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We're thrilled to publish our school newsletter after a brief hiatus. The last few months have been a flurry of activities. From captivating interviews and memorable excursions to innovative initiatives and spirited assemblies, this issue captures the moments that defined this period. Let us celebrate the hard work of everyone on campus who is helping us keep it lively and memorable. Join us on this literary journey as we reconnect, and anticipate the unfolding of most of the current term's events in our next publication.

Warmly,  
Newsletter Team

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# Post-Dinner Poetry

By Abhishek sir

In response to the growing interest among students in reading and composing poetry, the school has launched an initiative known as 'Post-Dinner Poetry.' This program provides students with a platform to share their love for poetry within the school community after dinner. Students eagerly present poems by well-known poets while also providing insights into the poet's background and life.

In the current term, the program's horizons has been broadened by incorporating poetry from various languages and showcasing some original works created by students as well as teachers.



## ASSEMBLIES

Following a diverse set of assemblies towards the end of last term on Urdu poetry by Sharad sir and Smita akka, Superhydrophobicity by Rajesh sir, Life as a full time traveler by Kaeya, Biomimicry by Tanisha and Kimaya, Misleading Statistics by Vedika and an Improv performance by the Middle school and Vinayak Sharma sir, we have had many more assemblies this term.

- Pushparaj sir - **STEAM Lab project demonstrations**
- Kimaya on the **Evolution of Sea creatures**
- **Mughal history project** assembly by Grade 8
- Santharam sir on Birds and Ornithology
- **Ninad writing assembly** by Saher akka
- **Book talk** by Class 8 and 9 students
- Excursion assembly by Class 11
- **Scientific thinking**, by Raghu



Writing for the school magazine - Ninad

Assemblies with junior school

- **Poetry recital** by Grade 4 and 5
- Presentation on **endangered species** by Grade 5
- **Storytelling** by Avinash Subramaniam



# Interview with Bhau Ghadge

By Niloufer Kaur

Q- When did you join school?

I joined school in 2000. I was 19 years old at that time.

Q - Where are you from?

From Pabal, Shirur taluka, Pune district. It is around 55 km from Sahyadri School.

Q- How did you end up in Sahyadri?

After 10th, I studied in Vigyan Ashram, a learning centre in Pabal village, Pune. Established by a scientist turned educationist, Dr.S.S.Kalbaug in 1983, its motto is learning while doing. They did many hands-on activities during my time there. They even built a tractor from scratch! After studying, I worked for BSNL for 6 months and from there I used to come to school as part of my work with the company. The 'office' asked the BSNL group to help them set up servers and basically work on the IT sector in school and I volunteered to join school and help out.

Q- How is the I.T situation different from when you joined?

A- When I joined, the school was working with bare minimum technology. There were only 2-3 BSNL lines. People used to handwrite everything, there were a few computers but they were very old. In the beginning of 2007 till 2010, they used to put the dongle in a bottle to save from rains and hang it on the roof for the network.



In 2006 the network development started and slowly from there they put servers and eventually had a BSNL tower built in school. This programme or development started originally in Sahyadri and then later got introduced in Rishi Valley and other schools also.

Q- What are your hobbies and interests?

A- Most of my interests are dedicated to coding and social work.

Q- What is your favourite food?

A- I like multiple dishes, one of them being Puranpoli. I am grateful for the food we get in the D.H because it is of good quality and is nutritious. It is also diverse and seasonal in nature.

Q- What kind of songs do you listen to, and who is your favourite?

A- I listen to Bhajans by Suresh Wadkar, an Indian playback singer. He performs in both Hindi and Marathi films. He has worked with famous personalities such as Lata Mangeshkar.



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Musical Evening held towards the end of the previous term. In this picture: performance by the Vishakha boys



Play by Class 8 students. It touched upon the themes of land rights, colourism and gender discrimination



Visit by Ashish Kothari, founder of the environmental- based organization Kalpavriksh and Vikalp Sangam



Performance by Class 12 students on the occasion of school day



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The spring term had a good start with class hikes . Students of all grades - 4th to 12th went on the hike to different places near the school. While the junior students went to places like Python hill and along the cross country route, the seniors walked upto Yeleshwar and Gad-dubai temple.

By Shivalika Jhunjunwala

# Excursion

9th Grade

By Tanvi and Reya

For our excursion this year, our batch went to Hemalkasa and Anandwan in Gadchiroli and Warora in Maharashtra in October. It is one of the most remote parts of Maharashtra; isolated from the state. In the forested area resides the Lok Biradari Prakalp or LBP set up by the Amte family for the local tribes. We stayed on the school campus with the tribal school children. We attended classes, played sports and interacted with them. We also explored the Amte's Animal Art, the Dispensary and the Residential School.

At Anandwan, the disabled people are medically treated, rehabilitated and made financially independent. The highlight for us was learning Indian Sign Language (ISL) and making friends via ISL! We also got to shop for beautiful handicrafts made by the leprosy patients. This was honestly an amazing experience in every aspect (including the delicious food ) and something memorable for all of us!





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# Excursion

11th Grade

By Nishta Nandgopal

“ Give a man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime.” That is basically the motto of SPS. We, the students of Class 11 went to Samaj Pragati Sahayog or SPS in October for our excursion. It is situated in the Dewas district of Madhya Pradesh. We went there to learn about the organization, its functions, principles and association with the locals. We learnt that it doesn't just solve their problems but enables them to solve them on their own with dialogue and action.

While in SPS, for about 6 days, we learnt about Watershed management, Community Media, Agriculture, Health, Education, SHG's (Self - Help Groups) and Kumbaya (A design brand, which works on reusing waste cloth to form usable products and empowers the local women and disabled people ). We also had the opportunity to visit One Star School, a private school run by members of SPS. We spent an afternoon there and interacted with the children. Interestingly, we also had a scary experience with a non-venomous snake which we can now laugh about! This experience was one of a kind, we learnt so much about this spectacular NGO and bonded with our batch. We will certainly remember this for ages to come!



At the SPS Campus



Visit to One Star School, a school for tribal students near SPS campus

What to expect in the next issue:

- Sports fest
- Christmas and New Year celebrations
- Farewell
- Workshops and camps

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