

Quiz Club

There are many ways to acquire information. For example, some people read books on various subjects. Others choose to watch television for long time. One of the motivating ways of increasing information and getting fun at the same time is Quizzing.

With this motto in mind, this year a Quiz Club was introduced to enhance knowledge. During club lessons girls collected information related to Current Affairs, History, Science, Sports, Entertainment etc. The students also got the chance to participate in some Inter-School Quiz competitions like The All India Challenge Quiz held at RIMC, the Mrs. Russell G.K. & Nature



SAFE Club

"Students' Association For Environment", is a student body involved in environmental protection by fostering awareness among the students of Hopetown Girls' School about various environmental issues. It is an effort and an initiative to educate the students about the importance of our own environment.

This year, the first activity initiated by us was a cleanliness drive. The students of Grade IX and X went around Selaqui collecting waste. At the end of the day the students collected 50 kg of waste which was sent for recycling to a nearby recycling station.

This was followed by setting up an organic garden in our school with the help of Navdanya. This was a huge learning experience for the students of SAFE Club. It gave our students an opportunity to learn about various seeds and plants and also brought them closer to nature.

Every academic session we have new members joining the Hopetown community. Therefore, in order to inculcate the habit of waste management in them, a



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Quiz at Welham Girls' and the Cambrian Hall Quiz. It also organized "The Inquizitive 2015" for Izhaar-e-Hunar.

The vision of Quiz Club is that through quizzing a student will be able to amass ample knowledge and wisdom and appreciate the value of researching and reading books. It will help students to take decisions and handle pressure and nervousness. Through quizzing, students learn the value of patience, determination, hard work and self-discipline.

Gitanjali Bhatia
Teacher-in-Charge

9:30 p.m. During this, the students gathered together to take part in various activities like star gazing, storytelling and "antakshari".

Keeping the hazards of electronic waste in mind, SAFE also collected all possible e-waste from the school premises and presented it to the "Microsoft – Create To Inspire", a Waste Warriors' initiative for which we were awarded. This was a huge achievement for the students of SAFE Club.

At the start of May, a group of SAFE members went to a nearby village, where we made the people aware of various environmental hazards and shared some basic techniques of waste disposal and management.

As a part of online support, a group of students took part in the activities initiated by the "ACEF Classroom Network", namely Eco-Calendar and Asia to Europe – a Priceless Treasury. These helped the students to research and learn about various environment concerning dates and prepare a calendar.

For this year's Founder's celebration, SAFE was completely dedicated to recycling. A whole lot of plastic bottles and Appy cans were collected and joined together to make a hut. To add to this, a carpet was created out of the old issues of "Beneath the Purple Roof" magazine. Then we made stools out of egg crates, a table out of bottles, laundry bags out of old clothes, slippers out of paper and cardboard and many more. In our effort to recycle e-waste we created a remote control car and an earthquake model. The car worked on mechanical energy. To initiate the habit of planting trees, the girls experimented with vertical gardening,

where seeds were planted in plastic bottles and hung on the walls.

We also put up a snack stall at the Founder's fete. The best part of this snack stall was that all the products were made by our teachers.

Our association with Navdanya gave us an opportunity to take part in their art competition. Out of 150 students that participated Avnita Kumari of Grade



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"A society is defined not only by what it creates ,but by what it refuses to destroy".

John Sawhill

The environmental activists of Hopetown Girls' School , fostered awareness by educating the community adopting diverse methods. The aim of the club this year was to reuse items in new and creative ways.

This semester began with a cleanliness drive in Selaqui with the students of Grade X. The students learnt to manage waste and live in an environment friendly life style. This action was also a significant part of community service which the club strongly believes in.

As for the Founders' Exhibition, vases made by students using old cloth was a speciality. Our esteemed guests were wonderstruck , when they saw a scenery made out of scrap. The students were appreciated for displaying the waste materials in their most accurate form. The guests off and on made themselves comfortable on the stools made out of empty diesel cans and egg crates. Bottle caps and sketch pens were modified to create an apparatus which gave out a signal to indicate that water was on the verge of overflowing. The table fountain added a unique solace to the surroundings.A decorative plate made of plastic spoons and a durable diya indicated that the festival of lights was round the corner. The students used some old wires to create a tree. Old pieces of cloth were recycled to make mats and ice cream sticks were modified to give them the shape of pen stands.

Creative soft boards preparation for communicating information about key dates during the term was another achievement. Blank pages of used note-books were stitched together and distributed throughout the school for rough work.

The healing comes from nature and not from the physician. Therefore the physician must start from nature with an open mind. The set up of herbal plants and information on their remarkable therapeutic power, enlightened the guests and the students alike.

Plants can be nurtured by regulating the supply of water was the next theme. The systematic arrangement of plants, and the provision of water in exact proportion was unique in itself.

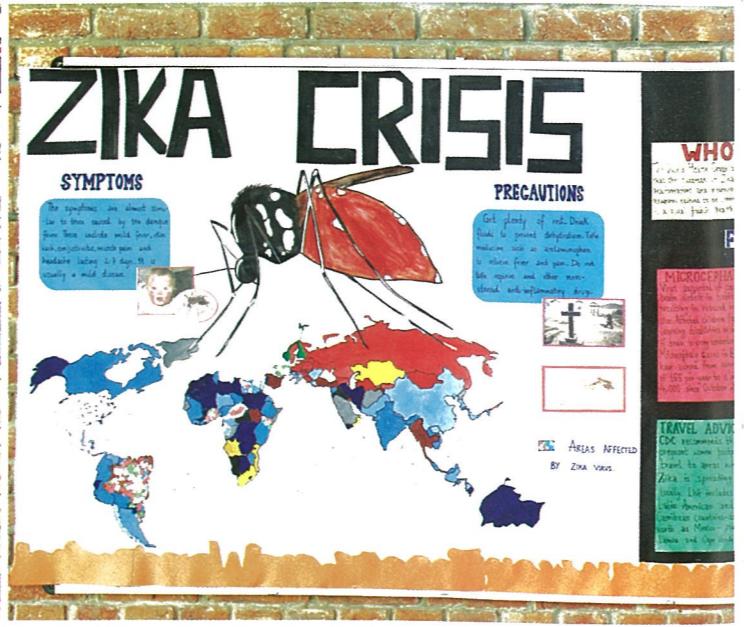
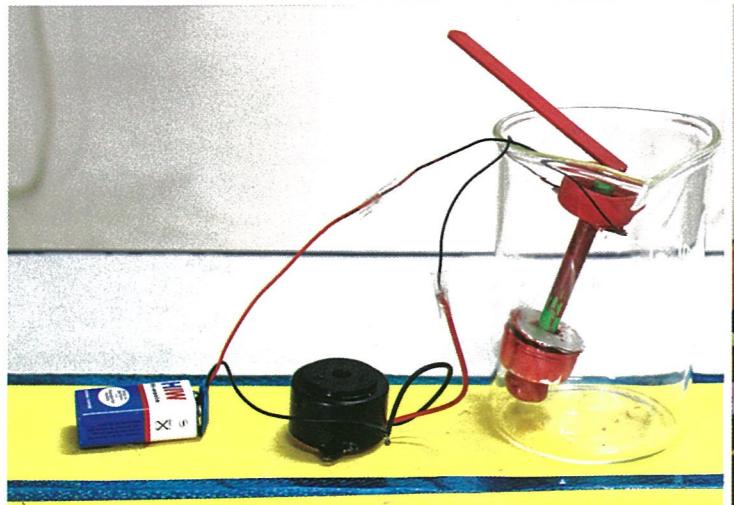
The Safe Club appreciates the support of the environment captain Kajol Rathore and Manvi Mehta for her tireless efforts of fabricating waste materials to create useful products.

Safe Club acknowledges Sarika Ma'am for her innovative ideas and extends its gratitude to Preeti Ma'am for lending a helping hand to the club, Maneesha Ma'am for recycling activity and Saini Ma'am for taking up the responsibility of wildlife quiz.

Ratna Kalra, (Environment club in-charge)



SAVE EVERY DROP OF WATER



ROTARY CLUB

The students of Hopetown Girls' school have acquired membership of Interact club, the community service wing of the Rotary Club, Dehradun.

The investiture ceremony for the office bearers of Hopetown Girls' school on Thursday, 29th September 2016 was a wonderful beginning of a new journey. The Interactors were formally pinned by Dr. Rita Kalra(Interact Chair Distt..)

Our students committed themselves to the community and interacted with numerous leaders from the Rotary Club. The dignitaries paved a guiding path for our students by sharing their experiences and knowledge.

Diya Anand was appointed the President of Rotary club and Kajol Rathore got the award of outstanding interactor for the year 2015-16.

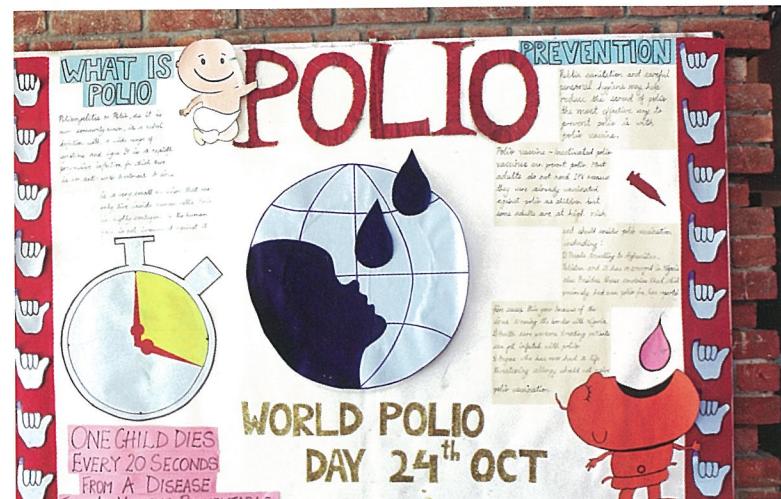
The interactors of Hopetown Girls' school were a part and parcel of road safety activity organised by the members of the Rotary club. The students of Hopetown also participated in other activities initiated by the Rotary club. The World Polio Day was celebrated on 24th October. Safe displayed a board on world polio day. The main aim was to spread awareness that even adults required polio vaccination, while travelling to certain parts of the world.

The interactors of Hopetown Girls' School also participated in a community awareness walk on the occasion of World Hospice and Palliative Care Day on 8th October 2016. The walk was initiated by dignitaries of the town, doctors and socially active organisations.

The members of Rotary also displayed tips on hand washing in front of the dining hall on 15th October, which is marked as Global Hand Washing Day.

The students are vigilant in school and are constantly engaged in collecting information and photographs of the various activities which are being undertaken for providing service to community, to be uploaded in the international site of Rotary. Keertika Goyal deserves laurels as she has taken up the responsibility of carrying out the tasks of Rotary Club in the most efficient manner.

Ratna Kalra (Rotary Club incharge)



The Safe Club



SAFE - the students' association of Hopetown Girls' School was established in 2010. It endeavours to remind each one of us of our duties as caretakers of our environment.

It is believed that a small group of thoughtfully committed citizens can change the world, and in our attempt to do so, the first activity undertaken this year was a cleanliness drive in Sahastradhara. Our girls collected sixty kilograms of plastic in a day of hard work.

The Safe Club Captain Vrinda Bajaj and IAYP prefect Radhika Agrawal participated in the International Youth Conference at The Doon School on

21st and 22nd April to exchange views on changing weather patterns, with climate change being the pivotal problem currently. The art piece prepared by them was much appreciated.

The tiny tots of Classes V and VI were taken to the nearby Saal forest for exploration. They enjoyed the pleasure of the pathless woods and the forest walk helped them to learn about the many flora and fauna as well as the dependency of nearby villagers on these forests.

The visit to Navdanya Farms was an even further source of knowledge. Children learnt and applauded the work of organic farmers who are in complete



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MAD continues clean-up efforts at Sahastradhara

By OUR STAFF REPORTER
DEHRADUN, 6 Apr: Making a difference by being the Difference (MAD) members assembled at Astley Hall, early today. Flanked by 50 volunteers from Him Jyoti and Hopetown Girls' Schools, a total of 79 volunteers left for Sahastradhara, where they have been methodically planning and executing a series of cleanup drives and awareness programmes over the past few weeks.

"Thanks to public support, our numbers have been growing from strength to strength. While we have been organising some activity or the other since our formation in June 2011, our intent now is to take our campaigns to completion. We aren't leaving Sahastradhara until the government wakes up to find a permanent solution for this beautiful place embroiled in garbage," remarked Himalaya Ramola, a key MAD member, who

explained the rationale behind MAD conducting these activities. "This was no ordinary, literal one-off cleanup drives. There were various groups and sub-groups carved out and each team was given

a particular area, not only to literally cleanup the place, but also to engage the tourists, the local people and the shopkeepers to practice environmentally sustainable means of waste disposal. The group has repeatedly been saying that the government imperatively needs to invest heavily in this picnic spot so as to maximize the area's tourism potential."

The activity expanded outside the picnic spot area and also covered the adjoining regions of Sahastradhara. After around three hours of work, the MADians left having collected hundreds of kilograms of assorted garbage.

"We are particularly grateful to the management and students of Him Jyoti school and Hope Town Girls' School who promptly offered support to the drive on a day's notice. If the schools in Dehradun sensitise their students about essential environmental ethics, this valley can go places," said Shardul Rana, another third year DIT student and a core MAD member.

It may be noted that the group

is known for conducting massive clean-up campaigns and has registered significant progress in cleaning up the Tonsa river flowing through the Tapkeshwar temple. Key MAD members present included Kishilesh Mahant, Rahul Guru, Vishwas Pandey and Manzer among many others.



harmony with nature and the facets of well-balanced soil, which in turn produces strong healthy plants that then become nourishing food for plants and animals.

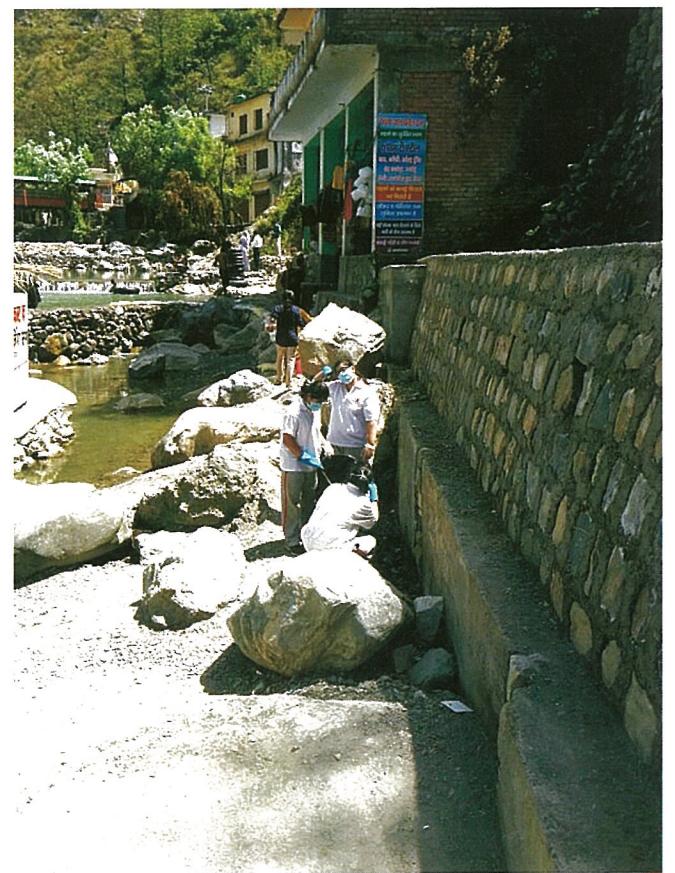
Safe Club appreciates the assistance of the pottery department. Our potters created beautiful handmade earthen pots painted with the Safe Club logo. The pots were sent to a nearby primary school for students to store water. During the Earth Week, the Safe Club also silently audited the school girls, with live cameras. This kept their efforts to preserve and use water efficiently.

Safe Club initiated the Earth Hour movement. This encouraged teachers and students to turn off their non-essential lights for an hour to conserve electricity. All

students are also encouraged to be sensitive to conserving electricity every day.

The Safe Club captain Vrinda Bajaj addressed the morning assembly and reminded the adults that the greatest environmental challenge of our time is the health of our democracy. Democratic reform is the issue behind every environmental problem. Clean water will never flow from unfair politics. Environmental policy will not be made in public interest when the polluters are allowed to own so many of our public offices. She requested her teachers to cast their vote judiciously since elections were round the corner.

The pledge ceremony initiated by Vrinda was



appreciated by one and all. The students were motivated to take a pledge on environmental protection as a personal responsibility and demonstrate it through their daily activities by saving water and conserving electricity. They were advised to maintain a litter free campus.

The Safe members believe that good habits formed at youth makes all the difference and motivation is what gets you started and habit is what keeps you going.

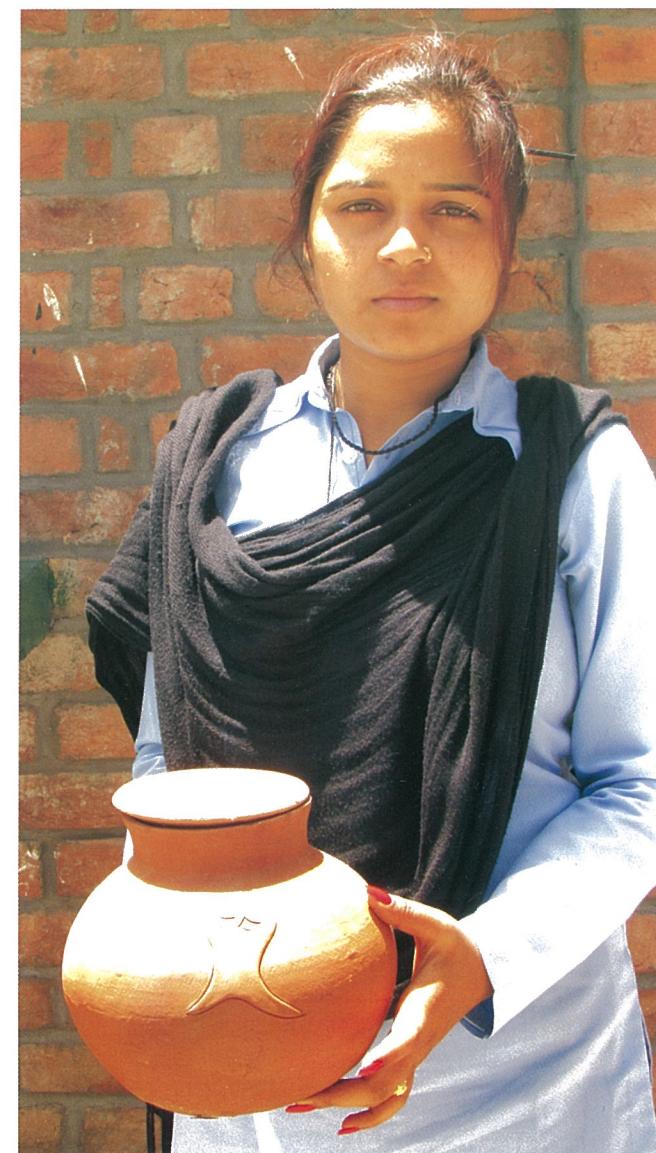
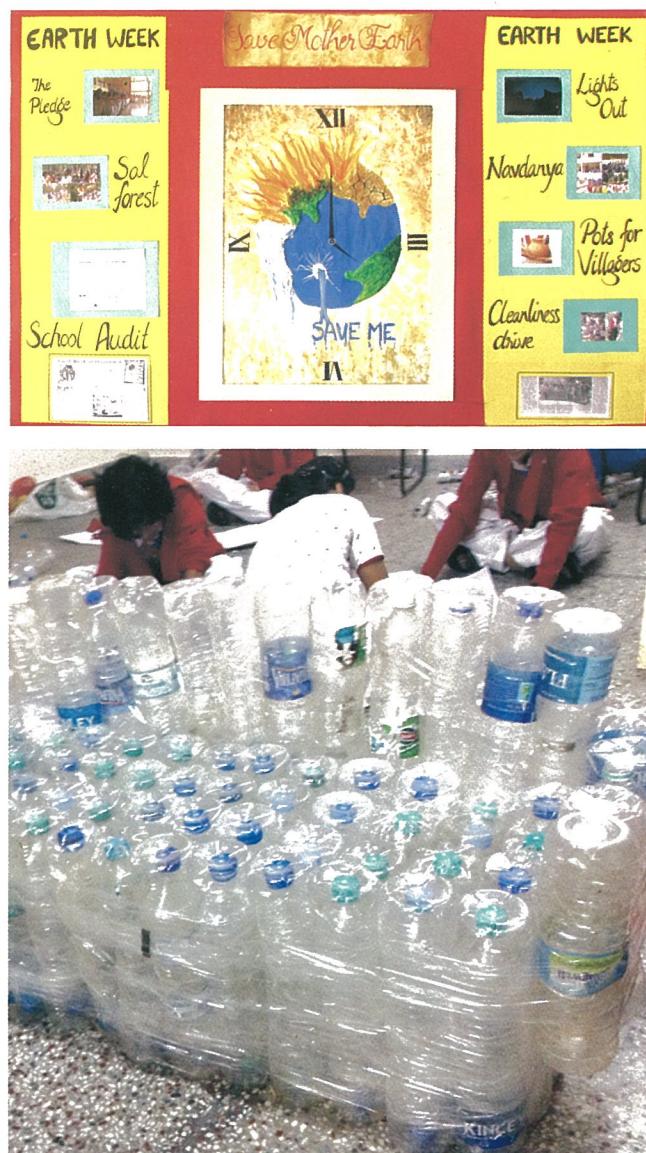
Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality. Vrinda Bajaj the leader of the students association for environment proved it much to our amazement during Founders' Day celebration. Her hidden talents were highlighted in school and everyone was wonderstruck, when she displayed a series of products made of waste. The discarded Appy cans and Bisleri bottles were used to create sofas for lounge seating. Staff and guests made themselves comfortable on these unique pieces of furniture, though their heart

throbbed in the beginning. The experiential platform through the sofa helped to reiterate that nothing should be labelled as waste in this world.

The guests who had a flair for music were also taken care of when Vrinda collected E-waste and created a radio. Her dedication and talent transformed old tyres and Appy cans into comfortable stools. A working clock was created with the help of the qwerty keys which we usually see on the keyboard. Plants grew on a CPU and faded jeans were given the shape of useful bags. Wine bottles were transformed into beautiful ceiling drop down lamps. The lights threw striking shadows across the roof, a visual treat for all guests.

The caretakers of the vegetable garden also produced fresh vegetables and provided to the staff. The money collected from the staff members will be used to purchase saplings to grow more seasonal plants in the year to come.

The Safe Club members also participated in a series



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of activities funded by Microsoft Nokia and introduced by Waste Warriors, a local NGO. The students displayed various career options in the field of environment on the display board along with pictures. The members also displayed their talent in the activity known as Go Organic and cooked a variety of recipes in the home science lab. The vegetables were supplied by the organic garden of the school and Shraddha, the representative of Waste Warriors, was invited for participation.

The Middle School girls actively participated and created HTML on a journey of waste which narrated stories of waste being transformed into useful products.

The students of Class VIII participated in the activity 'Turn On and Turn Off' and expressed their concern on conservation of electricity through skits and posters.

The school also participated in the first showcase of the Nokia created to inspire school program which was conducted on 8th November at Scholars Home school.



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The activity in which our girls participated was product management. Vrinda, our leader, was appreciated by the host and participating schools for waste management in the most productive manner. The press release of the event next day added a feather to our cap.

The Safe Club members participated in two projects initiated by Asia-Europe Classroom Network, an international platform. One was the 'Go Green' project in which a video was made on the green actions of the school and uploaded on YouTube and contribution of the students was also included in an internationally approved magazine known as Imag.

Special mention to Tanvi Aggarwal and Sharmistha Sharma. Kudos girls!! You have really worked hard and your hard work is really appreciated.

The Safe Club wishes luck to Vrinda Bajaj and prays to god to highlight her talent of creativity in the years to come.

Ratna Kalra
Safe Club In-charge



CLUB REPORTS



SAFE CLUB

Work for a cause, not for applause.
Live life to express not to impress. Safe Club's major goal this year was saving the sparrow and nurturing a herbal garden in the school premises.

The students' of Hopetown adopted the house sparrow in the month of April as part of Earth Day celebrations. Children enthusiastically collected sparrow houses and bird feeders which were set up in different areas of the school.

Aishwarya Gupta and Rishika Sharma took up the responsibility of checking the bird feeders periodically so that the sparrows were not devoid of grains.

A blog on the sparrow was introduced online and the students contributed by writing about the sparrow. Photographs and paintings were also uploaded by the students. Every term we hope to upgrade this blog with contributions from different classes.

The leader of the Safe team Ananya Consul organised an assembly to spread awareness about the bird which is gradually becoming an endangered species.

She focused on facts that:

1. Sparrows help in pollination in many plants.

2. Sparrows eat larvae of many insects which cause diseases like malaria and dengue.

The human errors which are actually decreasing the number of sparrows were also highlighted:

1. Pollution and loss of tree cover is gradually decreasing this species.

2. The electromagnetic radiation released from our mobile phone is also a major cause of decline in the number of sparrows.

An important message at the end of the assembly was conveyed to the audience that we need to save the species to add years to our lives.

The members of the club stitched the unused papers of the note-books and they were given to students of Bahadurpur Primary school and to children of labourers for practicing exercises.

The Safe Club members also visited a farmers market organised by Evolve Foundation (Founder- Nupur Agarwal, an alumni) to understand the aspect of farming and its importance. They gained knowledge about the culture and community of Uttarakhand. This was an inspiration for the children to channelize their energy and time towards the social sectors and empower a person in need.

*Tell me and I forget.
Teach me and I remember.
Involve me and I learn.*

We decided to involve our students in gardening, keeping this strategy in mind. The main aim was to teach them the significance of consumption of herbal plants for a healthy living. The students planted lemon grass, celery, aloe vera, basil, turmeric and ginger which cure several ailments with absolutely no side effects, unlike other approaches of treatment.

The task of digging the soil, removing weeds, planting and watering the plants have been taken up by students on voluntary basis. We hope this activity will foster the spirit of love and care for nature amongst our students.

The Founders display also revolved around saving the sparrow and sale of herbal plants. This was done to spread the message that a well protected environment is a blessing in disguise.

Ananya Consul and her team are appreciated for performing the tasks of the club in an organised manner.

Ratna Kalra (Safe club In-charge)



ROTARY CLUB ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The activities of Safe for the year 2016-2017 were appreciated by Rotary club.

The tasks included reuse and recycle of waste materials into building a variety of products. Sale of herbal plants, growing plants in bisleri bottles, a scientific apparatus made with bottle caps and sketch pens which gave a warning signal when the water level was on the verge of overflowing.

Hopetown Girls' School has been adjudged the best Interact Club of District 3080 by Rotary Club for the year 2016-2017. Interact Club of District 3080 is a global organisation within the orbit of Rotary. It includes a group of school going students below eighteen years and Rotary expects them to follow the ideals of Rotary, prepare them for future leadership and inculcate community service culture in their tender minds. The area covered by District 3080 extends from Uttarakhand to Chandigarh including Uttar Pradesh and the entire Himachal Pradesh.

Mr. Anup Kol Rot the secretary of Rotary Club Dehradun for the year 2017-2018 paid a visit to our school for an interactive session with the students.

Nailah Khan and Ishita Saini are appreciated for taking up the responsibility of the club.

We hope to have a fruitful year participating in various activities in collaboration with Rotary.

Ratna Kalra (Rotary club In charge)



who is to be blamed for the crisis. The leading political parties have been using these situations actively for their own selfish interest. Another important aspect that the presentation tried to explain was the need of moving from blaming to claiming and to start taking responsibility for one's own future. The play ended with the song "Mile Sur Mera Tumhara Toh Sur Bane Humara".

And in the third phase, we had Mr. Anup Nautiyal visit our school to talk to the students about elections that will be happening in 2014 and how it is influenced by the social media. The statistics he gave us was very informative and we were astonished to know that most of the social networking sites we use everyday in our lives have come into being over the last 10 years and have already impacted and shaped our lives. He made us understand that Facebook, Twitter etc. play an important role in electing our ministers as these



We will fight.



Many contenders, one chair.

are major tools of communication that the youth use today.

Rajani Nayar
PGT History



Clean Selaqui.



Cleanliness Drive.

SAFE stands for Students' Association For the Environment and has initiated many projects this year. All projects, undertaken by the club aim at a sustainable environment for each one of us.

The celebration of Earth Week was among the highlights of all the activities performed by the club. Every day dawned with a special message in the assembly. The environment captain, Tanvi Todi pointed out that the power to transform, to be innovative and empower the environmental conditions already exists within us and we must spark the excitement and desire for change, in collaboration. A few highlights of the activities performed during Earth Week:

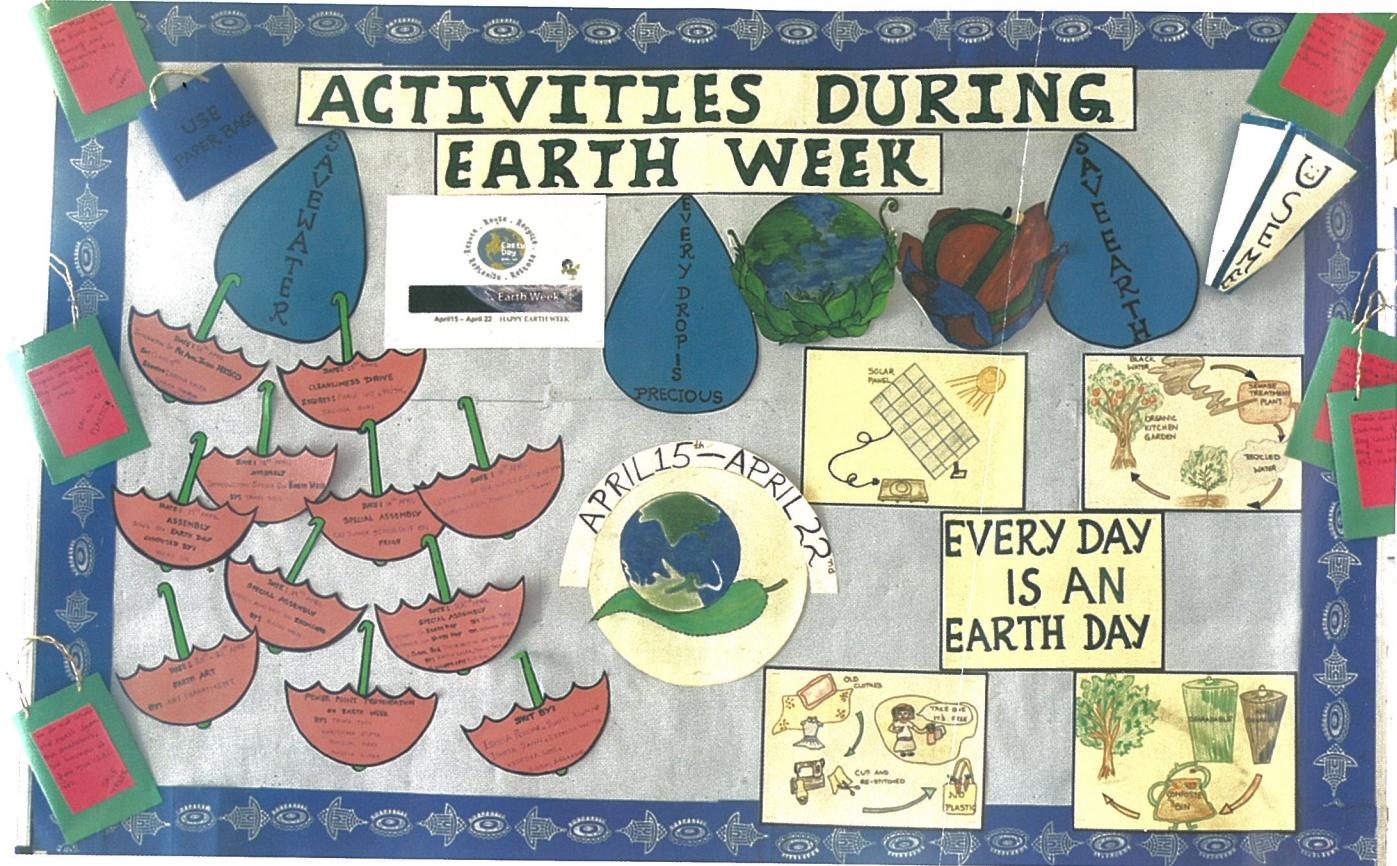
1. The girls of Middle School visited The Himalayan Environmental Study and



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Conservation Organisation. They learnt the benefits of solar energy and saw apricots being converted into edible rolls in sunlight. They had a brief talk with Mr. Anil Joshi who was awarded the Padma Shri Award for upgrading rural technology.

2. A Cleanliness Drive was the task undertaken in the wee hours on 15th April, 2013. The girls enthusiastically participated and encouraged the localities to maintain a clean surrounding.
3. The assembly on 16th April had a serious, though musical ring to it when a serious warning was sent throughout the environment that Mother Earth needs to be saved otherwise there will be complete



Schedule of the Earth Week.

bereavement in the life of man. The song Performed was 'The Earth Song'.

4. 'Save the Frogs' – The little ones of classes V and VI came into Assembly hopping and croaking on 17th April and pleaded that the environmentalists and scientists must



Save the frogs – Earth Week.

devote their time and energy to save the frogs whose porous skin is getting blocked due to a fungus called the chytrid and the result may be the extinction of frogs.

5. The students of the Environmental Club understand the importance of implementing a pollution free campus. A special workshop was conducted for the support staff, to promote this approach, they trained them through videos, on 18th April.
6. The Recycling Club enacted a street play highlighting the adverse effect of urbanisation on 19th April.
7. Earth Art, an inter-school art festival was organised in the premises of Hopetown. This festival has been inspired by the Buddhist principle of 'oneness of self and environment' – EshoFuni. During this festival students used art as the medium of expression to help in the protection of the environment of the Doon Valley. The students from twelve schools participated in



Solar Panel HESCO visit – Earth Week.

this festival and selected major environmental concerns in the Doon Valley as a focus for their art work. The festival was concluded with a skit performed by Class XII and a choir presentation by the Middle School. The function left a note that conservation and preservation is the call of the day.

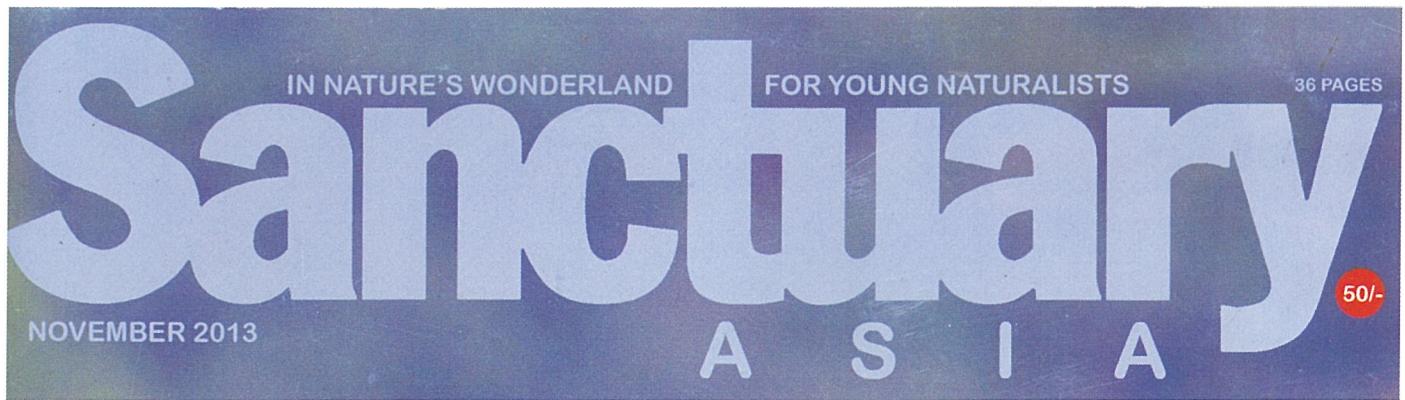
8. Earth Day dawned finally and our dance troupe correlated the importance of the five elements of life namely water, air, sky, fire and earth to signify the importance of the five pillars of life, to strengthen the collective fight against man's exploitative relationship with the planet.
9. Reusing newspapers and turning them into useful grocery bags is the activity which we undertake throughout the year and this year on Earth Day we distributed newspaper bags with the message 'Save Earth' to various trading centres in Dehradun.
10. The Environment Club had also displayed organic food products on Founder's Day in the month of October to spread awareness and inform visitors that these food items are devoid of insecticides and pesticides.
11. Finally the school participated in the International Youth Conference 'Earth and Man' organised by The Doon School and The



Winners of the Youth Conference-Art – Earth Week.

Achievers Programme on 23rd and 24th April. Representatives from twenty schools attended the conference and the budding artists of Hopetown Girls' School were awarded a trophy for their excellent artistic talent at the national level. The piece of art presented by the Art Department depicted Mother Earth as a prisoner in a cage whose iron bars pointed out the different environmental problems.

Hopetown Girls' School had also organized a program to spread awareness regarding the importance of saving the tiger. The event took place on 20th September for classes VII and VIII. The members of the club designed and painted a poster of a tiger which was showcased and highly



Kids for Tigers is a nation-wide effort of school children to save the wild tiger and its habitat from extinction. Here are some recent highlights...



Kids for Tigers

www.kidsfortigers.org

Tiger project in Dehradun

The Safe Club members of Hope Town Girls' School in Dehradun organised a programme for spreading awareness on the importance of saving the tiger on September 20 for class 7 and 8 students. Two students dressed up as tigers, wore tiger masks and welcomed the participants. The students came up with ideas such as spreading awareness through posters and fliers, educating the masses, blogging and undertaking ecological tours.



appreciated by everyone who saw it. We decided to send the poster to the Sanctuary Asia Magazine for kids. They accepted the poster and the picture of the girls involved and their work was displayed. That indeed is a feather in the cap of Hopetown. Well done girls!

Two enthusiastic students were also dressed in tiger costumes to welcome the audience with a 'Save Me' slogan. The video on 'The Truth about Tigers' produced and written by Shekar Dattatri was also telecast to bring the students to a realization of how important our national animal is. An interactive session with the students was also organized. By putting up this little show the Hopetavians created awareness about this species and educated the audience about the significance of tigers. The tiger is not a lost cause yet, but saving it will require our collective effort!

Mrs. Ratna Kalra

Teacher in charge, Environment Club



Mrs Ratna Kalra.

