

Spick and Span Convent's News Letter

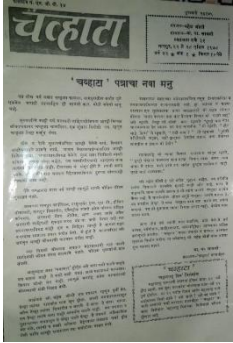
“चव्हाटा”

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Rebirth of “चव्हाटा” (CHAVHATA)

As the world around us is busy in selecting a cricket team or selecting a government, the platoon of teachers in SPICK AND SPAN CONVENT school is busy making progress report cards and filling the various cumulative records which inform the concerned people about the overall performance of the student. As the session is formally going to end, teachers are busy scurrying to “submit” all the important official things before departing for vacations. Few are busy with the new admissions for the next session and few are conducting classes for the high school students.

Amidst all these happenings in the school, quite oblivious of the outside world, few teachers are working for the commencement of the NEWSLETTER of their school which will be named as “CHAVHATA”. It's a Marathi word which means “PUBLIC SQUARE” or simply the area where two or more streets meet. These days, traffic signals are put up at such “squares” for the smooth flow of the progressive city. But in earlier days; the days when no mass media and social networking sites seeped into our lives; any news to be conveyed to the world was brought to this “CHAVHATA”. Revolutions took birth in this place called “CHAVHATA”.



In fact, Late B. N. Saoji who was the beloved father of our respected Director madam Dr. Mrs. Veena Saoji, had a newspaper by the same name of “CHAVHATA”. This newspaper was instrumental in bringing the social change by transforming the local youth of Nagpur into fearless patriots during the freedom struggle movement of India. A fearless journalist, an audacious orator and an intrepid freedom fighter himself, Late B. N. Saoji never bent down in front of anyone and dared to write his mind to expose the insolent behavior of any traitor or to goad the belligerent groups to restore peace. Indian society, before independence was very unstable one lacking a fore-sighted ruler. Hence this newspaper had to be shut down as few people could not digest the liberal ways of an immaculate visionary Late B.N. Saoji. They devised the scheme of some sinister intelligence and got rid of this mouthpiece of the society. Today, after so many years, his sedulousness is worth remembering and needs to be emulated by our generation. I personally felt a seraphic presence around me when told about this great legend. It gave me goose bumps when listening to his daredevil encounters.

Now, after 71 years of independence, why are we talking about the *Rebirth of “CHAVHATA”*? As the fight is no longer between “us” and “them”, but between “us” and “us”. “CHAVHATA” will not be a platform for the criticism of those in power and to critique the performance of the government. It is going to be a powerful tool for causing a social change once again by fearlessly putting forth the innovative educational methods of this school. Education will be its arena this time.

Once again “CHAVHATA” (in its new avatar) will be a fearless voicing of opinions which will openly challenge the societal norms about conventional educational system.

Mrs. Bhashwati Banerjee.

Principal.

Dear parents, students and teachers,

With immense pleasure, I consider myself absolutely blessed to announce the commencement of NEWSLETTER of our beloved school having successfully completed its blissful journey of 30 years. 30 long years indeed!!! Out of these 30 years, I have been fortunate enough to be associated with SPICK AND SPAN CONVENT family for 16 years. In fact, having spent more number of years here than my actual schooling, I consider myself to be truly a “product” of this school. A product who is privileged enough not to “pass – out” at the end of the session but grow each year with an innovative procedure. As my school has given me every opportunity to hone my skills and become a refined polished individual refraining uncouth mannerism, I understand the sobriety to pass on the “CULTURE” of this school to the posterity. Our school has genuinely maintained the “English – speaking atmosphere” without any boast and brag as we firmly believe in simplicity and abstain ostentatiousness.

Education is not a “commodity” which can be bought or sold by people and Knowledge is not something that can be gifted to anyone. Knowledge has to be acquired by the person himself by hard work and penance. Hence, a teacher’s role is to show the correct path and be more of a “Mentor” than a “Master” of the student. I am eternally thankful to the genuine kindness of the parents who believed in us; sometimes blindly and sometimes helped us grow by constructive criticism. Since day one, I have been trained by the venerable Director of the school Dr. Mrs. Veena Saoji to provide “equal learning opportunities” to all the children by doing the “extra bit” for them. And the “extra bit” is actually to be more patient with the students and let them grow with their own speed just like providing all the nutrients and water to the plant and watch them grow each day. The special subjects of the school namely :- GENERAL ENGLISH AND ENGLISH CONVERSATION will be taken care of in the future as well and I promise to add to the already acquired rich treasury of words and sentences.

This NEWSLETTER will be a medium between you all and me to disseminate the growth and achievements of the school and students. I promise to motivate all the students and staff members to contribute to the variegated content of this NEWSLETTER intending to carry forward the legacy of our school. This NEWSLETTER is going to be started by us in order to encourage the children to meliorate their writing skills too. You have seen their worthwhile accomplishments in “SEMINARS” which are uploaded on our website. Similarly, now it’s time for all of us to upload their written talent too on the website for the world to sit down and read and praise and enjoy.

I am personally very excited at this new role given to me which I am yearning to play with my mind and soul. Looking forward to having a great time!!! It’s a dream come true endeavor for me that I will try to complete with full gusto and aplomb!!!



Principal –Mrs Bhashwati
Banerjee

Welcome to SPICK AND SPAN CONVENT.

It is not just a school but a temple of learning where children are considered as mini-Gods. We give reverence to the individuality of the child as each child is unique with specific qualities. We believe that education is not the sole possession of an esoteric coterie but should reach beyond socio-economic barriers.

Everyone is running behind various sources in order to get knowledge but ultimately they gain only information. We believe education is not about just thrusting information in your brains but reaching the divine source of knowledge i.e. within. We want the children to be active learners

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because if a child receives lessons in complete passivity then it kills the natural ardor, the child once had, and transforms him into a non-reaching identity. A child usually gets to know only the material world and very rarely the spiritual world. In our school, we make it a point that the child gets to know himself by the pristine method of MEDITATION. By MEDITATION, he gets the connection with spiritual world. Pleasures of mortal world are secondary but the happiness that a person gets in spiritual world transcends every other happiness.

We are proud to be called as a BAGLESS SCHOOL as we have a tradition of taking only two subjects at a time. We believe that the heavy load of school bags is detrimental for the physical growth of child. Daily dose of MEDITATION; weekly dose of YOGA, regular dosage of ENGLISH conversation, mental pabulum in the form of ENGLISH vocabulary, yearly PROJECT DEMONSTRATION in order to hone the practical application skills and to develop curiosity among children.

Having served the society for over 30 years, SPICK AND SPAN CONVENT has always endeavoured to be creative and innovative when it comes to its teaching methods. "Lessons are not to be taught but chewed, digested and imbibed by the students": this is what is believed here. Hence "teaching – learning process" of a lesson is not restricted to an 'active' role of a teacher and 'passive' listening of the students; where merit is judged on the basis of the content that is produced on the answer papers. "Content" being the readymade question answers given in the classroom by the teacher. A big NO-NO. Here, a lot of emphasis is given on the lesson – reading. A lesson is read around 8 to 10 times but not on a day. The reading spree for, say, 3 to 4 lessons continue for 8 to 10 days. Initially, more time is required but later on, the time subsequently gets reduced with each passing day. "Readymade" question and answers are not given but students are asked to present the lessons in the form of "group – seminars" or "dramatization".

Atmosphere here is PURE, PIOUS, IMMACULATE and PRISTINE.



Principal –Mrs Bhashwati
Banerjee

Siddharth Sangha...Champion Swimmer!!!

SPICK AND SPAN CONVENT proudly lauds the achievements of their beloved student **Master Siddharth Sangha** studying in grade 6. Admitted in our school under the RTE category, it has been a long journey for Siddharth. His inclination towards swimming started at a very tender age of 6 years when he realized that he was made to “rule the waters”.



As this sport requires a considerable time commitment, Siddharth works hard for 26 hours in a day. The first session of swimming practice begins at 5.00 am and continues for three to four hours. His practice session is followed by school where his regularity is commendable. In the evening, again he practices for another two hours before calling it a day.

Born to a soldier father Mr. Suraj Shende who serves the Forces (CRPF / SRPF) and a very down –to – earth mother Mrs. Archana Shende, discipline is in the genes of Siddharth. His killer instinct is something which will help him to excel in his sport of liking. He is never seen tired when in school and very well contributes to all the classroom activities – whether academic or non – academic. His conscientiousness to this sport will definitely take him to a higher level. Our school never finds it difficult to help him in the completion of his pending work in case he has to stay away from school for few days when he is participating in any tournaments. Thanks to our innovative “methods” which respects the individuality of the child and never lets anyone be left behind!!! Patience, perseverance, hard worker, confidence, poise – Siddharth has it all!!! Our school wishes him luck for all his future endeavours. Long way to go Siddharth!!! We want you to represent our country in Olympics very soon!!!



Some of Siddharth`S Achievements:-

• At "Khasdar Krida Mahotsav", 2019.

- 1) Won gold medal and cash prize of Rs. 1000/-
In 100 meters Butterfly stroke in swimming competition..
- 2) in 200 meters freestyle won gold medal.
- 3) He also won under 12 boys' championship in swimming.



• At "Khasdar Krida Mahotsav", 2018.

- 1) He won Gold Medal and was declared Best Swimmer in under 10 boys age group.
- 2) Won 2 nd rank in Aquathon 2018 organised by Aquatic association, Nagpur.

• In 2015

- 1) Won 2nd prize at District level Swimming competition in 50 Mts. Back Stroke.
(Under 8)
- 2) Won 2nd prize at District level Swimming competition in 50 Mts. Breast Stroke.