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On 9th January 2016 students of class IX and X boarded their respective buses at around 8:00am going to Pune for an overnight trip. At 11:30am they reached hotel “United-21-The Grand” which was truly an architectural splendor. After lunch they left for Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park and Research Centre, Katraj at around 2:30pm. It was a peaceful and serene place away from the hassles of city life. There were snakes, crocodiles, turtles and tortoise, owls, tigers, white tigers, antelopes, deer, Sloth bear, Nilgai and leopards among others. By 5:00pm students headed back to their hotel. Later in the evening a DJ night was organised. The next day after an open terrace breakfast the students were taken to NDA or National Defense Acad-
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Aspiring students who wanted to join the forces, were inspired beyond doubt. The sight of hundreds and hundreds of trained and well-groomed horses was indeed new for the students. There were special training areas, jumping pits and grooming areas too for the horses. At the flying hanger they saw the runway, the gliders (Demonas) and a cadet briefed them about flying routines. Every cadet gets to fly a glider 10 times in his entire term for 45 minutes each. The Demona gliders, the cadet explained, had long wings for better gliding and were bought from Austria. Acres and acres of open spaces left everyone gaping.

Moving onwards, they saw a Sainik Training Centre, NDA Pre Primary School, NDA Family Welfare Centre, NDA Primary Centre, Living Quarters, Cadets’ Mess and the Habibullah Hall from their bus. Later, they were taken to Habibullah Hall to watch a movie about the training of the cadets in NDA. “Sometimes our training doesn’t have an end.”- said a cadet named Ram. “Day and night are just words for cadets under training. Learning cannot be restricted to the classroom.”

After the movie, they even visited the museum which had relics, memories and models tanks and ships. “Guys, I want you all to be successful in life. But remember this, everyone has the will to win, but not everyone has the will to prepare” said another cadet named Gaurav from NDA.

This inspired everyone beyond words. NDA sure was an unforgettable experience, which opened everybody’s eyes.

Mass Media Students’ Day Out

On 8th January 2016, Mass Media students of class XI attended a Photo Imaging Exhibition at Goregaon. There were a number of workshops on techniques related to photography and there was a photo corner wherein all famous photographers from Maharashtra presented their work. Students were introduced to various types of cameras/ gadgets and they were allowed to see professional cameras. There were stalls of various types of showpieces, albums and printers. This experience was through and through a very enlightening and inspiring for the students.
The Football Match

On 23rd December 2015, last day before the school closed for the winter break the school organized Inter House Football Match for classes XI and XII. An event the students had eagerly been waiting for. The fixtures were out and Shivaji was playing Ashoka, two of the strongest teams one with a superb attack and the other with the formidable defense. Shivaji was dominant for most of the match but Ashoka was not far behind. But as the game went on there were no goals scored. It was in the last minute of the match that Hemant Sawant struck a sublime valley. The match was over with score 1 goal to nil. Shivaji was in the finals. Next match was Pratap vs Kanishka. The match that was expected to be a clear victory for Pratap ended with scores 0-0. Penalties were to decide the winners. Pratap was up first. They scored. But so did Kanishka. In the second round also both houses scored a goal each. When Kanishka missed so did Pratap. The game was getting intense. Finally the penalties ended with 4-3 in Pratap’s favour. They went on to the finals. Final match was between Shivaji and Pratap. Shivaji was dominant in the beginning but Pratap soon caught up and won the match 4-0. Rakshit Shetty was named man of the match. As it was much-awaited event everybody displayed sportsman sprit and made it a memorable event.

Script Writing Workshop

On 25 Jan 2016 a script writing workshop was conducted. It was without a doubt one of the most informative workshops. It was organized by very esteemed professor Dr. Leena Jha who is an expert in this field. She had a very convincing expression. She used some of the most well known franchises and book series as references. Before starting a script one has to keep in mind that “Someone, Somewhere wants Something”. The rest of the story is built about these basic questions. It is important for the protagonist to have some flaws or weakness. Only then will he/she have the will to overcome them providing the foundation to the story. The good characters have some black and the bad characters also have some white. This makes both the characters more relatable and interesting. She taught the students about the importance of having an idea and of being able to execute it with utmost passion and great interest. She imparted a lot of knowledge and with that she also offered something even more crucial, and that is encouragement and a desire to create an original script.

Republic Day

On 26 Jan 2016, the school celebrated India’s 67th Republic Day. Students from Mont I to XII attended the function. The assembly started with the principal hoisting the flag. Everybody saluted the flag and sang the national anthem with a new determination as their chests were filled with pride. There were some musical and dance performances that reminded everyone of the freedom fighters who had laid down their lives in an effort to free our nation. A march past was held by the RSP (Road Safety Patrol) students all marching in crisp whites. The Principal gave a speech to mark the day. Students of Mont I to Class V, were allowed to go back home while the others stayed back and cleaned the school and its surrounding in an attempt to support and bring into action the Prime Minister’s:

“Swachta Abhiyan.”
responsibility and encouraged us to work together to bring back her past glory. With this thought in mind the Grand Finale sent a message of hope that the youth are the future and the saviors of Ganga.

The anchors for the function synchronised the various acts brilliantly. There were also many small scenes between the performances that eventually led to the final street play.

The volunteers worked relentlessly with the teachers to make sure that the performances went smoothly.

The Annual day was the product of combined efforts thus making it a great success.

**Bookworms Heaven**

The BBPS Book club is a club for classes IV-X and takes place once every month on different topics related to books, authors, characters and everything in between. The meeting has fun activities and discussions on various topics such as:

- Quiz about famous book lines.
- General quiz about books.
- Debate on Paperback vs. E-readers.
- Snape - Villain or Hero? Debate.
- Whining about not being able to go to comic-con.
- About how books have effected members.
- Book Cover designing.

**Sports Achievements**

- Karnala Basketball tournament
- Karnala volleyball tournament

**Sufi Dance**

**Grand Finale**

**Melodious Performance of Choir group**

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- Book Mark Making
- Story games
- Quizzes on Alice In Wonderland and Anne Frank’s Diary

The book club is a place for meeting fellow bookworms, making new friends and having intellectual debates.

To join the book club all you have to do is give your name in the library or contact Suditi Jha of IX Rose.

The book club is always open for new members as long as they remain loyal to books.

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