







## Hindi Kavita Path

On the 7th of November, the Upper School Individual Hindi Speech Trophy took place in the WMH. Judges for the afternoon were Dr. Kuljeet, Mr. Sharma and Mr. Arvind Benjamin. A total of eighteen participants took part. Ojasvi presented her self-composed kavita and came third. Aakansha Kumar came second and Anushka Jitani won the trophy.

## AFS

AFS Intercultural Programmes (or AFS, originally the American Field Service) is an international youth exchange organisation that conducts student exchange programmes worldwide. This time AFS attended a regional meet which was held at Sunbeam School Varuna in Varanasi. There were over 120 students from across the country who performed at and attended this event. The culture of Varanasi was shown to the students by taking them to religious sites, through performances and also by having authentic food stalls for students to try their cuisine. There were keynote speakers who addressed the participants and who gave them an insight on how they can help in the development of the community as a whole and also on how to expand their extent. It was an enriching experience with excellent exposure for students.

## Science Colloquium

The first presenter was Chinmoy Tamuli who talked about *the axolotl*, an amphibian capable of regenerating itself innumerable times. Angelica Saikia presented on *Dark Matter*, one of the most enigmatic phenomena to ever exist. Dev Agarwal explained different types of *Chemical Reactions*. Prateeti Ghosh talked about *HIV/AIDS* followed by Dozee presenting his views on *Substance Abuse* and *Drug Addiction*. Both these topics are extremely relevant and the presentations did a good job of creating a much needed awareness. The next speaker was Hayishan Odyuo. He talked about two major crises in today's world - *Ocean Acidification* and *Ozone Depletion*. The last speaker for the day was Shrivansh Agarwal who talked about *Forensic Science*.

As the colloquium came to an end, all the students and teachers were more than satisfied with all the presentations. The colloquium was a great opportunity for the Class 12 students to share their knowledge in science and to hone their oratory skills; for the Class 11 students - we learned new things. Overall it was a fruitful endeavour.



## Perspectiva Debates

On the 10th of November 2022, a team from The Assam Valley School, consisting of students Priyanu Priyanka Kashyap, Zaheen Rafia Shah and Natasha Billimoria, took off to Delhi to participate in the Perspectiva Gyanshree Debates 2022 held by Gyanshree School, Noida. The preliminary rounds of the debate were held on the 11th of November, with all participating schools separated into two groups. Six out of twenty one schools were selected for the final round of the debate which was to be held on the 12th of November. AVS was selected and presented impactful arguments which received good response from the judges and the audience. Army Public School, Noida walked away with the trophy. The experience was eye-opening and all of us on the team definitely agree that we learned a lot.

## Prefects' Investiture



The Founders' Semester brings along with it the day of the *Change of Guard* in student leadership of the school. A new chapter awaits the school with fresh ideas, views, hopes and aspirations. All this manifested in the form of a newly sworn in Prefectural Body of 2023-2024. The Investiture Ceremony took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December and all parameters of a democratic society were upheld. The students got first-hand experience of the democratic process. The School Captain, Head Boy and Head Girl were thus voted in with much zeal and enthusiasm.



## The Headmaster's Gold Medal Debate

The Headmaster's Gold Medal Debate 2022 was a much awaited and thrilling event for all the seasoned debaters of the school. The motion for the debate was "This House Believes That Freedom of Choice Is A Misnomer." For the motion, Srishti Bajaj spoke as the lead speaker followed by Ojas Ayapilla, Hana Shanifer Ahmed and Norzin Bhutia. They strongly voiced their opinions about how freedom of choice is a misnomer. They opined that we have freedom to choose but the freedom of choice can never be absolute. Speaking against the motion, Sanchit Ruthia, Ojasvi Agarwal, Aakanksha Kumar and Anushka Jitani pointed out how one doesn't need freedom of choice to practise it. It is courage that one needs for the freedom of choice. After all the speeches, the judges presented their opinions and soon, the results were announced by the Mistress-in-Charge, Ms. Ishita Malhotra. The motion was lost since all the positions were secured by the opposition speakers.

### Results:

The Gold Medal winner : Anushka Jitani

First Runner-Up : Aakanksha Kumar

Second Runner-Up : Ojasvi Agarwal



## Experiential Learning

Experiential Learning was another fun educational event organized by the school where the students of Grade 5 and 6 availed the opportunity to visit the local market in Tezpur and interact with the shop-keepers to learn about the cost and procurement of various items. The children also visited the Mahabhairab Temple, to learn about its history and the local Museum where

they saw various artefacts of Assam. The students of Grades 7 and 8 visited the Kanyaka Bahumukhi Farm in Jamugurihat where they got the opportunity to witness how different food items like vegetables, fish, eggs and poultry complete the journey from farm to plate. It was indeed a fruitful event.





## Graduation Day

It is truly beautiful to witness how years of memories filled with laughter and tears are summoned to culminate into one short evening. As another year rolls by, it is time for the batch of 2023, after having completed school, to venture out into the big world full of uncertainties and surprises. This batch was handed the reins during turbulent times but together they were able to lead the school back to the post-Covid era. The *Guest of Honour* for this year's *Graduation Ceremony* was *Ms. Asha Kothari Chowdhary* who herself is a mother to an ex-Aviator and has been well acquainted with what a Graduation ceremony at AVS entails. She could relate with the prospective graduates and their parents on a personal level. The school wishes them all the luck and success as they move ahead in life.





## The Social Service League

The Social Service League (SSL) plays a crucial role in our school's activity programme, and our students participate in it with great enthusiasm and dedication. This year, the SSL introduced a new initiative called 'Experiential Learning in the field of Community Service'. The objective was to engage every student in community service programmes. Throughout the year, the SSL conducted various activities, including the Anaemia Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, an anti-tobacco campaign, a blood donation drive and visits to the Cancer Hospital, Holy Kids School, Missionaries of Charity and a blind school. These activities aimed to raise awareness, provide support and foster empathy among our students. Additionally, a fund-raising fete was organized to raise funds for outdoor community service projects.



Standing Row 3 (L to R):

Debangan Nath, Ross Taba, Krishiv Kalita, Bishal Agarwalla, Urvee Rathi, Neel Garodia, Yukta Saikia, Vikika Chophi, Swadheen Banerjee

Standing Row 2 (L to R):

Shivangi Kashyap, Leah Chophi, Jeenam Gumro, Medanshisha Kharkongor, Anukriti Kashyap, Nang Myinthy, Harsita Baral, Naisha Baruah, Avantika Jajodia, Amania Sangma, Sarwangana Kashyap

Standing Row 1 (L to R):

Lairingdi Thaosen, Yasasri Tiberwal, Mahika Borooh, Kashvi Agarwal, Sungtiben Jamir, Shreya Rameka, Richa Basaiawmoit, Manasvi Agarwal, Mayushka Patodia, Sidhi Agarwal, Asis Gill

Seated (L to R):

Himanish Jallan, Jessica Rani, Mr. Anil Yadav, Mr. Minto Borah, Dr. Lipika Borah, Ms. Indra Mahanta, Mr. Sanjay Sharma, Samarth Mahatta, Krishti Pathak





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The students also participated in kitchen and laundry services within the school, gaining valuable insights and appreciation for the efforts of the staff. Furthermore, an awareness campaign on menstrual hygiene was conducted, empowering young individuals with knowledge and resources. These initiatives have not only contributed to the well-being of the community but also instilled important values of compassion and unity within our school community.





## Photography

Photography is a flourishing activity in AVS and leading a team of enthusiastic and passionate shutterbugs around the beautiful lush green campus of the school had me going. The school has got a considerable number of budding photographers who will always look out for the perfect shot.

As the photography captain of The Assam Valley School, it is my honor to have worked with such an enthusiastic team. With the support of Mr. Chauhan, Mr. Sarkar, Mr. Mishra and the studio photography captains, we took off to Tamil Nadu for our annual photography trip this year to experience the dazzling streets of Puducherry, the cultural cum modern city of Chennai and the historically known place - Mahabalipuram during the summer vacation. The trip helped us broaden our horizons for photography as we captured a lot of portraits, landscapes and abstracts. The concept of photojournalism also evolved among my student lens men this year.

Having day outings to nearby destinations to give all the shutterbugs the experience of actually working out as a professional photographer proved to be beneficial. On the other hand, giving my juniors the opportunity to capture the events organized in the school was one of my biggest achievements. Along with my studio captains, we feel we have been successful in motivating our juniors to stand out from the crowd and create their own stories, freeze moments and portray their perspectives through their lens. The photographic society's members have also been recognised individually on several external platforms which makes me proud.

I would like to make a special mention of the photography studio where one can create a whole new world with their artistic thoughts with all the advanced photography tools, a place where all society members feel at home. The society was just like a family away from home to me and I am grateful for having the opportunity to lead this group. The AVS Photographic Society will continue to create wonders every year, all my best wishes to the crew. Here's to a year of remarkable growth and captures!





# The AVS Photographic Society



Standing Row 2 (L to R) :

Farha Saikia, Dikshaan Jain, Ashmit Phukan, Adhyan Pareek

Standing Row 1 (L to R) :

Khyati Nahata, Nazifa Noorine, Naisha Gogoi, Mahi Choudhary, Mahi Poddar, Khushi Bakliwal, Shristi Kishan, Krish Kanda,  
Khushi todi, Keshav Khatuwala, Rudrayan Haloi

Seated (L to R):

Anikaith Joshi, Mr. Abhinav Mishra, Awanya Jasrasaria, Mr. Rajender Chauhan, Tanishka Sharma,  
Mr. Anubhav Sarkar, Hemanshi Malik, Sooryansh Prithani





## OLYMPIADS

Every year, The Assam Valley School participates in various national and international olympiads to help students sharpen their analytical skills. It helps them realise their strengths and weaknesses in various subjects and builds their self confidence. This year we participated in various olympiads; International Chemistry quiz, NSTSE, CAMP-NASTA, Unified International English and Maths Olympiad and Zee mind wars National Academic Championship, and the students brought various laurels for the school.



Standing Row 4 (L to R) :

Ahsash Agarwal, Gaurish Saikia, Kelden Rigsang, Nivran Thapa, Tushar Malik, Ashmit Phukan

Standing Row 3 (L to R):

Eshaan Beria, Tanveer Chowdhury, Neilginryan Das, Hemang Agarwal, Prayaash Khakholia,  
Athouba Sarangthem, Bhavya Kejriwal, Prabhsimrat Singh, Karan Somani

Standing Row 2 (L to R):

Tayu Natung, Ila Gupta, Nishika Patodia, Gumin Dai, Jaagrit Agarwal, Nilav Prajapati, Krishanu Seram, Mahiya Khemani,  
Ruhi Kalita, Gaurisha Saikia, Siddhi Pathak, Shreyaa Jain

Standing Row 1 (L to R):

Remeeya Mithi, Aanya Sarkar, Vidhi Bajaj, Pranhita Jain, Jignasa Bora, Bhumshri Basumatary, Pradanya Kashyap, Myra Karki,  
Chello Jangkam, Shabahat Ansari, Karnik Kedia, Shirin Jaiswal, Khyaati Borah, Mainow Goyary, Nayanika Borah

Seated (L to R):

Aayat Hazarika, Dhvani Deorah, Shavya Shrestha, Ms. Alpana Dey, Kalzang Bhutia, Anikaith Joshi, Anushka Jitani, Neev Kejriwal





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