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The Spirit of Achievement  
Makes our students

PROUD  
WONDERITES!

THE EDUCATORS AT SWS TAKE PRIDE IN  
CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE  
CURIOSITY IS APPRECIATED,  
QUESTIONS ARE ENCOURAGED  
AND DIFFERENCES ARE RESPECTED

Monthly Newsletter

## ***From the Principal's Desk***



"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together."  
Vincent Van Gogh

I start my address to all of you with the above quote, as I wish to acknowledge the series of small things that we have successfully managed to undertake in our school in the last five months.

I would like to begin by acknowledging that in an atmosphere of extreme uncertainty and fear, the online classes for the students of Class UKG to X started on 6th April 2020 as per the schedule. We began with the tool Zoom along with Google Classroom and soon shifted to a better tool- Google Classrooms along with Google Meet. Within 2 weeks we had established a system of Broadcast groups to ensure that all the parents received prompt and accurate information from the school besides the updates through the Parent App.

We conducted our first online Survey and then PTM in the month of July 2020 that witnessed as high as 95% parent attendance. By the beginning of June, we had started the process of the teachers conducting small, end of the chapter assessments using Google Forms to assess the level of learning and understanding that was happening. By Mid-July we were receiving amazing short videos of the learning experiments the students have been conducting at home, short speeches, text reading, short dances, and their points of view on different topics discussed by their teachers. The feather in the cap was the creation of original video games by 2 of our students, Sikandar Singh of Class 5 D and Nidhi Rana of Class 7B The videos of these games have been uploaded on the school website for all to see and if anyone wants to play the games the same can also be planned!

It is so encouraging to see and acknowledge the new skills that our students have developed during this time. Online Assembly and online Activities have been a part of the month of August. We have been conducting the same effortlessly and as parents you will get to see the glimpses of many of these in this month's newsletter and some you have attended in person. participating and winning in competitions held outside the school.

Vridhhi Jindal, Ashi Singh, Ananya, Tanveer, Aadhya Rathuri, Sharanya Sharma are a few of the students who have made us proud. Details of the events they participated in have been included in the newsletter.

## ***From the Principal's Desk***

As you go through the Newsletter, we are gearing up for the First Formal Online Assessment for the students of Class III to X from 14th September 2020. The last 2 weeks or so the students and the teachers been working on developing the skill on attempting a written assignment, scanning the same and sharing it with the teachers using digital tools to check/correct the same. If we are excited by the way the young children have taken to the digital learning, our adults are not far behind. From online teaching to now checking the work of the students online, the learning curve for each one of them- be it students or teachers has been extremely high this time. In the months to come while the situation is still not clear about the reopening of the schools, we are geared up to continue with online classes. We plan to add more activities and events for the students and the parents to participate in with the beginning of Term II of the academic session from 5th October 2020.

In continuation of the acknowledgements it is also very important to say that the true assessment of the student's learning is happening on a daily basis, with the students learning actual life skills- following a pre-decided schedule, making notes of the work done or the work assigned by the teacher, answering questions in the online platform, expressing themselves one by one, listening to and following instructions and sharing and resolving the problems they are facing in the class, along with building language and vocabulary; concepts of Math, Science, Social Studies are not left far behind.

Looking forward to another milestone with the Mid-Term Assessments and the 2nd PTM post that, I will request you all as parents to encourage your children and be with them (especially the ones in Class 3 to 7) as they attempt the Mid-terms. Wishing all the students the best of luck!

With a heavy heart I share with the extended family of Smart Wonders School, the news of the untimely death of Mr Santosh Pandey, our Sports Coordinator in the month of August due to serious medical conditions. He was a hard working, honest and soft spoken man.

We the staff and students of Smart Wonders School were lucky to have him as a member of the team. May his soul rest in peace.

With Warm Regards  
Poonamjit Kaur  
Principal  
Smart Wonders School

## ***Art Integration into curriculum***

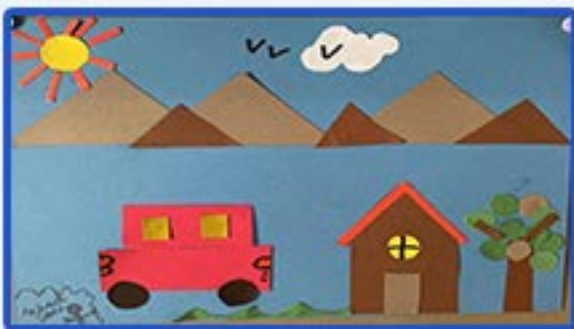
The integration of Art into the teaching of core subjects ,supports skill development along with connecting concepts learnt in the class to life. As per the CBSE circular, this will also help in "imbibing the Indian ethos through integration of Indian art and culture in the teaching and learning process at every level."

"This art-integrated approach will strengthen the linkages between education and culture," it added.

We at Smart Wonders School have begun our work with the integration of art in the teaching of core subjects. To begin with, the teachers integrated Art in the teaching of shapes to Class 3 and teaching of EVS topics of Early Man & cities of the country India.

### ***Designing Art using Shapes***

To help the students understand the concept of plain and solid shapes an activity was conducted during the online session. The students of class 3 made various designs using different shapes. The learning was integrated with art and the children enjoyed doing it. It was a hands on learning experience which helped them to understand the concept in a better way.



## Art Integration in EVS

### A Virtual Trip to Rajasthan - Class 4

Creating a travel menu card for going to a trip to Rajasthan- mentioning the places to visit , food, culture of the place. It was done to help anyone who would be visiting the Thar Desert. Students also presented the same doing a roll play of a tour guide.

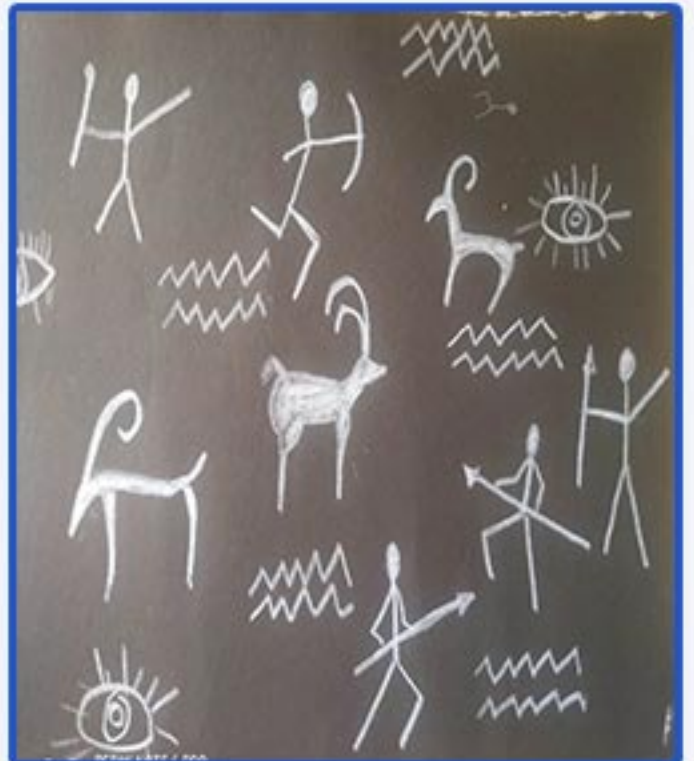
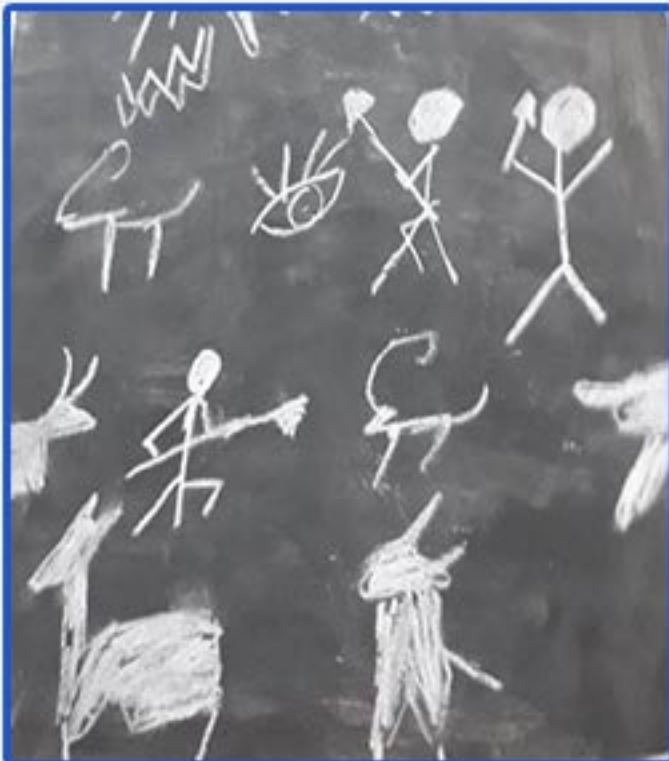


## ***Art Integration in EVS***

Early human cave paintings!



Early humans lived in caves and over a period of time came to the realization that a piece of lime could make a marking on rock. Using this knowledge they started making paintings of their everyday life on the insides of the caves. The most prominent out of these paintings are those of the early man hunting, making small tool, etc.

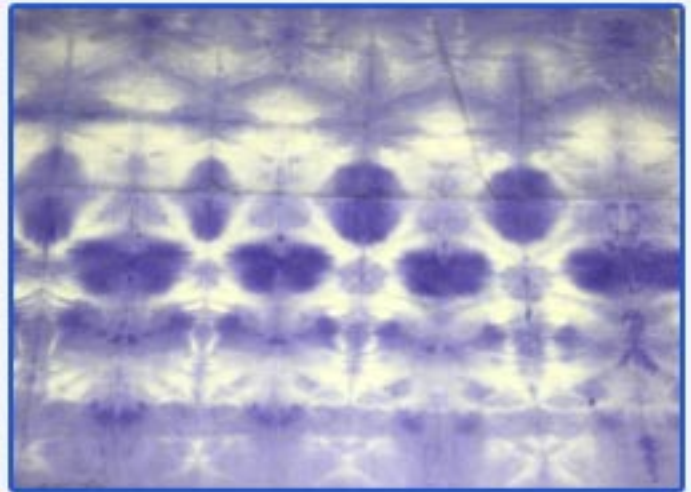


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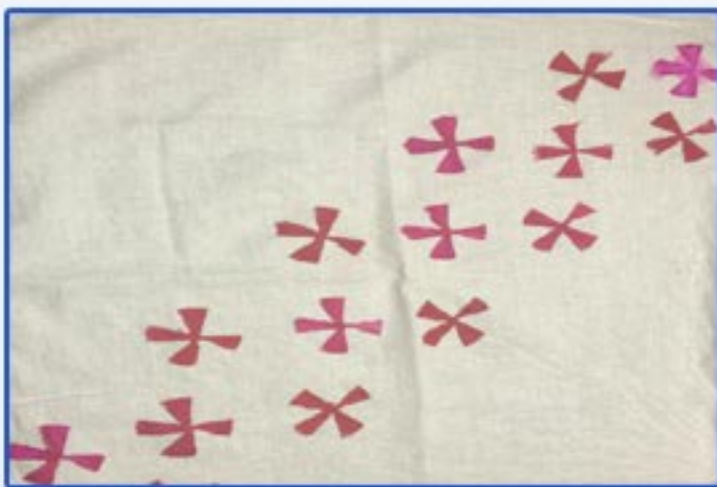
While studying the Chapter Ruling the Countryside, the students of Class 8 studied about the Indigo Revolt. The same chapter took them to learning about the history of colour and the kalamkari print. As an extension of their learning the children were encouraged to adopt any kind of printing style- kalamkari, tie & dye, block printing etc and make a piece of work with the same. Once the students made their pieces of work, they presented their piece of work to their classmates during the online class. A perfect example of integrating real life connection with teaching in the classroom.



Dhrishti 8C



Avishi 8A



Gulmehak 8B

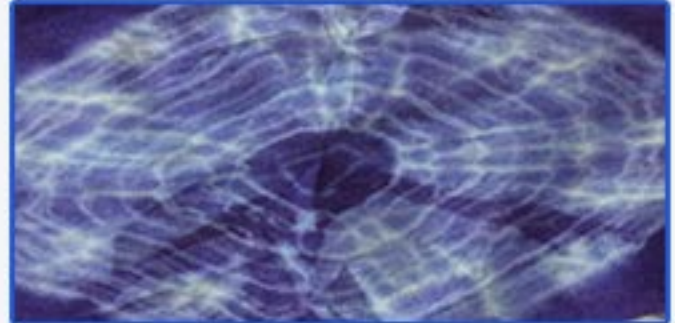


Gurleen Kaur Brar 8B

**Art Integration into curriculum**



Sugampreet 8C



Kanu 8A



Kanavjeet 8B



Jot Khusdeep 8A



Jasraj 8C



Ishiqua 8A



Kishreen 8C



Noor 8B



## *Application of Learning- Making of Collages* *Class 1*

As a part of their hands- on learning during the EVS class, the students of Class 1 participated in an activity of sorting plants into Trees, Shrubs and Herbs. To exhibit their understanding of the concept of classification each one of them created a collage by drawing/ pasting different types of plants divided into one of these categories.

This activity brought together an element of fun whereas the focus was on the students learning 2 distinct skills – the skill of classification and the skill of presentation of data.

With keen attention to the need of the time, the curriculum at Smart Wonders School focuses on skill development of the students from as early as the Foundation Years.



Taesha 1D



Gurfateh Singh 1A



Arjan Singh 1D



Arshdeep Singh 1B



Bhavya 1B



Darshgun Singh 1B



Harleen Kalsi 1A



Kanwalpreet Kaur 1D



Namandeep Singh 1A

***“Knowledge, like air, is vital to Life.  
Like air, no one should be denied it.”  
Alan Moore***



Namandeep Singh 1B



Naksh Bhandari 1C



Vivan Sharma 1A

## Janmashtami Celebration

"Every moment of life is worth a Celebration. The more you praise and celebrate life, the more there is in life to celebrate."



The pious festival of Janamashtami was celebrated with great religious fervour at Smart Wonders School during the online sessions.

A Fancy Dress Activity was organized to mark the birthday of Lord Krishna i.e. Janamashtami on 11th August 2020. The celebration comprised of mirthful performances by the students of UKG including dances, bhajan recitation and speeches on the life of Lord Krishna and his teachings to mankind .

The students came for their virtual class dressed up in fancy clothes depicting characters from Krishna Leela. The little ones looked vibrant in their costumes of Makhan chor Krishna and the girls looked beautiful as Radha and gopis.

The motivation of parents in helping the children to do their bit was commendable indeed. The educators of Class 1 and 2 shared a PPT on the birth of Lord Krishna and encouraged the students to share titbits of information that they had on the naughtiest of the Indian Gods. It was a delightful activity and helped to enlighten the students about their rich cultural heritage.



Cyra Mehta



Gauransh Mehta



Gazleen Kaur

### Janmashtami Celebration



Japnam Kaur 1A



Kabir Sood 1A



Bhavini 2 A



Ishpreet 2A



Kabir 2A



Manseerat 2C



Rehan 2C



Kevin 2C



Jobanjit 2C



Hunarvir Singh 1D



Vintej Kaur 1A



Sehajpreet Kaur 1B

## SMART WONDERITES CELEBRATE RAKSHA BANDHAN

Raksha Bandhan' or 'Rakhi' is a special occasion to celebrate the virtuous bond of love between a brother and a sister. To commemorate this festival, a Rakhi making activity was organized for the students of the Junior Wing at Smart Wonders School. The students made beautiful Rakhis using different articles like silk thread, ribbons, sequins, drawings and stars, etc. Their artisanship was quite fascinating and original. The students shared the photographs of the rakhis they had made or tied with their teachers as they celebrated this festival with hopes of good health and prosperity.





*Student's of Smart Wonders School Celebrate the 74th Independence Day*



Foundation Years



Aadya 2B



Aarav 2C



Ajooni 2B



Alisha 2C



Avni Gaur 2A



Bhavini 2A



Elina 2A



Jobanjit 2C



Kiyara 2B



Mishika 2B



Reyansh 2C



Samanvay 2B

## Foundation Years



## ***Activity-Just a minute***

### ***Confident presentation of self and new ideas!***

On 14th August 2020 the students of Class 3 dressed up in attires of the different states of our country India and presented a one minute speech in front of their classmates. This one minute speech focused on the culture, tradition, dress or food of the state the student had selected for the activity. The class saw very well presented glimpses of the states of Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala among many others.

As the occasion was the 74th Independence Day some of the students choose to wear the costumes of the freedom fighters like Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, etc

Each of the students presented a slogan with great enthusiasm and vigour for the free India and together rose to salute the freedom fighters and all those who sacrificed their lives for India. To close the activity all the students along with their teacher stood up to sing the National Anthem. This was one of the most unique & fun filled way in which the students of Class 3 from Smart Wonders School celebrated the Independence Day in their virtual classroom.

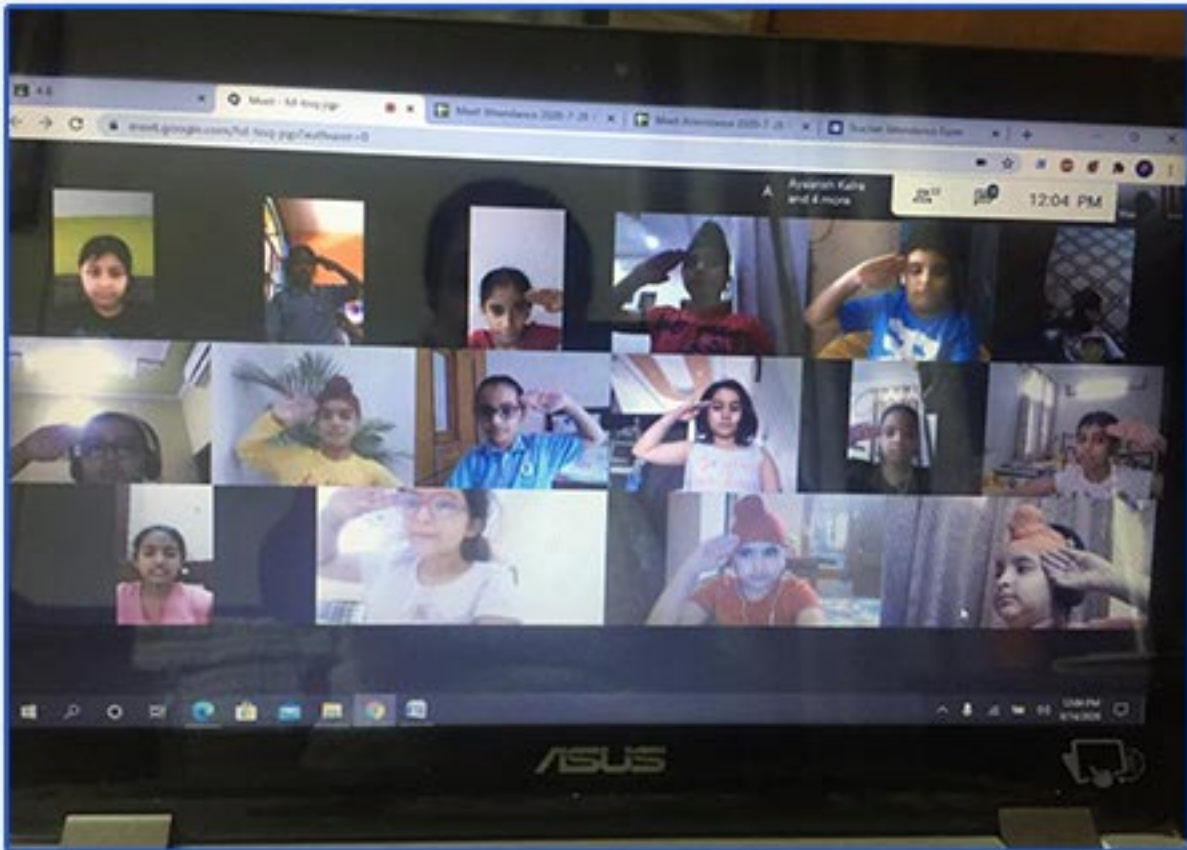


# UNITY IN DIVERSITY



## ***Assembly Class 4 on Independence day***

An online assembly was conducted on the eve of Independence. The day began with the patriotic feeling and discussion – how did we gain this independence and also how sacred this independence is to us. Students shared their views on the same. The sacrifice of the leaders was also recalled. Students portrayed their love and feeling for the country. National song was sung on this occasion which filled the heart with pride and respect.



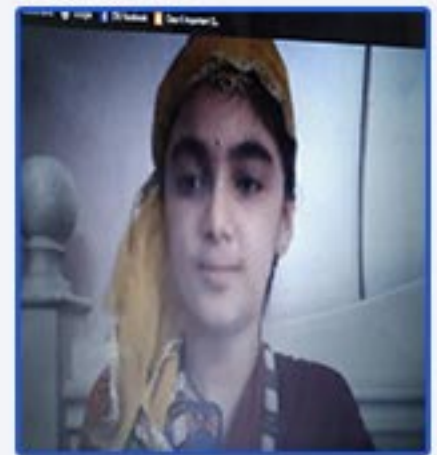
**Activity: Declamation Class 5**

The Independence Day of India which is celebrated religiously throughout the country on 15th August every year holds tremendous ground in the list of National Days , since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning, the beginning of an era of deliverance from clutches of British colonialism of more than 200 years.

To mark the 74th Independence Day we held declamation online, where these little citizens expressed their views on how India is progressing in the fields of technology, medicines, space missions and many more achievements and how they see India in the 21st century.

Smart wonderites participated enthusiastically, spoke confidently and fervor of patriotism was reflecting while they were enacting.

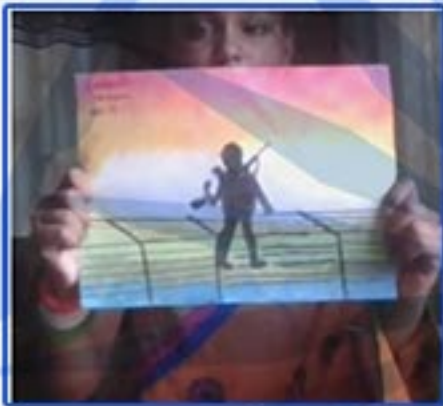
To conclude it was an enriching experience for students.



### ***True Freedom is in thoughts and a fearless mind!***

The students of Smart Wonders School have proved themselves to be innovative in their thoughts and action. This week as the country celebrated the 74th Independence Day with precautions, the students took to the virtual medium to plan and present assemblies on Independence Day. Complete with a thought of the day, presentation of news, posters and speeches, smiles and dresses in the shades of the Tricolour, the students proved the proverb – “Where there is a will there is a way” true to not only themselves but their teachers and classmates too.

Glimpses of the Assembly presented by the students of Class 6 C



Glimpses of the Assembly presented by the students of Class 7C



## ***Prakash Utsav Celebration***

Sometimes all it takes is just one prayer to change everything....

On the auspicious occasion of Prakash Utsav of Guru Granth Sahib the students of Foundation Years were enlightened about the teachings of the holy scripture of the Sikhs. The educators shared with the students some key points about the Guru Granth Sahib. The students were told that another name for the Guru Granth Sahib is the Adi Granth. It is not only a Sacred book but a perpetual, ultimate and eternal Guru for the Sikhs. The Guru Granth Sahib consists of 1430 pages and 5864 hymns called shabad which are referred as Gurbani.

The students recited the Mool Mantra and the teachers shared the meaning of the same with them. The teachers urged the students to be kind, humble and hardworking and shared that God is one... Ek Onkar



***Awards for the session 2020-21***

Vridhi Jindal Class 2 D  
First Prize in the Mera Bharat Meri  
Shaan Solo Dance Competition  
organised by Manav Rachna  
International School Mohali.



Ashi a student of Class 9 A bagged the First Position in the online cartoon caption contest organised as a part of the Legal Conclave organised by DPS School Chandigarh.



Tanveer Singh a student of Class 9 B got the 3rd position in the Online self composed Musical Composition event organised by Manav Rachna International School

Aadhya Rathuri and Sharanya Sharma of Class 7 A bagged the Second Position in the "Just a Minute" online competition conducted by Manav Rachna School, Mohali.



***Awards for the session 2020-21***

Japneet and Gurmanpreet of Class 10 B and Kangana of Class 9 B participated in the Parliamentary Debate Competition conducted by Bhawan Vidyalaya Chandigarh. In the 3 day events, the team from Smart Wonders School won 2 out of the 4 rounds conducted and could not reach the finals due to a shortage of just 3 marks with a score of 1319 against a required score of 1321.

The arguments presented by the SWS team was mentioned and highlighted in the newsletter. Enriched by the experience the students aim to bag more such victories in the future.



Japneet 10 B



Gurmanpreet Singh 10 B



Kangana 9B

Avanya a student of Class 8 A got the 2nd Position in the International Online Poster Making Competition organised by Government College for Women, Shahzadpur, Ambala as a part of celebrations of International Yoga and Music Day





Mr Santosh Pandey  
Sports Coordinator  
Deepest Condolences

From:  
The Management, Staff and Students of Smart Wonders School