

# THE HAPPY CIRCLE

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# Conflicting View Points!!

## UKRAINE VS. RUSSIA

### WHO IS RIGHT AND WHO ISN'T?



## #rootinforputin

The war began in February 2014 following the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity, and initially focused on the status of Crimea and parts of the Donbas, internationally recognized as part of Ukraine. Russia annexed Crimea and the Russian troops in the Crimean Peninsula aimed "to ensure proper conditions for the people of Crimea to be able to freely express their will," while Ukraine and the other nations argue that such intervention is a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty, however, facts state that 82% of Crimea's population supported its accession to Russia. The government of Ukraine is considered incompetent as the current President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelensky, a comedian was chosen to head Ukraine's dysfunctional, often corrupt politics three years ago. He steered a government as immature and naïve as he is. Political pundits confirm that he selected veteran comedians, leaning on personal loyalty rather than expertise or building coalitions in Ukraine's dying democracy. Therefore, we come to the conclusion that Ukraine is simply being governed by a bunch of comedians and that it should give Russia a say in their matters in order to save its dying democracy. To add to a list of reasons why Russia is right in the war is the fact that other countries will offer their protection to Ukraine for a price. This will simply lead to Ukraine being under the rule of the United States as it is said the US wants to place NATO army everywhere in order to remotely control the countries. These are enough reasons to prove that Russia should get a say in the matters of Ukraine. Ukraine is not even half as strong as Russia and an alliance with Russia will help it to lift its democracy and better its condition.





## #norussianreigninukraine

Ukraine has long played a crucial, sometimes underrated role in global security. Today, the country is at the forefront of a resurgent great-power rivalry, which many observers believe will shape international relations in the coming decades. The invasion of Ukraine by Russia in full force in 2022 signified a significant escalation of the eight-year struggle and a historic turning point for European security. Ukraine has managed to resist many aspects of Russia's offensive ambushes, thanks to increased Western aid, but several of its cities have been pulverized, and one-quarter of the country's population is now refugees and displaced.

It's still uncertain whether and how a diplomatic solution will be reached.

The future of Ukraine's position in the world, especially its allegiance with institutions like the European Union (EU) and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), is in jeopardy. During the Cold War, Ukraine was a cornerstone of the Soviet Union, the US's arch-rival. It was the most populous and powerful of the fifteen Soviet republics, second only to Russia in terms of population and power. It was home to much of the union's agricultural production, defence industry, and military, including the Black Sea Fleet and some of the nuclear arsenal. Ukraine was so important to the union that its decision to break ties in 1991 was a death blow to the beleaguered superpower.

Russia and Ukraine have strong familial bonds that go back centuries. Kyiv, Ukraine's capital, is usually mentioned as "the mother of Russian cities," on par in terms of cultural influence with Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Approximately eight million ethnic Russians were living in Ukraine as of 2001, mostly within the south and east. Moscow claimed a requirement to guard these people as a pretext for its actions in Crimea and therefore the Donbas in 2014.

After the Soviet collapse, many Russian politicians viewed the divorce from Ukraine as an error of history and a threat to Russia's standing as an excellent power. Losing a permanent hold on Ukraine, and letting it fall under the Western orbit, would be seen by many as a serious blow to Russia's international prestige.

Soviet leader Khrushchev transferred Crimea from Russia to Ukraine in 1954 to strengthen the "brotherly ties between the Ukrainian and Russian peoples." However, since the autumn of the union, many Russian nationalists in both Russia and Crimea longed for a return to the peninsula.



The Sports Corner:

## Waiting to Turn 18-Kanak Agarwal

A national level roller hockey player

“You don’t need to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.” Martin Luther King Jr.

Though Kanak is young, she has been honoured with a number of achievements and awards in the field of roller hockey. She started by winning one Silver and three Gold medals at the State Level. Then she touched greater heights and won two Gold and one Bronze at the Nationals. Besides these, she was also awarded one gold medal in Open State.

As a five-year-old, having an elder brother who knew how to play roller hockey was enough to inspire her. She also wanted to start playing a sport that would be a new experience for her, something she was not that familiar with.

Kanak started her journey with the goal of learning how to roller skate. She had absolutely no idea about her future as a roller hockey player. Slowly when she started getting better at it, she considered taking roller hockey seriously. It was here that she decided to pursue roller hockey as her passion and goal.

There are many hurdles that come in a person’s way while learning how to play a new game. Young Kanak also had to go through obstacles even when she was just a beginner.

Learning a new sport gives you qualities that help even in real life. It endows you with new skills, for example, coordination, balance and focus. These skills have also helped Kanak immensely. First Kanak had to learn how to roller skate to play roller hockey which was a challenging task!!

However, Kanak has to have immense patience as she is not yet 18 and is not allowed to take part at an international platform but she aspires to do so one day, and win and make India proud.

We wish you all the best, Kanak!!

**- Nitya Bansal  
Grade 8**





# FROM THE WORLD OF ENTERTAINMENT:

## TOP 10 NUMBERS: April, 2022

- 1.As it was -  
Harry Styles
- 2.Still Life -  
BIGBANG
- 3.Big Energy -  
Mariah Carey
- 4.When you're  
gone - Shawn  
Mendes
- 5.Sweet Florida  
- Van Zant
- 6.Never till now  
- Ashley Cook  
and Brett  
Young
- 7.When we  
started -  
Katy Perry
- 8.Big Energy  
(remix) -  
Mariah Carey
- 9.Surface  
Pressure - No  
Resolve
- 10.Make up -  
Machine Gun  
Kelly and  
Blackbear

## MOVIE RECOMMENDATION:

### "The Pursuit of Happyness"

"The Pursuit of Happyness" is a 2006 American biographical movie directed by Gabriele Muccino, starring Will Smith as Chris Gardner and Jaden Smith as Christopher Jr. It was released on December 15, 2006, by Columbia Pictures. In the reviews, Will Smith's performance was highly acclaimed. He was nominated for an Oscar and a Golden Globe for his performance in the movie.

The movie is based on Gardner's nearly one-year struggle when he was homeless. As Gardner works to make ends meet, his wife leaves him, and he loses his apartment. Forced to live out in the streets with his son, Gardner continues to sell bone density scanners while taking on an unpaid internship as a stockbroker, with slim chances for advancement to a paid position.

Happiness is deliberately spelt wrong as "Happyness" gives a perfect meaning to imperfection. The true essence of the movie lies in the journey of attaining a goal wherein the protagonist overcomes challenges and manifestations of poverty. Being a single father, that too homeless, Chris Gardner pursues a course that is a roller coaster ride! The movie keeps you on the edge. Each day is a struggle where Chris makes a cocoon for his son to be safe and "happy". The tribulations, the failures, the perseverance and the feat are major takeaways from this saga. The audience is left spell-bound and emotionally shaken by Chris Gardner's chequered expedition of life and how the climax reveals an astounding journey.

The bond between the father and the son speaks volumes and resonates to the core. It is heart rendering and the sentiments seem to personally hit the audiences' soul. The spirit of the movie lies in this bond between the two of them which has a rippling effect and makes this pursuit truly "HAPPY".

- CHITRANI SINGH  
Grade 9





# 'ONE-HIT WONDERS'

1.

## Hey There Delilah - Plain White T's

It was released in May 2006 as the third single from their third studio album 'All That We Needed'. In 2007, a year after the song's release, it became the band's first hit in the United States, eventually reaching number one on the Billboard Hot 100 in July. It was the Plain White T's first, and till date, only major hit. It also reached number two in the UK. The song ended 2007 as the year's 14th biggest selling single in the UK. Since its release, "Hey There Delilah" has been covered by many artists worldwide in one form or another. It has sold over 4,000,000 digital copies in the US alone.

2.

## Cheerleader (Felix Jaehn Remix) - OMI

"Cheerleader" is a song recorded by Jamaican singer Omi. Released as a single on independent label Oufah, the song saw success in Jamaica, where it topped the charts, and attracted airplay in Hawaii and Dubai. The label and song's producers preferred one remix, produced by a young German DJ, Felix Jaehn, that eschewed much of the song's original instrumentation for a tropical-flavoured deep house rendition. A remix extended play was released in May 2015 by Ultra, which began to first see commercial success that fall. "Cheerleader" achieved commercial success in 2015 when it reached number one in 20 countries.

3.

## Somebody That I Used to Know ft. Kimbra - Gotye

"Somebody That I Used to Know" is a song written by Belgian-Australian singer-songwriter Gotye, featuring New Zealand singer Kimbra. The song was released in Australia and New Zealand by Eleven Music on 5th July 2011. It was later released by Universal Music in December 2011 in the United Kingdom, and on 20th January 2012 in the United States and Ireland. In Australia, the song won the Triple J Hottest 100 poll at the end of 2011, as well as ARIA Awards for song of the year and best video, while Kimbra was voted best female artist and Gotye was named best male artist and producer of the year. The song came ninth in the Triple J Hottest 100 of the Past 20 Years, 2013. In 2013, the song won two Grammy Awards for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance and Record of the Year. Commercially, the song was a global success and became both artists' signature song. It reached the top of the charts in the US, UK, Australia and New Zealand, as well as 25 other official charts, and reached the top 10 in more than 30 countries around the world.

4.

## Who Let the Dogs Out - Baha Men

The song is performed by the Bahamian group Baha Men. The song, released on 26th July 2000, became the band's first and only hit in the United Kingdom and the United States, and it gained popularity after appearing in Rugrats in Paris: The Movie and its soundtrack album. The song peaked at No. 2 on the UK Singles Chart and reached the Top 40 in the United States. In Britain, it was championed by DJ John Peel and went on to be the fourth biggest-selling single of 2000, and one of the highest-selling singles of the decade not to reach No. 1. The track went on to win the Grammy for Best Dance Recording at the 2001 Grammy Awards.

5.

## All Star - Smash Mouth

"All Star" is a song by the American rock band Smash Mouth from their second studio album, Astro Lounge (1999). It was nominated for the Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals at the 42nd Grammy Awards. Subsequent reviews from critics have regarded "All Star" favourably, with some ranking it as one of the best songs of 1999. The song charted around the world, ranking in the top 10 of the charts in Australia, Canada, and on the Billboard Hot 100, while topping the Billboard Adult Top 40 and Mainstream Top 40 charts.

6.

## MMMBop - Hanson

"MMMBop" is a song written and performed by the American pop-rock band Hanson. It was released on April 15, 1997, as the lead single from their debut full-length studio album, Middle of Nowhere (1997). It was a major success worldwide, reaching number one in at least 12 countries, including Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. The song was voted the best single of the year in The Village Voice Jazz & Pop critics poll, while also topping critics' polls from such media as Rolling Stone, Spin, and VH1, and was ranked number 20 on VH1's "100 Greatest Songs of the 90s", as well as number 98 on VH1's "100 Greatest Songs of the Past 25 Years".

7.

## Feel It Still - Portugal. The Man

"Feel It Still" is a song by the American rock band Portugal. The Man. The song reached number one on the US Alternative Songs, Mexican and Russian TopHit airplay chart. It was also their first entry on the US Billboard Hot 100, becoming a sleeper hit, as it took eight months to peak at number four in November 2017. The track reached the top 10 in 18 countries including Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Ireland, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. In January 2018, the song won the Best Pop Duo/Group Performance at the 60th Annual Grammy Awards.

# INTER-HOUSE MUSIC AND DANCE - WHAT DO THE STARS PREDICT?!

ARIES – Aries are the ones experimenting and participating in new ventures during Inter-House events. They are generally determined to win and can motivate themselves and others around them well before any performance.

TAURUS – If you need consolation during Inter-House, finding yourself a Taurean would be advisable. During Inter-House, they tend to be competitive, diligent and efficient.

GEMINI – Geminis will generally be the people who will think a lot before experimenting with anything. They are so passionate about winning that they stop thinking about anything else.

CANCER – During Inter-House, Cancerians will feel shy and not participate but if given a chance they will do their best. They would panic a lot before a performance and will have stage fright, but their perseverance will prevail above all else.

LEO – Leos tend to get nervous before going on stage but can soon overcome their nervousness with relative ease. They will try their best to win and get their House a trophy.

VIRGO – Virgos will often succeed in winning all the events because they are known for having a will of iron.

LIBRA – During Inter-House, Librans will be active and be the ones contributing the most, so much so that they tend to socialize more than focus on the competition. You will find them consoling their friends and providing them with a good laugh during Inter-House events.

SCORPIO – Scorpions will get nervous but will not show it to anyone because they want people to know that they are strong and bold.

SAGITTARIUS – A Sagittarius will generally be all over the place as they participate in so many things at the same time. A Sagittarius likes to be the 'Jack of all trades and master of none.'

CAPRICORN – Capricorns are always organized. They are probably the only sign that is organized and practical.

AQUARIUS – During Inter-House events, an Aquarian will keep calm and keep everyone around them calm.

PISCES – Pisceans are full of imagination. During Inter-House events they will be very creative in whatever they are doing.



# Humans of Hopetown

Let's hear what the new commers have to say...

## Ms. Manisha Sharma

### 1. How is Hopetown different from your previous workplace?

**Answer:** This school has a totally different environment compared to any other office. One has to have different mindsets while dealing with students of different ages.

### 2. Is Hopetown calming as a workplace?

**Answer:** Yes, the environment and natural surroundings have a calming effect on an individual.

### 3. Are the students kind and respectful?

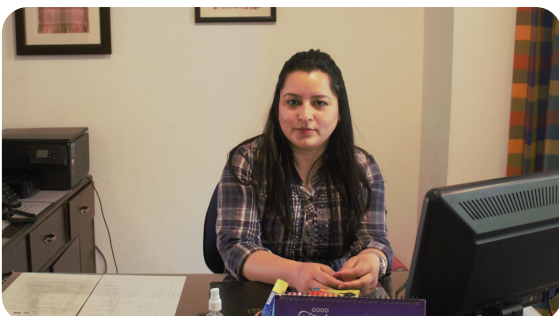
**Answer:** Yes, the children are quite respectful and kind towards elders and peers.

### 4. Is there anything you would like to change about Hopetown?

**Answer:** I am too new to answer this but in the few months that I have been here, it has been a pleasure.

### 5. Are you looking forward to more years at Hopetown?

**Answer:** Yes!! God willing.



## Laibah Khan

### 1. How do you feel at Hopetown?

**Answer:** I feel amazing at Hopetown.

### 2. Is Hopetown any different from your previous school? If yes, then how and If no then what are the similarities?

**Answer:** Yes, there are several differences. My previous school didn't offer as many sports as Hopetown does. Here, at Hopetown I enjoy the different sports that we play. Also, in my previous school, I could be with my friends for only six hours and in Hopetown I can be with them 24x7, and I live with them.

### 3. What is it that you love the most about Hopetown? What is the one new thing the school taught you?

**Answer:** Sports, I love sports the most at Hopetown and that's what I enjoyed the most at Hopetown. Hopetown taught me how to live independently, which I'm extremely grateful for.

### 4. Was it easy to make new friends in Hopetown? Were there any times you found it difficult to adjust?

**Answer:** It was quite challenging at first but eventually I made some really good friends. Since it's a boarding school, it is quite difficult to adjust but gradually, everything falls right into place.

### 5. Is there anything you don't like about Hopetown? If yes then what is it?

**Answer:** No, I love Hopetown and wouldn't change a thing about it!!

### 6. Are you looking forward to your schooling at Hopetown?

**Answer:** Yes, of course!!

# ART UNLEASHED!!

Artwork by our middle school students



By: Akshma Mangal  
Grade: 8



By: Sargun Kaur  
Grade: 9



By: Shambhavi Jaiswal  
Grade: 9



By: Hansika Saraf  
Grade: 8



# The Asac Presents:

"Photographie De  
Fleurs"

Nandini Mittal - G 12



Avika Goel- G 10



Jigisha Sachdeva - G 10



Nandini Mittal - G 12



Poems:

# Summer Breeze

After endless days of winter breeze, the cool  
summer breeze comes to us.

The days are long, the nights are short.  
The sun comes up early, bidding goodbye to  
the darkness of the night.

The flowers bloom with new hope.  
The summer breeze rushes to them.  
The animals dance elegantly for they no longer  
have to face the biting cold weather and the  
summer breeze flows with them.

The people have fun.  
The summer breeze joins them and brings  
with it happiness and peace.

- Aditi Patro  
Grade 8



# AT THE BEACH

Waves so grand.  
Playing in the sand.  
Have some fun.  
In the hot red sun.

A perfect spot.  
For building the castle's plot.  
Sand on the ground.  
Blowing around.

Silver shells.  
Like shiny bells.  
I have to say,  
It made my day.

- Hasrat Kaur Sarai  
Grade 9



# Events Diary from the 2022 inception till date:

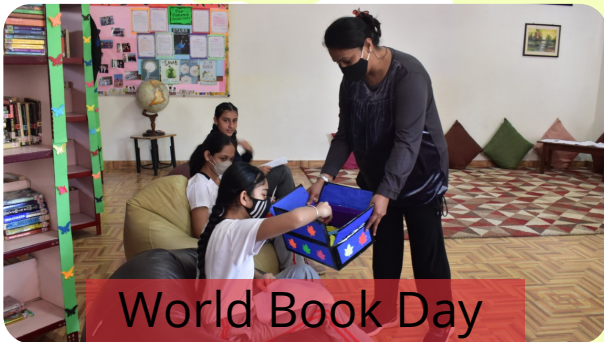
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## Holi Celebrations



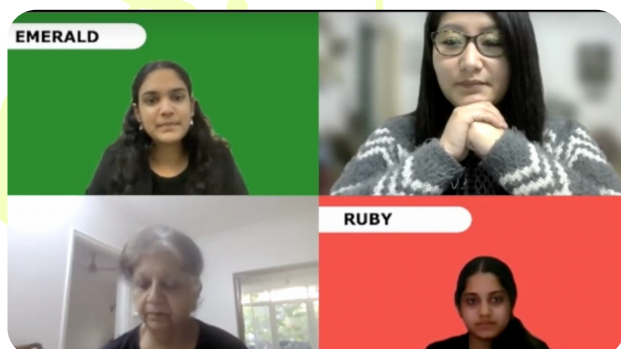
# LIBRARY EVENTS:



# LIT FEST: THE IH QUARTERNITY CHALLENGE



Overall Winners: Ruby House  
Turncoat Winners: Sapphire House  
JAM Winners: Sapphire House  
Story Telling Winners: Ruby House  
AD making Winners: Sapphire House







# MID TERM CAMPS



Middle School enjoying in Rishikesh!!



Grade 9 having fun at Jayalgarh!!



Grade 11 relaxing in Kanatal!!



Grade 12 enjoying in Jayalgarh!!





FAREWELL



GRADUATION  
CEREMONY





# AWARDS CEREMONY 2021-22



**Principal's Award: Hiya Atreya  
Renaissance Student of the Year:  
Shambhavi Jaiswal  
Mrs. V. Ramamuriti Award: Vedanshi  
Keyal  
Leadership Award: Urvi Jain  
Malala Yousafzai Award: Mannat  
Dhall**

**The Cock House Trophy:  
Ruby House  
The Conduct Trophy: (Tie)  
Diamond and Ruby House  
The Music and Dance Trophy:  
Sapphire House**



## ANTI - BULLYING WEEK







## Middle School Initiation:



## Middle School Investiture

### House Prefects:

- Emerald House Prefect: Navya Mehta
- Sapphire House Prefect: Himshree Jain
- Ruby House Prefect: Pragyamita Choudhary
- Diamond House Prefect: Shubhi Keyal



### Prefects:

- Mess Prefect: Pavni Bhatia
- Mess Prefect: Siddhika Agarwal
- Cultural Prefect: Gauri Gupta
- Sports Prefect: Saisha Gandhi
- I.T Prefect: Sunishka Motani
- G2 Prefect: Nitya Bansal
- Art Prefect: Aarnah Narula
- ED Board Prefect: Simar Sahota

# IH Basketball- HOTSHOT



Winners:  
Emerald House  
Runners up:  
Diamond House

## IAYP Bronze and Silver Treks:



### Bronze Trek



### Bronze Trek



### Silver Trek



### Silver Trek



### Silver Trek





# Welcome to HTGS



## New Girls Induction:



## ICE BREAKING!!





# Rotary Club Initiatives:

## THE CHRISTMAS SALE

Christmas celebrations, 2021 were on 16th and 17th December. It was a time of joy and fun for all Hopetavians. The afternoon of 16th December started off with a Christmas sale organized by the students for the support staff. The sale encouraged the joy of giving by selling 'hand me down clothes, shoes, and stationery at minimum rates.

It dawned on us how gifted we are and how grateful we should be for what we have because there are people who have much less than we do. Our aim was to share what we have and by the smiles on their faces, we came to know that our first ever Christmas sale was a huge success. The environment was cheerful and the delight on everyone's faces was a sight to behold.



## THE BAKING CLUB

Amidst the third wave of Covid-19, we, Hopetavians did not think of sitting back and relaxing, instead, we came up with an initiative led by the students. We started with a baking club in the month of June and July during our summer breaks. The baking club was about the bake sale; children baked cupcakes, cakes, cookies, and more. It was a time when all got busy with the joy of baking. Everyone in their hometown sent out e-posters and circulated messages to their family and friends. We sold our baked items at a nominal cost. We raised a good amount of funds for the 'Mitra Club.' It was an activity that kept the students busy and helped create many relishing memories.

TAKING A STEP TO  
CHERISH LIVES!

AN INITIATIVE TAKEN  
BY THE STUDENTS OF  
HOPETOWN GIRLS'  
SCHOOL TO HELP  
RAISE FUNDS FOR THE  
UNDERPRIVILEGED  
EFFECTED BY COVID-19.

*Joy of baking for many lives!*

BAKING COOKIES, CAKES,  
MUFFINS, BREADS AND MUCH  
MORE!

Happy baking!!

## DOG ADOPTION

Adopting a life is an overwhelming experience and two students, Arushi Virmani and Rupal Soni being in the same city, jointly adopted a stray dog in the month of October 2021. The dog was found injured and they decided to adopt him and take care of him. The two girls are passionate animal lovers.

- 'Some things just fill your heart without trying'





# NGO

Our student, Noor-ul-Saba believes that the only way to be truly kind is to be there for one another. She has always wanted to give back to society in the way she can and that led her to initiate a project called 'SMILE CHARITIES'. The aim of the project is to focus on different social issues such as women empowerment, child labour, child sexual abuse and others. It also focuses on charity work. Till now her team has visited five orphanages where she has met many children with brilliant passion for academics, artwork, and so on. She held sessions with those children on child sexual abuse and also donated food and stationery to them.



## GET YOURSELF VACCINATED NOW!

TAKE YOUR VACCINE NOW AND BE SAFE!

COVID-19 vaccines are available for those 18 years old and above. Book your vaccine slot by contacting us on the number given below.

We are taking this initiative in this pandemic to help the people who are unable to book their slots.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR DETAILS :  
ADHAR CARD NUMBER  
PHONE NUMBER  
TO THE NUMBER BELOW

FOR BOOKING YOUR SLOT  
CALL ON THIS NUMBER:

**91+ 7417697097**

RUPAL SONI



## VACCINATION DRIVE

As more and more people were getting vaccinated under the government's initiative towards the end of 2021, Rupal Soni thought of taking the initiative to hold a vaccination drive and make people aware of the importance of taking the vaccine. She took an interview with a doctor in her town and asked him about the importance and need for vaccines in the surge of Covid-19. She sent out posters and messages to the people who wanted help in booking their vaccination slots online. It helped the underprivileged people, the people who are not tech-savvy. Firstly, she booked the slots for the helpers at different homes. This took two months of her vacation. It was not just a challenge but also a fulfilling experience.

## DONATION

On the day of Diwali, Rupal Soni went to an orphanage and donated her old clothes, toys, and sweets. Getting a smile on someone's face is the biggest joy for the giver. The joy of getting is short-lived. Our lives are richer when we share, and that great inner joy comes from helping others to better their lives.



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