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The ChuckerButty Memorial Debate

The ChuckerButty Memorial Debate, 2015, was held in The Doon School from the 4th to the 6th of September. There were 15 participating schools with over 56 debaters following the World Debating Format of debating. Mahima Grover, Sakshi Agrawal, Sampada Pathak and Sharanya Jakhmola represented Hopetown Girls' School. Each team had to participate in the 5 preliminary rounds. The motions for



the 5 rounds were: "Supporting the use of Tiger Parenting techniques," "Schools should avoid instilling patriotism," "This House will watch ISIS execution videos," "Online anonymity shouldn't be banned" and "College education should be made mandatory." Every subject was dissected and no matter was left un-addressed. Our team won 3/5 de-

bates. The Chuckerbutty Memorial Debate served as more than just a platform for debating or participation, it served as an arena where each debater was brought out of their comfort zone and was forced to think out of the box. With prompt reply speeches and rebuttals and convincing points in the course of the debates, the debaters are now much better than they have ever been.

- Rushali Rastogi



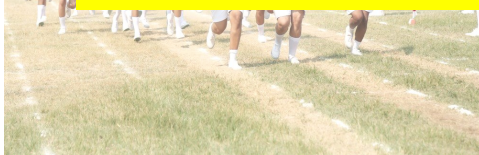


JANAMASHTAMI

On the eight day of Shravan, in the month of September, Devki and Nanda gave birth to their eighth child, **Krishna**. Devaki's evil brother, Kansa, had already slain her first seven children. But as Lord Krishna took birth, the guards suddenly fell asleep and the prison doors got unlocked as if by magic. Nanda quickly put baby Krishna into a basket and waded across the Yamuna, which, being in the middle of the monsoon, was in full flow. Yet, not a drop touched the sleeping baby. Nanda left him with his friend Yashodha at a nearby village, Gokul. Here, Krishna performs extraordinary feats and defeats demons ten times his size, while still a child.

It is in the memory of his birth that we celebrate **Janamashtami**, which makes for the most awaited celebrations in our school. This was clearly visible as every student showed unbounded faith and enthusiasm, marking the victory of good over evil.

- Sharmistha More.



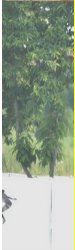
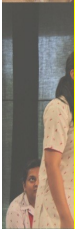
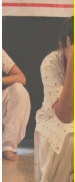
MRS. RAMAMURTHI MEMORIAL PERFORMING ARTS COMPETITION

On the 27th of September, every year, Hopetown Girls' Schools hosts the "Ramamurthi memorial Performing Arts Competition", or the RMPAC, com-

memorating late Mrs. Vijaya Ramamurthi's birth-day. This year, all the participating schools performed a *nukkad naatak* based on the

theme "Swatchch Bharat Abhiyaan." The schools, through their skits, portrayed the sorry state of the hygiene in most of the cities, towns and villages in India. Scholar's Home bagged the first position followed by Welham Girls' School and Shri Ram Centennial.

-Vrinda Aggarwal.



SPORTS DAY

We witnessed the Hopetavians at their athletic best on the 12th of September, this year. After grueling hours of practice and immense dedication, the four Houses strived hard for victory.



The Chief Guest for the event was Mr. Johnnathon Anthony Mason, a renowned educationist. The events started with the March Past followed by the Karate and the Yoga display. We also witnessed the tug-o-war between our finalists Diamond House and Emerald House. After a tough competition Diamond House won the March Past trophy and the Athletics Cup went to Emerald House.



Teachers Day

Teacher-student relationship has been much talked about over the ages, and over the ages, the role of the teacher has also evolved from being just a teacher, to becoming a friend, guide and philosopher.

Teachers Day is celebrated all over India, by the students, to express their love, affection and respect for their teachers and at HOPETOWN GIRLS' SCHOOL, this year, the day became a memory to cherish lifelong! The Grade XI girls took up the organization of the program for the Day and they did not leave any stone unturned to make it the most memorable.

The teachers were made to feel special right at the onset of the day, as the bus that plies for the teachers was decorated with meaningful quotations and balloons and an invite for the program, along with a chocolate that was left on the reserved seats of all the Day Staff, while the residential staff got a surprise at the doorstep when they opened their doors. After such a lovely beginning, the program put up by the girls was in no way short of excellence. Be it the dances, the orchestra, the skit or the presentation on the teachers captured in the classes, everything was par excellence. As the day proceeded towards the end, each teacher at HOPETOWN GIRLS' SCHOOL felt proud of belonging to an institution where the students uphold high principles.

- Ms. Sonia Singh (Dept. of English)



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