

অন্ধকারের উৎস-হতে উৎসারিত আলো
সেই তো তোমার আলো!



Diwali is here! I mean it's almost here, and I can't wait to light up a string of *diyas*, indulge in the joy of igniting *phuljharis*, and feast on homemade delicacies.

At no other point in my life, have I looked forward to the festival of lights more than the one we are about to celebrate. After two years of

disease and death, most of which was spent in mourning and isolation, Diwali, this year, seems like a new beginning, lighting up our lives with joy, which we are learning to discover again.

With restrictions lifted, we are free to move about, celebrate, and have tons of fun. However, as dutiful citizens of the country, socio-moral responsibilities hold us to our sensible choices regarding the manner of celebration. The essence of Diwali is, after all, light, neither deafening noises nor noxious fumes which are an inevitable consequence of bursting fire-crackers. It is the celebration of faith, hope and optimism.

Sir Elton John rightly captures the mood as he belts out in the epic film, *Lion King*,

*It's the leap of faith,
It's the band of hope,
Till we find our place,
On the path unwinding
In the circle, the circle of life.*

In a way, we have found our place again, or, hoping to find, sooner or later.

The smiles (heartly laughs for some) of families and friends as they come together again, the subdued glow on our faces from the light of flickering *diyas*, and the tapping of our feet to the music and songs reverberating from *Kali pujo* pandals, are going to be the echoes of the renewal of life.

So, this October, let us once again revel in the victory of the eternal light which perforates through the densest darkness this Diwali, and rejoice in the love of our siblings this *Bhai-Dooj*.

**Wishing everyone a dazzling Diwali,
and a memorable Bhai-Dooj!**

-Aishik Nath Dey, 12 A, Student Editor-in-Chief

पिछले दिनों हमारे जीवन पर 'अमावस्या' ने एक लम्बे समय तक अपना सम्राज्य स्थापित कर रखा था, परंतु अपने संयम, अपने दृढ़ संकल्प से हमने हर तमस को चीरा, हर संभव हृदय को आलोकित करने का प्रयास किया। बस फिर क्या था? खिल उठा खुशियों का सहस्रदल कमल, बज उठे आनंद के अनगिनत सितार। अब तो 'दीपों की अवली' के जरिए हर्षोल्लास का ऐसा प्रकाश बिखरेना है कि ऐसा प्रतीत हो मानों आकाश के दैदीप्यमान नक्षत्र जैसे अग्नि की गोंद में विराज रहे हैं।

दीपावली क्या आती है, अपने साथ सांस्कृतिक त्योहारों की एक स्वर्णश्रृंखला ले आती है - धनतेरस से आरंभ होती हुई आशा, प्रकाश एवं सौहार्द का प्रतीक दीपावली द्वितीया के दिन 'भातृद्वितीया' या 'भाईदूज' पर समाप्त होती है जो भाई-बहनों के पवित्र एवं व्यापक प्रेम की याद दिलाती है। एक ओर यह पर्व हमारे महान पूर्वपुरुषों की गौरवमयी विजयगाथाओं से संबद्ध है, तो दूसरी ओर समग्र संसार के लिए प्रकाश कामना का प्रतीक है। हम मानव-समाज को समृद्धि के शिखर पर ले जाएँ, हम सभी सुविधाओं के संभव द्वार खोलने में समर्थ हो सके - इसकी साक्षी है दीपावली। चलिए इस प्रकाश - पर्व की शुद्धता, इसकी सुंदरता को बरकरार रखने के लिए हम यह संकल्प लें कि बाहर के अंधकार को दूर करने के साथ ही हम अपने अंतस के तमस से भी मुक्ति पाने में सक्षम होंगे।

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Education World India School Rankings 2022-2023

Rising to all challenges, MCKV proves its mettle once again. With great joy, we share the special news that M. C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth has been ranked 8th among India's Top Ten Boys' Day Schools in the Education World India School Rankings 2022-2023.



HALL OF FAME: MCKV honours its students and teachers



On 12 September 2022, the MCKV community gathered to acknowledge and recognize the efforts and hard work of our ICSE and ISC 2022 toppers. In a special assembly, our Chairman, Mr Kishan Kumar Kejriwal, our Director, Mr Neelkanth Gupta, and our Principal, Ms Mallika Mukherjee gave away trophies and certificates to the first, second and third position holders of the school in the ICSE and ISC 2022 examinations. Students who have scored a perfect 100 in a particular subject were also awarded certificates. It was truly an emotional moment for the parents who had joined in the celebrations.



The morning also witnessed the felicitation of those teachers who have completed 10 and 15 years of selfless service to the school. This unique gesture of honouring teachers by the School Management is always an event looked forward to with much anticipation.

As the atrium resonated with continual applause, it was quite evident that the dedication of our senior students and teachers have inspired all MCKVians to dream, imagine, believe and achieve the impossible.

MCKV Celebrates Durgotsav

Amidst the pulsating beats of *dhak*, the resonating echoes of the conch shells, the enchanting fragrance of *kashful*, and the traditional *dhunuchi nach*, MCKV ushered in the festive season in its unique way.

The morning of 29 September 2022, began with a special assembly celebrating the beginning of the biggest festival of Bengal, *Durga Pujo*. The superb dance performance depicting Goddess Durga's victory over Mahisasura, and the rhythmic instrumental presentation set the tone for the rest of the celebrations.

The second half of the day was devoted to quintessential Bengali traditions that are synonymous with Durga Pujo: *adda*, music and food. The sombre atrium was transformed into a flamboyant food court where everything, right from appetizers to desserts, was available at the food stalls.

Staff members, dressed in traditional attires, enjoyed the mouth-watering treats, while live music played in the background adding to the ambience.

As the day concluded, a feeling of inexplicable happiness and hope filled our hearts. The celebration was so much more than an expression of religious belief, it represented the very soul of the MCKV way of life.





Special assembly on Biswakarma Puja



Special assembly on Mahalaya



Dandiya Workshop



Special Assembly on Durga Puja

Durga Puja Celebrations by the students of Foundational and Preparatory Stage



MCKV celebrates Teachers' Day

'Teachers are like candles. They consume themselves to light the way for others.'

With reverence in their hearts, the students of MCKV celebrated Teachers' Day on 5th September 2022, expressing their love and gratitude for their guiding stars, their teachers.

The day began with students welcoming the teachers with flowers and applause, as they walked on the red carpet. The special assembly, organised exclusively by the students, featured a heart-warming recitation of a poem composed by our Assistant Student Editor-in-Chief, Sreejit Dey, followed by an engaging conversation highlighting the importance of teachers in our lives, and a foot-tapping instrumental presentation.

Thereafter, in a unique endeavour, members of the Prefectorial Body assumed the different roles of the supervisory team and held the fort on that day as the Principal, Headmaster and Academic Coordinators. Senior students took up the role that teachers play throughout the day. Be it taking attendance, managing the Well-being Centre, or ensuring the safe dispersal of students. At the end of the day, teachers were gifted with a personalised bookmark which etched a special place in their memory and heart.

Though no words or gifts can ever repay the contribution of the teachers towards improving the lives of our students, the small attempt to make them feel special was much cherished and appreciated.



Bridging Gaps: Our Interactors visit Seba Old Age Home



The greatest gift that we can give our elders is to care for them. Aged people are the roots of society, without whose love and blessings our lives seem incomplete.

On 25 September 2022, Interact Club of M. C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth organized a visit to Seba Old Age Home in Garia, Kolkata. The date of the visit coincided with Mahalaya, and marked the onset of *Debipokkho*. While the city geared up to welcome Goddess Durga, our Interactors wanted to make the day memorable for the residents of Seba.

Our boys began by arranging a delectable breakfast for them. Then, strumming the guitar, they sang along to various songs with the residents. The atmosphere radiated with joy and happiness. The residents were finally gifted with bedsheets.

The grand celebrations concluded with a sumptuous lunch, which was whole-heartedly enjoyed by everyone.

Throughout the visit, the smiles never faded from the faces of the elderly. In addition to gathering priceless life lessons from the visit, our boys were bestowed with everlasting blessings.



Blood Donation Camp

'The meaning of Karma is in the intention. The intention behind action is what matters.'

With the intent to render selfless service to humanity, MCKV Alumni Association (MCKVAA) joined hands with Akhil Bhartiya Terapanth Yuvak Parishad (ABTYP) to organise a blood donation camp on 17 September 2022, at the premises of Learning Park, Liluah. The blood donation drive was supervised by a medical team from Boruka Blood Bank, Kolkata, and Boruka Research Centre for Haematology and Blood Transfusion, Kolkata, who collaborated with the members of MCKVAA and collected 63 pints of blood. The blood collected from this camp was handed over to ABTYP, a student forum well known for helping patients with life-threatening diseases. Thus, our Alumni members, through their active participation in such a humane act, proved once again that, we haven't failed in our efforts to make our students compassionate citizens of the world.

Welcome Aboard!



Mr Nabin Mandal

Mr Nabin Mandal has joined M. C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth as a Physical Instructor. He has completed his B.P.Ed and M.P.Ed from Jadavpur University.

His passion for football and athletics has won him several accolades. Mr Mandal has received multiple awards in sprinting and high jump in the All Bengal Athletic Meet. He has always looked up to Sourav Ganguly, the former Indian cricket captain, as his role model. Besides being a sports lover, he is passionate about motor bikes.

Friends describe him as a good people person who can motivate a team.



Mr Abhirup Ganguly

Mr Abhirup Ganguly has joined the MCKV family in the Department of Physics. He is a postgraduate in Electronic Science from WBSU (West Bengal State University).

Apart from being a voracious reader, he is a space enthusiast and a champion of Indian classical music.

Mr Ganguly is an alumnus of MCKV, ISC Batch, 2013. We sincerely hope that his diverse skills have a positive impact on our students in more ways than one.



Mr Parantap Dey

Mr Parantap Dey, our new teacher in the Physics Department, has done his post-graduation from Visva-Bharati University. Far from the madding crowd, spending time in the high altitudes while living out of a backpack is what he enjoys doing most.

His college days in Narendrapur Ramakrishna Mission have instilled in him a commitment to excellence and life long learning. We hope that his passion for Physics will inspire our students to see the subject in a new light.



Ms Tahsin Fatima

Ms Tahsin Fatima has joined us as a Preparatory Stage teacher. Having completed her post-graduation, she did her Teachers Training Course (TTC) from Loreto House. She is a compassionate teacher with four years of teaching experience.

Apart from being an avid reader, she has a keen interest in painting, music, and cooking. We hope that her infectious enthusiasm for teaching will encourage young minds to bloom and flourish.



Ms Sylvia Mendes

Ms Sylvia Mendes, our new teacher in the Foundational Stage, completed her post-graduation from Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), and her B.Ed. from Burdwan University. She is an experienced teacher who has been nurturing young minds for seven years.

Apart from being a passionate educator, Ms Mendes is also enthusiastic about painting, scrapbooking, cooking, and singing. We hope that her versatility will make learning fun and engaging for young learners.

Dengue Awareness Campaign



True prevention is not waiting for bad things to happen, it is preventing bad things from happening in the first place. As the threat of a Dengue outbreak looms large over the city, the Interact Club of M. C. Kejriwal Vidyapeeth came forward to sensitize the citizens of Howrah regarding the precautionary and preventive measures to be adopted in such a scenario. The Club organized a rally on 21 September 2022, to spread awareness regarding Dengue among the residents of Liluah. A large number of students extended their support by participating in the rally. Innovative and interesting posters and banners were designed by our boys to attract the attention of the locals. The rally travelled around the town, highlighting the vital guidelines that must be followed to remain safe and healthy.

An e-poster emphasising the preventive measures was also broadcast to the parents as part of the campaign. With West Bengal recording a sharp rise in Dengue cases, the awareness campaign was truly the need of the moment.

Super-Shuttler



'Badminton is like ballet dancing. It requires a lot of control, strength, mind play and measured movement'.

These words of the famous actor, Aamir Khan, indicate the necessary qualities which one has to develop, not only to win badminton matches but also to win the challenges of life.

Arshh Sharma of Class 10 C has mastered all these skills. This young MCKVian has made all of us proud several times in the past. Recently, Arshh has added more feathers to his cap. He has secured the first position in the individual event category of the badminton tournament of the CISCE National Sports and Games 2022, at the Regional Level. These matches were held at South City International School from the 3rd to the 6th of August, 2022. He was also a winner in the team event in the CISCE National Sports and

Games 2019. In addition to all these, Arshh has recently participated in a national badminton tournament held in Bengaluru.

When asked about the secret behind his success, this young champion promptly replied that it's all about having the right attitude and the will to overcome failures. Apart from being highly disciplined, Arshh feels that tenacity and a 'no- quitting' attitude go a long way in the fulfilment of one's dreams and aspirations.

We wish him success in all his endeavours in future.

Snapshot Myteries

(Crossword puzzle on pictures)

A picture is worth a thousand words. Try to complete the picture related words and check your vocabulary.

1. Move into the frame of a photo as a prank.
2. Light reflected in a person's eye in a photo.
3. A set of photos showing a designer's collection.
4. Measure of sharpness in an image.
5. Photo with a wide view.

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Solution to last month's Puzzle On Proverb
WHEN ONE DOOR SHUTS, ANOTHER OPENS.

[Solution will be published in the next edition.]

ONE MINUTE TO FAME COMPETITION

CLASSES 5 & 6

POSITION	HOUSE	NAME OF THE STUDENT	CLASS & SECTION	ROLL NUMBER
FIRST	ALPHA	AVIRAJ PAL	5B	5919
SECOND	DELTA	UJJWAL DUGGAR	6B	5236
THIRD	DELTA	ARPAN SEN	5D	5553

CLASSES 7 & 8

POSITION	HOUSE	NAME OF THE STUDENT	CLASS & SECTION	ROLL NUMBER
FIRST	ALPHA	SACHIN BAJAJ	8C	5055
SECOND	DELTA	PRATYUSH TIWARI	8D	4730
THIRD	ALPHA	NAITIK JAIN	7D	5432

COLOURING COMPETITION

PRE-NURSERY-A

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	ROLL NUMBER
FIRST	SATRAJIT DALUI	8062
SECOND	RISHAN DAS	8034
THIRD	PADMANABHA PAL	7869

PRE-NURSERY-B

POSITION	NAME OF THE STUDENT	ROLL NUMBER
FIRST	DHRUBOJYOTI MONDAL	7977
SECOND	DEVANSH VORA	8058
THIRD	RAGHAV GOEL	7865

Our deepest condolences to Ms Robina Ghosh (Department of Biology) who lost her father recently.