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ROUND SQUARE HEADS' SYMPOSIUM 2023 IN LONDON

School Managing Director Mrs. Arti Chowdhary has made a place for herself as a leading keynote speaker in the last 6 years of our association with the Round Square as a global member school. She has made highly appreciated presentations at numerous international conferences on the effective implementation of various Round Square IDEALS (Acronym for Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service) and the Round Square Discovery Framework (RSDF). She delivered a presentation on "KC Connect - A Vibrant Parent Community" at the international event mentioned above on January 7, 2023, which was well received by delegates attending the Symposium. The presentation deals with effective implementation of Environmentalism and Service ideals of the Round Square at KC Public School with support and participation of our parents' community.



Arti Chowdhary Making Presentation at RS Heads' Symposium 2023

KCPS MANAGEMENT INVITES 'RAUNAK' CHILDREN TO ITS MAKAR SANKRANTI LANGER 2023 - JAN 14, 2023

Kcean Asechan Chib and his team of KCPS volunteers are doing a tremendous job of serving the slum children of Jammu for more than a year now through their service project 'Raunk'. Inspired by the Round Square ideal of SERVICE, they have been providing help to them in numerous ways and raising funds for it through special activities.



Children of 'Raunak' Enjoying Makar Sankranti Langer - Jan 14, 2023



KCEANS CELEBRATE REPUBLIC DAY

On the occasion of the 74th Republic Day, a special assembly was conducted by the students of KC Public School. The assembly started with the chanting of Gayatri Mantra, followed by a soulful patriotic song and a dance performance by the students of the senior school. Principal Mishra addressed the gathering and motivated students to have the spirit of patriotism and also explained the essence of our Constitution.



INTER-HOUSE RANGOLI COMPETITION

To highlight the theme of Republic Day, an Inter-House Rangoli competition was held on Jan 27 at the senior quadrangle by the students of classes 6 to 8.

Students of Jammu, Kashmir, Poonch and Ladakh Houses depicted the theme in a creative manner.

Jammu House presented the Rangoli in the shape of a peacock representing our national bird. Kashmir House portrayed the spirit of patriotism. Poonch House made the map of India along with the Ashoka Chakra. Ladakh House depicted peace and harmony with the presentation of a dove.



Students of KCPS Author and Publish Books at the World's Largest Literary Event

157 students from KC Public School participated in the World's Largest Literary Event, 'The National Young Authors' Fair' and authored the books published and sponsored by Bribooks.com with 1 million children's books to their credit. Out of 157 registered students, 76 have completed and published their books on different themes. This event has definitely helped the students to become published authors. Their books will have an ISBN number issued by the Ministry of Education. Now all the young authors who have completed their book writing will also get a chance to compete with other schools. They will also be able to promote their books and earn up to 25% royalties for each copy of their book sold.



KCPS BIDS FAREWELL TO CLASS XII

Students' Council of the school organised a formal farewell function for the outgoing batch of Class 12 on Feb 7, 2023.

The highlight of the event was goodbye speeches delivered by some students of the outgoing batch who shared loving and cherished memories of their school days. Mrs. Kiran Gadroo and Mrs. Pooja Chaturvedi addressed the gathering and blessed the students of Class 12. However, the most awaited moment was the Titles Ceremony in which students were presented with mementos and their respective titles.

The programme ended with high tea and a short video presentation on their fun-filled days at their alma mater.



KCPS ORGANISES HAVAN CEREMONY ON SCHOOL PREMISES

KC Public School organised 'Havan' to extend best wishes to Class X and XII students in the senior school quadrangle on Feb 16.

Amid the purifying warmth of the 'holy fire' and the fragrance of incense, the students of grades 10 and 12 assembled in reverence as the environment resonated with spiritual mantras.

Students, along with their teachers, sought the Almighty's blessings for their upcoming CBSE Board Examinations.



KCPS ORGANISES AN EDUCATIONAL TRIP TO MUBARAK MANDI

KC Public School organised an educational trip to the world-famous Mubarak Mandi Palace complex on March 17 during school hours to give the history students an insight into the rich heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. A historical delight that represents excellence in terms of architecture, the Mubarak Mandi Palace Complex houses a museum that exhibits a wide range of artefacts showcasing the cultural heritage of Jammu and Kashmir. The museum is divided into multiple sections displaying armoury, manuscripts, jewellery, paintings and other artefacts that date back from the 3rd century to the 19th century.

The students enjoyed exploring the museum and were filled with curiosity to know more about the history of Jammu & Kashmir.



KCEANS PAY TRIBUTE TO SONIA THAKUR THROUGH THEATRE

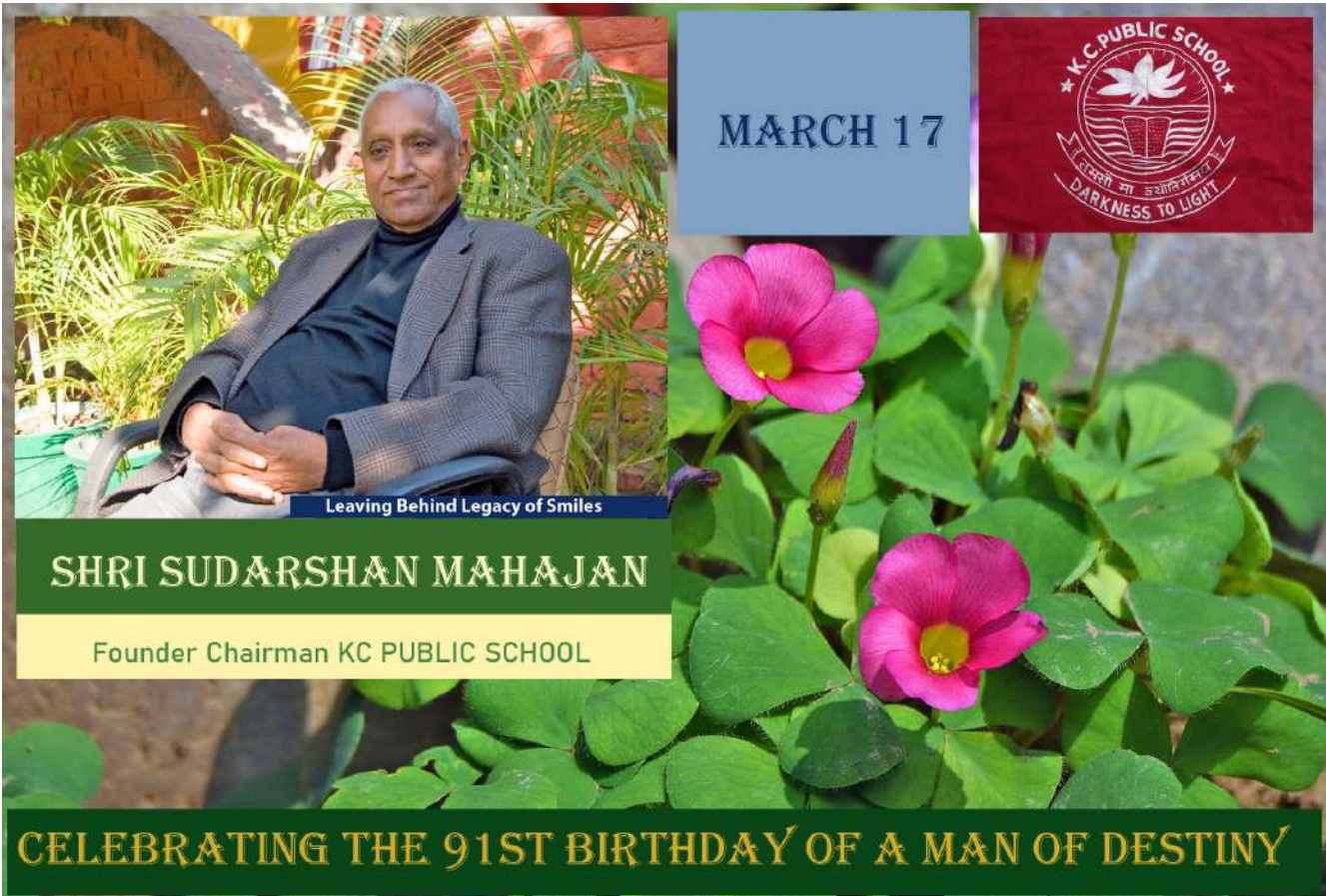


Students of classes 7 and 8 staged three English Plays at Mandua Open Air Theatre and paid tribute to Mrs. Sonia Thakur who left for her heavenly abode on 19 February 2023. She was instrumental in shaping the creative minds of the students and her legacy will continue to shine. The plays were staged under the guidance of teachers in-charge Mrs. Nishtha Mahajan, Mrs. Vijay Laxmi & Mrs. Namrata Barua. The titles of the plays were "Harry Potter", "Apologize" and "As It Was".

The anchors of the show, Anadi Saini and Rosewen, exhibited great zeal and kept the audience engaged. The show was judged by Vice Literary Captains of the school Akshita Singh and Stuti Dhar. They declared two winners from each play. For "Apologize", Khushi Manhas and Pratibha Jamwal were declared winners and for "Harry Potter", Samaira and Parth were declared winners. In "As It Was", Aditi Dhar and Priyanshi Bhat were declared best performers. Principal Mr. Amarendra Kumar Mishra lauded the effort of the students and distributed certificates to all the participants.



CHARITY LANGAR LUNCH ON THE OCCASION OF THE 91ST BIRTHDAY OF SHRI SUDARSHAN MAHAJAN, FOUNDER CHAIRMAN



Leaving Behind Legacy of Smiles

SHRI SUDARSHAN MAHAJAN

Founder Chairman KC PUBLIC SCHOOL

MARCH 17

K.C. PUBLIC SCHOOL
DARKNESS TO LIGHT

CELEBRATING THE 91ST BIRTHDAY OF A MAN OF DESTINY



KCPS management arranged a special charity lunch (Langer) for the children of 'Raunak' & 'Navsetu' service centres and the support staff of the school on the occasion of the 91st birthday of the Founder Chairman Shri Sudarshan Mahajan.

Before lunch, children of 'Raunak' & 'Navsetu' along with their mentor students of KC Public School recited the Gayatri Mantra by way of prayer on the occasion.

ROUND SQUARE ARTICLE ON KCPS ALUMNUS RIBHAV



Ribhav Mittal graduated from KC Public School in Jammu in 2019. He won the King Constantine Medal in his graduating year for his leadership in promoting RS at the school. Ribhav is now in his final year at UCLA and will shortly graduate with a degree in Financial Actuarial Mathematics and Accounting.

Ribhav believes that his exposure to the Round Square IDEALS has helped shape his outlook. He thinks that the competencies that he developed at school, such as leadership, teamwork, compassion, responsibility, and communication skills, were encoded in the Round Square Discovery Framework which is a central tenet of the KC Public School philosophy.

Ribhav also credits his close-knit family with helping him to form his worldview. He comes from a family of entrepreneurs, and he believes his father and grandfather are responsible for igniting that same passion within him.

“I’ve always had that love of business even from a very young age. I think sometimes it separated me from the other kids because I had this great curiosity about how things work in the business world. I would spend time with my grandfather, and he shared his wisdom and encouraged me. He told me to make sure that I always put the extra in front of ordinary.”

Ribhav attended KC Public School from elementary to graduation.

“I tell you, it was the most wonderful twelve years. I met my best friends and encountered the best teachers. In Grade 1 I had this one particular teacher. Her name was Mrs. Sonia Thakur. She was one of my biggest inspirations. She treated me just like one of her kids.”

KC Public School became a Round Square Candidate in 2017, and Mrs. Sonia Thakur was appointed the RS Representative. Ribhav was quick to take on a leadership role as Round Square became embedded at the school. He was appointed as one of the first RS Student Representatives and helped to spread knowledge of Round Square and the IDEALS throughout the student body. He realised that he valued the sense of responsibility that came with the job and enjoyed the teamwork involved.

“I’d always been an active and engaged student but the thing that got me really interested was the way that thinking about the IDEALS helped me to focus my energy in a more concentrated and specific way.”

In his senior year, Ribhav was selected to be part of the delegation to the Round Square International Conference in Canada. He attended the portion hosted by Ashbury College in Ottawa.

“We were staying with host families, and this was the best thing for me because I just love meeting new people. I am naturally inquisitive, and I love to hear their stories and learn from their experiences. It was a great opportunity for me, meeting people from almost 50 countries, such a diverse student group. Even now I’m in contact with many of them.”

Ribhav describes Adventure Day at the conference as a highlight for him.

“Ziplining across mountains and doing high ropes on the big trees. It was really fun. Up until Grade 6 I was really afraid of heights, so this gave me the chance to practice something outside my comfort zone. It reminded me that courage was one of the twelve discoveries!”

Subsequently, Ribhav describes himself as becoming a bit of a thrill seeker. “Last year I went on my first skydiving experience. I was super scared, but I said to myself that I might as well take this opportunity, so out I jumped!”

Ribhav says that an early opportunity to challenge himself came in Grade 5 when Mrs. Thakur encouraged him to take part in a major theatrical production.

“She said that she had this amazing role that could be just perfect for me, but I’d never been on stage before and most of the other actors were five or six years older than me. I remember sitting in the corner thinking “What am I doing, you know, among all these senior people?” We were performing in front of 2000 parents, and I think that was one of the moments that something clicked inside me. It was at that moment that I realized that I enjoyed being in front of an audience. It certainly helped me improve my communications skills.”

From that point on, Ribhav went from strength to strength, appearing in more theatre productions and becoming a leading light in the school’s Model United Nations teams.

Beyond being a talented mathematician, Ribhav loves poetry as well as acting.

“Both have helped me to shape my creative side, they allow me to open my heart and show my creativity as well.

Ribhav pauses at this point in our conversation and looks pensive. “Sir, Mrs. Thakur passed away just five days ago. I am very sad.” We talk a bit about Mrs. Thakur’s special qualities and what a loss she will be to the school and the students.

Ribhav believes that compassion is a Discovery he learned at both school and home and one that helps in almost all interactions. His family has always been involved in community outreach in Jammu.

“We would run weekly community kitchens to help feed the poor day labourers. Here, and on the school service projects, I learned that humility and compassion are essential to building any kind of relationship.”

Like thousands of other college students, Ribhav’s studies were severely modified during the pandemic years. For two years he lived at home in Jammu and kept up with his UCLA courses online. The twelve and a half hour time difference with California made this particularly challenging. Ribhav was on night shifts for two years, waking for classes at 7pm and going to bed at 9am but he found the tenacity to persevere and continued to excel academically.

Ribhav likes to throw himself into all aspects of university life. He served as a UCLA Housing Ambassador, assisting students with issues like facility maintenance and security. He and a group of friends started Bruin Capital Management, UCLA’s premier undergraduate student-led hedge fund. He also works with a club of computer science students who develop Apps specifically targeted at helping the UCLA student body. Ribhav assists them with their financial models.

As Ribhav tells his story, it becomes clear that he has learned and internalized all the competencies described in the RS Discovery Framework. Inquisitiveness, tenacity, courage, compassion, inventiveness, ability to solve problems, self-awareness, sense of responsibility, appreciation for diversity, commitment to sustainability, communication, and team-working are all part of his skill set.

Ribhav was definite about the advice he wants to pass on to students that are currently studying in Round Square schools. ” Your greatest resource is people. Be humble and build a network of people, friends, teachers, teammates. Eliminate fear; try new things and pay no attention to those who might laugh at you. I can say with firm assertion that the world you desire can be attained. It exists, it is real, it is possible. It is yours”.

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