LAURELS FOR KEEPS

As the South Point family reaches the end of the term in the midst of the festive season, it gleans happy moments for keeps; happy moments, which have arrived in the shape of laurels won by students in the academic arena. Pointers have done well in both Madhyamik and Higher Secondary Examinations; the IITJEE, AIEEE and WBJEE results are dotted with several rank-holders from School; and some of our students have enrolled into prestigious universities and institutes in India and overseas. The Telegraph School Awards have brought further cheer for the institution.

While the School cherishes the good performance of its students in this year’s Board examinations – Madhyamik and the Higher Secondary – it also introspects and strives to better the results next year. The charts given here show the break-up of scores in both the exams. According to reports, Soham Mukherjee and Shreejit Bandyopadhyay have secured the Second and Fourth spots in the Higher Secondary examination. Exalted moments for the School! Seven Higher Secondary examinees secured Grade ‘A’ in five subjects. They are Biraj Subhra Guha, Shreejit Bandyopadhyay, Soham Mukherjee, Sayak Ray Choudhury, Sudeepa Mondal, Devpriyo Pal and Arkasama Bandyopadhyay.

Congratulations poured in for all the toppers – either sharing the same score or separated by just one mark in most cases – and the felicitation by the West Bengal Government doubled their delight.

More competitive examinations followed in April-May. Pointers proved their worth in IITJEE, AIEEE and WBJEE, and this is how they made School proud. Sanghamitra Dutta has topped West Bengal in the AIEEE and is placed Sixth in Engineering in WBJEE. Her IITJEE rank is commendable too. Ushnish Sengupta has ranked Third in...
**Q-Point, Inter-School Quiz Competition**

School quizzards about town got together on 15 June 2011 at Q-Point, the Inter-School Quiz Competition, held at G.D. Birla Sabha. Eight qualifying teams faced questions from Quizmaster Shri Charanpreet Singh at the finals. St. James’ School lifted the M. P. Birla Memorial Trophy, the Second and Third places going to South Point High School and La Martiniere for Girls. Manasvin Rajagopal of St. James’ School won the Best Quizzard award. Members of the audience who gave correct answers won T-shirts.

**Satrangi, Inter-School Singing Competition**

Hosted by Smt. Roopsha Dasgupta and judged by Shri Debojyoti Bose and Shri Anupam Roy, Satrangi, the Inter-School Singing Competition, on 16 June 2011 at G.D. Birla Sabha was structured in three rounds – Tarang, Gitanjali and Tere Sur. It was an enjoyable experience for the eight teams in the finals. The M. P. Birla Memorial Trophy was won by Vivekananda Mission School, with South Point High School coming Second and National High School for Girls, Third. The Best Singer award went to Brinda Radhakrishnan of National High School for Girls.

**Chessmate, Inter-School Chess Championship**

On 23 April 2011, Chessmate, the Inter-School Chess Championship, was held in association with the Alekhine Club, at South Point High School. It was played in five rounds under FIDE rules in accordance with the Swiss League and 32 teams from 24 schools took part in it. Prominent among the participating schools were Birla High School (Boys!), Modern High School, the Don Boscos, Calcutta Girls’ High School, M. P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School, Lakshmisri Singhania Academy, Delhi Public School (Megacity), Delhi Public School (Ruby Park) and the host School. South Point High School won in the Boys’ category, with Bidhya Bharati Girls’ High School and Shaw Public School coming First and Second Runners-Up. In the Boys’ category, South Point High School emerged Champions while The Scottish Church Collegiate School came Second and Lakshmisri Singhania Academy Third. The Chief Guest was Grandmaster Shri Deep Sengupta. A total of Rs. 22,750 was given away as prize money to the winners and the first two runners-up. There were Board prizes as well in both Boys’ and Girls’ categories.

**Masquerade, Inter-School One-Act Play Competition**

On 18 June 2011, eight schools competed for the M. P. Birla Memorial Trophy at G.D. Birla Sabha with their productions of original and most interesting one-act plays. Birla High School (Boys’) came First with The King of Hearts. The Festival of Lights fetched South Point High School the Second position. Don Bosco, Park Circus, came Third with The Human Blood Identity and Religion. Gautam Siddhartha Ghosh of South Point High School and Hera Akhtar of St. Augustine’s Day School won the Best Actor (Male and Female) awards. The Judges’ Choice Award went to Boudhayan Nag of Birla High School (Boys’). The Judges were Smt. Chitra Sen, Shri Dipendu Chakraborty and Shri Soumitra Basu. Dakshin Bindu, the School band, performed during the interval.

**Perceptum, Inter-School Open Essay Competition**

The 17th Inter-School Open Essay Competition in English, Bengali and Hindi was held on 23 April 2011 with participants vying for the M. P. Birla Award. In English Category I (Classes IX and X), Sehmat K. Suri of Calcutta International School came First. Pointers Debarghya Roy Chowdhury and Debasmoti Roy Chowdhury were tied at the Second position. Indrabati Lahiri, also of Calcutta International School, came Third. In English Category II (Classes XI and XII) the First, Second and Third places went to three Pointers – Sagnik Datta, Rishav Banerjee and Syamantar Gupta. Students of South Point High School won the top slots in both Category I (Classes IX and X) and Category II (Classes XI and XII) in Bengali. In Category I, Prithwijit Bandopadhyay, Apratim Dey and Sattam Samrat Panigrahi bagged the First, Second and Third positions. In Category II, Surya Banerjee came First, followed by Sarbottika Sengupta and Sreyash Sarkar. In Hindi Category I (Classes IX and X), Madhura Mukherjee of Shri Shikshayatan School came First, while Swasti Akanksha of Delhi Public School (Megacity) and Sankhdeep Shome of South Point High School won the Second and Third places. In Category II (Classes XI and XII), the First place went to Pointer Rahul Goenka, the Second position went to Ipsita Basu of Calcutta Girls’ High School while Ayesha Sadaf of South Point High School came Third. The Judges were Professor Jayanti Biswas for English, Professor Madhumita Bhattacharyya-Roy for Bengali and Professor Sadhana Jha for Hindi.
M. P. BIRLA FOUNDATION
PUJA UTKARSH SAMMAN 2011

The Puja festival arrived pretty early this year, with the rainclouds still hovering over pandals and fairgrounds. But they could hardly dampen the spirit of 18 SPHS and six M.P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School students. The M. P. Birla Foundation Puja Utkarsh Samman, instituted in 1999 by Shri. Priyamvada Birla, was awarded in its 13th year, amid a flurry of activity and excitement. The Samman offered the young judges a lovely opportunity to explore the varied aspects of the festival and appreciate the creative genius of Bengal. The familiarizing workshop took place at South Point High School on 27 September 2011 with the resource persons, Shri. Shuvaprassana, artist; Shri. Soumen Mitra, Additional Commissioner of Police, Kolkata; and Dr. Purba Sengupta, scholar.

On 2 and 3 October, the student-judges visited 100 shortlisted pandals, in four groups, for evaluation. They gave the Best Image Award to Nalin Sarkar Sarbojanin Durgotsab; the Best Pandal Award to Naktala Udayan Sangha; and the Best Ambience Award to Suruchi Sangha. Winners of Appreciation Certificates are Vivekananda Sporting Club (Harideypur) (Best Image); Babubagan Sarbojanin Durgotsab (Best Pandal); and Barisha Club (Best Ambience). The prize-winners will be feted on 4 July 2012, at the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony of School.

THE FREE SPIRIT

Independence Day was celebrated in a befitting manner at South Point School and South Point High School on 15 August 2011. The flag-hoisting ceremony at junior school was followed by patriotic songs by Bulbul and Cubs, Classes III, IV and V children and the Sandipan students. A dance recital was put up by Classes III to V children. Special theme assemblies on freedom were also held earlier. The Tricolour unfurled at a variety of events at South Point High School such as a Hindi recitation and patriotic songs. The Inter-House Elcution Competition was held too. Prefects were appointed and Inter-House Competition prizes given away. The National Anthem brought the curtains down on the day.

In search of excellence

A CBSE workshop on “Teaching of Mathematics” was conducted by Shri I. C. Ahuja, Mathematics teacher and CBSE Advisor, on 11 June 2011 at SPHS. The workshop was attended by various SPS and SPHS teachers.

Shri Amber Banerjee, Principal, Delhi Public School, Agra, and CBSE Advisor-cum-Resource Person, conducted an ELT and a CBSE workshop on “Teaching of English through the Communicative Methodology” from 10 to 12 June 2011 at SPHS. A total of 34 SPS and SPHS teachers attended it, including Smt. D. K. Chadda and Smt. R. Sharda, SPS Principal and Vice-Principal.

A workshop on Environment by Green Peace India Society was organized for the SPHS Nature Club and Interact Club on 6 August 2011 in School. A small film on environmental issues was shown and an awareness activity conducted with the audience.

Oxford University Press organized a workshop on Effective English Language Teaching, with emphasis on Continuous Comprehensive Evaluation, for Classes I to VIII at Golden Park Hotel on 26 August 2011. Smt. Anjana Sen and Smt. S. Rajalakshmi attended it from SPS and Smt. Madhusree Kirti, Smt. Rupelka Sengupta and Smt. Sarmista Chakrabarti represented SPS. Smt. Gayatri Khanna, consultant and resource person in CBSE and NCERT for material production and for training master trainers, conducted it.


Smt. Gargi Banerjee and Smt. Seema Goswami, SPS teachers, attended a workshop, conducted by Educational Initiatives, on 22 October 2011. The topic was “Maths Misconceptions Workshop: From Misunderstanding to Deep Understanding”.

An Educomp refresher workshop was conducted on 9 November 2011 for Class II Class Teachers and a few Vernacular and floating teachers.

OUP conducted a workshop on “Effective Teaching of Literature Reader” on 11 November 2011 with Mr. John Mason as the resource person. Smt. Ajanta Sengupta and Smt. Mome Bandopadhyay, Superintending Teachers of Classes II and III, attended it.
South Point School presented Ullas, its annual Inter-School Festival, on 24 and 26 September 2011. Nearly 600 children from 15 city schools - in the age group of seven to ten years - participated in the two-day fun fiesta. Shri Krishna Damani, Trustee, South Point Education Society, lit the inaugural lamp in the School premises on 24th. Events took over soon; budding artists, quizzards, storytellers and singers showcased their talent in Patra Ranjan, Kalash Ranjan, Mixed Bag, Tell-a-Tale and Geetmala. Judges invited to School on the first day included Smt. Sudeshna Roy, Shri Pradip Mitra, Shri Kamalaksha Gangopadhyay and Shri Kamal Aich. The venue shifted to Madhusudan Mancha on the second day for the on-stage events. Smt. Alokananda Roy, danseuse, was the Chief Guest. Quizmaster Shri Soumyadip Choudhury conducted the Kwizwiz finals - comprising audio and visual rounds - for eight teams. Little contestants sang all-time favourites in Do-Re-Mi, the Western vocal competition. Razzmatazz was a skit competition based on environmental awareness; it came alive with lively props, costumes and innovative presentations. Kayanjali, group recitation, was a hit in its debut year. The young dancers showcased their skills in Jhoomar, the folk dance event. South Point School won the Championship Trophy but it gave away to Modern High School, the First Runner-Up. Delhi Public School, Megacity, moved to the Second position. Ullas had a number of Judges present in the auditorium; they were Shri Barun Chanda, Shri Abraham Mozumder, Shri Vishwa Guhathakurta, Shri Jagannath Bose, Shri Basant Rungta, Smt. Fauzia Mariko, Smt. Polly Guha and Shri Dhimant Sankar Mukherjee.

Aqua Tricks

An update on laurels earned in water sports

The Senior SPHS Girls’ team topped the Inter-School Rowing Competition, held on 29 May 2011 at the BRC. Senior Boys came Third.

Mayurakshi Mukherjee, Class IX B (M), and her team-mates won the Gold medal for Bengal Women in Coxed Fours at the Sub-Junior National Rowing Championship 2011 held at the BRC, between 30 May and 6 June. The team beat Tamil Nadu, last year’s Champion, in the finals.

The 39th All-India Invitation School Regatta 2011 was held on 18 June at Lake Club. The SPHS team won in Senior Girls’ Coxed Fours and the Overall Senior Girls Champion Trophy. The team comprised Anushka Halder, Class XII A (A), Anupriya Paul, Class XII G (A), Deepjyoti Ghosh Dastidar, Class XI J (A) and Ankana Das, Class XII D (A).

The Inter-School Swimming Carnival 2011, held at the ILSS on 12 July 2011, saw five SPS children bagging top honours. Sarthak Dey, Class V G (A), won Gold in 50 m. Butterfly Stroke while Sasmit Kundu, Class V A (M), won Silver in 50 m. Free Style. Bronze medals were won by Abantika Bhoomik, Class V A (M), Avijan Bhattacharya and Ankush Das, both of Class V D (M), in 50 m. Free Style, 50 m. Breast Stroke and 50 m. Back Stroke, respectively.

Six SPHS students participated in 18 events in the Inter-School Swimming Competition, organized by the District School Sports Association at the Calcutta Sports Association on 21 July 2011. Aashri Poddar, Class X A (M), topped in 50 m. Back Stroke, 100 m. Back Stroke and 50 m. Butterfly Stroke. Kathakali Das, Class VII CA (M), came First in 50 m. Breast Stroke, Second in 50 m. Free Style and 100 m. Breast Stroke. Sreejita Saha, VII B (A), topped in 50 m. Butterfly Stroke and came Second in 100 m. and 200 m. Butterfly Stroke. Anushka Kar, Class VII CB (M), was First in 400 m., Second in 200 m. and Third in 100 m. Free Style. Shristi Basu, Class VI CG (M), bagged the First spot in 100 m. and 200 m. and the Second spot in 50 m. Breast Stroke. Prithisha Ghosh, Class VII CA (M), topped in 50 m. and 100 m. and was Second in 200 m. Back Stroke. Well done, girls!
Fowers and lamps lent a festive look to the Science City auditorium on the afternoon of 4 July 2011. The occasion was possibly the most important one in the South Point calendar – the Annual Prize Distribution ceremony.

The high point of this year’s ceremony was the presence of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India. He delivered the M.P. Birla Memorial Lecture and engaged students in a lively interaction. The immediate connect, happening between Dr. Kalam and Pointers, was worth listening to. Shri Harsh Vardhan Lodha, Trustee, M.P. Birla Institute of Fundamental Research and South Point Education Society, presented the M.P. Birla Memorial Golden Jubilee Award on behalf of the M.P. Birla Planetarium to Dr. Kalam. The former President gave away the M.P. Birla Smarak Kosh Awards. Students, who won various scholarships and awards, were Shinjini Ghosh, Kaustav Pal, Vineet Agrawal, Mitrohata Guha, Ankita Kumar Agarwal and Suroshmi Basu. Abhishek Chakraborty won the Sponsorship for Higher Studies. Purbita Saha and Soham Mukherjee, School Toppers at the Madhyamik and the Higher Secondary Examinations, were felicitated too. Prizes were also given away to winners of the Kosh competitions – Q-Point, Satrang, Masquerade, Perceptum and Chessmate. The M. P. Birla Foundation Puja Utkarsh Samman awards and other school prizes were given away by Shri Lodha.

The cultural extravaganza, presented by SPS and SPHS students, was enthralling. Junior School students put up Colours of Life, a portrayal of the multi-hued associations that enrich our lives. SPHS students presented a musical collage, In Search of Bhakti, which attempted to relive and realize the true message of God.

**Festive fare**

South Point School children from Classes II, III, IV and V came together to celebrate the Durga Puja and Diwali in special assemblies on 18, 20, 21 and 24 October 2011. Donning bright costumes, they presented a dance and a song, complete with narration and appropriate props. The cheerful performances added to the prevailing atmosphere of festivity.
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LINC Pens and Plastics organized a “Refill More” project on 3rd to celebrate World Environment Day in front of the Academy of Fine Arts. Two SPHS Nature Club members were a part of the project which comprised Quiz, Slogan-writing and Street Play competitions.

THE Bengal Chamber of Commerce & Industry organized a Sit ’n’ Draw Competition on 5th at Rotary Sadan to celebrate the World Environment Day. Thirty students from Classes IV and V represented SPS in it. Fifteen of them...
attended the award ceremony on 27 August at the ITC Sonar to receive special merit certificates.

AN orientation programme for Class XI was conducted at the SPS auditorium on 13th.

DEBAYAN Paul, Class VI CC (A), Abhranil Guha Thakurta, Class VII D (A), and Bodhisatta Kar, Class VIII E (M), joined the Friends FM (91.9) Inter-School Quiz Competition on 24th.

THE parent-teacher meeting for Classes VI to X was held at SPS on 25th.

July 2011

OPTIONAL karate Belt gradation tests, for all colour Belts, was held on 9th for Classes IV and V. On 23rd, Classes II and III took the test for the Orange and Upper Orange Belts. Martial Art India organized them.

A parent-teacher meeting was held at SPS for Nursery I to Class V on 16th. First-term report cards were given away and a book fair was organized by the Oxford Subscription Company.

SWARNAJA Bhaumik, Class VIII F (M), qualified for the Zonal Round for the National Balshree Honour, organized by the National Bal Bhawan, at the Nehru Children's Museum, on 16th and 17th.

IN the Inter-School Basketball Competition, held at M. P. Birla Foundation Higher Secondary School, from 18th to 20th, SPS won the first match against Birla High School.

AN SPS team participated in “Incredible India: K to Kanyakumari”, an Inter-School Theme Quiz Contest, organized by St. John’s Diocesan Girls’ High School on 22nd.

A get-together was organized at SPS on 27th to bid farewell to six staff-members who had retired recently. Each of them received a bouquet, a box of sweets and a memento. A small programme was put up and refreshments were served.

AT the 13th National Science Olympiad 2010, Shinjini Ghosh, Class V D (A), has won the Bronze medal, a T-shirt and a set of four educational CDs. Haimoshri Das, Class V A (M), and Ishita Bhattacharya, Class III B (M), received CDs as prizes.

August 2011

THE SPS team qualified for the semi-finals at the Wildlife and Biochemistry Quiz, organized by the Wildlife wing under the Chief Conservator of Forests, West Bengal, on 6th.

A Scientific Session on Human Genetics by the Genome Brigade of National Institute of Human Genetics took place at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre on 6th. Two SPS teachers and 17 Class XI students attended it.

THE All India Camel Contest was held at SPS on 10th. All students of Classes I, II and III and 50 from Classes IV and V took part in it.

CLASSES VI to VIII students took part in the Annual Jubilee Quiz 2011 at Don Bosco, Park Circus, on 16th.

SIX Class XI students presented Rabindrasangeet at the inaugural ceremony of the new wing at Belle Vue Clinic on 20th. Smt. Mamata Banerjee, West Bengal Chief Minister, inaugurated it.

September 2011

SEVERAL SPS students and student-groups of Classes XI and XII submitted reports online on “Sustainability Programme for Educational Institutions” for Earthian, a competition organized by Wipro between July and September 2011.

SPECIAL assemblies were held on 13th and 14th, for Classes IV and V, to celebrate Hindi Divas. Children recited poems and put up small skits. The programme, including the news and the “Thought of the Day”, was in Hindi.

SPHS students joined the Annual All-India Elocution Competition (in Bengali) on Swami Vivekananda on 13th and 15th at the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Golpark.

SANKHADEEP Shome (Class XI E A), participated in the finals of The Statesman Voices Debate on Refugees, organized by the West Bengal Federation of United National Association on 14th at Kala Kunj.

THE badge ceremony for Cubs and Bulbuls was held at SPS on 17th in which 18 Cubs got their ‘Pravesh’ badge. Among the Bulbuls, 13 received the ‘Pravesh’ badge, 15 the ‘Korna Pankh’ and nine the ‘Rajat Pankh’ badges.

SEVERAL Class XI (Science stream) students and two teachers visited the laboratories at the Central Glass and Ceramic Research Institute on 26th. CGCRI, a constituent unit of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, organized the visit to celebrate the Council’s 69th Foundation Day.

October 2011

STUDENTS of Classes I, II and III were asked to draw and colour a picture on a topic of their choice on 20th. This would help select artworks for the Art and Craft Exhibition.

THE innovative projects of Prthviraj Saha, Class XI H (A), Saranyu Chattopadhayaya, Class IX D (M), and Soumyadeep Dasgupta, Class IX G (M), have been selected in the National IRIS Fair 2011.
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Engineering in WBJEE. Suunanda Ghosh has
stood Ninth in Medical in WBJEE. Ushnish,
Sayadip Chakraborty, Aniket Jana and Biraj
Subhra Guha have all fared well in the IIT JEE.
Several Pointers are pursuing the B.Stat. (Hons)
course at the Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata,
including Biraj Subhra Guha, Koushiki Sarkar,
Aniket Jana, Abhishek Roy, Mayukh Ghosh,
Kaustav Ghosh and Somadha Mukherjee.
Best wishes for them.
Some of our students have secured admission in
U.S. universities at the undergraduate level.
Pratiti Deb, having secured a full Ratan Tata
scholarship, is pursuing Undergraduate studies
with Mathematics, Physics, English and French
in Cornell University, an Ivy League Institution.
Arkasana Bandyopadhyay has enrolled into
the Oklahoma State University for a degree in
Mechanical Engineering. We are glad to
see them spread their wings abroad.

Manosi at the ISEF award ceremony

Another moment to treasure was the Intel
International Science and Engineering Fair
held between 8 and 12 May 2011, at Los
Angeles, USA, where Manosi Ghosh Dasgupta
won the Second Grand Award. He also
received the Karl Menger Memorial Prize from
the American Mathematical Society. He got
the First Place Award, worth US $ 1,000.
His work was on “Integer Partitions and
Sequences”. The MIT Lincoln Lab will name
a minor planet after him this year.
The Telegraph School Awards for Excellence
were given away on 27 August 2011 at the
Science City auditorium. South Point received
the Award for Excellence in Academics
(Madhyamik and Higher Secondary
Examinations) and the Certificate of Merit for
Excellence in Extra-curricular Activities.
Diptayan Ghosh of Class VIII G (M) received
the Certificate of Honour as the Best
Sportsperson (Chess).
The task ahead is to nurture every student on
the campus – whether the little ones of Nursery
classes or the senior Pointers about to face
the world outside, whether belonging to WBBSE
or to CBSE – with even greater care. Only
then such happy and proud snapshots will
keep filling up the School’s album.
And to be cherished year after year.

Adopt A School

Yes! That’s what South Point has now done.
It has paired up with the Kolkata Municipal
Corporation in the Kolkata Learning Project,
reaching out to the KMC-run primary school
at 44/1 Hazra Road in ward No. 69. The
School brings on board its experience of
setting up and running Sandipan, the free
evening school for underprivileged children
on its premises.
Initiated in December last year, the Project
– inspired by the Each One Teach One
programme – took shape with meetings at
the Kolkata Municipal Corporation Head
Office, attended by School authorities, this
September. All school representatives put up
power-point presentations, explaining their
plans of working with the schools they were
paired with under the Project. Dr. Shashi
Panja, MMIS (Education), KMC, presided
over the meeting. It was followed up by more
brainstorming and visits to the KMC Schools.
South Point plans to work on various areas at the KMC School it has adopted, which has nearly
50 students studying in Classes Pre-Primary to IV. The first familiarizing step has already been
taken. A few children from this school were invited to Ullas, the SPS Inter-School Festival, this
September. Kranti Thakur and Renuk Singh of Class II participated in Patra Ranjan. They would
also attend the Art and Craft Exhibition coming up in December and the Independence Day
celebrations next year. All this brings the children close to the mainstream school environment
as well as helps them intermingle with the School students. Once the new session takes off,
teacher-volunteers will make regular visits to the school. The emphasis is on sensitizing the
children about health, hygiene, environment, natural resources and value education through
storytelling, art, music and other child-friendly lessons. The aim is to bridge the gap by providing
useful guidelines and add-ons. As the partnership evolves, teachers and students from South
Point High School will contribute to the programme.

Looking Back

ASPEX: Care Wing looked back on good
ol’ days of schooling on 4 September 2011.
It celebrated Teachers’ Day at the South Point
School auditorium. Attended by a large number
of former and present teachers, the programme
came alive with reminiscences, interactive
sessions, songs and a power
point presentation.

Glimpses of the ASPEX programme

Pointers

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