

"Curiosity about life in all of its aspects, I think, is still the secret of great creative people."





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Principal's Musings



Dear Children,

As I write to you for the last time, I am simply feeling grateful for the joy that you brought to my heart on many days with your enthusiastic greetings and antics alike. The morning assemblies that you worked hard for, were a perfect start to my day.

From the Editor's Desk



Dear Kabirians,

Within the columns of my alma mater, a frightened newcomer evolved into the confident and proud Kabirian he is today. Within the columns of this newsletter, Not only did you offer food for thought but also the assurance that St Kabir Public School is on right path. My heart the bounced with joy when you responded to my question: Which are the core values of our school? My day just felt complete with one of you walking up to me to talk about the book read by you. I've appreciated answering your queries about the code of conduct and discussions about the school phone policy for students. Some of you walking into my office to share your school day experiences was truly heart-warming. Collaborating with you to improve the school systems has been a sheer delight.

he found not just a creative outlet but also gained a sense of responsibility. As I type my final editorial, the memories of the decade gone by play in my head like a montage, which also happens to be the theme for our final edition of the session-'Montage of Memories.' Every stage experience, every single competition or workshop, every mentor-turned friend, every aloo patty and every slip, fall and every rise has contributed to my journey here. I stand in line after every senior who has left a legacy before me and all the juniors who are on their way to do so. I have a piece of advice for the juniors

Talking to you about our Founder and seeina the conviction in your eyes about staying committed to the path prescribed by him is what will bring a smile on my face in future too. At this juncture, I also thank the parent community and KROS members for their trust and confidence in what we did at school. Heartfelt thanks to the staff members for their indomitable support to do 'everything worth doing, right'. I move forward with a treasure trove full of love that I received from the St Kabir family.

God bless! Shilpi Sood Gill

reading this:Every opportunity that comes your way,take it, grasp it, do not let go of it, and always keep supporting art and creativity.

For someone who strongly dislikes routines, I will undoubtedly miss waking up early every day and making my way to school, the place I consider a second home.

In our final edition, we celebrate the bittersweet farewells of Grades X and XII students, relive the joy and excitement of school excursions and share an exclusive interview with our former Principal Mrs. Gurminder Chadha.

Happy Reading! Gursehaj Singh

ART OF TINKERING

Tinkering Towards Innovation

As we approach the end of the academic session, our students have been embracing a tinkering culture that fosters creativity and innovation. To further encourage this mindset, we plan to integrate tinkering into the timetable for all students in the upcoming session.

Our STEM enthusiasts have been working on challenging projects, including designing a lunar habitat, an underwater city and a spaceship. Meanwhile, our design technology lab has seen students create innovative projects such as a shirt folding machine and a drinking water analysis system.

We're proud to announce that our students participated in the CBSE National Science Fair, showcasing their ingenuity and scientific acumen. With over 600 schools in attendance, this event provided a valuable opportunity for our students to learn from their peers.





Unlocking Student Potential: Recent Initiatives and Achievements

The Edu. Assist Department capped off a remarkable quarter, having expertly navigated students through the complex college and university application process, achieving a milestone 100% submission rate for all Grade XII applications.

The Edu. Assist Student Team was successfully formed, with students showcasing exceptional enthusiasm and commitment during the selection process. We eagerly anticipate witnessing the team's future achievements as they develop and refine their leadership skills.

The department coordinated AP registration activities and provided personalised counselling sessions. Students were encouraged to participate in summer schools, contests and competitions to build holistic profiles.

Collaborations with universities, registration for the prestigious CEMC contest, and psychometric assessments for Grade X students were some of the notable achievements. These assessments have helped students make informed choices about their streams for Grade XI, laying a strong foundation for future success.

Through these initiatives, the department remains committed to nurturing students' talents and ambitions, providing guidance and support at every step of the way.

Aikyam Fundraiser – Empowering Change Through Art

The Aikyam Fundraiser, held during PTSM(held in March), was a remarkable success, highlighting the power of student-led initiatives. Ananya Bhasin, a talented Grade IX student, showcased her exquisite paintings, clay art and handcrafted keychains, garnering appreciation from parents and visitors alike. A portion of the proceeds from her sales has been donated to Aikyam's project – 'Unite for Change', supporting its ongoing social initiatives. This event not only raised funds, but also fostered the spirit of social responsibility and entrepreneurship among students. The overwhelming support from parents, student and faculty underscored the impact of collective action in driving meaningful change. Aikyam remains committed to encouraging young change makers and looks forward to more such initiatives. A organising thank heartfelt all who you to contributed to this cause. Your support has made a difference!

ΑΙΚΥΑΜ



The Combined Annual Training Camp-180 at NCC Academy, Ropar, from January 19th to 28th, 2025, was a huge success, with cadets participating in a range of challenging activities like drills, physical training and weapon firing to develop their skills and character. The camp aimed to instil discipline, leadership and responsibility among the cadets, preparing them for real-world challenges and service to the nation.

Some notable achievements from the camp include:

* **Promotions: C**adets Jasnoor Singh, Aviraj Kataria, Pavitjot Singh, Vidhant Bhardwaj, and Arnav Sood were promoted to higher ranks.

* **Awards**: Cadets won medals in various competitions, which included Best in NCC Drill, Solo Bhangra, Group Song, Talent Hunt and Poster Making.

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ECHOES OF MEMORIES Heartfelt Valediction to Class XII

The school campus was abuzz with excitement and nostalgia as Grade XI organised a heartfelt farewell to the outgoing Grade XII students, crafting an unforgettable experience that beautifully balanced joy, sentiment and inspiration.

The programme began with a mesmerising performance by the band, setting the tone for a fun-filled afternoon. A series of engaging games and activities were planned, that had everyone in stitches! The energy levels were further amplified by a thrilling Bhangra performance by Grade XI students.

The outgoing class also presented a small yet impressive cultural programme, which included songs, dances and heartfelt valedictory speeches expressing gratitude to their teachers, peers and the school for the invaluable experiences and memories they had accumulated over the years.

The Principal offered her best wishes to the students for the upcoming board exams, and imparted valuable life lessons on resilience and grit. She encouraged the students to never lose hope, stay positive and strong, and find joy in the journey of life.

The function culminated in a delectable and sumptuous lunch, offering a warm and intimate setting for students and teachers to share fond moments, strengthen bonds and exchange heartfelt goodbyes.

As the outgoing class bid their final farewell, they carried with them a treasure trove of lifelong memories. The programme, meticulously organised by Grade XI, served as a fitting tribute to the outgoing class sharing glimpses of their school years and celebrated their accomplishments through the archived video recordings.



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"As the coordinator, my heart is filled with a mix of pride, joy and a touch of sadness. Watching these students grow, evolve and blossom into confident individuals, has been a journey of countless memories and shared moments. Their laughter, their dreams, and even their struggles have left an indelible mark. As they step into a new chapter of their life, I bid them farewell with immense love and hope. May they soar high and make us proud always. They will forever remain a cherished part of our school family."

-Ms. Monika Tandon (Senior Secondary Coordinator)





One of the most memorable moments this past year was leading a Frozen Tableau activity in the Grade XII Political Science class. During a scene on the Emergency of 1975, a student froze midair with an imaginary pen, symbolising censorship, while another stood in silent protest. Afterward, a student reflected, "I always saw the Emergency as just another textbook event, but standing frozen made me feel the weight of losing freedom." It was a powerful reminder of how experiential learning can bring history to life, making political concepts truly resonate. Moments like these make teaching deeply rewarding, and I'm grateful to have shared this journey with the outgoing batch.

-Ms.Jyoti Sharma (Educator)

It has been an extraordinary journey, filled with valuable discoveries, challenges and numerous moments of growth for students and teachers alike. As a teacher, it has been inspiring and fulfilling to witness students evolve, find their voices, and push their boundaries. I couldn't be prouder of Grade XII's enthusiasm, dedication and perseverance in various competitions. They've set a high standard for others to follow, and I wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

-Ms.Sonu Thakur (Educator)

As the English teacher of Grade XII, watching this batch prepare to step into the world beyond school fills me with immense pride and quiet reflection. This year has been more than just a journey through texts and essays—it has been a shared experience of growth, resilience and discovery. Each student brought something unique to the classroom, making it a space of thoughtful dialogue, laughter and profound learning. It was a meaningful chapter in my own journey as an educator. I wish them courage, clarity and compassion as they turn the page to a new chapter in their life.

-Ms.Kirti Rajput (Educator)

STUDENTS' REFLECTIONS



St Kabir has been so much more than just a school. As cliché as it may sound, it has truly shaped me into the person I am today. The teachers who guided me, the friends I've made and the countless memories that have been created—each one holds a special place in my heart. From Grades VIII to XII, St Kabir became a second home.

To say, I'll miss this place would be an understatement. It's more than words can express.

Once a Kabirian, always a Kabirian.

-Kyra Reyar (XIIC)

The past two years at this school have truly transformed me. I've grown into a more confident, happier version of myself—thanks to the support of my amazing teachers and the guidance of fellow Kabirians. You've not only helped shape my mind but also my spirit, and for that, I'm deeply grateful.

Thank you for everything.

-Viraaj Arora (XII C)

This school gave me a truly enriching experience and helped build the confidence I needed for the future.

Thank you for laying the foundation of my career. I'm especially grateful to all the teachers and staff for their constant support and encouragement.

-Kinshuk Goyal (XII B)





Being a part of St Kabir was truly a rollercoaster of emotions—filled with highs, challenges, laughter and growth. Even though I was here for just two years, every moment left a mark.

The friendships I've made, the lessons I've learned, and the memories I carry with me have made this a rewarding journey, I'll always cherish.

-Anisha Nischal (XII D)

A DECADE OF MEMORIES Celebrating the journey of Grade X



The school community came together to bid a fond farewell to the graduating Grade X students. The event was an emotional roller coaster that took everyone on a nostalgic journey, from the students' early days as wide-eyed kindergarteners to confident, young individuals ready to take on the world.

Grade IX students added a special touch to the occasion by hosting a cultural programme that showcased their talent and affection for their seniors.

The celebration was a masterful blend of music, drama and emotion, with serenading melodies, poignant skits and heartfelt goodbye speeches that left a lasting impact on all present. The programme also featured an amalgam of games, dances and light-hearted moments that brought smiles and laughter to the faces of the graduating students. 7

As the farewell ceremony drew to a close, the sense of nostalgia and gratitude was palpable. The students, who had spent over a decade within the school's hallowed portals, were visibly moved as they bid adieu to their alma mater, teachers and friends. The school community wishes them all the very best, knowing that they will always carry a piece of their school experience with them.

As the 2024–25 chapter ends for Grade X, my heart holds a mix of pride and affection. This year has been filled with curiosity, courage, and growth. From hesitant beginnings to confident strides, it's been a joy to witness their journey. My love for them has always gone beyond academics-it's about who they're becoming. Discipline was our quiet quide, rooted in care and hope for their future. Watching them take on challenges, discover talents, and grow stronger has been truly rewarding. They've taught me as much as I've taught them. I hope they carry forward their curiosity, resilience, and belief in themselves. Grade X, you'll be missed deeply but remembered always. My love and best wishes go with you.

-Ms.Shikha Nijher (Secondary School Coordinator)

Some students stood out, effortlessly excelling across subjects (not just Physics), while others faced challenges yet persevered with unwavering determination. Whether it was the hardworking one always pushing to improve or the easy going one with a relaxed pace, each student brought something unique to the class. Their distinct traits and efforts, big and small, shaped the journey we shared. Their enthusiasm in events like the Science Fair, National Children's Science Congress, Army Quiz, Sally Ride EARTHKAM Mission, and SOF Olympiads remains unforgettable. Interacting with them in and beyond the classroom helped us build a strong bond.

> -Dr. Komal Kaushal (Educator)





MESSAGE FROM THE TEACHERS



As another academic year draws to a close, my heart is filled with a bittersweet mix of nostalgia and pride. Looking back on the past few years with the outgoing batch of 2024-25, I'm overwhelmed by the journey we've shared since 2019 – a journey marked by growth, challenges overcome, and countless heart warming moments that will forever be etched in my memory. Seeing you all grow from naughty, yet lovable,

V Graders to grown up, mature (yet naughty)X Graders has reinforced the importance of building strong relationships with students. With you all, I discovered that all students have unique potential, and I derived immense satisfaction in helping you all discover it yourself. From making small, funny skits for class assemblies and class bulletin decorating boards to performing stupendously well in your Grade X Board Exams, we did it all together. To the outgoing Grade X students, I wish you all the best in your future endeavours. You have left an indelible mark on my heart. All the impromptu farewell notes I received, filled personal stories with and genuine appreciation, brought not only tears to my eyes, but also great pride in my heart and I shall cherish each one of them for years to come.

> -Ms.Neha Kathuria (Educator)

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EXCURSIONS: MEMORIES IN THE MAKING













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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Saurabh Kapoor



We are proud to feature **Dr. Saurabh Kapoor** for this edition of the Alumni Spotlight. Dr. Kapoor is a Senior Consultant in Paediatrics & Neonatology at Motherhood Hospitals and Nest Clinic, Panchkula.

Career Profile

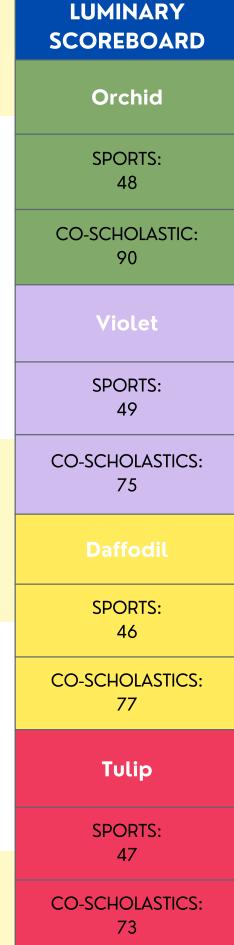
Dr. Kapoor pursued medicine and was selected for MBBS at Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences. He then specialised in Paediatrics and Neonatology, presenting papers at national and international conferences, and publishing research in prestigious journals. He has worked in various reputed hospitals, has been a saviour to many.

Fond Memories of the Alma Mater

During his time at St Kabir Public School, Dr. Kapoor saw the institution excel in various areas, including academics, sports and infrastructure. He has fond memories of his teachers, particularly the most revered Late Mr. JP Singh Sir and Ma'am Singh, who exemplified excellence and had a profound impact on many students' lives including his. He appreciates the school's focus on holistic development, which played a significant role in shaping his future success.

Message for Students

Believe in yourself, follow your passion and remember the school's motto -Labor Omnia Vincit (Hardwork Always Wins)





Mrs. Gurminder Chadha

Mrs. Gurminder Chadha joined St Kabir Public School in 1978 and stayed with the school till March 2021. She is an illuminating example of the progressive nature of this institution as she rose from a teacher to the rank of Principal, while serving the school.

Q. Reflecting on your time as the Principal, what do you consider to be your most significant accomplishments in terms of fostering positive change within the school community?

A. Early on, I knew that whatever we had to do, we had to do it together. The connection between me and the staff members was built on trust and respect. We worked like a team, and the environment remained abuzz with positivity.

Q. In your opinion, what are the key qualities or attributes that make an effective school leader and facilitator of change?

A. To be the facilitator for change, one needs to be a person sensitive towards requirements that will help keep pace with changing trends. One should make everyone around aware to actively participate and ensure success. Q. As you transition into a new phase, what advice would you offer to aspiring school leaders who aim to make a meaningful impact in education and drive positive change within their schools?

A. As school leaders, you need to put students first. Motivating students is extremely important, so that their participation in whatever they do is able to leave a mark. As a school leader, I was involved in personally motivating the students.

I accompanied them on trips and competitions to provide positive feedback.

Q. Can you share some highlights or memorable moments from your time as a Principal?

A. There are many memorable moments. In 2009,

I accompanied the students to Singapore for a Science competition. There was a time when two of our students went to Japan on an exchange programme. We lifted Vivek High's trophy for three consecutive years. The list of memorable moments is endless. I would also always remember that Mr. J P Singh always supported me as a guide and mentor during my tenure with the school, giving me a feeling that the whole school is one family.

Q. What is that one value/ lesson that you wish students to imbibe ?

A. One important life lesson that I want to share with the students is to avail every opportunity that comes your way and whatever you do, do it with motivation. At the same time, I will also say that motivating students is also part of a leader's role.



Counsellor's Corner



The beginning of a new school year is a great time to take stock of our past experiences. The previous academic year was filled with challenges and numerous opportunities for learning and personal growth. Whether it was grappling with academics, overcoming personal struggles or stepping outside of our comfort zones; each experience played a

From the Storyteller's Hearth



So this is Christmas! And what have you done! Another year over! And a new one just begun! A very merry Christmas! And a happy New Year! Let's hope it's a good one! Without any fear... You may say I'm a dreamer/But I'm not the only one!I hope someday you'll join us! And the world will be as one. vital role in shaping who we are today. As we look forward to the new year, reflecting on our experiences from the year gone by, not only allows us to recognise our achievements but also helps us identify areas where we can improve. One of the most powerful tools for personal growth is reflection. We frequently fall to stand back and assess our progress in the midst of the daily grind. When we reflect on the challenges we faced, we begin to see the perseverance, resilience, patience, and problem-solving skill these challenges taught us. Moreover, reflecting on our strengths boosts confidence and motivates us to push ourselves even further in the coming year. Perhaps there were moments when a difficult exam seemed impossible, but looking back now, we can see how those moments were stepping stones that contributed to our arowth.

Dear Reader,

These lines from John Lennon's 'Happy XMas' and 'Imagine', born during the Vietnam War, resonate deeply. As an educator reflecting on this year, these songs about unity and peace feel more vital than ever. I've often found hope in their message, reminding me that despite the conflicts round us – language, religion or even disagreements simple better future is within reach if we all try. Have you observed that in recent times, people are unable to debate and discuss something with empathy and decency? As this year ends, I wanted to share a thought with you: remember you have the power to influence the world around you. Instead of letting disagreements escalate, consider building bridges of understanding.

They taught us that failure is also a part of the learning process. Reflection isn't just about looking back at events; it's also about developing self-awareness. This self-awareness allows us to make informed decisions about how we approach the new academic session. One of the most important reflection is the power of peer influence and how it shapes our decisions, behaviours and self-image. While being part of a friend group can be a source of support and camaraderie, it's crucial to remember that we have the ability to make our own choices. Sometimes, we can get caught up in trying to fit in or be accepted, which may lead us to make choices that don't align with our values or long-term goals. This year, let's embrace our individuality, trust our instincts, make decisions that reflect our true selves and build a support system that encourages us to grow into the best version of who we are meant to be.

~Dr. Sabina Duggal

Can you listen to someone with different opinion without rushing to reply? Can you stand for someone υp facing unfairness? Can you try to understand different perspectives without dismissing them? These small actions can have significant а impact. world Imagine а where everyone truly hears each other and feels included. As Lennon said, "You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one." You have the power to be that positive influence in your school and community. This coming year, let's aim to understand others better, choosing kindness and empathy in our daily interactions. And, don't forget to listen to these powerful songs!

Warmly, Deeptha

INKSCAPES

Just a Joke

My braids falling apart While I'm trying to hold on, My glasses on the floor While my bruises remain sore. Words are where it starts, Your laugh tells it all, It's weird that I don't find it funny, Infact my skin starts to crawl. I see the look in your eyes, That's when my heart falls. Why does it have to be at my expense? You point out all my flaws. "It's just a joke", they said, The words seem so sincere, I would have been fooled, If I wasn't overwhelmed with fear. You peel off every layer of my defense, Do my tears bring out your conscience?

Why not choose to make someone's day better, than worse? Do your insecurities start to emerge? We both could relate that the effects of your words suffocate, And it's not just a joke when your laughter doesn't reciprocate. There is a burden on every shoulder so why not love than hate? You don't know how i feel, I know your "jokes" even make you afraid. Regret doesn't come until something is

lost,

But it'll never be as it once was.

- Manyata Sharma (XII C)

An Ode to Baisakhi

Golden fields beneath the sun, Kids running around having fun. Music is loud, the hearts arise, Underneath the April skies. Gidda spins Bhangra flies Like kites in morning rise. Langar warm, salty and sweet. Where all as one in love do meet. A day of pride, a faith reborn. A grateful field salutes the sun. A festival of field and soil, Of sacred hearts and honest toil. - Chitleen Kaur Mann (IX A)

मेरा भारत देश महान

हर भारतीय की है ये जान, कोई नहीं लगा सकता इसपे लगाम, मेरा भारत देश महान, देश महान। अस्पताल में नहीं बच पा रही मरीज़ों की जान, क्योंकि नहीं हैं उनमें उपयुक्त सामान, मेरा भारत देश महान, देश महान। युवा ने हासिल कर लिए डिग्री के हर मुकाम, पर नहीं मिल पा रहा उन्हें कोई काम, मेरा भारत देश महान, देश महान। जाति पर काटी जा रही हैं जुबान, कहीं ले न ले वो भगवान का नाम, मेरा भारत देश महान, देश महान। धर्म के नाम पे मारे जा रहे हैं इंसान, सभी लगाते एक-दूजे पे इल्ज़ाम, मेरा भारत देश महान, देश महान। ख़ुद कचरा फेंक कर लगाते हैं दूसरों का नाम, सिविक सेंस के नाम पर कर देते सडकों को जाम, मेरा भारत देश महान, देश महान। टैक्स नहीं देते अमीर ख़ानदान, ग़रीबों की नहीं बच पा रही जान, मेरा भारत देश महान, देश महान। लडका-लडकी दोनों को मिला एक ही मुकाम, दोनों बने इस सिस्टम के ग़ुलाम, मेरा भारत देश महान, देश महान। हर भारतीय की है ये जान, कोई नहीं लगा सकता इसपे लगाम, मेरा भारत देश महान, देश महान।

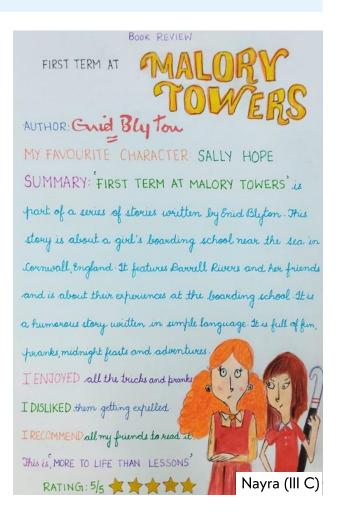
- Shabd Arya (X B)

THE LETTER TO LAHORE by Tanu Shree Singh

'The Letter to Lahore' is a mesmerizing tale that transports young readers to preindependent India, in the early 1920s. The story kicks off with Luxmi saving Dak Chacha by once cleverly snatching an envelope from the Sipahis, unaware of its significance and the necessity to keep it under wraps. Throughout the narrative, Luxmi endeavours to aid the people of India in their quest for independence. Beyond the enthralling and patriotic saga, this book adopts a diary-like, chapter-by-chapter format, making the reading experience thoroughly engaging.

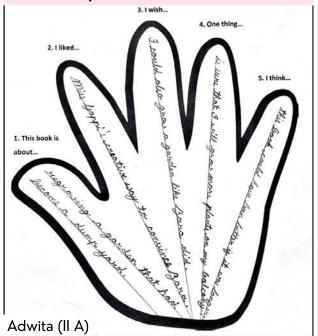
This book is a gem for young patriots, inspiring them to cherish the hard-won independence achieved after years of relentless struggle.

> -Naisha Chaudhary (VI-C)



BOOKWORM'S PARADISE

THE MIRACLE ON SUNDERBAAG STREET by Nandita Da Cunha



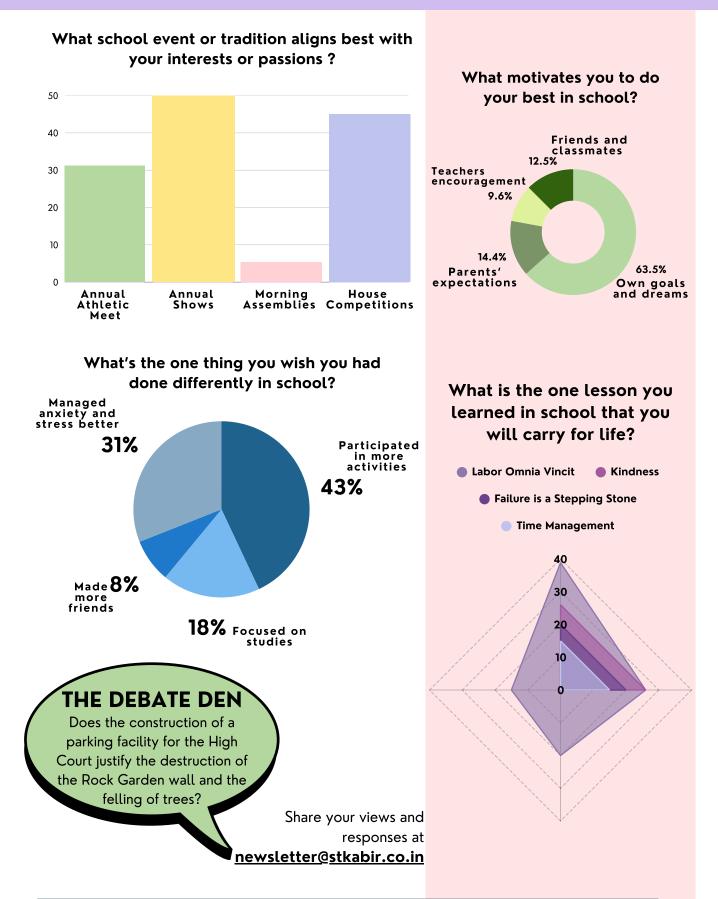
WARRIOR WOMEN by Tara Anand

'Warrior Women' by Tara Anand, is an interesting book that introduces children to the powerful stories of women who demonstrated great courage, throughout history. It tells us about queens who led armies, defended forts ,and other women who fought to protect their people. The book's illustrations and informative text make it interesting for young readers. You'll learn that girls and women can be just as strong and courageous as boys and men. It also highlights the variation of these women's experiences, showing that strength and leadership are not limited by gender. This book encourages students to question stereotypes and appreciate the important contributions of women in shaping history. It's a great way to be inspired by amazing women who did incredible things.

-Rudra Mangat Bansal (V B)

OPINIO QUEST

A comprehensive survey was conducted among students of Grades V to XII to gather insights into their personal reflections, experiences of the year gone by.



QUARTER'S QUINTESSENCE

NOTABLE EVENTS OF THE QUARTER



ORIENTATION FOR A NEW BEGINNING

Welcome to the new academic year! As we embark on this journey together, we encourage you to embrace challenges, explore opportunities and strive for excellence.







CHANGE OF COMMAND: A NEW ERA OF LEADERSHIP

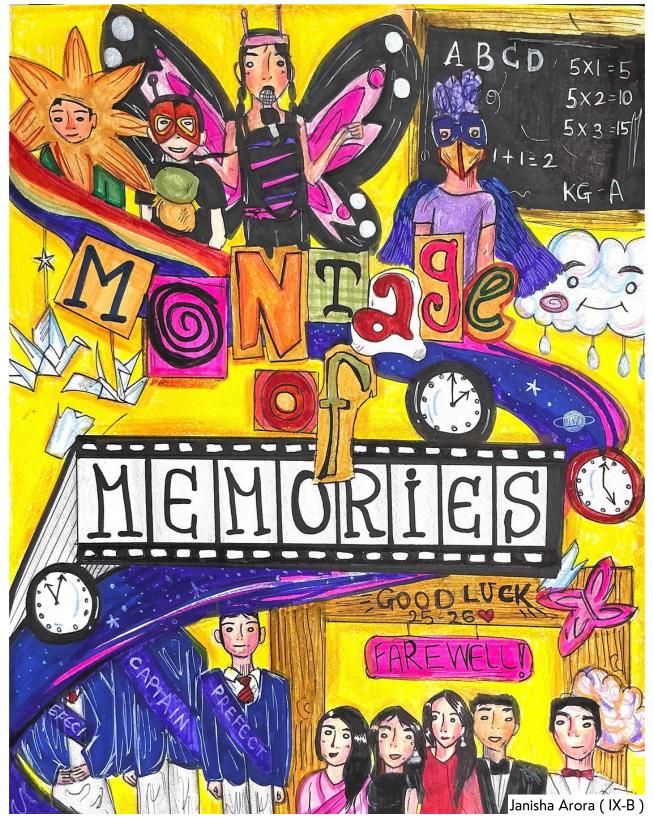
St Kabir Public School welcomes Ms. Sapna Katoch as its new leader. We extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes for a successful tenure.

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