



## EDITOR'S MUSINGS

*'Step into the fire of self-discovery. This fire will not burn you; it will only burn what you are not.'*

*Khoj* is about autonomy. *Khoj* is also about interdependence. These two statements are seemingly dichotomous but therein lies the beauty of this unique event.

This is a night when precious memories will be made. The kind, which years later, will still be lovingly preserved in the closet of our children's mind. It is also a night for parents to let go. Allow your little ones to spread their wings and take the first tentative steps towards independence, safe in the knowledge that your child will be looked after. Year after year, *Khoj* provides a platform for our children to test the limits of their individuality with a safety net below.

It is indeed a humbling experience to gaze into young faces brimming over with suppressed excitement and trust. *Khoj* is a unique amalgam of physical activity, flashes of self-realization, social camaraderie and above all, pure fun! This year too, has been no different; *Khoj* has lived up to the children's expectations and exceeded it. In fact, the campus continues to pulsate with energy and elation right through the night.

The takeaway of this magical event is a life lesson in itself and that in itself is what embodies the true spirit of *Khoj*....You don't need to take all of the steps at once....only the next one!

– Editor

## THROUGH MY EYES

Yippee!.... The much awaited day is finally here! All of us have been excitedly waiting for this day ever since we came to Class V. I have hardly slept last night due to the excitement! When I reached school, the entire campus was bedecked with flowers and I felt as if I was truly entering an enchanted forest. When I reached my room, I arranged my luggage neatly and made my bed on my own. The assembly was awesome with a hilarious skit and a melodious dance. I didn't know our teachers were so cool and multi-talented!

My friends and I posed for a photo against the jungle backdrop and I can't wait to show it to everyone at home. We devoured the yummy snacks and the evening just sped by in a blaze of fun, games and dancing around the bonfire. Everyone hooted, clapped and cheered when our room took the stage for dance. The PPT show was a nostalgic trip down memory lane and finally we retired for the night but I didn't sleep a wink! We kept giggling and gossiping all night and yet when I woke up for the morning exercise session, I wasn't feeling the least bit tired. I am feeling full after a sumptuous breakfast of steaming hot *puri-jalebis*. Now, I am going to regale you with every little detail of this magical night for days and months to come. How I wish *Khoj* would come year after year!



## CAMPUS CAPERS

*"Each moment was more magical than the previous one....I am truly enchanted! The games were awesome."* - Chitransh Singh VB

*"I won chocolates for coming first in the Bottle Flip Game. The maze was super fun too!"* - Inaaya Shaikh VC

*"I have got so many stamps on my passport. The Spooky House didn't scare me one bit!!"* - Sanskruti Sunil Alhat VG

*"Dancing around the bonfire was the highlight of the evening for me and my friends."* - Shlok Agrawal VE



## GAIETY, GALA & GOINGS - ON

The entire campus has been buzzing with the pent up excitement of Khoj since the past one week. Children and parents have been discussing this event and finally D-day arrived. The campus was decorated in myriad hues of the jungle and children were immediately transported to a magical land on arrival.

After the children settled into their rooms, they assembled for an assembly presented by the teachers. There was a hilarious, rib-tickling skit followed by an awesome dance performance. The Head of School welcomed the children and urged them to enjoy the night in a disciplined yet fun manner.

The students relished the tasty evening snacks followed by the photography session with their room teachers. This was followed by games organized at various venues on the campus. Children had a ball playing varied games like Spooky House, Maze, Freeze Tribal Dance, Flip the Bottle, Lock & Key and Beat the Drum. The children couldn't hide their exhilaration as they won chocolates for various games. Their passports were stamped as they successfully completed each challenge.

The highlight of the evening was the dance presentation put up by each room for a specifically chosen song. Children showed great initiative and teamwork in coordinating the performance along with their room teachers and classmates. The PPT session was a trip down memory lane for both children and teachers. It was fascinating to see the journey of transformation of our children from tiny tots to responsible mid school students.

Children were up at the crack of dawn, full of energy and enthusiasm. They began the day with meditation and standing exercises to energize themselves after which they went for a walk to a nearby location. The walk was followed by a delicious breakfast of hot *puri-jalebi-hing kachori-chocolate milk* which the children thoroughly enjoyed. This was followed by a farewell assembly in which they shared their experiences of the event. This event allowed the children to discover hidden facets of themselves and taught them the values of teamwork, cooperation and co-existence amongst the peer group. Every child returned home with a bagful of stories to share with their loved ones for months to come!



### They Said This

*"The enthusiasm and energy on the campus is livewire...such a meticulously planned event"*- Rohit & Sunita Pandey (Parents of Sanika Pandey -V E)

*"This is my first Khoj and I am even more excited than the children to experience it."* Monu Gaur (a new teacher)

*"Khoj marks a milestone in the life of a dipsite."* – Priyanka Dubey (Staff Parent)

*"This will mark the first time that we will be alone at home with our younger kid. Can't believe how time has flown!"* – Saurabh & Pooja Harne (Parents of Kashvi Harne – VC)

*"I wish I had experienced an event like this during my childhood!"* Bhavna Bajaj (JWC)