The reformatting of this year's Inter-House Senior Cricket Competition to the T20 format had the teams and the spectators in for some entertainment. The Competition saw many closely-contested fixtures as every team wanted to prove their mettle.

The House XI matches were scintillating in their own unique way. Throughout the Competition, Jaipur House played aggressive cricket and always kept the crowd entertained. Even though their top order collapsed, Aditya Vir Roy and Uday Goyal's resilience saw Jaipur House climb to a respectable total. Their bowling stumbled in the beginning as well, but they managed to keep their nerve, as the match went down to the last over. With the tail-enders on the crease, Jaipur House capitalized and stole the match from Oberoi House's hands. But Jaipur House's performance against Tata was even more interesting. Arjun Khanna's stellar performance, backed by Waseefullah Khan got them a ten-wicket victory.

Tata House had a strong start beating Oberoi House in a nail-biting finish. Arjun Midha and Siddharth Sethi scored a half century each ensuring that Tata House reached a more than respectable total. In their match against Kashmir, Tata House won comfortably and Raghav Kothiwal's hat-trick and five-wicket haul was instrumental in the victory. After the two wins, Tata House lost their steadfastness for the remaining half of the Competition.

Kashmir House played respectable cricket throughout the tournament, but they failed to claim any victory.

Oberoi House always had a high number rolling on the scoreboard. They recorded the highest target of the competition in their first match against Hyderabad House, scoring 187 runs. This run chase was rather futile for Hyderabad, as they stayed way behind their required score. Adhiraj Singh's hard-hitting century, the first in this competition was exhilarating.

After a weak start against Oberoi house, Hyderabad House gained momentum and continued to be strong competitors throughout the competition. In their match against Jaipur House, they took things down to the wire. Kabir Sethi, with all his experience and skill, took charge and ended the match in favour of the Nizams. In a high spirited Tata-Hyderabad clash, the Nizams claimed a victory with ease. After a strong hundred run partnership between Raghav Nath and Siddhant Sachdev their fielding threatened the Tata House batsmen and ensured an easy victory.

The Leagues matches did not fail to disappoint. Oberoi House dominated throughout the competition, as they won all the matches comfortably. Tata House's performance, though they went away with only one win, was interesting as their batting line-up failed despite the efforts of their middle-order. Though Kashmir House did not give up till the match was actually over, they were unable to take away any points. Although the Jaipur House side was extremely energetic, their fielding was rather ineffective, costing them a couple of matches. Hyderabad House, with their strong batting order stood tall in front of most teams. Respectable performances were shown by Dhruv Prasad, Rishabh Kohari, Akshay Sarawgi and Divij Batra.

Kabir Sethi was the highest run scorer with a total of 173 runs. Adhiraj Singh and Raghav Kothiwal were the highest wicket takers claiming nine wickets each.

Hyderabad House emerged victorious in the competition. But with a very narrow margin of points among all houses, the House Cup is still anyone's to win. Nail-biting finishes, two superb centuries, economical bowling and a lot of 'josh', a shorter game format but nonetheless an exciting competition!
The following are the results of the matches of the Inter-House Cricket Competition:

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**APPOINTMENT**

Himanshu Todi has been appointed the Boy-in-Charge of the Chandbagh Ham Radio Club. We wish him a fruitful tenure!

**INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS**

The School Basketball team played a closely contested match on February 29, against Welham Boys School and lost.

The School Senior Cricket Team played a match against Abhimanyu Cricket Academy and lost. Well tried!

**CAREER TALK**

Abhinav Bhushan, an Old Boy (ex-116 T ’02), is working at the International Chambers of Commerce as a Deputy Counsel and is a Member of the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa. He gave a talk on ‘Careers in Law’ on February 29.

**Opinion Poll**

Should Prefects be given more liberty in the running of Houses?

- Yes 37%
- No 63%

(371 members of the School community were polled)

**Next Week’s Question:** Do you think Test Week is being held too soon in the term?

**UNQUOTEABLE QUOTES**

Don’t be like James Bond.
DKM enters the world of espionage.
For me difficult explain you.
PSM, we understand.
You know what the word are.
Harshvardhan Singh, apparently not!
You want to become architect?
Swayam Samal wants to know.
You open your bag with a lock?
Sanjeet Suhag asks a key question.
She selled her hair.
Mrigank Khemka, sold out?
Let go Women in Black.
Rishi Raaj Khan wants to let go!
Taylor Swift won an Oscar!
Aditya Bhattacharya reports on the Grammys.
He digged his own grave.
Siddhanth Sachdev digs deep!
Can you all keep shut up?
MAK demands silence.
He is literal school.
Shreyansh Chheda, not virtual?
He is member of MLA.
Nihal Sharma, future MLA.
We shall observe from bird’s view eye.
RSF, bird watching?
Take a chill to pill.
Adhiraj Singh endorses a new pill to chill.

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Madhav Dutt
The Week Gone
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Poetry

DEATH
Anvay Grover

Far below the unforgiving mire,
An eerie silence reigned,
Challenged by nothing but
Cries of pain.
A person died.
People cried.
The mournful sound
Came from the far away ground.
As the mortals wept,
The shadows crept.
The night rose
And the day had slept.

BOREDOM
Aditya Bhattacharya

It came over me so swiftly,
Like the sea breeze over the rising tide.
It attacked my senses so stealthily
Unarmed, all the defenses of my mind.
Before I knew it I had succumbed
To the will of this monster inside me;
I lost all control over myself,
It drained me slowly, and I was numbed.
But then came, sweet imagination!
So beautiful, fierce and mighty;
Battled with the beast that had enveloped me
And then let me run wild and free.

‘Madiba’
Yash Johri

Nelson Mandela, along with his comrades, fought for Equal Rights for the coloured people, until he was jailed by the corrupt ruling regime for 27 years in a penitentiary just off the coast of Cape Town called Robben Island. By 1990 there was great international pressure on the South African government, calling for the release of Madiba(it is the name of his tribe-Xhosa), as Mandela is lovingly called, and his comrades. A few years later, free and fair elections were held in the country and Nelson Mandela became the first elected President of a South Africa which was free of racial prejudice.

This week Nelson Mandela had a minor abdominal surgery and the newspapers have reported that he is recovering well. At the age of 93, when the sun sets on most people’s lives, Madiba’s unconquerable spirit fights on. For a man who spent 27 years in a small cell and came out ready to forgive the people who put him in, a minor surgery couldn’t be much of an obstacle. So loved and popular is this anti-apartheid icon in his country and around the world that whenever he falls ill, millions of people pray for his good-health. Thankfully this time there was nothing too serious to get the world worried.

Let us hope that Madiba lives strong for many years to come!

My Dreams
Arjun Singh Kapur

I saw this wall,
And I wrote my dream.
A dream or sight,
Oh! It’s just another dream.
I thought I was amusing,
Though maybe depressed.
What is fate and when will it find me?
Or will it be suppressed?
I fanticized about the idea of love,
It struck me like lightning.
And then went away,
It was just so frightening.
I thought I was a hero,
Maybe that was just another dream.
Or am I another villain,
A dream or a thought I believed.
I think I am from Europe,
Living here in Asia.
Is it true
That even I have no clue.
An orphan I was born,
Left in this world to scorn.
Shall I still wonder?
Or be left to dream?
Footloose in Turkey

BSF reports on the Historical trip to Turkey during the winter holidays

According to a Greek legend, Zeus had an affair with a beautiful woman named Io. When Hera, his wife, discovered his infidelity, she turned Io into a cow and created a horsefly to sting her on the rump. Io jumped clear across the strait, which is now called Bosphorus. Thus, Bosphorus means ‘crossing-place of the cow’, and it separates the European and Asian part of Istanbul, making it the only city that sits on two continents.

But this is not the only reason that makes Istanbul one of the top tourist destinations. It boasts of a history that remains unparalleled in the world. It has been the capital of two of the world's biggest empires – the Byzantium and the Ottoman, over sixteen centuries. This Greek colony of Byzantium, that was transformed into Christian Constantinople in AD 330 by the Roman emperor Constantine, became Islamic Istanbul in 1453. Despite a succession of sacking, riots and earthquakes, it has always managed to retain its unique atmosphere and appeal. 'For two thousand years travelers have come, been dazzled and taken home tales of its marvels and mysteries, its debaucheries and delights'.

Istanbul is indeed a traveler’s delight. It’s not just the Hagia Sophia built in 4th Century, neither the Sultan Ahmet mosque nor the opulent Topkapi and Dolmabache palaces that take the visitors’ breath away. It is the skyline of Istanbul that is simply marvelous, especially when it is seen from the Golden Horn on a clear Mediterranean morning. No wonder Alphonso Marie Louis Lamartine, a 19th Century French Poet said, “If one had but a single glance to give the world, one should gaze on Istanbul.” It is a city that lives and breathes history.

Turkey is not just about Istanbul, as the fourteen of us found out in the first week of December. It is also about legendary Troy that we visited en route to Gallipoli. Probably the most famous ancient city in public imagination. A visit to the ruins of Troy makes legends like Helen, Paris, Hector and Achillies come alive. Made famous by Homer in his epics Iliad and the Odyssey, Troy was considered a mythical city until it’s ruins were discovered in the 1870’s by German archaeologist Heinrich Schliemann.

Close to the ancient city of Troy is the Gallipoli peninsula. It was here that Mustafa Kemal Pasha, father of Modern Turkey, became a legend. He played a heroic role during World War I, when a joint Allied Forces comprising troops from Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand mounted a campaign to capture Istanbul. Known in history as the Gallipoli Campaign or Dardanelles Campaign, it was a major setback for the Allied Forces and a huge victory for the crumbling Ottoman Empire. It is now a national heritage park dotted with many monuments and museums.

In all probability, Turkey has the highest number of ancient Roman and Greek sites in the eastern Mediterranean region. No trip to Turkey is complete without visiting Ephesus. It was the largest city of the Ionian league during the classical Greek age and a very famous outpost of the Roman Empire. Spread over a large area, it is indeed the best preserved site with many splendid buildings such as Roman Bath, Library of Celsus and the Great Theater that could accommodate more than 30,000 people, who turned out to watch the mortal gladiatorial combats, in a single sitting. One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient world, the temple of Artemis is also located here. Ephesus is the place where it is believed that Mary spent her last few years as well. The House of Virgin Mary commemorates the place of her stay.

We also visited the famous Anatolian museum and the final resting place of Ataturk in Ankara, the breath taking natural fairy chimneys in Cappadocia region, the land of whirling Dervish – Konya, where the famous Sufi saint Jalaluddin Rumi is buried as well as the ancient city of Bergama and Pamukkale. We sipped Turkish tea and shopped at the Grand Bazaar, worlds largest covered market. We marveled at the architectural styles and food and came back after nine days, thirsty for more; agreeing with the Anatolian saying, ‘One life is not enough to see Turkey.’