

THE CYGNUS GAZETTE

**CREATIVITY
FLOWS FREE!**

**AWAKENING
MINDS**

From International
Yoga Day
to Heritage Week

**NEW YEAR,
NEW IDEAS**

Dramatics,
School Clubs,
Volleyball and **MORE!**

From The Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students

I extend a very warm welcome to all of you after the Summer Break. We hope that all of you have had a restful and exciting break with family and friends. Let us start the remaining part this academic session 2019-20 with an interesting thought which says:

Did you know that being overprotective of your child can do more harm than good? -By Amrita Gracias

Some parents are overprotective because they feel that it is their duty to protect their child from all the dangers and challenges, hardships and disappointments. Such parents turn overprotective, and tend to constantly monitor their child and take control of her / his life. Will we be available at each and every moment to protect them throughout their lives?

Possibly the answer is 'NO'. Then let us 'THINK', what we as parents and teachers should do,

to equip our children with such tools that they can lead a successful and happy life. Research shows that overprotection is more detrimental than beneficial to a child, leading to unfavourable effects on children's cognitive and social-emotional skills.

While it is normal for parents to be concerned about their children, we must understand the fine line that divides protection from overprotection. There is no harm in allowing our children to learn from their mistakes and face challenges that life throws their way.

Skills that are required for leading a successful and satisfied life as an adult are learnt only by the following activities:



Sr No	ACTIVITIES	SKILLS DEVELOPED
1.	Trying out something new and different	Risk Taking, Creativity and Imagination
2.	Being a part of a team and learning collaboratively	Collaboration and Teamwork
3.	Interacting about one's own thoughts and ideas without any fear and apprehension	Communication Skills
4.	Having integrity and valuing opinion of others	Social Responsibility and Ethics
5.	Engaging in self-directed, project based and applied learning	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
6.	Appreciating the good in others, oneself and nature, forgiving and forgetting	Flexibility and Adaptability
7.	Developing cross cultural understanding	Global and cultural awareness

We at Cygnus are trying our best to provide all these skills to students through various interdisciplinary activities. Knowledge is available with each one of us at the tip of our fingers due to the advent of technology. These core human values and skills will enable our children in the 21st Century to be content individuals instead of becoming robots. This would be the differentiating factor for all our 'CYGNITES.' They will develop into Confident, Global Citizens, with strong Decision Making, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills adaptable to all circumstances.

These cannot be achieved by over protecting our children. Allow them to inquire, research and explore the world around them and in the process let them learn. They may fall, but every failure is a stepping stone to success.

I appeal to all Parents, Teachers and my Dear Students to definitely gain knowledge but simultaneously make sure that they enable and equip themselves with these transferable skills that will ensure success in whatever field they choose to be in.

LET ALL OF US COLLABORATE TO MAKE OUR KIDS STRONG,
BOTH EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY

Kanchan Joshi
Principal

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Upcoming Events:

- Class Presentation for parents
- Book Week
- Guru Purnima Celebration
- Poems come Alive for parents
- Independence day Celebration

House Points:

Orion
1240

Pegasus
855

Phoenix
1065

Aquila
725

EDITORIAL

"Writing- it is an open faucet through which ideas and thoughts flow free"
It has been a truly intriguing and enthralling experience being a part of the Cygnus Editorial team these past two years. Now, as Editor-in-Chief, I hope to bring about a newfound interest and appreciation for writing in my fellow Cygnites with the help of my team. I look forward to this journey of unveiling the magnificent world of writing!



Avi Patel
Grade XI-A

PROUD MOMENTS!



Ananmay Sharma of Grade VI- won the First Position in the Open Chess Tournament, (Under 13) organized by the Chess Association of Vadodara held on 26 January 2019.



Amaan Kazi of Grade III completed the Greenathon. It is a 10 km Cycle Race organised by Vidhyanagar Nature Club at Vidhyanagar.



Namrata Tandon of Grade VIII reached the Finals of the Under 14 Open Baroda District Tennis Tournament. She was awarded with the Runners Up trophy and a certificate for the same.



Success is the sum of small efforts put day in and day out. The efforts that Cygnus World School has put in have not gone unnoticed and through sheer grit and determination the school has been able to establish itself as one of the leading schools in Vadodara.

Recently, Cygnus World School has been ranked as one of the best schools in India in a survey conducted by Digital Learning Magazine. To further sweeten this feeling of being one of the top most schools, the Leading Schools of the World Corp., which accredits and recognizes schools on international standards, has identified Cygnus World School as a Leading School of the World.



Natania Kumar and Kavya Aga of Grade X (Session 2018-19) and VI respectively have made it to the List of Honours for the 4th Young Author Award 2018. The Young Authors Award is given by The School Post India, an initiative by The Times of India to encourage the budding school writers.



Bhavya Shah of Grade I won the Certificate of Merit with A++ Grade at the School Championship, category I conducted by the National Math League, the Indian Science Challenge, and the Indian English Challenge 2018-19 respectively.

Board Results



Cygnus shines yet again! Our school has received a 100% result with a strong proportion scoring over 90%. The benchmark has been set, and the road is set straight for success. Congratulations Cygnites!

Workshop conducted by the Principal.

Ms. Kanchan Joshi, the principal of Cygnus World School, was appointed as a resource person by Center of Excellence (CBSE) to conduct a workshop on classroom management at Bhavkunj School, Mehsana. The workshop was attended by teachers from several school in and around Ahmedabad.



Another feather in the cap of achievements!! Mr Praveen Maripelly conducted 108 Suryaamaskar in 106 minutes. celebrating the Fifth International Yoga Day at Lakshmi Villas palace. Around 1000 participants performed Suryaamaskar under the ale guidance of Mr. Maripelly. The school is extremely proud of his achievement.

JUST A MINUTE (JAM)

Tanav Shroff	III A
Snesha Shah	III B
Sarg Shah	III C
Mishty Derania	III D
Jiyaan Chauhan	IV A
Tvesha Nair	IV B
Siya Sharma	IV C
Amaan Kazi	IV D
Dhir Gujarathi	V A
Aarohi Joshi	V B
Tirth Sheth	V C
Rishi Amin	V D

Ananmay Sharma	VI A
Prakhar Chaturvedi	VI B
Harroop Oberoi	VI C
Taksh Patel	VI D
Aanya Patel	VII A
Narnia Parmar	VII B
Suhani Patel	VII C
Maanya Khurana	VIII A
Vishesh Mehta	VIII B
Namrata Tandon	VIII C
Harsh Shah	IX A
Khushi Thakkar	IX B
Siddhant Agrawal	X A
Miti Bhatt	X B

SHOW & TELL

Darsh Bhavesh Shah	IA
Ira Pahwa	IB
Aditi Abhilipsa	IC
Tathya Verma	ID
Bhavya S Shah	II A
Navya K Sapra	II A
Renash Ankur Desai	II B
Tvisha Suraj Gupta	II C
Varya Chirag Bhatt	II D

Events at Cygnus:

Handwriting Workshop

A workshop titled Handwriting Analysis was organized for the students of Grade X to XII. The Resource person Ms. Kruti Kadakia, the owner and the founder of Evolve Yourself from Within talked about the importance of handwriting in deciding ones' personality. She gave information about graphology asked the students to write three sentences. She then analysed them to define the personality of the writer. She divided the analysis into four to five categories explaining the characteristics of each.



Insight into the Curriculum

Parents play an important role in the knowledge acquisition of a child. Thus it becomes essential for parents to be aware of the teaching- learning process. The school regularly conducts sessions for the same. One such session, Insight into Curriculum was conducted for the parents of Grade III and IV. The parents were acquainted with various classroom activities, projects and learning through doing. The parents enthusiastically participated in the discussion, making inquiries and giving feedback.



At the Kaleidoscope

Cygnus World School reverberated with laughter and fun during the movie sessions!! Grade I learnt the importance of family, friendship, and team work with Duck Duck Goose while Charlotte's Web, a tale of love and friendship, was a magical rollercoaster for the students of Grade II. The young students of Grade III, in the company of Violet, Dash and Jack-Jack, fought the greatest crimes and saved lives battling the evil. The IV and V graders celebrated the courage, perseverance, infectious wit with The Nutcracker and the Four Realms and The Sound of Music.



JAM(Just a Minute)

Oh! The difficulty of talking continuously for a minute without hesitation, repetition, or deviation!
But Cygnites were thoroughly prepared for their JAM session!
The eloquent use of language, the lucid arguments, the stage presence and the persuasion of views and opinions were a few characteristics which defined the students of Grade III to X during Just a Minute competition.



Show & Tell

It was a day to talk about the favourite things and people!!
So much to Show and Tell and so less time!!
The tiny tots, of Grade I and II, walked with an air of confidence to mesmerize the audience with their bag of knowledge. They, at this young age, know that every object has a story to tell. So they brought soft toys, models and pictures of the renowned personality and places of Gujarat to show it to their friends and tell them their stories.



International Yoga Day

Cygnites celebrated International Yoga Day, the celebration of sound health, with great enthusiasm. The teachers and the students, together, performed Yoga after saying a prayer for the world peace. The day witnessed the practice of various yogic exercises and asanas and culminated with the students performing Suryanamaskar.



Chef's Hat On

Days spent savouring gastronomic delights!!

It was Chef's Hat On for the students of Grade I to VII!!

They prepared delicious mouth-watering recipes ranging from Bhel to Vegetable sandwiches to Dabeli, Frankie and lots more.

The Kitchen table was abuzz with young chefs working on their master pieces!



Good touch, Bad touch

A session on Good Touch and Bad Touch, organized by the Baroda Citizens Council, was conducted for the students of Grade IV and V on 26 April 2019. The resource person Dr. Sanghamitra Prabhakar, Ms. Priya Parikh and Ms. Forum Choudhary talked about the importance of the Circle of Trust and the safe and unsafe circle. They also discussed about the precautionary steps to be taken while dealing with strangers and unknown people. The session was informative, engaging and interactive and also witnessed various queries from students.



HERITAGE WEEK

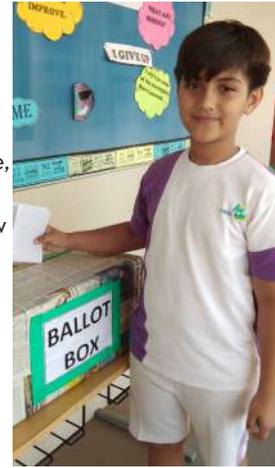
Cygnus celebrated Heritage Week from 15 April to 20 April 2019. The week witnessed various activities, celebrating the rich and varied culture of our nation. The students watched videos and documentaries on Indian heritage, went on a city tour and visited places of historical relevance like Lukshmi Vilas Palace, Khanderao Market, Sursagar Lake. They also prepared indigenous drinks and cloth designs like Tie and Dye and Block painting and cool Indian drinks like Aam Panna, Kokam drink, lemon Mint drink and discussed the advantages of having the drink during summers. Traditional games such as Four corners and Hopscotch were a huge hit..

The week also saw the participation of parents. The volunteer parents came dressed up in their traditional attire and spoke about their culture and tradition. The highlight of the week was the Heritage Walk. The students of Secondary section prepared placards of slogans on safeguarding our culture and heritage and went around the school creating awareness regarding the same. The week long Heritage Week culminated with a beautiful dance performance, Bhavai, a folk dance of Gujarat, by the teachers. The teachers made use of this form to spread awareness about maintaining and safeguarding our heritage.



ELECTIONS AT CYGNUS

The race to be voted to office in the students' council saw some highly enthusiastic participation from the student contenders this year. The most remarkable aspect was the campaign speech that was delivered by each contender to seek the favour of student voters. The excitement was further pushed to higher levels as this year votes were registered using specific software, which enabled us to get the vote count as quick as possible. The result declaration was a tense moment with each contender waiting with bated breath to know the final outcome, which was welcomed by the students. In the primary section, the students made use of ballot paper and election booth to cast their vote for the Prefects 2019-20.



SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

At Cygnus World School we explore various ways through which the interest of students can be sustained, so that they can be sensitised about the happenings in the world around them. Therefore the special assembly sessions organised are based on themes pertaining to issues and ideas that pique interest. The students of grade XII through their expressions and actions conveyed the need of conserving water. The exhilarating Heritage Week celebration witnessed a one act play describing the nine temples of Shiva in Vadodara. Our nation has entered the election frenzy and we could not stop ourselves from delving into the idea of telling everyone around how important it is to exercise your franchise. Therefore the students of grade X performed a one act play, highlighting the importance of participating in the election process. Grade V conducted a beautiful assembly on Good Friday, disseminating the information about Good Friday and Easter.



CLASS ACTIVITIES

Class activity at Cygnus is an additional tool used by teachers to generate interest of students in learning new content. These activities stimulate experiential learning and conceptual thinking while others prompt students to engage in analytical discussion.

At Cygnus various activities like Mock bank, organic farming, case studies, brainstorming etc provide opportunities to engage students and ensure that learning becomes fun and interesting.



Summer Workshops



Cygnus World School organised Summer Workshops for the students from 6 May to 11 May 2019. The students from Grade III to X were benefited from these workshops. They learnt Mime and Spoken Word Poetry under the guidance Mrs. Vidhi Pandit. They created beautiful poems with the deft use of letters. The students learnt to speak through various gestures and postures in the Mime Workshop. Mrs. Shubham Gangwal, the resource person for the Texture Art Workshop helped the students of Grade VI to IX to get acquainted with the unique style of art work, making use of texture created by using various objects like leaf, combs, paper cut outs and stencils. The students under the supervision of Ms. Gangwal created beautiful art pieces.



Times are changing...

By Sonatina Mendes

The other day an artist friend mentioned that she was not going to cast her vote during the upcoming general elections as she does not believe in it having relevance.

This got me thinking as to how does a creative individual see his/her relevance in a social space?

"Times are changing..." , sang Bob Marley as an anthem of the 70's. But I think that the essence of the song holds much more significance now.

We stand at a time in world history where the need of being informed is paramount and unless it is the case how will one be socially aware or affected?

I believe that the creative mind now-a-days has to have a wide ranging depth of information for their work to be sensitive to and therefore reflect (however abstractly or literally) the social and political situation of the times they live in.

There is a reason why only a few art works have withstood the test of time and are remembered as being historically significant. Picasso's 'Guernica', Vincent Van Gogh's 'The potato eaters' or Arpita Singh's 'Girl at the window' to name a few.

The question is, "How relevant do we consider ourselves?"



Misunderstandings

By Maanya, Vedika and Tanvi

Sparkles and glitter, that's what it seems
But Anxiety and Stress are the leaders of the team.
People think we REBEL to bluff
But we do it for FUN
On us don't be so tough !
BEST FRIENDS and JUNK FOOD
That's all we really need.
A phone comes later and robs us of our greed.
MUSIC and ART, BAKING and POSTING
That's what we do all day.
We could probably also spend it
Lazing in a café !
Do we listen to our parents?
That's the burning question.
You decide,
That's the end of our discussion.
We thank you for your time and hope that you
OBSERVED
All we teenagers want is...
TO BE HEARD !!!

A Good Student

By Harroop Kaur

Always liked by teachers,
Greet everyone with a smile.
Obedient to parents and teachers,
Reaches school on time.
Dresses up neatly, studies with interest
Understands everything taught.
Does the homework daily,
Eager to know new things.
Never misbehaves
And in class, talks less !

Chase your Dreams

By Rianna Patel

Chase your dreams with all your might
Never let your goal go out of sight !
When the highs are high let your dreams fly
When the lows are low give it another go.
You have to know that life is rough,
But you can't fail if you never give up!
Dreams can be dreamy but they can come true
It takes sweat, determination and hard work too !

Greta Thunberg: School girl climate change warrior

Greta Thunberg, an environmental activist from Sweden, has gained attention for dressing-down world leaders about their climate change policies.

At the World Economic Forum in Davos, she declared "our house is on fire," referring to global warming caused by greenhouse gases.

Greta first made headlines in August 2018 when she started a school strike outside the Swedish parliament to raise awareness about global warming. Her demands were simple - that politicians reduce carbon emissions in line with the Paris Agreement.

In December 2018, she addressed the COP24 United Nations climate change summit and offered scathing words to the leaders she was addressing - accusing them of leaving the burden of climate change to future generations.

What can we learn from Greta's speeches?

1. We are running out of time, but it is not too late to save the planet

During her Davos speech, Greta said: "Yes, we are failing, but there is still time to turn everything around. Unless we recognize the overall failures of our current systems, we most probably don't stand a chance."

2. The decision to adopt clean air and eco-friendly policies is perhaps more simple than we thought

Her outlook on climate change became clear in her speech, when she said: "You say nothing in life is black or white. But that is a lie. A dangerous lie. Either we prevent 1.5C of warming or we don't."

3. We need to start taking climate change more seriously

She told the BBC that she hoped her efforts would attract media attention. She wants people to "open their eyes, see the crisis and treat it like a crisis, and do something about it."

4. "You are never too small to make a difference"

Since her strike action gained global attention, Greta has inspired students around the world to follow suit, in the School Strike 4 Climate Action.

In November, thousands of students in Australia took the day off school to attend protests calling on the government to take action on climate change.

Rohan Sinha

An Ode to My Family

By Khyati Sharma

When I opened my eyes
I saw the world, which appeared beautiful and nice
The gilt and glamour of the material world
Swept my fashion and told...
"Nothing is yours; nobody shall cure the wounds inflicted on your soul".

Then you will find your family behind soothing
And calming your body and mind
Telling you at every point
"Life is a short sojourn full of hasty twists and turns".

Your family shall always try
Never to let you cry
For you are precious in their life
And they do care for your happiness and smile.

THE STUDENTS' PAGE

Avengers Endgame: Expectations vs. Experience

Avengers endgame the most awaited movie of early 2019 set for a release date of 26 April 2019 fans were lining up the cinemas all over the globe to see the movie. After avatar which made \$2,787,965,087 endgame comes second at \$2,743,413,993 worldwide.

Expectations from the movie were high in the hearts of all after the mystery and suspense of the trailers and the unfortunate events of infinity war had left the heroes in a devastated manner and in different parts of the galaxy. I expected Tony to come back home to earth and to live his life keeping the peace in the world.

The experience of watching the three hour movie with all the twists and turns was exhilarating in turmoil when I exited the hall only to slightly grasp what had happened. The graphics, VFX the stunts were all greatly performed by the actors and it was hilarious looking the way Morgan saves Tony from Rogers, Romanoff, and Lang and the fat Thor.

All in the entire movie was totally worth the 320 rupees ticket and the \$356 million put into it.

Harsh Shah
Grade: IX A

THE ICC CRICKET WORLD CUP 2019

The ICC 2019 Cricket World Cup, hosted by England and Wales, is now in full swing with each match taking viewers on a whirlwind of emotions. This World Cup has 10 teams playing in a Round Robin format, wherein each team verses the other nine once, with the top four at the end of the group phase progressing to the Semi-finals. The final match is set to be played at Lord's Stadium on the 14th of July. With the matches getting more and more intense, fans are biting their nails in the hope that their team will make it. Indians are at an all-time high, with our home team going 4-0. With Australia qualifying for the Semi-finals, only three spots remain. Pressure is rising, will India make the cut? Only time can tell. One thing's for sure, you don't want to miss this exciting journey of the top Cricket teams going head to head, in a winner-takes-all battle.

Which Team will win The ICC Cricket World Cup 2019?

*Survey conducted in classes VI-XII on 1st July



Book Review

INFERNO by Dan Brown

Robert Langdon wakes up in the hospital with a bullet wound to the head and no memory of the last few days and this is just the beginning. The antagonist is Thanos-esque, inspired by Dante's Inferno. He wants to wipe away a third of the people on Earth by releasing a virus, which according to him is necessary for human survival and the greater good. Robert Langdon is joined by Sierra Brooks, a young doctor, to decipher the mystery that takes him from Florence to Venice and later to Istanbul. As always Dan Brown never disappoints and he spins up an amazing story that will leave you on the edge of your seat in anticipation. His book follows a similar theme like the others in the series, full of cryptography and riddles well-researched in art. Although the narration is a little weak and slow at some points, Inferno is a riveting read, confronting major issues like overpopulation in a thought-provoking way.

Nishi Shah
Grade X A

Wacky Food Combinations

Good food always promises a good mood! So here are a few unconventional food combinations that promise to take your taste buds on a rollercoaster ride!

Appetizer

Mango sprinkled with Chilli Powder:

Most of us have devoured unripe mangoes with some chilli powder. But why don't we give some chilli sprinkled ripe mango a shot? The perfect combination for us Indians who love our spices and obviously our mangoes!

Main Course

Pizza with Honey:

Eating pizza with oregano or chilli flakes is a thing of the past. Spread a little amount of honey on your pizza for an explosion of flavours.

Dessert

Ice cream with Popcorn:

Next time you eat some ice cream, try using salted or caramel popcorn as a topping to get the best of both worlds!

Snack

Spicy Chips with lemon:

We all reach out to a packet of our favourite flavoursome chips when we feel like snacking. But it's time to elevate a boring packet of chips to a riot of flavours just by squeezing a lemon over them!

So go ahead, experiment with your food and you shall be pleasantly surprised!

Anjali Tandon
Grade XII B

Grade VI Students **Speak.**

The transition from Primary to Secondary makes me feel as if I am a grown up now. The studies were easier easier; we had more activities and less homework. But growing up brings change and adjusting to those brings success.

Khushi Soni, VI D

The shift from Primary to Secondary was a great experience. I made new friends, met new teachers, and got acquainted with new books. It a different experience altogether, doing things on our own and being responsible for our own self.

Dhyan Shah, VI A

I was a little nervous to come to the secondary school building, but all my fears disappeared after the first day spent in excitement. I am very happy to study in the secondary building. My experience of coming to the secondary building is filled with fun and lot of enjoyment.

Harroop Kaur, VI C

I did not realize how the year 2018-19 got over. When I came to secondary building, I saw all the things around me had changed. The teachers were new, there were new students and I felt so great and happy to meet new friends. It took me some time to adjust with the new class. I love this school with all my heart.

Radha Patwardhan, VI B

Head Boy Interview



What qualities do you think a head boy should possess?

He must be a team player, should always put others first, and should act responsible.

What does being a “Head Boy” mean to you?

Being a Head Boy means using my position for the betterment of my fellow students, teachers and my school.

What inspires you to strive forward? Do you have any suggestions for your peers?

Do not let anyone demean you. Each person is different and has varied qualities. You are not a replacement of someone else, therefore you will have to find a place for yourself in this world. Be the best in what you can do!

How will you make more out of the opportunity?

I want to be very productive in my approach towards problems. At the best, I will work in co-ordination with others and look for opportunities to help with the activities at school.

What will be your strategy to deal with team members who stubbornly refuse to listen?

I will be receptive to other members' ideas and take decisions according to the views of the group.

Head Girl Interview



What qualities do you admire about yourself?

I am confident in public, resourceful and helpful to others, and am an active participant in all school activities.

How will you balance the responsibilities of being a Head Girl with your studies?

I have been trying to learn how to manage my time. I feel if I am able to plan a definite schedule for my activities I will be able to cope with my responsibilities and work.

What are your goals and aspirations?

I want to be the best version of myself and face challenges with a smile. Life is dull without challenges. I want to prove myself as an able leader and a good student.

How will you make more out of the opportunity?

I will remain in clean contact with the Management and get feedback and give feedback. I will try to make positive changes in the school by involving all the students.

What will be your strategy to deal with team members who stubbornly refuse to listen?

I will try to listen to their viewpoint and then collectively take a decision. I will also try to convince my colleagues to the best of my ability.

GETTING TO KNOW MY TEACHER **ARCHANA MACWAN**

Q1. How has the experience of working with Cygnus World School changed you as a teacher?

Ans. The school has helped me grow as an individual and as a professional. It has given me various opportunities to explore my potential, be it academic or non academic. I feel proud and blessed to be at Cygnus.

Q2. Which moment would you recall as a turning point in your life and career?

Ans. I believe there have been many defining moments in my life. But the most recent one is becoming the Coordinator for the Cambridge examination. For me, working as a coordinator for Cambridge examinations has given me wings. I realized I can do anything if I set my heart to it.

Q3. Which quality do you generally admire in people?

Ans: I appreciate people who are polite, kind, and respectful. I enjoy the company of people who possess a calm demeanour and have a great sense of humour and I also enjoy the company of those who are always ready to learn new things.

Q4. What do your students mostly remember you for?

Ans: They remember me as a kind, humorous, supporting and encouraging teacher.



Sports Prefect Interview

How has technology impacted sports?

Technology is advancing day by day. It has impacted the sports arena for the better and the worse. With the rise in the digital world children have become addicted to video games, which is not healthy at all. While on the other hand, for the professional players it has become a great tool for self assessment as now they can review and analyze each game and can come up with better game strategies.

How do you balance sports and academics?

I believe it is extremely important to balance both sports and academics. It's all about priorities. Last year was extremely important for me as I had my board exams. Hence I would keep a schedule for myself and follow it thoroughly. I would make sure that I studied double the time I spent for sports. Since this year I have been given such an important position, I will make sure that I give my 100% to it.

A common misconception is that there is little or no career scope in the field of sports. What are your views on this?

I strongly disagree on this subject. I believe that careers in sports have as much of scope and importance as that in others. As long as the person has the passion, ambition and willpower they can achieve anything in their chosen field. We have so many role models who come from humble background yet they have made a mark in sports by sheer hard work.

Which sport do you enjoy playing and why?

I like to play football, because it is a team game in which stamina and presence of mind are required. It gets intense each minute. It is fun to watch the game as there is a lot of thrill and suspense. The game can change any minute.

Interviewed by **Anannya Majmudar**



New Initiatives

Change is the need of the hour and in order to bring about change, initiatives are a must. Thus the school has introduced two new ways to ensure holistic development of the students. Dramatics has been introduced as a subject for grade 4-8. Through which students are being introduced to the various aspects of theatre like: stage setting, production, costumes and jewellery, stage presence and facial expressions. When the mind is getting sharper and more creative, can the body be far behind? Volleyball has been introduced as part of the group games for grades 5 and 6. If the question arises, 'Why Volleyball?', then the answer is quite 'healthy'. Thus by taking a 'Creative' and 'Healthy' step towards progress, the school is definitely doing things the way they ought to be done.

