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# Panorama

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**W****NDERITES!**

**AT SWS WE TAKE PRIDE IN**  
CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE  
CURIOSITY IS APPRECIATED  
QUESTIONS ARE ENCOURAGED  
AND DIFFERENCES ARE RESPECTED

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and Students

August was another eventful month for all of us at Smart Wonders. The whole campus was abuzz with a host of events and activities, and the Wonderites enjoyed making the most of these. We held the Investiture Ceremony to announce the formation of the new Student Council. It was a moment of great pride to see our student leaders take on their responsibilities, with their head held high and their hearts full of pride. I extend my heartiest congratulations and best wishes to all the council members for a successful tenure ahead. Such appointments not only help students become more responsible, but also develop problem-solving and decision-making skills which are imperative for a good leader.

I am pleased to share that 'SWS Confluence 2023 – Our Choices Our World', a four-day inter-school competition that we graciously hosted for over 300 students from 17 leading schools of the Tricity, was a massive success. Our talented Wonderites not only participated in all the competitions, but also bagged a number of prizes, including the title of being the overall winner. However, being the hosts, we remained non-competitive and the trophy was passed over to a Chandigarh school.

Pulling off an event of this scale, right in the middle of the academic session, was a laudable triumph, and I would like to thank and congratulate each member of the SWS fraternity. Moreover, it was remarkable to see the kind of discipline and decorum that was maintained in the school premises during those 4 eventful days, since the school was functioning as usual. Our Student Council members did a commendable job, which leaves us in no doubt that we chose our leaders well.

Smart Wonderites also celebrated India's 77<sup>th</sup> Independence Day with great zeal and exuberance. India is scaling new heights with each passing day and making its presence felt on the global landscape. Our historic landing on the moon is a testament of our intellectual brilliance and technological prowess, that every Indian should be proud of!

I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate the students who have been enthusiastically representing SWS at various inter-school events and winning accolades with their performances. Pursuing our passion not only keeps us motivated, but also helps develop a well-rounded personality. As we come to the end of Term I, the students have taken their half yearly assessment. I hope they have done well as they step into the next term.

Looking forward to meeting the parents and discussing the students' academic progress during the upcoming Parent Teachers Meeting in September.

Warm regards  
Poonamjit Kaur







## Friends Forever Friendship Day Assembly by UKG

**'There is something about childhood friends that you just can't replace!'**

Friendship Day is an opportunity to make our friends feel special and let them know that we value their presence in our life. To celebrate this day, the students of class UKG presented an assembly on the topic 'Friends Forever'. They recited heartwarming poems to highlight the importance of having good friends in life. They captivated the audience with a mesmerizing dance performance. It was a memorable day for the little ones as they exchanged friendship bands and promised to share and care for each other.

Director, Ms. Avinash Kaur lauded the students for presenting a beautiful assembly, and spoke about the significance of this day in our life. The Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur spoke to the students about the importance of making new friends and always helping each other.







## Wonderites commemorate Van Mahotsav

**'Let's nurture nature so that we can have a better future.'**

The students of class 1B presented an assembly on 'Van Mahotsav' to instill the value of social responsibility towards safeguarding our trees and forests. The little Wonderites performed a beautiful skit highlighting the adverse effects of rampant deforestation. They also took a pledge to cut their greed but not trees, in order to conserve the environment.

Junior Wing Head, Ms. Sarika Sharma applauded the students for presenting such an informative assembly. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur urged the tiny tots to stay connected to Mother Nature and contribute towards building a greener planet by planting more trees around their homes.







## International Tiger Day

**'Even the smallest step counts when it comes to saving tigers.... Act now!!!'**

Tigers are one of the most charismatic and ferocious wild cats found in nature. Tiger symbolises India's wildlife wealth. Because of its grace, strength, agility and enormous power, it is the national animal of India. The students of class 1D and 5C presented assemblies to commemorate 'International Tiger Day'.

Class 1D students highlighted the important role played by this animal in balancing the planet's ecosystem. Unfortunately, the tiger population has decreased by 97% in the last 100 years, bringing them close to extinction. The students of class 5C also spoke about the significance of protecting tigers and the various reasons which contribute to the declining tiger population.

The Wonderites spoke about the little steps we could take in saving forests, the natural habitat of tigers. Informative and interesting videos were also screened during both the assemblies to drive home the importance of saving tigers. They apprised the audience about the various measures being taken by the Indian government to protect tigers and their habitats, and how we, as children, can help towards this cause.

Director, Ms. Avinash Kaur, appreciating the students for their efforts, said that we should spread awareness regarding the protection of our national animal. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur urged the students to join hands in saving tigers, the nation's pride, from getting extinct.

### 'Save Tigers' - A Presentation by the Students of 1D







**Students of 5C presenting Assembly on 'International Tiger Day'**







# World Senior Citizen's Day Celebration

**'Youth is a gift of nature, but age is a work of art.'**

To commemorate 'World Senior Citizen's Day' and honour their achievements in the society, the students of 4B presented an insightful assembly. They spoke about the significance of always being thankful to the senior citizens for all the services they have rendered. The Wonderites also shared some heartwarming messages to convey their love and affection for the senior members in their family as well as the society.

Junior Wing Head, Ms. Sarika Sharma encouraged the students to respect their elders. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur requested the students to show the same respect and affection to the senior citizens around them, as they do to their grandparents.







## Wonderites promote Sustainable Cities and Communities

An assembly on 'Sustainable Cities and Communities' was presented by the students of class 5A. They apprised the audience of the importance of Sustainable Development Goal - 11 of the United Nations, and shared why developing sustainable cities and communities is, in fact, the need of the hour.

The Wonderites spoke about various sustainable ways of living, some of which have been in practice since the ancient times, while others that have recently been adopted. They shared that sustainable spaces not only provide a safe and affordable environment but also help protect our ecosystem and preserve natural resources for future generations.

Appreciating the students for their efforts and concerns, Junior Wing Head, Ms. Sarika Sharma apprised them of the importance of adopting sustainability. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur encouraged the students to support the cause and take measures in making our communities smarter, safer and more sustainable.







## A Presentation on "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat"

The students of class 5B presented an assembly on 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', a project initiated by the Indian Government on 31st October 2015 to mark Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 140th birth anniversary. The students recited a meaningful poem and enacted an interesting role-play, representing the states - Odisha and Punjab. A soul-soothing Odia song was presented by the Wonderites to conclude the assembly.

Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur appreciated the students for having presented such an informative and vibrant assembly. She reiterated that each one of us has something unique to offer and we should always respect and celebrate the differences.



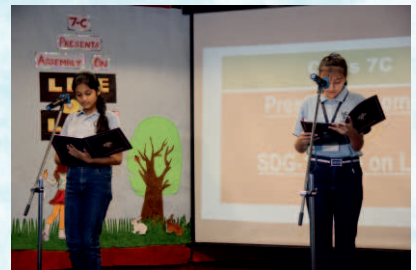




## Assembly on 'Life on Land'

During their assembly, the students of class 7C apprised the audience about 'Life on Land', the Sustainable Development Goal - 15 of the United Nations. They mentioned that this SDG specifically seeks to protect, restore and promote the sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, combat deforestation and desertification, prevent and reverse land degradation and cease biodiversity loss.

A wonderful skit was presented highlighting the need to preserve the life of all the creatures that exist on land as well as their natural habitat. It was followed by an amazing dance performance by the students. Vice Principal, Ms. Raina Chona congratulated the students for the informative presentation. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur informed the students that saving life on land is a collective responsibility and we should contribute towards supporting this cause.







# Independence Day Celebrations

“Mera Desh Meri Shaan”

## Hindi Poetry Recitation - Foundation Years

*'Freedom is the open window through which pours the sunlight of the human spirit and human dignity.'*

Foundation Years' students enthusiastically celebrated the 77th Independence Day by presenting 'Hindi Poetry Recitation' activity, showcasing their creative brilliance and patriotic spirit. The little Wonderites came dressed as their favourite freedom fighters like Mahatma Gandhi, Subhash Chandra Bose and Bhagat Singh to name a few, and spoke confidently about the contribution made by them in achieving India's freedom. 'We are Proud Indians' was the message sent across by them.



Students of UKG



Students of 1A



Students of 1B



Students of 1C



Students of 1D



Students of 2A



Students of 2B



Students of 2C



Students of 2D





Assembly Presentation by Primary Years

A special assembly on 'Independence Day' was conducted by the students of class 4C with great zeal and patriotic fervour. They shared some amazing facts about India's freedom and spoke about how people from across the country celebrate this day. Expressing gratitude towards the great freedom fighters of India, the Wonderites went on to share how they intend on contributing towards the safety and growth of the nation. This was followed by a mesmerizing dance performance.

Appreciating the efforts of the students, our Director, Ms. Avinash Kaur encouraged them to cherish this freedom. Junior-Wing Head, Ms. Sarika Sharma and Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur also lauded the students for presenting such an insightful assembly.







### Independence Day House Activities

*'In the colours of freedom, we unite, hearts entwined, soaring to new heights, India's pride defined.'*

The students of classes 3-5 were engaged in an interesting and creative house activity on 'Independence Day'. They created impressive tricolour takeaways in the form of pinwheels and bookmarks to portray their patriotism. The students thoroughly enjoyed performing this activity and also helped each other in completing the craft work.





Senior Wing Presents Independence Day Assembly

To rekindle the flame of patriotism in our hearts, the students of class 7A and 8B presented a joint assembly on 'Independence Day'. It began with a colorful array of cultural performances, celebrating the rich diversity of India through music, dance and drama. Emphasizing the importance of unity, tolerance and progress, the Wonderites also recited patriotic poems and snippets from inspirational speeches made by our great Indian freedom-fighters. They also shared how we, as a school community, can contribute towards the peace, prosperity and progress of our nation.

Vice-Principal, Ms. Raina Chona appreciated the students for their efforts in presenting the assembly. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur spoke to them about the importance of freedom and the responsibilities that come with it.





## Investiture Ceremony 2023

**"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way." — John Maxwell.**

A spirit of unity and dynamism filled the air as the grand 'Investiture Ceremony' commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> August, marking the formation of the new 'Student Council' for the academic session 2023-24. The chief guest for the ceremony was Major General Ajay H. Chauhan (VSM), Director General - Maharaja Ranjit Singh AFPI, Mohali. The esteemed parents of our new Student Council were also invited on this momentous occasion.

The Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur, along with the chief guest, Major General Chauhan, Vice Principal, Ms. Raina Chona and Junior Wing Head, Ms. Sarika Sharma conferred the badges to the Student Council members. The newly elected Head Girl, Nidhi Rana and Head Boy, Naitik Goel motivated the council members- House Captains, Deputy House Captains, Literary, Sports, Cultural, Discipline, IT Captains and Deputy Captains as well as Prefects, to take up the responsibility bestowed upon them with great zeal and enthusiasm.

An enlightening and motivating address was given by Major General Chauhan, followed by the Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur, congratulating the newly appointed Student Council. She reiterated that there is no shortcut to success; discipline in life is required for us to achieve our goals.











(L-R) : Deputy Head Boy - Gurmehar Singh 9B,  
Head Boy - Naitik Goel 10B, Head Girl – Nidhi Rana 10A and Deputy Head Girl - Tanureet Kaur 9C



**ASPEN HOUSE**

House Captains and Deputy- Captains  
(L-R): Jiya Singh 9C, Gobind Karan Singh 10B,  
Jasneet Kaur Issar 10B and Japleen Kaur Saini 9B



**CEDAR HOUSE**

House Captains and Deputy-Captains  
(L-R) : Yuvraj Dhillon 9C, Harshpreet Singh 10A,  
Sanovar 10C and Vedisha Gupta 9C



**MAPLE HOUSE**

House Captains and Deputy-Captains  
(L-R) : Sanah Goyal 9C, Saksham Verma 10B,  
Sharanya Sharma 10A and Harshita Sharma 9B



**OAK HOUSE**

House Captains and Deputy-Captains  
(L-R) : Mannat Sharma 9A, Arshnoor Kaur 10B,  
Jasdish Singh 10A and Nimanpreet Singh Arora 9B







Cultural Captains and Deputy-Captains

(L-R) :Kirandeep Kaur 9A, Aadhya Raturi 10A, Nandhini 9C,  
Vanshika Choudhary 10C and Tarushi Dhaliwal 9C



IT Captain and Deputy-Captain

(L-R) :Prabhsaran Singh 10A and Manandeep Singh 9B



Sports Captains and Deputy-Captains

(L-R) :Ayush Agarwal 9B, Rudra Partap Singh  
Jaswal 10C, Divnoor Kaur 10C and  
Garima Chhabra 9A



Literary Captains and Deputy-Captains

(L-R) : Prisha Bhalla 9A, Mishti Khullar 10C,  
Tejal Basra 10A and Ridhi Chopra 9C



Discipline Captains and Deputy-Captains

(L-R) : Sanay Kumar 9C, Gurmannot Kaur 9B,  
Tanmay Maurya 10 C, Sia Rawat 10B, Nitya 10C,  
Drishti Singh 9A and Shashwat Pandya 9A







**SCHOOL PREFECTS (Sr. Wing)**

(L-R) : Raghav Gupta 8C, V Surjith Vinod Kumar 8A, Sikandar Singh 8B, Avish Jindal 8A, Ananya Verma 8C, Aditi Kanish Sharma 8B, Swastika Chawla 8A and Sukhmani Kaur Chauhan 8C



**SCHOOL PREFECTS (Jr. Wing)**

(L-R) : Dhruv Jain 5C, Samanvay Jain 5A, Jobanjit Singh 5B, Hasrat 5A, Vriddhi Jindal 5B, Harseerat Kaur Bhatti 5A and Inayra 5A



# SWS Confluence

## 2023

A four-day Inter School Extravaganza



Smart Wonders School hosted 'SWS Confluence – Our Choices Our World', a four-day 'Inter-School Competition' from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023. In a landmark move destined to cast a cascading impact on young minds, the iconic Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were the theme for the plethora of events conducted till 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The confluence brought together more than 300 students from over 17 esteemed schools of Tricity.

With a festive fervour, the first day opened with a rousing welcome given to the Director, Ms. Avinash Kaur and an elite panel of judges. The Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur cordially welcomed the esteemed guests for the opening ceremony. The school choir presented Michael Jackson's award-winning song 'We are the World'.

### Day 1 of SWS Confluence 2023

Smart Wonders' premises were abuzz with a series of events, thus creating a vibrant and engaging atmosphere for the participants. The first day featured three onsite events in multiple categories – Preserve Today, Thrive Tomorrow (Fancy Dress Competition); Introspect Initiate Innovate (Exhibition cum Presentation); Speak to Lead (Jam Session) meant for participants from classes 1 to 10. Two online events – Technophilia (Video Making) and Technomics (Digital Comic Strip), were also held, wherein students from classes 6 to 10 participated virtually. These events challenged students to contemplate critically about the SDGs and provide creative solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems.

#### Lamp Lighting and Welcoming the Guests







**Preserve Today, Thrive Tomorrow - Fancy Dress Competition**





Introspect Initiate Innovate - Exhibition cum Presentation





### Speak to Lead - JAM Session



### Day 2 of SWS Confluence

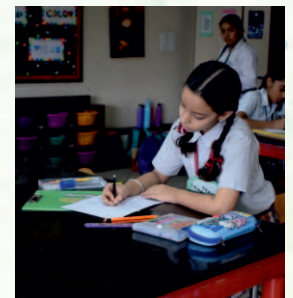
The second day opened with Sizzle and Glide (Group Dance Competition) for the students of class 3 and 4, followed by Doodle Today, Inspire Tomorrow (Poster Making Competition). Students of class 4 and 5 doodled their creativity to depict the significance of good health and well-being. 'Hansi Ki Phulkari' event for class 5 offered an ultimate opportunity for students to spread awareness and enhance understanding of social and environmental issues through humour and satire.

### Sizzle and Glide - Group Dance Competition





Doodle Today Inspire Tomorrow - Art Competition



Hansi Ki Phulkari







### Day 3 of SWS Confluence

On day 3 of 'SWS Confluence – Our Choices Our World', students of classes 6, 7 and 8, presented street plays, better known as 'Nukkad Natak' as it is the best way to connect with the masses through this colloquial form of drama. The objective of this event was to create awareness about the socio-economic issues like poverty, hunger, education, inequality, good health and well-being mentioned in various SDGs. The nukkad natak were thought provoking and very creatively presented by the students.





## Day 4 of SWS Confluence

The final day began with the event, 'My Voice My Identity', a group song competition for students of classes 6, 7 and 8. The objective was to enable the young minds to be responsive towards the various SDGs by demonstrating their creativity and artistic integrity.







## The Grand Finale and Prize Distribution

The grand finale of the four-day show was presided over by the Director, Ms. Avinash Kaur. The event began with a song presented by the school choir, followed by a skit and dance performed by the Senior-Wing students. Vice Principal, Ms. Raina Chona congratulated and proposed the vote of thanks to all the participating teams.

The SWS team was the top scorer for the group song contest 'My Voice My Identity', with special applause from one and all present there. The junior Wonderites bagged first position in the group dance competition 'Sizzle and Glide'. Harshita Sharma was declared third in the JAM session 'Speak to Lead'.

It is a matter of great pride and joy that our school stood tall as the Overall Winner of SWS Confluence 2023, with 463.33 out of 600 points. However, being the host school, we remained non-competitive in all the events. The trophy for the 'Best Performing School' was passed on to Saupin's School, Chandigarh.

The Director, Ms. Avinash Kaur along with the Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur gave away the over-all trophy, prizes and certificates to the winners. The Principal thanked all the competing schools for their wholehearted participation in the four-day extravaganza – 'SWS Confluence', which focused on the global issues to make this world a better place to live in.





## Prize Distribution





## SWS Confluence 2023 - Celebrating the Success

We take this opportunity to celebrate and felicitate our talented Wonderites who were an integral part of this event, both on as well as off the stage; without whom, SWS Confluence 2023 would not have been possible.

### **Smart Wonderites Steal the Show**



#### **Winners of 'Sizzle and Glide' – The Dance Competition**

(L-R): Taesha Narang 4A, Aastha Sood 4A, Naksh Bhandari 4A, Aadditya Rathore 4A, Aahana 4A, Agreem Shrivastava 4C, Ustat Kaur 3C, Gunttaj Pannu 4C and Shaurya Singh 4B

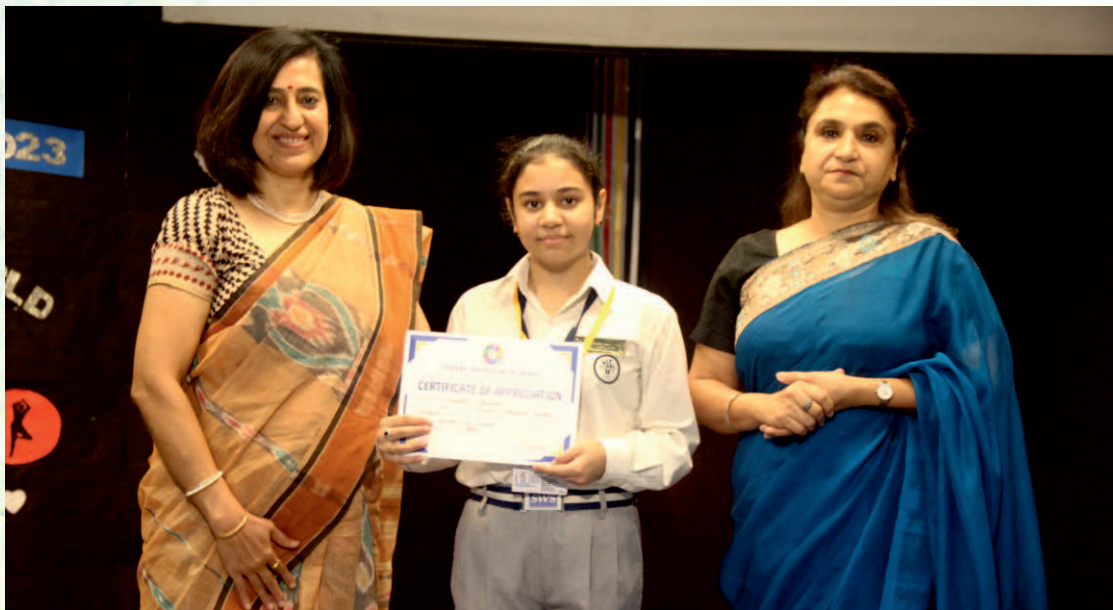






**Winners of 'My Voice, My Identity' – The Group Song Competition**

(L-R): Anaisa Singh 7C ,Danish Manuja 7A, Kunal Dayal 7C, Kanishk Pandey 6C, Manya 7A, Mehar Bawa 7A, Mannat Salhotra 6C, Grace Jethi 7B



**'Speak to Lead' ( The JAM Session) - Third Prize**

Harshita Sharma 9B





## Felicitating the Fabulous 'SWS Confluence' Team,



**Technophilia**

Gunseerat Kaur 9C (Participant)



**Technomics**

Kaashvi Gupta 6C (Participant)



**Nukkad Natak - Jan Samwad Se  
Jan Kalyan (Participants)**

Row 1 (L-R): Madhav Gupta 8C, Saanvi Pathak 6B,  
Divyansh Sharma 8A, Aujas Sharma 7A

Row 2 (L-R): Sukhmani Kaur Chauhan 8C, Harsimar Singh 8C,  
Eeshman Khurana 8C and Arsh 8B





## Felicitating the Fabulous 'SWS Confluence' Team,



Hansi Ki Phulkari  
Vridhhi Jindal 5B (Participant)



Doodle Today, Inspire Tomorrow  
Rashi Manocha 5B (Participant)



Preserve Today, Thrive Tomorrow  
Ruzual Shelly Kularan 2D (Participant)



Introspect, Initiate, Innovate (Participants)  
(L-R) : Nidhi Rana 10A, Tanureet Kaur 9C,  
Sanah Goyal 9C, Jiya Singh 9C, Hunar Singla 10A





## Felicitating the Fabulous 'SWS Confluence' Team,



School Choir  
Opening Ceremony



School Choir  
Closing Ceremony



Dance participants  
Closing Ceremony



Organising Committee  
Volunteers from Class 10



Organising Committee  
Volunteers from Class 9



Organising Committee  
Volunteers from Class 8



Organising Committee  
Art Team



Organising Committee  
Photography Team



Organising Committee  
Anchoring Team







## Intra-House Creative Writing Competition

*'A piece of creative writing, like a day-dream, is a continuation of, and a substitute for, what was once the play of childhood' ~ Sigmund Freud*

An Intra-House 'Creative Writing Competition' was conducted for the students of Primary Years. A wide range of topics were shared with the students of classes 3, 4 and 5, giving a platform to express themselves independently and explore their thoughts, emotions and experiences. The students participated enthusiastically in the competition and even drew colourful images to support their text and showcase their visual interpretations.

### Winners of Intra House Creative Writing Competition



**Top Row** : Saesha Tejpal 5B, Ishpreet Kaur 5A, Shaurya Singh 4B, Mriduv Verma 5A, Triesha Kumari 5A

**Bottom Row** : Rajbir Singh 4C, Jasjot Rajput 4C, Riddhi Dhiman 4A, Ishanvi Sinha 3A, Abhiroop Singh 3B, Ryan 3C, Asees Kaur 3C





## Intra House Poster Making Competition

An 'Intra-House Poster Making Competition' was held in the school premises for the students of Primary Years on 'Life below Water', SDG – 14 of the United Nations. The students enthusiastically participated in the event and made beautiful pictures based on their understanding of the importance of preserving marine life. Principal, Ms. Poonamjit Kaur appreciated the students for their creativity and encouraged them to take tiny steps towards saving all those sharing the planet with us.

### Winners of Intra House Poster Making Competition



**Top Row** : Ersheen Kaur 5B, Rashi Manocha 5B, Gurniwaz Kaur Saini 5B, Elina 4C, Alisha Sharma 5B, Manseerat Kaur 5B

**Middle Row** : Bhavesh Saravanan 4A, Mriduv Verma 5A, Saumya Khera 3B, Sargun Kaur 4C, Ikdarsh Kaur 4B, Hunarvir Singh Gill 4B, Harsheen Kaur 5C

**Bottom Row** : Bhaavi 3C, Mehreen Kaur 3D, Abhiroop Singh 3B, Avneet Kaur 3B, Lavishka Sharma 3D, Jasjot Rajput 4C, Ruhani Kaur 3D





## Student Corner

### **My experience in securing a position in the Student Council**

As the Vice-principal declared the results for the newly elected student council members, they were summoned to the stage. The narrative commenced with the individual holding the esteemed position of Head Boy and ultimately culminated with the involvement of the School Prefects. The auditorium dedicated to the audio-visual room was abundantly occupied by the intellectual acumen of pupils hailing from grades eight to ten. I was seated alongside my confident and contented closest companion, who had already made up his mind not to become a member of the student council. Despite my close relationship with a courageous student, I experienced a significant spike in my heart rate because of fear. The individuals elected to serve as Heads and Captains are selected from the 10th grade, while the Deputy Heads and Deputy Captains are chosen from amongst the 9th-grade students. The responsibility of serving as School Prefects is bestowed upon the 8th-grade students. Following the announcement of the Heads, Captains, Deputy Heads, and Deputy Captains, the school Prefects were formally invited to join the stage. Despite my initial apprehension, I mustered the courage to accept the role of School Prefect, bolstered by the unwavering support and encouragement of my dear friends. I experienced a sense of pride and gratitude as I ascended the stage, making it one of the most joyous occasions of my academic career. Securing a position in the student council was no easy feat. It required a lot of effort, dedication, and perseverance on my part. I had to navigate numerous challenges and obstacles along the way, but I refused to give up. Through this experience, I learned some valuable lessons that will undoubtedly benefit me. I learned how to lead a team effectively, how to communicate clearly and concisely, and how to work collaboratively towards a common goal. Overall, I feel proud of what I achieved and grateful for the opportunity to serve and represent my peers on the student council.

V. Surjith Vinod  
Class - 8A





## Embracing Responsibility

The moment my name was announced as a school prefect, an overwhelming mixture of surprise, pride and happiness surged through me. It was as if all my hard work and dedication had been acknowledged in that one electrifying moment. I felt a sense of accomplishment and gratitude for the trust placed in me by both the teachers and my peers. The smiles from my friends and teachers only intensified the feeling, making it a memory I will cherish for a long time.

Sikandar Singh  
Class - 8B

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## My experience as a Council Member

The feeling of going into one of the most competitive grade years of my life felt scary and exhausting, but exciting at the same time. As a senior, I felt a great responsibility and being a good role model for myself and my juniors. Every day, I strive to reach that level. When I heard about the council elections to begin, I found that it would be a great platform for me to indulge in a disciplined life and hold a respectable position. It felt like a spark in my life. My thirst for knowledge, which serves as my existential fuel, inspired me to apply for the position of Deputy Literary Captain. When the time for the interview finally arrived, I prepared thoroughly, and everything went really well.

The day came when we were called for the results of the elections and my heart became faster than I could ever imagine. I could feel the throbbing of blood when the Deputy Literary Captain post was called out. I rose to my feet and beamed with a proud smile as my name was called. I, finally, felt proud that I had been given such a prestigious and powerful post as a Deputy Literary Captain, which mainly focuses on my fuel for life. Literature, books and knowledge is my 'ikigai' or the main reason of my life. The school awarded me with a badge that serves as a symbol of achievement and honour. I use this post to share my write-ups in the Newsletter, talk about books with my junior friends, and share my love for languages.

"A house without books is like a room without windows" is a quote I used to emphasize the value of knowledge and books. In the future, I intend to concentrate primarily on language and French competitions. By doing my obligations, taking part in the SWS Confluence, fostering the positive aspects of my character and school, and living up to the standards necessary for this honourable title. Overall, being a council member also requires a great deal of responsibility, self-discipline, and awareness, and it's something I am proud to do.

Prisha Bhalla  
Class 9A





## My Experience at the Investiture Ceremony

Investiture ceremony at SWS is the most awaited ceremony and I, Sanah Goyal of class 9, took pride in being a part of it. It was a big day for all the newly elected council of our school. They marched proudly and received their badges. It was an immense pleasure to receive my badge of 'Maple House Deputy Captain' from our worthy Principal and our honourable chief guest, Major General Ajay H. Chauhan (VSM). The wise and motivational words said by all the dignitaries inspired me to take up new responsibilities and challenges without any fear. The event developed a new sense of commitment and dedication towards my duty and I vow to be a good and approachable leader to all my fellow mates.

Sanah Goyal  
Class - 9C

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## Investiture Ceremony 2023-24

*'If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.'*

- John Quincy Adams

On the momentous day of August 5, 2023 our school entrusted its upcoming leaders with certain roles and responsibilities. The school held the investiture ceremony with great enthusiasm. This occasion was to inculcate the leadership and decision-making skills in students and to offer dignity to the deserving talents of our school.

The 'Investiture Ceremony' instilled the student council with a sense of pride and accountability. As the Deputy Head-Girl of Smart Wonders School, this ceremony left an indelible impression of pride in my heart.

The student council of 2023-24 promises to lead the school with their confidence, competence and their caring nature!

Tanureet Kaur  
Class – 9C

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## Investiture Ceremony 2023

I remember the first time I ever saw the Investiture Ceremony of SWS. It was in 2018, when my sister got the post of the House Prefect. It was the day when I decided that I also want to experience marching to the stage and getting awarded with a badge for my hard work and attaining a special kind of responsibility to be a Wonderite. 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023, was one of the most memorable days for me. I became the Deputy Cultural Captain





of SWS Student Council. Before getting the badge, I had tremendous butterflies in my stomach and the air was filled with such positivity by my fellow council members and the parents. When the ceremony started, I could feel the sparkle in every parent's and teacher's eyes and pride could be seen from their smiles. After I shook hands with the Chief Guest, Sir General Chauhan, a sense of accomplishment had taken over me. I realised that I had achieved the dream I wished to, ever since I was in grade four. The Chief Guest then spoke such brilliant words that gave us even more motivation. The Head Girl and Head Boy of the previous year were also really happy and proud to pass on the flag. None of the people in the auditorium could stop smiling that day. One important thing I realised at the ceremony was that no matter what, the hard work you put in every task will be appreciated someday. A group of girls performed a fantastic dance and then when the ceremony ended, everyone clicked pictures with their parents and with each other. The day ended with everyone smiling, laughing and having one of the best and memorable days of their school years.

Tarushi  
Class - 9C

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## LEADERSHIP

**Leadership is about collaboration and inspiring others to do their best work. I aim to be direct and collaborate with my team members by delegating tasks, leading by example, and making sure they know I care.**

Leaders provide guidance, inspiration, and motivation when achieving goals. They help to create a vision and rally people around a common cause. Leaders possess the necessary skills and knowledge to make informed decisions and solve problems effectively. A good leader should have integrity, self-awareness, courage, respect, empathy, and gratitude. They should be learning agile and flex their influence while communicating and delegating effectively. The three most important roles of a leader are motivator, communicator, and connector. Leaders motivate their team members to do great work, clearly and consistently communicate expectations and the organization's cultural norms to them, and unite them with a shared sense of purpose to achieve the vision Leadership is a gift—a gift that requires you to set a direction; motivate, inspire, and develop others; and deliver results that matter.

Rishika Bhardwaj  
Class – 8A







## Avid Readers of the Month

*"Reading is important. If you know how to read, then the whole world opens up to you."*



Adhiraj Sharma of 3D



Vivaan Upadhyay of 4A



Aradhaya Verma of 5B



Guntaas Kaur Sidhu of 7C



Harmehar Kaur of 8C



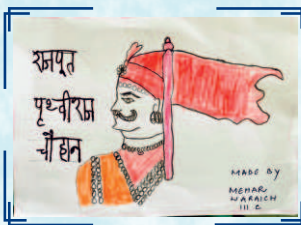
Prabhleen Kaur of 10C





## Book Covers and Reviews

"Literature is the safe and traditional vehicle through which we learn about the world and pass on values from one generation to the next. Books save lives." ~ Laurie Anderson



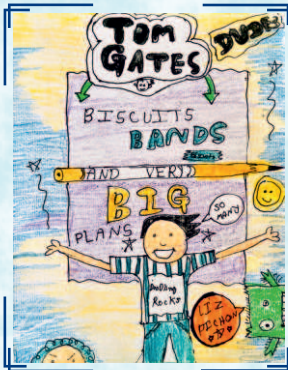
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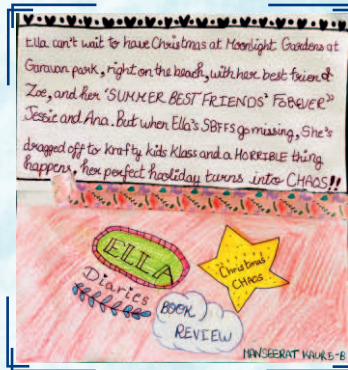
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Bhaavi of 3C



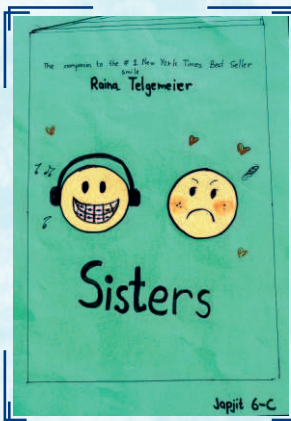
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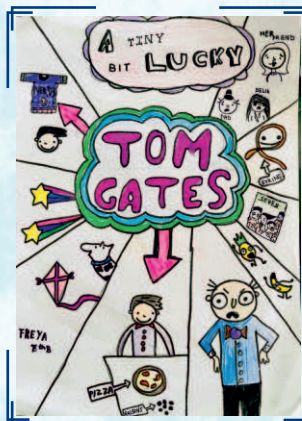
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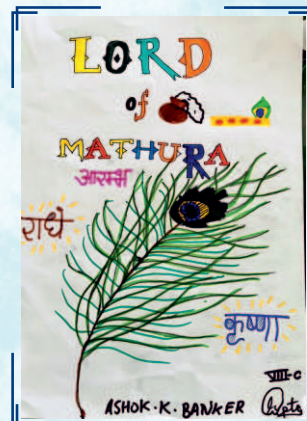
Hargun Kaur of 6B



Japjit Kaur of 6C



Freya Chhabra of 7B



Raghav Gupta of 8C





# SWS Hall of Fame



## A Book to her Name

"Short Stories" by Ishpreet

Ishpreet is a multitalented child. Apart from dancing, painting and singing, she has told stories ever since she learned to speak. She writes excellent narratives, and this book is a collection of her self-composed stories.

## Wonderites shine in Chess Tournament

Students from Smart Wonders School enthusiastically participated in the A.J. Saupin Chess Tournament held on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023. Over 24 students from different schools of Mohali and Chandigarh region competed fiercely during this event. Saumya Khera of 3B bagged the coveted silver medal in Class 1-4 (Girls) category, while Utkrisht Khosla of 3C secured the second position in Class 1-4 (Boys) category. In Class 5-8 (Girls) category, Melissa Kapoor of 8C bagged a bronze medal. V. Surjith Vinod of 8A was also an enthusiastic participant.



## Swimming her way to Success

Guntas Preet Kaur of class 9B has brought laurels to Smart Wonders School by bagging first position in 400 m Medley Race and Second position in 800 m Freestyle Relay Race at State Level in Swimming.







### Wonderites participate in DPS Conclave

Smart Wonderites participated in the 'DPS-Samvidhi 5.0 – Legal Conclave' at DPS, Chandigarh on the 25th and 26th August 2023. The objective of the Legal Conclave was to engage participants in thought-provoking discussions on contemporary legal issues, policy matters, and potential solutions to challenges faced by our legal system.

Three of our students - Mannat Sharma (9A), Nandika (9C) and Aaliyah Pandhi (9C) participated in 'EVENT 2: Legal Entrepreneurship Competition'. They got selected in the top 10 teams to qualify for the final round after competing with 36 teams. Four of our students - Japman Singh (9B), Garima Chhabra (9A), Aadil Bhardwaj (9A) and Yuvraj Uppal (9A) participated as two teams in 'EVENT 3: QUIZ'. Aadil Bhardwaj and Yuvraj Uppal qualified for the final round after being shortlisted in the top six teams. Two students - Harshita Sharma (9B) and Sanovar (10C) - participated as a team in EVENT 4: G-20 Summit Simulation.





# in the news



### Students of Smart Wonders School, Mohali play role of 'plant parents'

The Senior Wing students of the school are actively participating in the 'CBSE - One Child, One Plant' campaign, a nationwide sapling plantation project. As a part of this green initiative, a large number of school students have volunteered to 'plant parents'.

### 'SWS Confluence 2023' comes to a close

The SWS Confluence 2023, a four-day inter-school competition hosted by Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, Mohali, concluded on a high note. The event was inaugurated by the Director, Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, Mohali, on August 13.

### Smart Wonders School Confluence concludes on a high note

PUNJAB EXPRESS BUREAU Mohali, August 13 SWS Confluence 2023 - Our Choices, Our World' a four-day inter-school competition hosted by Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, Mohali concluded with 17 renowned schools from Tri-city participating in a number of events slated for each day.

The competition, which aimed to engage students in meaningful learning experiences and polish their creative talents, focused on global issues to make this world a better place to live in. The grand finale of the four-day event was presided over by the Director, Smart Wonders School, Avinash Kaur. The event began with a song by the school choir, followed by a skit and dance performed by the senior wing students.

### Achievers



### Smart Wonders School shines in chess tourney

Students from Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, Mohali, won medals in the AJ Saupin Chess Tournament, hosted by Saupin's School, Mohali. Over 24 students from different schools of Mohali and Chandigarh region competed in the event.

### SCHOOL EVENTS



Teachers and students of Smart Wonders School during a plantation drive.

### Smart Wonders kids take part in tree plantation drive

Mohali: The senior wing students of Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, participated in the 'CBSE - One child, one plant' campaign, a nationwide tree plantation project being run from July 29 to August 28.

### स्मार्ट वंडर्स स्कूल (एसडब्ल्यूएस) कॉन्फ्लुएंस का समापन धूमधाम से हुआ

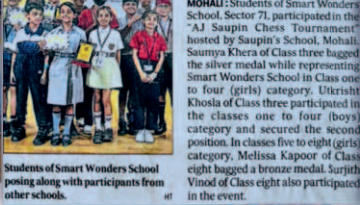
मोहाली। स्मार्ट वंडर्स स्कूल, मोहाली द्वारा आयोजित चार दिवसीय इंटर-स्कूल एसडब्ल्यूएस कॉन्फ्लुएंस- हमारे पसंद हमारे दुनिया में ट्राइसिटी के 17 प्रमुख स्कूलों ने हिस्सा लिया। इस अवसर के चारों दिनों स्कूलों की टोनों ने विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों में हिस्सा लिया और अपने निकास दिखाए। चार दिवसीय इंटर स्कूल प्रतियोगिता में डेर सारे कार्यक्रम आयोजित किए गए, जिसका उद्देश्य छात्रों को रोजींग्गुलेशन लैनिंग के अनुभवों में शामिल करना और वैरिस्क मुद्दों पर केंद्रित विषय के साथ उनकी क्रिएटिव प्रिप्रिया को निखारना है।

### Smart Wonders School gets new student council



Newly appointed members of the student council of Smart Wonders School, Chandigarh, during an inauguration ceremony.

### Smart Wonders' students win medals in chess tournament



Students of Smart Wonders School posing along with participants from other schools.



### Young leaders receive badges of responsibility at investiture ceremony

The investiture ceremony for the newly elected members of the student council of Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, Mohali, was held on August 13. The ceremony was presided over by the Director, Smart Wonders School, Sector 71, Mohali, who presented the badges of responsibility to the young leaders.







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