

Annual Reunion, January 26-2007

Did we say the time for the reunion was 12 noon?

It was a little hard to believe when people started walking in from 10:30 a.m onwards!! I guess the desire to reconnect makes us all a little impatient. This is the only day when we get to step into the past, when "youth" was tempered with a certain recklessness, when "freedom" meant getting out of school, when the Armour of "invincibility" seemed to encourage us into rushing head long into all things.... when friends were in abundance and cynicism in short supply, when we were happy but still yearning to enter the "real" world. Well, it always helps to go back with a 6X6 vision, even if it is only for a day.

A turn out of over 700 people was something we had wished for but not imagined. Lack of volunteers saw all Governing Body members at the registration desk, struggling to keep up with the overwhelming crowd. Ex-students from the batch of 1964, to the fresh 2006 pass outs came. There were loud exclamations, shoulder clappings and bear hugs. Some kept wandering around, looking for friends and batchmates; others moved to the football field where teachers, along with Mrs Pillai and Mrs. Mahrukh Singh were waiting to meet them. A few followed their hearts and got busy introducing their spouses and children to their friends, exchanging fond notes dipped in rose tinted nostalgia, while others followed their stomachs and went straight for the food.

Since we don't get any prior confirmations, we had made lunch arrangements for 400 people. By the time the function ended, 650 people had eaten! Thanks to the well-equipped caterer, we kept going.

It was fantastic to see so many happy faces just as it used to be at school – all worries, problems and tensions put away for some time. One felt it would be nice if time could stand still- if one could prolong that meeting, just a few more minutes before we stepped back into the our routine lives where we tend to lose ourselves. But as always, all good things must come to an end and this one did too. With a promise to meet again in 2008 (if not earlier), goodbyes were said.

The event this year was sponsored by the batch of 1982, on completion of 25 years of their passing out. Thanks everyone!!