



# THE MORAVIAN STAR

MORAVIAN INSTITUTE, DEHRADUN

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## ALUMNI REUNION

An Alumni Reunion was held at the institute on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January. We were happy to have amongst us some senior alumni, as well those who



**Cake cutting at the Alumni reunion**

passed out more recently. The alumni came from all over India and abroad. The ceremony began with the cutting of a cake by the first teacher of the institute, Mrs Zhidey Kundan, after which the alumni spoke about themselves. They described their lives after leaving the institute and where they are presently. The whole Moravian family was



**A senior alumnus, Tseten Phuntsog, presenting a bouquet to Mrs Zhidey Kundan**

very glad to hear how well they were doing in their lives. It was also a time for reminiscing and laughing about amusing incidents that happened when the alumni were pupils. The present staff and pupils hope and pray for the happiness and continuing success of our alumni in the future.

## REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

This year the Republic Day (26<sup>th</sup> January) celebrations started with flag hoisting by Mrs Zhidey Kundan, the institute's first teacher, which was followed by the national anthem. The liturgy was led by the Headmaster, Mr P K Gupta, after which sweets were distributed to the pupils.



**Liturgy being led by the Headmaster, Mr P K Gupta**

## ISC-12 FAREWELL

A farewell is bitter-sweet at most times, and it was no different this year, as the staff and junior pupils got ready to say goodbye to the seniors who were getting ready for the next phase of their lives.



**ISC 2016 batch with the staff**

Class 11 pupils along with the staff hosted a party for the outgoing Class 12 pupils on 6<sup>th</sup> February and gave them farewell gifts. Everyone appreciated the variety of songs and dances in the party.





Melodious singing by the outgoing ISC batch



Class 11 pupils performing a Bollywood dance

### Moravian Girls win the 1<sup>st</sup> Sister Ruby Memorial Hockey Tournament

St Agnes School in Dehradun organized the 1<sup>st</sup> Sister Ruby Memorial Hockey Tournament. In the league-cum-knock out, Moravian girls reached the final and played against Welham Girls on 16<sup>th</sup> April. It was an exciting match. Our girls played very hard and displayed nice moves and skills. Karishma Singh scored 2 goals and the defenders and goalkeeper did not concede any. In the end Moravian defeated Welham Girls 2 - 0 ! Chum Kumari got the best defender award and Reema Rana the best goal keeper prize. Our congratulations to the girls and Mr Namsinrai.



Moravian girls with the winner's trophy

### BLOOMING BUDS

At the beginning of the academic year, on 11<sup>th</sup> April, the institute started an early childhood program, called "***Blooming Buds***" headed by Mrs Wilhemina Sudheesh. This program aims to help children develop in a holistic manner - in cognitive, emotional, social, moral, psychomotor, and aesthetic aspects. The program also seeks to help children acquire skills, attitudes and values useful now as well as later in life.



**Blooming Buds** has a child friendly environment where each child is safe and happy, and enjoys exploring and learning.

### SITAR RECITAL



Mr Gaurav Majumdar on the Sitar

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, Moravian pupils witnessed a live performance by a famous sitarist, Mr Gaurav Majumdar, who belongs to a family of renowned musicians from Allahabad. The recital was organized by SPICMACAY (Society for the Promotion of Indian Classical Music And Culture Among Youth). The pupils thoroughly enjoyed Mr Majumdar's performance. In an interactive session, the pupils also learnt a lot about rhythm, which Mr Majumdar demonstrated through different *taals*.





Pupils enjoying the sitar recital

### MORAVIAN INSTITUTE ACHIEVES 100% RESULTS AGAIN



**Stanzin Oldan**  
ISC-12 topper



**Akash Prakash**  
ICSE-10 topper

The pupils of the Moravian Institute excelled in academics this year also. They achieved 100% in ICSE (10) and ISC (12) external (board) exams once again. In ICSE (10), 6 students achieved distinction, 19 first division and the remaining 2 were placed in the second division. In ISC (12), 11 students achieved distinction, 14 first division and the remaining 5 got second division.

Akash Prakash topped ICSE-10 securing 86% overall, and Stanzin Oldan topped ISC-12 with an aggregate of 87% marks in the science stream. Credit goes to all the staff (and pupils) for their hard work.

### ICYF AWARD CEREMONY



Pupils and Mr & Mrs Gupta at ICYF Ceremony

The Indian Christian Youth Federation (ICYF) organized an award ceremony on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2016 for some meritorious students who scored 75% and above marks in the ICSE and ISC Examinations. The function was held at Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Mr M M Ganapati (Uttarakhand's Director General of Police) presented the awards. The pupils given awards in person were: Ankur Asher Sahu, Arpan Dayali and Riya Luke of ISC and Akash Prakash of ICSE, and in absentia were: Premcy Rongmei, Anthony Massey and Upasana Daliya.

### STAFF TRIP TO LADAKH

On 26<sup>th</sup> May a group of staff and volunteers left on a road trip from Rajpur for Ladakh, via Srinagar, Kashmir, primarily to do voluntary work in Moravian Institute's Chiktan Campus. I led the staff comprising Mrs Susan Kundan, Mr Raju Thapa, Mr Birender Singh, Mr Anuj Subba, Mr Ranjit Singh, Mr Lazar Gengmei, Mr Simeon Kamei. The volunteers were Mr Silas Kahmei and Miss Charisma Kundan. Our group worked mainly on the boundary fencing of the new campus and with bookkeeping.



Staff & volunteers putting up fencing at Chiktan



Soldiers putting up bathroom unit at Chiktan

During our stay, we were happy to witness the installation in school of a fibreglass bathroom unit by an army battalion. The pupils performed skits and dances to entertain the soldiers and their commanding officer on the occasion.



Mr Dana and I had meetings with education department officials in Kargil. The staff in Chiktan, headed by Mr Aaron Dana, was pleased to have our company for one week. Congratulations are due to the MI: Chiktan staff for working in a harsh climate with few amenities.

*Rev Thsespal Kundan*

### TEACHER EDUCATION

From 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> June, some Moravian Institute teachers joined teachers from half a dozen other Uttarakhand schools in a teacher education residential workshop. The workshop was hosted and conducted by the Institute in collaboration with Gateway Education, a global organization providing education services in many parts of the world. The teachers learnt and practiced a number of skills, e.g. in lesson planning, assessment, and in meeting the needs of children with learning difficulties. The teachers are implementing in their regular routine much of what they learnt in the summer workshop, while being mentored by Gateway staff.

*Rev Thsespal Kundan*

### KIDS' CORNER

#### **First time in the hostel**

I came here to this school when I was seven years old. I like this school because when I came here for the first time, there were very good and caring people. I've noticed that whenever a new student comes, senior pupils love them a lot. I was in class one when I joined here as a boarder and in my

class there were few students, I was the only girl in my class. I still remember my classmates who used to share things with me. They were so good to me. Now I am in class 6 and I am enjoying hostel life.

*Yeshe Yangzom, Class 6.*

#### **Importance of time**

Time is something that never stops for anyone. Thus, it is said that "time and tide wait for none". If the doctor delays for one second, the patient may die. Thus, punctuality is essential. If there is delay in work then it leads to delay in other works also. I think the person who respects time, who eats and sleeps on time, and knows the importance of time, will always be successful in life.

*Vaibhav Sahu, Class 11*

#### **My Mother**

My mom is the most important person in my life. The problem is that I cannot express in words how much I love her and feel about her. She is the biggest part of my life. My whole world revolves around her and she is the most influential person who inspires me a lot. My mother is not just a woman but she is an extraordinary mom to me. I know her very well, and I love her more and more each day. She is the first person who taught me to write English and Hindi. She is the best. Her peaceful and calm nature makes me love her more. I Love You Mom.

*Muskan Verma, Class 8*

#### **SMILE**

Smile is everything in our life. God has given wonderful faces to everyone to adorn them with a smile. Always wear a smile not only because life is full of reasons to smile, but because your smile itself is a reason for many others to smile. So Keep Smiling Every Day, for Ever and Ever.

*Monica Shah, Class 7*

#### **Importance of Self Discipline**

Self discipline is necessary for success in life. Self discipline is needed whether we are at school or at home. It is equally necessary when we are in the office or on the playground. Our life, our society, our country or even the world will go astray without discipline. So some sort of discipline is required everywhere. There is an order in nature. Even a small disorder in the world leads to chaos.

*Ambalika Ghidiyal, Class 11*