



विद्यया अमृतम अश्नुते

// Attaining enlightenment through knowledge //

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We begin on a warm note with a handful of new activities and events to welcome you. The efforts of the children who strived hard and left no stones unturned to bring accolades to the institution certainly deserve appreciation.

SPORTS AND GAMES

CITRIUS, ALTIUS, FORTIUS

Sports and games teach us toughness, honesty, equality and fraternity.

The Gold Rush – in sports Areana

All that glitters at Swaminarayan Vidyapith is gold indeed. Our sports team returned with a heap of laurels after having participated in the CBSE Cluster Sports Meet held at Jodhpur, Sriganganagar and Ajmer.

The outstanding performance of the children braving the scorching sun and hostile weather shows the determination and perseverance they are imbued with. The scintillating performance of the school team has indeed stunned one and all and it was showered with praise and encouragement by all dignitaries, media, sports personnel and other school representatives at the scene.

The success of the team is remarkable indeed as the performance has been consistent with more than 30 players proving outstanding in the field.

KHO- KHO

Swaminarayan Vidyapith Kho-Kho team participated in the CBSE Cluster IX, held from 9-12 September, 2004 at Birla White Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Jodhpur (Rajasthan). Our girls' team bagged the 2nd Runner-up title. Bijal M. Patel, Std. VIII bagged the Best Player prize in the competition.

Kho- Kho Team

Name	Class
Bijal M. Patel	VIII
Vikita P. Bhakta	VIII
Ridhi B. Bhakta	VIII
Vrunda M. Patel	VIII
Krishna G. Patel	VIII
Aesha A. Patel	VIII
Kinjal P. Oza	VIII
Palak A. Kaneria	VIII
Shrina M. Patel	VIII
Mukti M. Patel	VIII
Nikita S. Patel	VIII
Nancy P. Patel	VIII

.....spectators were thrilled with the performance of the Svites..They displayed technically perfect game. This was the result of continuous hard work, regular exercise and commitment.

*- Ms. Bhagyashree Athawale
Team Manager*

Volley Ball

Swaminarayan Vidyapith Volleyball team participated in the CBSE Cluster IX Championship. Lawrence and Mayo Public School, Ajmer, Rajasthan hosted this volley ball cluster meet. Our team stood first in this event. Ankita Parmar was awarded the Best Athletic.

Volley Ball Team

Name	Class
Pankhuri S. Singh	X
Mansi R. Shah	X
Komal R Patel	X
Nidhi Y. Maradia	X
Jyoti B. Patel	X
Arpita N. Parmar	X
Ankita N. Parmar	X
Navneeta C Katyan	IX
Deepika B. Patel	IX
Aesha A. Patel	VIII
Preya B. Patel	VIII

Victory belongs to the most persistent

.....ultimately the final match was played between Swaminarayan Vidyapith and Chinar Public School. Even after losing first two sets they exhibited tremendous determination and fought till the end and won last three sets. The performance was breathtaking!.....

- *Ms. Sandhya Uday*
Team Manager

Athletics Team

Name	Event	Age Group	Position
Aesha Patel	100 mtr. 800 mtr. 4 X 100, 4 X 400	U-14	1 st
Bhumi Patel	Discuss	U-14	1 st
Shefali Patel	4 X 100	U-14	1 st
Ruthika Ramnath	4 X 100, 4 X 400	U-14	1 st
Shrujal Patel	4 X 100, 4 X 400	U-14	1 st
Bhoomika Patel	4 X 400	U-14	1 st
Arpita Parmar	4 X 100, Long Jump 100 mtr.	U-16	1 st 2 nd
Ankita Parmar	4 X 100, 4 X 400, 400 mtr. 200 mtr.	U-16	1 st 2 nd
Pankhuri Singh	High Jump, 4 X 100, 4 X 400, Javelin Throw	U-16	1 st 2 nd
Komal Patel	Discus Throw, Shot Put	U-16	1 st
Diyanka Patel	4 X 400	U-16	1 st
Vaishali Thaker	4 X 100, 4 X 400	U-16	1 st
Shrina Patel	4 X 100, 4 X 400	U-16	1 st
Mukundi Dhaduk	1500 mtr.	U-16	3 rd
Nancy Patel	200 mtr. 400 mtr. 4 X 100, 4 X 400	U-19	1 st
Palak Shetty	Shot Put, 4 X 100, 4 X 400, Long Jump	U-19	1 st 2 nd
Vikita Bhakta	4 X 100, 4 X 400	U-19	1 st
Preya Patel	4 X 100, 4 X 400	U-19	1 st
Nidhi Maradia	Javelin Throw	U-19	1 st

On your mark.....Get Set, go....
And donot bother for obstacles.
... With a simply unmatchable performance what stands out as an example of sheer grit and courage is the image of Rutika Ramnath running to win gold without bothering for the spike that came out halfway. Ankita Parmar going for the gold despite a big blister on her right toe.
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- *Dr. Medha Despande,*
Team Manager



SPORTS TEAM

LANDMARKS

School in School

Teachers as architects of the society ought to equip themselves with the requisite knowledge, skills and attitudes.

Aug.28

The librarian *Mrs. Sangita Bhatt* was privileged to attend a seminar organized by the Ahmedabad Management Association. The seminar titled 'E-Products for Libraries and Information Centres' concentrated on the role of library professionals in the usage of the E-collection products. It is worth mentioning that the only school that represented at this seminar was Swaminarayan Vidyapith.

Sept.5

The newly established CVM College of Education which aims to contribute towards society reconstruction by quality education invited leading educationists and principals of English medium schools to attend a day long seminar focusing on several aspects of Education to celebrate Teacher's Day. The seminar was on 'Education - Past, Present and Future'. Along with the principal *Mrs. Anita Verma*, this session was attended by *Mrs. Sandhya Uday*, *Mr. Yashwanth Mallya* and *Mr. G.S. Thampi*. This gave a forum for the participants to reflect upon the changing scenario of education where the role of educationists is to meet with the challenges of global competitiveness and to build a knowledge society. *Mrs. Anita Verma* moderated the panel discussion on 'Problems faced by teachers in class-room situations.'

Oct.25 - 30

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Vadodara organized a teachers training programme for the growth of facilitators in the subjects, Maths, Science, English and Social Science. This was to equip them with innovative teaching skills. *Mrs. Sandhya Uday* (English) and *Mrs. Alka Trivedi* (Maths) attended it.

Eminent educationists notably *Dr. M.P. Prasad* and *Dr. M.P. Chhaya* were among the many distinguished speakers who made the sessions highly informative and fruitful.

Oct 28 - 29

A workshop on the Disaster Management was organized by CBSE at New Era Senior Secondary School, Vadodara. The focus was on the response mechanism to save life, livelihood, livestock and assets with available resources. *Mr. Yashwanth Mallya* of S.S. Faculty attended the workshop.

CELEBRATIONS and OBSERVANCES

Great deeds of great men serve as great inspirations.

Sept. 4

Teacher's Day, the birthday of the greatest philosopher and teacher, Dr.S.Radhakrishnan was celebrated with great reverence by the students of S.V. They took the role of the teachers for the day. But the most heartwarming moments came when they showered their care and respect for their teachers by presenting a special performance consisting of many games and felicitations. The fun filled games reminded many that there is surely a child in every adult and age seldom alleviates the spirit lurking in them.

Sept. 8**World Literacy Day**

The World literacy day was observed as the Social Science Day.

The day was celebrated in a unique way. This day witnessed a novel kind of activity. Poster designing and costume-making competitions were conducted for the juniors and seniors respectively.

The students designed and presented the traditional costumes of different states. The costumes were made out of the newspapers and worn by the students. National integration was never more exciting. The competitions drew attention from all the quarters and showers were poured upon the children for their creativity and enthusiasm.

The highlight of the celebration was the fashion parade. Our young S.Vites can surely make the fashion designers green for all the costumes were indigenously designed from newspapers.

An essay competition on 'The role of literacy in the development of India' was conducted for Std X.

Winners**Essay writing**

1. Prarthna Patel - Std.X
2. Jayati Shah - Std.X
3. Nidhi Maradia - Std.X

Costume Designing

1. Nilaxi Tailor - Std.X
2. Kinjal Patel - Std.X

Poster Making

1. Bindal Bhojani - Std.VII
2. Avani Shaw - Std.IV
3. Akta Patel - Std.VI

Sept. 14**Hindi Diwas**

The significance of the national language was the essence of the Hindi Diwas that was celebrated with gaiety and enthusiasm. *Dr. Varmala Bhambhani*, Principal of Anand Arts College graced the occasion.

The Hindi Diwas had an endearing follow up where the richness of the language was brought about by Mrs. Tejanbai, the exponent of the Pandvani style of rendering the Mahabharata. Hailing from Chattisgarh, she has carved a niche for herself and has been honoured with the Ahalyadevi Samman, Kala Acharya and the prestigious Padmashree and Padmabhushan for her inimitable style.

This programme was specially arranged under the auspices of SPICMACAY- a society for the promotion of Indian Culture and Music amongst the youth. The noted artist presented a narrative from the epic before an enthralled audience.

“Talant has a way of making itself known” and this guest of ours lit the auditorium of SV with her ardent simplicity. Her possession of superb intelligence is reflected in the selection of the episode, which was entirely in accordance with the mood, taste, and age group of the audience.

A mere glance of the Vidyapith girls made her decide that the ‘Draupadi Swayamvar’ would be the most appealing episode for that evening. The performance was absolutely magical as she underwent complete transformation on the stage and stole the show.



Later in an interactive session with the girls of SV she narrated the hardships she faced through storm tossed seas of challenges from

inside and outside the society. It was indeed an amazing story of an illiterate servile village girl who meandered to the steps of glory.

It was a refreshing change to have some one who has not been affected by the pseudo sophistication of the superficial world.

Hindi Essay writing competition was also organized to mark the occasion.

Winners

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|---------------------------|---|
| 1. Aarti Doshi (VIII - B) | 2. Trishla Patel (IX – A) |
| 3. Rimple Patel (IX - B) | 4. Vidhi Undevia - Consolation (VIII - B) |

VISITS AND FIELD TRIPS

Learning in the lap of nature and drawing knowledge and information from it leaves a lasting impression on children’s minds.

Experience is the best teacher. And in an educational institution this paves the way for the children to get acquainted with the novelty of rejuvenating experiences through educational tours.

Oct.13-18

*To Goa we go!
No homework to be done
Just picnic in the sun
Life filled with fun*

*Chocolate and candy floss
Red balloons and balls to toss.*

- Shatabdi Patel VII A



The sunny beaches of Goa beckoned and the girls Classes VII, VIII and IX answered the call and left for Goa with a lot of enthusiasm. Frolicking in the balmy waters, imbibing the local culture, visiting the Aguada and Chopara and many other beaches became hangouts for the entire visit. The river cruise was so exciting that setting foot on land again was painful. A visit to Science City was a great learning experience.

Goa - a profile

Goa is full of churches and beaches .It is famous for beaches that attract tourists from all over the world. Some famous churches of Goa are Se' Cathedral, Bom Jesus Basilica etc. Se' Cathedral is the biggest cathedral in Asia.

Vagotor beach is Goa's most unravished beach where Chaport Fort is situated. Fort Aguada is named as in olden days the ships used to halt there for filling fresh water. So go Goa Everything included.

- Rajvi K. Bheda VII B

Oct.14 - 18

The students of IV standard sought divine guidance at BAPS temple at Gondal before they set out for Junagadh. The children found themselves quite at home with the bears, tigers, the unique Asiatic lions, leopards and the elusive king cobra at the Sakkarbaug zoo.

The Somnath temple where legends of aggression and heroism lie dormant in every grain of the sandy beaches was the next halt. The Lighthouse, Church and museum stood as the relics of Colonialism in Diu. The visit to the Diu fort transported the students to a bygone era.

Oct.10 - 19

The cherished dream of students of class V and VI to visit the virgin forests and wonders of nature was fulfilled when they embarked on a journey to Pachmarhi. The area spots a great diversity of unique landscapes studded with endemic species of plants and animals set amongst Satpura ranges, Pachmarhi is the ideal place where the children can learn about bio- diversity, conservation and preservation.

Visits to the various waterfalls, Jatashankar Mahadev and other temples, Adventure Park were the memories which will remain etched in the mind for years to come.

Dramatics

*All the world's a stage
And all the men and women merely players:
They have their exits and their entrances....
- As you Like It*

⊕ **Using drama and drama activities has clear advantages for language learning. It encourages children to speak and gives them chance to communicate, even with limited language, using non-verbal communication, such as body movement and facial expressions.**

The class IX students presented two fascinating plays viz 'Mirabai 'and ' Bishop's Candlesticks', on the 2nd of November.

In 'Mirabai', the ambience of 16th Century Rajasthan was recreated in the school auditorium through the setting, music, costume etc. In the 'Bishop's Candlesticks,' the transformation of a convict into a compassionate being was portrayed. The subtle characterization, presented with artistic dexterity and effective dialogue delivery were the features that enthralled the audience. The entire show was the result of their own organisational abilities.

"The children are very talented and very creative. The skits are of very high standard and they prove the calibre of the children. I wish them to be future stage artists and directors."

V.K.Srivastava, Sr. Professor, College of Sports, Gwalior
(also an eminent organizer of Youth festivals)

Oct.29 - 30

The 10th Interschool festival was organized by Anandalaya which paved way for our children to exhibit their talents in various fields like skit, dance, street play, CyberScience Quiz, G.K Quiz, Voice and Vision, Group song, Rangoli with waste material, Elocution(Hindi) etc.

In order to boost the morale of our aspiring sportsgirls, a number of prominent sports persons including Dr. V.K. Shrivastava, Sr. Professor L.N.P.P.E, Gwalior, Dr. H. B. Desai, Director of Sports Baroda were invited to the Vidyapith. The school team has already left for Mehsana where they would be competing for the West Zone Championship. The entire SV family wishes them success.

Snippets

The session has been hectic with cultural activities in galore for the resident-students. To add more fun and enjoyment, the festivals like Janmashtami, Ganesh Chaturthi and Navratri were celebrated in traditional ways in the school campus. Gandhijayanti was celebrated in advance. The children rendered hymns and recollected the contributions of the Mahatma to world peace.

Every year BAPS Sanstha conducts Satsang Shiksha Pariksha to enhance moral and spiritual values among children.. This year twenty two S.Vites appeared for the Bal Satsang -I and eleven S.Vites for Bal Satsang - II. Krina M.Patel Std.VII stood fifth in the Pariksha.

પચમઢીને.....

અણખણ પ્રદેશમાં કંઈ લાગે અખણયું ને ધુમ્મસના વાયરા આરપાર.
મનના ભંડકિયે કંઈ લાગે કોડામણું ને ધુમ્મસના વાયરા આરપાર.

એક પછી એક રંગ ઊઘડે માંઢીલી કોર,લાગે છે કેવું વરસાદી,
લુવનની આરપાર નાચે છે કોઈ મોર, લાગે છે કેવું અવસાદી,
ઊંચા ઊંચા 'શૈલ'ખેઈ લાગે મખનું ને ધુમ્મસના વાયરા આરપાર.

ગિરિકંદરામાં જઈ બોલે છે પંખી કોઈ, લાગે છે કેવું ઊદાસી,
ઊડી ઊડી ખીણમાં,તમરાના શ્વાસમાં, લાગે છે કેવું મન રાણ,
ઝરણાના કલરવમાં,લાગે મખનું ને ધુમ્મસના વાયરા આરપાર.

- શૈલેષ દરશ- 'શૈલ'



गोवा के वो दिन

कभी भूला न सकूँगी मैं,

सागर की वो लहरे कुछ कह जाती थी बार-बार,

लेकिन एहसास को कभी ढाल न सकूँगी मैं,

बारीश की रिमझिम फुआर , सागर की कल-कल ध्वनि,,

जिस तरह मेरे मन को प्रफुल्लित कर गई

उस एहसास को कभी भूला न सकूँगी मैं,

चर्च के द्वारा खिस्ती की संस्कृति ,

क्रूज की शाम उनका नृत्य,

उन रंगीन शामों की यादों को ,

कभी भूला न सकूँगी मैं,

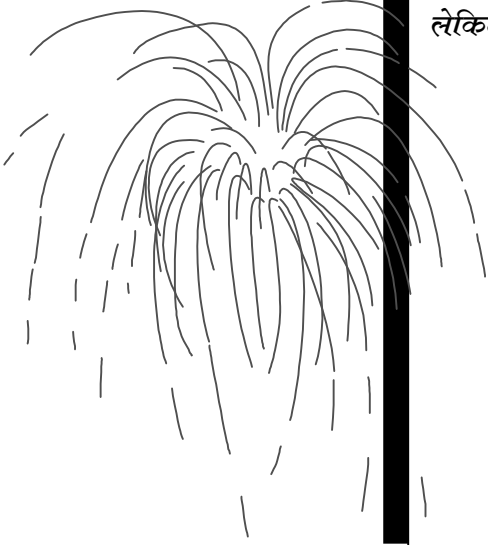
फिर वापस आते वक्त खाना-पीना और मौज- मस्ती,

और दोस्तों का सुहाना साथ ,कभी भूला न सकूँगी मैं-वह

यादगार सफर।

हेना वजांरा

कक्षा- आठवीं



And finally.....

Here's wishing all our readers

*a very happy **DIWALI** and a prosperous **NEW YEAR.***

May the year ahead be filled with moments of smiles and cheer

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