



SRI LANKA- THE ISLAND OF EDEN



Thirty-four students accompanied by four teachers- Mrs. Vinita Watts, Mrs. Nidhi Singh, Mr. Dulu Dutta and Mr. Maxim MacDonald enjoyed a wonderful educational trip. Their trip comprised of a visit to Pulwama Elephant Orphanage, rock climbing at Sigiriya, a tour of a gem museum at Kandy, witnessing rituals being performed at the 'Tooth Relic Temple', a visit to a Sita Mandir which is mentioned in the 'Ramayana', and a visit to a Turtle Hatchery.

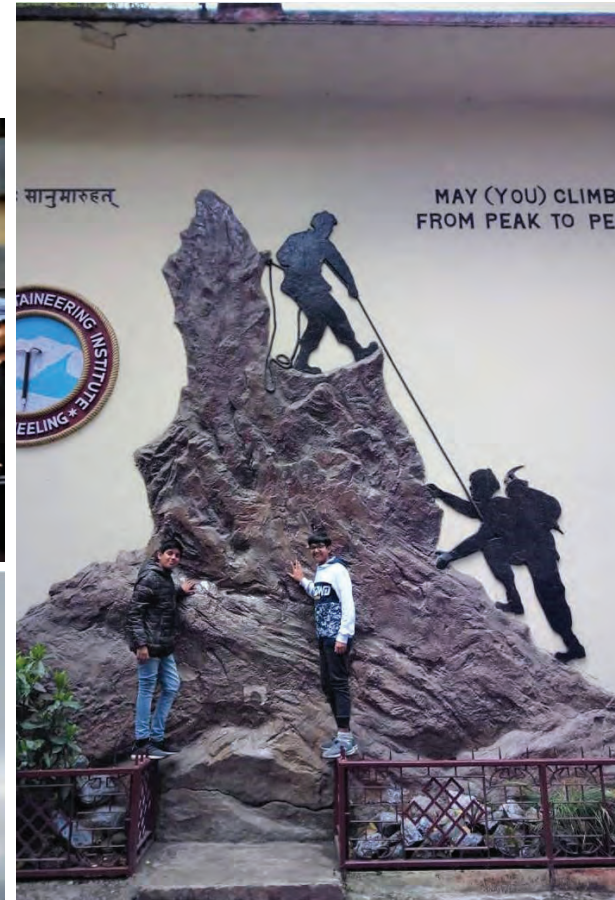


They learnt about Sri Lankan culture and were astounded by the love of the people towards their society and their environment.



SIKKIM AND DARJEELING - AND THE HILLS BECKONED

One could almost smell the sense of adventure and excitement in the air as eighteen students along with Mrs. Torali Baruah and Mrs. Mousumi Talukdar left for Gangtok and Darjeeling.



Everyone savoured the sheer beauty of the places like the Ban Jhari Falls, Rumtek Monastrey, Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Tiger Hill and Changu Lake. What made the trip more special were the piping hot momos and thukpa as well as the warmth of the people.

HAR KI DUN- VALLEY OF GODS



A group of thirty-three students left for Har Ki Dun with Mrs. Priyanka Joshi, Mr. Davendra Verma, Mr. Jayanta Borah and Ms. Meghna Dutta. Though it was a tough trek, it was worth all the effort.

The magnificent views of the famous peaks of Swargarohini, Bandar Poonch, Kala Nag or Black peak and Har Ki Dun peak itself left everyone astounded. It is truly the 'Valley of Gods.' It was a memorable experience with the best of nature.



“Mentre ci Salutimo”

- As we bid Farewell -



“Goodbyes are not forever,
They are not the end,
they simply mean
we’ll miss you
until we meet again.”

**Ms. Sonya Ghandy Mehta, Head of School
(June, 2013 – July, 2019)**

It gives you a lot of pride to look up at the majestic walls of the WMH, walls that were dominated by legends who were all men, that same wall now has a taste of grace, dignity and colour but most importantly a woman. A woman who has been instrumental in not only shaping our school but also has played a crucial role in the lives of each one of us who had been part of The Assam Valley School during her era. Ma'am Sonya Ghandy Mehta came to the school at a time when change was inevitable and the school was at the threshold of it and it is nothing short of an inspiration to young girls of this school to have seen a woman take over the third best educational institution in the country that had been so accustomed to male leadership.

From being a motherly figure to everyone dreaded to face as they at 7:29 am as they tried their best to find eyesight, Ma'am has been an ardent been an affectionate in-loco parentis, grateful. Ma'am always was willing voice. In a school that always told us was ma'am who ensured that students Be it a community debate or council that all of it sailed smoothly; however, were always assured that the students, the school and in ma'am's eyes. Thank that the doors of your office were open



becoming the woman whose wrath scrambled out of the boarding houses routes to hide from her 360-degree disciplinarian as much as she has and for that we remain forever to listen and empower the student's to be curious and ask questions, it were heard across all platforms. meetings. It would be unfair to say at the end of each one of them we all of us would remain the priority in you ma'am, for always making us feel to all of us at all times and that we

would ALWAYS be heard, and that our opinions mattered. In a school that aims at creating citizens of tomorrow, ma'am understood that voicing one's opinion is essential in moulding characters.

The student community would agree that ma'am had brought about some really stringent sanctions and drastic changes, but today as we stand here at the threshold of another change and look back, we remain assured that all of that were for the greater good. Ma'am left no stone unturned in making us feel at home, from visiting the infirmary at night to check on those who were ill to ensuring that she got goodies for her council when she flew back from the UK.

Personally, the amount of trust, love, care and affection ma'am had shown me had been enormous to an extent that it has taught me the gravity of the responsibility I had to shoulder. I have faltered, I have faltered many times, many of those instances have been reprimanded by Ma'am herself, but writing this I only believe that it only pushed us further to work harder. Working under her has made a lone player like me understand the importance of team work and how each player may not work at the same pace, strength and speed, and that only makes us different. Ma'am had taught us that being different, which may or may not be okay outside, but at AVS it is not only accepted but also appreciated.

She left us at the 24th year having impacted many spheres of school life that we know for years to come from now, whenever we walk down the familiar illuminated roads of AVS we will always feel the presence of Ms. Sonya Ghandy Mehta. Ms. Mehta, the iron lady of AVS who held us together through our lows and celebrated with us through our highs, will always be remembered for leading the school at a time when history was still being written.

-Aakangsha Dutta, Head Girl

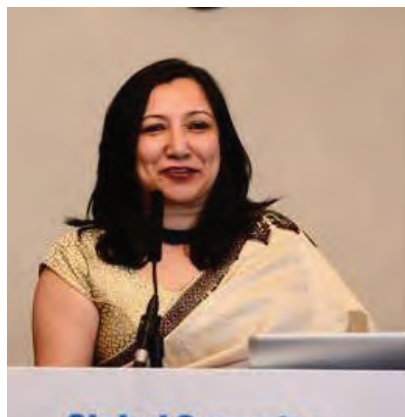
***Mrs. Meenakshi Bora Gogoi, Head of Assamese Department
(July, 1995 – April 2019)***

“Baideo”

While some of us complained about having “the wrong students”, she always believed in becoming the right teacher for today’s students, and in this process “Baideo” had not just won the hearts and minds of the students but also garnered the awe and imagination of her colleagues. She was an educator who you’d find hard to forget. She not only transformed the paradigm, but made you actively do things – be it in the classroom, games field or on the WMH stage and with respect, all things Assamese. In the words of her students, “she made difficult ideas appear uncomplicated”. She was full of energy and sometimes you would feel ashamed of yourself if you didn’t go and work harder - with a big smile, like her. No doubt also, that most would agree that they would be mortified if her wrath be upon them for a lack of intensity or effort, which probably made them try even harder. When all's said and done, her genuine care and responsibility for others, for the school and most importantly towards her students was beyond this world. “Baideo” will be missed terribly by all of us.



***Mrs. Mita Nangia Goswami, Head of
English Department
(February, 2018 – August, 2019)***



Mrs. Mita Goswami was dignity personified. Her presence radiated with an incomparable strength, integrity and grace. Her patience and drive never failed to surprise both her colleagues and students. She would be missed dearly.

***Mrs. Nidhi Singh, Head of Sunnyside
(September, 2009 – April, 2019)***

Mrs. Nidhi Singh was the beloved Head of Sunnyside. She will always be remembered for being the soft-spoken and caring person that she was. She always had a smiling face and always encouraged both the students and teachers, pushing them to do better.



**Ms. Urmila Mukhoty, Bengali Teacher
(March, 2014 – April, 2019)**

She was as sweet as the language she taught, atleast that's what her colleagues and students would say. Being the only Bengali Teacher in her department, she had a lot of work cut out for her but nonetheless she always worked hard for her students with a simple and devoted dedication.



**Mr. C. S Shankar, Mathematics Teacher
(May, 2015 – April, 2019)**

An admirable man who was not easily influenced and someone who always stood his ground. His colleagues admired his Professionalism and dedication towards his work. He was also someone who enjoyed his food while taking a break from his work.



**Ms. Stephanie Veronica Atkins,
English Teacher
(August, 2017 – April, 2019)**



Kind-hearted and ever ready to offer an attentive ear, Ms. Stephanie was adored by her students and colleagues. Her

unconventional ways are what made her special. Hardworking and dedicated, she always had something nice to say to brighten up.

**Mrs. Suman Singh,
Sunnyside Teacher
(October, 2006 – May,
2019)**

Mrs. Suman will be fondly remembered by a lot of students and teachers alike as an extremely punctual and sincere lady. She was someone who hated slacking off and always kept her work up to date and worked hard to do so.



**Ms. Rajlakshmi Borah,
Sunnyside Assistant
Teacher
(October, 2016 – June,
2019)**

Beautiful inside and out. Ms. Rajlakshmi was an extremely enthusiastic and hardworking teacher. Even though she was so young, she always knew how to carry herself and would always be punctual and meticulous with her work.



Graduation

2019



“The Future belongs to those who believe in their dreams”. –Eleanor Roosevelt

The Graduation ceremony holds a very special place in the School Calendar. It is that special moment of the year when the entire School comes together to celebrate yet another batch of students who stand poised to step out of the wrought iron gates of the School into the seamless horizon of the world beyond. The Chief Guest for the evening was Mrs. Laxmi Dhau, an author, an animator, an educator, a motivational speaker, a horticulturalist and a mother of two, all rolled into one. The event began with the congregational hymn ‘One Moment in Time’ followed by the graduating pupil Jaagriti Borah’s speech. One of the oldest pupils who has seen the School in multiple hues, Jaagriti spoke of her years at AVS which she would always cherish. The Head of School led the congregation in prayer and thereafter addressed the gathering. As the first set of mementos were given out, the hall resounded with applause lit by the proud elated beams of parents and teachers alike. Toko Tato, took to the stage next and caught the audience’s attention with his humour and wit, as he recounted his days from Tihu when he was but another face in the crowd. As the evening progressed, the second set of awards were given by Dr. Nazrana Ahmed, who has shared a long relationship with the School and had seen her older son Nummier graduate in 2015 and was now attending the graduation of her younger son Nammeir Ahmed, a fine swimmer and Captain of the Riding School 2018-19. Uroolee Changmai, the outgoing Head Girl delivered her graduating speech sprinkled with inspiration and infused with humour. The Staff choir took to stage next and sang ‘May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You’ which was met with a hearty applause. Abhijay Hazarika, the outgoing School Captain delivered his graduating speech, in which he spoke of his gratitude towards the institution that had enthused in him his passion for tennis and groomed his personality. As Ms. Laxmi Dhau, the Chief Guest delivered the last set of mementoes, the excitement in the hall had reached its peak. Ms. Dhau delivered her address which stressed on the principles of Gandhi and how his principles stood steadfast to date. The evening ended with the batch photograph which captured amongst smiling faces, memories that would last a lifetime.

CLASS OF 2020



Sitting (L-R): Mr. Devesh Prajapati, Mrs. Lata Khatri, Mrs. Rupali Borah, Mrs. Priyankoo Das, Mr. Pulok Borborah, Mrs. Joyce MacDonald, Mr. Amit Jugran, Dr. Vidukesh Vimal, Mrs. Shakila Banu, Mr. Tushar Bharadwaj, Dr. Hemashree Deka, Mr. Debnath Pyne, Mrs. Meenakshi Baruah Das, Ms. Sarmistha Paul Sarkar, Ms. Kamalica Bhowmick

2nd Row (L-R): Mr. Thajeb Ali Hazarika, Divyana Das, Reeshica Singh, Saziia Selvia, Aiswaraya Saikia, Toko Jirmin, Thaina Potoi Ngandam, Pei Dulom, Balkirat Kaur, Mr. Sabir Ansari, Mr. Umesh Singh, Mr. Bijan Panigrahi, Mr. V.P Rao, Rashika Malpani, Kanika Todi, Yayum Toko, Prarthana Sharma, Debakshree Goswami, Shagun Agarwal, Malabika Das, Nishika Agarwal, Orihona S. Bikash, Mr. Siddharth Bathla

3rd Row (L-R): Akansha Baruah, Dhrittee Goswami, Devyam Seal, Shruti Kothari, Marchy Kashyap, Sieyina Meru, Jirmeen Tok, Tarana Pradhan Lama, Shristi Pegu, Fariat Shahin, Nitya Bhatt, Khushi Jain, Nandini Garodia, Tammana Tahrin Ahmed, Diya Nath, Devangana Baruah, Ankita Das, Snigdha Bharadwaz, Arhata Saikia, Tadar Yaza, Aichea Victoria A. Sangma, Aseng Tayeng, Tenzin Munsel

4th Row (L-R): Sempisang Toy, Stuti Agarwal, Subham Paul, Harshika Deorah, Debashish Chingakhm, Shivam Kalwar, Vikash Pegu, Syeda Rabab Sahana, Aakangsha Dutta, Nilimoy Das, Likha Riza, Avneet Kaur Arora, Ksh Robindro Singh, Sneha Singha, Shenella Ann Watson, Trisha Barua, Veronica Choudhwry, Abbiso Pul, Dronashish Goswami, Nambam Ryan Iangrai, Saloni Agarwalla, Tushar Das, Markio Dota

5th Row (L-R): Bishwajit Saha, Veeraditya Podder, Saptarshi Acharjee, Kapinjal Sharma, Shreya Singh, Aabidul Haque Mawlong, Pratik Bagaria, Pratik Pareek, Ojas Jyoti Borah Hazarika, Takar Liyak, Arpit Agarwal, Khushi Baheti, Rishita Dhelia, Bommi Rebom Ngucho, Jian Moji Jini, Ngukivi Chishi, Himangshu Baruah, Keshav Agarwal, Deep Ngangom, Khushi Pansari, Aman Jain, Abdullah Ashraf Imdad, Krishnav Saraf, Pranjal Saha

6th Row (L-R): Gaurav Agarwal, Pranjit Goswami, Rabden Pempaishey, Kapish Harshingpuria, Kushal Sureka, Devansh Gupta, Aniketh Das, Satwik Hetamsaria, Akhilesh Bora, Dakshyaratna Thapa, Arhant Terang, Prakash Baheti, Pratyush Deka, Abhinav Gautam, Dhruv Choudhury, Dhreety Haloi, Nachiket Jha, Pratham Jain, Avinash Pratim Sarmah, Jagrit Kasera, Aaryan Sahu, Nivranshu Baruah



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Aabidul Haque Mawlong

Aabidul was shy and spoke very little but was extremely loyal towards the House. He surprised everyone with his splendid vocal skills during the recent Inter-House Music Competition.



Aaryan Sahu

Aaryan was the Head Boy who led with diligence and sincerity. His skill in percussion was as noteworthy as his unique way of dealing with his peers and juniors. He was insightful as well as humourous.



Abhinav Gautam

Abhinav made his presence felt the very first day he joined school. He was more of a brother than a senior to most of us. He always motivated others through his hard-work at the badminton court and the riding field.



Aishwarya Saikia

Aishwarya was our unofficial 'Miss Instagram' who was always seen moving around the house or dancing to some sassy song or the other. This dainty young girl loved to look good and always carried herself well. We will miss her.



Akansha Baruah

Akansha was graceful at everything she did. An expressive dancer, her performances always left the audience awestruck.



Akshar Ajmera

Akshar was very considerate as a person. Lohit helped him hone his skills and talents. He was also the Food Captain of the Lohit House.



Aman Kumar Jain

Aman was calm, organized and quite sarcastic. His bond with his peers and his juniors was really good and his dedication towards his work was inspiring.



Aman Bansal

Aman was known as 'Bansi' among his friends. He was completely into academics. Calm, composed and clever are the perfect words to describe him. He was always loyal to his favourite teacher and our dear Housemaster, Mr. Huidrom.



Aniketh Das

Aniketh was good at juggling academics and sports. He was a good cricketer and captained the Cricket Team. He was also a down to earth Manas prefect and was quite comical.



Dhruv Choudhury

Dhruv was independent, headstrong and dedicated. He was always calm among his busy peers. His personality attracted many and he was witty as well.



Gaurav Agarwal

Gaurav had the voice of an angel. He was as tall as a skyscraper. His humility and kindness will be missed by many.



Harsh Agarwal

Harsh was a resourceful person who always got the job done. His efforts in the sphere of Event Management and his shocking sense of humor were always welcomed by all Aviators.



Harshika Deorah

Harshika was prominent as well as proficient in introducing MUN at AVS. She was extremely outspoken and would naturally voice her opinions whether you liked it or not! Her talented self will surely contribute much to humanity in the future.



Jagrit Kasera

Jagrit was outstanding as the House Captain of Namdang. He always led by example and contributed to almost every sphere ranging from academics to sports. He was very focused and sincere when it came to his responsibility.



Kanika Todi

Kanika was awesome with numbers unlike so many of us and always ready to help us solve even those problems which were not related to math! We will miss her a lot.



Kapish Harsingpuria

Kapish was the Potterhead with an amazing voice. He was a carefree person with a witty sense of humor. He was also the Deputy Head of Cultural Pursuits.



Saloni Agarwalla

Saloni was the beloved Captain of Subansiri House who was always there to support the house. She sure was dynamic and could make the whole house sway with her moves and grooves. She was like a dear sister and always gave advice which was very encouraging. She will surely be missed.



Satwik Hetamsaria

Satwik never failed to raise our spirits with his ever-lasting, delectable smile. He was famous for his long walks at the LOC and his special Hindi accent. He was a really nice person to converse with.



Shagun Agarwal

Shagun was the scholar of Kopili. She was very conscientious. AVS witnessed her musical prowess at the Inter-House events. She was also quite the disciplinarian!



Sourish Datta

Sourish was the Food Captain of Dhansiri. He cheered the loudest during any Inter-House event and was born to support the house in every way possible. He was responsible for selecting the movies which we would watch during the weekends.



Subham Paul

Subham was the prefect of Lohit who was loving and caring. He monitored the discipline of the house. He was always ready to help others. His love for cricket will never be forgotten.



Shreya Singh

Shreya was a lovely person. She was the go-to person whenever someone had something they wanted to talk about. She was also the biggest fan of Tiger Shroff.



Stuti Agarwal

Stuti was a good singer and an amazing person. She would give good advice and was also a lot of fun.



Sneha Singha

Sneha always had all the updates on what was going on in school and fought for the problems related to food for the House. She was not just a very responsible person but also a very friendly senior.



Keshav Agarwal

Keshav was a really hard-working Event Management Deputy Head. If anybody wanted to know about any gadget, they would always approach him. He was a technophile and an amazing counsellor.



Khushi Jain

Khushi was a happy-go-lucky and fun loving person. Her Indian vocal skills were extremely heart-warming and her eyes were like those of a princess from a Disney fairytale.



Khushi Baheti

Khushi was shy and hung out mostly with her dearest friend Aishwarya. She was a pleasant girl and her simplicity made her different from the rest. Though usually soft spoken, she could be quite outspoken whenever the situation arose.



Prakash Baheti

Prakash was the big friendly guy of Lohit. He looked unapproachable but was an extremely caring person. He would crack hilarious jokes and always lift our spirits. He also participated actively in swimming and cricket.



Ksh Robindro Singh

Robindro was the taekwondo master of Dhansiri. He was not just nice but also very supportive. His taekwondo moves in the bathroom will always be remembered. He was calm, loving and really helpful.



Malabika Das

Malabika was known for her amazing sense of humour. A fun person to be around, she always practised what she preached. She was confident and very sweet as well.



Nachiket Jha

Nachiket was the rapper of the class who was always ready to face any challenge. He was famous for having secret crushes. His rebuttals during the Hindi debates will always be remembered.



Khushi Pansari

Khushi was an entertainer and believed in making people smile. One could approach her anytime and she would be ready to help in any way possible.



Vikash Pegu

Vikash was the Aviator who visited the infirmary regularly. He was also the friend everyone wanted. He was a senior who was adored by all. His quiet and funny demeanour kept us entertained.



Aakangsha Dutta

Aakangsha or AKD was confident and extremely hard-working. An accomplished debater, orator, writer and dancer, there probably wasn't anything she couldn't do. Our devoted Head Girl was also a die-hard Vicky Kaushal fan.



Abbiso Pul

Abbiso kept the sportsmanship spirit of Dhansiri alive. He was one of the most talented boys ever produced by the House. Interacting with him was fun because he always had stories to tell. Besides his love for sports, he relished sleeping.



Abdullah Ashraf Imdad

Abdullah, the Prom King was multi-talented. He was always the dark horse in any Inter-House event. His late night music concerts and his fictional dictionary will be missed.



Debakshee Goswami

Debakshee was sweet and cute. She was very hard-working. She would mostly be with her books without a care for the rest of the world.



Dhreety Haloi

Dhreety was into acting, dancing and singing. This Kopili fashionista was also a very caring person, someone the juniors would go to with their problems. She was extremely approachable.



Himangshu Baruah

Himangshu's photographs told stories which a million words could not. Other than his photography skills, he was a star volleyball player just like Facundo Conte. He was also the Badminton Captain of the school and inspired to be like Lee Chong Wei.



Jirmeen Tok

Jirmeen was a passionate K-Pop lover whose dancing skills were just as astounding as her affection for K-Pop. Her sense of humour and her ability to deal with anything with optimism will never be forgotten.