

LITERARY FESTIVAL AT NARBHERAM HANSRAJ ENGLISH SCHOOL

The Literary festival was held at Narbheram Hansraj English School on 8th November at 5:30pm in the school premises. The festival consisted of two different literary events - Elocution Competition and Drama Presentation. The elocution competition was initiated by Mrs Paramita Roy Chaudhury, the Principal of the school in the year 2011 and since then it has become an annual event in the school calendar. The aim has been to provide the students with a platform to hone their communication skills. Success in elocution depends on two factors -confidence and competence, both of which tend to improve with practice. Becoming a good speaker requires an ongoing mediation between personal and public selves. Gesture plays an important role as the communication of the unspoken word is equally important to that of the spoken word. The students were trained in these different aspects so that they could express themselves with grace and confidence.

The students from LKg to class XII participated in the preliminary rounds and the selected candidates participated in the final competition. The elocution competition was conducted at four levels - Primary School Level (Group Recitation), Middle School Level , Senior School Level and Super Senior Level.

ELOCUTION COMPITION

MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL

STUTI BANERJEE	5 'A'	The lunch with God
VANSHITA MUSKAN	5 'B'	This is for our moms and teachers from our School Principal's speech
NISHITH DAS	6 'C'	Nothing is useless, everything has a use
ANUGYA SINGH	6 'A'	The last day of school

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SENIOR SCHOOL LEVEL

ISHIKA JAIN	8 'A'	The Day when my mother forgot to cry
AAFREEN PARVEEN	9 'D'	Uncle Dandruff

MUSKAN	7 'A'	Don't forget to wait for me
RAJSHREE SEAL	10 'A'	How I taught my grandmother to read

SUPER – SENIOR LEVEL

SNEHA MUKHERJEE	11 'D'	Michelle Obama's speech at National Democratic Convention
GARGI BHATTACHARYA	12 'A'	Let no one be forgotten by Malala Yousafzai
SUPARNA SAHA	11 'D'	Opera Winfrey's commencement address at Howard University
RITIKA AGARWAL	12 'C'	Chetan Bhagat's speech at Symbiosis
AMAN SHARMA	12 'D'	Speech of Martin Luther King

GROUP RECITATION

- STD. 1 'C'** - The melody of nature
- STD. 3 'A'** - Orphans through the ages
- STD. 4 'C'** - Books

This year the school introduced the concept of education through drama. The teaching learning process has undergone a sea change in recent times. The usual chalk and talk method is complemented by a variety of innovative techniques and education through drama is one of them. The students were encouraged to enact the literary pieces prescribed in the curriculum which makes the learning process more enjoyable and effective. Research reveals that drama education has a positive impact on a student's physical, emotional, social and cognitive development. Einstein said, "Imagination is more important than knowledge. " Making creative choices, thinking of imaginative ideas and interpreting familiar material in new ways are essential to drama. Students who regularly participate in educational theatre feel more confident in communication, enjoy school activities more, are better at problem

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solving and are more empathetic. So we decided to conduct a drama competition in school as part of the Literary Festival.

The drama competition was conducted at two levels - Primary Level and Middle School Level. The preliminary rounds were organised and the plays for the final competition were

selected on the basis of the theme of the play, the acting skills of the participants and the overall presentation. The students of senior school collaborated with the junior school students in script writing, music selection and stage decoration.

SKIT COMPETITION

(The plays are based on short stories prescribed in the syllabus)

JUNIOR LEVEL

	<u>NAME OF THE PLAY</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
a.	Who is the cleverest of them all?	Anonymous
b.	Gift of Ghosts	Anonymous

MIDDLE LEVEL

	<u>NAME OF THE PLAY</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>
a.	A Hero	R.K. Narayan
b.	The Last Leaf	O Henry
c.	India's Heroes	Anonymous

The judges for the evening were Mr. Anthony G. Castleton and Mrs. Mamta Singh. Mr. Castleton is the Dean at Xavier's College, Gamharia, a Jesuit undertaking. He has been in the field of education for more than 35 years. Besides teaching, he has worked in corporate giants such as Tata Steel, the Tinsplate Co. of India Ltd., Avery India(Western Division), German Leprosy Welfare Association(GLRA), etc in Executive positions. Mrs. Mamta Singh has done M.A in English from Miranda House, Delhi University . She is working as an English and History teacher at Loyola School, Jamshedpur and also as a freelance voiceover artist with Net Technologies, Jamshedpur

The programme ended with the prize distribution ceremony. The prizes were given by Mrs. Varsha Gandhi, Honorary Secretary of the school managing committee.
