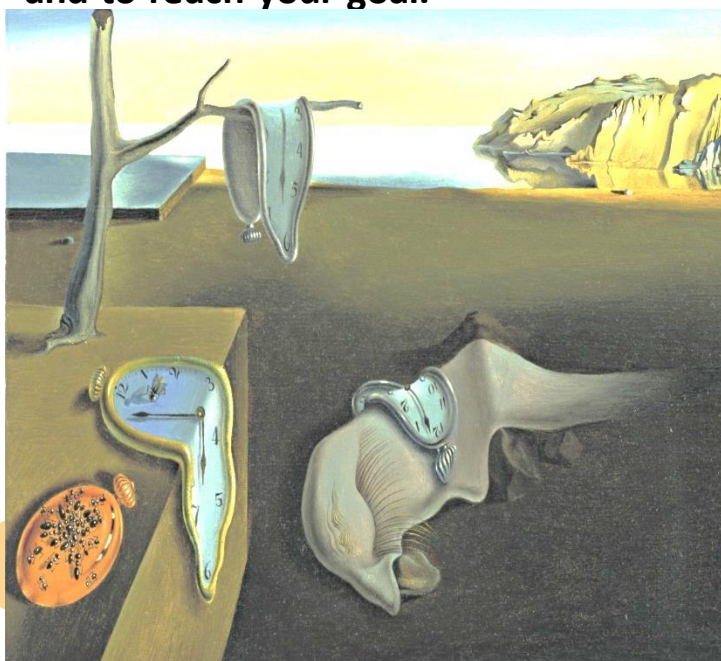




# The Impact

**“No masterpiece was ever created by a lazy artist.”**

Quit settling for average and strive for extraordinary, boldly go in the direction of your dreams because those who dare to imagine the impossible are the ones who break all the human limitations. Stand tall and create your own masterpiece. Nearly all masterpieces share two commonalities: time and action. In other words, you have to be committed and work hard. You won't create your masterpiece overnight, so work on it each day. Success has an inseparable tie to your individual everyday decisions, activities, and encounters, despite how big or small they are. Success is the achievement accomplished after battles and persistence. It is a dream, an objective, and a responsibility for achieving your yearnings and objectives in the method of a fixed direction. Success commands hard work and persistence. It isn't achieved overnight. To succeed in your mission, you must have single-minded devotion to your goal. Search for meaning and purpose in life and once you have identified it, don't stop till you attain the goal. Think deeply about your vision of a perfect day and then build your career around achieving it. Believe that your efforts matter, learn new skills, view failures as learning experiences and mould these experiences to attain what you want and to reach your goal.

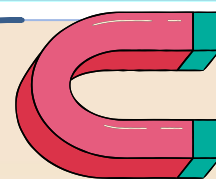
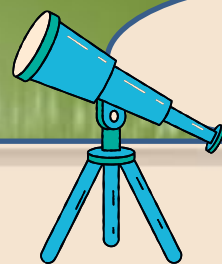


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# Science Exhibition

“Science begins with wonder, scientific temperament and rational thinking.”



St. Karen's Collegiate School organised a Science Exhibition on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021 for the students of Classes 6,7 and 8. The event started with the inauguration and lighting of the lamp by our Honourable Director, Mr. D.P. Galstaun sir, our Principal, Manisha Ma'am and the Supervisor of Academic Curriculum and School System, Shefali Ma'am. A large number of Students participated in the Exhibition and displayed their finest talents and creative solutions to our day to day problems through their innovative working and non-working models. The highlights of the event were the models on Plastic recycling, sustainable villages, Future ecosystems, Human following robot, which were appreciated by our Director Sir. He encouraged the children with his motivational comments on their projects and models and gave them useful tips and guidance for their future endeavors. The judges for the occasion were teachers from SKSS, Mr. Sumant Kumar Sinha and Ms. S. H. B Rani.

The winners of the Science Exhibition were:

## Std-6

### 1st Prize

Plastic Recycling  
Swapnil (6A)  
Kr. Aadarsh (6A)  
Shubham (6A)  
Priyanshu(6A)

### 2nd Prize

Sustainable village  
Shrishti(6D)  
Khushi (6D)  
Jigyasha (6D)  
Vedant (6D)

### 3rd Prize

Future - Ecosystems  
Prakanshi (6B)  
Hansika (6B)

## Std-7

### 1st prize

Plastic recycling  
Kajal(7F)  
Maria(7F)  
Aditya(7F)  
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### 2nd prize

Tesla coil  
Ishan (7D)  
Harsh(7D)  
Adhyan Mani(7D)  
Pranov(7D)

### 3rd prize

Automatic fire  
fighter  
Aprita(7A)  
Ashif(7A)  
Ratnesh(7A)

## Std-8

### 1st Prize

Battle Ship  
Ayush Kumar (8B)  
Aditya Narayan (8B)  
Shayan Nayaz (8B)  
Ayush Raj (8B)

### 2nd Prize

Anti- Sleep Glass  
Sanskar(8C)  
Saurab(8C)  
Ashish(8C)  
Raj Narayan(8C)

### 3rd Prize

Human Following Robot  
Suman(8C)  
Priyanshu (8C)  
Ravi(8C)  
Zeyan(8C)  
Anurag (8C)







# Annual Function

St. Karen's Collegiate school celebrated its third Annual Day on 22nd December'21 based on the theme Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam-bonding beyond boundaries. The world is nothing but just one family. It kindled the spirit that we are united and full of life. The programme commenced by invoking the blessings of the almighty by illuminating the pious lamp which was followed by the melodious singing of the theme song -One World, one song by the school choir. The grandeur of our culture was experienced by the audience through the mesmerizing and stunning Indian dance forms. The welcome address and introduction of the Chief Guest was given by the School Principal Dr Manisha Lall who extended a warm welcome to all.



The Chief Guest of the pleasant evening was a famous oncologist, Dr. Mitali Dandekar Lal. In her inspirational address to the participants she appreciated the efforts and hailed the innate talents of students. The Guest of Honour for the evening, Mr.D.P.Galstaun (Director) acknowledged the diligence and sincere efforts of the students and the exotic show put up by them. He appreciated the efforts of the teachers and hailed the beauty of the theme of the event which exposed the young minds to reality





## St. Karen's Collegiate School

The unique concept of the teleportation machine was the centre of attraction. The audience was filled with total elation when the anchors Qudsiya, Bhargavi, Gopi and Sneha used it to visit the continents and view the various dance forms. The students performed a kaleidoscope of cultural events on the occasion. The event witnessed a melange of dances of different continents: viz Mexican hat dance, Dominican Folkloric, Spanish warrior dance, Russian kalinka, Australian Bush, Brazilian Carnival and Sri Lankan native song-Manike MageHithe.



The dances, performance, costumes and stage decoration bewitched each one. The direction, sets, lights exquisite costume and terrific ensemble kept the Egyptian dance drama-Cleopatra moving towards a gripping ending. The students gave life to eminent English dramatist William Shakespeare when they impersonated his drama 'The Merchant of Venice.'

The programme culminated with an electrifying performance by the school choir, a beautiful rendition of 'Shine bright like a diamond', with a wish that each student of our school be virtuous and embrace its motto 'Labour reaps reward'.

This was followed by the vote of thanks by the student council members who extended their heartfelt gratitude to everyone, including the Chief Guest,, eminent guests and parents, for making the programme a huge success.

The bedazzling and magnificent spectacle left the audience spellbound craving for more.





# Republic Day

***'Culture is the widening of the mind and of the spirit' -Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru***

Every one who is born in this great nation is proud of this land, its people and its inspiring culture. Our country is a great example of unity in diversity and even if we are culturally diverse, we all have one identity that WE ARE INDIANS. The school echoed with the patriotic fervour as we celebrated the 73rd Republic Day on 26th January, 2022. This day marks the birth of the Indian Constitution in 1950 when it was officially adapted and India was declared a Sovereign, Democratic and Republic state.

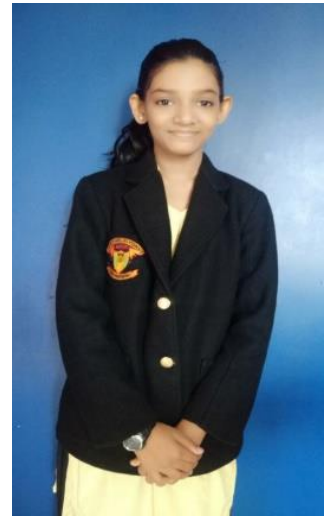
The theme of this year's Republic Day was India@75 and held a special significance as we embarked on the journey towards 75 years of our Independence. The day began with the unfurling of the National Flag in school by our honourable Principal, Manisha Ma'am and the Supervisor of Academic Curriculum and School Systems, Shefali Ma'am. This was followed by singing of National Anthem and melodious patriotic songs by our teachers that filled our hearts with more love and respect for this motherland. The amazing quiz conducted for the teachers brought back the old memories when we learnt those interesting facts about our country in school. The day proceeded with a series online activities such as the art & craft activities by the tiny tots of Classes 1, 2 and 3 who made beautiful handmade items and tricoloured salad. The teachers and students of Std 4 to 8 conducted a quiz on the facts related to our freedom struggle and took pride in the glorifying history of this beautiful country by reminiscing the heroes who sacrificed their lives for their motherland to spread the message of unity and brotherhood.







# Wetlands Essay Writing Competition



YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS PROGRAMME TRUST IN ASSOCIATION WITH ST. KAREN'S SCHOOL

**ESSAY COMPETITION**

TOPIC - "WETLAND ACTION FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE"

SHEFALI SHREE ROY  
CLASS - 8<sup>th</sup>  
ROLL - 44

World Wetlands Day is celebrated internationally each year on 2<sup>nd</sup> February to raise awareness about wetlands. This day also marks the anniversary of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) in Ramsar, Iran, on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 1971.

**THEME** → According to UNEP, the particular theme has been adopted to highlight the importance of wetlands as a (2011) source of freshwater and encourage "action to restore them and stop their loss". The main theme of this day is to raise awareness about this important kind of ecosystem found on our planet. Environmentalists and governments also organise events to call for action regarding the protection of the wetlands.

**AREAS** → Wetlands can be found in areas where water bodies meet the land. These landforms remain saturated in water and release water very slowly, thereby making them reservoirs to track extreme weather conditions like droughts and floods. These ecosystems are home to a variety of aquatic life forms.

**2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY WORLD WETLANDS DAY**

YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS PROGRAMME TRUST IN ASSOCIATION WITH ST. KAREN'S SCHOOLS

FOR CLASSES 4, 7 & 8

**ESSAY COMPETITION**

TOPIC: "WETLANDS ACTION FOR PEOPLE AND NATURE"

WRITE TWO PAGES ESSAY WITH MAXIMUM 1500 WORDS WITH YOUR NAME, CLASS SECTION AND CONTACT NUMBER.

LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION: 29.01.2022

SUBMIT YOUR ESSAYS IN GOOGLE FORM LINK PROVIDED BELOW IN PDF FORMAT.

**WORLD WETLANDS DAY**

and they serve as a crucial source of freshwater, a source commodity on Earth.

**USES** → World Wetlands Day has been used to:

- raise public awareness of wetland values and benefits
- promote the conservation and wise use of wetlands
- This day serves to recognize the influence and positive production that wetlands have had on the world and on human beings communities together for the benefit of Mother Nature.
- This day also raises global awareness because wetlands play a significant role not only on people but on the planet.

**CAUSES** → Over time, human construction has led to various ecological problems affecting wetlands.

- Our population and construction has led to a decrease in environmental conservation and in total has brought upon issues to these lands.
- Many wetlands are being lost and ecologists claim the human should recognize this dilemma before the loss of a natural filter and conservator of the world.
- Changes in rainfall and temperature pose a significant threat to wetlands, causing them to dry out.
- Invasive non-native species or INNS cause native biodiversity to fall by spreading disease or outcompeting native species for food.

**A WORLD WITHOUT WETLANDS IS A WORLD WITHOUT WATER**

**ACTION FOR PEOPLE** → Wetlands are critical life support systems in the natural environment, providing services like water filtration, sewage treatment, spawning ground, and shoreline protection. Wetlands also protect coastal areas from being eroded, and provide sources of oxygen and water vapour to the atmosphere. Wetlands help in water purification, flood protection, shoreline stabilization, groundwater recharge and stream flow maintenance.

**THEME (2022)** → The theme for 2022 is Wetlands Action For People And Nature. The public campaign is an appeal to invest financial, human and political capital to save the world's wetlands from disappearing and to restore those that have been degraded. Far from being useless, disease-ridden places, wetlands provide value that no other ecosystem can. These include natural water quality improvement, flood protection, shoreline erosion control, opportunities for recreation and aesthetic appreciation and natural products for our use at no cost. Wetlands help keep river levels normal and filter and purify the surface water. It prevents flooding by holding water much

**WETLANDS ARE 'BIOLOGICAL SUPERMARKETS'**

**ACTION FOR NATURE** → Wetlands, like marshes, swamps and bogs are very important for our natural world. It helps in providing important habitat for fish and wildlife. Unlike most other habitats, wetlands directly improve other ecosystems. Wetlands play a critical role in maintaining many natural cycles and supporting a wide range of biodiversity. They purify and replenish our water, and provide the fish and rice that feed billions. They serve as a natural sponge against flooding and drought, protect our coastlines and help fight climate change. Wetlands play an important role by improving water quality, provide wildlife habitat, maintain ecosystem productivity, reduce coastal storm damage, improve the water supply etc.

"Wetlands action for people and Nature", focusing on ways to encourage wetlands preservation and sustainable use. They are among the most productive ecosystems on the planet providing a variety of critical services to human society as well as nature. They are, however, ecologically sensitive and adaptive system that must be protected. The theme of the year emphasizes the importance of wetlands as a source of freshwater and encourages us action to restore and prevent their loss.



**WHO STARTED** → World Wetlands Day is celebrated annually on 2<sup>nd</sup> February. It was first celebrated in 1971 in Ramsar, Iran, on the occasion of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) in Ramsar, Iran, on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

**1<sup>st</sup> DAY CELEBRATION**

This day is celebrated to mark the date of the adoption of the Convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea. World Wetlands Day was first celebrated in 1971 in the Iranian city of Ramsar. The negotiations for the convention started in the 1960s by the different countries and 1971 for the protection of wetlands and their resources. Finally, it came into force in 1975.

**AWARENESS** → It is celebrated to create awareness about the importance of wetlands for humanity and the planet.

- Every year, the government, NGOs and civil communities jointly hold awareness programs on wetlands benefits on this day.
- Every year World's Wetlands Day is celebrated around the globe with a theme in order to focus on the value of wetlands.

**WORLD WETLANDS DAY**

- Nations around the globe organize various events like lectures, discussions, seminars, nature walks to celebrate the day.
- Schools organize various competitions like painting, film screening, essay writing, and quiz competitions on the occasion.
- Photography exhibitions, community clean-up drives, seminars, and talk shows on radio and television are organized at the national level on World Wetlands Day.

**AIMS** → The day also aims at reducing encroachment on wetlands due to the burgeoning population in urban areas.

- The convention's mission is the conservation and wise use of all wetlands through local and national actions and international cooperation as a contribution to towards achieving sustainable development throughout the world.

**IMPORTANCE** → Wetlands are among the most productive ecosystems in the world, comparable to rainforests and coral reefs. Wetlands can be thought of as "Biological supermarkets". They provide great volumes of food that attract many animal species. These animals use wetlands for part of or all of their life cycle.

**World Wetlands Day**

Wetlands are important features in the landscape that provide numerous beneficial services for people and for fish and wildlife. Some of these services or functions, include protecting and improving water quality, providing fish and wildlife habitat, storing floodwaters and maintaining surface water flow during dry periods. These valuable functions are the result of the unique natural characteristics of wetlands.

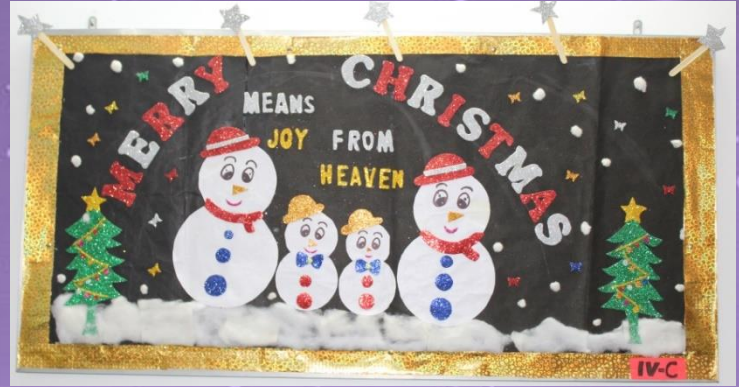
**BENEFITS** → Wetlands help to regulate the earth's natural balance. It is a sustainable flood management system. Wetlands are source of fresh water. They are also called "kidneys of the landscape", as they work as enormous filters, providing us with water that we can drink safely. Only 2.5% of water on earth is fresh water, less than 1% is usable. Wetlands are essential suppliers of drinking water, and therefore essential for us humans. It we do not take care of our wetlands, they won't take care of us.

**DEFINE** → Areas of marsh, freshwater or coastal, weather natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt including areas of marine water.

**WORLD WETLANDS DAY**



# Bulletin Board Competition

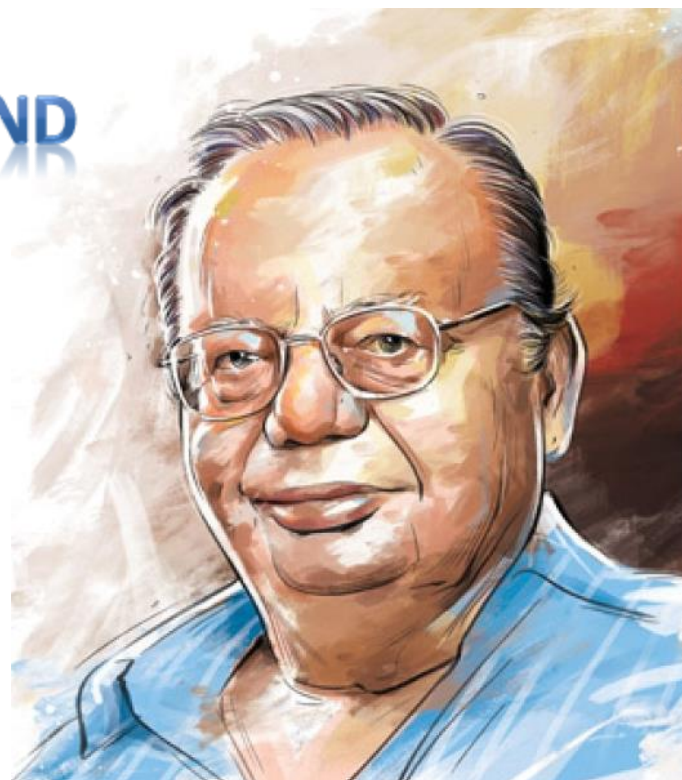






## A DAY WITH RUSKIN BOND

The students of St. Karen's got a new year treat straight from the hills of Mussoorie as we got the fortune opportunity to come face to face and interact with one of our most loved and hugely appreciated literary giants, Ruskin Bond, on 16th January 2022. A beautiful poem dedicated to his works was personally created in honour of Ruskin Bond by our Academic Head Sharon Ma'am, and read out by her to welcome him to this fabulous interactive session. The excitement was evident everywhere and the students geared up in their own personal way to welcome this great writer. Everyone wanted a first hand experience, so queries and questions started pouring from the teachers and students to understand him better not just as a writer but as the person Ruskin Bond. The patience exercised by such an elderly person in listening to the numerous questions heaped on him by the students was awe-inspiring and the words of wisdom shared by him showed his keen observation and understanding of human behaviour. The highlight of this session was when some students presented him artistically made portraits.



*SIMPLY RUSKIN BOND*  
He lived on 'A Room on a Roof' in 'A Town called Dehra',  
He writes stories for children and of people and nature.  
'A Gallery of Rascals' and 'Friends in Small Places',  
All tell tales of colourful, unforgettable faces.

The 'Writer on the Hill' as he's known far and wide,  
Writes eerie, haunting, ghost stories to send a chill up your spine  
Then tickling your sunny bone with his crazy tales and wit,  
We meet Uncle Ken, Grandfather and many more in 'A lamp is lit'

'Memories of Hills and Dales', 'Trees and Animals' are his inspirations  
'White Mice', 'A Flight of Pigeons' and 'Tigers Forever' just a few to mention.  
'Once You Have lived with Mountains', your life becomes gentle,  
Heartwarming, compassionate, sensitivity - without a doubt, he's a man  
of mettle.

Numerous Awards and Accolades, the John Hewelwyn Rhys Prize in 1957,  
Stories becoming movies, 'The Blue Umbrella' & 'The Khoon Maaf' in 2011.  
Call him Grandfather or Uncle, it would not be kind to tell his age,  
Thought-provoking storytelling and charming words of wisdom make him  
a sage.

Over hundreds of Collections and Anthologies, Novels, Fiction and Non-fiction,  
Essays and Memories invoking nostalgia I believe he's a man on a mission  
Although "Writing books for a living" is what he claims  
We know his 'Tips for Life, Happiness and Simple living' is what we  
gain.

So, Thank You Sir, for the beauty within the lines  
This rhyme today, a small attempt of mine  
To prepare us all to smile a while and lend an ear  
To a voice we are privileged to hear, of a legendary man  
We love to read, Year after Year!

Sharon Galstam





# SPRING CAMP

