“It's good to see how the Activities in School are developing thanks to the sheer spirit of both boys and Masters,” Arthur Foot had commented in his address to the crowd during the first celebration of Founder’s Day at the School. Ninety years later, as we sit down to write this piece, the Pandemic has become the primary reason Arthur Foot's vision is under threat.

A great emphasis has been laid upon the fundamental development of a child using co-curricular Activities, Academics, and Sports, however, while our School was able to revive the quality of Sports and Academics after the Pandemic, the same, sadly, cannot be said for Activities. The early years in the life of a Dosco, the D and C Forms, are the most crucial to actually start taking part in Activities and co-curriculars, as usually by the time a Dosco reaches B Form, he has already decided which path to tread on. When the current B Form arrived at School, they had spent these crucial, formative years at home without giving much thought to these co-curricular activities. They had gotten used to the same mundane attitude of studying for six hours a day and spending the remainder relaxing. This habit carried on even when they arrived at School, causing them to give precedence to unfruitful use of their time over Activities. By the time their C Form had come to its end, the School had just reopened, causing the atmosphere surrounding this crucial aspect to be rather dreary. Hence, few attended the Activity meetings. Most were now used to not taking part in Activities, making it hard for them to adjust to a large number of activities suddenly available to them. While they were enthusiastic about taking part in the co-curriculars, they weren't habituated in doing so, leading to most of them just being in a specific STA or SUPW on paper but in reality, barely attending any meetings in School. This caused a ‘snowball effect’ where fewer people took part in specific activities, some having just a handful of active members. Even the major activities were hit hard by this, with some going from over 20 Juniors to around half a dozen when the current B Formers joined. By this time most of the Senior members realised that Juniors did not participate in Activities they had enrolled for. Earlier, when a Junior signed up for an activity, it usually meant that they had a genuine interest and wanted to participate in it, but that wasn't the case anymore.

While B Form was affected the worst, it wasn't as if the other forms were left untouched, they each had to bear the brunt of the Pandemic and the troubles it brought with it. The current C Formers had also been hit nearly as hard, missing most of their D Form. If that wasn’t enough, one year of the lockdown for them was not in Doon, but in another school, which may not have offered online activities of quality. Hence, their experience with activities online was extremely limited over the past two years.

As people who have lost this time, we realise that activities are imperative, but while it is the thought that counts, implementation matters much more. Activities can be revived to a large extent through meetings. We need to set a precedent for the Junior forms that Activities matter as much as Sports and Academics, and Juniors must be urged to regularly attend Activity meetings. With the new batch joining in a month, they are really entering the School for its ethos. We need to push for activities from here on as it is an integral part of that very ethos.

The exposure that the Juniors lost due to the Pandemic is invaluable and due to this loss of exposure, Activities fail to thrive and fulfil their potential. This causes the School to fail in its basic function, which is to provide holistic development to its students. Once an aspect goes missing, the others fall apart and remain incomplete. Participation in Activities is not as trivial as most Juniors feel, it is something that's being left out, as it plays an indispensable role in the making of a complete Dosco.

“i sketch your world exactly as it goes.” - Arthur Foot

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“Productive Ventures

Harshil Makin and Rafay Habibullah comment on the low participation in activities and how it impacts Juniors.
This Week in History

1781 CE: Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun was discovered by English astronomer William Herschel.

1881 CE: Tsar Alexander II of Russia was assassinated in St. Petersburg.

1938 CE: The Anschluss, a political union between Austria and Germany, was announced.

1951 CE: United Nations forces recaptured Seoul during the Korean War.

1958 CE: The first solar-powered satellite, Vanguard 1, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

2003 CE: U.S. President George W. Bush ordered air strikes on Baghdad, thus launching the Iraq War to oust dictator Saddam Hussein.

UNQUOTEABLE QUOTES

Today I meditated the chicken.
Ikjot Singh, master chef.

All people absent raise your hands.
APG, absent minded.

I am a staunch LGBTQ againster.
Vinamra Agarwal, against English.

I’ll do better for myself.
Krishiv Jaiswal, social work.

What colour is your blazer?
Harsh Begani, average Andrew Tate supporter.

The cure for a fallacious argument is a better argument, not the suppression of ideas.
Carl Sagan

THE WHO?

Who is Michael Irvin?

Kai Kubo: A songwriter
PMV: A basketball player
Zubin Mehra: A painter
Suryansh Sood: An explorer

Michael Jerome Irvin is an American sports commentator and former professional football wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys of the National Football League. In 2007, he was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Nicknamed “The Playmaker” due to his penchant for making big plays in big games during his college and pro careers. He was one of three key offensive players for his team.

LISTENER’S CHECKLIST

What members of the School community have been listening to this week:

Dhruv Gupta: Calm Down by Rema
Soumik Agrawalla: Vienna by Billy Joel
Jaiveer Grewal: G.O.A.T. by Diljeet Dosanjh

Around the World in 80 Words

Sweden faced a recession as housing market troubles took a devastating toll on its economy. A Cheetah helicopter belonging to the Indian Air Force crashed in Arunachal Pradesh, resulting in two fatalities. Credit Suisse threw a 54 billion dollar lifeline in an attempt to ward off the global banking crisis. The movie RRR created history by winning the Best Original Song award for Naatu Naatu at the 95th Academy Awards. Manchester City defeated RB Leipzig 7-0 in the UCL RO16.

Modern Warfare

Pragyan Goel

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गणित हमें है और हम गणित में

श्री पद्मश्री एच.एस. गुप्ता

गणित एक अनुभूति विषय है। अंततः हमारी शिक्षा का एक महत्वपूर्ण कारक है, जो हमें इस विषय में जुड़ा रहता है। हम जैसे ओब्जेक्टिव के प्रति जुड़ते हैं, वह हमारी जीवन तर्क और समाज के अन्तर्गत स्थिति है। हम गणित में हैं, और हम गणित में हैं।

भाषा मिश्रित एक सेल से होती है, हम शिक्षा में हैं और अनुभूति में होती है। हम जीवन के भावना, नयार की, एवं स्वभाव सक्रिय रूप से होता है। नमन हमारे आचार होता है, सोने का, उठने का, बाज़ार का, सेवन का, निपात की भी तरह से होता है।

भाषाओं में हम विषयों का अनुभव और समाज के आचरण पर कहते हैं। हम अपनी शक्ति और शरण के तरीके से भाषा के स्रोतों में गणित का प्रयोग करते हैं, ऐसा एक अन्य सीमाएं, सी बैंक की एक सूचना की, नी दो गांवों होना, सातवें आवाज पर होना, अंख चार होना, यदि।

हम अपनी बोलचाल में शायद ही गणित के अन्य के प्रयोग के बिना आपसी समान्य बिझाएं। हमारी बोलचाल की भाषा में अंक बहुत महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाते करते हैं। एक पूरा पानी भी दें, दो पिटारा आराम कर दें, चार बढ़ाने और बन रहे हैं, यदि।

अपनी बातचीत को प्राथमिक बनाने के लिए हम सहित के मुद्राओं में गणित का प्रयोग करते हैं, जैसे एक अपना सी चीज़, सी सुविधा की एक सूचना की, नी दो गांवों होना, सातवें आवाज पर होना, अंख चार होना, यदि।

पर से निकलते ही ओलां मुकी हों, अंडी या कार की बुक्की हों, हम विश्वास करते हैं, सहायता की संस्करण के बारे में चित्रात्मक या बड़े बाह्य की व्यक्तिकरण करना, बाह्य की बात, दर्शन और समाज, या आदि आस्वाद - व्याख्या, यदि।

यदि हम अपने आप पर आत्मुक्ति करते हैं, इसी तरह हम अपने भाषाओं को प्रयोग करते हैं, जैसा प्राथमिक गणित को हम अपने आप भी करते हैं। दो बातें या यह सोचें कि यदि मधुमक्की गणितज्ञ हो सकती है तो हम गणित में हैं।

गणित के हमें एक ध्वनि का रहस्य जानकार गणित नियमित कहने वाले हमारे आस पास ही हैं। हम गणित में हैं। भाषा के दो तरीकों से हम सीखते हैं, और भाषा में हैं। गणित हमारी लघु रूपसे स्वतंत्रता के लाभ के स्वतंत्र और उपयोगी है।

गणित का अपने आप में एक भाषा है, यह तो वैज्ञानिक भाषा है, जो हमारे आस पास ही नहीं बल्कि हमारे स्वस्थ विवाद है। अंडे के जैसे महान वैज्ञानिक ने कहा था सब । यह ब्रह्माण्ड का गणितीय भाषा में लिखा गया है।

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The Week
Gone By

Tarun Doss


With that out of the way, let us mull over this past week. An unforgiving gloom fell over our beloved Chandbagh as Doscos found themselves stuck desperately scrambling in the midst of Promotional Trials, regretting their previous lackadasical attitude.

Yet, it seems the weather has been quite sombre and overcast lately, reflecting the feelings of the Dosco community. And, while teary-eyed Sc Leavers take in their last glimpses of School with heavy hearts, as long lines of young, equally sad Doscos follow closely behind to bid their final goodbyes, the sky only seems to have gotten a whole lot greyer.

While these stressful times proved crucial for most Seniors, many of whom were not spotted outside their Toyes and Studies for days on end (including for some meals at the CDH), Juniors grasped all this ‘free’ time to bring the sports fields back to life, as the futsal and basketball courts erupted to life. Speaking of basketball, the House of Eagles have found themselves in the midst of their own little ‘basketball’ game as certain nocturnal activities were brought to light with some individuals posting up absurd ‘stat lines’ night in and night out. Yet, what truly matters in the end is your ability to perform under pressure, as there remains only one true winner.

With this week coming to a close, and as the light at the end of this gloomy tunnel nears, I’d like to use this opportunity to remind all my dear readers: Yes, Trials are almost over, let the trumpets sound, but do not slip up in these last few crucial battles. Persevere, work hard, and then enjoy your well-deserved Midterms to the fullest. All the best!

Crossword | Oscars

Across
3. This individual featured in the best picture of the year 2023, winning the Academy award for best Actress.
5. This director has won the most Academy Awards for Best Director.
8. This movie was the first foreign language film to ever win the Best Picture award.
9. It is the British equivalent of the Academy Awards.
10. She has been nominated for a record 21 Academy Awards, winning three Academy Awards for Best Actress.

Down
1. He holds the distinction of having hosted the Academy Awards a record 14 times. He was also awarded five honorary Oscars.
2. Who was given the longest-standing ovation in Oscar history?
4. He was the youngest person to win an Oscar, at 10.
6. This movie is the only remake of a feature film (Infernal Affairs) to win Best Picture.
7. Setting of Call Me by Your Name, the winner of the Best Adapted Screenplay award in 2017.

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