



# Somerville Times

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

I am delighted to bring to you the first edition of Somerville Times. It is a magazine 'of the students, by the students and for the students'. A new addition to the school calendar, it strives to keep you updated with the news and events in our school. *Somerville Times* will publish and cover a whole gamut of activities scheduled in and outside school. We will report the achievements of the students and simultaneously seek to motivate all to reach higher goals. *Somerville Times* recognises and celebrates a student's skill, even beyond the school boundaries. Our school is replete with young aspiring minds who have the potential to be tomorrow's leaders. I urge all my fellow students to work diligently with perseverance, to learn and achieve more. I hope that you all welcome Somerville Times with open arms.

—Nichel Joseph (11-B)

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Readers,

I have a calendar of thoughts on my table which talks to me each day. One day it told me "Be flexible"; another day it said, "Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape". Is my thought book telling me to exercise more? I wondered. That was the day Nichel came to me with the idea of a school newsletter. It was already October. Half the year had gone. I wondered if it would be possible to put out such a paper in the time available, who would work on it, what should be the content, problems, problems... "I'll do it, Ma'am," Nichel said confidently. And, lo and behold, he had the first edition of the Somerville Times ready in a matter of two days. Be flexible, be available and you can extend the boundaries of your imagination and achievement. Well, done, Nichel. May there be more who emulate your enthusiasm and drive. This issue is replete with achievements of our school at various forums. It's amazing how much we have been able to accomplish in six months. I hope all of you read the Somerville Times and send in your feedback and suggestions for improvement.

—Esther Mani

### Inter House Activities

#### Model Making Competition (02.05.2013)

4 <sup>th</sup> Class:	5 <sup>th</sup> Class:
1 <sup>st</sup> - Ashoka	1 <sup>st</sup> - Gandhi
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ashoka	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Gandhi
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Gandhi	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Tagore

#### Social Science Quiz (3.05.13) (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Class)

1 <sup>st</sup> - Gandhi
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Akbar
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Ashoka

#### Puppet Making Competition (10.5.13)(6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Class)

1 <sup>st</sup> - Ashoka, Tagore
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Akbar
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Gandhi

#### Mathematics Quiz (11.07.2013)(Classes III – V)

1 <sup>st</sup> - Tagore
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ashoka
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Akbar, Gandhi

#### Shloka Competition (19.8.13) (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Class)

1 <sup>st</sup> - Gandhi
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ashoka, Tagore
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Akbar

#### Science Declamation (23.8.13)

9 <sup>th</sup> Class:	10 <sup>th</sup> Class:
1 <sup>st</sup> - Gandhi	1 <sup>st</sup> - Gandhi
2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ashoka	2 <sup>nd</sup> - Ashoka
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Tagore	3 <sup>rd</sup> - Akbar

*"Desire is the key to motivation, but it is determination and commitment to an unrelenting pursuit of your goal - a commitment to excellence that will enable you to attain the success you seek."*

# Music To The Ears

People always say that learning is a never ending process. This is what I have learnt in all these years. There is always something to learn from the numerous competitions. When we win, we often tend to believe that we are the best. But with each new event comes a desire to improve. Competitions are not battle fields, but arenas where you can learn the most valuable lessons. Also, you meet many people, their names keep adding to my friends list. So, it's actually an experience which always stays with you and improves you each day.

—Bhargavi Thakur (X-A)



The school's Indian Music Choir is one of the best in the city. The Indian Music Choir participated in 'Anuvrat Group Music Competition' held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013. They secured 1<sup>st</sup> Position at the District Level. The members of the choir are: Anubhav Singhal (X-A), J. Sai Harshita (XI-B), Bhargavi Thakur (X-A), Aayush Chang (IX-E), R.S. Pandey (IX-C), Lipi Aggarwal (X-A), Navya Balakrishnan (IX-A), Kshitij Bhardwaj (IX-D), Suvidha Mittal (IX-A), Diksha Singhal (IX-B), Aakarshit Arora (IX-E), Sukriti Bajaj (IX-D), Mukul Yadav (IX-D), Anuj Mehra (IX-B) and Aakash Agarwal (IX-E). In the Senior Solo Category, Bhargavi Thakur (X-A) secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at the State Level.

## Scintillations 2013 - Science Symposium

Our school hosted *Scintillations 2013*, an Inter School Science Symposium on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013. The topic for the symposium was 'Artificial Intelligence and its use in three specific focus areas: Medicine, Waste Management and Traffic Management'. Eighteen schools from Delhi and the NCR region participated enthusiastically. The first position at the Symposium was won by Somerville School, Noida. The second position was shared by East Point Public School, Delhi and Salwan Public School, East Delhi.



## Virginia Jealous

Virginia Jealous, a well known travel writer, who has written for various renowned magazines such as National Geographic, visited our school on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2013. She had an interactive session with the students of senior classes.

## Geoffery Segero

Sir Geoffrey Segero, a resident of the Kakamega region in Western Kenya, visited the school on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2013. He had an interactive session with students of class X. He highlighted the similarities and dissimilarities between India and Kenya.

## Vinita Ma'am

Miss Vinita Peter was honored with the prestigious 'State Teachers Award 2013' on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013. She was awarded for her excellence in teaching by Ms. Sheila Dikshit, the Chief Minister of Delhi.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Earth Day** was celebrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013. A Nature Walk for Class I and various competitions for students of classes I-V were organised.
- **Heritage Day** was celebrated on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 with a Special Assembly organised by senior students.

## HOUSE POINTS

(as on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013)

	Tagore	Gandhi	Ashoka	Akbar
Cultural Activities	30	43	39	28
Sports Activities	166	144	120	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>158</b>

# SOMERVILLE ANNUAL PAINTING COMPETITION KSHITIJ 2013

(Sponsored By Bank of Baroda)

Seated on the carpet laid on the playground and getting completely lost in the world where pencils and brushes do the talking, I had forgotten all about studies. The Painting Competition was a refreshing and wonderful experience for me. The topic given for classes XI and XII was 'Peer Pressure'. This is something we are very familiar with. Through my painting, I tried to convey the negative effects of peer pressure, how people experience a lot of mental stress because of friends who try to manipulate and force them into doing wrong things. I was lucky enough to win the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize, though it was totally unexpected. I really enjoyed myself and look forward to participating in more such competitions.

—Rincy Reji (11-C)



## Winners

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Class :

1<sup>st</sup> - Anchal Sony (III-B)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Amulya (III-B)

### 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Class :

1<sup>st</sup> - Aditi Bansal (V-B)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Medha Nair (V-D)

### 6<sup>th</sup> Class:

1<sup>st</sup> - Rishi Tomar (VI-A)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Rachel Regi (VI-C)

### 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Class:

1<sup>st</sup> - Rungsit Sarkar (VII-A)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Hardik Sawhney (VIII-B)

### 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Class:

1<sup>st</sup> - Rachita Donti (X-A)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Ritika Sachdeva (X-E)

### 11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Class:

1<sup>st</sup> - Khushboo (XI-A)

2<sup>nd</sup> - Rincy Regi (XI-C)

## JUNIOR SECTION

### Inter Class English Creative Writing Competition (Class II-V)

Class II : 1<sup>st</sup> – Mansha (2E)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Tanisha (2C), Keziah (2C)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Tejas, Poornima Sharma(2A)

Class III: 1<sup>st</sup> - Harsh Sati (3E), Spriha Podder (3E)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Luhair Humad(3C), Rida Hussain (3D)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Shreya Johnson (3A)

Class IV: 1<sup>st</sup> – Vrinda Gupta (4D)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Shrishti Simran (4C), Vithi Singh(4A)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Lavanya Khsola (4B), Micah M.S (4B)

Class V: 1<sup>st</sup> – Joyal Pasricha (5A)

2<sup>nd</sup> – S. Aditya(5B), Uddipam Mandal(5B)

3<sup>rd</sup> – Shrishti Singh(5C), Anjana Biswas(5A)

### Inter Class Collage Making Competition (IV-V)

Class IV: 1<sup>st</sup>–Section C, 2<sup>nd</sup>– Section B, 3<sup>rd</sup>–Section A

Class V : 1<sup>st</sup>–Section E, 2<sup>nd</sup>– Section C , 3<sup>rd</sup>–Section C

### Inter Class Clay Modeling Competition (Class I-III)

Class I-A : Devansh Sahai, Rayyan Saad

I-B : Khushaal Dhingra, Anvesha Nartiyal

I-C : Carol Sheny, Madhulica Lashyap

I-D : Steffi Thomas, Milind Sundriyal

I-E : Ipshita Choudhary, Tanisha Gogias

Class II-A : Mahi Garg, Aditya Singh

II-B : Aanya Chugh, Preesha Verma,  
Abhinav P. Nair

II-C : Gayatri Iyer, Unnati Gupta

II-D : Manasvi Gund, Amalendu

II-E : Neil David, Jiya Tiwari

Class III-A : Shabee Haider, Rashi Kothiyal

III-B : Sruthi Johnson, Arush Verma

III-C : Bhavya Damov, Ananya Verma

III-D : Parthai P., Taarini Kumar

III-E : Rishabh Shah, Megha

### Inter Class Cultural Heritage Competition (Class III-V)

Class III: 1<sup>st</sup> - III-E

2<sup>nd</sup> - III-B

Class IV: 1<sup>st</sup> - IV-B

2<sup>nd</sup> - IV-C

Class V: 1<sup>st</sup> - V-A

2<sup>nd</sup> - V-E

### Educational Trip

Educational trips were organized for the students of Classes IV and V. They visited the Sundials at Barapullah and Jantar Mantar.

# INTER HOUSE SPORTS COMPETITION WINNERS

	Basketball			Tennis			Football			Volleyball		
	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3	1	2	3
<b>Jr. Boys</b>	Gandhi	Tagore	Akbar	Ashoka	Akbar	Tagore	Tagore	Gandhi	Akbar	Tagore	Akbar	Gandhi
<b>Jr. Girls</b>	Akbar	Tagore	Gandhi	Gandhi	Tagore	Akbar	Akbar	Gandhi	Tagore	Gandhi	Akbar	Tagore
<b>Sr. Boys</b>	Gandhi	Ashoka	Tagore	Akbar	Tagore	Ashoka	Ashoka	Tagore	Gandhi	Tagore	Gandhi	Akbar
<b>Sr. Girls</b>	Tagore	Gandhi	Ashoka	Ashoka	Tagore	Gandhi	Tagore	Ashoka	Gandhi	Ashoka	Tagore	Gandhi
<b>Primary</b>	Basketball			Tennis			Football			Throw ball		
<b>Boys</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Gandhi	Tagore	Ashoka	Gandhi	Ashoka	Tagore
<b>Girls</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Ashoka	Akbar	Tagore

## FUN SECTION

### Riddles

- i) What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
- ii) What goes around the world but stays in a corner?
- iii) No sooner spoken than broken. What is it?  
—Dennis Valson (11-B)

### Smart Alec?

- I'd hate to be a giraffe with a sore throat.
- When someone hands you a flyer, it's like they're saying "Here, you throw this away."
- I got an ant farm; those fellas didn't grow anything.

## Upcoming Events

The first ever "**Somerville School Fete**" will be held over two days, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December. Volunteers invited.

**Sports Day Race** selections have begun. For more details please contact Bipin Sir.

**Chess Championship** is being held for students of Classes 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>.

Please contact Archana Ma'am for more information.

**Gardening Club** – gear up for intense competition to grow the most beautiful flowers in your assigned areas!

## Congratulations!

**Dennis Thomas** (IX-D) won 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize at the 6<sup>th</sup> Humkshore Festival in the Instrumental Music Category.

**Nichel Joseph** (XI-B) participated in the National Pool Life Saving Championship 2013 and completed course from Rashtriya Life Saving Society and is a Certified First Aider.

**Akshmeen Kathuria** (XII-A) secured the 1<sup>st</sup> Position at Zonal Level and 2<sup>nd</sup> Position at District Level in Dance Competitions.

**Muskan Sharma** (VIII-C) secured the 2<sup>nd</sup> Position (Jr. Girls) at the Zonal Hindi Declamation Competition.

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