellings in different ways. All the students, participated earnestly and were well- prepared. Some of them didn't even wait for a second to think, their efforts and initiative are perceptible. However, comparing a child with the other is like comparing a fish with a bird. Here, at St. Patrick's, we always encourage our students to give their best without worrying about the result.



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