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# School Re-opens Offline for 2022-23

On April 7, the school re-opened offline after 2 years of forced closure necessitated by Covid-19 pandemic. It was moment of indescribable joy for both students and teachers of KC Public School. After 2 years of silence and desolation, the school campus came alive with the presence of children.

Here is a picture that says it all.



#### EARTH DAY 2022 - SPECIAL CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY, APRIL 2022

As a Round Square School, we uphold and support 'ENVIRONMENTALISM' - one of the most significant pillars of Kurt Hahn's educational ideology that forms the core of the global spirit of the Round Square. The World Earth Day on April 22 is a major celebration at KCPS.

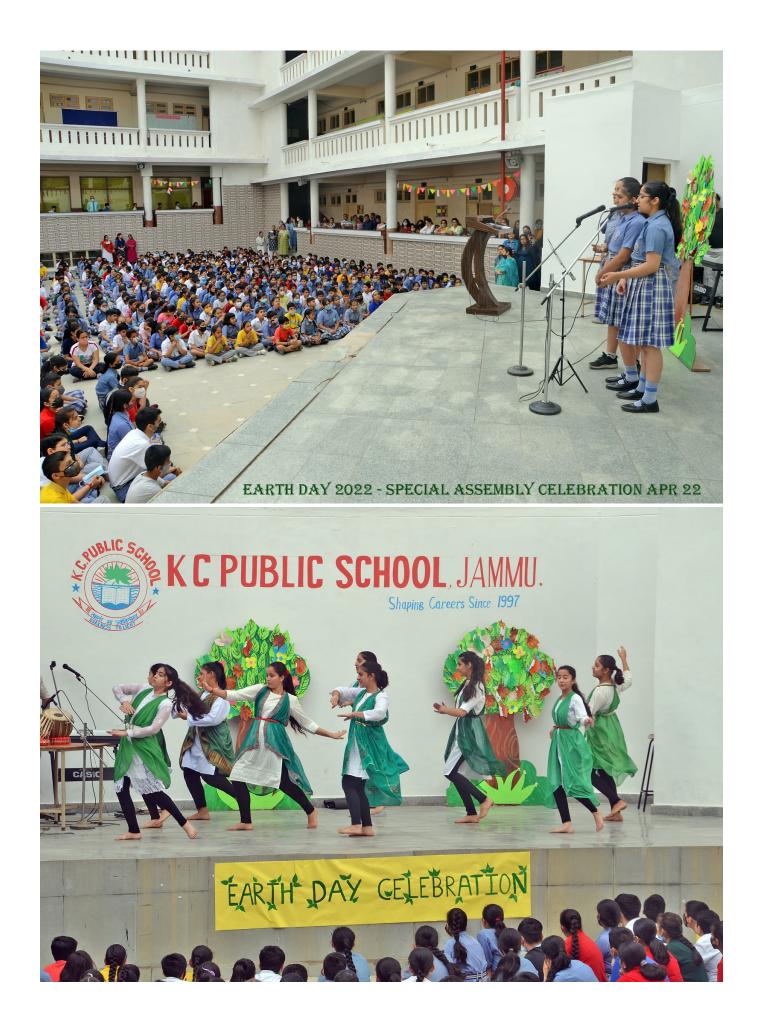
This year after forced closure of 2 years imposed by the pandemic, KCPS community celebrated the Day with exceptional enthusiasm. Special morning assembly at the Senior School was a heart-warming celebration consisting of a variety of cultural programmes culminating into a collective oath taking ceremony to save Mother Earth and her fragile environment. After the assembly, some girl students also tied Rakhis around trees in the Wisdom Woods Ecological Zone on school campus.

Other artistic activities such as music, dance and painting were also conducted in the school with the spirit of conservation of Earth's environment.

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### INTER HOUSE THEMATIC BOARD DISPLAY : MAY 4, 2022

Being a Round Square School, we at KCPS assign themes based on the 12 tenets of Round Square Discovery Framework (RSDF). The theme for the first display was : IN-VEST IN OUR PLANET. All the 4 Houses put up truly wonderful displays on May 4.







#### KCEANS MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MATHEMATICS & HISTORY

Kceans who had recently attended Round Square collaborative virtual conferences on the concept of PI in Mathematics and Relationship between Mathematics & History made an interesting presentation at Round Square Centre on May 6, 2022. The entire team of delegates to these conferences made it a team presentation that included a PowerPoint slide show and a humorous skit. KCPS students and teachers along with Managing Director Arti Chowdhary made an attentive audience. At the end of the presentation, Mrs. Chowdhary interacted with the delegates and put in a word of appreciation for their effort.



Vanshika Bhat Making Presentation - May 6, 2022





## IAYP/RS ADVENTURE TREK 2022

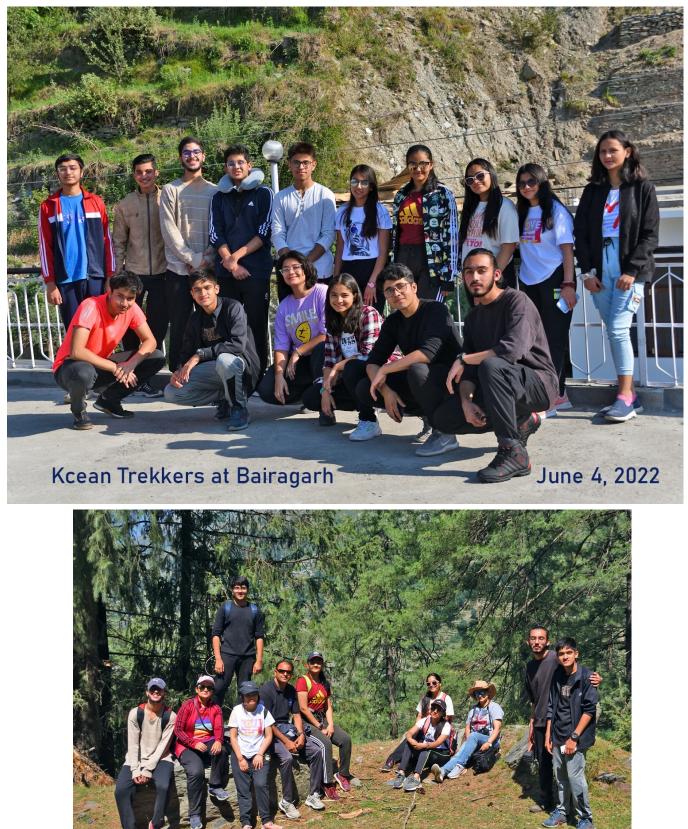
On June 4 and 5, 16 KCPS students of classes IX, XI and XII completed an adventure trek to Saach Pass region in district Chamba of Himachal Pradesh to fulfil their requirement for the Bronze Award of the International Award for Young People (IAYP) and as Round Square adventurers. 14 Award aspirants from Classes IX to XII were Mishika Mittal, Asechan Chib, Xena Bandhu, Saumya Kapur, Ojas Kapur, Archita Gupta, Bhumika Mahajan, Aadeesh Nargotra, Archit Bhatia, Vikas Kaul, Aadesvir Bali, Arnav Vaid, Bhaavya Sharma and Harshita Parihar. Bhowmik Jamwal and Arindam Krishna joined the trek as Round Square adventure seekers. They also intended to celebrate the World Environment Day 2022 by conducting a cleaning operation during the trek and remove trash from the area left behind by tourists. The students were escorted by Academic Director Ram Thakur, Round Square Rep Sonia Thakur, Moon Stephen, HOD Sports, Swimming Coach Babita Jamwal, Award Leader Sangeeta Jain and Tennis Coach Indu Bhushan.

On the first day of the trek, they completed an arduous 5 KM uphill walk to Chamunda Devi heritage shrine located in the village of Devi Kothi. After paying obeisance at the shrine, they visited the twin village Haila-Tepa, the last human settlement in the valley, to meet the children of a Government Middle School with whom students of KCPS have fastened friend-ship since 2018. They spent an hour with their friends, giving them gifts and joining their folk-dance performances specially prepared for the occasion.

On the second day of the adventure, they trekked to Satrundi base camp located at an altitude of 11500 ft on the way to Saach Pass and studied the local flora and fauna. After that, they took up the cleaning up operation on the occasion of the World Environment Day and picked up assorted trash and litter left behind by visitors and tourists. Later in the day after returning to their base at the village of Bairagarh, they handed several bags of trash to the local authorities for suitable disposal.

Raju Chowdhary, Chairman of KC Public School, congratulated and lauded the students for completing a challenging adventure trek and for their dedication and commitment to the cause of conservation of environment, especially in the fragile Himalayan ecological region.

## PICTURES OF IAYP/RS TREK 2022



Trek to Devi Kothi June 4, 2022



Kceans with Trash Bags at the End of Plogging Jun 5, 2022

# ENVIRONMENT CLUB OF KC PUBLIC SCHOOL TAKES UP PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WITH SUPPORT FROM JMC

A clean and green environment is the basic ideology of KC Paryavaran Sadan. Having attended several Round Square global conferences on the theme of sustainability, KCPS students have led changes within the school and are on the mission to create positive impact in the wider community. Under the programme, 'Act today, change tomorrow', they have stepped up to become problem-solvers by identifying environmental issues and resolving them together. They understand the imperative need for positive management of energy sources, water, waste and food and to repair, reuse and recycle natural resources responsibly, locally and ethically.

KC Paryavaran Sadan has started the cleanliness drive as the major step towards creating public awareness. Under this programme, they visited Ranbir Canal and Rajinder Park and identified issues that need immediate attention. In this context, Mrs. Sunaina Sharma, (JKAS), Additional Secretary to J&K Government (Administrative Reforms, Inspection & Training), facilitated a meeting between Mr. Atul Gupta, Secretary, JMC, and key position holders of the Sadan, namely, President Aakarsh Roshan Sharma, Vice president Shambhavi Gupta and Secretaries Mrinmay Mehta and Harshita Manhas at Mr. Gupta's office on May 24. Round Square Rep Sonia Thakur and Biology teacher Rahul Thakur also attended the meeting.

The students told Mr Gupta how they are passionate about environmentalism which is one of the major pillars of Round Square. They apprised him of how KCPS students have taken on key leadership roles within the school to spear-head numerous sustainable projects that include drip irrigation, making of eco bricks, litter-less lunch and compositing. Appreciating their effort, Mr Gupta assured them of full support and agreed to get 8 dustbins installed at Rajinder Park. Under his guidance, the Sadan members took up an awareness campaign at Rajinder Park on May 30 by making people aware of the importance and methods of handling waste effectively and to take steps towards recreating a cleaner environment.



## 'RAUNAK' - BRINGING CHEER INTO LIVES OF THE MARGINALIZED

#### HEART-WARMING STORY OF 16 YEARS OLD KCPS STUDENT SERVING SLUM CHILDREN

Asechan Chib, a student of Class XI from KC Public School, is doing something which many might take years to achieve. He has launched a social service project '*Raunak'* that works for the welfare and benefit of underprivileged slum children of Jammu with the purpose of imparting positive direction to their lives by sharing and celebrating joys with them through personalised connection and a wide range of fun-filled activities.

Experts from different fields are invited to conduct a variety of sessions for slum children that aim at strengthening their social and emotional competencies. Classes are held 5 days a week. A team of volunteers belonging to different age groups works for 'Raunak' as facilitators. Special workshops, life skills programmes and value-based story telling sessions are held to inspire children to learn about the world around them and to adopt positive values and attitudes.

Steadfastness of purpose and indefatigable spirit have beckoned him to go beyond himself to cultivate, nurture, and harness positive influences which, in turn, have helped him start a noble venture and motivate several of his peers to extend a helping hand as volunteers at 4 branches of 'Raunak' serving slum children in different localities of Jammu.



# FAREWELL TO CLASS 12 BATCH OF 2022

The customary farewell to the outgoing batch of Class XII 2022 was organized on June 16 at the Imperial Lounge of Hotel KC City Centre. It was delayed due to the pandemic situation and Board exams of Class XII. The function was organized by the host Class XI with great enthusiasm. The programme consisted of conferring of titles and entertainment items presented by the hosts. Principal Mr Amarendra Mishra in his brief farewell speech wished the outgoing batch joy and success in their lives.













# Fair Thee Well, Class 12 of 2022!







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