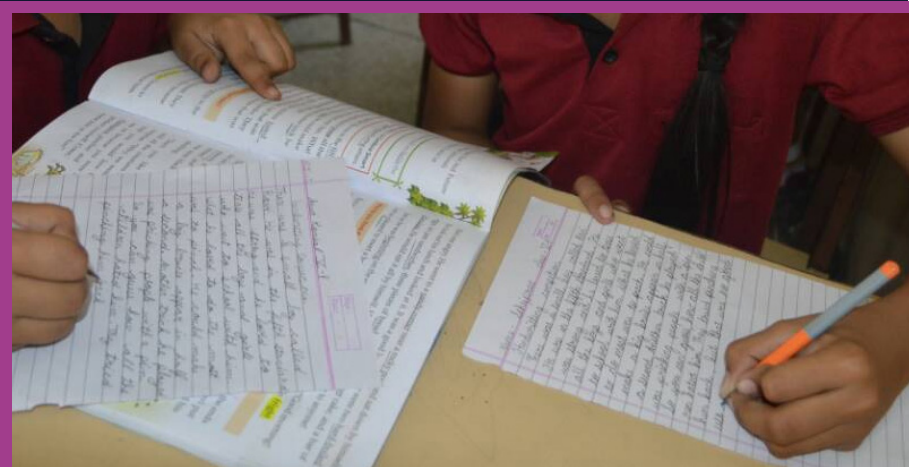




Touching New Horizon



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Years of Celebrating the Mahatma



As India marked the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, The young Johnnians of Classes 3,4 and 5 participated in a 'Quiz on Mahatma Gandhi'.

The boys were divided into teams named 'Unconquerable', 'Unbeatable' and 'Invincible' which ideally depicted Gandhiji. The quiz had numerous rounds including a visual one as well. This made the boys widen their horizons and gather a lot of information about the 'Father of the Nation'.

The proud winners were:

- Sachvir Singh Baidwan (Class 5A)
- Shabadjot Singh (Class 5B)
- Saikrit Gulati (Class 5C)

PDPET

(6 Month Bridge Course for Elementary Teachers)

Some Experiences

It was 'Yesterday once more' for us.... Brought back so many memories of College days...
Enjoyed our Sessions particularly the 'Chai n Chat' Breaks....

-Znobia J. Dean

Well, it surprisingly came at the same time as my daughter's Board Exams....The house had a totally deserted look as we both were locked in our study rooms with food being outsourced.
She's off to a new horizon by scoring a 91% but what about me???

- Shonju Bali

With Sleepless nights and self pity mode.... I am now dreading the day when our result will be declared...

- Mridula Sharma

Notes, Classes, Project files- the study phobia was back with a bang. I couldn't believe that we had to go through the same rigmarole again. Gradually acceptance and adaptability seeped through and we pulled up our Johnian socks and then there was no looking back because....

- Sonia Vohra

It truly brought back my college days.... NO BARRIERS... Being bold, courageous and humble at the same time.... Loved the days setting aside the Exams part....

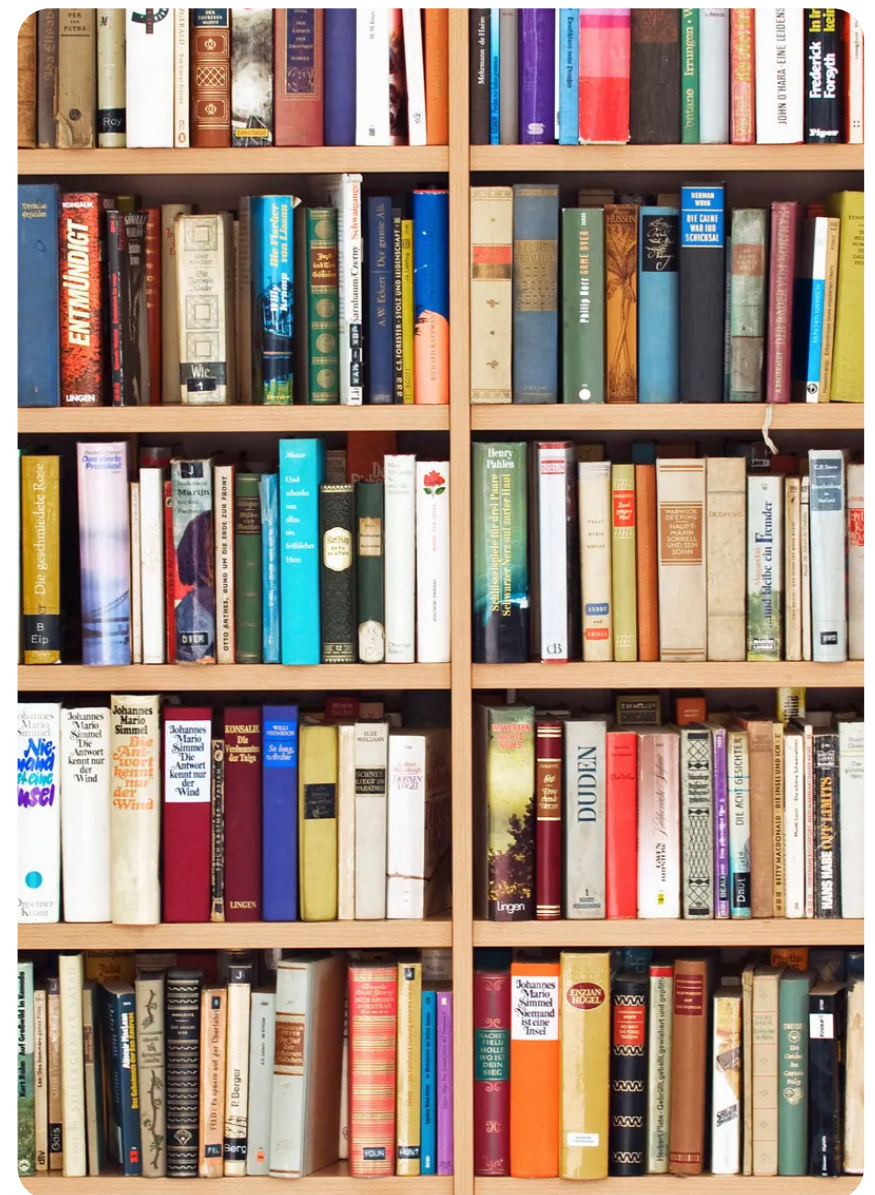
- Aarti Suri

PDPET took me back to my college days of being a student- eating at roadside dhabas, making new friends, crossing barriers, shedding our inhibitions- it was good while it lasted!! Had it not been for the exams- It was a JOYRIDE!!

- Amrit Gill Mahajan

It was a time to get back to reading and taking down notes. A lot of what was taught and discussed; we at St. John's already knew and had our systems in place. In fact some of our Teaching-Learning materials were taken by the institutes as resource materials which they could use in the times to come.

- AmeetaMathur





I began on a warpath but it was ironical that I started enjoying the session on the whole. We had a great time bonding over our submission dilemmas and food at the same time. It was great to discover our abilities to read and retain. Overall a great experience..

- RachnaJhamb

PDPET- Going Back to college....

After 28 years, it was going back to student life. Yes, it was about avoiding classes, marking attendance for friends, submissions and what not... it was interesting to hear my sons barge me about the way I used to behave during their exams. It is hilarious but I used to bow my head in front of every religious place I used to pass on the way to the examination!! Eagerly waiting for the dreaded results now..

- Nidhi Saxena

This was surely a once in a lifetime experience. My daughter and I were studying together as she was preparing for her board examination as well. The best part about the whole course was the PARANTHAS we gobbled on from roadside dhabas... Indeed memories for life....

- Sapna Chaudhary

I was totally floored by the TEAMWORK of our school. It was a phase where we stood by each other. Posting videos of difficult topics during exam days, helping each other

make notes and giving tips on learning at this age was immensely nostalgic and took us back to our college days. It was a great experience overall, thanks to the tremendous support from our school management.

- Madhavi Khanna

Felt like being 'BACK IN TIME' but certainly the time we used to dread. With some friends made for life... All in all, it was smooth sailing as we all came forward with the true JOHNIAN SPIRIT of being ONE!!!

- Aman Aggarwal





Voluntary Teaching

in Government Schools of Chandigarh

I Saikrit Gulati am a student of class 5C of the prestigious St John's High School Chandigarh. I am really proud of my teachers and my school as I feel that my mentors have given me such values which I could have never found elsewhere. Right from the day I entered the school in class KG the animal adoption programme, outreach programmes and other various activities have created an instinct in me to give back to society in whatever way I can do. I have been thinking along these lines for years but my flight of thought was not able to land at the proper place as I am not financially independent and could not find anything worth doing for the society without money.

One fine morning as I was glancing through the newspapers I came across an advertisement of Chandigarh administration that they want voluntary teachers for various govt schools of the city and it was like the Almighty had sent this just for me. I discussed the idea with my parents. They guided me that it is for seniors and not for small kids like me but still encouraged me to send in a mail in this regard and I immediately acted upon it. Days went

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by but I never got a reply. I again thought of giving it a try and searched for the contact numbers of the authorities. I was fortunate to get the same and talked to the Director of schools. He was kind enough to give me an appointment the same day, I rushed to him in the afternoon with the proposal that I can volunteer in various govt schools on Saturdays and other holidays. He seemed a bit reluctant seeing my physique and voice and wondered how I would be able to control the class but I assured him arguing that I am studying in a school which gives us so much confidence. He finally agreed to give me a chance on a pilot project basis and allotted me Govt model high school Badheri sector 41, I was so happy and nervous

at the same time. I started preparing for my first class the same moment, preparing quizzes and gathering information. I reached the school on Saturday and was escorted to class 3 by the Principal. I addressed the students and started the interaction with various rounds of quiz. I had also taken sweets for the kids answering correctly, purchased out of my pocket money. It was like a dream come true and I realized that these children from the economically disadvantaged group had no less calibre than us but just needed the right sharpening. The Principal asked me to come every Saturday and the journey continued. Then I was allotted Govt School of Dhanas and it was a much better experience in that school.

The students were really excited there and I felt that our interaction has not only motivated them but also enhanced my knowledge. I go to these schools every Saturday and the satisfaction I get is much beyond any other happiness.

I thank my parents and teachers for having given me such values where I can be of use to the society. ■

STAY SAFE Cyber style

As they say “One single vulnerability is all an attacker needs.”

A highly interactive session on Cyber safety was held for Classes 3, 4 and 5 by highly trained personnel of the KPMG group. It was a very valuable, meaningful and a much needed session for the Nextgen as the students nowadays are the ones who are the most vulnerable and fall prey easily to cyber crimes.

The team members briefed the children about the Do's and Don'ts of using the various social media applications like Facebook, Instagram etc.

All in all it was “An Eye Opener for All.” ■





In order to develop positive action we must start with a positive vision. With the concept of PISA sinking in and India being a contender after years, we Johnians stayed a step ahead. With a foresight that learning starts at the grassroots and a vision to represent India internationally in the best possible way, we're grooming our boys from the very beginning itself.

The boys at the junior school are being systematically introduced to the concepts of social interdependence, conflict resolution, task division and communication which are strategically interwoven within our CLIP programme. This will make the tasks easier for them in the times to come. Well as they say, we are the best 'coz we do the BEST!!