

LA MARTINIÈRE GIRLS' COLLEGE

With the demise of Mrs F.Abraham, this year has been hard for the La Martiniere family. But Ma'am often said, "the show must go on". And so with a heavy heart we dedicate this year's prize day to the loving memory of one who till last month was the very life of this school. You will notice a slight change in the order of the programme.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHIEF GUEST:

TRUSTEES: Our Chief Trustee is the Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Mr Alok Ranjan. Sri Abdul Shahid took over as the new Legal Remembrance in place of Mr Anirudh Singh in February 2016. We are grateful for the help they both render the college.

THE LOCAL MANAGING COMMITTEE: Hon'able Justice Dinesh Maheshwari, Senior Judge of the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court took over as the chairman of our Local Managing Committee in March,2015. Though his stay was brief we are grateful for the help he rendered to the college. He has been replaced by Hon'able Justice A. P Sahi in February, 2016 and I am certain the college will greatly benefit during his tenure.

The Hon'able Justice Alok Kumar Singh has proven to be a committed and concerned member, who always has the good of the College in mind. **welcome**

Maj. Gen. R.S. Malave proved to be a very helpful member of the managing Committee. **welcome**

Mr P. Fanthome, MLA of the Anglo Indian Community, is a co-opted member of the Local Managing Committee, and helps the College in every way he can. **welcome**

Mr Mahesh Kumar Gupta continues as the Commissioner. He too is always ready and willing to help the College. **welcome**

Mr Raj Shekhar continues as the ever helpful District Magistrate and we are indeed grateful for all the help he gives us. **welcome**

Last but not least, Mr C McFarland, Principal, La Martiniere College, should be recognised for the help he has rendered the College in the past year. **welcome**

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STUDENTS ENROLMENT: There were approximately 2775 students on the rolls of the college. Each class continues to have five sections with approximately 40 students. Maintaining this number is extremely difficult but it is only because we refuse to admit more students that the teachers are able to do justice to their work. In the year 2015, we had 168 supervising Staff members – 146 teachers and 22 non teaching staff.

ACADEMICS: Throughout the school, the teachers aim at building lifelong learning skills. We keep incorporating new methods to make lessons more interesting and challenging. The College holds an Academic Exhibition for the entire school, where the children work on various projects assigned to them. This year we organized the ECOBUZZ which was a maiden venture at promoting environmental awareness through various activities. The theme was 'Everything Matters, Every one Matters'. Students of ALL classes made creative items out of waste material which was sold at the ECOBUZZ fete. ECOBUZZ will now be an annual feature of the College as we feel that creating awareness about the environment among the young generation is the need of the hour.

PLACEMENTS: Many of our students have got through esteemed institutions in various fields all over the country. A few of our students are pursuing Bachelor of Technology from reputed institutes like SRM University, Vellore Institute of Technology, Jaypee, Noida and KIIT. Many of our Art students got through NIFT (Delhi, Bangalore & Hyderabad), and Pearl Academy of Fashion, Delhi College of Art and LA SALLE College of the ARTS (Singapore). A number of students went on to pursue higher education in the top Colleges of Delhi like Lady Shri Ram College, Miranda House, Hindu College, Gargi College, Shiv Nadar University, Noida etc. Professional courses like Hotel Management, Mass Communication and Medicine are also being pursued by our girls in reputed Institutions.

COMPUTERS AND TECHNOLOGY: La Martiniere Girls' College uses computers and technology for administration, academics and co-curricular activities. A new photocopier machine has been installed to ease the humungous paper work that our teachers do. The college has two fully equipped computer labs. LMGC through its smart classes uses an e-learning platform designed for the internet age. Mrs Anitha Pratap needs to be thanked for coordinating with EduComp India.

LIBRARY: The joy of reading books cannot be described in words. When a person learns how to read they will learn how to create their destiny and accomplish what they would like to do. The Junior and Senior libraries together house nearly 11,000 books-both fiction and non-fiction. The Senior library also has a stock of 400+ CDs and DVDs for entertainment and educational purposes. A workshop on story writing by Akanksha Yadav was attended by the children of Class 8. A Book Reading Session on 'The Adventures of Donna the Dolphin', written by Sameena Shaikh was conducted in school for the students of Class 5. A few students of Class 8 attended the Literature Carnival Festival at Indira Gandhi Pratishthan for the release of the same book.

COUNSELLING SESSIONS AND WORKSHOPS FOR STUDENTS: La Martiniere Girls' College is proud of its four counselors/special educators who attend to the needs of children who require special guidance. Workshops were organized by Team Satyam and Chopras for the students of classes XI and XII. University of British Columbia Canada, Asia Pacific University, Princeton, Trinity College, Dublin addressed students of Class XII for

education abroad. The Institute of Career Studies organized aptitude tests and individual counseling sessions for both students and parents of Classes VIII to XII.

We need to thank our Senior librarian, Mrs. U. Pant, for taking care of all these counseling sessions apart from her full time work as librarian.

CO CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: La Martiniere Girls' College believes that co-curricular activities give the students self esteem and self confidence. Moreover, many of these activities call for team work and organization, soft skills which are the requirement of today. The prize distribution later this evening will bear witness to the fact that we consider co-curricular activities as important as academics.

SENIOR SCHOOL: Students took part in several competitions held in the city and outside like BEATS 2K15 Musical Festival held at St. Agnes Loreto Day School, Boulevard a literary Festival held at St. Agnes Loreto Day School, Hope Initiative Quiz held at Paryatan Bhawan, Brain Awareness Program held Regional Science Center, CSI Young Talent Search in Computer Programming held at Nice Tech Computer Institute in Indira Nagar, Techtria held at La Martiniere College, Cryptic Crossword held at CMS Gombi Nagar, Intach India Heritage Quiz held at Institute of Management & Research Technology, RBI Quiz held at Sangeet Natak Academy, Comfest held at Seth A.R. Jaipuria, Kanpur, Elixir held at Jaipuria lucknow, Sonata 2015 held at Sri Ramswaroop Public School, IT Wizfarms held at Jagran Public School Expressions held at St Francis College, and Energy Conservation Day conducted by NEDA held at Amity University. Our girls won laurels in these and a number of other Inter-School competitions held throughout the year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL: The children of the Middle School participated and won prizes in various competitions organised by All for Kids, Logophilia, Regional Science Centre, Dainik Jagaran, Compu Wiz, Exotech-Cleaner Way, Anchor, Rotary India Literacy Mission, St. Francis' College, Department of Posts India, Indian Railway Institute of Transport Management, Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Times of India. The children took an active part in 'Convergence -2015' organised by DPS Indira Nagar, Global Peace Games organised by Project Khel 'The Bournvita quiz' organized by Lucknow Public College and 'Anveshan 2015- In Verse' organised by ITIHAAS at Siri Fort Auditorium, New Delhi. Two students represented the College at the English Elocution Contest organized by the All India Heads of Anglo Indian Schools (UP) held at Jesus and Mary School, Balrampur where they returned with the first prize. It is with pride we say, that our children won a number of medals and accolades wherever they went but most importantly they returned with confidence and enriched experiences. A few of our Class 8 Students met the Hon. Chief Minister. Mr Akhilesh Yadav and suggested various measures for making Lucknow, a better city.

JUNIOR SCHOOL and PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT: The children of the Junior School and Preparatory Departments participated in different competitions held at Delhi Public School, Study Hall, and St. Teresa's College.

SPIC MACAY: SPIC MACAY, the Society for the Preservation of Indian Classical Music, Art and Culture Among Youth brought to La Martiniere Girls' College lecture cum demonstration on Kathak by the renowned dancer Rani Khanam. She was accompanied by Falgun Saini on Phadant, Zoheb Hasan at the vocals and harmonium and Pradeep Mishra on the tabla. The students of the Middle school greatly appreciated the excellence and creativity of the versatile artist, Rani Khanam. *Mrs. I. Kapoor needs to be thanked for acting as the coordinator for the activities of SPIC MACAY.*

THE INTER MARTINIERE MEET: This much awaited event, held every year in the last week of August, sees the four La Martinieres from Kolkata and Lucknow coming together to celebrate their oneness and the Martinian spirit. This year it was Kolkata's turn to host this week long programme. This meet was particularly memorable as the Lucknow girls won all the Swimming events in Kolkata after 24 years.

DEBATING: Debating in La Martiniere Girls' College continues to be one of the most thrilling and enriching activity that engages new speakers every year. This year our girls took part in many Interschool Debates like Dr. Samuel Slaters Memorial Debate hosted by Bishop Cotton School, Rashtriya Indian Military College and Welham Girls' College. This time the school was represented for the first time at the national debate organised by Sherwood College, in Nainital and at the India Today Debate organised by Vasant Valley School, New Delhi. In Lucknow itself our girls took part in debates like the Rotary Club Debate, the Claude Martin Memorial National Debate, the Martin Memorial Debate, the Frank Anthony Debate and the Inter Martiniere Debate. Needless to say we took part in all these events and were mostly successful. We have a very active debate scene within the school. The Inter house debates and the Taruna Puri Memorial Debate are the most eagerly awaited events of school. *The person under whose constant support and guidance the school has, since 1998, grown in stature as a formidable contender at all national debates is Mrs. Abraham. She taught us the principle of giving our best and leaving the result to the judges as it was beyond our control. We were taught by her to win with grace and lose with dignity. The twinkle in her eyes and the smile of subtle pride with which she greeted our victory made every prize doubly special. Our tribute to our great principal would be to continue with our achievements in this field.*

YOUTH PARLIAMENT AND MODEL UNITED NATIONS: The members of the MUN Club participated in various MUNs throughout the year, both- at the local as well as the national level which included MUNs like Jaipuria Model United Nations and La Martiniere Model United Nations at the local level and Cathedral Model United Nations, Mumbai. The girls also participated in the Indian International Model United Nations, individually. The MUN Club of the school organized the first session of La Martiniere Girls' Model United Nations during the summer vacation. The conference saw the participation of prestigious schools from the city and Scindia Kanya Vidyalaya, Gwalior and the Doon School also participated in the conference.

VOX POPULI: The Debating Phenomenon was hosted by La Martiniere Girls' College in October. Being an inter-school competition, it witnessed the participation of over 350 students, voicing their opinions on matters of national as well as international importance. Vox Populi, being a student oriented event, had our student Eerishika Pankaj serving as the Director General and a team of 22 students from classes 11 and 12 as part of the organizing Interactive sessions with keynote speakers who graced La Martiniere girls' College with their presence made the event all the more memorable.

Mrs. A. Ambili served as the teacher coordinator for both these events and it was because of her constant support and guidance that the events were such a huge success.

CHOIR REPORT: La Martiniere Girls' College is known for its melodious choir. Every year the girls are selected for the choir by audition. The college choir performs for many special occasions. This year the college was awarded with a running trophy by the Indian Idol Junior for having the maximum number of singers. Talented musicians are encouraged to accompany the choir during Christmas Cantata and also Concerts. Choir, with its tireless effort brought laurels to the College

Mr. V. Gupta and Mrs. S. Jeyakumar require to be thanked for filling the school with glorious music.

SPORTS AND GAMES: Games are a part of the curriculum for all classes from Lower Preparatory to Class 8. This year saw the girls of Classes VI to XII preparing for the Sports and P.T. Display. Hard work was put in by all. My gratitude is extended to all the staff who helped run off these events, *especially to Mrs. R. Bhatia and Mrs. R.C. Yadav, our P.T.I.s, Mrs. S. Cooke and Mrs. P. Correya and the estate managers who worked untiringly on the field along with the Class 4 employees.*

Swimming: Our girls start their swimming practices in the month of March. Five members of the swimming team participated in the UP State Sub Junior Aquatic Championship. The girls won 8 silver and 3 bronze medals. Our girls also participated in the UP State Junior Aquatic Championship and won 3 silver and 11 bronze medals. This year the Inter Martiniere Meet was held at Kolkata. It was a proud moment when our girls won the Swimming, Relay and the Endurance Cup. We won the Overall Swimming after 24 years in Kolkata. Many of our swimmers participated in the 58th UP State Open Aquatic Championship and won 16 gold, 1 silver and 9 bronze. 3 girls were selected to represent the UP team at Gujarat for the 69th Senior National Aquatic Championship. 10 girls participated in the Shri Satpal Malhotra Memorial Inter School Aquatic Meet held in Study Hall. They won 26 gold and 1 bronze medals and the overall Championship. *Mrs. R.C. Yadav, our swimming coach, Mrs. M. Franklin, the swimming secretary and Ms. P Franklin need to be thanked for their work with the swimmers. Mr. S. Yadav needs to be thanked for giving of his time to help with the divers, and Mr. Puneet Agarwal for his support with the class swimming.*

Basketball: Our young basket ball players attended a host of training camps which were held in the College itself, the most important being the Elite camp and Train the Trainers Camp organized by National Basket Ball Association. The aim of these camps was to acquaint the trainers and the students with unique defense techniques and fitness regimes. International Coaches trained our girls and equipped them with a better understanding of the sport. Our players participated in various tournaments like the Under 14 tournament at Bulandshaher, District Championship at Hardoi, Under 19 Championship at Kanpur. Vaishali Yadav, a student of Class 10 attended the Open States Basketball Tournament held at Meerut and was selected for the Nationals held in Gujarat. The team put up up good fight at the Inter-Martiniere Meet held at Kolkata. Friendly matches were played with the Wynberg team and the Past students of the 1960-80 batches. *Mrs. Manju Sharma, our basketball secretary, Mrs. R. Dixit and Mr. S. Awasthi need to be acknowledged for all the hard work they put in and it would be remiss of us if we did not acknowledge the help rendered to the team by Mr. A. Abraham.*

Badminton- The Inter class match was won by Class VIII in the Junior category and Class IX in the Senior Category. The Inter House match was won by Hodson House. Nandini Suri won the singles 2nd AIHANSI Badminton tournament was organized by St. Jude's school Gorakhpur. Nandini Suri and Nooria Fatima also participated in the District Badminton Championship 2015 held at MP Hall of K D Singh Babu stadium.

Tennis - Inter House Tennis Tournament was won by Cornwallis House. Our girls participated in under-12 and under -14 tennis tournament organised by Colvin Taluqdar College. *Miss Veena Singh needs to be thanked for the work she does in coaching our students.*

Judo - Saania Munawar won a gold medal and Vanshika Minocha won a silver medal, at the District Level Championship. In the District Tournament at the K. D. Singh Babu Stadium 3 judokas won silver medals. While the others won the Bronze medal. Saania Munawar of class 12 passed her Brown Belt Exam in August, 2015 at Saharanpur and is preparing for her Black Belt Exam to be held in 2016.

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS:

- **Diva Bhatia** (IV) won Silver Medal in under 10 inter school Lawn Tennis tournament on 29th Nov. 15 held at La Martiniere College SDS academy .
- **Chahat Malhotra** (8D) was awarded the 1st Prize for composing a song on the topic 'Environment' organized by LIONS CLUB. She was also the first runners-up in the senior category of the National Level Music Competition ' I Genius- Young Singing Stars- Season II' organised by Max Life Insurance and Universal Music. She will soon be recording a song with 'Universal Music India'. Chahat stood first at 'Sonata' a Music Competition organised by Shri Ram Swaroop Memorial Public School.
- **Justica Lobo** won a silver medal in under 15 boys and girls Chess Championship organised by Lucknow District Chess Sports Association. She also won gold medal in Avijai Youth Chess league tournament organised by Avijai Charitable Trust.
- **Spriha Mehrotra** (8D) was awarded the 1st Prize in an Essay Writing Competition on 'Vigilance Awareness' organized by Indian Railway Institute of Transport Management.
- **Manya Agarwal** of Class 1 was selected for Indian Idol, being the youngest competitor in the Competition.
- **Prableen Bhatia** participated in Yuva Paryavaran Leader Award on Waste Management and was declared the 'Best Student'.
- **Pankhuri Gidwani** has been chosen as one of the finalist at the Femina Miss India Pageant 2016.
- **Sara Butool** of Class 7 brought laurels to the College by winning the City Level Spell Bee Contest.

SUMMER CAMPS: Summer camps were held during the summer vacation for children from Classes I to XII. Some of the activities were sports like Swimming, Basketball, Badminton, Tennis, Table Tennis and Aerobics were organised. The activities were conducted by some of our own staff, a team from Project KHEL and Health Zone.

SOCIAL WORK. The Gandhi Corner Report

The Gandhi Corner began its 46th year of selfless service in high spirits and immense enthusiasm truly living up to their motto, 'live to help and help to live'.

It is the hub of all the social service work done by the college. This includes holding of a medical camp for slum dwellers, blanket distribution to the homeless in the cold winter nights, an after school campus teaching programme, supporting various orphanages and old age homes, the girl child day where girls from underprivileged homes are treated to a day of fun, and the biggest attraction for our girls, the Meena Bazaar. A group of 35 students and 4 staff members from Lyons, France went to the slum to distribute ration, stationery items and toys among children. The French students had also raised funds for charity work by keeping food stalls in their school premises. The Gandhi Corner made a contribution of Rs.10,000/- towards the Leprosy Mission Trust India besides the other social welfare programmes undertaken by the organisation throughout the year

Many staff, students and parents have voluntarily helped with the Social Work of the College, and need to be thanked. *However, it is Mrs. P. Khanna's selfless involvement and dedication that ensures that the Gandhi Corner accomplishes as much as it does.*

PALS REPORT: La Martiniere is one of the few colleges in India where conservation of nature is an integral part of the school curriculum. The main objectives of PALS, our nature club is recycling of all kinds of waste. The club has reclaimed wasteland, made handmade paper, recycled scrap cloth, old cds and much more. Banning of plastic bags on the school campus was one of the very first steps taken by PALS. In the following years, providing paper bags to the Lucknow Zoo, making handmade paper and products out of waste added to the list of PALS' accomplishments.

Every year, PALS organizes the 'Wildlife Week' in the first week of October to propagate the message of protection of animal and plant life. Short skits, painting competitions, and various quizzes are held which enlighten the students and inspire them to be young wildlife activists. PALS also organizes the CATS Camp every year for the students of classes 3, 4 and 5 and this is a two-day event. The tents are pitched on the school campus itself. The students enjoy sleeping in tents and activities like flying fox, rappelling and a bonfire. It is an enriching experience for the little adventurers.

While many staff are involved with the organization of various aspects of PALS, it is Miss R. Ali who needs to be thanked especially as she is over all in charge.

EXCURSIONS: The Nature and Heritage excursions organized by PALS are very popular. This year the students visited Bhopal, Pachmarhi, Mashobra near Shimla, Dudhwa National Park, and the vibrant state of Gujarat.

COLLEGE MAGAZINE: 'The Blue and Gold' chronicles the wide gamut of activities and events held throughout the year. It is a platform for the students to unleash their creativity, be it in writing, art or photography, bringing out the essence of all things Martinian. *Miss V. Campos and Mrs. R. Yooshing are in charge of the English and Hindi sections of the magazine and require to be acknowledged for this.*

BEES: The Better English Expression society initiated Word Building competitions in the junior classes this year, and continued cultivating the love of reading books through the BEES library for younger students of the school. Another new activity by the Club was the BEES boards being done up as a competition for Classes 7 and 8. As in previous years, vocabulary registers were also maintained by children in the middle school. *While other teachers do help, it is to Ms. I Basu that we owe our thanks for everything accomplished by BEES.*

WEBSITE: The college website provides necessary details about the college. It is our constant endeavour to make the website more interactive, making available the latest information about the college. This year we also included the online fee payment facility, making it convenient to all parents. Along with the online fee payment process, the lower prep admission forms are available online. The virtual tour of the college has been expanded to cover all prominent parts of the College. The website also provides updated information about interschool results and co-curricular results. We also added an 'Updates' section along with the 'Upcoming Events' section, on which latest college events and updates are mentioned.

We are indebted to Mr. A. Kackker, a parent of the college, for providing us with guidance and the domain name space (DNS). We are also thankful to Mrs. A. Agarwal, a parent, an ex

student and an ex member of staff for helping us with this facility on the site. *Mrs. Shireen Abbas and a team of teachers who are in charge of the web site have to be commended for their work.*

ENTENTE : The First Entente, a three day Inter School Competition was organized in August this year, which received an overwhelming response from 19 prominent schools in the city, and had Dr. Soniya Nityanand as Chief Guest for the event. It included BEE Jewel, ScientoFab, Ataraxis and The Gandhi Corner Exhibition and Skit Competition.

G.K. CLUB: The GK club is our newest club which has been formed with the intention of enhancing the general awareness of the students of La Martiniere Girls' College. Some of the prominent events in which our girls participated in the last academic year were- All India Challenge Quiz RIMC at Dehradun, Llewellyn Quiz at Sherwood College, Nainital, Animesh Srivastava's Memorial Quiz at UP Sainik School, RBI Quiz, Inter School at Loreto Convent, Lucknow, Boulevard Literary Quiz, Hope Initiative Quiz, Nature and GK Quiz, India Heritage Quiz and TOI Quiz.

Our girls showed keen interest in all these events and performed well.

SCIENCE CLUB: "TIS"(The Inquisitive Spirit)-the science club organised fun filled scientific activities for the students which were based on the concept of "learning by doing". The Science Club also organized a trip to the Integral University in October, where students of class XI and XII visited the university to observe the infrastructure and functioning of the engineering laboratories, medical college and other relevant faculties.

MATHS CLUB: The Mathematics club, "Infinity" was started this year to introduce new methods of making the subject more interesting. While wind chimes were made to enable addition and subtraction easier for the preparatory children, the junior school baked cakes to understand fractions, unitary method, ratio and time better. Mrs.S.Cooke, Mrs.P.Correya and Mrs M. Chand ably assisted Mrs.P.Bose who coordinated other activities with teachers of the departments.

HEALTH CLUB : The Health Club, Ataraxis, organised an awareness assembly on 'Food Safety', the theme for World Health Day on 7th April. Ataraxis was also a part of 'Entente', an inter-school event organised in the month of August. A blood-donation camp was held in October, in collaboration with the Lions Club and the staff of KGMU. The camp saw a lot of staff and parents volunteer to donate blood.

Mrs. N. Dwivedi looks after the work done and requires to be acknowledged for it.

NOVICE: (Nurturing of Values in Children Every day) The Art of Living NOVICE project for La Martiniere Girls' College Lucknow has built itself on the previous year's strengths with its students and staff members. Children enrolled for NOVICE from Classes Lower Prep to 12, attended 10 sessions spread over the year. Junior and Preparatory department students connected with nature by beginning La Martiniere's 'Happy Garden', where the children planted various plants and saw them grow. They also learned to identify herbs and medicinal plants. Middle and Senior department students, parents, staff and support staff attended workshops to prevent stress. *Mrs. Anisha Sharma, an ex student needs to be thanked for her enthusiastic work with our students, staff and support staff.*

LA MARTINIERE GIRLS' ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: The La Martiniere Girls' Alumni Association works hard for the school and the society and truly believes that it is a body that strives to make a difference. The Association along with Project KHEL conducted the

Annual Medical Camp at Kasturba Gandhi Aawasiya Balika Vidyalaya, Barabanki. During the Annual Tree Plantation Drive hundreds of new saplings of various varieties of Hibiscus and Cacti were planted. A rain dance and a Christmas dance were organised for the past and present students. The new website of the Association was inaugurated during the Annual General Body Meeting of the Association. The LMGAA hosted the Annual Founder's Day Dinner and co-hosted the Annual Reunion dinner with the LMA at which illustrious alumni Major Neha Patel and Mr. Debashish Chakrabarti were honoured. In February, 2016 the first of its kind, a unique three day reunion was organised by the executives of the Association. Alumni from 1960-1980 batches gathered to 'Reconnect – Relive – Recreate' their school days with their friends and retired teachers in February. LMGAA annually facilitates retired staff members of both Colleges. It awards a medal for good conduct to a student and also helps a deserving child with a scholarship of 20000/-. A retired support staff member is also given a fixed deposit of 10000/-.

VISITORS : David Wright and Ms. Lemondine from Yorkshire, UK visited the College after twenty five years. The batch of 1972 organised a Reunion and made a donation of Rs. 25,000/- towards the refrigerator for the Gandhi Corner canteen.

THE CAMPUS, BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE: This year witnessed a lot of restoration work and the start of new projects on the campus.

One part of the study hall was revamped into a Board Room which will now be used for all official meetings. The College boasts of a Reverse Osmosis (RO) plant which supplies safe drinking water to all our students.

A new tube well was installed as an emergency backup for our water supply. The latest addition to our kitchen was a Tandoor, adding to the variety in the menu for our boarders. A modern solar heater water plant was installed to enable continuous supply of running hot water.

The Department of Tourism was responsible for the illumination of Khursheed Manzil and it now looks majestic at night too. A part of Khursheed Manzil is being converted into a museum with the aid of the Archaeological Survey of India.

A fully equipped resource centre for Special Education, an air- conditioned auditorium with a seating capacity of 1000 people, residential quarters for staff and support staff, new garages for parking, an all weather covered swimming pool are some of the projects that have begun work on the campus.

i-SCHOOL: The I-School Programme continues to be of great help to parents and staff who are informed of changes in school timings, unexpected holidays, and important events of the college with ease.

HEALTH: By and large, this year the health of our student community was good. However the same was not true with the staff with some of them needing to be on medical leave.

Sr. P. Michael, our nurse, takes good care of all our Staff and students and requires our thanks. Dr. Chandravathi, Dr. Srivatsan, Mr. Shah Rukh, Dr. Vikram Mehta and his wife Dr. Manjula Mehta need to be thanked for their help and advice. Many of our friends and parents continued to help us through the year, especially the doctors at SGPGI and Lari Cardiology, CSMMU. Many others have helped with the various medical camps and they all require to be acknowledged and thanked.

STAFF:

Appointments: There were no new appointments in the previous academic year.

Bereavements: Last year the laughter that rang out in Class XI A, was cut short when young Pragma Verma passed away. Pragma had been a part of the La Martiniere family for thirteen years and a half years and was loved by everyone who knew her. We pray for her soul to rest in peace.

Perhaps, the worst blow to the College was the sudden demise of our Principal, Mrs F. Abraham. In many ways the College is still trying to come to terms with this huge loss. Ma'am touched the lives of thousands of students, parents and staff of not just the La Martiniere family but also at a national level as she served on the Boards of seven institutions across the country and on two committees of the Council for Indian School Certificate Examination.

IN SERVICE TRAINING: The Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations conducted training programmes in various subjects at the ICSE and ISC level which were attended by a number of the senior school staff. Across the school, teachers attended various workshops to improve their methods of teaching and assisting the children in stress management.

'Activate your curriculum with, Out - of - classroom learning' was organised by Flow India and was attended by teachers of the Middle and Junior School.

Orange Planet-(an organization that specializes in implementing innovative pedagogical concepts at pan India level in schools) organised a workshop on Planetarium Education. Senior School Hindi teachers attended a workshop 'Utthaan' organised by Dr Surendre Vikram who is a subject specialist and the Head of the Department, Lucknow Christian Degree College.

Ms I Basu attended a symposium on English Language and the 3rd International ELT Conference jointly organized by Amity University and RELO, U.S Embassy on 4th, 5th and 6th March, 2016.

BOARD RESULTS The students and teachers of La Martiniere Girls' College once again reached the target that had been set of securing an average mark of 90% in both the I.S.C. and I.C.S.E. examinations. We can only thank every teacher for her work with the students, not just in the higher classes, but throughout the school.

159 candidates appeared for the I.S.C. i.e. Class 12 Examination, for which the average percentage was **89.7%**.

87 students i.e. 54.71% secured between 90 and 100%

61 students i.e. 38.36% secured between 80 and 90%,

11 students i.e. 6.91% secured between 70 and 80%,

Perfect scores of 100% were achieved by 11 students in Psychology, 9 students in Biotechnology and Political science each,

3 students in Mathematics and History each and 1 student in Computer Science.

181 candidates appeared for the I.C.S.E. i.e. Class 10 Examination, for which the average percentage was 91.16%

132 students i.e. 72.92% secured between 90 and 100%

40 students i.e. 22.09% secured between 80 and 90%,

07 students i.e. 3.86% secured between 70 and 80%,

02 student i.e. 1.1% secured between 60 and 70%

Perfect scores of 100% were achieved by 6 student in Mathematics, 1 student in Computer Application, 1 student in Environmental Application and 1 student in Economics.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: We would once again, like to thank all members of the Local Managing Committee, for their continued support to the College. We are deeply indebted to the Honorable Chief Minister Mr. Akhilesh Yadav and his wife Mrs. Dimple Yadav for all the help they have already rendered the college and know they will continue to support us.

While we thank all the friends and well wishers of the College, we must mention those who always stand by us - Mr. Jaideep Mathur, Mr. R.N. Singh, Mr. R. Agarwal, Mr. Joyantu Mukherjee, Mr. Surendra Nath Kohli, and his son Mr. Siddarth Kohli,

This year we need to thank Dr. Meenakshi Pawha for instituting a new award.

Mr. Puneet Ohri and his team need to be thanked for all the recordings of the School functions.

Mr. Ashish Srivastav, for his help and guidance with the restoration of Khursheed Manzil and Mr. Naved Alvi for the help he has rendered the College.

As mentioned earlier, it is only because of the generosity of our parents that we are able to maintain the college and continue with improvements, as the fees we charge are minimal and really do not give us any scope to carry these out. So once again I would like to thank all of you who have helped us in diverse ways, especially the parents of the preparatory department who helped with the renovation of the toilets and also gave us fans and lights for the classrooms. I appeal to all of you to please continue to support the college in any way you can.

La Martiniere Girls' College stands where it does today, as one of the most sought after schools in the country, because of all who work here. We are truly grateful to each staff member for the contribution made to the College. Thank you staff – both teaching and non-teaching. Although, every staff member cannot be thanked individually, there are a few whom I must especially mention, as they work beyond the call of duty.

Mrs. L. Sadiq, Head of Department, Middle School handles the many aspects of the post most competently and the department is flourishing under her care.

Mrs. P. Correya, the head of the Junior school has proved to be reliable and dependable. She carries out all her duties with the interest of the College in mind.

Mrs. S. Cooke, Headmistress of the Preparatory Section, remains in total control of her Department, making sure that both students and parents learn what is expected of them from the very beginning.

The College Bursar, Mr. S. K. Das, with his dedication, total honesty and loyalty sets the example for the entire college. Mrs. Swati Das, requires to be thanked for the many tasks she performs in the office, willingly and cheerfully. Both of them are always ready to put in more hours of work whenever required.

The ex-staff of La Martiniere Girls' College, we thank all of you, for continuing to inspire and encourage us. You are always present at our College functions and we are always happy to meet you.

We must also thank all our Support Staff, those “behind the scene” workers without whom the school could not function - the ayahs, peons, gardeners, cooks, bearers, watchmen, and sweepers.

We wish to once again extend my thanks to all the parents and well wishers of the college and if, inadvertently, we have failed to acknowledge anyone who has helped the college in this past year, please do accept our sincere apologies.

Finally, may we request the loudest round of applause from the parents and Staff for ALL the students of La Martiniere Girls' College - not just those who are present as prizewinners, but the far greater number who allowed them to win those prizes. If it were not for these children none of us would be here. Thank you, children, for all that you are, and all that you do, to make us proud to be associated with the name Martiniere.

Thank You.