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EDITORIAL

Fostering Growth, Cultivating Excellence Together

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Welcome to the first edition of our school newsletter -
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At Litera Valley School, we are committed to fostering an environment where every student has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

As we venture into a new month, let's celebrate the achievements of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the unwavering support of our families.

Throughout April, we witnessed countless examples of dedication, resilience, and creativity from our students and staff. Whether it was through academic accomplishments, artistic endeavours, or acts of kindness within our community, each achievement serves as a testament to the unwavering commitment of our entire school community.

Together, we embody the spirit of growth, embracing every challenge as an opportunity to learn and excel. Let's continue to foster a culture of inclusivity, innovation, and collaboration, where every member feels valued and empowered to reach their full potential. As we journey forward, let's remember that it's our collective effort that propels us toward greatness. Here's to another month of inspiring moments and shared successes!

Warm regards,

Ibrahim Nami
PGT (English)



ORIENTATION PROGRAM - CLASS 10

Litera Valley School Patna organised an Orientation Day on 16th April 2024 for Grade X. The Orientation Day is a pivotal event for students and their parents as they embark on a new journey of their educational career.

The Orientation Programme was to familiarise students with their teachers, academic expectations, regulations and expectations of the institution. It also acquainted them with virtues such as sincerity, diligence, devotion, etc.

The Principal of the School, Desmond Jude D'Monte delivered the welcome address to the parents and the students. He began with a short inspiring video that helped the students to distinguish between humility and ego; confidence and arrogance. He touched the following points in his address such as discipline, attendance, academics. He emphasized the value of regular attendance, time management, reducing screen time and creating a personal routine for systematic preparation, etc.

The Headmistress of the school, Ms. Sujata Bhadani, emphasized that discipline is one area of the school that cannot be compromised with. She advised the students and parents to maintain a balance between school and private coaching. She acquainted them with the code of conduct of the examination. She accentuated on the 'tripartite': focusing on the three pillars of education—Parents, Teachers and School.

This was followed by the presentation of the Subject Representatives of various subjects. Each representative introduced their subjects to the students and familiarized them with the marks distribution and pattern of questions. Communication skill being one of the most important aspects was also stressed upon. English as language of communication and the campus language was reiterated. Learning with fun, activities, strategy on how to score good marks, subject enrichment, etc., were the points discussed in the orientation.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms. Manjula Kashyap, the Coordinator of Grade X. She deliberated on attendance as an important tool for assessment and criteria for appearing in Examination. She underlined the fact that a minimum pass marks have to be achieved by the students to get their Admit Cards in the two Pre-Boards. She also told that Basic Mathematics is an optional subject and can be opted as per choice. She communicated few important points in Hindi as per the requests made by some parents.

It was a commendable programme which had an impact on the minds of the students of Grade X and instil in them the objective of learning in an appropriate method. Furthermore, it acquainted them with the expectations in terms of academics and their road to the board exams ,which they would be taking soon. The parents' feedback on the programme was pleasing in the broad-spectrum as they left enriched with important aspects of the child's attitude for this important juncture of their lives.



ORIENTATION PROGRAM - CLASS 12

Orientation Program for Class XII was held on 16 April 2024 in Shanti Nivas Auditorium (School Auditorium) from 11: 00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The objective of the program was to enlighten the parents and students of Class XII about the three Streams viz Science, Commerce and Humanities. Future prospects in different fields and subjects.

The program was conducted by the Principal of the school, Desmond Jude D' Monte, the Headmistress of the school Ms. Sujata Bhadani along with HoDs of all the departments.

Principal of the school Desmond Jude D' Monte showed a short video clip on arrogance and confidence. He also talked about the expectations from the students and the tone of the session 2024-25. Importance of schooling was also emphasised. Procrastination should be avoided. Students should focus on self-discipline, self-goal, self-study time-table and introspection to excel in the board examination as well as in life.

Headmistress of the school, Ms Sujata Bhadani informed about the three Streams viz Science, Commerce and Humanities. She has emphasised on the importance of all subjects. According to her, coaching should be optional. Students should focus more on NCERT Books and CBSE Pattern. Submission of note books and projects should be on time.

All the HoDs of the departments informed about the core subjects of different streams with the weightage of marks. Future prospects of the subjects were also discussed. Proper guidance was given for doing well in board examinations. Importance of regular attendance as per CBSE guidelines was also mentioned in the meeting.

The Orientation Program was a huge success. Parents could clear their doubts. They were quite satisfied with the response from the faculties and school management.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM - CLASS 12



PARENT-TEACHER MEETING

The Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) held at Litera Valley School on 28th April 2024 was a collaborative and informative session. Parents and teachers engaged in discussions regarding the well-being of students in their new classes, effective utilization of notebooks and learning resources, homework policies, attendance monitoring, student comfort within the school environment, and the use of the student handbook and almanac for communication. The meeting provided an opportunity for parents to raise queries and concerns, which were addressed by teachers, enhancing understanding and cooperation between all stakeholders.

Overall, the PTM facilitated a shared commitment to the academic success and holistic development of Grade 3, 4, and 5 students at Litera Valley School.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

EID-UL-FITR: JOYFUL COMMEMORATION

"Eid is a time for forgiveness, compassion, and unity".

9th April 2024

Class 12 E conducted a special assembly on Eid. Students, teachers, and staff came together to commemorate the significance of Eid in Islam. The assembly featured enlightening speeches about the importance of Eid, its cultural significance, and messages of peace and harmony. Students showcased their talents through performances of traditional Eid songs adding a festive atmosphere to the event. Special prayer was offered, emphasizing the values of compassion and generosity. It was a memorable and heartwarming occasion that fostered a sense of belonging and understanding among all participants. The assembly ended with the national anthem.



RAMNAVAMI: FESTIVE REVERENCE

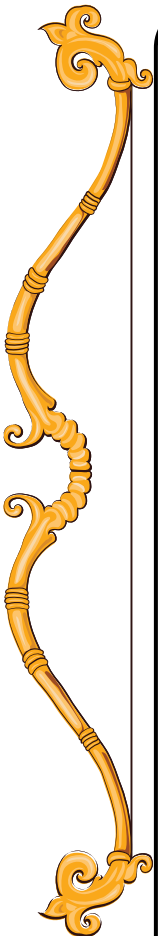
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15 अप्रैल, 2024

राम तुम्हारा चरित्र स्वयं ही काव्य है, कोई कवि बन जाए सहज संभाव्य है।

दिनांक 15 अप्रैल, 2024 दिन सोमवार को कक्षा – 9वीं 'अ' द्वारा एक विशेष प्रार्थना सभा का आयोजन किया गया। जिसका विषय था रामनवमी।

किसी भी कार्य को करने से पहले हमें ईश्वर को याद करना चाहिए। सर्वप्रथम ईश्वर की वंदना के साथ प्रार्थना सभा आरंभ की गई। रामनवमी हिंदुओं का एक महत्वपूर्ण त्योहार है। हर वर्ष चैत्र शुक्ल नवमी को यह बड़े हर्ष और उल्लास के साथ मनाया जाता है। यह बताते हुए अरनव राज और माल्या द्वारा प्रार्थना सभा का संचालन किया गया। मर्यादा-पुरुषोत्तम राम का आदर्श व्यक्तित्व और अहंकारी रावण द्वारा अपने ही साम्राज्य का नाश, इन पहलुओं को छात्रों ने सुविचार, कविता और भाषण के माध्यम से बताया। प्रख्यात व्यक्तित्व मनोज मुंतशिर की वाणी में एक वीडियो दिखाया गया, जिसमें राम, लक्ष्मण एवं रावण के चरित्र द्वारा यह दर्शाया गया कि एक शिक्षक और शिष्य का संबंध कैसा होना चाहिए! अरनव और ऋषभ ने कैकेयी का स्वभाव, राम का चौदह वर्षीय वनवास और माता-पिता के प्रति कर्तव्य को कविता के माध्यम से बताया। प्रधानाचार्य ने प्रार्थना सभा की खूब सराहना करते हुए बच्चों का मार्गदर्शन किया और सभा का समापन राष्ट्रगान के साथ किया गया।



CITY CENTRE- MAITHILI FESTIVAL

12-14 April 2024

Awardees

Solo singing- Sakshi Shreshtha 12F won the third prize.

Maithili Dance - School troupe won the 3rd position.

Madhubani Painting - Anvesha Gupta 8 D got Consolation Prize.

SHRI KRISHNA SCIENCE CENTRE PAINTING COMPETITION

22 April 2024

EARTH DAY painting competition

Medha Bhargav 9B bagged the 1st position.

G.D.GOENKA SWIMMING COMPETITION

27 April 2024

- Jayant Kumar Singh 7A bagged bronze in free style category.
- Shanti 7F won gold in free style.
- Harshita 6A got bronze in back stroke.
- Arsh Hassan 8E got silver in breaststroke.
- Anshi 10 won bronze in free style (senior group).
- Pragya Priyadarshi 9G got silver in back stroke.
- Anika Sharma 9E won gold in breaststroke.

G.D.GOENKA PUBLIC SCHOOL PAINTING COMPETITION

27 April 2024

Anushka Anand of 8D won 3rd prize

INTRA-SCHOOL EXTEMPORE COMPETITION

Venue : Shanti Niwas Auditorium

24 April 2024

1st Prize - Romy Verma 12 B

2nd Prize - Rohan Raj 12 F

3rd Prize - Fariha 12 C

INTERNATIONAL DANCE DAY

"Dance is the hidden language of the soul, expressing what words cannot articulate. It is the rhythmic manifestation of emotions, desires, and dreams, transcending cultural boundaries and connecting humanity in a universal embrace. In its fluidity, dance reveals the essence of life itself, weaving together movement and music into a tapestry of expression. We discover not only ourselves but also the interconnectedness of all things, as we move in harmony with the rhythm of the universe."

Celebrating the universal language of dance and its ability to transcend cultural boundaries, Litera Valley School organized Solo Dance Competition on International Dance Day 29th April, 2024 for students of Grade VI to XII. A great number of students participated and showcased their genius and proficiency, creativity, passion and dedication through the intricate dance moves from various backgrounds and styles.

The winners of the competition were:

1st Position - Ananya Shree- XII D

2nd Position - Vaibhav Bhushan- VIII A

3rd Position - Palak Saran-IX G

The judges of the competition were Ms. Ira, Ms. Pritha and Mr. Rajesh.



FRIENDLY CRICKET MATCH CLASS XII VS CLASS X

27 April, 2024

Nayan's blistering knock and lethal bowling helps class XII script victory over class X

A friendly cricket match was played between class XII versus class X on Saturday 27, April, 2024. Class X won the toss and elected to bowl first. Class XII posted 97/7 in the stipulated eight overs thanks to blitzkrieg knock by Nayan who top scored with 33 runs (two fours and three sixes), he was assisted by Dev Patel who scored 16 runs (one four and two sixes). For class X, Amrit Vijay and Atiful took two wickets each.

Chasing down 98 runs in 8 overs proved to be an uphill and daunting task for class X. With the initial asking run rate of 12.25 per over, the batters of class X were clearly under pressure. In their run chase, they could only score 71 runs for loss of 6 wickets. The top scorers for class X were Pragyan who scored 20 runs (one four and two sixes) and Divanshu who scored 19 runs (two sixes). The bowling of Nayan rattled the class X batters and they never looked like they could achieve the set target of 98 in eight overs. Nayan captured three wickets. Class XII defeated class X by 26 runs.



INTER HOUSE MATCHES

Inter House Matches for Classes VI to VIII were held in the campus of Litera Valley School on Wednesday 24 April, 2024. It is one of the most anticipated events of the year and all students eagerly look forward to it. The weather was pleasant and the students exuberantly supported their respective house.

Inter-House Soccer

Dhanush was up against Prithvi in the first semifinal. Dhanush easily won the first semifinal against Prithvi by defeating them by 2 – 0. Shubhrat and Wafiq were the goal scorers for Dhanush House.

In the second semifinal Agni clinched an incredible victory against Aakash in a thrilling penalty shootout. The full time saw both teams tied at 0-0. In the tie breaker, Agni House held their nerve to finally beat Aakash House by 2 – 1. Arnav and Yug of Agni House scored during the penalty and Saharsh was the only player who could convert his spot kick into a goal from Aakash House.

The finals will be played between Prithvi and Agni on 27 April, 2024.

Inter-House Basketball

In the Inter House Basketball Tournament for girls, Aakash beat Agni to enter the finals. Afia Fatima was the star of the match by excellent shooting and skills. The second semifinal saw Dhanush defeating Prithvi after an intense and keenly contested match. Anshika, Diksha and Divyanga were the top scorers for Dhanush House and Aradhya was the top scorer for Prithvi.

Inter-House Badminton

Aakash and Agni reach the Finals of the Inter House Badminton Tournament

The Inter House Badminton Tournament for girls was exciting and fast paced with excellent rallies, drive, drop, net shots and smashes. In the first semi-final Agni beat Dhanush 2-0.

INTER HOUSE MATCHES

In the singles, Tia Singh easily won her match against Ishika Raj, winning comfortably by 11-4. In the doubles, Harshita Singh and Ramya Raj of Agni House comfortably defeated Raj Nandani and Riddhi Singh of Dhanush House by 11-6.

In the second semi-final, Aakash overpowered Prithvi by winning both the singles and doubles. In the singles, Aradhya Arun had to fight hard to defeat Aradhya Kumari, the final score being 11-9. In the doubles, the pair of Manini Mishra and Myra Sultan of Aakash House dominated the entire match defeating the pair of Aradhya Kumari and Pankhuri Gupta by 11-4.



INTER HOUSE MATCHES-FINALS

Agni House Lifts the Trophy defeating Aakash House in the Finals of the Inter House Badminton for Girls (VI to VIII)

In the singles, Tia Singh set the tone for Agni House with a straight game win over Krishika Kumari. It was a pulsating match with both players coming up with excellent volleys and placements. In the end Tia could hold her nerve and got the better of Krishika with a score of 22-20. The doubles pair of Ramya Raj and Tanishka Jha faced a challenging match against the pair of Manini Mishra and Krishika Kumari of Aakash House but ultimately triumphed 21-17 demonstrating resilience and strategic prowess.

Agni House win gold in the Inter House Basketball Championship

Agni House overcame stiff challenge from Dhanush House to win the Inter House Basketball Championship in the girls' category for classes VI to VIII. Sakshi was clearly the star of the match for Agni House as she displayed excellent skills. From Dhanush House Adya played a superb game of basketball.

Shaurya Narayan's early goal helps Agni win the Inter House Soccer Finals

Agni House defeated Dhanush House by 2-1. Shaurya Narayan's early goal stunned Dhanush defenders and goal keeper. Dhanush House put up a spirited fight and equalized in the first half itself by a goal by Anuj Kumar. With the scores levelled at half-time both teams came out into the second half with determination to win the match for their house. A last-minute goof up by the keeper of Dhanush House resulted in Agni taking the lead again with Shaurya netting the ball past the helpless goalkeeper. Thus, Agni House lifted the trophy in the Inter House Soccer Championship in the Boys' category for classes VI to VIII.



FUN RIDDLES

1.What can jump higher than a building?

Ans: Anything that can jump, because building don't jump.

2.What is it that contains lakes without water, mountains without stones and cities without buildings?

Ans: Map

3.What do you call Bears with no Ears:

Ans: B

Bhumika Khaitan (Class II-C)

THE STORY OF HOW I TURNED OUT TO BE GRATEFUL

The story begins with my visit to my village, a place where my father was born and raised. I went there for a wedding but ended up staying there for one extra day, and this one extra day is the sole reason for me being grateful.

On the morning of this one extra day, I was extremely enthusiastic about going around the village and I annoyed my father until we sat in the car. I could not have ever imagined in my wildest dream, of this life changing visit around my village. In the middle of the visit, I told my father that the temperature outside was not so pleasant and my father retorted, "you aren't feeling the heat because you have a car to roam around" and that got me thinking. After that we travelled around for 15 kms and finally stopped to eat something. It was at that point my father had tears rolling down his eyes. I was bewildered cause in these 14 years, this was the first time, I saw my father crying. I immediately stopped eating and I asked him what was wrong? He wiped off his tears and said, "I used to roam around my village on foot and I never even imagined that I would have a car one day and I along with my children would live a comfortable life". He mentioned that the place brought such fond memories to him. This might seem normal to a lot of people but personally, it struck a chord in my heart.

After we finished eating, we sat in the car and all those flashbacks hit me hard and it dawned on me that I had taken my life for granted. Every single moment thereafter filled me with a sense of gratitude for all that I had. I didn't value the resources until then but since that moment my father shared his story with me, I became a person that valued what I had. I realised that gratefulness comes from within and until and unless you value what you have, you can't own life's treasure. A lot of us take things for granted but in reality, those things have such great values and sentiments.

Being grateful is an art and it should come naturally.

Shrishti Parashar (Class 9-B)

THIS TIME, I WON

A man swallowed in the dark
Feeling all empty with no spark
Wondering how dilly-dallying wasted time
Felt as if I committed a crime

Feeling all alone, wanting to die
Didn't know that time flies
Saw all achieving their aims
Slowly and gradually, I was burned into flames

I was unaccompanied on the moonless night
And quietly I slipped into a fight
An altercation between me and my mind
A squabble that let my thoughts divide

Divide my soul and that of the divine
Even in the sunlight, I couldn't shine
Felt my thoughts and chaos intervene

THIS TIME, I WON

The time flew again, but I didn't let it go in vain
I worked vigorously
This time not letting myself fail miserably

I stood up on the verge of victory
My struggle still remains a mystery
Woke up with a sense of pride
My success screaming out loud

To all those people who left me in darkness
I steadily became heartless
A lot to learn when you have a halo
Excellence will just follow

Don't remain in guilt
Never let your flair get killed
Your success will make noise
You don't have to utter a voice

Shrishti Parashar (Class 9-B)

RECIPE: GARAM MASALA POTATO SALAD

The humble potato salad is given an update and would sit well alongside a picnic of bring-a-plate meals. If you are planning to transport this dish, check out our notes for pack and travel tips.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup plain Greek style yogurt
- 1 tsp. lemon rind, finely grated
- ½ cup lemon juice
- 1 kg baby red potatoes
- 4 large celery stalks, thinly sliced (small leaves reserved)
- 2 x 200g punnets cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1 bunch chives, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup extra virgin olive oil
- 2 large brown onions, halved, thinly sliced
- 1 tsp garam masala

RECIPE: GARAM MASALA POTATO SALAD

Method:

- Step 1: Combine yogurt, lemon rind and juice in an airtight container. Season with salt and pepper. Refrigerate until required.
- Step 2: Place potatoes in large saucepan. Cover with cold water. Bring to boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium. Boil for 10 min or until just tender. Set aside until cold enough to handle. Cut in quarters. Transfer to a serving bowl. Add sliced celery, tomato and chives. Toss to combine.
- Step 3: Meanwhile, heat oil in a large frying pan over medium high heat. Add onions. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 10 min or until softened. Add garam masala. Cook for 1 min or until fragrant. Remove from heat.
- Step 4: To serve, add yogurt mixture and $\frac{1}{4}$ of onion mixture to potato mixture. Toss to combine. Serve topped with remaining onion mixture and reserved celery leaves.

Priyasi Bhardwaj (Class 9-C)