To learn is to lead

The Pinnacle School

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TAKING THE LEAD

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

Investiture ceremony is about building a strong and efficient team that would work towards the smooth functioning of the School.

Donning the mantle of responsibility young leaders of the newly elected prefectorial board of session 2022-23 took charge of the office on 12th October 2022.

It signifies the confidence which the School consigns in the freshly invested office bearers. It was my absolute dream to become the school captain. While I walked from the class line in the school assembly towards our Principal to receive the honour, I felt ambivalent, the world stood still. At that time there was a single thought that came to my mind, *"IF THINGS WERE EASY TO FIND, THEY WOULD'NT BE WORTH FINDING."*

I realised how content and self-satisfied I was.

Like we know every coin has two sides, being a leader was not an easy task but not an impossible one either. I knew that it would always play a very important role in my life, it prepared me for the possible challenges I could face in the journey of life.The House Mistress in her address said that *`ITS NOT ABOUT THE ROLE, ITS ABOUT THE GOAL'* . No matter which position you belong to, you have to give your best to maintain the decorum of the School.

I am extremely grateful to the School faculty who gave me this opportunity and saw me capable for this position. I promise to keep up the School motto *`TO LEARN IS TO LEAD'* and work hard to take the school's name to new heights.

Tanishka Dua - XII



Reading Matters

My favourite book is Harry Potter written by J.K. Rowling. There are seven volumes of this series. Each volume is extra ordinarily amazing and full of adventure. My favourite one, among all the seven volumes, is the first volume which I read when I was eight years old.

The name of the first book is 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone". According to me, the most fascinating thing about this book is the adventure and the fantasy elements. This story is about an eleven year old boy called Harry Potter, who is an orphan. One day he finds out that he is a wizard . He learnt that he must go to "Hogwarts", a school for witchcraft and wizardry in order to get trained. This is the point where all the adventure begins. It is wonderful to read Harry solve mysteries, explore dark secrets and go on thrilling adventures.

The style in which J.K. Rowling has written the book is outstanding. The way one can experience every single emotion is great. Harry is very courageous and strong willed.

I would love to thank J.K. Rowling for writing such a wonderful book. Reading these books is a completely immersing experience where one falls in love with Harry and his friends begin to hate all those who are trying to harm him. I am Team Harry all the way!!!

Shagun Sharma -VIIB

A Meaningful Message

'It is only through a close collaboration and partnership that we can achieve our goal of producing responsible leaders and sensible citizens of the imminent future.'

To have a better understanding of the competitive world and to infuse a sense of team-spirit, commitment, healthy competition and to realise their latent talents, the four houses namely Nehru, Teresa, Tagore and Gandhi were constituted. Participation is encouraged through various inter-house competitions in creative and performing arts, literary activities, academics along with sports and co-curricular events.

My role as a House-Mistress is to work towards shaping the young creative minds in a systematized way to nurture them as skilful team players who have probable solutions to the problems faced by fellow students and remain bound to a strong value system.

The ceremony for facilitation of the members of Student Council was held on 12th October 2022. The moment was special when the School was going to honour the newly elected Council with their badges. The ceremony concluded with an oath and message from the Principal. It gives us immense pleasure to see team-spirit amongst the members of Student Council and we are proud of each one of them for never giving up and supporting one another.

We pride ourselves to help them grow and develop into sensitive and responsible citizens of the future.

THE CROWN

The series "The Crown" portrays the life of Queen Elizabeth II and the royal family. Princess Elizabeth got married to Prince Philip. At the age of 25, she was already a wife and a mother. Her father King George VI suddenly passed away. This left many responsibilities to Queen Elizabeth as she acceeded the throne. It was the beginning of a new era.

This series depicts true feelings of Queen Elizabeth's son, Prince Charles towards Camilla Shand. But in the end he had to marry someone who the royal family would approve of. The series specially focusses on Princess Diana and the trouble she had getting used to the royal ways. It also shows the issues in the married lives of all the people associated with the royal family.



The show exposes the flaws and tensions that existed in the Royal family. It offers an interesting view point into the history. Off late, "The Crown" has been the focus of backlash and criticism for dramatizing events close to the present age, whose reverberations are still playing out in real time, and for premiering a season close to the death of its subject, Queen Elizabeth II. Netflix responded by adding disclaimers to the show, describing it as a "fictional dramatization" and "inspired by real-life events."

Aaira Goswami -XII

Rishi Sunak- An Ideal



Rishi Sunak- its a name we all have been hearing since the past few weeks. Rishi Sunak is the present Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, former coloniser of India. It has been an exquisitely proud moment for all Indians and others to have witnessed this. He made us believe, knowledge and qualification can surpass all barriers of discrimination, be it racial, cultural or of any other sort.

Rishi Sunak becoming the Prime Minister of UK on 25th October 2022, has been the result of a long continuous journey, which he made sure he never got tired of. He was born in Southampton as a son to Southeast African-born Hindu parents of Indian Punjabi descent. His father was a General Practitioner in National Health Services, while his mother was a pharmacist who worked at her own local shop.

For schooling, he went to an independent boys' boarding school, which soon after realising his caliber and potential handed him the prestigious title of the Head boy. Despite having a descent family background and a respectable school, Rishi served as a waiter at a curry house at Southampton during his holidays. Sunak had been interested and passionate about politics and social welfare from the very start and had possessed a subtle quality of leadership and mentoring.

He graduated with a wide range of subjects like Philosophy, Politics and Economics from the Lincoln College, Oxford, with a first in 2001. Along with his course at his University, he undertook an internship at Conservative Campaign Headquarters which provided him with great experience in his field. In 2006 he did his masters in Business Administration from the Stanford University, where he was a Fulbright Scholar.

Sunak grew up in a medical-science background where most people's expectation from him were for him to become a Science or medical student. His approach towards his work wasn't affected by his parents' occupation. Instead of following the family hierarchy, he went on to set an admirable example for all young people out there who often take up their parents' or family profession because of social pressure or simply because they fear to stand out. Sunak's life journey as a student, a son, a politician and as a social servant is an outstanding specimen which remarks that "Chasing dreams are everyone's right."

Agrima Singh Kushwah - XA

DEMOLITION OF TWIN TOWERS



Apex and Ceyane- the two 100 metre supertech twin towers of Noida were demolished at 2.30 pm on August 28, 2022 as per a Supreme Court order that found their construction in violation of norms such as fire safety, building codes and minimum distance requirements. They were brought down by a massive blast. The explosives were triggered and the towers fell within seconds. The demolition of the towers was an immense havoc resulting in tonnes of dust and debris.

Destructions like this are bound to have a major effect on the environment and the surroundings. The explosion produced a large amount of smoke leading to air pollution which further raised concerns for the residents regarding its impact on health. The debris of the explosion left behind were extremely hazardous to health and can worsen respiratory issues .The demolition not only effected the health but also the land and the surroundings. The excessive dust shot up the AQI. It effected the flora in more ways than one.

The towers were located in a residential neighborhood with large greenery. The dust submerged nearby trees and vegetation. Apart from the health and environmental impact, the demolition incurred a huge economic loss. A large amount of money was used in the construction which was wasted within seconds. Looking at the repercussions, one can't help but feel that it was necessary to avoid the demolition as it did not only cause severe economic loss but also effected the environment and residents' surrounding.

Aliza Hashmi -XB

Ramleela

Ramleela is nothing but a stage representation of the epic Ramayana. It is the biggest event celebrated in North India. It usually starts ten days before Dusshera and concludes on or a day or two after Dusshera. Music and dance is performed with full zeal and zest. It is one of the most art related stage shows celebrated within Hinduism.

Ramleela gives the message of ` Maryada Purushottam` which implies- a man ahead of the men in terms of moral values. It depicts the story of lord Ram from his birth to his marriage, his exile to Sita`s abduction, meeting lord Hanuman and killing Ravan.

Though Ramleela is staged all over North India but the ones that are staged in cities like Varanasi, Ram Nagar and Chitrakoot have charms of their own. People dress up like different characters of Ramayan and play their role depicting the whole story.



The preparation and rehearsal of Ramleela starts many days before Ramleela. It is a way to remind people of their culture and heritage, about the great deeds of lord Ram and to show people the ideal way of leading their life.

M.Mohitha Srivalli Reddy - 7B

Celebrating Chath

What is the first thing that comes to your head when you hear the word Bihar?.. umm... Maybe Bodh Gaya, Buddhism, Temples, Lalu Prasad Yadav -The scam Man (like why not), Litti chokhaa . And one thing I am sure about Is CHHATH PUJA



Chhath puja is the main and the most important festival of the state we today know as Bihar . It is not only a festival but an emotion for all the citizens of Bihar . For me, apart from the mythological reasons , it is the time when family members unite , children come back home and cousins meet. The most unique feature about Chhath Puja is the main idea behind it, which is above the concept of Murti Pujan (Idol Worshipping), unlike most of the festivals of the Hindu religion.

Sun is the source of life for possibly every creation on this planet and this festival is just a way to pay tribute to that life support system irrespective of caste, creed, and gender . An even more interesting point is that this festival celebrates both the setting as well as the rising of the Sun. And this is said to be a metaphor to the rise and fall in our lives. It is a 4 day festival with 2 days of pre-festival procedures and 2 days of main fast. Whether you believe it or not every other devotee has to follow the same strict guidelines . All the proceedings and offerings are offered by the devotees performing the fast on their own, which breaks another stereotype of hiring a priest . Most importantly, you can ask for the Prasad (the famous Thekua,) and blessings from a devotee ,even if you're a total stranger to them because no one says no to such favours .

Raksha Jha - XA

A way to start your day

Prabhat pheri means a group of people taking early morning rounds around the society while reciting shabads. Prabhat feri begins in gurudwaras and proceeds around the localities singing hymns. Long time ago, during the yesteryears of ethnic India , people from the villages would get up early in the morning much before the sun rays peeped from the sky and take rounds of the village chanting and reciting shabads and also playing ethnic instruments. It is believed that this ritual invokes the good spirits and chases the evil spirits of the night, further welcoming the morning with good vibrations. It used to happen everywhere across the country and it continued till it got shadowed by late night partying and unhealthy modern day habits. But, it is heartening to know that in some of the villages and tribes where belief is not considered as superstition, people still get up in the morning and roam around the villages invoking the good spirits with chants, music and rhythm.

Fateh Singh - VB

Fun Times

The best of the school memories are made when school trips are being planned. Right from the time the students are informed about them , to the day after the trip , the school reverberates with energy and happiness. Many trips and excursions were conducted for all the classes. Students explored the city and places outside too, with their teachers and friends and came back jubilant.

Primary school children were taken to the Duck Park and the Railway Museum.Students learnt about the history of the railways.The students also enjoyed riding the toy trains.The middle school children spent an invigorating day at Camp Tickling, indulging in adventure activities, dancing and singing. The senior classes went on a three day trip to Rajgarh.A quiet place tucked away in the lap of Himalyas. The students did plenty of activities like trekking, adventure activities like rappelling , Burma bridge and zip lining. Not to forget there is always bonfire and dancing to bond and let their hair down.









PINNACLE CHAMPIONS

Zonal Yoga Competition Results 2022-2023

Artistic under 14

Second position Deepanshu class 6 in sub junior

Rhythmic under 14

Third position kanishk class 6 in sub junior

Rhythmic under 19

Third position Jatin class 12 in senior Group Yoga

Under -14 Sub Junior

Third position

17 participants

Under-19 Senior

Second position

17 participants

Badminton championship Zone 23 -Junior badminton boys - Third position

Basketball sub junior boys Zone 23 - Third position

Athletics zone 23 Annual athletics meet - Anshika Berry - Third position in 100 meter sprint

Javelin throw jr boys - Shaad - Third position

Javelin throw sr boys - Nishaan Singh Puaar - Third position

Ronak Pareva of class 12 deserves special mention as she has made us proud, time and again, with her relentless hardwork and numerous wins in WUSHU. It started with CBSE Interschool Judo Competition where she stood First, then she bagged the second prize in Delhi state Wushu Competition.



She went on to win the Gold medal in State Wushu Competition. Last but not the least, she won the Bronze in Wushu khelo India North Zone.

RESULTS FOR ZONAL JUDO COMPETITION 2022 -2023 VENUE: HAUZ RANI MALVIYA NAGAR

Sr No	Student Name	Class	RESULTS
1	Ritu Chaudhary	VII - A	1ST POSITION
2	Nandini	VII - A	3RD POSITION
3	Riddhi Samania	VII - A	2ND POSITION
4	Jyoti Choudhary	VIII - B	3RD POSITION
5	ZiyaSaifi	VIII - B	3RD POSITION
6	Mehar Imam	VIII - B	3RD POSITION
7	Anshika Bhardwaj	VIII - A	2ND POSITION
8	Ronak Pareva	XII - A	1ST POSITION

Activities Galore

ACTIVITY / EVENT	PARTICIPANTS	WINNERS
Zonal Level Cultural Competition: **Hindi Extempore**	*Jr: Hajra 8 - B*	*Jr: Hajra 8 - B* *3rd position*
Zonal & District Level Cultural Competition: **English Extempore**	*Jr: Mahd Khan 7 - B*	*Jr: Mahd Khan 7 - B* *3rd position*
Zonal Level Cultural Competition: **Painting**	*Jr: Taashi Bhardwaj 7 - A*	*Jr: Taashi Bhardwaj 7 - A* *2nd Position*
Zonal Level Cultural Competition: **Paper Mache**	*Sr: Vanshit Kirar 9 - A*	*Sr: Vanshit Kirar 9 - A* *2nd Position*
Zonal Level Cultural Competition 2022 - 2023 Sculpture	*Jr: Shagun Sharma 7 - B*	*Jr: Shagun Sharma 7 - B* *3rd position*
Zonal Level Cultural Competition: **Hindi Debate**	*Sr. Raksha Jha - X - A* *Sr. Naysha Singh X - B* *Jr: Zafiaha Khan VII - A* *Jr: Aadhya Sandurea VIII - B*	*2nd position* *Jr: Zafiaha Khan VII - A* *Jr: Aadhya Sandurea VIII - B* *3rd Position* *Sr. Raksha Jha - X - A* *Sr. Naysha Singh X - B*
Zonal Level Cultural Competition: **English Debate**	*Sr: Manya Arora X - B* *Sr: Ammarah Shahid X - B* *Jr: Zayaan Khan VIII - B* *Jr: Aryan Sharma VIII - B*	*3rd Position* *Sr: Manya Arora X - B* *Sr: Ammarah Shahid X - B* *3rd Position* *Jr: Zayaan Khan VIII - B* *Jr: Aryan Sharma VIII - B*
Zonal & District Level Cultural Competition: **Mono Acting**	*Jr: Aadhya Sandurea VIII - B*	*Jr: Aadhya Sandurea VIII - B* *2nd Position*
Zonal & District Level Cultural Competition: **Hindi Declamation**	*Sr: Mohd Ammar X - B*	*Sr: Mohd Ammar X - B* *3rd Position*

Victories aren't born on the field. You create them during practice.We walk into the competitions thoroughly prepared, which is what explains our wins and so many of them at that. Number of students from across the school participated in zonal cultural and activities and came back victorious in many competitions.Students represented the school not only at the zonal level , but at the District level , State level and National level. The dedication of the teachers and the students is praiseworthy.It was their constant hardwork that has taken the school name to new heights.

























Learning by doing is the dictum in education. We at The Pinnacle School focus on giving students ample opportunities to do hands on activities and learn in the process. Subject weeks are a new initiative taken up during the academic session of 2022-23. Over the course of 9 months we have observed 7 subject weeks. Not just this we have had many special assemblies which gives the students a chance to participate in a host of activities, right from scripting, directing to acting. Looking back at the year we can satisfactorily say that we have given our students enough opportunities to learn lessons that go beyond books.