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## July, 2013

## For the Boys of Class 12

Class acts are fun. They're also very predictable. Apart from a few exceptions such as the Kolaveri Di rapping duo and plays on India's beloved politicians, there have hardly been any acts that have actually captured the interest of the whole school. Each class act will usually include the famous "Now we have a dance by the girls of our class on *Insert famous pop song name here*", which is met by an "Oh God" by the audience.
I'd like to point out, however, how this has now been revolutionized by the boys of the Batch of 2014. Say goodbye to all those dances. Now you have the "Boys of class 12 will be dancing on", which is met by giggles from the junior girls, awe and admiration from the junior boys, and what we can only hope is anticipation and not shock from the teachers.

## "Let this be an example to all the juniors - after all, the Head Boy, the Games Captain AND all the other 'cool' senior boys you look up to are doing it."

No one can really estimate when this change took place, and when the Class 12 boys actually developed this crazy obsession with dancing. It's usually the girls in a class who look forward to putting up a dance that they learned in a Danceworks class, but no. Not with us. It's the boys who are excited about showcasing their "moves". Ordinarily, it would be embarrassing for any group of selfrespecting teenage boys to go up in front of the entire school and move their hips in a way that would probably embarrass Shakira, but no. Not with us. In fact, that is the only thing during our class acts that we know the audience will like.
Be it the Naka Mukka, Batameez Dil or Dilli Wali Girlfriend, their choreography is perfect, their moves are flawless, and their confidence is refreshing. Sure, most guys in every class put up a dance. But what's different about these dances is how seriously they are taken. They are almost as thoroughly rehearsed and thought out as Founder's Day dances, and performed with absolutely no inhibitions. I didn't think any of us knew the meaning of "Dance like nobody's watching" till they taught us.


I'm writing this for a number of reasons. Firstly, let this be an example to all the juniors - don't be embarrassed to let your 'inner freak' out and dance in the most outrageous way possible. After all, the Head Boy, the Games Captain AND all the other 'cool' senior boys you look up to are doing it. Don't be afraid of being judged, it would actually be a refreshing break from all the usual Class Act bores. Being cool isn't always important during Class Act; being entertaining is.
Secondly, this is an ode to every single one of the boys who managed to get up on to that stage and truly entertain us. If it weren't for your hard-work, determination and unexplained obsession with Bollywood moves, we wouldn't have had a show. All of you made

our last Class Act something to be remembered by. None of us will ever forget the moment that Naka Mukka blared on the speakers and your faces changed dramatically as you hopped around the stage. It was amazing, to say the least.
As I'm writing this, I realize that each batch has something they are remembered by. A couple of years ago when our seniors were passing out, I remember all of us complaining about how much we'd actually miss their band performances (although the 'bands' in our class have put up unparalleled performances), how much we'd miss their plays, how much we'd (read: boys) would miss the senior girls dancing, etc. I wondered whether our batch would ever have something like that to be remembered by. I think it's safe to say we do. We might not be the best performers, but we'll leave our mark on the school in the form of having changed Class Act. So, to the boys of the Batch of 2014, thank you. Your Nakka Muka will never be forgotten.

Sharanya Thakur, 12

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## School Watch

Anjani Gupta of Class 12 was awarded Best Speaker a Psychology event at Carmel Convent School.
Map Marking Competition: Class 9 - Nikita Dhawan, Class 10- Rishabh Chaterjee, Class 11- Vedika Shastri, Class 12- Raghava Kumar Green House team comprising of Mrudang Mathur, Armaan Grewal, Sarina Mittal \& Raghava Gupta won the Inter House Social Science Quiz


# Inter-House Basketball \& Football 2013 

Inter house matches have always been looked forward to. The competition and intense physical activity excites all the participants and the juniors love to watch and learn from the seniors' matches. For the last 7 years, win or lose, the sportsmen of our batch have had memorable experiences. This year, being our last, made it more special for us. Dhruv Rajamani's music, the PE teachers' constant complaints on how matches wouldn't start on time and the adrenaline rush of the games will all be remembered. For the blue house boys, having won every single inter house, the end was better than we could ever have hoped for. The excitement of the football finals, the long days and lessons missed for the cricket matches, the cheers from the crowd and the elation on victory

Abhishek Dhawan, 12 (Games Captain '13, Best Player Boys Basketball)

## Players Speak

"One thing ive realized is that juniors play a significant role in the competition. Old is gold is the past, the future is what we have to really look up to." - Amnay Sheel Khosla, Yellow House
"As fun as these matches were, I think all of us missed the Batch of 2013 a lot. They always forced us to do our best and made us better players"- Jaahnavee Venkatraman, Red House
"Beside the winning and losing, it was more about the participation and the fun we had during the games." -Nikita Chowhan, Goal keeper, Blue House.
No words to describe the victory for the last time. Shalalalalala GREEN GREEN! -Yashitha Jeet, Green House. "It was a very competitive tournament with closely fought matches. I really
 enjoyed watching it and missed playing it too!" -Aaryaman Manhas, Captain 2012

Below: Dipika Titus, Red House, Best

Player



Above: Pia Kocher, Green House,
Football Captain
 will be sorely missed.

## RESULTS

 FOOTBALLGirls: Winner : Green House Runner Up: Blue house Best Player : Jayanti Jha Boys: Winner : Blue House Runner up : Red house Best Player: Gurbaz Khera

## BASKETBALL

Girls: Winner : Red House Runner Up : Blue House Best Player: Dipika Titus Boys: Winner : Blue house Runner Up: Yellow House Best Player: Abhishek Dhawan

Below: Gurba Khera, Red House, Best Player

Above: Jayanti Jha, Green House,
Best Player


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## TRANQUIL



## "If you can just find yourself

 for a little bit in this big mess that we're all a part of, then you'll be okay."My parents insist on taking me up to the hills every month, and every month it's the same. "I'm not going to be able to catch up with work. I've got school. I've got music. My friends are here. I have too much to do. I can't work in the middle of nowhere." Every month, I hesitate and every month I catch myself being glad that my parents are so persistent.
It's a bother to leave school at lunch time and hop on a train without much prior notice, but as I do I find myself winding down. It begins in the train journey itself, and I realize that this is what 'time to yourself' really means. Then the weather gets cooler because the altitude is increasing and I pull down the window to give myself some air and it bites, but I can almost taste the clarity. We're in a completely tranquil, solitary place and there's nothing I have to distract me. Now I can read. And so I read. I can listen to music, and that's all I do. Or I can just be bored, and I'm not even bored when I'm bored because being bored in the hills has this quality to it which I can't even explain; you just... 'be'.
And then at night, it's so quiet that I can hear myself think, and all I have is the wilderness and my thoughts. I sleep the deepest sleep I've ever slept and I wake to crisp mornings, where even the sun seems more alive than usual. Everything tastes different, somehow. Even the water. It tastes better. Everything's light and breezy and simple. There's nothing around me, nothing to do with city life or the bustle of civilisation.
I'm never there for long enough. A day and a half is generally all I have, but it's a relief and it's a little bit of calm and peace and beauty. And then I'm back to the grind. I think we all need time to ourselves every once in a while. Our lives push us so far that there's almost always something that'll cause us to break. You don't have to run away to a place that nobody knows of, but if you can just find yourself for a little bit in this big mess that we're all a part of, then you'll be okay.

Kaamya Sharma, 9


Nomenic-No life

Lots of people do different things to clear their heads when the world becomes too much for them. Some like to play a sport, some like to dance, some like to stalk random people on Facebook, some like to read, write, meet up with friends, eat, play with their pet or just stare at the ceiling. There are also some people, like me, who turn to music.
This summer, I started listening to some indie music, and I discovered this band called 'Daughter'. Their music is insanely unique and if you listen carefully, it'll just blow your mind. Their lead singer, Elena Tonra's voice is divine. I spent most nights from 8:30 to 9:30 just sitting alone in the park listening to deep sentimental music, most of which was Daughter's. I would just sit alone, watch people go by, watch the lights of houses go on and off, hear the different noises of the birds, pigs, pets around me and just let the music soak up the whole place. It's an unbelievable feeling. It is truly amazing, trust me. Keep quiet, pick a silent corner, sit alone, and just listen. And feel it. Don't just hear the music, but feel it.
"Keep quiet, pick a silent corner, sit alone, and just listen. And feel it. Don't just hear the music, feel it."
Everyone's got their own taste in music, their own preferences, which I respect. Candles- Daughter, Don't Think Twice, It's AlrightBob Dylan, Youth-Daughter, Carry you Home- Nashville Skyline, Sincerely Hope It's You- Edith Redmund, Riverside- Agnes Obel, Give Me Love-Ed Sheeran, Smother- Daughter, The Rain Song- Led Zeppelin, Dreaming With a Broken Heart John Mayer, Get Lucky (cover)- Daughter, Skinny Love (cover)-birdy, Walt Grace's Submarine Test, January 1967- John Mayer, Quiet-John Mayer. Make sure you have headphones on when you listen to these songs, then you'll really be able to feel it!

Ria Prakash, 9

## Changing of the Guard

This tournament has a history of surprises, and none was greater than Rafa Nadal's first round defeat and Roger Federer's exit soon after, confounding the tennis pandits and shattering many hearts. The mouth-watering prospect of a Nadal- Federer final was laid to waste by the rise of younger players like Darcis, Del Potro and Tomic. In the ladies circuit, Maria Sharapova's $2^{\text {nd }}$ round defeat followed almost immediately by the exit of Victoria Azerenka, Ana Ivanovic, Caroline Wozniaki and of course Serena Williams left everyone bewildered, and paved the way for Bartoli's first grandslam.

## "The early exits of the great players has allowed younger players to shine, and given us a glimpse of the future of tennis."

The early exits of these great players has allowed younger players to shine, and given us a glimpse of the future of tennis. One such player was 22 year old Jerzy Janowicz who became the first Polish man to reach the Wimbledon semi-finals, and put up a great fight against Britain's Andy Murray. Amongst the ladies, many youngsters like Lisicki, Stephens and Robson emerged as forces to be reckoned with.
Though this year, the men's singles were eventually won by Andy Murray, and all the top players, even in the ladies circuit, still have a few years left, this can certainly been seen as the coming of age of the next generation.
The Wimbledon, arguably the most coveted grand-slam tournament finished another year of glory, crowning its new champions. For many players, this tournament defines the epitome of their career, Ivan Lendel, an 8 time grand slam winner who never managed to win at Wimbledon often said that he would trade all his titles for one Wimbledon.


## Historical Films : Help or Hindrance?



With the onset of the new Internet Era, came the unconscious attraction to glitz and glamor. As directors all over the world started creating films that depicted the past, people flocked the entrances of the movie theatres, among them history students, to see the past relive itself. When one could see the lives of the people they were studying about being illustrated in front of them, what were the boring and tedious history textbooks at home in the face of that? It was so much easier to just learn the "same information" from these movies...
However, it is not the same information. Movies that portray historical events and icons are wrought with historical inaccuracies. The directors do not make these movies with the goal of replacing textbooks as a source of information for students. Their goal is just to give the movie audiences something to marvel at. Thus the producers and directors do take extensive liberties with historical facts to tell a story that is more enthralling to the audience. This information is however not shared with the latter. However, it is the responsibility of the directors to make sure that there is a clear warning stating that there may be some incidents portrayed that are not accurate before the start of the film.
A new study conducted in Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri suggests that students who learn history by watching historically based blockbuster movies may be doomed to repeat the historical mistakes portrayed within them. "When information in the film directly contradicted the text, people often falsely recalled the misinformation portrayed in the film, sometimes as much as 50 percent of the time," says Andrew Butler, a psychology doctoral student at the university.
The movie I chose was The Iron Lady. It is directed by Phyllida Lloyd and stars Meryl Streep as Margaret Thatcher, the former, longest-serving and only female British Prime Minister. The movie won two Academy Awards, which shows that its historical inaccuracies were looked over by some of the toughest critics in the world. Upon further research for this essay I realized that this movie was in fact full of inaccurate portrayals. It is suggested in the film that Thatcher had said goodbye
> "When one could see the lives of the people being illustrated on screen, what were the boring and tedious history textbooks at home in the face of that?" to her friend and closest advisor Airey Neave only a few moments before his assassination, and had to be held back from the scene by security officers. The truth was in fact that she was not in Westminster at the time of his death and was informed of it while carrying out official duties elsewhere. John Campbell, Thatcher's official biographer said that the film made other key politicians who helped bring the Soviet Union down look weak and ineffective when they weren't. While Campbell complained there weren't enough men, others have complained the film made Thatcher appear like a lone, isolated female member of parliament. She wasn't. By 1979, there were 19 female MPs - but they can't be seen in camera pans depicting the House of Commons that same year. Former Conservative Chairman Norman Tebbit, who worked very closely with Thatcher has said, "She was never, in my experience, the halfhysterical, over-emotional, over-acting woman portrayed by Meryl Streep."
Had I not done this research that shed light on the truth about the Iron Lady, I would have spent the rest of my life imagining her as the sole female MP who didn't care at all about her children, and who was an over dramatic, aggressive woman that became Britain's first female Prime Minister. Although I believe that historical films increase learning and interest in history in the classroom as well as in the rest of the world, I would not put them in the category of being a "help" to history students and I think that they do in fact end up as a hindrance to us.

Aakanksha Jadhav, 11

## भाग मिल्खा भाग

निर्माता निर्देशक रकेश ओमप्रकाश मेहरा द्वारा भारत के महान खिलाड़ी मिल्खा सिंह के जीवन पर रची गई ङ्स फिल्म ने सभी दर्शकों पर एक छाप छोड़ दी हैं।फरहान अखतर सोनम कपूर व दिव्या दत का अभिनय उत्यंत सराडनीय था। फिल्म के गीत इतने आकर्षक थे कि बहुत से लोग थीएटर में 'हवन करेंगे गाने पर नाचने लगे।
'द फ्लाइंग सिख’ के कठिन परिश्रिम पर केंद्रित इस फ्ल्लि को शोचक कहना वहुत तुच्छ होगा यह तो एक पंथ फिल्म है। जो आज की युवा के लिए प्रेरणास्वीत है । यह हमें जिंदगी के प्रति जोश से भर देती है, व अपना लक्ष्य भी हासिल करने के लिए मेहनत, कठिन, परिश्रम, व उत्साह उत्पन्न करती है।

## यह फिल्म हर एक को देखनी चाहिए।

विभाजन के समय में लोगों की दुर्दशा देखकर मन विचलित तो आवश्य होता है, परंतु साथ ही साथ कहीं न कहीं चित्र में देश की आज़ादी पर न्चौछार शहीदों को नमन करने को विवश्र कर देता है। यह फिल्म हर एक को देखनी चाहिए।

## मन पसंढ का पकवान



पिछले मंगलवार हमारी हिंदी की कक्षा बहुत ही अनोखी रहीं। सब छात्र अपने अपने मन पसंद के पकवान घर से लेकर आए। एक दूसरे के साथ बत कर हमे बहुत मज़ा आया।इस तरह हमें विभित्र प्रढेशों का व्यंजन एक साध खाने को मिले।

## ज़्यादा तर खच्चें फाश्ट फूड लेकर आए धे।

आपको यह पड़कर शायद हैरानी नहीं होगी कि ज़्यादा तर बच्चें फाख्ट फूड लेकर आए धे।हम में से कुछ स्थानीय भी लाए थे।हमे यह भी अहसास हुआ कि हर घर में खाने बनाने का तरीका अलग होता है हर घर का अलग स्वाद!
हमारा यह अनुभव बहुत ही आनंदायक रहा।काश रोज़ हमें पढ़ाई की जगह ऐसे पकवान मिले -वानरसेना को और क्या चाहिए !

अमन नायर और कबीर सिंह 7

## Monsoon Misery

It's monsoon time again
and I hate to whine again,
But our government has failed us yet again
Oh when! Will they learn, Oh! When!
This weekend we were forced to stay at home
Blocked drains, our city reminds us of Venice not Rome,
Stalled cars became dams
Causing massive traffic jams.
Metro stations flooded everywhere
I.G.I floating again, are you aware?

These are a few stories of this nightmare That the weekend newspapers bare.
It's about time (PWD, MCD) thought about the people
As world over, rain brings joy to the people,
But let's burst their bubble
For most of India, it spells nothing but trouble.

Meha Kapur V - A

## Rain after the Summer

After the summer heat,
Pitter-patter, pitter-patter the rain drops beat,
Falling on the ground, Rain brings greenery all around. Working magic on the crops, See them grow, farmers dance to drop, Jalebi, corn and samosa people eat, Daddy likes to drink hot chocolate or tea. Splashing in the puddles children play, Outdoor all day they want to stay, Peacocks spread their wings and dance, A beautiful sight for all to glance.

Vedika Sahni III - C

## वर्षा

आई वर्षा ऋतु सुहानी,
लेकर खुशियों का माहौल।
बारिश आती बादल लाती,
बादल आते हरियाली आती।
मोर नचते मेढंक टर्राते, काले - काले बादल होते। बादल गड़ - गड़ गर्जन करते, कीड़े - मकोडे खुश हो जाते।
बाढ़ आती,
इन्दधनुष छा जाता।
वर्षा सुहानी,
तुम तो हो ऋतुओं की रानी। /

## My Adventures with

 Christian RonaldoOne day I went to play soccer with Christian Ronaldo, you see he had come to our school. He kicked the ball so high that I had time to go back home, eat lunch and come back and play. When my turn came, the ball went under the car. So, I picked up the car with my two fingers and took my ball. At night, I came back home and soon went off to sleep like a log. Next morning I got ready for my soccer practice in 2 minutes, as I was very excited about playing with Christian Ronaldo. On the field I tackled him so well that he started to consider me a football god. I was very proud of myself. Next morning I had a soccer match in school. On the field I played the match so well that news channels started calling me a football genius. My team won the match and we celebrated with my mentor Christian Ronaldo.

## Ashmit Datta IV-A

## Even Better Than Birthdays

One morning I woke up and guess what! I Overheard my mother telling my dad the menu for breakfast. It sounded delicious so I quickly brushed my teeth and went down for breakfast. To my amazement I saw 16 ice-cream sundaes, 11 bottles of nuetella, 38 pancakes, 43 waffles, 30 croissants, 50 different sandwiches and 78 kinds of sauces, jams, cheese spreads. OH MY GOD! It sure was something else. After eating all that amazing food I asked my mother, ' What do we call this day?' She called it Sunday. Well, I called it TREAT DAY. The day does not end here; it carried on. After breakfast instead of study time it was T.V time, 3 hours of only T.V. I needed a break. I took my racket and got ready for my tennis class and my father said, 'Wait, where do you think you're going ??Aren't we going to the mall? So we ended up going to 3 malls and by the end of it I had bought 6073 things. Great fun that was. Later on we went for some amazing lunch where we ordered 333 things to eat. That had to be the best meal of my life. After that 'out of the world' lunch we went for 4 movies back to back.
During the $3^{\text {rd }}$ movie I asked my mother, 'Is every day going to be like this???' 'Ho hum' she said, 'Isn't this just another a normal day?!'

Zaayra Singh V-A

## Tall Tales

I was just getting ready for a bath when my mom called out "before taking bath put oil on your head". After an hour I opened the door and water steamed out! The whole house started flooding and the I realized that I had left the tap open to fill the tub. My sister came squealing, "look at all the fish swimming near my feet". Alas! I saw not only the fish but there were sea horses, crabs, lobsters. You will not believe, there were even baby sharks. I started jumping "Sharks!" I screamed and then I saw my bed floating. I pushed my way to kitchen and took a few ladles. I jumped on my bed, took two ladles as oars and rowed the bed to my elder sister. She jumped on and started rowing the bed to my parents room. Over there we saw a crazy scene. My mother was hanging on the fan and my father was sitting on a cupboard. When we managed to put both of them on the bed we rowed to the bath room. With the help of buckets we started draining the water out of the house. After a long time, our house was dry. Our cook beamed with happiness and said that he had caught fish which we would have for
dinner.
Sanaaya Rao IV - C

## My Beautiful Sand Castle

My friends and I went to the beach. First we collected the sand and put it together. Next we took the sand together and made a shape of a big block. I pressed the big block of sand together. Then I made small blocks one on top of the other for the castle and a roof on the top.l then made doors and windows. Finally when the castle was finished, I put a star fish on the top of the castle.

Myra Prasad II - C



## Find the Car

1. This car is energy efficient.
2. This car has a name that has a relation with mathematics
3. This is a vintage car, timeless and classic.
4. A company that has the same name as lethal animal makes this car. It is also a very recent model.
5. The name of this car rhymes with the stunning brand of bikes Ducati.
6. Girls would know this car from the twilight movie.
7. This British classic was seen in the movie Fast and the Furious 6.
8. This car is an official envoy, and has been present in our country for several years.
9. This car is known to be one of the safest cars in the world.
10. This car has butterfly doors.

Ananya Gupta, 10

## 5 Things To Do Before You Die



Everyone has a bucklist, so we decided to make one too. For all the adrenaline junkies out there, here are 5 things to do before you die:
Reverse Bunjee - Plummeting into the sky at 200 kmph in a metal swing that takes 360 degree turns in 300 feet above sea level. The initial plunge is adrenaline kicking and the first 2seconds remain unforgettable as the G-Force acts on you and you're lifted off your seat!
Wing Walking - People with vertigo and claustrophobia get scared just sitting in an aircraft. However, daredevils have now explored walking on the wings of an airborne bi-plane as the pilot tours the sky and you're stranded till he decides to land!
Free Climbing - We've all been for camps and done our share of Rock Climbing in the wilderness, securely fastened to a dozen ropes and harnesses, climbing 40feet high. Alain Roberts, now known as the "French Spiderman," routinely climbs skyscrapers all over the world, devoid of any safety aids. He's not the only one. People with the hunger for adrenaline attempt to climb skylines without any harness, though the survival rate for this one is low.
Stunt Jumping - Everyone who has watched an action movie has imagined themselves as one of the heroes. Now, it is possible to be able to feel like the actors in the movies. You can jump off a 300 feet building without any ropes or harnesses attached to you onto an air bag
Speed Riding - Skiing is an adventure sport, which is very hard to perfect. It is very dangerous and skiing down a relatively high mountain is pretty scary. Paragliding is also an adventure sport, in which you have to run off a mountain with a parachute attached to you. Combine the two and you get speed riding. Only the most skillful skiers attempt this and it involves skiing down really steep mountains with a parachute attached to your back for safety precautions.


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## Top Ten Apps You MUST

 Have1. Candy Crush- Explore the sweet and colourful world of Candy Crush in this fun candy switcher!
2. Traktor DJ- Love music mixing or simply playing around with tracks? This is the app for you! Create a groove using simple hand gestures.
3. Cycloramic- Too many people to fit in one frame? Try this!All you have to do is place your iPhone on a flat surface and watch it rotate 360 degrees, all while taking a steady shot or video.
4. Snapchat- You get to take an embarrassingly weird picture, write a funny caption and send it to your friend. But you also get to decide the duration they are able to view it for!
5. Vine- It's in with the Vine and out with the Instagram. Watch a compilation of six seconds of video taken from multiple angles and voila!
6. Heads up- The brainchild of Ellen DeGeneres, this app is perfect for when you want to have some fun and play charades with your friends. It's good for drama practice too!
7. Hardest 2- This game, quite literally, is the hardest game ever. It brings out the competitive side in you.
8. Icon Pop Quiz- This game can keep you entertained for hours at length. Themes range from movies to famous personalities with the only clue being a tiny icon-sized picture. Go guessing!
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