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Editor's Note

This Silver Jubilee issue of 'The Flying High' magazine is a special one designed to take you down the corridor of the years. A picture speaks more than a thousand words and so we have put together a record which consists mainly of moments and faces of a quarter of a century captured forever through the lens of a camera.

The written matter includes a brief and roughly chronological overview of the life of the school over the past 25 years, articles from various Flying High magazines, letters from old students, and write-ups by teachers and parents.

An entire generation of former students of ILS, have now entered the adult world and there is a section devoted to them.

It would be impossible to do justice to the tremendous progress made by the school in these 25 years, or to acknowledge each of the hundreds of individuals who have contributed to its growth. So the 2006-'07 'Flying High' is dedicated to them and to the rest of the ILS family. We hope these pages will be evocative, rich with the fragrance of memories and filled with the music of bygone days.

Elizabeth Mathew

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Principal's Message



Our school has turned twenty five...More than a million memories to cherish...a million hearts touched upon and a million young minds yet to be nurtured...turn the pages of history and I see the march of generations, absorbing the vibrations our home provides - dancing, singing and waving merrily, transforming themselves into wonderful human beings.

The school's silver anniversary this year reinforces the idea that our journey through knowledge should continue endlessly. Years ago, the ultimate aim of my generation was to become a qualified engineer, a doctor, a teacher, a civil servant or a businessman. Times have changed. The world brims with unimaginably brilliant opportunities. We, as teachers, need to re-orient our students to a new and exceptional choice of careers. We need to address them

with a different social and cultural ethos. Therefore, today our challenge is greater. Our dreams need to touch beyond sky high. The true test of good education is the degree to which it elevates the human spirit and how far it equips an individual to assess himself for the good of his fellowman. Our concern, therefore, is not just to help our students to be successful professionally but to enthuse them with ideals which will help them to enhance the usefulness of their lives. This will lead them to enrich the lives of others and not just their own.

My dear students, into a glorious world of tomorrow, we will walk - hand in hand, exploring new worlds, new horizons. On the threshold of the jubilee celebrations, I would like to congratulate our students - who have spread their wings all over the globe, parents, teachers and non-teaching staff for their continued co-operation and support to the school. Congratulations to the members of the Magazine Committee as well for this jubilee issue.

Dr. (Mrs.) Suman Kanwar

Principal



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MESSAGE

I am delighted to hear that the Indian Language School would be bringing out a special issue of "Flying High" for the Silver Jubilee Year of the School. The aim of this issue is to highlight the achievements of the school in the last 25 years. This year is very special for all of us when we can take pride in the success of the school for the past 25 years. The school is blessed with a very dedicated management and teachers.



The Flying High magazine also provides a great opportunity for the students to show their literary and creative talents. I am sure that many students will take up this opportunity. I hope, as in the previous years, the readers will enjoy the special issue of this year.

21 February, 2007

(H. H. S. Viswanathan)

High Commissioner



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My heartiest congratulation to ILS 25 years of wonderful existence.

From the humble beginning of a few junior classes and just over fifty students, ILS has grown from strength to strength. Today, I am proud to say our school can be compared to any international school.

The school has been a great blessing for the Indian Community as it provides the education of quality, guidance and above all, discipline that is quite evident from our Board results which have been extremely good through out. Sure enough, most of the boys and girls coming out of ILS have entered prestigious institutions all around the world.

I am sure, the Board of Trustees, Management and parents would join me in congratulating the Principal, Teachers and Non-teaching staff for their dedicated work and I wish ILS further glory in future.

M. L. Lalchandani

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25 YEARS OF
SILLS
- A HISTORY

This is the story of Indian Language School and the people and events instrumental in shaping its journey for the past quarter of a century. It is a school founded so that Indian children living in Lagos, while benefiting from the exposure to a foreign land and culture, should not lose touch with their own. Such a facility was the one that the Indian community in Lagos had been long dreaming of. So finally it was in 1981, that an adhoc Management Committee was formed, under the convenorship of Mr. Lalchandani and a board of trustees under the chairmanship of His Excellency Mr. K. Srinivasan, the Indian High Commissioner in Nigeria. It comprised of representation from the Indian Cultural Association, the Indian Women's Association and influential members of the Indian community in Lagos. Ideally due to the efforts of the Management Committee, the primary section of Indian Language School started functioning in April 1982 at the ICA Center at No. 11, Johnson Street, Ilupeju. The inauguration took place on April 14, 1982 at the hands of His Excellency Mr. K. Srinivasan. A visiting Member of Parliament, the Honourable Mr. Dayaram Shakya being the Chief Guest graced the occasion.

The '80s - the Growing Years:

At the time it was conceived, the school strength consisted of ninety students in classes from KG to II. The staff comprised of the



Principal, Dr. Mrs. Upadhye, an administrative assistant and three teachers. Within a few months, inundated by the overwhelming response of the parents, it was unanimously decided that the school could be

expanded to accommodate more students up to Grade VI. Thus it was, that the first full academic session of the school was started in September 1982 with the school strength being 390 and the number of teaching staff being 18. The commencement of the full academic session on September 13th 1982 was graced by the presence of India's Education Minister, Mrs. Sheila Kaul.

The successive year witnessed the sudden and enormous growth of the school. By September 1983, the student strength exceeded over 700 and the seemingly sufficient space became a limitation. Thus to accommodate all classes, an afternoon session had to be introduced for a few sections of KG, I and II for one full academic year.

In 1984, Dr. (Mrs.) Maira took over as Principal and by July in the same year, the school was duly recognized and affiliated to the CBSE. Gradually Grades VII and VIII were introduced and in July 1985, Grade IX was also started. In September of the same year, Father Kunnunkal, Chairman, CBSE, Delhi, visited the school.

He writes in his report:

—The school, though in its infancy, is vigorous and is keenly aware of the need to improve different aspects of the process of education—I was particularly impressed by the project work that students of all classes from KG onwards, take up. The scope and involvement of the teachers and students in these project is very commendable—

—There is also a great deal of awareness on the part of the teachers to use the additional resources available in the school, as well as the freedom to advantage, to make the school and the students, part of India by the study of events and developments in India—

The members of the Board of Trustees as well as the principal and vice-principal are deeply concerned with the progress of the school.—The school also has strong support from the parent community, which is one of its strengths—

In March 1987, ILS declared its first batch of 8 students to take the Secondary School (Gr. X) Examinations of the CBSE, Delhi. By now keen interest and enthusiasm was shown by the guardians in upgrading of the school to include a Senior Secondary section as well, and the school received many requests from parents, such as the one quoted below

6th November 1987

The school initially commenced classes from KG to Grade VI and in course of time, added one class each year up to the tenth to meet the increased demand of the community. The higher classes have since stabilized, as is evident from the excellent results attained by the first batch of students who took the tenth standard public examination. The preparations of the second batch of students for the public examination in March 1988 are in full swing. We have no doubt that this batch will do as well, and possibly better than its predecessor.

—We feel that students need continuity of studies in an environment they are familiar with.

It is the earnest desire of all parents of students in higher classes, that the school commence the eleventh and twelfth standards next year—so that they can keep their wards directly under their care....

Another feather in the cap was the introduction of Grade XI Humanities Stream in 1988. This batch of 10 students appeared for the Senior School Certificate Examinations (Gr. XII) in March 1989. In July of the same academic session the Science Stream was introduced and this batch appeared for the board Examinations in 1991. In the year 1990 Commerce and Computer Science were introduced as subjects. The sudden but steady increase in the student strength compelled the school to rent the adjacent buildings at No 7, No 9 & No 41, Johnson Street. However, by the mid 80's it became very obvious that the school would need to construct its own concrete infrastructure and thus the blue print of the dream project started taking shape of an idea and search for a suitable piece of land got underway. One of the basic needful requirements for the commencement of a secondary section was that the school should have its own well-equipped laboratories and in October 1985, His Excellency, Mr. A.K. Ray, who was then the Indian High Commissioner, inaugurated the Chandaria Laboratory.

The school also established several scholarships, offered by the members of the community and at a function to celebrate Dr. Rajendra Prasad's Birth Centenary, His Excellency Mr. Ray initiated a "Best Student's Award", in order to encourage all round excellence and good citizenship qualities in students.

In 1988, a Computer Program was introduced in the school. The PTA, which since its inception in September 1983 had been very supportive of school, put up a Variety Entertainment show and collected funds to aid in the setting up of the Computer Laboratory.

In 1988, the third language formula was introduced and initially Sindhi, Tamil and Marathi as well as Sanskrit became the optional choices.

A varied variety of functions and cultural activities, which have now become an established tradition of the school were introduced in the initial teething years. A few extracts from old records give us a glimpse into those early days...

14th November 1982: Bal Din was celebrated and the school organized an art and essay competition for the students--

19th November 1982: --Diwali Mela was organised-- variety entertainment students of each class presented an item either a skit, tableau, Song or dance-- followed by lunch for the students--

25th November 1982: --- final rounds of hand writing, recitation and quiz competitions prizes distributed by President of Indian Women's Association, Mrs. Brinda K. Srinivasan

11th - 13th January 1983: --three day seminar on teaching methods first in service training programme held by school for the teaching staff

26th January 1983: --For the first time 400 Indian children celebrated Republic Day in West Africa. Patriotic songs, recitation of the Indian pledge and speeches by the students and teaching staff marked the occasion--

29th January 1983: --a Project Display of children's work included working models and charts on general topics such as Nigeria, India, household appliances, and the human body--

24th, 25th & 26th February 1983: --the first Sports meet of the year was held-- with heats on two days, followed by the grand finale on the 26th--it was a well attended function-- Mr. Lalwani, trustee of the school was the Chief Guest and Mrs. Lalwani gave away the prizes.

14th March 1983: --As a part of Commonwealth Day celebrations in Lagos, the school presented two colourful items the Garba dance and a dance-drama, "Ahimsa", at the National Theatre, Lagos.--The programme was greatly applauded and given television coverage by the Nigerian Television Authority--

6th & 7th May 1983 Parents Day: --The Junior school (KG, I & II) presented their programme on the 6th and Senior school (II, IV, V & VI) on the 7th the programme included dance, drama, skits, English and Hindi choir singing, folk dances and shadow puppets--greatly appreciated.

20th June 1983: --a class party for all the children marked the end of the year's functions--

Initially, occasions like Sports Day & Parents Day (later called Annual Day) were held in school in the Assembly space. However, with the increase in student strength, this was no longer feasible, so on 9th November 1986, and the Annual Sports Meet was for the maiden time organized at Onikan Stadium successfully. The High Commissioner Mr. Mukherji was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Annual Day too was held in the school in these early years, but since the early 90's onwards has been held in venues outside school.

A special feature of these two functions is that it involves 100% participation of students from KG to XII and as a result became so elaborate, that from 1991 onwards they had to be held alternately.

The Project Display became "I Made It" and included competitions such as Rangoli, Table Setting, Flower Arrangement and Salad Decoration.

Bal Din too has been celebrated in various ways over the years. In the 80's city schools were invited to participate in a Variety Entertainment Programme or competitions on this day. Later, a Mela with food and games stalls became a regular feature of Bal Din.

Another interesting activity that was held around the time of Gandhi Jayanti was Shramdan. This was aimed at instilling in children, the concept of dignity of voluntary labour and self-reliance. On one of these occasions, staff of the Indian High Commission and His Excellency Mr. Mukherji also participated in the cleaning of the school premises.

The Nineties

In the year 1990, Dr. (Mrs.) Suman Kanwar took over the reigns of the school as Principal. The fabric of school life was further enriched with a variety of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. Work Experience classes incorporated in 1990, included Cookery, Gardening, Batik, Leatherwork and Woodwork.



In August of the same year, Students' Council was elected to assist the Head Boy and Head Girl and House Captains. The students celebrated 'Teacher's Day' with skit and

dance. In later years, matches were played between teachers and students and senior students took over the teaching of junior classes for a few periods.

As the decade progressed,



festivals such as Dusshera, Diwali and Christmas were celebrated elaborately with a Ramlila, burning of Ravan's effigy, firecrackers and carols.

Holiday activities such as sports camps and piano lessons were organized to

keep students occupied during the long summer holidays and the range and scope of Inter-class and Inter-House competitions increased.

Educational excursions and visits to various factories in and around Lagos and in neighboring states, as well as outings to amusement parks or museums, were arranged from time to time.



By the early 90's, the student strength crossed 1300, and constraints of space caused a lot of concern. So, in April 1992,

just before the 10th Anniversary of the school, a plot of land was bought in the Lekki area, as a new location for the school.

ILS marked its 10th Anniversary with a weeklong celebration. This commenced with an International Cultural Programme and included an Academic and Art Exhibition, a Career Talk organized by the OSAILS



(Old Students Association of ILS), a Musical Evening and matches between OSAILS and students. Founders' Week was concluded with a dinner hosted by the school Trustees.

As furthering the plans for the development of the Lekki plot were considered, it became obvious that the area would not be a convenient location for the school. So the land was sold and a plot at No. 9 Oba Nle Aro Avenue bought in 1996.

On the 5th of May 1998, Swami Hariharji Maharaj blessed the site for the school and the Bhoomi Pujan was held on the 17th. The construction of the school building soon got underway.

The decade was a witness to an increasing participation in interschool events. These included an International Assembly at the American International School, March Pasts held to mark UN Day, and a dance programme presented on NTA Channel 10.

In March 1996, ILS made a successful debut in



the Musical Competition organized by the Musical Society of Nigeria (MUSON), by winning 1st Prize in the Senior Choral Category and 2nd Prize in the intermediate Choral Category. Several of our talented artists represented the school at the Children's International Cross Cultural Festival and Child Craft and Cultural Festival, organized by the Nigerian National Council for Arts and Culture, in May 1997.

Grade XI were representatives at a UN Mock Parliament organized by the Lion's Club in February 1998.

From the nineties, ILS started striding in the arena of sports as well. Basketball and volleyball gained popularity among the students and our students started playing



friendly matches with other city schools. It was not long before ILS teams began playing and winning in tournaments and League matches. The first inter-school event our table tennis players played was the Table Tennis Tourney

hosted by the American International School in April 1997, and our Under-13 was declared the winning team. The Senior Boys team, were winners of the bronze medal at the Basketball Jamboree Championships of 1998, and the Under-15 Boys Volleyball team secured the 3rd place in the Volleyball Championships at AIS in December 1999.

By now sports such as Taekwondo and Karate were also being taught in school and at the Karate Championships, hosted by the German School in November 1999, ILS students bagged two golds, two silvers, and one bronze.

Academically too, ILS took pride in the superlative performance every year by a few students of Grade X and XII, who succeeded in securing CBSE Merit Awards in some subject or the other. Among our students we had All India 2nd rank holders in Chemistry and Biology in the Grade XII examination and those who succeeded in securing 100% in Mathematics and French at the Grade X level.

However, it had not always been a smooth sailing experience, for we also faced the rough storms. One such instance of these situations we had to deal with was when the fuel shortage in July and August of 1994 forced the school to remain closed for almost two months. We weathered the crisis, by holding classes for Grades X and XII only on Saturdays and Sundays, while teachers prepared worksheets for the rest of the classes, and, with the assistance of the PTA, got them distributed to students in different locations of the city.

The school also had to face problems peculiar to its location such as the late arrival of text books from India, or an eye blinking translocation of teaching staff than would be faced by any school in India.

Into The New Century:

As the curtains were drawn closed on the 20th century, it was a heralding of a new era for the school as the school too stepped into a new phase of life. An important milestone was the shift to our own premises at No. 9 Oba Nle Aro Avenue. Senator



Bola A. Tinubu, the Honourable Governor of Lagos State, ably represented by Dr. Idowu Shobowale, The Commissioner for Education, Lagos State, inaugurated the new school building on 2nd December 2001. Prince R.B. Akiolu, the A.I. G. of Abuja and Mr. S.G. Ekindero, A.I.G. of Lagos, Zone II were the Guests of Honour.

In January 2001, a Mathematics Week was held and included a seminar in the methodology of teaching Mathematics and a Maths Project Exhibition. Workshops and seminars on teaching of subjects were conducted

from time to time.

ILS students started appearing in and receiving medals and certificates for several Mathematics Contests such as the Canadian Cayley and Pascal Contests for Mathematics, The Karnataka Academy for Mathematics International Competition, the Nigerian Turkish Mathematics Competition, and Cowbell National Secondary Schools Mathematics Competition. One of our students was the 2nd prizewinner for the 2001 Cowbell Mathematics



Competition, while another came 5th for the Nigerian Turkish Mathematics Competition. The same child prodigy, despite being under age, was later selected to attend an eight-week long Ross Summer Mathematics Programme, Ohio, USA, due to his strong mathematical background and exceptional problem solving skills.

In 2002, the 20th Anniversary Celebrations were held on the 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 14th and 21st day of April. The celebrations commenced with "I Made It", several Inter-House and Inter-School Competitions and a Panel Discussion cum interactive Question Answer Session on 'Teenage Problems'. Teachers and students put up a cultural extravaganza, 'A Musical Day' for entertainment. The penultimate function was a Variety Entertainment Programme at the Law School, in which Students, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, PTA and OSAILS participated. Finally the Trustees hosted a dinner on the lawns of the Indian High Commission. With a firm foundation of twenty years behind it, ILS life took on an increasingly diverse and rich texture.



SHANTANU GAWDE

in Computers. The child prodigies ILS can boast of Shantanu Gawde and Dishaan Ahuja.

Our students competed and won accolades in Inter-School competitions in Fine Arts and Dance. In October 2006, a student of ours was the 2nd Prizewinner for the Lions International Peace

A full-fledged, dedicated NIIT Computer Center was launched at school. In keeping with the times, majority of our students are computer savvy. A few are outstanding and the youngest of them is likely to be listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the youngest Whiz Kid



DISHAAN AHUJA

Poster Contest and every year several ILS artists win gold and silver medals for the Kshitij Art Competition.

The ILS Choirs, vocalists

and musicians continue to win numerous prizes at the



MUSON and have given excellent performances at other Inter-School Music Contests such as the one conducted by the petroleum company, Shell.

As far as Sports is concerned, the school has moved forward in leaps and bounds. Several games such as soccer, cricket, kho-kho, chess and carroms have been introduced and are very popular.



ILS Basketball and Volleyball teams now participate regularly in a number of inter-school matches including the Lagos Private Schools Ivy League Basketball matches and have won medals in several tournaments.

In Table Tennis ILS students, have excelled. In 2005 and 2006, our players came back with several prizes from the Lagos State T.T. Association's Asoju Oba Cup Tournament and in both years our students won the Man of the Match Trophy.

Our tennis players participated in the 'All International & Private School Tennis Championships 2001 and the Inter School Lawn Tennis Tournaments. In recent years, our students have also ventured into playing inter-school soccer and



cricket.

The school has several gymnasts and exponents of Karate and Taekwando. Our students have won gold medals



als in the Taekwando Championships held by the Chevron Staff Taekwando Association and have got gold, silver and bronze at the French School Karate Championships and the Ikoyi Karate Competition.



In the French International Open Gymnastics Competition held in 2006, ILS students bagged five gold and two bronze and one of our gymnasts from LKG was

deemed 'The Most Impressive Gymnast'. In Chess too, our students, one being only in Grade I, won prizes in tournaments with other schools and in contests such as the Femi Badego Cup held under the auspices of the National Chess Federation. The school has had among its students, champions in squash, badminton and golf. A grade IV student came second in the 2001 Junior Squash Tournament for the Fuji Film World Open Squash Tournament in Hong Kong. Another



of our students, this time from 10th grade, won the 2003 Ikoyi Club Golf Tournament in the Men's Category and was sent to play in the selection round of the 2004 Amateur Championships Golf Tournament in Trinidad and Tobago.

ILS students have participated in Basketball Camps and Athletic Meets in the city and in November 2006, 20 of our students were invited to participate in the reception for the FIFA Gold Trophy.

Some Inter-School Competitions such as the B.B. Garg Inter-School Debate and the Inter-school Art Competition have become an annual feature.

Within school, many more competitions and practices were introduced to make student life more interesting and beneficial. These included 'Just-a-Minute', Map-Marking, Calligraphy and Letter Writing and Article Writing Competitions. The Dramatics Club puts up periodic plays in the assembly. The Interact Club was installed in school and students carried out social service activities.

Senior students had their share of field trips and excursions. This included visits to factories such as



Ranbaxy, Nycl and Tower Aluminium and rice fields belonging to Vee Tee Rice. In August 2003, the students also had the rare opportunity of visiting the INS TRISHUL an Indian warship that docked briefly at Lagos.

Commerce students are taken for the visits in relevance to their curriculum such as visits to banks. In May 2006, they



attended a forum for digital revolution, which was a part of a Youth Empowerment Programme organized by Zenith Bank.

As has been the regular norm in the past, Career Guidance Sessions and talks by experts in various fields have been organized and students have had the opportunity to meet professionals from different walks in life.

In our junior school too, many new activities and innovative teaching methods were introduced and parent participation was encouraged.

Special activities are organized to supplement theoretical

teaching and give the students an enjoyable hands-on experience of learning. Special days centered on a particular concept are held at least once a month. These could be "Sandwich Making Day" or "Pet Animal Day". Besides Dusshera, Diwali, and Christmas, many festivals including Rakhi and Holi are celebrated with great enthusiasm in the junior school.

As part of their studies of 'Festivals of India', KG students have been taken to places of worship, such as churches and have been invited to celebrate Gurupurav at the home of Mr. Lalwani, one of our trustees. They have Yoga demonstrations and guest speakers give talk on topics such as Good Manners. Special attention is paid towards creating an awareness of the importance of protecting the environment in these young minds and respecting cultures other than their own.

The school today is so well established that it has been able to start two branches in Nigeria, one in Ajaokuta in Kogi state and the other in the Delta region, for the children of Indians in these areas.

The Silver Jubilee Year

The planting of a tree by Dr. Mrs Kanwar marked the start of the Silver Jubilee Year. Twenty-five special activities were planned as part of the Silver Jubilee Year celebrations. These included a Silver Jubilee Surprise Gift on the 14th and 25th of every month and a Treasure Hunt for days preceding occasions such as Diwali, Children's Day and Christmas.

A Spelling Bee was conducted for the first time in school and a First Aid Camp and Fire Drill are planned.

At this point in ILS history, we particularly cherish the Career Counselling Session organized by the Indian Professionals Forum, as the panel of experts included two of our old students who are now based in the city.

A true measure of an institution lies in the lives and achievements of those who have passed through its portals. Now as Indian Language School celebrates 25 years of its contribution towards education, we look at the diverse paths trodden by our old students and take pride in having played a role towards national integration and in shaping truly global citizens. The school can count among its alumni; engineers, doctors, lecturers, media personnel, conservationist, communication experts, film stars, pilots, priests and pop stars-- enterprising individuals leading rewarding and successful lives in India, Nigeria and other countries scattered across the continents.

We ask for no greater reward but pledge ourselves to develop the capacities latent in human nature and to coordinate their expression for the enrichment and progress of society, by equipping our students with spiritual, moral and material knowledge and keeping the flag of Indian Language School Flying High.

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BEST STUDENT

1984-1985	Mehul Mehta
1985-1986	Ira Bhargava
1986-1987	Sajda Munshi
1987-1988	Rima Dugad
1988-1989	Pushkar Murthy
1989-1990	Riaz Subhan
1990-1991	Sapna Ramchandani
1991-1992	Tabish Siddiqui
1992-1993	Poonam Shewakramani
1993-1994	Priya Sampat
1994-1995	Rajat Gupta
1995-1996	Anuj Chander
1996-1997	Jaetendra Dayaktasani
1997-1998	Tarun Nagrani
1998-1999	
1999-2000	Kim D'souza
2000-2001	Surya Swamy
2001-2002	Aditi Jain
2002-2003	Natasha Kanwar
2003-2004	Suvish Melanta
2004-2005	Ananya Tandon
2005-2006	Ramya S. Palachola
2006-2007	Gitanjali Ramchandani

SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

1992-1993	Sanjay Nankani, Meghna Swamy
1993-1994	Akhila Guleria
1995-1996	Sowmya Gowda
1996-1997	Punit Kanwar
1997-1998	Manasi Valecha
1998-1999	Vaibhav Rustagi
1999-2000	Saurabh Pandya
2000-2001	Surya Swamy
2001-2002	Siddharth Kacher
2002-2003	Natasha Kanwar
2003-2004	Rohan Gulati
2004-2005	Sivaraman Krishnan
2005-2006	Sanskar Sanadhya
2006-2007	Karan Makhija

PRIDE OF THE SCHOOL

Year	Name	
1986-1987	Anita Moorthy	79%
1987-1988	Vasudevan	84.4%
1988-1989	Dimple Lalchandani	81%
1989-1990	Pushkar Murthy	83.6%
1990-1991	Poonam Shewakramani	81.8%
1991-1992	Heena A. Ansari	88.6%
1992-1993	Kiran Kumar Mallu	91%
1993-1994	Pramod Bhanu Ramarao	88.8%
1994-1995	Sameer Rathi	86.4%
1995-1996	Neena Chihalaney	92.6%
1996-1997	Ankush Prakash	90.2%
1997-1998	Madhumitha Rajagopal	89.4%
1998-1999	Priyanka Azad	90.8%
1999-2000	Prisma Naik	94%
2000-2001	Namra Parikh	89.8%
2001-2002	Natasha Kholgade	91%
2002-2003	Tanvi Savara	92.2%
2003-2004	Arpita Gantayet	94.8%
2004-2005	Supriya Sharma	91.6%
2005-2006	Tanya Singhania	94.6%

RECORDS

YEAR	PRIDE OF THE SCHOOL NAME	
	HUMANITIES	
1989-90	Shikha Tiku	
1990-91	Sadhna Jethnandani	69.5%
	Nanda Gurbani	69.5%
		82.6%
	SCIENCE	
1991-92	Priya Bansal	80.3%
1992-93	Ritesh Dugad	87%
1993-94	Nagaveena Ramarao	90.6
1994-95	Purusottam Kaushik	85%
1995-96	Anuj Chander	88%
1996-97	Jeetendra Dayaldasani	86%
1997-98	Neena Chhataney	89.3%
	Chetan Salunkhe	89.3%
1998-99	Chandramohan Natraj	89%
1999-00	Reshma Mallya	91.3%
	Anuj Kumar	91.3%
2000-01	Angela Archana Vincent	87%
2001-02	Esha Khullar	94%
2002-03	Ambika Jangir	90%
2003-04	Natasha Kholgade	92.6%
2004-05	Neema Iyer	94.3%
2005-06	Mithila Rajagopal	93.6%

RECORDS

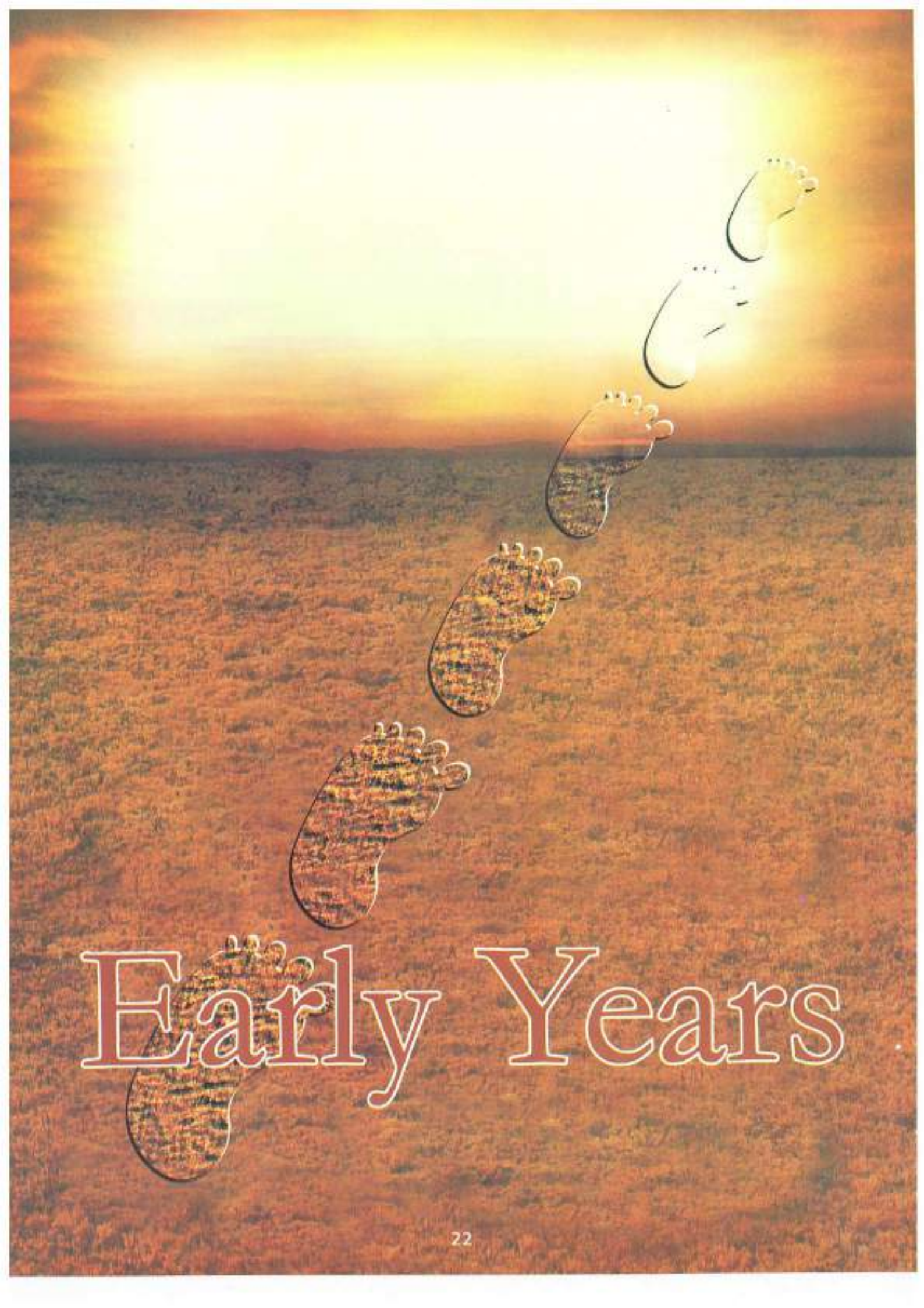
	COMMERCE	
1991-92	Kiran Mirpuri	69%
1992-93	Poonam Showakramani	83%
1993-94	Nidhi Mehta	86%
1994-95	Radhika Tulsian	79%
1995-96	Ashish Batheja	74%
1996-97	Nisha Thakur	84%
1997-98	Vishal Jain	82%
1998-99	Shikha Sethi	82%
1999-00	Payal Kapoor	83%
2000-01	Radhika Sethi	87%
2001-02	Aditi Jain	95%
2002-03	Lekha Mukherjee	95%
2003-04	Hanisha Lalwani	71%
2004-05	Sunil Balachandran	78%
2005-06	Poonam Lalwani	86%

RECORDS

YEAR	HEAD BOY	HEAD GIRL
1985-1986	Rajesh Anantharaman	
1986-1987	Sudeep Nadkarni	
1987-1988	Vinay Manjunath	
1988-1989	Riaz Subhan	Sapna Ramchandani
1989-1990	Pushkar Murthy	Rima Dugad
1990-1991	Ravindra Tripathi	Sapna Ramchandani
1991-1992	Mahesh Ramchandani	Sapna Ramchandani
1992-1993	Rajat Kalia	Kiran Mirpuri
1993-1994	Ravi Bajaj	Poonam Shewakranni
1994-1995	Mridul Kumar	Ashema Chander
1995-1996	Dinesh Khialani	Rinku Harjani
1996-1997	Aninda Bhunia	Nisha Girglani
1997-1998	Tarun Nagrani	Amita Malhe
1998-1999	S.Krishnamoorthy	Maansi Kumar
1999-2000	Kim D'Souza	Shirpa Kashyap
2000-2001	Balachandran Kattappuram	Payal Kapoor
2001-2002	Siddharth Kacher	Aditi Gupta
2002-2003	Madhav Jagannathan	Esha Khuller
2003-2004	Dinesh Gianchandani	Sreelakshmi Leeladharan
2004-2005	Rohit Deshpande	Suvish Melanta
2005-2006	Rahul Sawlari	Ananya Tandon
2006-2007	Naveen Mathew	Ramiya S. Palachola
		Gitanjali Ramchandani

RECORDS

YEAR	VICE HEAD BOY	VICE HEAD GIRL
1985-1986	Sudeep Nadkarni	
1986-1987		
1987-1988		Sapna Ramchandani
1988-1989	Pushkar Murthy	Anurita Chatterjee
1989-1990	Mahesh Ramchandani	Krupa Desai
1990-1991	Mahesh Ramchandani	Kiran Mirpuri
1991-1992	Sanjay Nankani	Poonam Shewakranni
1992-1993	Gautam Mallesh	Mandira Mahendru
1993-1994	Amitaj Mundy	Rinku Harjani
1994-1995	Anuj Chander	Nisha Girglani
1995-1996	Jeetendra Dayaldasani	Rohika Chandra
1996-1997	Tarun Nagrani	Maansi Kumar
1997-1998	Adhiraj Mitra	Shirpa Kashyap
1998-1999	Siddharth Gupta	Payal Kapoor
1999-2000	Sunya Swamy	Aditi Gupta
2000-2001	Deepankar Rustagi	Aditi Jain
2001-2002	Dhaval Shah	Sreelakshmi Leeladharan
2002-2003	Rohit Gulati	Suvish Melanta
2003-2004	Sivaraman Krishnan	Neema Iyer
2004-2005	Prashant Vashistha	Aditi Singh
2005-2006	Karan Makhija	Gitanjali Ramchandani
2006-2007	Diganto Choudhury	Tanya Tandon



Early Years

The history of the Indian Language School in Lagos, Nigeria is intrinsically linked to Dr. Rani Upadhye, the first principal and the visionary who began this highly successful school. The hopes and dreams of many expatriate Indians were entwined in the creation of this school and it met the needs of hundreds of students providing them with a quality education that was rooted in the home culture. In a foreign land, under humble circumstances, with little pomp and ceremony, the school opened. The first location was in a duplex house donated by the Indian Cultural Association in Ilupeju, Nigeria. We had three classes KG, Grade I and 2 and three teachers, Shabnam Sharma, Bhupinder Singh and myself. Mallika Hathiramani was the administrative assistant and a multi-tasker helping to support all of us in so many ways that it is difficult to even list. As Rani gathered her staff, as the Indian Embassy hosted us to events in Victoria Island, as the fumes of creating something new blew around us our mission was clearly planned. We were going to create a quality facility so that children that came to our school could grow, prosper, get a strong education and be prepared to meet the academic demands of any system that they moved into. That was Rani's vision.

She, with great care and precision, led us to realize that potential. In those first few months we went from three classes to a full blown KG - Grade VIII facility. By the end of that year we were running two shifts as space was a problem and we were going to utilize every bit of space we had. Everywhere we turned there was construction going on, more books/supplies coming in, discussion on curriculum and instructions, new staff joining and best of all more students arriving in blue and white uniform. It was a magical time full of idealistic dreams that were turning into reality. A learning community was forming, staff and parents were involved in the learning process and everything to do with it. In the midst of a foreign land we were building a bastion of our culture. As teachers we taught, created interesting lessons, planned extra curricular activities, celebrated our culture and hosted cultural events, and now that I have access to current educational research, I realize that all the things we were doing were the right components of a highly effective school.

The results of that work are still continuing students from ILS have gone to Universities all over the world and flourished. Dr. Suman Kanwar, the present principal, has a record of this and continues to push the envelope in giving students at ILS all the foundation that they need to succeed. Several hold jobs in world renowned companies. In another couple of years their contributions to our country, society and civilization will come pouring in. I firmly believe that the teaching staff have continued to seek greater professional goals and friendships made that have stood the test of time and place. Parents have been more than pleased with their children's educational experiences at ILS and even now reminisce about its impact on their children. Rani was a remarkable leader as she began this huge endeavour that has created many opportunities for many people. Quincy Adams said, *"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."* I believe that statement embodies her and the evidence lies in the lives of students, staff and parents that she inspired.

Rita Chaudhary

Former Teacher

Currently an Instructional facilitator
with Tacoma School District (Washington).

'82 - '83 FIRST STEPS
INAUGURATION (14th April, 1982)



■ Late Dr. Mrs. Upadhye
(Founder Principal)



■ Inauguration of the School by Mr. K. Srinivasan,
The then High Commissioner of India



■ The Chief Guest-A visiting M.P., Mr. Dayaram Shakya, lights the
lamp, Mr. K. Srinivasan, Late Mr. Mansulchani, Mr. J.T. Lalwari
& Mr. M.L. Lalchandani look on



■ Honoured Guests



■ The first Five staff members, with the Principal,
Dr. (Mrs.) R. Upadhye

▪ FIRST ENTERTAINMENT



**'82 - '83 FIRST STEPS
EARLY SCHOOL**



■ Mrs. Sheila Kaul, Education Minister at the opening of The First Full Academic Year of ILS (13/10/82)



■ First Building



■ Wheels



■ Class Time



■ Library



■ On The Playground



▪ Walk to Victory



▪ Tied Up in Knots



▪ Standing Tall to receive the Prize



▪ Lined Up for Goa



▪ Enthusiastic Dancers



▪ Gudiya Ki Shaadi
(Part of State of Maharashtra Project)

BACK THEN IN '84

PRIZE GIVING AND EXHIBITION (28th January, 1984)



▪ A Prize for The Winner



▪ Making Melody



▪ Magical Moments



▪ Don't I look cute?



▪ On To The Farm



▪ Recognize Us?

FAREWELL FOR MRS. UPADHYE



GUESTS TO THE BAL-DIN



MEMORIES OF '85



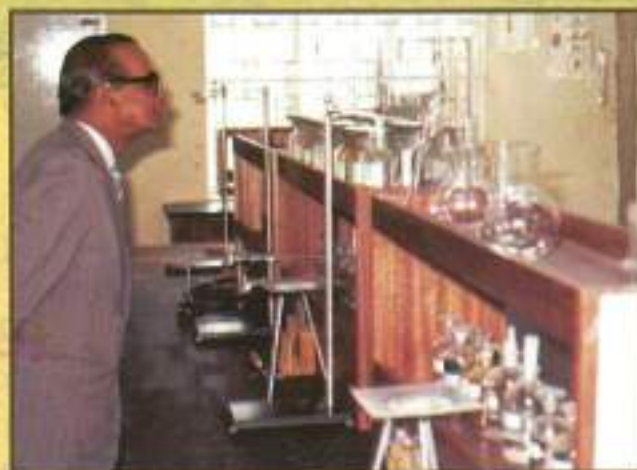
▪ Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Maira
Former Principal



▪ Fr. Kunnankal,
Chairman CBSE visits ILS



▪ Inauguration of The Chandaria Laboratory by
H. E. Mr. A. K. Ray on 4th October, 1985
L-R: Mrs. Maira, Late Mr. Mansukhani,
Late Mr. Garg, Mr. Lalchandani



▪ First Laboratory



▪ Inspecting The Troops



▪ Rows of Flowers



▪ Cup of Joy



▪ Dancing Dumbbells



▪ Feet Up



▪ In The Sack



▪ Medal Winners



▪ First Head Girl
Anita Moorthy



▪ First Head-Boy
Rajesh Anantharaman

A LOOK AT '86

SHRAM DAN (October 2, 1986)

His Excellency Mr. D. Mukherjee attended



SPORTS DAY at Onikan Stadium (19th November, 1986)



▪ Relay Winners



▪ March Past



▪ Plate Perfect

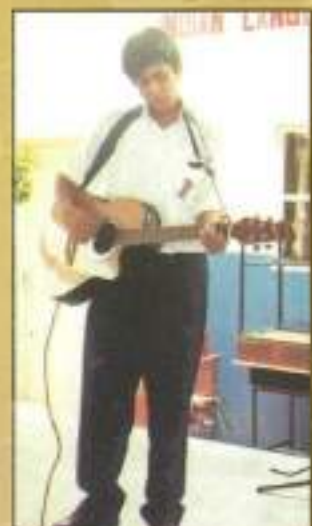


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MUSICAL



MUSICAL MOMENTS

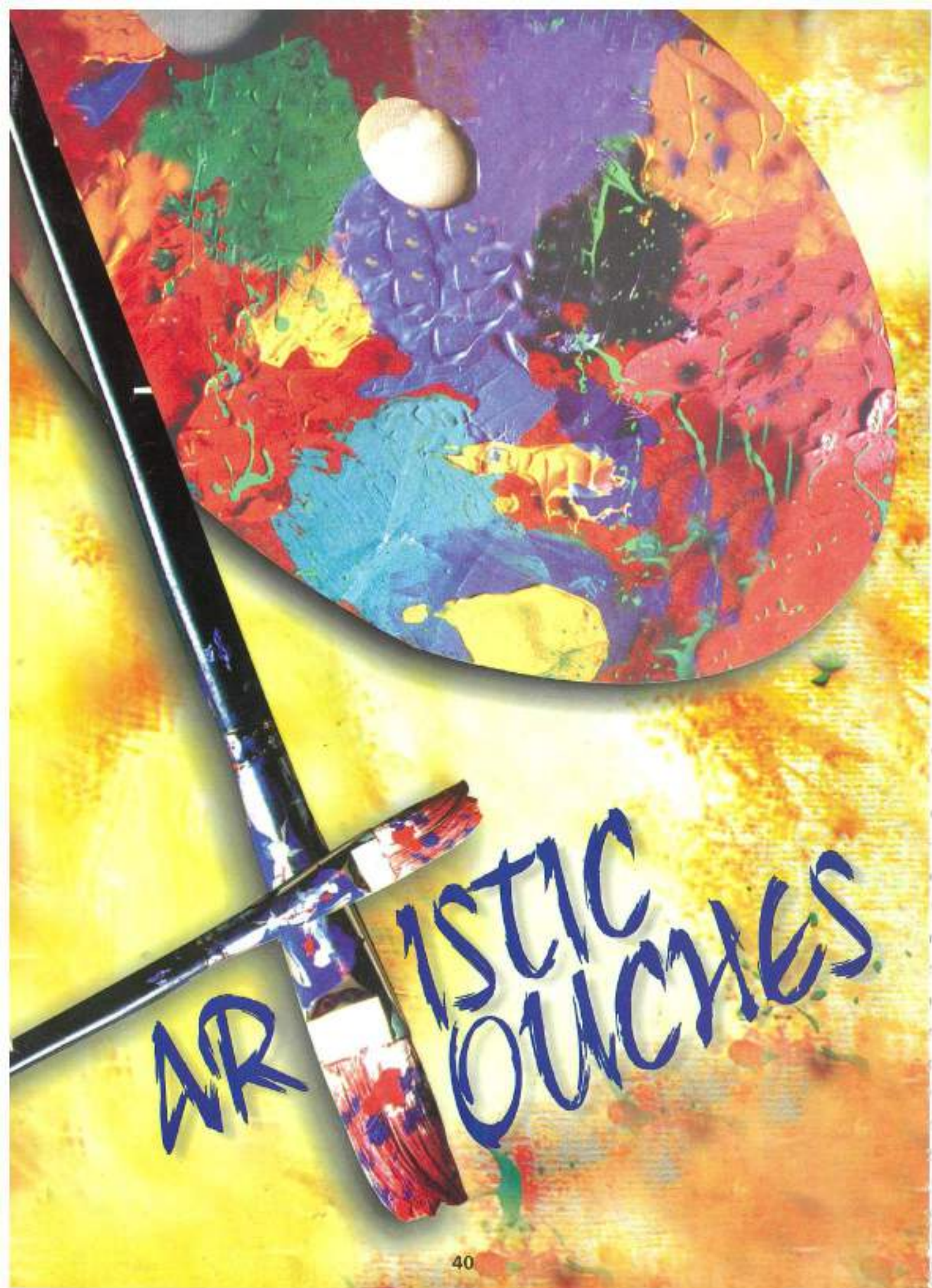




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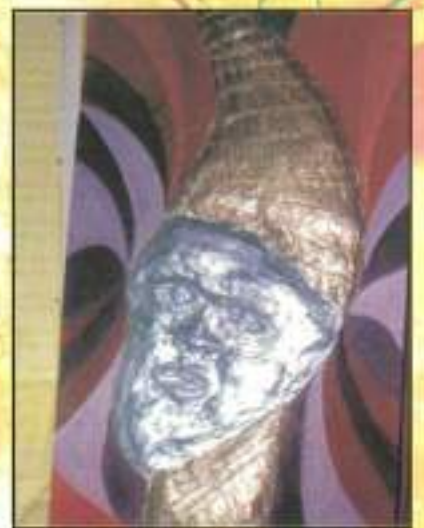
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PICTURING '87









■ Farewell to Dr. (Mrs.) Renu Maira

GLIMPSES OF '89







FANCY DRESS & BAL MELA



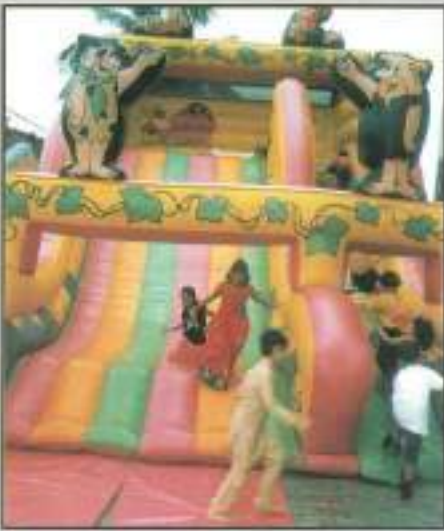
LOTS OF FANCY





BAL MELA





BAL MELA







INTO
THE
NINETIES



'90 FOR YOU



■ Dr. (Mrs.) Suman Karwar
Principal





SCENES FROM '91





WHEN WE WERE TEN - '92





OH, TO BE IN '93

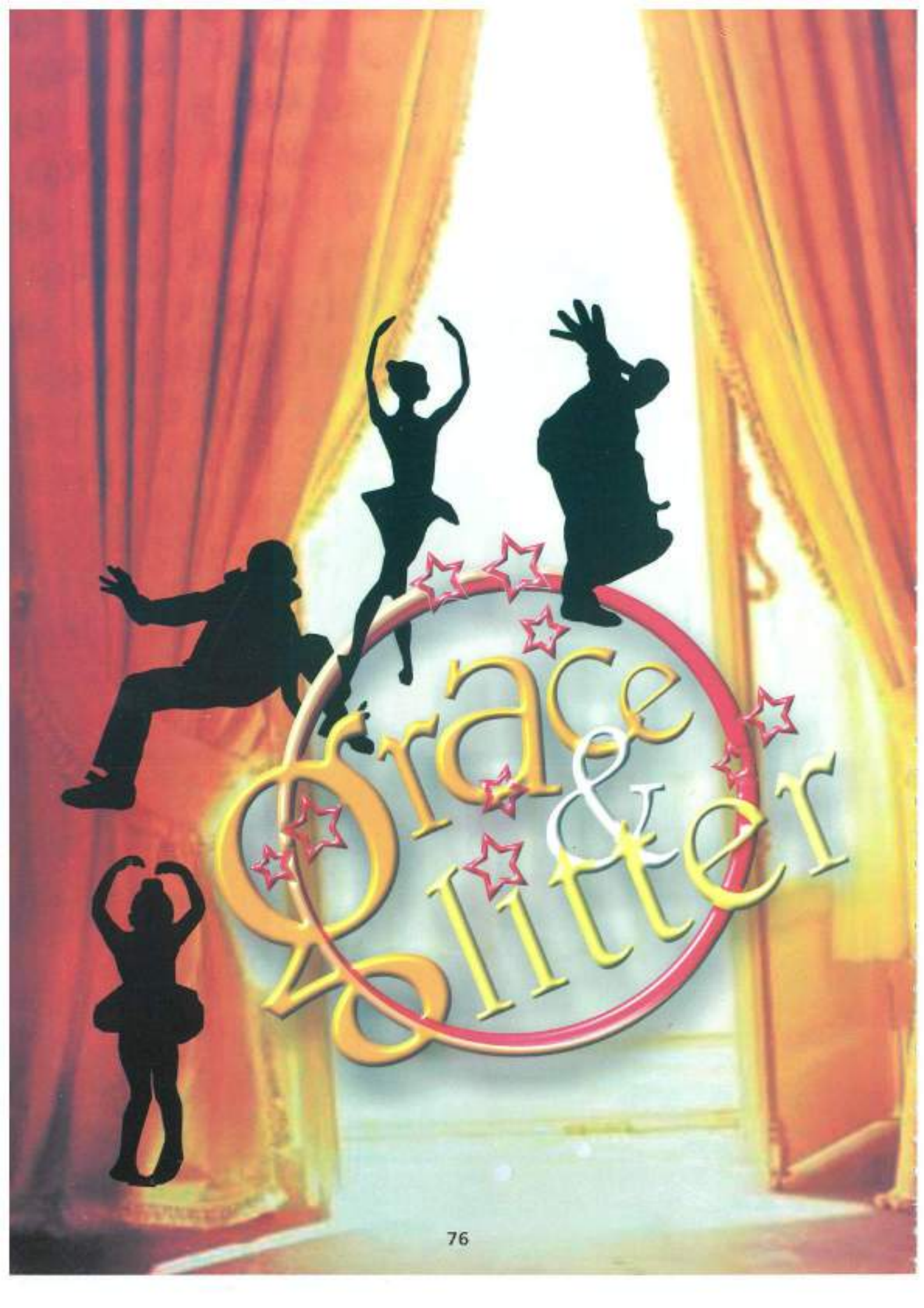




DOORWAY INTO '94







ANNUAL DAY APPRECIATION

The props and costumes were par excellence. The teamwork of the staff and students was simply outstanding. It was indeed a wonderful evening.

- Mrs. Janaki Vijayan

The event was not only entertaining, but also informative and presented a very comprehensively researched cultural depiction of Africa.

- Mr Praveen Verma, Deputy High Commissioner

To describe the Annual Day held this evening, superlatives would sound superfluous. To call it a stupendous show would also be an understatement. My heartiest congratulations to you and your team on organizing such a mammoth show in such a grand manner. To choose a theme of Africa itself was a big challenge. To bring it into reality in such a superb manner was truly a Herculean task. Right from the beginning I noticed some key points which collectively went on to make this show such a grand success:

Punctuality

Compere knowing his/her lines by heart

Mega slides in the background depicting broad details of each performance

Minutest study which reflected in each performance in terms of dresses, hairstyle, jewellery, background music, synchronization of dances, etc.

100% participation, with almost every student displaying a warm smile.

A lot of research has gone into knowing the intricacies of each and every event. A tremendous amount of effort must have gone into making this dream a reality, especially considering the limitations we face in this part of the land.

- Mr. D.V. Gupte

It was amazing! I have no words to describe the show. It was superb! Everything was so good—from the music to the costumes, to the decor, in short, from beginning to end!

- Reshma Vaswani

My heartfelt CONGRATULATIONS to the school for organizing a great Annual Day. I really appreciate the detailed planning and tremendous effort put by you, all the teachers and non-teaching staff to make the function a grand success.

- Mr. N.P. Kirpalani

We, the Management Committee of the Board of Trustees would like to place on record, our appreciation of the Annual Day. You have done it again! In just 2 ½ hours, we were transported across the world in all its splendour. It was educative as well, as an evening of global history and culture unfolded itself and was authentically displayed. The climax was the message the whole programme conveyed.

- Members of the Management Committee

It was a professional show with exemplary co-ordination, hardwork and research. Not a single detail was missed. Such a detailed programme with full participation performed in such a short time with absolutely no blunder—it was a wonderful performance and will be remembered long into the Millennium.

- Mr. I. Jerome

An excellent theme, marvelous costumes and perfect co-ordination. The children's performance was excellent and not to forget the achievement of 100 % participation and attention to the minutest details. Calling it the Annual Day of the Millennium would not be an exaggeration!

- Sanjeev Tandon

I wish to convey my heartfelt pride and joy that I experienced whilst watching the programme, "Glimpses of The World". For me it was a Sunday well spent. I am aware of the constraints of time, space and resources that your team had to face and I salute your organization, hard work and resilient endeavour. It was a wonderful concept played out on the stage with grandeur, colourful and delightful costumes and choreography. It is said that "OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE". After what I saw on Sunday, I can only comment that our future radiates pride, joy, confidence and above all, excellence.

- Mr. Lalit Wadhvani

What a great idea and such tremendous effort!

My compliments to you, the staff and the children for compiling such a beautiful show. I appreciate the time and energy that went into it. I cherished every moment of the show.

- Mrs. Alka Sadarangani

DANCE FESTIVAL





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DRAMA





DRAMA







G
ROWING
YEARS



ECHOES OF '95





THIS WAS '96





DAYS OF '97





A GLANCE AT '98





IMPRINTS OF '99





His

His

LIFE IN SCHOOL



LIFE IN SCHOOL





LIFE IN SCHOOL





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