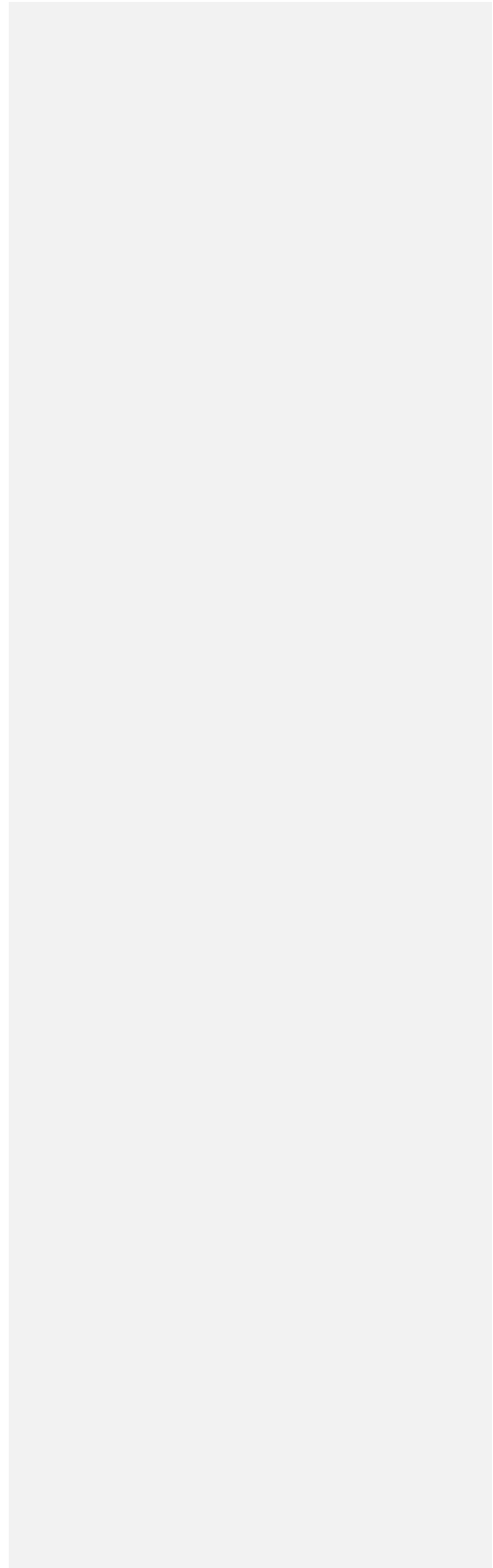


1. Mr JK Kate 1960-1972, Headmaster



EDITORIAL

SPLENDID NABHAITE

All parting is sad, but where the heart's deepest feelings are involved, the breaking of old ties, and the necessity of saying good-bye is about as trying as any that a man can be called upon to go through.

Through the course of these twelve-and-a-half years Mr. Kate gave the best that was in him to PPS. Through sunshine and through storm it had been his endeavour to work for this school with a single aim to its progress, and it has now become impossible to think of Mr. Kate as apart from this school.

With his decision to leave PPS so soon it appears that Mr. Kate believes in the golden saying that when you sit down to a repast, it is always well to rise a little hungry, or when you go to a friend's house, you should rather leave before your time than overstay his hospitality even by a day. He has always said that people should retire when it can be said of them "Already?" and not "At last!"

Mr. Kate is a man with whom it was a pleasure and a privilege to work, and whose generosity in overwhelming our many faults and magnifying any little services we may have rendered, has often touched us deeply.

His life has notable achievements. The recollection of his courage, his lofty ideals, and love for education will continue to inspire all of us and even those who had the privilege, be it only for a moment, to be touched by his sublime, ennobling charm.



आपके व्यक्तिगत के गुणों लिए राष्ट्रपति ने इस वर्ष आप को पद्मश्री से सम्मानित किया

He will be remembered more for what he stood for than for the offices he held; more for the ideals he embodies than the positions in which he has served. For history honours men more for what they were than who they were. And by this standard he holds a permanent place on that tiny roster of those who have done so much for the cause of education.

How to describe Mr. Kate? "You are a tradition—no, more than a tradition." "You are an event in the life of PPS." "You are an institution." "S p l e n d i d Nabhaite."

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2. DR Surjit Singh

Senior Master (1960-64)



DR Surjit Singh Bedi

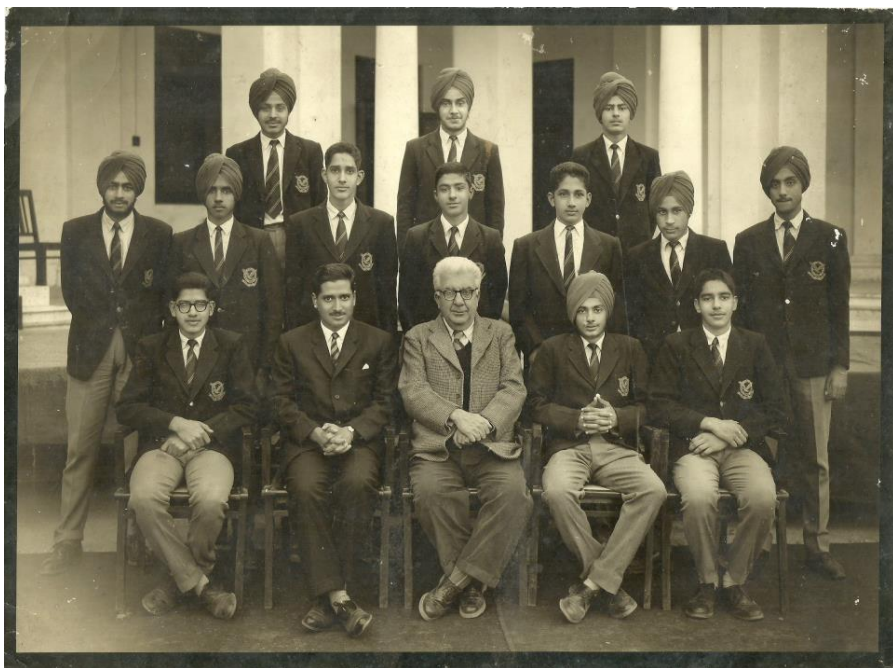
STAFF NEWS

Dr. Surjit Singh, our Senior Master, will soon be leaving us to take up a new appointment in Mahendra College, Patiala. As the first Senior Master he had the difficult task of laying a suitable pattern for the academics and discipline of the school, and this he achieved creditably. Furthermore, he impressed his colleagues with his qualities of patience and gentlemanliness and he is seldom known to have lost his temper. We are sure that his association with the school will continue and that he will revisit us as often as he can. We wish him all success in his new appointment and give him and his family our best wishes.

‘Dr. Surjit Singh was a saintly person. Very pure in his body, heart, mind, soul and words. In him I found a real well-wisher. He loved me.’ *Mr OP Bhatnagar*

3. Mr SC Cowell

Senior Master (1960-1966)



Mr SC Cowell with 1965 ISC Class

FAREWELLS

After the Home Day Lunch on 7th December, we assembled to say farewell to Mr. Cowell, who was retiring from service, and to Mr. Neale Hutchinson, our V.S.O., who was retiring home after completing his term here. In his address to Mr. Cowell, the Headmaster paid him the tributes and thanks he has deserved from us all.

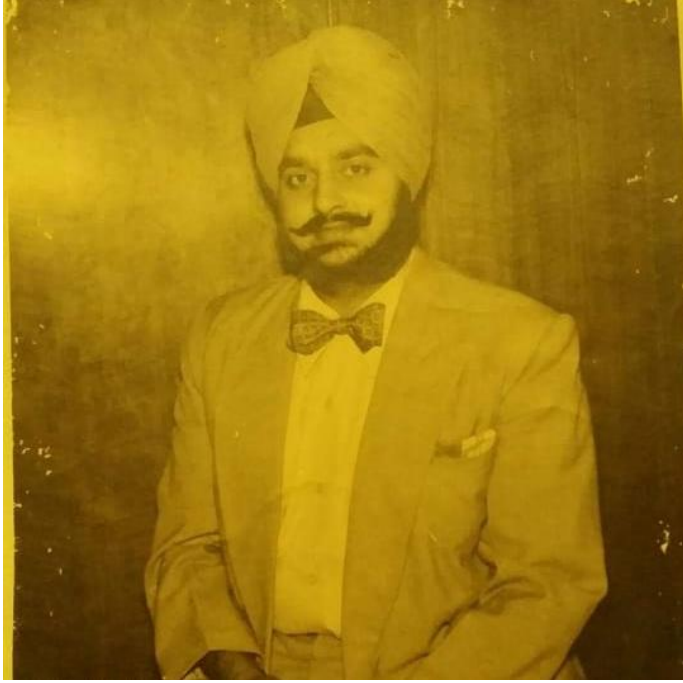
Mr. Kate said that we were fortunate in having Mr. Cowell's services ever since the school started and he had been responsible for laying the patterns which we have followed so far. He was a strict disciplinarian and was very methodical in all his work. He had the rare ability of going into minute details and would not tolerate anything haphazard. He was in these respects an example to his colleagues and pupils.

One of the qualities for which Mr. Cowell was sometimes misunderstood was his frankness. If he disagreed or was disappointed about anything he would express his displeasure frankly, but the unpleasantness he felt was very temporary and he never bore any malice to anyone. In fact he has been known for his generosity and would liberally help anyone in need.

The Headmaster said that Mr. Cowell's retirement would be a great loss to the school. He would always carry with him our very best wishes.

4. Joginder Singh –

English, Head of department (1960-1962)



He was a sophisticated gentleman with fine tastes and an excellent command over English.

An alumnus of the prestigious Lawrence Military College, Ghoragali in Muree district of undivided Punjab.

He was the first games master. He was housemaster of Beas.

His handling of the Inauguration function of School, 1961 was commendable.

He was released by Mr Kate when the management of Dagshai Public School requested for his services as Headmaster in 1962.

In 1964 , he attended the Founders' day as a guest.

5. Mr MN Tankha

Geography (1960-1970)



Mr MN Tankha shaking hands with GIVernor Dharamveera

M. N. T.

Mr. Tankha was one of those staff members who joined us when the school was about to start in April 1960. Before coming here he had worked in the Modern School for a short time.

In a new institution everybody is expected to put in hard work and I must say that Mr. Tankha did not lag behind. He cooperated fully in discharging various duties assigned to him. If I remember correctly we were only six staff members when the school opened on the 14th of April 1960. Dr. Surjit Singh was appointed Senior Master, but could not join because of the serious accident with which he and his family had met. Because of the limited financial resources the Bursar's post was not filled till as late as February 1961. Therefore, all of us had to work very hard and share responsibilities which ordinarily are shouldered by the Senior Master and Bursar. Mr. Tankha was one of those persons who carried out whatever duties were assigned to him.

Being young, cheerful and sweet-tempered he was liked both by the boys and staff.

He took a lot of interest in developing the Geography Department. In fact in the early days of the school our Geography Department was our only show-piece as the staff for other departments like Chemistry, Physics, Biology had not been appointed then. It was not only that he equipped the Geography Room well, but every year on the Founders' Day he put up good exhibitions of Geography charts, maps, models, etc. also.

After Mr. Joginder Singh left us to join Dagsbai Public School as its Principal, Mr. Tankha was made in charge of games. Our Inter House Athletics Meet which has become an important event in the life of the school owes a great deal to the organising ability of Mr. Tankha. As he had completed the mountaineering course at Darjeeling in 1961 he took initiative in organising our first trekking party of boys who were hardly 13 years old to Rohtang Pass. This trek which was also filmed by him, was a grand success and Mr. Nehru who was holidaying in Kulu in those days was pleased to meet our young boys trekking in that valley.

During his stay in the school he went abroad twice, first to U.K. on Commonwealth Bursary in 1962 and then to Hawaii Islands on East-West Centre Scholarship in 1968.

Mr. Tankha has an aesthetic sense and this could be seen in his class-room, in his House, in fact in all departments which he looked after, in the school. He always thought of some new ideas but as they meant a lot of financial burden on the school I had to curb his enthusiasm but he always took it nicely.

Ten years is not much time in the life of an institution but for an individual who works for the first ten years of a new institution, this period is quite eventful.

We wish Mr. and Mrs. Tankha and their two sweet children a happy and prosperous life at Pilani.

J. K.

“Being an IPSC member for 18 years, I have seen nearly all the Public Schools of 60's, 70's. I am proud to say that Mr. Tankha had created the best Geography Department I have ever seen. He made "World on a pitcher", relief maps and charts. Models and several types of globes made the room very impressive. Mr. Tankha was a fine example of versatility. Player, athletics coach, singer, dancer, artist, mountaineer and what not! Annual Athletics used to be a grand show. His planning and recoding were meticulous. He was the first to join the PPS, after Mr. Kate.”

Mr OP Bhatnagar

6. Mrs KPK Tandon – Junior School and geography

(1960-1998)



Mrs KP K Tandon with Girl students

On 30th November 1998, a farewell party was organized to bid adieu to Mrs.K.P.K.Tandon, the longest serving member of the school staff. She had joined the school in the very first year i.e. 1960 as Miss Keerat Pal Kaur Pannu and after heading

the Geography Department for a long time was appointed the head Junior Wing after the retirement of Miss Walia.

The gentle nature and maternal disposition of Mrs.Tandon had made her a favourite with the entire school community and it was but natural that when she retired, the atmosphere was emotionally charged.

Mr.I.S.Koonar, her former student delivered a touching speech and spoke of her love for the children. The school head boy and head girl also expressed their emotions on the occasion and thanked Mrs.Tandon for her caring approach. With the retirement of Mrs.Tandon, an era was well and truly over since she was the only person who had seen it all since the school began and stood tall through thick and thin, and maintained a poise and dignity that would always be an example for others to emulate.

7. Mr GS Punia

Started as teacher in 1960 but took over as Bursar in 1962

1960- Retired in Second Term 1991



Mr GS Punia being introduced to Guest by Mr JK Kate

Mr.G.S.Punia retired after an illustrious and distinguished service to the school for more than three decades. It was thoroughly befitting that he retired in the capacity of the Headmaster. A grand farewell party was organized in the Senior Section, Junior Section and by Administration Staff and Class IV employees. Col.Khera and Mr.Y.P.Johri praised the contribution of Mr.Punia and Mr.M.S.Chadha (the present head of the English department) and an old nabhaite fondly recalled his student days when Mr.Punia taught him English.

The school head boy Bhupinder Khatra and headgirl Shivina Joneja paid glowing tributes to Mr.Punia. The students lined up on both sides of the main gate and Mr.Punia was accorded a true hero's farewell. The ageless Mr.Punia, who is a local resident of Nabha continues to bless the PPS community with his regular and benign presence at the school functions to this day and his long association with the school since the time of Mr.Kate, makes Mr.Punia somewhat of a "*Bhisham Pitamah*" of PPS.

Mr Kate in his article praised his loyalty, honesty and dedication.

8. Mr YP Bhardwaj

History & Sports (1960-1966)



Mr YP Bharadwaj on the extreme left

8th May ,1966

Before the end of the term. Home day dinner was held early so as HM put it, to enable the School to bid farewell to departing staff member who was bid farewell was Mt YP Bhardwaj whose amiable character and easy-going manner had been a popular with boys as History Teacher.

He coached boys on the playground with vigor and enthusiasm. His dynamism rubbed off on all the teams of Hockey, Football and Cricket teams. Mr Kate would turn to him for light talk when needed. He was leaving to join Mayo College.

He was the first of original Teachers who started the School, to leave the School.

9. MR OP Bhatnagar

Hindi and Arts (1961-1970)



Mr OP Bhatnagar readying for a sketch and at the banks of Beas on Manali trip.

Mr. Bhatnagar, the former housemaster of Jumna House popularly referred to as OPB had been a versatile teacher.

Not only he spearheaded the Hindi Department with aplomb but was also a very creative artist. He used to make the *ravan* every year at Dussehra. He also did the paint work on panels of the Stage when the President visited the School for Inauguration in 1961.

He also holds the unique distinction of being the first Secretary of the Staff Club, first secretary of The Old Nabhaites Association and above all, the historic privilege of having given the school its inspiring logo with the flying eagle.

He shared the passion for hiking and outdoors with Tankha and both of them had gone for many adventures together and while on a trip he would do sketches.

He was a great actor and brought out the best in students in house shows. He played background music on *tabla*. He organized *kavi darbars* in Hindi and won fancy dress prizes.

He used to win best prize for fancy dress as no one could recognise him as he adopted another character.

He was the first winner of the Life Time Award for a teacher of the PPS.

10. Mr PN Mathu

Geography and Commerce (1960-1979)



Mr PN Mathu on extreme right

-A tribute by Mrs. KP Tandon

The passing away of Mr. Mattu has really made us both very sad. It has opened chapter of our lives covering almost two decades of our stay in P.P.S. Nabha together with the Mattu family that it was in their residence. We moved in 1979-80. Mr. P.N. Mattu was a dominating personality amongst the faculty members of P.P.S. Nabha. He served as Geography head of department after Mr. M.N. Tankha and as a House master Sutlej house. Mr. Mattu's command over the subject was so strong and his ability to draw the world map

on the blackboard while facing the class was fantastic. It made him an awesome personality for all.

I am reminded of an episode when on Mr. Tankha's going to London and Mr. Kate making me shuttle between junior and the senior school in 1968. I was asked a question by 'Ravinder Virk' now in Lawrence school, Lovedale-what was the exact meaning of the word 'CWM'. I told her I would check and let her know. I met Mr. Mattu in the corridor and asked him but look at his modesty, he just said "Why are you pulling my leg? Are Chhodo!" When I convinced him, I wasn't sure through I knew it had something with glaciers he simply said "corrie, cirque *aur CWM ek hi to hote hain*". He was so unassuming.

There are number of interesting anecdotes related to the hardwork he put in and made the pupils work hard too. I am reminded of Rajpal Singh Mann (Ravi) who wrote an interesting account of tea production in India by describing how his father relished a special cup of tea and Mr. Mattu's reaction to it.

Mrs. Mattu was such a friendly person and spoke in her lovable Kashmiri Hindi.

I am sure the students who were in Mr. Mattu's house and had the good fortune of studying from him will join my husband Mr.K.C. Tandon our daughters Amy and Puneeta and myself in paying a great tribute to a towering personality teacher, a good friend and a genuine person I wish god would produce more such personalities I pray to the almighty to make his soul rest in peace and give the family members the strength to bear this great loss.

11.Jasbir Lamba (Butalia)

(Punjabi teacher) 1960-1990



Madam Jasbir Lamba (Mrs Butalia), at extreme left

She was a Mom...a granny, highly committed teacher who drilled Punjabi into her students and a strict disciplinarian. Yet, she was always there to console when homesickness overpowered.

A short 4ft9inch frame, made a huge difference in each one of us

She was the beginning and the foundation of a transformation in us.

Written by Alok Goel ICSE 1985 J-553

Farewell to our Housemistress

Mrs JASBIR KAUR BUTALIA our housemistress retired from this school on the 13th of Jan. 1990. She served here with great distinction for twenty nine years. These years she devoted completely to the school and to young lads like me.

The staff and children of the Junior Wing gave her a warm send-off. The Senior School gave her a send-off the previous day at a touching function where the Headmaster and others wished her well. Many new and old staff members are her former students. At the junior school function, Miss Walia, Head of Junior School, Mr. Y. P. Johri, Mr. Chaddha and others paid rich

tributes to her. Mrs. Butalia answered appropriately and thanked everyone with a voice choked with emotion. Apart from other presents given to her was a memento of the school. Mrs. Sidhu our retired matron came from Ludhiana to be present at the function.

Mrs. Butalia gave a beautiful wall clock to the Junior Wing Staff room.

We of Ravi House and indeed all of us miss her very much. We wish her Best of Luck !

Bikramjeet Singh
R-944

12.Mr MS Bhatnagar

Biology (1961- end 1964)



Second from right

Mr M S Bhatnagar, another former Ranji cricketer (the first being Mr Y P Bhardwaj) joined as a biology teacher. A thorough gentleman.

Mr Bhatnagar apart from coaching with Mr YP Bhardwaj would take the school team to watch Ranji Matches in Patiala.

He used to play for School Cricket XI with YP Bharadwaj in matches against outside teams like Horlick's team, Gill's XI and Ripudaman College etc. We would invariably win these matches.

1964 second term Mr Bhatnagar moved to home town Delhi for a post at the IAF, School Delhi Cantt. Boys will miss a gifted all-rounder on the playing field and in Biology

13. Mr KC Tandon

Music and History , (1961- 1983)



In the center

In Jan 1961, Mr K C Tandon, an alumnus of Rabindra Nath Tagore's *Shantiniketan*, replaced Mr Chatterjee for music.

He was responsible for high standard of Musical events held in the school.

In 1961 Feb , Mr.KC Tandon achieved "First Class first" the BA music examination of Lucknow University.

On *Jyantis* of Guru Nanak, Budha , Gandhi or Tagore he would organise musical bonanzas. Once he gave a talk on *Shantiniketan*.

In 1964 he tied the nuptial knot with Ms KPK Pannu who became Mrs KPK Tandon from then on.

He looked after Army wing of the NCC at School.

In 1969, Mr. Tandon wrote a book on *Lessons in Music* being published by Milap film magazine. Later, Mr KC Tandon has written *Raag Gurjari Todi* published in the Diwali issue of *Sangeet* magazine.

Later he switched to teaching History and gave one of the best results in history in India.

He became Principal of ICL Public School at Rajpura and helped start many such schools.

14. MR YP Johri

Mathematics (Oct1961--Oct1993)



Second from left

Mr. Yogeshwar Parshad Johri, the very epitome of discipline and undoubtedly one of the greatest teachers to ever serve at The PPS, finally retired after a marathon association of 33 years with the school. Having joined PPS in 1961 as a mathematics teacher, Mr. Johri had been the senior master, author of many books on mathematics, consultant to NCERT for Maths, officiating headmaster, and the incumbent deputy headmaster. While in school He went for further studies to Hull, UK and to USA.

He had left the school in 1983 to join as Principal, Colvin Taluqdar's college near Lucknow. But he was back within a year as Deputy Headmaster of the School. Apart from being a fantastic teacher giving fabulous results year after year, he conducted many slide show talks,

Brains Trusts, quizzes and GK tests in School. He was always smartly turned with a trademark single knot necktie. He was a top-class player of Tennis and used these skills to win badminton tournaments of the staff.

Academics were always his first love and teaching mathematics his true calling.

In 1993, He kept his farewell speech very short and the following phrase

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Col.Khera shared that even in the middle of an important meeting, Mr.Johri would abruptly get up on hearing a bell and declare *“I have a period”*.

Academics were always his first love and teaching mathematics his true calling.

Mrs.Tandon shared the memories of her association of more than three decades with Mr.Johri and busted the myth of him being an out and out strict person by highlighting the gentle side of his personality.

Mr.Johri had earlier shared his feelings on his retirement in an article for chronicle. Here is an excerpt.

“The other day I sat brooding, retrospecting as to what has been my greatest achievement in the school. Was it the interest I could create in the minds of my students for mathematics? No. Was it the excellent results I could get in my subjects? No. Was it my foreign assignments to U.K. in 1964 and to U.S.A. in 1969? No. Was it the letter of commendation, I was awarded by the Governor Punjab His Excellency Shri J.S.L.Hathi for my services to the school? Yes, to some extent. What I would rate the highest is the impact I as a person, might have made on the minds of the young ones, with whom I worked.”

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April 1998

The school organized an IPSC workshop on mathematics. Mr.Y.P.Johri, the former deputy headmaster acted as the facilitator (resource person). More than 20 teachers, including many from PPS attended the conference and sharpened their mathematics teaching skills. With stalwarts like Mr.Johri, Mr.Ram Singh and Mr.Bhalla sharing their experience, the delegates made most of the three day conference and learnt many a valuable techniques on teaching of mathematics.

Mulakjeet (S-54,1966)

Mr Johri was a excellent Maths teacher, after appearing in ICSE in December 1966 , just after a short gap , majority of us were to appear for the NDA written exam at Patiala. Mr Johri coached us just for a week and told us the type of problems that are likely to come in the question paper. Due to his experience , the very same questions with a slight variation appeared in the Maths paper. I stood fifty third in the NDA order of merit just on the basis of my performance in Maths, as my marks in other subjects were just moderate.

15. Mr OP Sharma

Hindi (1962-1991)



Second from right

Mr Kate met Mr OP Sharma at the local Bus stand. He invited Mr OP Sharma to visit the school at his convenience. In spite of being a Hindi teacher, M. Sharma's fluency at English impressed Mr. Kate and he was asked to join at the earliest. Mr. OP Sharma joined as the new Hindi teacher. He had resigned from a Government job to fulfil his passion of teaching in a public school and later admitted in an interview that he was attracted by the "glamorous" life at The PPS.

He also looked after NCC air wing and aero-modelling in school. He was also Ravi House and later Middle House. He was responsible for launching Horticulture Club.

Mr OP Sharma was very sincere and had been very hard working throughout. He was a man of principles and never compromised with his convictions, irrespective of the fact that others might have found them justified or otherwise.

Mr OP Sharma retired after a long fruitful stay of 29 years on 22 October 1991 and set up the " Navrang" School near the Stadium

16. Miss GB Malkani

Head Junior School (1962-1975)



Miss Gopi B Malkani extreme left with Anita Williams (VSO), Mis Raina and Mohini Kamble

LADY WITH THE LAMP

I have never done any writing before and it is tough to make a beginning and all the more when the beginning happens to be an obituary.

My association with Miss. Malkani goes back to 29 years. I was then a small boy. I had not even joined school. I first met her at the breakfast table at home. After I was introduced to her, She greeted me with a warm smile. I was very uneasy during breakfast for I got the feeling that she was 'Inspecting' me. I behaved at my best but I could not hide my unpolished shoes.

She joined school a few days later and when she found I wasn't studying at home she asked me to follow her from one class to another. That is when people started calling me Miss Malkani's "tail". Some of the teachers would tease me by saying- - - "and everywhere Miss Malkani went her tail would surely go." It was during this "follow me game" that I first learnt how to read and write.

I joined Junior school a year later and like all other children was very often a "guest" outside her room. She had a unique style of punishing kids. She never believed in physical punishment. (To this day I can't recall a single case where she hit a boy). She would ask the punished boy to sit outside her room where lots of books were kept. One was expected to sit quietly and read there. Often she would come up to a punished boy, look him over and let him off, without showing any sign of compassion. Her sternness had an element of gentleness in it.

As a kid there were things one always wanted to do. One of my ambitions was to wake up before Miss. Malkani did, but everytime I got up and went down-stairs she would be sitting in the garden reading a book.

I once tried turning the school clock half an hour back on "All Fools' Day." She watched me all through the prank and when I had finished, all that she did was to wish me a very good-morning. I got the message.

As I got older and graduated from one class to another the "Malkani Fear" lessened and it gradually transformed into respect and adoration. But I never understood her till I was in college. It was then that I first sat down with her and we talked like friends. She was a voracious reader and could talk on any subject under the sun. People called her anti-social because she didn't go visiting like the others, but if any one who cared to look deeper, over would see that she devoted herself fully to the school doing bath duty, games duty, prep duty etc etc, all through the week. She was perpetually M.O.D.

I could go on and on but I know I have to stop somewhere. What I and many more of us owe her is beyond evaluation. Death is a part of life. She is no more amongst us. What remains is her memory. I shall never forget the Lady with the lamp walking down the corridors of Junior School at night. A Florence Nightingale reborn.

May her soul rest in peace.

-- Vilas Kate

(from the Chronicle) *"The next person we met was a very unusual and special person who was to be my professional mentor for life. In her spotless white sari, Miss Malkani, Head of the Junior School blended in with the marble floors and white walls of the building. She had large eyes, an aquiline nose and a smile that lit up her somewhat grave face. That was how she was - shy at first, always keeping her self in the background, yet she produced and*

commanded a high standard of excellence by her sheer example. Her greatest compliment, she once told me, was when a parent reported to her that his son had said to him , “ Miss Malkani hame wahi sikhati hain, jo khud karti hain. “ (Miss Malkani does exactly what she teaches us to do.) In short she always practised what she preached and no one could ever argue with her or fault her for having separate standards for herself!”

(Lila Kak Bhan, Junior School Teacher)

*Some of you may remember her. She was strict and took no nonsense from anyone. We were scared of her, but she had a predictable reassuring presence. We knew she would be there directing us to get dressed in the morning, make sure we got to classes on time. We studied, we were on time for dinner and we were appropriately dressed. She was not friendly or maternal-yet there was a wisp of kindness and friendliness in her. She encouraged us to be **THE BEST WE COULD BE.***

(Vineet Mehta, J-72, 1967)

17. Mr Inder Bir Kakkar

Physics (1969-1977)



From "The Chronicle"

In August ,1968, Mr. I.B.Kakkar was awarded a scholarship by the British Council to study for four months in England to learn new techniques for teaching of Physics.

In July 1969, Mr.I.B.Kakkar took over the reins of Senior Beas House.

In September, 1969, While Mr Punia was away, Mr.I.B.Kakkar officiated as the School Bursar.

In an article 'Pride of Punjab' (on early years of school) by Mr. JK Kate written at the time of Silver Jubilee, in 1985 he wrote ; Mr. Kakkar worked very hard to improve upon Physics results. It was no surprise that many science students ended up with distinction in Physics.

He wrote many books and became chief examiner of NCERT for Physics.

In April, 1977, Mr.I.B.Kakkar, the wizard of physics and the former housemaster of Beas House bid adieu to the School after a dedicated service of 15 years. He took up the appointment of Principal at The Navyug Public School New Delhi. Later he became principal of Army Public School, Daula Kuan,

18. DK Dighe

Mathematics (1963-64)



To the left of Mr JK Kate and third from right

He was brilliant mathematician.

Brilliant in debating,

Master of Quizz and GK

Left very soon to migrate to Ethiopia.

19. Mr Rajinder Sibal

English (1963-1970)



Second from right

A soft spoken and sophisticated a graduate of St Stephen's college, joined as English teacher in the times of Mr Vodden and stayed on during the time of Mr John Mallon.

In 1965, During his stay in School he went to UK for learning the latest techniques in teaching of English at the University of London.

He was a very good sportsman and played in all matches involving Staff and even combined school team of Boys and staff against visiting teams like the local army unit etc.

He also acted in English plays involving staff members. Directed many English plays.

He was House master of Beas and then Sutlej.

In 1970, Mr. Rajinder Sibal also left for Mayo College Ajmer as their new Head of English Department. He was instrumental in organizing top quality debates and declamations. Very often he would come up with interesting talks at Wednesday Forums and vast improvement in the presentation of Chronicle bore testimony to his editorial and literary abilities.

20. Mr Krishan Kumar Katyal

Biology (1964-1981)



Mr KK Katyal with Dr Jashanjot and daughters when he went to pay respects to him at Mussorie Public School, Mussorie.

Mr.K.K.Katyal from Hoshiarpur, joined the Senior Section as Biology teacher from DAV College, Jalandhar, starting auspiciously with birth of a daughter on August 15th.

In 1969, he stood second in the University B Ed exam of Ajmer Rajasthan University.

1970, Mr Katyal (St John's York) left for UK, on Commonwealth Teachers' Training Bursaries.

One of his greatest contributions to PPS was the 'par excellence' plays he staged in school. Naming two of them 'Godan' by Munshi Premchand and the longest running play in London by Agatha Christie "Mousetrap".

Jan 1981, A special assembly was organized as the school community bade farewell to Mr.K.K.Katyal, Head of the Biology Department. Mr.Katyal had taught at PPS for almost two decades.

He further enriched the list of Ex-PPS staff members who were heading various schools when he took over as Principal of Mussoorie Public School, Mussoorie

To Sir with Love

The year-1967, the month-**May**. It was time to fill the examination forms along with subjects for each student appearing in ISC (Senior Cambridge), in **December**. The newspapers were full of strikes and riots by engineers due to unemployment. Five of us (Additional Math students, worried about our future as engineers), **Bhupinder Grewal (S-50)**, **Shivinder Athwal (B-108)**, **Inderbir Khokha (ex Ravi)**, **Gurjit Dhillon (B-69)**, and I, approached the senior master, the great **Mr SC Cowell**, to allow us to take up Biology as an additional subject. **Mr Cowell** put up the matter to **Mr JK Kate**, the Headmaster. **Mr Kate** agreed but let the final word rest with the Biology teacher whose job it would be to take extra classes for only five of us and prepare us for the Biology exam in 5 months. With apprehension, we approached the Biology teacher. To our amazement, he readily agreed. He was none other than **Mr KK Katyal**. Popularly known as K³ or 3Ks - medium built, obese and balding, he had the finesse of drilling into his students the subject he taught so well. Then began a period of hectic classes in the afternoon. The extra class at times lasted more than an hour. We would be sleepy after a heavy lunch but K³'s energy kept us awake. We could see beads of sweat on his forehead. He taught us so well that two out of the five topped our class in Biology in ISC exam.

Three of us, **Shivinder** (USA), **Inderbir Khokha** and I became doctors later in life.

Bhupinder became an Engineer in the Army and **Gurjit** (now a Brigadier) is heading for great heights, having successfully attended National Defence College.

Many years later I visited Mussoorie with my family. I knew sir (**KKK**) was there as Headmaster of Mussoorie Public School. We all went to meet him. I was proud to be able to introduce my kids to the sir who changed the course of my life. We had a wonderful lunch with him and his family. Few years earlier he had been troubled by a growth in the neck and had been successfully treated at AIIMS, courtesy **Dr Satish Jain (R-107)**, another of his students from PPS. Now his weight was significantly reduced, movements were slowed and even a little exertion made him breathless. His once forceful voice became

subdued. When things became difficult for him in the hills at Mussoorie, where he was continuing to serve at the insistence of the management, he decided to come down to his native Hoshiarpur to settle down.

Last year I got a phone call from him that he was very unwell. I immediately asked him to come to Jalandhar and got him admitted with a physician friend. My friend Dr Kapil would joke with sir and say to him, “I have to make you fit again because I want you to teach my son Biology the way you taught **Jashanjot**.” He recovered to a large extent and went back to Hoshiarpur. But as doctors we knew his failing lungs could not support him for long. When he was better he even went to see the ‘ONA Equestrian Show’ in Chandigarh with his son but thereafter he went downhill. During his time of illness, Mrs Katyal was always by his side – a picture of Indian womanhood. His children – all Old Nabhaites, were however far away and could be with him only in patches. Puneet, his son, was on the high seas in Merchant Navy and his daughters, Archana and Vandana, flew in and out of India to see him, having settled in USA. In the last few days, he was again admitted in my friend’s hospital – this time a little more serious. On the morning of 25th May, I got a call from Dr Kapil Gupta that your sir passed away this morning. When I reached the hospital I went to the bed, where his body (it had been curtained off) lay. I had to say good-bye. I picked up his limp hand and kissed it with a prayer for his soul in my heart.

Dr Jashanjot (S-52)

21. Mr VN Bhave

Chemistry (1964-1975)



Mr VN Bhave on the left

VN Bhave joined from RIMC and taught Chemistry in Senior School .

In 1965

Mr VN Bhave was awarded the **Fulbright Scholarship and National Science Foundation Scholarships** for a years' study in the USA.

1966

VN Bhave Chemistry came back after a successful postgraduate study stint in Sioux Falls, University of South Dakota.

He gave many talks on his visit to USA, organised many Brains Trust and Quizzes in School on Wednesday Forums.

He had a stint as housemaster of Jumna House. His house won many championships under him.

He was Class teacher of 1967 ISC batch which delivered the best results in North India.

Mr.Bhave was one of the very best teachers that PPS ever had.He was a teacher, who discouraged students from taking notes when he was teaching and wanted them to only listen to him with full attention.

Jan 1975

Mr.V.N.Bhave, joined The Yadwindra Public School, Patiala as Vice-Principal..

Later he became Principal Vikas Vidyalaya, Ranchi, Bihar.

According to Mr OP Bhatnagar, *“Mr. V.N. Bhave joined in 1962. Some teachers found him unimpressive. His spoken English was pedestrian. But in two years he blossomed into an outstanding teacher. His Chemistry lessons were thoroughly understood by all boys. He proved to be a 'touchstone'. Whatever he touched turned in to 'gold'. When he coached hockey, we won every match. When he coached cricket team, we ran through every team. When he became Housemaster, his House was trouble free. He was highly methodical and thorough in his work. He later became a successful Headmaster of Vikas Vidyalaya, Ranchi.”*

22. Mr MR Oberoi

Senior Master and English (Jan 1967- 1971)



Mr Obeori isat extreme end next to Miss Malkani wishing the Chief Guest.

Mr. M.R.Oberoi took over as the new Senior Master of the School. He was an alumnus of F.C. Foreman Christian College, Lahore and had taught in many government colleges before he went to USA. On his return he was selected to teach at the Indian Military Academy, the post that he had resigned from to join as the new Senior Master of PPS.

He was very soft and sophisticated and did not allow teachers to beat children. He would often give talks on subjects like “General elections in India”, “How to get the most out of a newspaper”. Once the School was shown the film ‘*Rime of the Ancient Mariner*’. Before the film , Mr Oberoi introduced the poem by Samuel Taylor Coleridge and told us interesting facts and anecdotes about the writer.

23. Mr RD Chandola

English (1967-1987)



Second from left sitting at the table with specs.

September 1967: Mr RD Chandola joined from Birla Vidya Mandir, Nainital.

An excellent English teacher, He was editor of the Chronicle and regularly contributed articles to it.

At the Silver Jubilee. Mr.R.D.Chandola compiled the impressive Souvenir volume and personally contributed an article titled "*Ourselfes*" analysing the performance of Old Nabhaites after leaving school involving lot of research..

In 1977 he became House master of Beas House.

In March 1987 came the departure of Mr.R.D.Chandola, who after teaching English for nearly two decades and playing a long innings as the Managing Editor of Chronicle . His article "from the staff Colony" was well liked.

He took up the post of Principal at the DAV Public School, Haldwani.

24. Mr BS Bhatnagar

English (1967-1974)



Mr BS Bhatnagar and Mrs Bhatnagar being honoured at the Golden Jubilee of The PPS

Mr.B.S.Bhatnagar, who hailed from Allahabad had two master degrees to his name, one in English and the other in History. He had come from Birla Public School, Pilani. He joined in second term of 1967 to teach English at the School.

In 1968, he stood second in Rajasthan University B.Ed examination at Ajmer.

The PPS hosted the 15th annual session of Public Schools Masters' Conference from December 8 to 22, 1968. It was attended by 31 delegates from 14 elite schools of the country. Mr BS Bhatnagar was elected Secretary of the Conference.

In 1969, he was selected for the United States Teachers Exchange Programme to teach in an American Schools.

In March, 1974, Mr.B.S.Bhatnagar, English teacher and Managing Editor of Chronicle left for St.Paul's Darjeeling. He had introduced the much popular *Potpourri* section in the Chronicle in his capacity as the Managing Editor and also served as the Housemaster of Senior Ravi House for four years.

Later, He later became the Headmaster of Lawrence School Lovedale, The Daly College Indore and founded the Indian School at Oman

25. MR KS Nijjar

Mathematics (1968 - 1980.)



Mr KS Nijjar is sitting extreme right at the table

He moved to Nabha from Chail Military School in 1967 - He taught Mathematics, coached the school football team and was a Housemaster (Beas and thereafter Sutlej) at The PPS.

He was a committed teacher whose attitude while teaching was business like. Once the work was done and problems resolved, he was a relaxed man who narrated interesting facets of life.

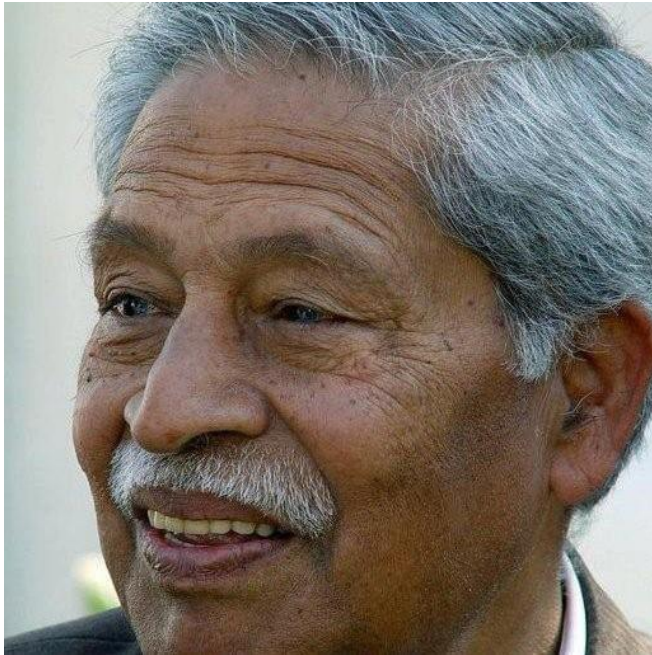
He was strict but considerate as a Housemaster and put in extra effort to ensure that his house did well in everything.

In 1969, Mr K.S.Nijjar was selected for the United States Teachers Exchange Programme to teach in an American School for two years in Alaska.

In April, 1980, Mr.K.S.Nijjar decided to join Guru Harkrishan Public School, New Delhi as its new Headmaster.

26. MR SL Nigam

Physics (1967-1991)



He joined School from Birla Public School, Pilani in 1967. Later He became the Head of Physics department.

In 1969 he was selected for the United States Teachers Exchange Programme to teach in an American School at Minnesota for a year.

A tribute by DR Rupinder Brar (S-291, 1978)

“Mr. SM Nigam was a teacher, mentor, role model and a pillar of the PPS community who in spite of his advanced age remained a larger than life figure to many of us who were fortunate enough to grow and mature under his tutelage.

While on one hand he was a strict disciplinarian yet he was never intimidating. Mr. Nigam was a teachers’ teacher, approachable in class and out of class, on the playing field and in the dining room. With this kind of dedication and a genuine interest in his students, not surprisingly, he became a personal mentor to many of my classmates. We flocked around him to discuss, not only physics, mathematics and chemistry; but also, our personal lives, careers, hopes and dreams for the future”.

27. Mr RC Bhalla

Mathematics (First term 1968- October 2000)



Mr RC Bhalla fifth from right in the center.

Mr.R.C.Bhalla joined as the new Mathematics teacher. Mr.Johri and Mr.Bhalla , and later on Mr.Ram Singh formed the triumvirate that raised the standard of teaching Mathematics to

such an unprecedented level that it became the source of envy for all public schools in the country.

November 1996

Mr.R.C.Bhalla took over as the new Deputy Headmaste. With the appointment of Mr.Bhalla, the office finally saw some stability. A government of India merit scholarship holder from class X to the completion of his Master's degree in mathematics, Mr.R.C.Bhalla had been a part of PPS family for more than 28 years. A top quality mathematics teacher and a thorough gentleman, Mr.Bhalla's beautiful handwriting on the blackboard was always a treat for sore eyes.

April 1998

The school organized an IPSC workshop on mathematics. Mr.Y.P.Johri, the former deputy headmaster acted as the facilitator (resource person). More than 20 teachers, including many from PPS attended the conference and sharpened their mathematics teaching skills. With stalwarts like Mr.Johri, Mr.Ram Singh and Mr.Bhalla sharing their experience, the delegates made most of the three day conference and learnt many a valuable techniques on teaching of mathematics.

October 2000

The Deputy Headmaster Mr.R.C.Bhalla retired from his post after serving the school with dedication for three decades. His students would always remember him for presenting mathematics as one of the most interesting subjects and his insistence on five sums daily "*paanch sawaal har roz*" as a sure shot recipe for success in mathematics is known to all.

28. Mr Kailash Dar

History (1968-1974)



Mr Dar is seen partly between HM Manjit Bedi and Ex-Teacher YP Bharadwaj with the gift

(from the Chronicle)

An ex-student of Scindia School, Gwalior and later at St Stephen's College, Delhi. His father is HM. His elder brother teaches at Doon.

He left a lucrative post in a commercial concern, to come into teaching. This was his first teaching assignment.

He was a very popular and dignified teacher who made History enjoyable and exciting. His students loved and admired him.

25th May, 1970

While in School Mr Kailash Dar who married Miss Shashi Kaul.

29. RAM SINGH

Maths (1969-2003)



Mr and Mrs Ram sin gh honoured by ONA at the Golden Jubilee dinner 2010. With Gen TS Waraich and Manjit Bhuttar (both ex Jumna)

M.Sc in Mathematics from Allahabad University added steel to the mathematics department in Senior School.

In September, 1972, Mr.Ram Singh left for the University of Hull in England on a Commonwealth bursary.

In March 2003, The end of the academic session saw the retirement of another stalwart in Mr.Ram Singh, the Head of the Mathematics Department and the former housemaster of Senior Jumna House, after three decades of dedicated service to the school. With a razor-sharp memory that could recall the name of each and every student that he taught, Mr.Ram Singh's distinctive style of teaching mathematics and eloquent conversational abilities endeared him to a whole generation of students. Mr.Ram Singh was the last serving teacher from Mr. Kate's cherished era and his retirement evoked sadness in the entire school community.

30. Mr PN Onial

English (1969- 1991)



Mr Onial is second from left with his students during an excursion trip.

Mr PN Onial, MA joined English department in the Senior School. He was Head of English in a college in Bombay before this. Fond of music and shikar and is a keen angler. Enjoys swimming, football, tennis and TT.

August 1969 : Mr Onial gave an interesting talk on *Tiger Shooting*.

He was the House master of Sutlej.

He later became Head of English department.

He held the post of Senior Master till his retirement. After him the post was done away with.

He was the last Senior Master of the School.

He was concerned about all the school students' welfare and advised them even if they were not in his house or students.

This is what Harinder Bhullar had to say in his short article : [AN ODE to Mr ONIAL by Harinder Bhullar \(R-786\)](#)

“Although, I could not understand the value of his words during the school days , they showed me the path, when I needed it the most. What is most notable is that Mr Onial was neither my teacher nor was he , my house master.

He knew and cared about the welfare of his wards and performed duties of a teacher in a most noble way. I owe a lot to my teachers and especially Mr Onial, may God bless them where ever they are.”

Bhullar went on to do Law, Masters from UK and later doctorate. He entered the Indian Legal Service through UPSC, today he is at Under Secretary level in Central ministry.

31. Mr NCS Bhatii

English (1969-1990)



Mr NS Bhati, MS, B.Ed., come from Udaipur , an old student of Daly College, Indore. He was to teach in Junior School. He has played football, hockey, badminton and TT and squash.

May 1990

Mr.N.C.S.Bhatti left /retired after 21 years of service to the institution. His students always loved him for his gentlemanly approach and passion for teaching English. He also served as the housemaster of Senior Ravi house and handled the responsible work of managing Council exams in the School. He joined as the Principal of Bhupal Nobles'Sr. Sec school in Udaipur, Rajasthan.

32. RS Mehta

Physics (1969-1981)



Mr RS Mehta third from right sitting at the table

Mr.R.S.Mehta joined the Senior School to teach Science and Mathematics. He was a fresh graduate from Jabalpur and took to the PPS way of life with ease.

He attended many summer Institutes for teaching of Physics.

He looked after naval wing of NCC.

He became housemaster of Jumna House in 1977.

In 1981, Mr.R.S.Mehta, a stalwart and Head of the Physics Department left and joined as the Principal of Guru Teg Bahadur Public School, Meerut in the month of July. Later he went on to become Principal of MGN Public School, Jalandhar from where he retired.

33. RK Sharma

Geography (1970-

Joined school from Lovedale and gave talk on the place in Wednesday forum.

In 1974, Mr.R.K.Sharma, the geography teacher started a small yet exciting project. With a team of about 15 students from the Geography department, he set out to make a model relief map of India near the Main Gate of the School.

With minor repairs needed every year, it still stands in full glory and continues to impress the visitors.

34. Lila Kak

Junior School & English

(1963- 1966)



Lila Kak sitting in front second from left

The young **Miss Leela Kak** who was a favourite with the children , joined at Junior School. She was an ex-student of Sanawar and graduate of St Bede's College Simla. Daughter of the Dewan of J&K she was sophisticated and Mr Kate wanted her to influence the raw children in Junior School.

She fell in love the school especially so as she found a mentor in Miss GB Malkani. She still respects the idea that she learnt her teaching and child handling skills at PPS Nabha.

She was a sporting girl trouncing all competition to become staff ladies' badminton champion in school.

I have extremely happy memories of PPS - it was my very first job and I was there in Junior School under **Miss Malkani** from Jan 1963 to July 1966. I will certainly write some thoughts/ memories of the school for the archives.

Nabha was certainly the foundation of my teaching career and **Mr. Kate and Miss Malkani** were people who influenced my ideas and outlook on teaching and schools tremendously.

Mr.Vodden of the **British Council** and many of the **Peace Corps and V.S.O.'s** were also important.

35 & 36 Miss Rajni Raina and Mohini Kamble

1966-1970



In front is Rajni and to the right is Mohini.

They were good friends, they came together and left together

August 1966 Miss Mohini Kamble and Rajni Raina who were at Convent of Jesus and Mary, Dehradun, came to teach English and Social Studies in Middle and Junior section.

In one fancy dress party, Miss Raina got special prize for being totally unrecognisable as a 'PPS Boy' in 1966 December

In 1967 second term, Miss Mohini Kamble for passed MA English in creditable second division.

In 1970- Miss Mohini Kamble will be left after four years of service to join as Headmistress of SD Public School, Muzaffarnagar. Miss Raina also after four years to join as Housemistress in Welham's Girls' School.

The Staff Club gave farewell to outgoing members and welcome the new ones. The work of Kamble and Raina madams was lauded by the HM presenting them with souvenirs.

British Council Teachers

37. Mr Michael Vodden



Mr Vodden with 1964 ISC class.

A Tribute to Mr. Vodden

By J.K. Kate

If I am ever asked to write the early history of the school, I shall mention three dates as being of outstanding importance. The first, 14th April 1960, when the school actually started functioning; the second 11th April, when Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the Late President of India, formally inaugurated the school; and the 13th March, 1962 when Mr. M.H.D. Vodden arrived in Nabha to work as a teacher of English for two and a half years.

When we approached the British Council with a request to lend us the services of an Englishman to teach English in the Senior School, we hardly expected to get a man whose impact on the life of the school would be so far reaching and whose contribution to its life would be so unique as Mr. Vodden's has been.

From what I have come to know of Mr. Vodden, I can say that his first love is India, his second is teaching. In Nabha he found both and that is why, I think, he was able to give of his best to the school.

His approach to the teaching of English is an entirely new one, one which has proved very effective. Since we do not insist on any knowledge of English on the part of a boy at the time of his admission, we get quite a few boys in class V, which is our lowest class, from Hindi and Punjabi medium schools. These boys don't know the ABC- of English when they come to us. We are expected to prepare them for the Indian School Certificate Examination in seven years. Thus the problem of teaching English in our school is more difficult than it is in other preparatory or Public Schools where boys start learning English at the age of five. We have had, therefore, to devise ways and means of solving this problem.

In addition to taking senior classes, Mr. Vodden, devoted most of his time to this problem. The English syllabus he has left with us covers all the problems that generally face us. Having had to confront these problems himself he has been able to plan a syllabus that is an answer to all of them. It has proved to be a boon to all my teachers of English.

As a teacher Mr. Vodden was simply superb. The boys thoroughly enjoyed, his lessons, which invariably opened up new spheres of interest for them.

His term with us was to expire at the end of May 1964, but the class, which he had been teaching since his arrival in 1962, was to sit for the Indian School Certificate Examination in Dec. 1964. I therefore requested him, with the consent of the British council, to extend his stay to December so that he could see his class through their final examination. He readily agreed to do so, though it meant a separation from his family. During this term he also worked as Senior Master. The help and guidance he gave to all the teachers in planning their lessons, setting their papers, correcting home-work and so on has resulted in marked improvement in our teaching standards.

Apart from his contribution in the field of teaching, his creative approach and his sensitiveness to the needs of children has brought about, a very close relationship between the staff and boys. He was one of the most popular teachers and the boys simply loved him. In the school building, in the boarding-house, on the playgrounds every where-he was seen surrounded by boys. On Sundays his house was a haven where everyone felt himself

welcome. The boys would come to borrow books, play records, and use tape-recorder or his film projector. His sympathetic and genuine interest in every one's problems and troubles and those who went, invariably came away feeling greatly benefitted and relieved.

He took an active part in organising the School Council and participated in all its meetings. The frankness with which the boys speak at the meetings of the council is largely due to the encouragement they got from him. The council meetings have proved very useful. It was his idea to have representatives from the junior school on the council and our experience has proved that was indeed a wise step.

Mr. Vodden has given many things to the school but one, which every member of the school community will remember forever, is the school song.

We were all happy to hear that immediately after his return to England from Nabha, he was awarded the M.B.E. by Her Majesty's Government. Seldom could an award have been so richly deserved. I had come to rely on Mr. Vodden so much in such matters as the selection of staff, disciplinary problems of the school, the introduction of new ideas both within and outside the classrooms that I miss him very much. He had adjusted himself to the conditions in this country and identified himself so much with the school that for all of us he ceased to be a foreigner. This, I think, is the greatest tribute I could pay him: He was a great man in whose presence, instead of being overwhelmed, we felt our own potentialities of greatness.

38.

Mr. John Mallon

Head of English

(Sept,1965- May1968)



Mr John Mallon with Athletics team 1966

He joined school in 1965 and left in 1968 when he bid farewell to the School. **His services had been loaned to school by The British Council**, Originally, he had come for just one year and half (1965) but ultimately, he had extended his stay for another two years. He must have loved the School and us.

Mr. Mallon had functioned as the Head of English Department and earned the respect of staff and students alike. He faced challenges but with persistence and tact his methods proved successful and the fruits are seen in the school results, which were one of the best among public schools.

He even taught French on his own , for six months during IIT classes to 1967 batch after their ISC exam. One of them went on to become a French journalist and author.

On account of his initiative and support by British Council information documentaries or films have become a regular weekly feature of the School. His students enjoyed his company in and out of classroom. He was respected by his colleagues and those he taught.

Mr Kate often sought his **advice** on diverse matters.

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PT & Gymnastics

39. H Kumar

PT & Gymnastics

(1960-1968)



Second from left

In September 1960 Welcome was accorded to Mr H Kumar ,PT master from Bishop Cotton School Simla and his wife and family.

April 1962

There was a mishap, handle of the fire loop broke and Mr Kumar who was supporting on that side suffered burns of the face and neck.

6th October, 1962

Northern India Junior Boxing Championship held at Chandigarh, Niranjan Singh J-13 defeated KG School Chail boy in in the final of his weight match. Vijay Parkas, B-27

defeated his opponent of KG School, Chail in the final of paper weight. They got Silver Medals and certificates. Mr Kumar their coach was presented Punjab Boxing official colours.

In 1964, Mr H Kumar referred the Brigade Boxing tournament at Sangrur.

In 1967, Mr Kumar was appointed Joint Secretary of Punjab Boxing Association.

In June ,1968

School bade farewell to Mr H Kumar the PT Instructor. He plans to try his hand at farming. He was an all rounder having coached football, boxing and swimming. His proficiency in PT and Gymnastics made these very successful events on every Founders'. He also looked after agriculture part of School.

40. Mr PS Gill

PT & Gymnastics

1968-1994



In the center, a young PS Gill

Mr PS Gill joined as PT Instructor. Formerly at Military school, Ajmer and earlier at NDA, Khadakvasla. He is a sportsman having played basketball for Services. He also represented Command in Athletics. Played Volleyball, hockey and football.

In October,1983

In October 1983, PPS won its maiden Inter Public School Athletic Meet Trophy held at MNSS Rai. Schools from all over the country had participated in the Meet, including the likes of Daly College Indore and Military School Bangalore, which were sports powerhouses.

In October,1985,

PPS won the All India Public Schools Athletic Meet for the second time at Hyderabad Public School. PPS had bagged the runners up trophy in 1984 at Rajkumar College Raipur. A record number of 22 schools had participated in the Meet at Hyderabad and the School 4 X 400 M relay team set a new record. Mr.P.S.Gill and Mr.Jaipal once again won accolades for training the athletic team and achieving the glorious feat.

In 1988

Mr.P.S.Gill participated in the All India Veterans Athletic Meet at Srinagar, and bagged the gold medal in pole-vault.

Mr.Gill was a hard taskmaster and ensured strict discipline at P.T. and other sports activities. His menacing glare and reprimands in chaste Punjabi had many a notorious brat scampering for cover.

In 1994

Mr.Pritam Singh Gill, the sports stalwart of PPS and the athletics and swimming coach also retired after a long association of more than 26 years with the school. He had transformed many a lazy-shirkers into top quality athletes and swimmers and commanded huge respect from his trainees.

41. Mr Ghan

Crafts Teacher

1963-68



Mr Ghan standing at the end of the table

Mr Ghan joined as Crafts Master in the beginning of Term.

He introduced clay modelling, woodwork, paper mache' and other crafts. He was much in demand by House shows,

Mr Ghan the crafts teacher had worked for two weeks to make the huge structure, the biggest School had seen. It was set aflame with home-made arrows to accompaniment of fireworks.

In 1969, Mr SG Ghan who was on the staff for six years decided to move . He did excellent work to improve the Crafts standard of the School in woodwork, papier mache and leatherwork. No one can forget the various exhibitions he arranged at Founders' each year. He will join Scindia School Gwalior in July with our best wishes.

42 Mrs W.McMullen

Nursing Matron (1960-1977)



Mrs McMullen second from right with glasses

unbearable. I find it almost impossible to express the sense of loss and sorrow on this occasion. You were an inseparable part of school life, and in fact the very purpose of our stay in the school would have been completely defeated if you had not looked after us in our moments of suffering. Isn't it very cruel on our part then, to bid farewell to one who is a part of our being ?

Madam, every one of us here owes a great deal to you. Your maternal care and affection, the healing touch of your gifted hands, and your untiring devotion and fortitude to the service of the sick and the crippled have won the hearts of one and all. The students who have to live far away from their fathers and mothers have always found an affectionate mother in you. It would not be wrong to say that among all the members of the school community, you were the only person privileged with the gift of direct and intimate relationship with everyone in the campus. This may perhaps be the reason why everyone considered you much above a mere nursing sister. The catholicity of your views, the generosity of your nature and the strength of your character will be a great source of courage and strength to us. We envy the students of M.G.D. School, Jaipur who will be fortunate to receive unbounded love and affection from you.

On behalf of the students of the Punjab Public School, Nabha, I wish you a more comfortable and peaceful life at Jaipur and assure you that we will always look forward to hearing from you. I hope that you will visit us whenever, you find it convenient to do so.

In the end may I request you, Madam, to accept the school crest as a small token of our love and regard for you.

We beg to remain your
affectionate students

of
THE PUNJAB PUBLIC SCHOOL
NABHA

—o—

Farewell address to Mrs. W. Mc.
Mullen on her retiring from the School
Service on 13.10.1977

Madam,

The very thought of your leaving us is

Adm Staff

43. Mela Singh

Accounts Officer



Mela Singh sitting behind Mr Kate at later's farewell

Joined in 1965. Mr Mela Singh ,the tall new Office Superintendent who became right hand of Mr Kate joined the School. Mr Kate credited him for streamlining the school accounts which were commended by the Auditors, The Fergusons (an MNC , auditors for Horlicks) which later merged with other companies to become Price Waterhouse Coopers today.

44. Pushapraj

PA to Mr Kate

(1963-1975)



Mr Pushapraj honoured at the Golden Jubilee of The PPS

Mr Pushapraj joined the administrative staff. He doesn't limit himself to the job. He willingly takes boys out on Sundays for walks and swimming.

He would be a part of PPS family for a long time to come joined as PA to Mr JK Kate.

46. Jagdish Singh

Librarian

1960-1985



Fourth from left in the standing middle row

Retired in July 1985 after 25 years of loyal dedicated service. An avid hunter he was often seen going out on week-ends with his gun. Maintained the library and old records meticulously. He was also very good tennis player often seen sparring with Mr YP Johri in the evenings on the Tennis courts.

47.Mrs SK Sidhu

Clothes Incharge



Sitting on extreme left

also retired in in 1989 after 25years of loyal and sincere service.

48. Mrs J Singh

Clothes In-charge in senior School

Joined 1961



On extreme right

She retired after a long period of service. She was mother of Jeet Singh (R-62,1967) who went on to become General manager of Hafed.

49. Mis Pamela Rowe played a very important role in two years for school grooming the junior boys.



Second from left

49. A.Sohan Singh

Band master (1968- 1982+)



On extreme right or foreground

The School Band participated in the Republic Day (1969) parade in Delhi and from reports performed very well. Congratulations to Bandmaster Sohan Singh Bandmaster and the Band. The band was filmed in action.

In 1982, PPS Band team was adjudged as the best band on Republic Day Parade at New Delhi. It was not for the first time that the School band team had participated in the Republic day parade. It had been a regular feature barring a few gaps, but to be adjudged as the best band performance on a national platform was a glorious achievement.

Support staff

50. Balbir Singh

Junior School chowkidar



On the left. At Mr Kate's farewell

Elderly, loyal, sincere and very gentle soul who served as peon in Junior School but really played a multipurpose role.

Taught tying of turban to junior Sikh boys. The idea was to teach tying of turbans at young age and also a consistent style for all boys.

He had retired from police.

'Man Friday' to all the Junior School staff especially the female staff and Headmaster. Loyal and dedicated.

51. Jora Singh

Head waiter who attended on guests and VIPS.

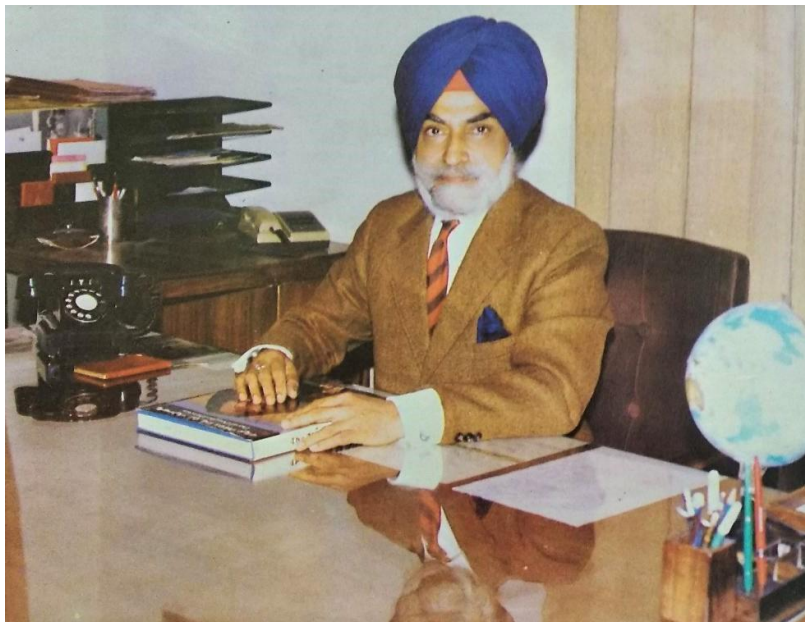
Quite, efficient and dignified.



In the background next to wall is the best head waiter of the day.

50. Group Captain AJS Grewal

(01-09-1979 to 12-06-1991)



When he joined The Punjab Public School in 1979, the School was going through a lean patch. There was lack of activities for the characteristic needs of teenage students involving adventure and creativity. Within no time, he introduced activities that animated the campus. The World Wildlife Club and Hiking Club sprang up quickly and the school was abuzz with action. Judo and Karate coaching was also introduced. His vision was to create a future generation which would not only “do well” in the materialistic sense but also aspire to excel spiritually, morally and intellectually. He wanted to raise a generation which would set an example in simple living and high thinking. He dreamt of PPS alumni proving themselves as efficient administrators, honest businessmen, gallant soldiers and dedicated and clean politicians.

To prevent encroachment on School land, Gp. Capt. Grewal had the boundary wall constructed around the entire school. He also introduced the concept of SUPW ((Socially Useful Productive work) in the school to raise awareness levels about social work among students. In March 1980, he launched an ambitious project to plant 5,000 trees on the campus. The Rose Garden on the land adjacent to the Hospital, was started with more than 30 varieties of roses which continues to enchant visitors. Later the Cacti Garden was

conceived and laid by the School Horticulture Club. Two new Tennis courts were also constructed.

The School Horse Riding Club was started in July 1981, and 25 enthusiastic students immediately registered themselves as members. The PPS conducted its first Equestrian Display at the annual Athletic Meet in November that year. The event continues to be a show-stopper for visitors and guests. Mountaineering and hiking activities reached their zenith during the tenure of Gp. Capt. Grewal with trekking trips to Rohtang Pass, and Pindari and Kolahai glaciers. With regular adventure courses at NIM, Uttarkashi, and HMI, Darjeeling, The PPS firmly established itself as one of the pioneers and torch-bearers in mountaineering.

It was during his tenure that The Old Nabhaites Association was formally launched by the Old Nabhaites. Dr Jashanjot (S-52,1967) approached him for school support. Mr Grewal not only fully supported but also encouraged the Association to establish itself. The front right dome of Kairon Block was designated for ONA office by converting it into a room and providing essential furniture. The School office was used for postal and official work. Gp. Capt. AJS Grewal was also made the first ex-officio President of the Association by the ONA.

The School's Silver Jubilee Celebrations were held under the helmsmanship of Gp. Capt. Grewal. In 1988, he held additional charge of looking after Dashmesh Academy, Anandpur Sahib. Gp. Capt. Grewal resigned as Headmaster on May 15, 1991, after serving the School for more than a decade. During his tenure the School scaled new peaks of glory.

51.Col Dr. Daya Singh Khera's contributions

Farewell of Col Khera from the Chronicle



As soon as the school reopened after the summer vacation of 1999, **Col. Dr.D.S.Khera** announced his retirement from the post of Headmaster. He had taken over the school at a difficult time and had steered the school remarkably well with his vision and foresight. Col. Khera set high standards of discipline but at the same time each and every student could clearly feel the affection he had for them in his heart. Every action and decision of his were in the best interests of the school and the students, and by the time he retired, Col.Khera commanded huge respect not only in The PPS but among the entire public-school community in India. He left his mark as a strong administrator and had put the school on a sound financial footing at the time of his departure. Also to his credit was the diplomatic handling of agitation started by Class IV employees, that threatened to turn nasty on many occasions.

A grand dinner was organized to bid farewell to Col.Khera and the new Headmaster Mr.M.S.Bedi saluted his dedication and untiring zeal, and called him a “Living Legend”. Lt.Gen. G.S.Brar presented a memento to Col.Khera to express his gratitude on behalf of the Board of Governors.

Dr. Daya Singh Khera’s contributions

Although the contribution to PPS of **Mr. J.K. Kate**, the founder headmaster may be unmatched in many ways, each headmaster has left his own thumbprint on the school history depending on his personality and likes.

Dr. Daya Singh Khera's contribution, as Headmaster, is not known to many ONs partly because ONA was inactive during his tenure. **Dr. Daya Singh Khera** took over PPS in 1991 when school was caught in the extremists movement sweeping Punjab at that time. Very few students joined school leading to financial difficulties. The morale was at a low ebb and the discipline fell short of desirable. His request to the govt. for funds was turned down. The Board was reluctant to raise the fees as the School was not getting enough students. With strict economy by the end of first year he was able to turn around school finances. By the time he left; the school had a significant reserve fund and was financially sound. He was able to restore discipline in School. The Junior School Mess (the only new building, which architecturally blends with the parent building in PPS) and Guest House for parents were constructed during his tenure. The dormitory in Junior School and Girls Hostel were started by him. Despite a bye-pass surgery he worked tirelessly from 6am to 10pm. It is unfortunate that the end of his tenure was marred by the temple controversy created by some local leaders.

The ONA acknowledges the contribution of **Dr. Daya Singh Khera** to PPS.