Sports reveal the true character of a man. They talk of the person’s commitment, discipline and desire to excel. Just as a school serves as a mini society, sporting events are a microcosm of human life. We, at OPJMS, endeavour to instill in our students the true spirit of sportsmanship, which traverses beyond their excellence on field and permeates into their very essence of life. OPJMS celebrates its Annual Sports Day in order to glorify the sports achievements of its budding sportstars. The grand event celebrates on 28th December aimed at encouraging and honouring the students who strive ceaselessly to leave their imprints on the sands of time, some that will be followed by the coming generations of sports lovers. Preparations for the grand event began well in advance and students could be seen braving the cold weather in order to appear for trials of various events and races. Once the preliminary selections were made and players shortlisted for myriad events, the athletes started gearing up for the final events.

The Chief Guest for the mega event was Mr. Sandeep Singh, former captain of the National Hockey team and a staunch believer of the fact that ‘Our days in the field are our days of glory’. The break of dawn on 28th December 2012 promised to bathe everyone involved in the bright sunshine of glory and success. Parents were seen reaching the school in large numbers to encourage their own wards as well as other contestants who stood in the field today with dreams in their eyes and fire in their belly. The arrival of the chief guest raised the spirits of one and all and added more charm to the occasion. The event formally commenced with a march past by all the six prestigious houses of the school, followed by contingents from junior school and the school band. Watching the students march ahead in perfect synchronisation was a treat to the eye.

This was followed by the administration of oath to all participants by the sports Head Girl, Pratibha Sangwan, thus instilling a feeling of camaraderie among all. After this, the
school Sports Head Boy, Ciby John lighted the ceremonial torch and the meet was declared open by the Chief Guest.

The cultural bonanza that followed involved students putting up a spectacular dance performance, demonstrating various national and international dances. Their amazing coordination, sense of rhythm and harmony left the audience spellbound. Students dressed in all their fineries performed mesmerising dances and drills to add hue to the celebration.

The actual events began with races for junior students. The participants were all braced up to give a tough competition to their senior counterparts. They exhibited tremendous amount of zeal and courage to fight to the finish amid cheers from their parents and teachers. This was followed by events for participants from middle group who possessed the same spirit as soldiers in a battle field who believe that in a battle, “No effort is ever lost, no obstacle prevails”. As these athletes battled to the finish it appeared as if it was a race to prove their mettle and supremacy over others. But the day held more. When it was the seniors to outplay their competitors, the audience realized what a nail biting finish could probably mean. 100m, 200m and relay races-all instilled among the contenders a feeling of pride and passion.

Once the athletic events finished, the proud winners were honoured by the chief guest with medals, trophies and CAKES for winners in relay races and best marching contingents as well as contingents from junior school and the school band. The little sports stars flaunted with pride their trophies to each other and gained appreciation and applause from one and all. Shining bright faces of winners held promise and pride while those who could not make it this time started devising strategies for the next year.

The event formally ended with the declaration of the meet closed by the honorable Chief Guest. His inspiring speech enticed everyone and motivated many more students to slog harder for more glory in future.