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The DD House fraternity, embarked upon this new beginning - all set to take roots- for a firm foundation and primed to grow wings- to soar and scale new heights.

They say, change is the only constant - it certainly is! Mr. Pradeep Upadhyaya wound up 11 glorious years as the Housemaster and graciously passed on the baton to me. I took charge of this onerous and profound responsibility of nurturing the young minds and being their mentor for the formative years they spend in Mayo, at this nestling called the Junior School.

The new academic year commenced with the influx of new members who joined us in April. They were a part of the set up in no time, vibrant like the blossoms in spring and before long, they filled the house with the fragrance of their uniqueness.

We gathered some feathers in our cap along the year. The boys did fantastically well in academics throughout the term. They mastered the art of both self-learning as well as peer-teaching. The academic ethos created in the confines of the house served a conducive framework to help the children realize their potential and relentlessly pursue their goals. The Academic Cup came in as a gift for all the effort put in! Well merited by them I'd say! 38 out of the whole tally of 55 boys were above 75%. The boys in the roll of honour as per the percentage in the final exams were -Anirudha Aggarwal 97%, Tanmay Garg 96%, Keshav Beswal 95%, Suveer Dev Arora 94%, Daksh Aggarwal and Samarth Aggarwal 92%, while Sanskar Bachani and Shalak Bansal scored 90%.

We did quite well in the sporting arena too. It was a delightful feeling to have been declared winners for P.T and Air Rifle Shooting. In P.T, the house was led by Suveer Arora, Keshav Beswal and Krish Chajjer, with Sanskar Bachani on the drums. Our marksmen tallied the highest scores to be at the top notch in Shooting. Here is a special mention of Ayush Aggarwal for his fantastic aim and of course Harbhajan for being a capable captain. Golf was an icing on the cake, as our players Sanskar Bachani, Ayaan Dhaka and Ojasya Garg emerged as winners of the group with their remarkable putting.

Many boys won laurels at the District and State Level in Yoga. Aryavardhan Singh Chouhan received a Gold Medal and Keshav Beswal got a Silver Medal at the District Level. At the State level, Vedant Jhalani, Sarthak Dubey and Saatvik Talreja received a Silver Medal each, while Aryavardhan Chouhan Singh received a Bronze Medal.

Arjun Jindal with his passion for the fast-paced game of squash, went on to be the proud recipient of the Junior Division Squash Championship Medal. In Inter House Boxing, the strategic brilliance and assertive moves of Keshav Beswal and Sanskar Bachani helped them emerge as winners. The ace hockey players of the house Jaiwant Jhala, Bhuminjaye Singh Rathore and Yuv Ramrakhani made a place for themselves in the prestigious IPSC Hockey Tournament, held at Pine Grove, Shimla. Kushagra Jain and Ojasya Garg represented the house in IPSC Brass Band Competition hosted at PPS, Nabha. Anirudha Aggarwal finally got his long-awaited moment of glory when he delivered a speech in



Hindi on the auspicious occasion of Republic Day, while Keshav Beswal delivered it in English, earning praise and admiration of all.

Anirudha Aggarwal, with all the feathers in the cap and winning numerous prizes, became the proud recipient of the Class Prize for Grade V. Seven boys, Suveer Arora, Krish Chajjer, Sanskar Bachani, Shauryaditya Rathore, Pranav Jain, Aayush Agrawal and Ojasya Garg, were selected to be part of the International Exchange to Beechwood Primary School, UK. They certainly made us proud.

The staff and students of DD House planned a trip to Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Kumbalgarh and Bikaner in the month of October. It was a rejuvenating break away from the flurry of engagements whilst here at Mayo. We all had a fabulous time of unwinding and jollity, making the most of the beautiful monuments just as much as the insight each one offered.

The first year wound up as if in an instant but left behind fond and echoing memories for each one of us. The batch of class VI was indeed the cornerstone behind all that the house accomplished, their strong resolve, the devotion in discharge of each duty and their initiative in motivating their Juniors to put their best foot forward, created a moral fabric that was an inspiration for all.

Further more, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mrs. Ramneek Chandela for her

support in all the endeavours we initiated. Similarly, my sincere thanks to the Assistant House Master, Mr. Kamlesh Kumar and the tutors Mr. V.S Chouhan, Mrs. Kusum Goyal and Mr. Riktendu Das for delivering their best to the house and for being with us when the house needed the extra dose of sense of purpose.

It is rightly said that if everyone is moving forward together then success takes care of itself. I am glad we could work as a bunch of motivated individuals;



the success achieved speaks for itself! Hope these little ones under our care along with those who have moved on, bloom and prosper carrying forth the preaching they imbibed here at DD House and of course Mayo!

