April

Orientations: Form wise joint parent orientations were conducted by Ms. Manika Sharma based on the case study approach, sharing new programmes and outlining expectations. These were followed by sessions with the class teachers in their respective classes.

Earth Day: The celebrations involved age appropriate experiments, power point presentations, clean up drives, making of ‘save the earth badges’ and reusing newspaper to cover the school diaries along with making Earth cut out book marks in the elementary classes. The Five R’s for the Earth day (repair, reuse, recycle, reduce, refuse) were discussed in classes followed by making logos, posters and short poems in Classes II to V.

Shri Kriti: The junior school was proud to host for the first time, an interactive inter school Art Festival, ‘Shri Kriti’. Participants formed groups comprising children from various schools. Each group worked in collaboration on the theme, ‘Dreams’ to create a canvas using paint and their given 3 D material.

May

Summer-Licious….. the Summer Bonanza: The summer break was ushered in as cook out sessions were organized for the Elementary children. Their teachers prepared carefully selected healthy snacks in keeping with the EVS topic of ‘Myself’. Indoor games were organized to stress upon the importance of playing too along with eating healthy to stay fit. As a take home, the children carried back recipe booklets on simple, healthy snacks.

Labour Day: The children from Pravesh Vatika to Class V assembled around the PV quadrangle as representatives from each class distributed packets of snacks and fruit along with a jute bag, freshly made Bhel Puri and a refreshing drink to the support staff. Besides this, the Class Vs served lunch to the elementary children as a mark of appreciation for all the work that the support staff do throughout the year. An Inter House poetry recitation in Hindi reinforced the values of dignity of labour among the IV’s.

July

Founder’s Day: This was celebrated with great enthusiasm in school, with a specialAssembly for the IVs and Vs, where some children of Form V performed ‘Idgah’ by Munshi Premchand, depicting the core value of sensitivity. Children from Forms I – V also performed at the Founder’s Day celebrations at the Moulsari auditorium.

Vanmahotsav: To emphasize upon the importance of trees various activities were organized in each Form. Making a model of a tree using the waste material, planting saplings of ‘Golden Duranta’ plants making ‘Upvan ka Upvan’, elocution and adopting a tree formed part of the celebrations. Subjects like Hindi and EVS were integrated with Vanmahotsav. The children of the Shri Paryavaran Club put up an assembly wherein they enacted a play in Hindi to emphasise the importance of trees. They also went to The Bio Diversity Park to take part in the tree planting organised by ‘I am Gurgaon’.
AUGUST

**Investiture Ceremony:** Members of the new Student Council and Editorial Board were administered the oath of office and badges were pinned. The House Mistresses handed over the house flags to the Captains.

The Student Council assume extremely important duties amongst the student body, such as leadership of Houses, maintaining discipline, initiating and encouraging team spirit, pride in the school and integrity.

**India Day:** This was celebrated on the 14th of August. Children came dressed in traditional Indian clothes and celebrated with a Food Festival.

The Special Assembly on Independence Day included a dramatization of Indian freedom fighters at Kala Paani, recitation of poems written by children themselves, a rousing rendition of a patriotic song by the boys of Form I and a kite flying display which had all enthralled. In class activities focussed on role play, story sessions on Indian leaders, crosswords on Olympic events, a power point on the history of Olympics and Indian achievers. Indian poets and Indian sportspersons were highlighted as achievers.

**Olympics:** The Olympics inspired an array of academic integrated learning activities in every subject. The excitement in London spilled over in the corridors of TSRS and created a buzz of its own.

SEPTEMBER

**Teacher’s Day**
This year Teacher’s Day was celebrated over two days. On 4th September, the teachers attended a ‘Shri Ke Sitare’ Awards function, where all teachers performed dances/skits/spoofs based on various eras of Indian films. Students of Form XII assumed the role of Shri Educators and followed the work plan given to them. On 5th September, an action packed schedule which included Tug of War, Musical Chairs and in class fun activities helped the teachers enjoy themselves with their respective classes. At the end of the day, the teachers were treated to a film by the PSA.

**International Peace Day:** In today’s changing world, Peace Day is of much significance for our children, as they are the ones who stand to shape the future. Age appropriate activities ranging from creative writing to making Peace Day badges, posters, poems, Tankhas and lanterns were carried out in classes. To initiate a process of reflection amongst our children on peace in their surroundings and the world as a whole, circle-time sessions were carried out in all classes during which many important issues like bullying, liberty versus responsibility were raised and debated.

**Hindi Diwas:**
*Form V* organized a special assembly on the 11th of September for Hindi Diwas. The importance of respecting one’s own national language was the essence of the seminar.

**Ozone Day:** Ozone Day was celebrated in the school with children in each Form being given age appropriate information regarding the dangers of the depleting Ozone layer and how to reduce and prevent the hole in the ozone layer from becoming bigger.

NOVEMBER

**Reading Pledge: One Nation Reads Together:** Children took a pledge written by Ruskin Bond. At a pre-determined time all the children across school read in their classes. Reading of books in both Hindi and English was emphasized.

**Children’s Day:**
Teachers of Form IV spoke to the children about how they could share their happiness with those children who did not have enough, highlighting, ‘Happiness Shared is Happiness Doubled’. Children then wrote and drew what they would like to share with them this Children’s Day.
DECEMBER

Joy Of Giving: As part of an important lesson of life, we at The Shri Ram School have always encouraged our Shriramites to extend a helping hand to the less privileged. This year as part of Diwali celebrations, children contributed basic essentials for the support staff in school. In keeping with the Christmas spirit and the cold weather, ahead celebrations, the school had organized a collection drive for woollens, mattresses, durries and blankets in usable condition for the homeless and less privileged.

Special Sports Assembly –
A special Sports Assembly was organised on 18th December, 2012. Some boys and girls from Form IV and V were representing our school in the Inter School Soccer Tournament held at Vasant Valley School, a few being House Captains. In the true sportsman spirit, the Vice Captains gave words of encouragement to their respective Houses on behalf of their captains and led their teams. The House Mistresses and Deputy House Mistresses/Master also addressed them. The students who had won medals in Basketball Throw and Standing Broad Jump were felicitated. Trophies were also given out on House Matches held for Soccer and Basketball.

Sports Day- The 12th Annual Sports Day, ‘Shri Mathletics’, was an endeavour to celebrate the connection of Mathematics with Sports, especially since 2012 was the International Year of Math. 22nd December was the birth anniversary of our renowned mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan and was declared the National Mathematician Day. We commemorated his 125th birth Anniversary.

Shri Srijan - This year, The Shri Ram School collaborated with the various artisans and weavers along with PSA volunteers, to bring about Shri Srijan. Under the guidance of parent volunteers, the children for PV – Form X11 were exposed to and worked on a number of Indian crafts ranging from macramé, tie and dye, Madhubani painting to weaving. The opportunity to imibe the flavour was taken by most children who, along with their families, thronged the school grounds for the outstanding exhibition put up on the 24th of November.

The Olympiads: Children were offered the option of appearing in school for the National Science Olympiad, the International Math Olympiad and the International English Olympiad conducted by the Science Olympiad Foundation. Children did us proud with their good international and national level rankings.

JANUARY

ASSET Assessment: Children of Forms IV and V took the diagnostic ASSET tests again this year. Both forms took the tests in English, Hindi, Math and Science; children of Form V also appeared for the Social Studies test.

FEBRUARY

Fun Races: Dedicating our Fun Races to the Indian Armed Forces, the elementary children of Aravali showcased their P.E. skills through their races. The children incorporated various aspects related to the functioning of the Armed Forces in their races. Awareness about the Armed Forces was initiated in classes through poster making, trips, circle time and power point presentations. Parent participation as cheerleaders added to the excitement of the Fun Races.

Moving On Assembly: The children of Form IV bid farewell to the Form V children on 26th Feb 2013. The outgoing Student Council handed over the flags to the staff in a moving ceremony. A warm welcome by Ms Sudha Sahay and members of the senior school student council gave them a glimpse of what they had to look forward to. After hearing their teachers share something personal in the form of couplets composed for each child, it was time to move on, on to another chapter in their lives.
MARCH

Open Day: In keeping with spring, Colours was the theme for the Open Day display for Classes PV to V. The corridors reflected various work of art, craft and classroom activities weaved around the theme. The children had class parties on the last working day of the session.

Celebrating Festivals:
All the festivals were celebrated with great fervour, giving an opportunity to the children as they learn to appreciate the importance of every religion. Having special assemblies, role plays, art and craft work along with class activities and stories form part of these. Awareness regarding celebrating of an eco friendly Diwali was created through a Nukkad Natak in Hindi, performed by children from the Shri Paryavaran Club. The troupe also performed at Galleria in an effective bid to spread their message among the community.

Assemblies:
The children have put up assemblies on various topics including festivals, class rules, EVS, value based topics and presented role plays on chapters from their readers too. A special assembly on Family presented by the Upvan teachers was also very meaningful. Integration with EVS topics ‘Solar System’, Labour Day, Seasons and Unity in Diversity, spelling bees etc were a few topics covered in the assemblies from Classes II to V.

Spelling Bee: Held in August, it had the Olympics and Independence Day as its theme.

Form Mornings and Evenings
Form Mornings and Evenings give an opportunity to the children to perform for their parents, wherein every child plays a very important role in making the show a great success. Themes are carefully selected and integrated with classroom learning too.

To name a few:
Idgah-Ek soch-The theme of the morning was Sensitivity. It began with a musical mime which addressed the everyday social issues around us. Idgah was an adaptation of Munshi Premchand’s famous play by the same name.

Ramayan, saw our youngest Shriramites present the Ramayan during Utsav. The event was a joint celebration for the Praveesh Vatika Grandparent’s Day as well.

Celebrating Visionaries-An Awakening-We celebrated Mother Teresa, Rabindranath Tagore, Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Swami Vivekanand and Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay. It was the values that they stood for which are immensely significant in today’s times.

Trips:
School trips are an opportunity for children to expand and extend their learning beyond the portals of the school. They are also an opportunity to learn and fortify life skills. Peer group interaction is at an all time high during school trips, a wonderful opportunity for teachers to understand their children better.


Children of Form III were excited at spending a night at school, their much awaited ‘Sleepover’ was an action packed day – and night!

Form III went for a day trip to ‘Surjivan’, and Form IV visited the Pratapgarh Farms, a nature farm, where they got an exposure to organic farming, solar energy and saw Ayurvedic medicinal and herbal plants growing in the fields.

Out Station Trips:
The children of Form IV were taken to Sariska for their first outstation trip. This trip helped them learn to look after themselves and be responsible for their belongings and behaviour. They were
also exposed to fun-filled activities and adventure sports like Tera Tera and Mission Impossible and had a glimpse of village life and crafts like basket-weaving, pottery. The visit to the Alwar Museum on their way back was also an enriching experience.

The children of Form V went on what has now become an annual pilgrimage to the Himalayan Bear Stream Camp in Rishikesh. The campsite was a delight for the students as they found comfortable tents, hot chocolate and snacks awaiting their arrival. A bonfire and fun activities like Talent Show and Mad Ads kept the children busy in the evenings.

**Inter school Events**

Our children continue to excel in activities outside school and constantly amaze us with their ability to participate well and enthusiastically in any endeavour.

Our Junior School Western Music group participated in **Impressionate 2012** at Carmel Convent School and wowed the audience with their beautiful melodies. The performance of our team at the **Vasant Valley Drama Fest** was much appreciated.

**Sessions with Children**

**Theatre Workshop:** The Form V children attended this at the Vasant Valley School in preparation for their Theatre Festival.

The **Shri MUN Conference:** Held at the Mousari Campus, gave the children an exposure to debating and problem resolution techniques.

**Heritage walk:** Forms IV and V went to Nizamuddin Basti organised by the Agha Khan Trust and Delhi Police. They visited the Chausath Khamba, the ‘mazhar’ of the famous poet, Mirza Ghalib and viewed a photographic exhibition on the Delhi Police.

**Workshop by Ashish Shah** of CSE: This helped our children of Form V build a deeper and wider understanding of the role of trees in our lives.

**World Heritage Day:** A group of children (48) from Form V, attended the celebrations at Humayun’s Tomb accompanied by their teachers.

**Kenn for Tigers Festival:** The Paryavaran Club children took part in various competitions like Face Painting and Fancy Dress. Ms. Darshana Jaini and Ms. Geeta Chopra escorted them to the event.

**Akshara:** The children of Form V visited India Habitat Centre to view the exhibition, on the research and referral topic, ‘Calligraphy’. They were able to recognise and identify many exhibits they saw. They were very lucky to have a twenty min session with Ms. Jaya Jetley and Mr. T. Niranjan, who taught them calligraphic strokes and discussed various ideas.

**Interactive workshop with the author Anjali Raghbeer:** A group of students attended this wherein they enjoyed excerpts from her writings in addition to an introduction to the Bhil art.

**Sessions with the children’s authors, Anirudh Sen Gupta and Khyrunissa:** The children of Form IV had discussions about their books and writing techniques.

**Bookaroo Festival:** Few children of Form IV went for this festival accompanied by their teachers. They attended sessions with the authors Grant S. Clark and Gita Ramanujan, truly a learning experience for them.

**Story telling sessions at Anand Gram:** Taking the Shri Ram methodology to a wider audience, with an opportunity to share the abundant experience on a wider platform. The children took part in an interactive book reading at sanskriti, Anand Gram.

The Growing Up workshop was conducted for the children of Form V. Consisting of two sessions with each group, the workshop was facilitated by the school counsellors.

Children representing Class III, IV and V participated in ‘Shri Wiz’ an IT Festival hosted by TSRS, Vasant Vihar. They worked with children from various schools on the topic ‘Great Indians’. They created newsletters and booklets, it has been an immense learning experience for them.
Workshops for Parents
- The parents of Form V attended an interactive Growing Up workshop conducted by Ms Gloria Burrett in which they were also given a glimpse of what the children’s sessions would entail.
- Phonics Workshop, ‘Sounds Make Sense’, was facilitated by the Pravesh Vatika teachers for their respective parent groups.
- SEN parent support group ‘Spark’ was initiated; it was a wonderful success, offering an opportunity for open sharing of views and concerns.

Staff Training and Development
Unified Olympics Seminar @ Scottish High International School attended by Ms Chitra Pokhriyal
Jodo Gyan workshop attended by Ms Aparna Munjal & Ms Bharti Pareek
“Drama in Education” led by Geoff Readman attended by Ms Shahana Dosanjh
Understanding and Working with Trauma and Child Sex Abuse attended by Ms Ekta Oza & Ms. Sunita Arora

An IT Security workshop on the importance of Cyber Safety was conducted for all staff. Ms Anjali Sikka was a member of the group which visited several schools in the U.K. for a School Study Visit. The trip was jointly organised by tGELF - The Global Education Leadership Foundation in India and TSIA - Transcontinental School Innovation Alliance in the U.K. She visited the two schools and spent 2 days in each school interacting with children and teachers. It was an excellent opportunity for sharing of ideas and best practices and a good window to the U.K. schools.
Ms Mahua Ghosh attended a workshop at The Heritage School on ‘Classroom Discipline’.
A workshop on ‘Creativity in Classroom’, conducted by Dr. Kobus Neethling, the President of the South African Creativity Foundation, was attended by Ms Julia Sengupta, Ms Piali Kaushik & Ms Anoosha Eusebius.

Disaster Management – Teachers underwent training with SEEDS on Search & Rescue, First Aid and Fire Safety Task Force
The Disaster management core group met in February and did a full drill on the 28th of February. There was a floor wise drill followed by a full junior school drill. The plan was put up in all the classroom and labs.
The drill was done after training of senior children and some teachers in 3 task forces. Mr. Rahman of SEEDS visited the school designed a plan for evacuation.

Inter School Participations:
We have always strived to combine academics with extracurricular activities and sports. Taking the same forward, our children have won laurels and made us proud.

The Shri Ram School Aravalii participated in Gymnastics at The Suncity World School.
Our school won the Best Gymnast trophy in the boys category
We won 4 Silver Medals and 3 Bronze Medals
Under 12 Girls secured 1Ind place and - 3Rd place in under 8 Championship trophy.

Inter School Swimming Competition was held at The Pathways World School, Gurgaon.
Our school won the Best Swimmer Trophy and the Championship Trophy in the Under 8 category.
The medal tally was- Gold Medals – 4, Silver Medals– 3, Bronze Medals – 3 , Under 8 (Girls, Relay race) 1Ind place

Soccer Tournament at The Vasant Valley School, our girls team reached the semi finals.
Skating Championship at The Shri Ram Police Public School winning two gold medals and a bronze medal.

Cyclothon: The children of TSRS Aravalii from PV-X11 along with their parents and teachers participated in the Cyclothon organized by The Indian Cancer Society in Gurgaon.
This gave an opportunity to our children to imbibe information spontaneously in a fun filled atmosphere, thereby helping them understand the importance of becoming responsible citizens, working towards a good cause.

We have had an action packed and a totally satisfying academic year in 2012-13. Hear’s to another awesome year ahead...