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ST. KAREN'S MONTESSORI SCHOOL'S NEWS LETTER

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From the Editor,

F For Your Reading Pleasure,
We Present you with 'This year's 'Treasure'.



O Overwhelming was the Response
Impossible to Recount.

O Outstanding shows, Dazzling Performances
Laughter and Smiles, Disappointments and Tears.

T Talented youngsters, Confident 'Artistes'
Putting up their very Best.

P Poems and Articles, Drawing and Photos by

R Readers and Singers, Speakers and Sports person.

I Interesting thoughts on this year's happenings
Sharing with you their feelings and emotions.

N Never - ending enthusiasm
Always striving for Excellence.

T Tomorrow's memories and Yesterday's History

S Spectacular, Stupendous, Surprising and Splendid!



That's This Year's Issue of
FOOTPRINTS!



Preparations were on. Teachers and students shared the same enthusiasm. One could feel the electricity in the air. To commemorate this special day the students of SKMS had set up a small programme as a token of love and respect to St. Katherine on 28th April '08 under the guidance of our teacher Ms. Shweta. Her full support and co-operation helped me to played the role of a doctor in the skit named "A journey of Karenites". It indeed was a memorable day.



Shambhavi (III 'B')

The day when the patron saint of St. Karen's is specially remembered as the Feast Day of our School. It is indeed a big day for the students of St. Karen's and as it is every year, this year too, St. Karen's Day on the 28th of April was celebrated with great fervour. We had a special morning assembly the day before the Feast Day. We put up a small skit- "The journey of St. Karen's from 1990 to 2008". I played the role of St. Katherine. It is a day when we reaffirm our love and allegiance to our school, and when we ask St. Katherine to guide us and protect us enkindling in us a spark of the divine light through her intercession.

Arya Singh (III 'A')

St. Katherine of Siena said- "Thy word Oh Lord, is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path". She was born at Siena in Italy in 1347. She was filled with an active love for God and her neighbour. She strove to bring peace and harmony between her fellow citizens, strenuously fought for their rights and liberty. She devoted herself to writing and showed us the path towards wisdom which is God itself.

Ashutosh Jha, Aditya, Shubham, Tanay (III 'A')



Arya Singh (III 'A')

The 29th of April is the Feast Day of St. Karen's as it is the birthday of its patron saint, St. Katherine of Siena.

Every year, it is celebrated with a joyful gathering of all the staff members of St. Karen's as it is a day of thanksgiving and a day to rejoice in God's bounteous blessings.

And so it was this year too, as an enthusiastic gathering gathered on the bright, sunny morning of the 29th of April.

Rev Fr Heny Rebello celebrated the mass with beautiful prayers and an apt preaching for the day. The choir too lent a wonderful, peaceful feeling to the day with devotional songs and bhajans.

The day ended with a fantastic feast- an array of sumptuous food for us to enjoy- as a part of the blessings bestowed on us by God and our Patron Saint- St. Katherine - A real memorable day for us KARENITES!

Poonam Singh, Class Teacher (II 'A')



TRUE WORDS STRAIGHT FROM MY HEART

A paradise where a world of ours lies, which With admiration fills our eyes Every face is content and tender which Makes this place a wonder. They are taught the virtue of living, the Joy that lies only in giving. It gives a new direction to our life, which Is sustained in every moments strife. It teaches us the essence of serenity and Gives us the precious gift of amity. It fills our lives with possibilities and hue. Schools like **St. Karen's** are really very few Years will come and years will go. The fame of **St. Karen's** will never be undone. Shambhavi (III 'B')



Singing Competition

Hey, friends! I am Anoushka of Std. IV 'D'. I took part in a singing competition held in Bhartiya Nritya Kala Mandir, which was held on the 5th of May '08. We sang a patriotic song. I was very nervous because that was the first time I was performing in Bhartiya Nritya Kala Mandir. Our teacher Mrs. Papiya prepared us very nicely. We performed very well on the stage. I was very excited the moment the judge announced our name as the 'Second Prize winners'. I was very happy. This encouraged me a lot. I am sure I will many more prizes in future.

TALENT COMPETITION - "TO CATCH A STAR"

This year a Talent competition was held in the form of a Hindi Elocution for students of Stds. II - IV & Group Song Competition for the students of Stds LKG to Std. I.

HINDI ELOCUTION

"Years and days pass but my memories never die". It was the month of July. I took part in the Hindi Elocution Competition. My grandfather wrote a poem for me. "आजादी का अर्थ बताना है।" I went to SICA Hall with my grandpa Mr. S.P. Sinha. The hall was packed with a full audience. I was awaiting my turn and finally I was called up on the stage and I began my poem.

"अभी राख में कुछ चिंगारी है, फूंक लगाने की अब बारी है"

An hour passed and suddenly I found myself facing the results. "And the 1st prize goes to.....", the teacher announced. I wheeled towards my grandpa and took him on the stage. As I had a special request for him to partake in my joy, he handed me the prize. Tears rolled down... but a smile still plays across my lips whenever I reminisce about this event.

Vikalp Raj (IV 'B')

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS



L to R : Ritik Ranjan (II 'F'), Prakriti Rani (JKG 'B'), Sanidhya Suman (Nurs. 'A'), Saumya (II 'D'), Balma Anil (II 'E')

Hello friends ! I am Priya Kumari of II 'C'. I wanted to participate in The Hindi Elocution Competition my greatest fear was standing in front of a crowd and saying something. That fear came to an end when during rehearsal time my teacher told me that Public speaking is an art so I should try to be loud and clear. I strictly followed her piece of advice and practised day and night. Finally the day approached and my name was called to day my piece I walked up to the long never ending stage. I began my poem. It was a heart rending poem "माँ की सोख" A After a long wait my name was announced. My efforts yielded and I got the first prize. This poem I dedicated to my dearest mother.

Priya Kumari (II 'C')



Hindi Elocution

The art of declamation of poetry is an integral part of any literature and true to the spirit of all round excellence, the students of St. Karen's have proved their mettle even in this field. It was a great pleasure to see the students of St. Karen's engaged in the month of July in 2008. Thanks to the encouragement of the teachers, the natural talent of the students was patented to a bright show making the school a big success. Congratulations to all the winners who have 'short-circuited' their way into our hearts through their powerful oratorical!

Category	1st Prize	2nd Prize
Students	Priya	S.P. Anand
Teachers	Ms. Anand	Ms. Anand

I, Saima Asif of class III 'E' had participated in the Hindi Elocution. I didn't want to participate but Sabita Miss and Pushpa Miss forced me to take part in the elocution. Pushpa Miss and Satyajeet Sir had taught me how to say and express the poem. We had so many rehearsals and then the final time had come. I was so nervous when I went on the stage but I said it so nicely that I got the first prize. It was a good experience for me. I am very thankful to those teachers who have selected me and showed faith in me.

Saima Asif (III 'E')

I sincerely thank SKMS for giving me a platform to portray my talent on the day of the Hindi Elocution Competition I took part and said the poem- 'माँ'-very well.

I'd like to thank my teachers whose motivation guidance, support and encouragement helped me to come out with flying colours.

Astha (II 'A')

Hindi Elocution Competition was held on 14th of August 2008 in SICA Hall. I took part in it. I said a poem named "आज हिमालय की चोटी से" I got the second prize in my group. The credit goes to my mother who with much efforts prepared me for the competition.

Amartya Kr. Singh (III 'E')

It was for the first time that I participated in the Elocution competition of my school. I presented the poem "KALAM YA TALWAR" written by RAMDHARI SINGH DINKAR. I really tried hard for the competition. I was not expecting much, but, to my surprise, I got the second prize. When I reached the stage, to take my prize, my heart knew no bounds of joy. I was getting the prize in front of all the teachers, my classmates, parents and my brother. This memory is really great to me. I thanked my Hindi teachers (Nirala Miss and Pushpa Miss) & my parents for their cooperation and effort in this my endeavour. Next time, I will try harder to get on top.

Yukta (IV 'F')

Group SONG COMPETITION

We participated in the group song 'Old Macdonald had a farm'. This song was very good. In this song we wore white caps and red skirts which were pretty and nice. On this day we were admired by everyone. It was great fun for us to sing and act like animals on a stage.

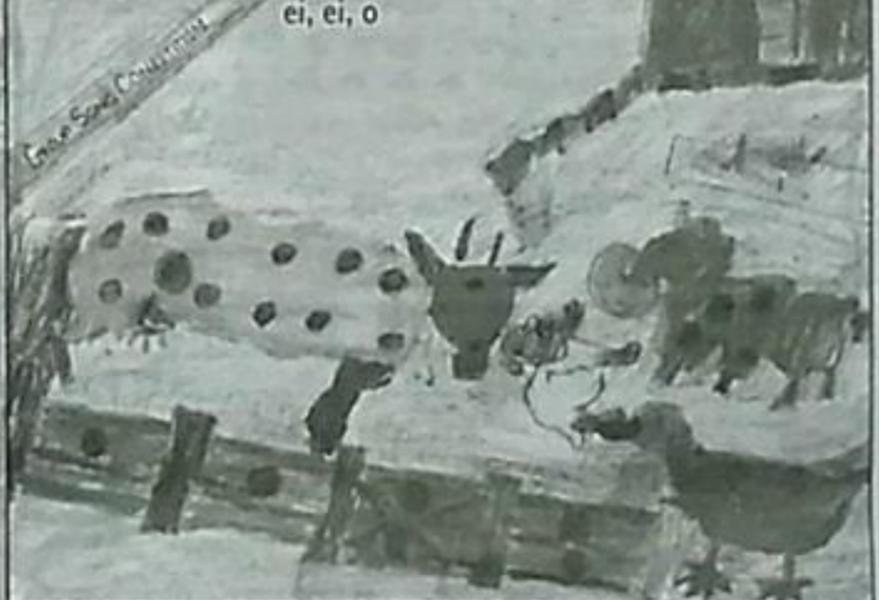
JHARIA KHAN (U.K.G. 'D'),
PARTH (U.K.G. 'F'), MONALISA
KUMAR (U.K.G. 'D')

Old Macdonald had a farm, ei, ei, o,
And on that farm he had a cow, ei,ei,o.



Ayushi Kumar (UKG 'C')

Old Macdonald had a farm,
ei, ei, o



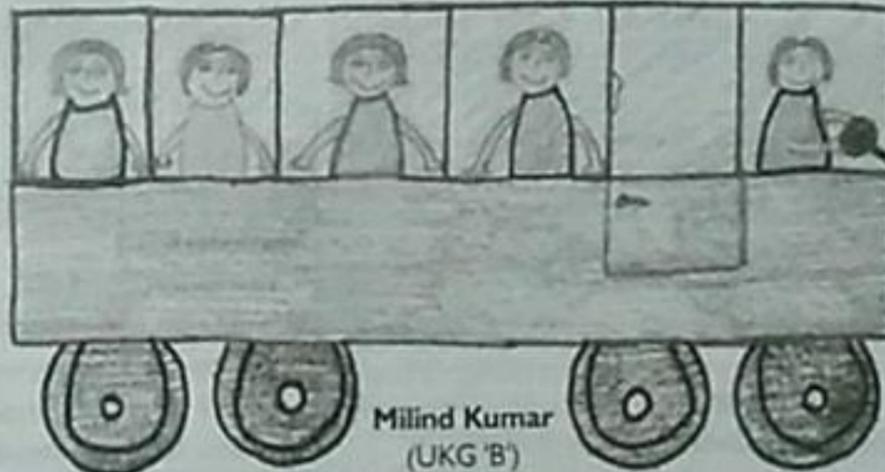
I took part in the song 'Here Comes the Bus'
We sang very well. We got the First Prize.

Here comes the bus, the Big Red Bus
The Big Red Bus, The Big Red Bus
Here Comes the bus, the Big Red Bus,
All over the town.



Atia (UKG-B)

I love to dance ! I got a chance to take part in the talent programme.
My teacher Diksha Miss help me a lot. My mummy and papa were very happy to see me. It was a very happy day for me also.



Milind Kumar
(UKG 'B')

The horn in the bus goes
pomp, pomp, pomp
all over the town.



Aditi Ranjan (UKG 'A')

Jaya Bharti
(I 'B')

I was the 'Princess' in the Group Song.
"There was a Lovely Princess" I danced and song very well. I wore a beautiful dress.

My name is Shubha Bhatt. I had participated in a group song competition. We sang the song 'There was a lovely Princess'. I was dressed like a witch. Everybody loved to see me as a witch. Our group song went well, but we could not get the first prize.

Subha Bhatt (I 'D')

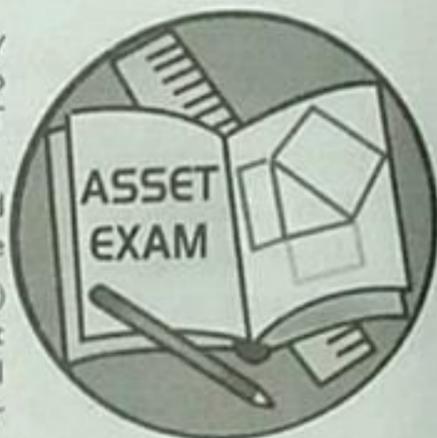
DO THE BOOGIE WOOGIE.....

I participated in Group Song Competition. We sang the song 'Do the BOOGIE-WOOGIE'. In the beginning we were very nervous but as the music started we sang and danced very well. We worked hard for this song Labour Reaps Reward so my group song got the 1st Prize. As we heard the result we all ran towards the stage to collect the prize.

Tej Yash Triok
(I 'E')



I am Bhaibhav Vats of III 'C'. I participated in The ASSET Exam. My percentile was 95.5%. I felt very happy after the exam. My parents were also very happy. My confidence level increased. That's why I feel that ASSET Exam is very good for us.



I appeared for the test because I wanted to increase my knowledge. Many children of Stds III & IV appeared for this test. It was conducted all over India to check the mental level of students. After a few months we got the result and a PAN card. I got 63% in the test.

Ayushi Parika (IV 'B')

Educational Initiatives organises a skill based test- 'ASSET' at national level. I also participated in this test. It was very different from our school tests. Some questions were easy but some were very difficult. In December I got my result with a Pan Card. Every child should participate in this type of exams. A big thanks to our school for conducting this ASSET test for us.

Sudhanshu Saumya (III 'A')

I Aditya of III 'A' participated in the English and Maths exam, conducted by Asset. (Asset is a diagnostic test that tells you which skills you are strong at and which skills you need to work on to develop further). In English I got a score of 25/35 and percentile was 88.5 and in Maths, I got a score of 29/30 and a percentile of 99.3. I got the Outstanding Performance award for Mathematics as I got the highest score in my school.



Aditya (III 'A')

ASSET EXAM - 'A REAL ASSET'

Asset is a diagnostic test that help us to find out our strengths and weaknesses. The full form of Asset is Assessment of Scholastic Skills through Educational Testing. Asset test was organized by Educational Initiatives Pvt. Ltd. It is useful for determining specific actions to help the child improve. Asset test was held in my school in summer 2008. I appeared in two subjects Mathematics and English.

I feel that this test really helped me to this find out my strengths and weaknesses regarding Mathematics and English. I judged my skills in understanding and memory based problems. Hence, the Asset test is useful for every student to test their skills.

I suggest that every guardian must encourage their child to appear in Asset Test.

Himanshu Bhushan (IV 'D')

The Asset Exam, was held on 13th August 2008. It is really an 'Asset' for us and it helps us in improving the weakness areas indentified by it. It is held on an all India basis and students from all corners participate in it. It was for two different optional subjects i.e. Mathematics and English. Out of these I had opted for Mathematics.

Although I was very nervous on the day of the examination my parents encouraged me and helped me to prepare well.

Ultimately I participated in the examination and fetched good marks. I was also informed about some of my weak areas which will help me a lot in the future. I gathered a good experience and I am thankful to St. Karen's Montessori School and its teachers for providing me such an opportunity.

Mosawir Shahroz (IV 'D')

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING WORKSHOP

This year we attended an English Language Teaching workshop which was organised by "Ratna Sagar Publication". The two experts were Ms. Neera Jain and Mr. Anthony Swami. They both were active, efficient and very energetic. They organised different types of games. We participated in all the activities and enjoyed a lot. The workshop was fully educative and followed up with a nice lunch. These types of workshops are often held in our school to enhance the teacher's capability. I learned a lot from this workshop because it was very enthusiastic, educative and informative.



Chaitali Mukherjee (Class Teacher III 'B')

BLIND WELFARE COLLECTION (2008 - 09)

"Netaji Eye Hospital" was established in the year, 1953 under the society- "Shri Shri Bijoy Krishna Ashram Relief Society". This society was founded by Swami Asimananda Saraswati in the year 1943 to extend the support of food & relief to the poor. Every year in this hospital which is in Ramchandrapur, Purulia, West Bengal 160,000 patients get free treatment in its O.P.D.

With the objective to undertake total remedial measures for the sightless,



Swamiji initiated the observance of "All India Blind Welfare Week" in the country from 1967. The fund raised on the occasion is distributed amongst various organisations of the country who are engaged in providing welfare in the lives of the sightless and the visually handicapped. In the current year, I am proud to state that our school, "St. Karen's Montessori School" is the second highest fund collector all over India. Our dear students had devoted themselves whole heartedly for the cause and have collected a sum of Rs. 29,000. They believe in the motto "Vision for all". A special mention must go to Yash Raj of UKG 'A' who collected the highest amount. He received a special award from the Society in the form of gifts in acknowledgement of his collection. May God Almighty bless them all!

Nandini Sen (Class Teacher II 'C')



TEACHER'S DAY

"Teachers, Light up the world
Let His light of truth be your life".

The above mentioned lines are really thrilling especially when it is quoted on Teacher's Day as it qualifies the dignified profession of teaching.

5th September Teacher's Day is a day for Teachers. They feel exuberant for upholding their dignified identity. And this exuberance becomes boundless when it is celebrated in St. Karen's - a name that means more than an institution. This marked day reminds us of the challenges and duties the society expects from us.

5th September 2008 was celebrated exclusively for us in Navjyoti Niketan, Kurji. The programme was inaugurated by Reverend Father Saldanah.

Inspirational speeches were given by respected Director Sir and other distinguished guests. Teachers were awarded for their exemplary deeds in the forms of - Best Teacher's Awards, Full attendance awards and many others. The day was a gala day for us teachers, a programme which will have us reminiscing for a long time.

Poonam Singh
(Class Teacher II 'A')

"For whatever I am today and whatever I desire to be in future, I owe to an angel called my Teacher". With the same spirit class III-A conducted the special morning assembly on 'Teacher's day' on 4th September '08. Karenites celebrated Teacher's day with great feeling and enthusiasm. Our class teacher changed course and got into a creative mood. In the assembly, we students put all our resources to work and did all we could to express our gratitude and love for our beloved teachers. We displayed placards and special slogans for our Teachers. This day will always be cherished by us. Our class teacher Sweta Miss sang a beautiful song in her sweet voice "रुक जाना नहीं" and students received many gifts.

Students of Class III 'A'



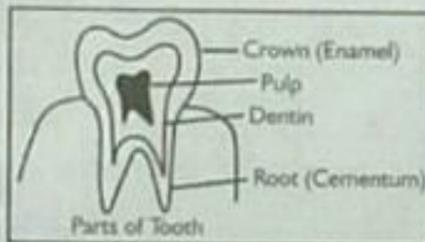
DENTAL CHECK-UP WEEK

In the month of October, Colgate Palmolive India Ltd. organised an honorary dental campaign to be performed by dentists in India. This camp is supposed to be an effort to make possible, the communication between a dentist & a child easier. This camp was organised in our school by 2 dentists Dr. Binti & Dr. Vinit of Buddha Dental College & Hospital in lieu of this programme. The students were advised on how to maintain proper dental hygiene. The following advice was given to the students—

1. Brush your teeth twice daily.
2. Brush after having candy & sticky food.
3. Brush with appropriate sized brush.
4. Gargle after every meal.

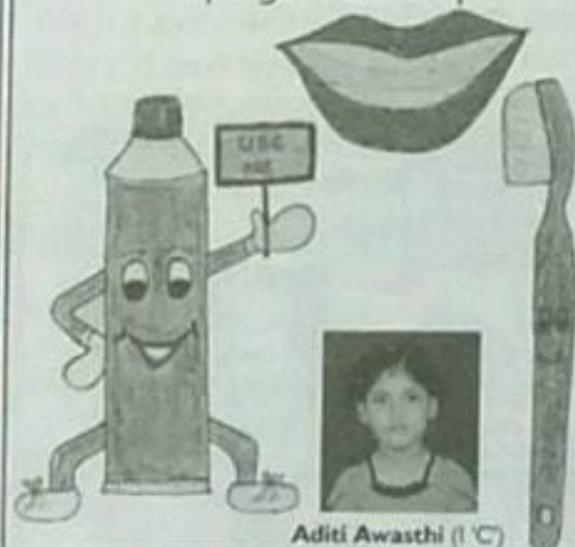
Around 1400 dental kits and pamphlets were given to us from classes I to IV. We had lots of fun & enjoyed the whole process, and gained knowledge too. The whole process had been made possible with the help of Big Miss and all our teachers.

Keshav Chand (Std. I 'B')
(On behalf of Dr. Binti Chand)



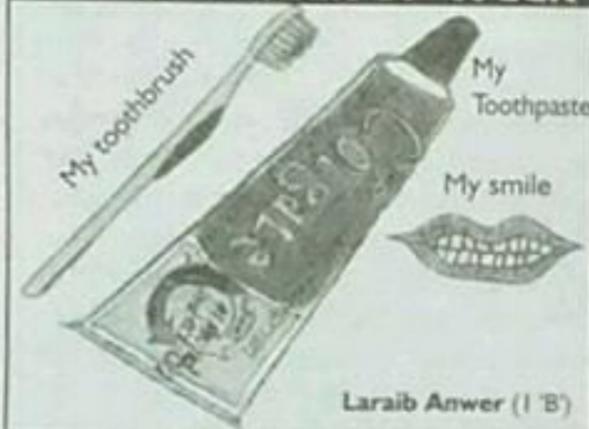
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Brushing twice a day keeps germs away



Aditi Awasthi (I 'C')

DENTAL CHECK UP WEEK



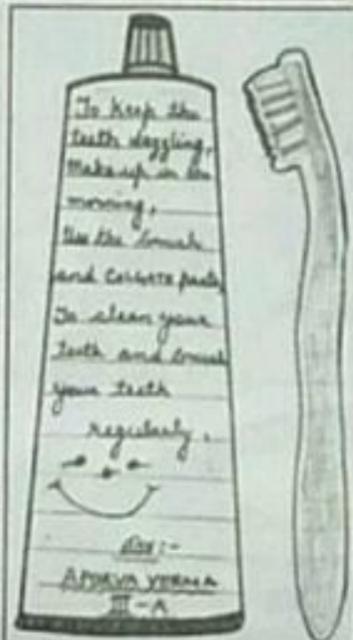
Laraib Anwer (I 'B')



Rajnish (IV 'A')



Utsav (III 'A')



DENTAL CHECKUP

The esteemed "Hindustan Lever Limited" conducted a dental checkup in our school premises. Two dentists graced the occasion with their presence. They showed us a demo how to brush our teeth and how to take good care of the hardest part of our body. Their brain twisting questions really whirled the students. "Brush your teeth before you go to sleep". This was rightly suggested by the Doctors and they gave us a Colgate tooth brush and toothpaste also. Have a happy smile always. 😊

Himanshu (III 'A')

It's dental checkup time!

Dental Checkup

The dental checkup programme was held in our school in the month of September. Two dentists had come to explain to us about oral care. They explained the harm of tooth decay and how to prevent it. They told us that we should brush our teeth twice a day with toothpaste. They also gave us some Colgate toothpaste and toothbrushes. We were all very happy and thanked the dentists for coming to our school.

Sumukh & Somya Swati (IV 'A')

The Dental check up was organised by the Colgate group in our school because dental care is necessary for us. Two dentists came and explained to us about proper brushing & how to rinse our mouth before and after every meal because decay in our teeth causes serious problems. They gave us suggestions with free brushes and pastes.

Vishwajeet (II 'C'), Sana Khan (IV 'C')

FLOOD RELIEF COLLECTION

Every year north India faces a flood problem. This year SKMS gave us an opportunity to be the part of this charity and help the suffering. Our class teacher Ms. Shweta encouraged us to help 'needy' in this important havoc. She said that we are the hope of our nation. So, we should unite and do some charity for a good cause. My class III 'A' had put their whole effort in The Flood Relief Collection.

Sufyaan (III 'A'), Sudhanshu Saumya (III 'A')

The students of SKMS readily raised a generous fund and donated food items and goods to help in the crisis. The feeling of compassion and concern which the school inculcates helped to definitely alleviate the suffering of many. The donation was gratefully accepted by Nav Jyoti Centre, Kurji.

Meenakshi Bharti (Class Teacher III 'C')

FLOOD RELIEF

Flood relief is given to the people who are affected by flood. In Bihar in the year of 2008, a flood situation was caused by the Kosi river. At least 20 lakh people were affected by the rage of the rivers. Our school collected money, food and clothes. All these things were sent to the affected areas for the distribution. I also gave some clothes and a packet of candles and matchsticks. The flood affected the area of North Bihar.

Vedansh Sarkar (IV 'A')

KOSI FURY

The people of north Bihar witnessed one of the worst acts of nature in the form of Kosi floods in living memory.

Million of people were affected as they became homeless, and lost all their belongings.

I was shocked to the core after knowing all this from my class teacher and decided to donate a little so as to provide relief to the affected people.

God give them courage to overcome all this.

Arunima (II 'A')

St. Karen's Montessori School always come forward with generosity in helping and doing charity in many ways. It was heartening to see generous contribution towards the flood relief victims. I just wanted to say 'Thankyou' to my Alma Mater because she gave us the opportunity to be part of this charity.

Shekhar (III 'A')

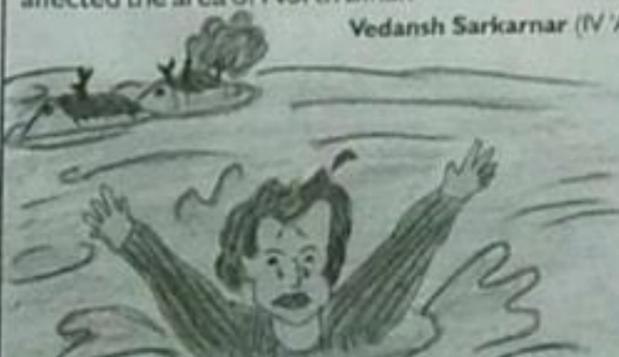
I am very proud to be a student of SKMS. Here all extra curricular activities are held from time to time. I participated in the flood relief collection. My teacher inspired me to be well equipped morally, emotionally, mentally and physically to fight against this havoc.

Aman II (III 'A')

FLOOD RELIEF

1. I wanted to help the people affected by flood.
2. My school gave me an opportunity for helping them.
3. I wanted to give the people, some thing to eat.
4. I decided to give them— Rice and Dal.
5. My parents supported me for helping the people.
6. I pray to God that such a disaster never occurs again.

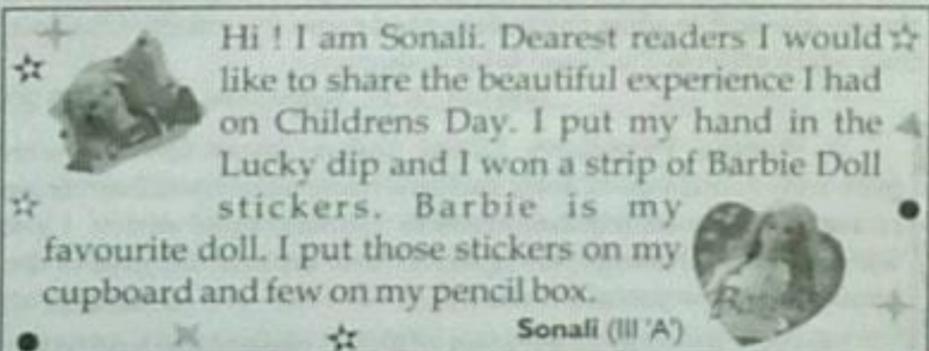
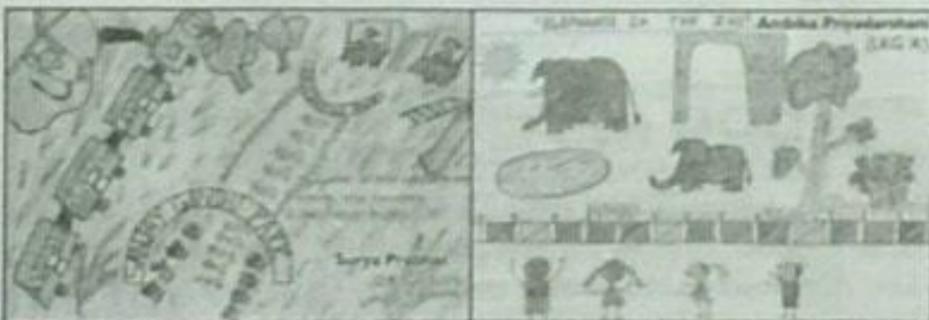
Agrata Antas (II 'A')



1. There was a school fete in our school.
2. On that day I enjoyed cold drinks.
3. I played the ring game and got prizes.
4. I had lots of fun on that day.



The students of Nursery Class, LKG Class and UKG Class went to the Zoo as part of the Children's Day Celebrations



CHILDREN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

13th November, as always, was a day to be remembered by all the students of SKMS. The day began with a very special thought. On the same day we celebrated the grand fete. The stalls were decorated. Game stalls such as Lucky Dip, Hit the coin etc. were simply unique. The food stalls were for sure a gourmet's delight. The fete was a grand success.

Sanobar Rizwan (II 'E')

"Dip Dip Dip, if you want a gift!" This was written on the poster in the "Games Corner". I ran towards the stall to grab some gifts. It was certain and sure. I dipped my hand inside the box and won a ping pong ball. I had a great time.

Homa Kishwar (III 'A')

Children's Day was celebrated with great energy. The campus was full of stalls. Everybody had a great smile on their faces. The best part was the feeling of oneness among the children.

SKMS had congregated to celebrated get another year of fun and frolic after battling the Terminal Exams. The day was 13th November, 2008, and the event was the Children's Day- FETE, organised by our esteemed teachers. The event was graced by the presence of the Chief Guests of Honour Big Miss and Sharon Miss. This FETE brought immense amount of surprises. We were very thrilled and happy. Looking forward to enjoying some more programmes in the future.

Aditya, Rahul Raj, Shreya (III 'A')

Hello! I'm Madhuri Kumari of IV 'C'. We celebrated Children's Day in SKMS. On the same day we had a Drawing Competition too. I drew and coloured it nicely. My friends appreciated my drawing.

Madhuri Kumari (IV 'C')

Hello! I'm Sufian Jawaid from IV 'C'. I thoroughly enjoyed and played many games in the School Fete. I ate delicious and mouth watering foods and Bhelpuri. I won many prizes from the Lucky Dip Game stall but I wasn't lucky enough when I played the game of Picking the Red Bangle.

Sufian Jawaid (IV 'C')

After a whole year of dedicated studies, Our Headmistress and Sharon Miss decided to give us a break from the tight schedule and routine. So, we had a fete for Children's Day. It had a number of interesting games stalls like Choosing the Bangle, Lucky Dip, Hit the coin and many food stalls also.

We Karenites had a gala time.

Preetish (I 'D'), Rahul (II 'E'), Sneha (IV 'C'), Abhishek Kr. (III 'A')
Gaurav (II 'D'), Rajat (III 'B'), Pushkar (IV 'B')

"The Human Mind! More it is given work load, the more it wants pleasure!" These lines sum up our desire to hold the Fete of our school on 13th November '08. Apart from this we also participated in a Drawing Competition. My class teacher Ms. Shweta distributed toffees, pencils and rubbers among us. I also got a special prize for the best story-teller of my class. It was a pocket dictionary. It was a memorable day for me. We shared some stores related to Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru from Nandan Story book given by our class teacher.

Ayushi (III 'A')

After our morning assembly on Children's Day we were escorted to the classroom and participated in the drawing competition. After that at the dot of 10, we marched towards the ground for The School Fete.

Yash Kr, Astitva (II 'D'), Priyanshu Bhardwaj (III 'E')

SKMS Building No. 4 reverberated with life on Children's Day. The happiness was in the air. With aesthetic sense and artistic taste the teachers had decorated their stalls. It was not less than a festival. Everybody was in a GREAT mood. It was our much awaited School Fete. We tasted Yummy Bhelpuri and Samosas and played brain teasers game.

Sudhanshu Saumya (III 'A')



Children's Day

Jawaharlal Nehru was born on November 14. We celebrate this day as Children's day because of his great love for children. On this day my school had celebrated Children's Day. I also came to enjoy. There were stalls of games of skills, snacks and other eatables. All these stalls were managed by the teachers. The school was beautifully decorated and looked pretty colourful. All of us enjoyed it thoroughly. That was a very nice day. We had a lot of enjoyment.

Prachi Sinha (II 'E')

Children's Day Celebration

14th November is celebrated as the birthday of our Late Prime Minister Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. He loved children very much so this day is celebrated as "Children's Day". On this day children enjoy in their school.

We also had a wonderful time this year. First of all we prayed for "CHACHA NEHRU" in our school assembly. Then we were given a picture of a "book worm" to colour and complete the slogan, "I like reading because...." which was printed on the back. There was also a "Mela" arranged in our school. I played many games in it. I also enjoyed different snacks which were very tasty. This day will remain with me in my memories forever.

Harsh Raj II (II 'C')

Children's Day Celebration

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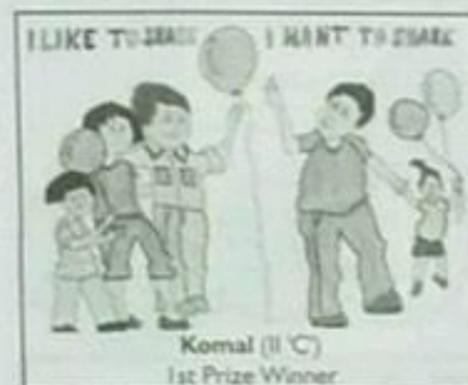
We celebrated Children's Day in our school on 14th of November. It is celebrated on the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. On this day we had a painting competition in which all the students participated. We enjoyed playing with our friends.

Athar Afaq (II 'C')

Colouring Competition for STDS I & II



Sanya (I 'B')
1st Prize Winner



Komal (II 'C')
1st Prize Winner

Children's Day Fete



Apurva Verma (III 'A')

Hello! Friends. I put my hand in lucky dip box and got this Barbie doll sticker. I love my Barbie. I got quite a good number of gifts from that box.



Ashutosh Jha (III 'A')

DRAWING COMPETITION STDS III & IV

CHILDREN JOINING HANDS

It was the Children's Day when I got a golden opportunity to take part in the Drawing Competition. I have an interest in painting and also drawing on any given topic. I was very excited as well as worried. On 14th November all the students who participated were called in the school campus and so I thought about it and then I put my thoughts together by drawing them on the drawing sheet. After a few days I was called to take the prize as I had stood 2nd among the participants. I felt very happy and had no words to express myself. Even my parents were also very happy to know that I had stood 2nd in the Competition. It was an encouraging effort taken by our teachers.



Ruchi (IV 'B')
2nd PRIZE WINNER



Harsha (IV 'E')
1st PRIZE WINNER

Children's Day Celebrated with much fervour.

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ST. KAREN'S MONTESSORI SCHOOL

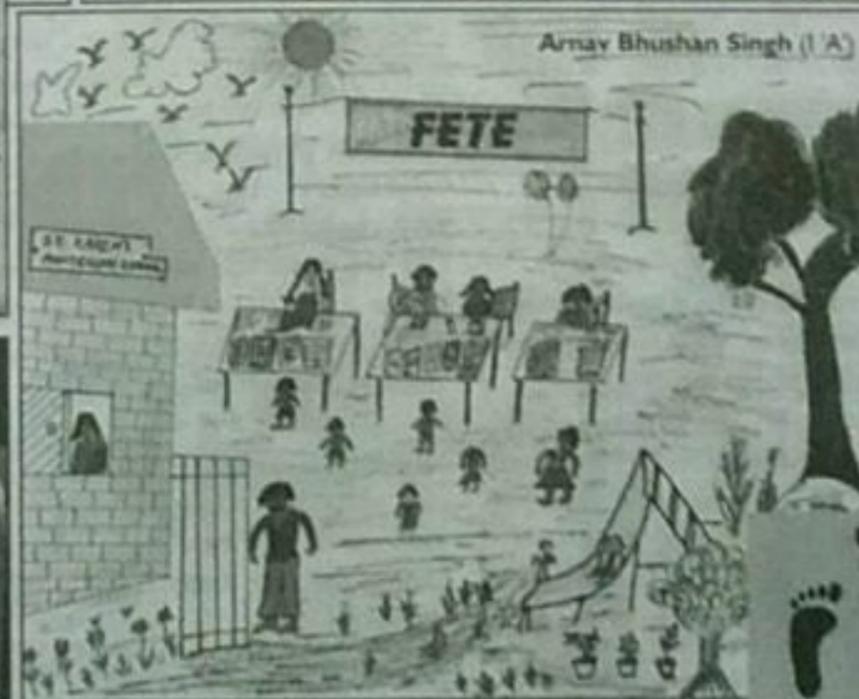
It was a day of celebrations for children. The happiness reflected in their faces. St. Karen's Montessori School showcased their creativity on canvases on the theme "Children join hands to make the world a better place".

HT CORRESPONDENT

Apoorva New



Khushboo (III 'C')
1st PRIZE WINNER



Arnav Bhushan Singh (I 'A')

The Reading Pledge

Reading is fabulous, reading is fun,
I read when it rains, I read in the sun!
I read about places I've never been,
I read about marvels I've never seen.

The mystery, the magic, the wonder of books,
The people, the plots, the twists and the hooks,
There's so much to learn, and so much in store—
And that's why I pledge— "I'll read so much MORE!"



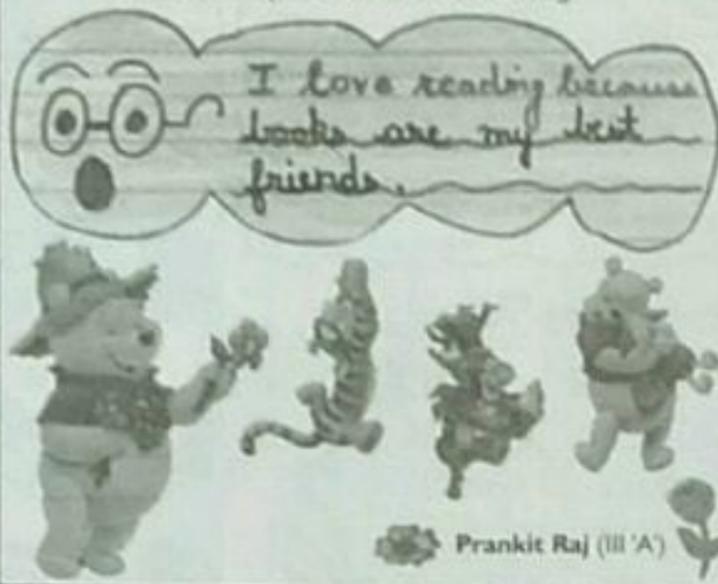
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The Reading Pledge

Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed and some few to be chewed and digested. This is well said by 'Francis Bacon'. So to continue this spirit our school had celebrated "The Reading Pledge" on Friday the 28th of November 2008. It was a special day for us. We celebrated "One Nation Reading Together". It was a great joy of Reading.

I wish to explore more on reading.



Prankit Raj (III 'A')

Reading Pledge and Reading Week

TILL THEN GOOD BYE

Friday, the 28th of November was a special day for us in St. Karen's. On this day we celebrated the wonderful event called "One Nation Reading Together". We read a small pledge and a small story at 12 noon. The whole school with students and teachers all read together. It was a wonderful experience to be a part of. We got a slogan to complete I love to read because ... As we already know 24th to 29th November was celebrated as 'Reading Week' at St. K's. We all got the message that we should read books. We will never forget that day.

Aakash Dhamoul (IV 'A') & Saima Asif (III 'E')



St. Karen's Montessori School
Reading is fun because.....

... books are mirrors of the world;
Tejyash Trilok (IV 'E')

... It gives us power;
Supriya (I 'B')

... Reading is a treasure it gives us pleasure
Sneha Pragna (IV 'C')

... It gives me joy. I love to read because it doesn't break any toy;
Nitya (I 'C')

READING WEEK



Reading week from 24th Nov. to 29th Nov. '08 was celebrated in my school. An English author 'Bacon' said that "Reading makes a full man". No one can question the truth of this saying. Books contain grains of wisdom. Reading of good books develops and elevates our character and provides us with valuable upto date information. I can say Reading of good books is the Key to the store-house of pleasure. So I repeat this pledge again. "I will read so much more".

Sudhanshu Saumya (III 'A')



THE BOOK FAIRS

From 4th Dec. to 6th Dec. our SKMS organised a three day long razzmatazz - a book fair designed to be a veritable feast for any bibliophile. Designed to keep the inquisitive minds of SKMS abreast with important issues and to inculcate in everyone the habit of reading. This book fair is an integral and much - awaited part of our calendar of activities, whetting the appetites of many a curious aspiring mind. whether it be the latest bestseller, lengthy encyclopedias, or even colourful little books for tiny readers, this book fair had it all. A number of reputed publishers : national and international both. This fair satisfied every reader, after making a good buy, which was sure to give lasting fulfillment. Of course, till the next book-fair. After all, books are our best friends, in words and in deeds.

Happy Reading friends!

Rishu Raj (III 'A')

"ONE NATION READING TOGETHER"

The joy of reading...
We experienced from 24th to 29th of November.
It was a grand success.



Hema, Abhishek Kumar (III 'A')

BOOK FAIR

We had a book fair and P.T.A. meet on the same day. My father gave me Rs. 200/- only and suggested that I buy two books- 'Enjoyable Grammar' to speak and correct my usage of English and 'My sketch Book' as I'm very good in that. These books brushed up my skills and have boosted my confidence in a jiffy.

Kr. Abhishek (III 'A')

One day; Grandfather gave my brother and me some money
"Go and buy books", he said
We were both very happy
b'coz we both love to read
Fairy Tales book we took
And have a staring look.

Krishna Mohan (III 'A')

I broke my piggy bank and counted the money. Wow! It was more than enough to buy my favourite scholastic book- "Papercraft". A great book which helped to create all sorts of unusual gifts and knickknacks with paper-baskets, photo frames, fingerpuppets and more. I made many interesting things and decorated my classroom as well as my room.

Utaksh (III 'A')

The Joy of Reading



Books are great! Books are fun!
Books let you do what you've never done!
Read a good mystery, solve a crime!
Read about history, go back in time!
Read about a lost dog, where can it be?
Read about a giant frog under the sea!
Read a very funny book, tears go away!
Read a bright, sunny book on a sunny day!
Books are great! Books are fun!
Let's read books, everyone!

Ashutosh Jha, Ankit (III 'A')

A Poem of The Book Fair "Going to buy a BOOK"

"I didn't know which book to buy,"
The man in the stall smiled at me,
"Relax, come with me," he said,
"These books are about animals
Those are about machines
Those over there are about wars.
Take what you want".
I picked some books,
My brother picked some books
I sat on the stool
He sat on the chair
And we read and we read and we read....

Apurva (III 'A')

I bought an English Comprehension book to improve my written work in English. I wait for the next fair anxiously.

Ankit (III 'B')

My mother helped me to pick the book named "Learning Values". This book is a useful tool for parents and teachers to explain and teach values to children. My mother wanted to cultivate good values in me. Virtues like generosity, patience, perseverance and tolerance are some to the many values dealt with in this book.

Shashank (III 'B')

I purchased step-by-step Arithmetic book from Scholastic Book Fair. I practiced and solved many confusing and difficult sums. I sat for The Asset Exam and came out with flying colours. A big smile was on my parents face.

Thank you! Scholastic.

Somesh Chandra Rathour (III 'A')

I had been watching the preparations for 'The Book Fair' to be held in our school field, and was very excited for it to start. At last the day come and I was very happy. Some of my friends were also there with their parents. I did well in any exams. So my Daddy bought me a short stories book.

When I go to bed I read these stories everyday.

Arnav Bhushan Singh (I 'A')

BOOK FAIR FOOT Prints

I bought two books from the Book Fair. One was an Art and Craft book and the other was a Science Book. I was happy to get a sports Bag along with the Science book.

Prashant (I 'C')

I was badly confused when I saw the choice of books at the book fair but my class teacher helped me to choose the book. I purchased "Step-by-step Maths" as it explains arithmetic concepts and processes in clear and simple terms. It helps reinforce learning, and build confidence. So go on my pals, and become a maths wizard.

Md. Saklain (III 'A')

Books have become a part of our life. They give us good ideas of knowledge about the environment and society. There were a lot of books available on different subjects in the book fair organised in our school. There were also many story books. I liked a book named "Seven Continents Of The World" and bought it. I read this book everyday now and find many good things in it. It's very good for me. I am looking forward to have many more Book fairs in our school.

Sukriti (IV 'C')

The Book Fair
I am Madhuri Kumari from IV 'C'. Our school has organised a Book Fair. This is a PLEASURE for me, that I saw there were many different types of books of English stories, Science Knowledge and many other interesting books. I was confused about which book I wanted to buy then teacher Miss Shipi helped me to buy a good book on IDIOMS. Our teachers are also very good and helpful in this way. The help is in EVERYTHING.

Madhuri Kumari (IV 'C')

"Books are our good friends." This is a well said line. Last year our school had a book fair. There were many lovely and attractive books. I was confused, could not decide which book to buy. I decided to buy 'Knowledge to my friend BOOK'. It helped me to become my favourite subject. I thought as a milestone which reached. I experience I thing to the that- "Always books they something and like."

Shourya Narayan (IVth 'C')

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Hello Friends! I am Vishal Anand of Class IV 'C'. Scholastic Book Fair was held in our school last year. I saw many books there. The play ground looked like a big library. The name of the book I wanted to buy was the "Scholastic Quiz of India". My grand father suggested me to buy the book from my pocket money. The problem was that my pocket money was only 65 Rs. but the cost of the book was Rs. 70. So I borrowed Rs. 5, from my mother and bought the book. Now I enjoy solving the questions given in the book. It has greatly helped me to increase my IQ.

HAPPY READING!

Vishal Anand (IV 'C')

Our St. Karen's Montessori School had organized a 'Scholastic Book Fair' on 6th Dec., 08. There were about ten to twelve book racks. Each rack had a different set of books. Some were of Science, Maths, G.K, vocabulary, stories etc. While choosing the book I was little confused. But my mother helped me to buy a book on General knowledge. As I was not so good in general knowledge. This book has helped me a lot to increase my GK power.

Safriya Rizwan (IV 'C')

MINI EXHIBITION IN OUR CLASS ON PTM DAY

On the 2nd PTM Class 3 'A' had proved that-

"If Newton had not seen the apple fall, we would not have been in space at all" through their models and charts. The unconventional lateral thinking, teaches us to explore the limitless, world of possibilities and finally leaves us with an altogether new way of looking at things. So our class III 'A' exhibited many models, projects and scrap books from our Environmental Education and Science books. It gives us a new vision to see the world.

Reporters - Shayaan & Shashwat (III 'A')

BOOK FAIR
Every year my school organizes a book fair. The books were from all the countries like U.S.A., India etc. The stalls were set up in the ground of our school.

Every year the book fair is usually the same. But this year it was something special. All the books were new and amazing. I bought few of the G.K. and some story books.

When the announcement was made by my teacher, I was very much anxious and excited to visit this fair. I was accompanied by my father to the fair. There were books for every age. I bought 'The Jungle Book' for my brother and "1001 Things To Do When There's Nothing To Do" for myself. I really enjoyed the fair.

Frankit Raj (III 'A')

Rohit Kr. Shabab Anwar, Shivani (II 'F')

Shruti, Saima Raza (II 'F')

Why I love 2 read books.
"Come in Come in Said the library door, I opened it with a smile. And saw books tall, shiny books, up high on the shelves. Little red books, blue books, I opened one up and sat down to read. The picture told stories what a wonderful books."

Utkarsh (III 'A')

THE BOOK FAIR
We had a book fair in our school. We had our P.T.A. Meet and book fair on the same day. When my father saw my good marks he promised that he would purchase a book of my choice. There were books on every topic and subject. The book stalls were decorated beautifully. I liked 'The Haunted House' the most. I enjoy the book a lot. I am looking forward to have some more book fairs next year. Till then...

Durgeshwar (III 'A')

Jesus Christ is not in this world but he is in the heart of every individual. Christmas day is one of the most important days, celebrated in our school. Students wait eagerly for the whole year to get gifts from Santa. Santa never disappoints them. On hearing 'Jingle Bells' the man in a red attire moves with his jingling bell. This time class III-A conducted a special assembly on this occasion. Children showered few inspiring words and made us understand the importance of Christmas- The fir tree, Candle etc. We also shook hands with SANTA and enjoyed toffees and gifts. Each one of us enjoyed every moment of the festive occasion.



I can't forget that it was for the first time, I got the chance to become Santa Claus. My class teacher arranged my attire and taught me how to walk, laugh and talk. I practiced in front of a mirror. Early in the morning I woke up, put gifts and toffees in my red bag and went to school. I took around of all the classes from Nursery to Std. IV. Everybody had big smiles on their faces. I gave a pleasant surprise to Big Miss also. On the road, when I was walking people were waving their hands. It was splendid to see everybody in a jovial mood welcoming me!

Shashwat, Rajat and Tannu Priya (III 'A')

It was 18th December, 2008. My friend Rajan and I showed a magic show in the classroom. It was my utmost desire and finally it came to an end. We celebrated Christmas Day, cut the cake and distributed it among ourselves. My teacher took a promise from me that if I did well in my 2nd Term Unit test then she'll surely allow me to show the magic show from my Scholastic Magic Box to the whole school. With heartfelt gratitude I like to say "ABRA KA DABRA" and good bye from your very own "Chota P.C. Sarkar".

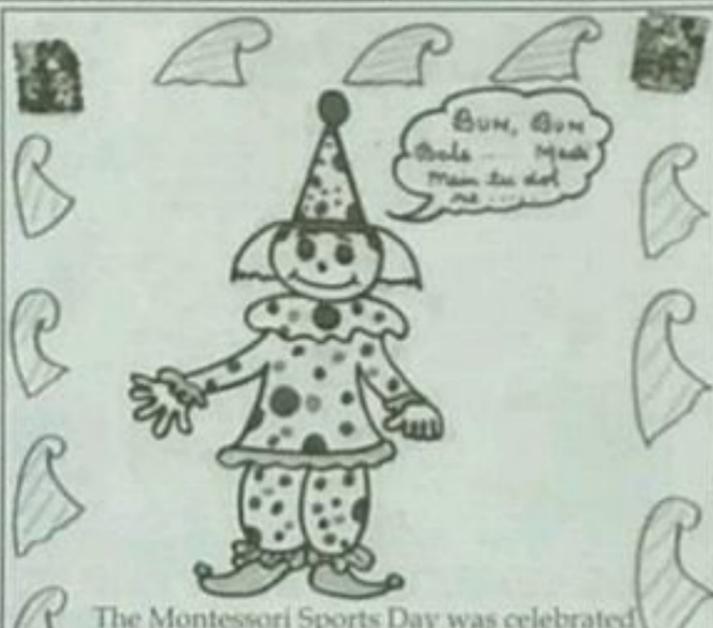
Rajan and Altamash Kalim Khan (III 'A')

Sudhanshu Saumya (III 'A')



Our drill dance on the Sports Day was on the song 'Bum Bum Bole' from the film 'Taare Zameen Par'. We had practiced very hard for it. The day of the sports was a very cold day, all of us were shivering with the cold and more out of nervousness. When it was time for the dance, we all lined up and the dance started. We danced merrily on the song and our parents were so happy to see us. The best part of this day for me was that I have now come to know that I can also dance well. I am looking for another chance in the new session to perform on the stage as well. I will surely take part whenever we have a dance show because our teachers work hard with us and make us do wonderful things.

Gevind Mahaseth (I 'A')



The Montessori Sports Day was celebrated on 20th December '08. The children of Stds. I and II had prepared a dance on "Bum Bum Bole" song. We enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. The chief guests graced the occasion and gave encouragement to the children. We stole the hearts of the audience with our beautiful dresses and our dance. We are very thankful to Satyajeet Sir and Priyanka Miss for their hard work in training us for this dance.

B. Jahnvi (II 'C'), Epsita Urmi (II 'B'), Hritik Mukherjee (II 'F'),
Jaya Bharti, Soniya (I 'B'), Risabh Kumar (I 'D')

Annual Sports Day

20th of December was the day of enjoyment for all Karenites. Again a memorable day in the history of St. Karen's. The ground of BMP surrounded on all sides by the audience with every body's eyes on the beautifully dressed participants. We could even hear the fast heartbeats of the participants. Every one was waiting for their little ones to come and perform. After all it was the ANNUAL SPORTS DAY of St. Karen's Montessori School. The audience eagerly waiting for the programme to begin.

At last the time came, the programme began with a short speech of the chief guest followed by a welcome dance. The dance was so beautiful that it seemed that the angles themselves were dancing on earth. After the welcome dance it was a dance based on the theme "Save Mother Earth". After that came the Kite Drill. The small children with their kites in hands showed the vastness of the sky. Now it was time for something sporty. So the races started. The students carrying a dream to become PT. Usha and Mikha Singh ran to reach their goal. After the races it was time for some enjoyment so the drill on the song Bum Bum Bole started. The pretty children trying to show their skill were looking very attractive. The dance was followed by many other races. At last it was a dance on the song "Chanda Suraj Lakhon Taare" which was really a heart touching performance. The students were trying to find peace in today's world of killing, Murders, Terrorism and all other types of man-made disasters for himself.

Followed by the school song and a short speech by our respected Headmistress Mrs. Galstain the programme ended with many new hopes and sweet memories. This was a day of real enjoyment and can't be forgotten easily.

Prachi Sharma (II 'B')

"Save The Green Earth" & "I have a Dream" - The Earth's Cry was the theme of the 'Opening Drill in the Sports Day of our school. It was a fusion of semi-classical and western dance with a special meaning 'To Save Our Planet'. Our dance was really appreciated by all present including the Chief Guests at the occasion. They were very happy to receive saplings presented by us as we started the project- "Each One, Plant One". We would like to thank all our teachers, Satyajeet Sir, Meenakshi Miss, Sabita Miss, Chaitali Miss, S. Kumari and S. Abraham.

Monika Lal, Kajal and Rashi Verma (IV 'D'), Lovely Kumari, Sakshi Komal (III 'E'),
Almariya Dubey, Vaishnavi & Ayushi (III 'C'), Aanchal (IV 'B'), Sushmita Kumari,
Ritika, Shruti harika, Sakshi, Ankit Ranjan (III 'B').

The students of SKMS are known for their unquenchable thirst for displaying superlative performances in all spheres of their school life. This was proved as I witnessed the Sports Day as part of the audience. The Welcome Dance was the best performance. The song- "I have a dream" was very meaningful and the performance was breath taking. It ended with the message "U and I share equal responsibility to save our Earth and Environment". The most meaningful part was when my friends dressed in bright blue and pink dressed presented potted saplings to the Chief Guests and special invitees. I am proud to say that in SKMS on that day, a milestone was reached and a new standard set!

Shweta Bharti (III 'B')

When I reached the Mithlesh Stadium to participate in the 80 m race, there was a cheerful environment. When it was time for my race, I warmed up on the starting line. I took a good start and came FIRST. I got a 'gold medal'. It was the first time that I had met our Director Sir, as he presented me with the medal. He is a wonderful man with a great personality. I consider myself very lucky and so call myself 'Lucky Ummul' !!

Ummul (II 'F')

A dream came true when I won a medal in the 100 m race. Thanks be to God.

Md. Shuklain (II 'A')

I won the third Prize in the 80 m race. My teachers, parents and elder brother congratulated me.

Md. Ehsan (II 'F')

I enjoyed the Sports Day alot and came second in the 200 m race. Proudly wore the Silver Medal and my teacher Meenakshi Miss and my parents gave me many gifts. I love them a lot.

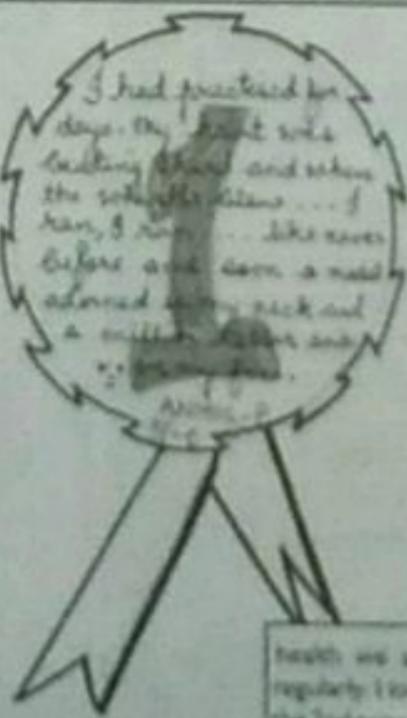
Suruchi (III 'C')

I was an announcer on the Sports Day. I had the opportunity to encourage all the students taking part in the races and drills. My parents were very proud to hear my voice echoing throughout the stadium.

Suryansh (IV 'B')



Tanay (III 'A')

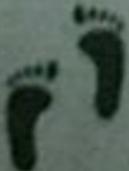


Apart from providing good academic habits, my school conducts various types of cultural and extra curricular activities. Our sports day is one of them I participated in the 100 m race and won the 2nd Prize. I was very happy when I showed the medal to all my friends, teachers and especially my parents. I am really very proud to be a student of St. Karen's Montessori School.

Monika Kumari (III 'D')

Sports has great importance in school life. To enjoy good health we should take part in sports regularly. I took part in the race and won the 2nd prize.

Priyanka Kati (II 'C')



SPORTS Day



**SKY IS NOT THE LIMIT.
SUCCESS
HIDES IN DAY 2 DAY
STRUGGLE**

After continuous attendance of 11 months and dedicated studies, Our Headmistress decided to organise the ANNUAL SPORTS DAY. We had practiced for days! On 20th December in BMP-5 ground the programme started on a happy note of love and inspiration. It began with one lamp radiating light- Lighting the Torch. The occasion was graced by the presence of Chief Guests. He delivered a speech. The most beautiful part was a march past led by the House captains which was synchronized as it always had been and the audience was having a tough time keeping their hearts and lungs at ease as fellow-students cheered their houses. The 100 m races, the relays, the Welcome Dance deserve special mention. It was indeed a red-letter day in the history of SKMS.

Sakshi Sinha (III 'B')



I represented the Red House in the 100 m and got the 1st Prize. Our Director Sir, Mr. D.P. Galstaun presented me with the medal. That day is really very memorable for me.

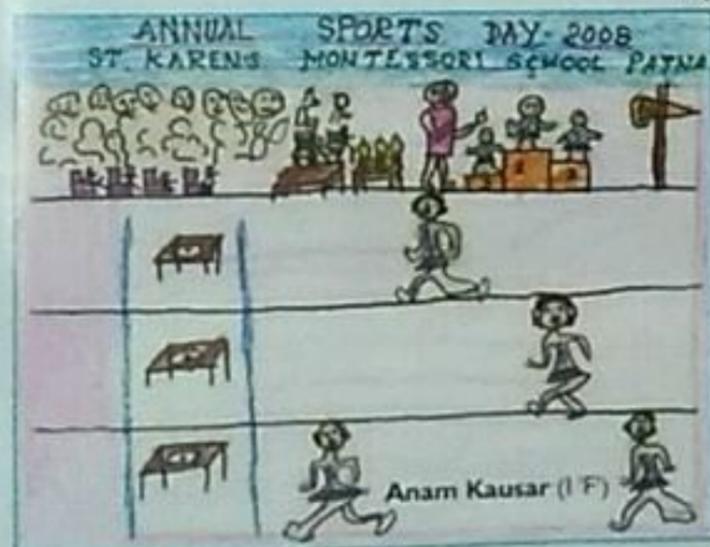
Aishwarya (II of III 'C')

I participated in the 200 m race and came FIRST! I had practiced for many days. It was hard work and my good luck that I was able to win the prize. It was the best day of my life.

Gaurav

My joy knew no bounds when I saw my mother running on the track. She put in her whole effort to run in the Mother's Race which was held on our Sports Day. I was there with my grandmother. She was yelling out and clapping loudly to boost up my mother. She came 4th but felt proud of her. I hugged her and gave her a 'MUNCH' from my side.

Apurva Verma (III 'A')



Anam Kausar (I 'F')

We took part in the race 200 m in our Sports Day, in our respective Categories - Suraj Kr I my classmate came 3rd and got a medal from the chief guest. I came 2nd. Our parents were very happy to see our performance and bought us gifts. Our class teacher Mrs. S. Abraham too encouraged us and gave us chocolates as gifts.

Akanksha (IV 'B'), Suraj Kumar I

Save the Green Earth

I am the student of class III 'C'. I had taken part in drill and its theme was 'SAVE THE GREEN EARTH'. Now-a-days, trees are being cut for making houses, buildings, roads, factories etc. This creates problems like Global Warming, Pollution like noise pollution, air pollution, water and land pollution. This affects both animals and human beings. Many species of animals have become extinct due to Global warming. So, I request everyone to save trees and plants as many trees as possible.



Aishwarya I (III 'C')



Best Athlete of the year 2008-2009 (Girls)

I took part in many events on my Annual Sports Day because I love sports. I participated in 100 m race, 200 m race and the 8 x 50 m relay race.

It was indeed a wonderful day for me as I got the 1st Prize in all the events. I was really scared as I stood at the starting point for the races but finally I achieved my goal. I got gold medals for all the events. My parents, class teacher, relatives and friends were all happy for me. I got my gifts at home also.

Arfa (IV 'B')





Best Athlete Boy - Saurav Suman (IV 'E') Best Athlete Girl - Arfa (IV 'B')



Bat and Ball Race by the Nursery Class



School Captain & House Captains bearing their respective flags.



Proud Medalists



REPUBLIC DAY

We celebrated our Republic Day with pride and sincerity.

We sang our songs with co-operation and harmony.

Classes 3rd and 4th were declared best however.

Our Principal said that we all tried with high endeavour.

Our school presented an assembly on unity and patriotism.

And our Principal encouraged our work with appreciation.

We memorized the patriotism shown by our national leaders.

And took an oath to serve our Mother-land in the future.

We sang the National Anthem and said the National Pledge

And experienced the panorama of glory and heritage.

This is how we celebrated Republic Day.

Meaningfully and with devotion in our own special way.

JAI HIND !

Tanay (III 'A')

The Republic Day function

Hello Friends! I am Shambhavi from Std. IV 'C'. Our school had organized function to celebrate Republic Day. Our respected Asst. Headmistress was also there to encourage the children. The stage was decorated with flags made by the students of our school. The function started with a Prayer dance, Group singing and speeches were also part of this programme. I liked the prayer dance the most. The speeches were about the great leaders of our country India like - Subash Chandra Bose, B.R. Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh and Mahatma Gandhi. Our library teacher Sunita Miss helped them to prepare their speeches. Though I did not take part but if these types of programmes will be held in future then I will also take part. I am very proud to be a part of St. Karen's School where our teachers always give us the chance to show our talent.

Shambhavi (IV 'C')

This was a lucky year for me. I got the chance to participate in most of the school's functions.

In the month of August there was a Hindi Elouion and I took part in the Welcome Dance. I also participated in the Welcome Dance on Annual Sports Day. It was a thrilling experience. The programme was held on 20th Dec., We performed on an English song, I have a dream! We gave the message to 'SAVE THE GREEN EARTH'.

I also participated in 200 m race but I couldn't make it. I will try to get a position next time. There was also a speech competition organised for the Republic Day. I spoke about Bhagat Singh. I was very nervous, but I spoke very nicely. All the teachers appreciated me.

I feel very happy when I get a chance to participate in the school activities.

Tanvi Shah (III 'E')

TEACHER'S WHO LIGHT UP OUR LIVES

