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NIMRAT K. BRAR
4th – 8th February

On 4th February, students of Hopetown Girls' School, who had opted for the Gold Award, arrived at the Nature Quest camp. After reaching the destination, our guides introduced us to their whole staff and made us aware of the rules. After lunch, they took us for a walk to Thangaon and there we learnt about various plants that grew there. We also visited a building that served as both the local preschool and community centre. On returning to the campsite all of us decided to repaint the building. For the next 3 days our schedule was

to help the students at the Nature Quest Vidyamandir School with their studies and then go off to the preschool to give it a new look. By 4:30 we would return to our campsite and give tuitions to few elder students. On day three, we completed painting the wall of the school and our work was appreciated by all the villagers. On 8th February, we organized a drawing competition and few games. The children actively participated in these activities. We learnt about the village life and how they earn their living. After giving away the prizes we headed back to our school with a suitcase full of memories. It was indeed a great experience!



IAYP GOLD RESIDENTIAL PROJECT



SAKSHI AGARWAL
7th - 8th February

The UPES-I Model United Nations was an excellent platform for Hopetown Girls' School's budding "MUNers" to showcase their public speaking skills and enhance their general knowledge. A delegation of 18 students went to the

University of Petroleum and Energy Studies for the MUN. There were four committees in session:

ECOSOC: where the delegates discussed ways to ensure energy security in the world.

Ad-HOC: wherein the Boko Haram situations was discussed

IAEA: was a committee where all tried to successfully establish a nuclear war-free zone in the Middle East.

UNSOCHUM: where the issue of cyber war caught the spotlight.

After intense research and formal sessions, the awards were announced where Hopetavians won the most.

Sakshi Agrawal bagged the best delegate- ECOSOC with a cash prize worth Rs. 4000.

Sharanya Jakhmola getting High commendation with a cash prize worth Rs. 2000.

Special Mentions were given to **Dhruvika Garg, Insha Juneja, Mahima Grover and Alisha Jain** along with a cash prize worth Rs. 1000 each.

This two day event provided an insightful opportunity for us to ponder upon the International Issues of today.

UPES INTERNATIONAL MUN 2015

TUTOR OUT– ANGHAILA- THE GREEN SCHOOL (Class 8)

ZARA FATIMA ALI and ANAMIKA DE

7th February

It was a beautifully bright, sunny and a perfect day for a picnic. Our bus left at 9: 15 a.m. and reached at around 10:15 am. We began our trek at the base of a very steep road that led to a dried up stream. We trekked up the stream and we reached the top drenched in sweat. We were then guided to walk alongside an electric fence which led to a school called 'Anghaila: The Green School'. We enjoyed basking in the sun, playing games like dodge-ball and tug of war. We ate pakoras and drank tea for snacks and a few lucky people got to cook and they were therefore showered with compliments by all. Then we had delicious meal of MAGGI and spent the rest of the afternoon playing games. Then we trekked back down the stream, got into our buses and left for school. It was an amazing experience and we hope that every batch that goes to Anghaila enjoys as much as we did.

ART FILM FEST

14th February

On the 14th of February, the Fine Arts Department organized an Art Film Fest. There were exciting posters put up all over the academic block. We watched a movie called "The Impressionist." The series reveals how Claude Monet took just 40 minutes to paint his seminal work Impression, Sunrise in a race against time to capture the light; why Manet's depiction of Olympia, in which his model brazenly gazes out of the canvas, so outraged Parisian society; and how Cézanne's 60 paintings of one mountain, Montagne Saint-Victoire, laid the foundations for Cubism and modern art.

SATSANG

16th February

Chants echoed through the hallways of Hopetown on the 16th of February, as the whole Hopetown family gathered under the Purple Roof to celebrated Shivratri. It was a stress-buster for every one of us as we swayed and grooved to the rhythm of the Bhajans. The Satsang was followed by the recital of the 'Hanuman Chalisa' for the Board students.

INTER-HOUSE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

GREEK MYTH GEP

NOOR KHATRA

18th February

The first event for class 8 during the literature week was the Greek Myth GEP. Being an interclass event all sections prepared hard for a short ten minute skit from Greek mythology. The event which took place on the 18th of February, 2015 consisted of Pandora's box, The Abduction of Persephone and The Beginning of the Golden Age. Each class performed marvelously with class 8-C emerging as the victors. We all learnt a great deal and had loads of fun too!



SHARMISTHA MORE and AKSHITA BHANSALI

The Football Fever was back in Hopetown and all the Hopetavians geared up, to lead their houses on the top of the scoreboard. Hopetavians understand a very different version of Football. It includes TONS of drama, tears, accusations and even new bonds.

This time too this legacy continued. The first position was rightly claimed by Diamond House and in the second place we had Emerald house. Following the first two, we had Sapphire and Ruby House.

It was humbling to see how good the Hopetavians have become at Football in just a few years keeping in consideration that every one of the players has come a long way and they all believe: **"Set your Football goals high and don't stop till you get there!"**

INTER-HOUSE SHAKESPEARE PLAY

SAKSHI AGRAWAL

14th February

Hopetown's foyer was alive with chattering and colourful clothes. This year all Houses had enact Shakespeare's famous plays involving the "Jester". Emerald House gave new life to *Feshe* and *Malvolio* from the *Twelfth Night* whilst Diamond House's version of the *Midsummer Night's Dream* had Puck hanging from siderails to make us laugh till our stomachs hurt. Sapphire House presented *The merchant of Venice* with *Lancelot* making clever jokes and *As You Like It's* (Ruby House) *Touchstone* made serious situations humorous. The successful event ended with Diamond House emerging victorious and Sapphire House closely following. Saina Takkar was awarded the title of Best Actor and Sakshi Agrawal, Rushali Rastogi, Aadika Rawal, Sampada Pathak, Sharmistha More and Akshita Bhansali received special mentions for their exemplary performance.



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