

IHS ANNUAL REPORT

“Never stop fighting until you arrive at your destined place — that is, the unique you. Have an aim in life, continuously acquire knowledge, work hard, and have the perseverance to realize the great life.”

Our late President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Good evening to all present here on this wintery evening. I extend a very warm welcome to our distinguished guests, dignitaries, parents, school faculty members and students to the school's 3rd Annual Function. This day is not just about celebrations and festivities. It is a day of reflection, a day when we celebrate the achievements of our students and reflect on what we have achieved in the past year.

Let me take you back to the last time I met you on this dias...the **Annual Day** of 2022- 23 where we presented the magnificent play- Aasim, the Mighty Protector. This play was written keeping in the mind the theme of good over evil, where we showcased that however long it takes, good always has victory over evil. The production was an astounding success as we had nearly 100% participation of students and the ground was set to accommodate the proud and enthusiastic parents. An Annual Day event is the culmination of a lot of hard work of the teachers, students and support staff and it takes a lot of planning, effort and dedication to put the act together. Ofcourse, this wouldn't have been possible without your support.

The year 2023 commenced with the first off line **Graduation ceremony of Kindergarten** students in February where they proudly donned on their blue gowns and black caps and received their certificates in front of the equally proud parents. This ceremony was very personal for me as I have admitted each and every child and I have a personal connect with each parent and each child.

The highlight of session 2022- 23 was our first batch of Grade X who appeared for **the Board Examinations**. This was the pandemic batch, the ones who lost two years in online studies and the one which had to put in double the effort. Keeping in mind the effect the pandemic had on the students, it is with great pride that I announce that we had a 100% pass percentage, with the highest scorers being above 90%. The teachers and students worked very hard and left no stone unturned to get us this stupendous result.

2022 ended on a positive note as our students participated in World Robot Olympiad- India which is India's largest Robotics competition for school students in the Young Innovator- Elementary category and secured II position. The team comprised of students of Grade VI- Aashi Ojha , Jasmin Kaur and Aditya Thanvi.

The session of 2023- 24 commenced with the **Orientation programmes** which were planned systematically to ensure that the new parents are all aligned with our methodologies and were aware of what was planned in the annual calendar. The sessions were interactive where parents got an opportunity to clarify any doubts that they had or required further information on the approach that the school has. The sessions also gave clarity to parents on the salient features of the National Education Policy, which aims to increase the focus on strengthening teacher training, reforming the existing exam system, early childhood care and restructuring the regulatory framework of education.

The pandemic had caused a gap in the annual calendar and finally in July we hosted our **second Proficiency Ceremony** where 58 students across Toddlers to Grade IX were recognized for their efforts.

The student council is a platform where students are conferred with responsibilities and they get a chance to be role models for others. 21 proud badge holders were sworn in as the Student Council for this session in the 3rd **Investiture Ceremony** in August.

This year we hosted our in school 3rd Interschool Event- **MAADHYAM**. The theme was Over the Ages and the focus was to recognize this change over the ages and to dwell deeper on the advantages and disadvantages. The carefully crafted events gave the participants an opportunity to research and be in awe of the changes over many millennia and to assess these changes. It was a mega success as we had over 25 schools that participated, with over 200 participants. Keeping with the true spirit of being fair, Imperial Heritage School only participated and was not judged.

At IHS we strongly believe in inculcating values and honing skills and while we plan our annual calendar, we incorporate **special weeks** keeping the same in mind. During the year we have celebrated several special weeks to draw attention to various skills and values that are interestingly aligned with a few Sustainable Development Goals. Some of the weeks were Environment Week, Book Week, Heritage Week, Week of Sharing and Caring, to name a few.

A school assembly is one of the most important aspects of a school's curriculum. It makes a positive contribution to students' self-development and encourages them to reflect upon a set of universal values, such as love, peace, truth, co-operation and respect. **Special Assemblies** were held during the course of the year where students got an opportunity to showcase the importance of important topics like Environment, Books, Indian Heritage, Raksha Bandhan, Haryana Day, Janam Ashtami, Sanskrit Diwas, Gandhi Jayanti, Dusshera and Diwali, to name a few.

We also celebrated **special days, international and national days** to honour some noteworthy Indians and acknowledge the importance of some aspects of society. These help to promote awareness and create a sense of identity, patriotism, community, and accountability. This year

we proudly celebrated Jallianwala Bagh, Heritage Day, Hiroshima Day, World Day for Safety and Health of Workers, International Labour Day, World Environment Day, International Yoga Day, Constitution Day, to name a few.

Parents and grandparents are the steadfast pillars of a child's life and here at IHS we ensure that they get an opportunity to spend time together at school. Celebration of **Mother's Day and Father's Day** was done by Pre Primary to Grade II students.

It is said that parents know a lot, but grandparents know everything. To celebrate the lovely bond, Pre Primary students celebrated **Grandparents** Day and hosted UTSAV- a grand celebration for them. This year the theme was Ramayana, the same epic that is narrated by each grandparent to their little ones was showcased back to them.

"Children are born learners who need a supportive environment to bring out their natural talents", a quote by Maria Montessori clearly spells out that the focus of a school is on developing a student's mind from all sides. This includes the physical, intellectual, cognitive, emotional and social development and other skills such as persuasion, collaboration and problem-solving. To help hone these skills, **intra class and inter house competitions** were carefully planned and were made a part of the annual calendar.

This year we also hosted our first **In- House Model United Nations Conference** where students across Grades IV- XI participated. The conference was hosted by the school's Head Boy, Eshaan Vikram Singh and Head Girl Hanshika Jindal. Considering that it was IHS's first MUN, there were two committees- UNGA (United Nations General Assembly) and UNHRC (United Nations Human Rights Council).

Students also got an opportunity to participate in an MUM Conference hosted by Blue Bells School. All the participating delegates proved themselves during the GSL round and Jhalak Rana of Grade VIII was lauded for the Best speaker and received the Appreciation certificate.

Continuing with the global outlook, IHS has a robust **Virtual Exchange Programme**, where our students interact with students of other countries and exchange ideas and information.

Opportunities like MUN and Student Exchange Programmes are platforms that give students an opportunity to explore the boundaries of their school and country and to get a chance to research and understand the culture, heritage and political strategies of other countries. Both these programmes in our school are led by our SST teacher, Ms. Gunjan Dudeja, who has immense experience in conducting these and her passion and dedication is evident in each session that she gets conducted.

Students also participated in various **Inter School Competitions** this year across various expressions and mediums. Suncity Techtonik, Mélange 3.0: Bringing Multiple Intelligences

Together by Suncity School, 'UMANITA by Ambience Public School, Raman Munjal Vidya Mandir SQCC 2023- The Metamorphosis for Sustainability and LION K.C. WADHWA MEMORIAL INTER SCHOOL FEST Swapnil Rang-2023 were some of the competitions that our students participated in. Opportunities like these gave students a platform to interact with others, access their skills viz- a- viz others and also showcase their talents.

The proud winners of these competitions are:

VAIBHAVI LAKHERA - VI A

AKSH PRADHAN - VI A

AKSHAT RANA- X

HAZEL MALIK- VII

NAISHA BHATIA- VII

It is not easy to identify your child's potential or ability without putting them on a competitive platform. The **Olympiad** exams, however, offer you the best opportunity for this. By conducting Olympiad exams, the Imperial Heritage School encourages young minds to acquire a strong positive attitude toward Mathematics, Science, Computers, and English. Additionally, these exams are not limited to academic testing, they develop a sense of reasoning, analytical skills, and problem-solving skills in children. A total of **129 students** participated in Math, Science, English, SST, GK, Hindi and Cyber Olympiads and we bagged a total of 27 gold medals. 2 students qualified for NSO second level, 3 students for IMO second level and 1 student for IEO second level. Congratulations to all!

CBSE envisions a robust, vibrant, and holistic school education that will promote excellence in every sphere of a student's life. The CBSE activities are centered on issues concerning Indian society, the expectations from the current learner in the 21st century, and how they can eventually contribute to the betterment, progress and evolution of all stakeholders.

Imperial Heritage has successfully conducted CBSE activities. To name a few:

1. CBSE Science Challenge
2. The 1st Expression Series on 'Skill Development in India: From Local to Global'
3. The Indian Navy Quiz (THINQ)
4. 'Tribal Empowerment' under the aegis of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrations
5. Shiksha Sankalp – An Online e-Pledge
6. One Child, One Plant Campaign
7. 2nd CBSE Expression Series
8. Har Ghar Tiranga Program
9. Broadcasting of Chandrayaan-3 Mission
10. Project Veer Gatha Edition
11. CBSE Reading Mission and Initiatives
12. Swachhata Pakhwada
13. CBSE Games, 2023-24
14. Heritage India Quiz

15. Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign

16. 'Run for Unity' on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

Student Counselling is something that we take very seriously and varied counseling sessions were held to educate the students on social and emotional aspects as well as career prospects. Students of Grade XI got an opportunity to get an insight on options for higher education. Two workshops were conducted on Cyber Safety to give the students an insight on the hidden dangers of the cyber world. General counselling sessions by the school counsellor are done regularly to help the students understand and cope with the emotional, hormonal and physical changes that they are experiencing.

Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching. And so a teacher never stops learning. To ensure that the teachers are provided with training to up skill their knowledge and be abreast with the changes in education, they were provided with ample training workshops during the session. Workshops were also conducted by the school counselor for the teachers on soft aspects like understanding adolescents and the youngest learners.

Extending learning beyond the boundaries of the school, students went on various educational trips where they got an opportunity to connect with heritage, culture, nature and space. Through these trips the students opened the world of questioning, being curious to know more. Trips to Qutab Minar, Safdarjung Tomb, Keggs Farm and Nehru Planetarium were organized and these were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

At Imperial Heritage School we lay a lot of emphasis on sports and ensure that students get an opportunity to learn and hone their skills in the sport of their choice. Our students have got opportunities to participate in Interschool, District and National level in different sports.

Let's have a look at the winners under various sports and categories.

32ND NORTH-EAST INDIA ITF TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 (ZONAL)

- Gold medal - Vedansh Rathor (III B) and Vaibhavi Lakhera (VI A)
- Silver medal - Vidisha Rathor (VII A)
- Bronze medal - Keshav Kumar (V A)

1ST INTER INVITATIONAL SKATING MEET-2023 (INTER SCHOOL)

- I position was secured by Archi Agrawal (IV B) , Isaana Verma (IV B) , and Bhavya Tiwari (VI A)
- II position was secured by Twisha Gulati (I A) , Ira Singhal (II A) , Vamika Shankla (III B) , Anvi Gupta (V A) , Krishvee Prasad (VI A) , and Paras Saini (X)
- III position was secured by Lira Khandodiya (I A) , Kiara Kesharwani (II A) , Jivisha Chauhan (II C) , Samiksh Mondal (III B) , Arohi (III B) , Avika (III B) , Tushar Kumar Sharma (III C) , and Keshav Kumar (V A)

CH. DHARAM SINGH KAMBOJ, ANNUAL OPEN SKATING TOURNAMENT (INTER SCHOOL)

- I position was secured by Aadvika Dahiya (KG A) , Ira Singhal (II A)
- II position was secured by Lira Khandodiya (I A)
- III position was secured by Naisha Bhora (KG A) , Arohi Khandodiya (III B) , Kiaan Saini (IV B)

CBSE NORTH 2 SKATING MEET

- Ira Singhal- participation
- Isana Verma- participation

RSFI DISST CHAMPIONSHIP

- Ira Singhal- participation

7TH ALL INDIA INTER STATE JUNIOR CRICKET (RISHIKESH)

- Best Batsman position earned by Troy Malik (Grade X)
- Best Bowler position earned by Vansh Saini (Grade IX)
- Best Fielder position earned by Aarav Molasi (Grade X)

G.D.GOENKA SPORTS FIESTA-2023- Lawn Tennis

- II position was secured by Aaradhya Das (Grade IV B) and Arshdeep Singh (Grade V B)

SHOOTING STARS GALAXY

TANISHAK JANGHU

- Qualified for International Selection Trials and selected for Group B

NIKITA DAHIYA

- Qualified for National Championship

DHRUV JANGHU

- Qualified for National Championship

CHAVVI CHUGH

- Qualified for Pre National

AKUL DHAKA

- Qualified for Pre National

“The purpose of education is to make good human beings with skill and expertise... Enlightened human beings can be created by teachers.” This quote by the 11th President of our country, Dr. APJ Kalam sums up the very essence of Imperial Heritage School. Each teacher here puts in her heart and soul in kindling the spirit of the children. They are connected with each child that they interact with and this connection goes beyond the books. When your child comes into the school, he steps into an extended home, where they are secure, feel wanted, and learn to become better human beings. They are taught and guided here, they are made ready to step

into the world. This is what sums up the great team that works with me; this is what we strive to do every day.

As this year comes to an end, we look forward to another academic year, a year that will be special as we have our first batch of Grade XII face the Board Examinations in 2025. It will be a year of anxiousness, a year of stress and anxiety for our students, but we will be there for them and with them at each step and guide them through this important year.

As we look ahead, I am confident that Imperial Heritage School will continue to be a leader in education and a source of pride for our community.

Thank you all and have a wonderful evening ahead.