

ENIGMA



RANG MANCH: HOLI CELEBRATION

Vibrant colors, fun, frolic and boisterousness is what the festival of Holi signifies. Colors bring joy and meaning to our life and make our world a better place to live in. In Hopetown, Holi is one of the events which everybody eagerly waits for and celebrates with great enthusiasm. On the 16th of March, the SAFE club performed a play on the dangers of playing Holi with chemical colors and also suggested eco-friendly ways of playing Holi. On the **17th of March**, armed with bags of gulal, the Hopetavians got engaged in a pure madness and anarchy! Colorful gulal were smeared all over each other's face until no one was recognizable. Everyone had a wonderful time.

TWO-FACES: TURNCOAT COMPETITION

On the 5th of April, a very interesting Inter-House 'turncoat' competition took place in school. Turncoat Debate is a difficult competition but the students of Hopetown showcased their talent and confidence in a way that left all the spectators awe-struck. The contestants tackled the proverbial topics with ease and wisdom. The winner of the junior turncoat competition was Ruby House, followed by Sapphire House; while in the senior turncoat competition, Sapphire House bagged the first position and Ruby House second. It was an entertaining afternoon which left a smile on everyone's face.

*"Have you
seen the
roses?
There's a
whole lot of
colors."*

Syd Barrett

OUTWARD BOUND: MID-TERM TRIPS



Every year, towards the end of the school year in March, Hopetown Girls' School sends all its girls to very exciting and recreational excursions called

Mid-Term Trips. After a long and strenuous round of the final examinations, this much needed week-long trip to various destinations in India is cherished by all. Students of Class 5 went to Jim Corbett National Park, situated in Ramnagar, Nainital. It was a very informative and adventurous break as they visited various museums and enjoyed a jungle safari. Himalayan Eco lodge, in Sunsingdar, was the midterm destination of Class 6. They were greatly mesmerized by the scenic beauty of the place and were awestruck by the snow capped mountains present everywhere.

Class 7 went off to Ram Chauri in Tehri Garhwal, Class 8 to Camp Redstone and Class 9 to Kanatal Camp. They did various team-building and adventurous activities such as river crossing, flying fox, pitching tents and cooking their own food, which was extremely enjoyable.

“Every person needs to take one day away. A day in which one consciously separates the past from the future.” - Maya Angelou.



The midterm destination of class 11 was Shimla. The students as well as the teachers had a relaxing vacation staying at the luxurious East Bourne Hotel. They visited 'Potters Hill' camp for one day and also engaged in several adventure activities. These trips encourage student-teacher interactions outside the classrooms which help to develop a better relationship of understanding between the students and teachers. These excursions also help to bring out organizing skills and other such capabilities in the girls

NEW STUDENTS INDUCTION

On the **2nd of April**, Hopetown received many new members to its family as young girls proudly marched into the school with their parents, ready for the adventures awaiting them. A bit of uncertainty lay in their heart, but this was eased by the excellent care and guidance by the council members and the guardians who worked diligently to make the new students and their parents comfortable. The guardians guided them around the school to complete the necessary procedures, and interacted with the new students, clearing any queries they had. The parents were assured that they were leaving their children in the right place, and by evening when they departed, their kids were already settled and happy in their new environment. To rejuvenate all the new members of our Hopetown fraternity, on the 5th April, the council planned an Ice-breaking session for the new girls in the Principals House. This helped them come out of their nutshell. In the end, all the cranky homesick faces were left behind and the girls moved out happily smiling with high spirits.

IZHAAR-E-HUNAR

Izhaar-e-Hunar is an annual fest hosted by Hopetown Girls School and it is a student initiative. This year we organized different events like dance, mime, orchestra, clay designing, newsletter designing and painting etc. for students of various schools to showcase their talent in the best way possible.



Dance:

Dance is irreplaceable and gives a joy to the dancers as well as the audience. With the maximum number of spectators, the Dance Competition was absolutely awe-inspiring! St. George's College emerged victorious in this event followed by Unison World School. It was an exhilarating event, enjoyed by everyone present.



Mime:

The art of miming is one of the most difficult arts to perform. This year Hopetown introduced "Mime" in Izhaar-e-Hunar. The themes were: *Catching a butterfly or fish*, *Slept through an alarm on a school day* and *A burglary scene*. All the participants did a brilliant job. Summer Valley School emerged victorious in this particular event, followed by Rashtriya Indian Military College. It uplifted the mood of the entire audience.

Photography:

Light, cameras and angles! The photography event was perhaps the toughest. The theme was- "Stones and Close ups". The judges had a difficult time judging as almost all the photographs were clicked to perfection. Yet there had to be a winner and it was Hopetown Girls' School with Unison World School as runners up.



Orchestra:

Six schools participated in this event, all vying for the Izhaar-e-Hunar Orchestra Trophy. They filled the evening with melodious and uplifting Ragas. Unison World school bagged the first position in this event and Mussoorie International School came second.

Quiz:

Quiz started at 9:45am sharp, with eleven schools competing. Out of which only six schools qualified into the second round. The competition was really tough and the spectators as well as the participants loved every minute of it. Summer Valley school emerged as winners and the second position was bagged by Wynberg Allen School.

Stamp Designing:

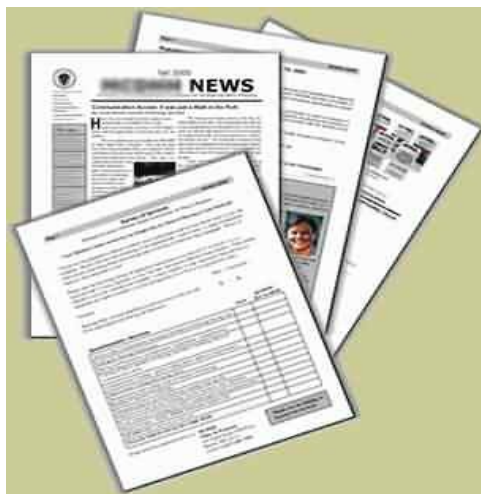
As the artists of various schools geared up, checking their stationary, we could see the nervousness on their faces, which later gave way to beautiful paintings. The topic of this event was "Festivals". The paintings were dazzling. The winner of this event was Welham Girls' School, and the second position was bagged by Rashtriya Indian Military College.

Fast & Furious

On the 6th of April, few Hopetavians went to 'The Sports College', Dehradun for the first Annual Junior Athletics meet. It was an amazing experience for all the participants and we came back with five gold, four silver, three bronze medals.

The students who performed extraordinarily have been selected for the State Athletics and the National Athletics as well. Overall it was an inspiring and strengthening experience for all the students.

IZHAAR-E-HUNAR: NEWSLETTER COMPETITION



tures and trying to collect clues and information regarding the event. Their task was to design a newsletter with the collected information and pictures. The winner was St. George's College followed by Unison World School.

One of the events in Izhaar-e-Hunar was newsletter, where all the students were seen scurrying all over the campus clicking pic-

Junior Council Investiture

One of the most essential part of the Hope-town family is the student council, which acts as a representative of the entire student body. On the 9th of April, the junior council was elected from class eight and handed duties which they will handle till the end of this academic year. The new junior student council proudly wore their badges as a sign of the responsibilities they would undertake in the future. The students were badged by the teachers in charge of their respective departments. The ceremony ended with them reciting their oath, led by Maya Ma'am.





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"Try hard and do your best." That's what you tell your children, and you're happy with whatever they're able to accomplish. You understand that perfection, or even an average level of achievement, is legitimately beyond their grasp, and you offer endless inspiration and encouragement. But how often do you give yourself the same credit? Parenting is hard work. You can't always know the right answer. You can't always make the right judgment. Mistakes are built into the job. Like your child, you will not always have the information or the ability or the skills necessary to perform perfectly. It's unfair to expect that you will. You try hard, and you do your best. That's enough. That's everything."

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