



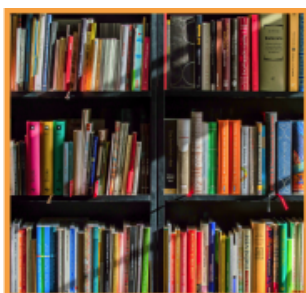
# INSIDE THE LION'S DEN

*PM LIONS REPORT*

## **Aamna Mushtaq Wins \$100K Loran Scholarship: A Journey of Dedication and Excellence**



With excitement buzzing throughout Princess Margaret, Aamna Mushtaq's exceptional accomplishment of winning the prestigious Loran Scholarship, valued at \$100,000, has ignited conversations and admiration across our school community. Aamna was one of 36 grade 12 students chosen from over 5,000 applicants across Canada. Her journey to this remarkable achievement mirrors the dedication and perseverance often witnessed in extraordinary individuals.  
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### **PM's 5 Most Popular Books At The Moment**

See what our school library deems to be at the top of the leaderboards lately when it comes to books! With a variety in genres and topics, there's something for everyone.  
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## **Feature: Aamna Mushtaq Wins \$100K Loran Scholarship**

Growing up in Surrey, Aamna had always been a dynamic and engaged student. Inspired by her lifelong passion for community service and leadership, Aamna embarked on a rigorous application process, driven by her desire to make a positive impact. Her involvement in numerous community initiatives and extracurricular activities has long demonstrated her commitment to serving others and striving for excellence.

Aamna's journey to winning the Loran Scholarship was both challenging and rewarding. The application process was demanding, including detailed essays, multiple interviews, and various assessments. "I spent a lot of time reflecting on my experiences and how they shaped me," she explained. Her extensive involvement in the Teen Library Council, Jumpstart, and various community

projects played a crucial role in setting her application apart from the rest. Despite the challenging nature of the process, Aamna's genuine passion for community service and leadership shone through.

The impact of winning the Loran Scholarship on Aamna's future trajectory cannot be overstated. She intends to pursue a degree in science at the University of British Columbia (UBC), with long-term goals of giving back to her community in meaningful ways. "The scholarship has opened doors to mentorship opportunities, leadership development programs, and a supportive community of scholars. This support allows me to pursue my studies with less financial burden and more focus on making meaningful contributions to society," she said.

Aamna is particularly excited about the Loran Scholarship's summer internship program,

which will enable her to engage in community service projects outside of Canada. She hopes these experiences will broaden her perspective and enhance her ability to drive positive change both locally and globally.

As Aamna embarks on this new chapter with the support of the Loran Scholarship, she epitomizes the spirit of innovation and excellence within our school community. Her future aspirations and commitment to giving back to her community reflect the values instilled in every member of our school.

Aamna achievement is not just her own; it is a testament to the spirit of dedication and excellence that defines Princess Margaret. As we celebrate her success, we look forward to the incredible impact she will undoubtedly make in the future!



# NEWS

## Jeevan Sandhu: Surrey's Rising Star Among Top 25 under 25

*By Javeria Rani*

Jeevan Sandhu, a remarkable Grade 11 student, has recently been honoured as one of Surrey's Top 25 Under 25 by the Surrey Board of Trade. This prestigious recognition celebrates his outstanding leadership, community involvement, and professional achievements.

Jeevan's recognition comes primarily from his role as the team lead for the Leocraft design team, the only Canadian team to make it to the NASA Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC). This international competition challenges students to design, build, and test rovers capable of traversing various terrains, mirroring those found on the Moon and Mars. Jeevan's success in HERC was a significant factor in receiving the award. He and his team built a rover from scratch, overcoming numerous failures and setbacks. His leadership, technical skills, and determination were crucial in guiding the team through the rigorous demands of the competition. Additionally, Jeevan's involvement with the Progressive Intercultural Community Services Society (PICS) and his work on a documentary film highlighting community issues in Surrey further contributed to his recognition.



Jeevan acknowledges that the journey was not without its challenges. His lack of experience in engineering projects posed a significant hurdle, but he relied on his prior knowledge of FDM manufacturing and 3D printing to overcome technical difficulties. The support from his community and mentors also played a vital role in his perseverance. Inspired by his visit to NASA's Kennedy Space Centre and his father's interest in engineering, Jeevan has remained passionate about space travel and technological advancements.

Looking ahead, Jeevan has ambitious goals. This summer, he plans to build and launch a two-stage rocket capable of reaching Mach 1.1 and an estimated apogee of 8,500 feet. He aspires to design, build, and launch a hypersonic rocket and eventually cross the Kármán Line, marking the edge of space. Beyond high school, he intends to pursue studies in Mechanical Engineering and Economics.

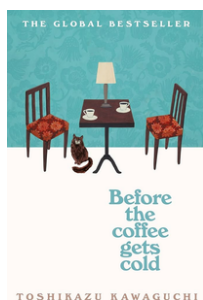
Jeevan's journey is a source of inspiration for young innovators in our community, and we look forward to his future accomplishments and the positive impact he will undoubtedly make!



# LIBRARY NEWS

## Top 5 Library Books (2023-2024)

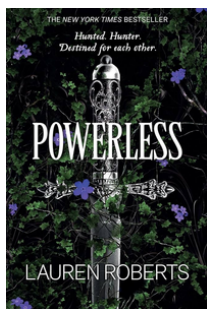
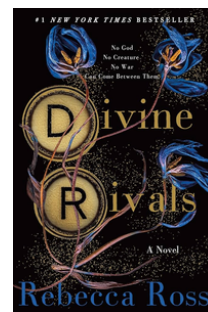
By: Jashandeep Kaur, Anhadpreet Randhawa



**BEFORE THE COFFEEGETS COLD** By Toshikazu Kawaguchi (Genre: Fantasy, drama) “Just remember. Drink the coffee before it goes cold,” she whispered.” The book follows patrons of a Tokyo café who can travel back in time, but only for the duration of their warm coffee.

**DIVINE RIVALS** by Rebecca Ross (Genre: Fantasy)

“He found me on my darkest day. He followed me to war. He came between me and Death, taking wounds that were supposed to be mine.” The book follows two young journalists who find themselves on opposite sides of a divine war, communicating through a magical typewriter as they navigate love, rivalry, and the power of words.

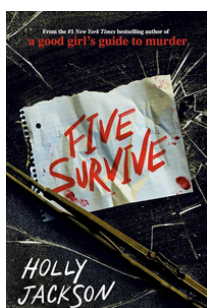


**POWERLESS** by Lauren Roberts (Genre: Fantasy)

“She’s confusing, captivating, and we’re completely wrong for each other in all the right ways.” The book follows a young woman who, believing she has no powers, discovers she is key to stopping an impending war in a world of extraordinary abilities.

**TWISTED LOVE** by Ana Huang (Genre: Contemporary Romance)

“She felt like heaven to my hell, the closest I’d ever get to salvation, and yet I still wanted to drag her into the depths of Hades with me.” The book follows Alex, who falls for his best friend's sister, Ava, leading to a passionate and tumultuous relationship.



**FIVE SURVIVE** by Holly Jackson (Genre: Thriller, Mystery)

“That was my goodbye, I guess, my way of fixing it, taking her out of the world, so at least if you were gone then she was gone too.” The book follows six friends on a road trip who become the targets of a sniper, with only five of them expected to survive the night.



# Book Review

By: Farwa Arain

*The Great Gatsby* is a classic novel written by Scott Fitzgerald in 1925. The novel is set on Long Island, New York in the Roaring Twenties. The narrator of this book is a young man named Nick Carraway, who relocated to New York City for work. Nick has a wealthy cousin who lives on the island across him named Daisy Buchanan, who is married to Tom Buchanan. Nick lives in the small house next to the mansion of Jay Gatsby, a self-made businessman who is incredibly infatuated with Daisy. Gatsby and Daisy were young and in love when they initially met. Despite these intense feelings, they could not be together since Gatsby was the son of poor farmers in North Dakota and Daisy came from a family of wealthy people. When Gatsby went off to fight in World War One, Daisy was under family pressure to marry a wealthy and influential figure like Tom Buchanan. The novel looks into the relationships and affairs of America's wealthy elites.

My favourite character has to be Gatsby. He was **delusional...** a fool in **love**. He was born as James Gatz, but later changed his identity and went into bootlegging, which is how he made most of his money. In a world of old money, he represents the new money lifestyle. His persona stands for the emptiness of worldly prosperity and the delusion of the American dream. I love his desire to stop at nothing to win Daisy back. He wasn't much when they fell in love, but he went above and beyond to succeed, even if it meant entering illegal businesses just to capture her heart. He throws extravagant parties at his estate, hoping she would notice and eventually come wandering in. Gatsby believes he can win Daisy back by surrounding himself with wealth and luxury. He has faith in the power of love and the possibility of a new beginning. This book is a great read for people who are into classic literature, romance, and the nature of social status and success.

## The Great Gatsby

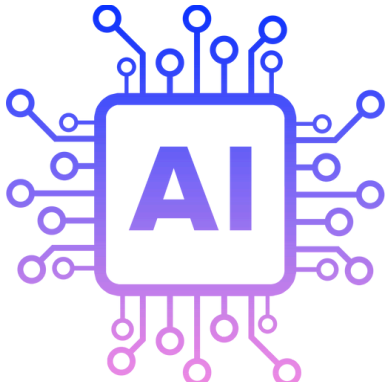
Author: By: F. Scott Fitzgerald



**"He looked at her the way all women want to be looked at by a man."**



# OPINION



## Is Artificial Intelligence Making Us Stupid?

*Opinion Piece by: Yonis Khayr June*

With the recent innovation revolving around artificial intelligence, more specifically “Generative A.I.,” there has been a dramatic increase in students practicing academic dishonesty. This influx of cheating amongst students stems from how this artificial intelligence is being utilized.

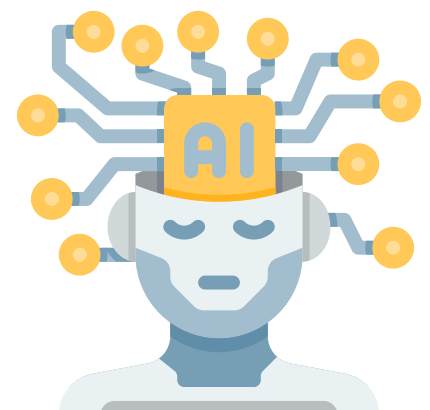
The artificial intelligence is capable of generating all sorts of essays, reports, and nearly all other forms of digital text, which opens the doors to all other forms of digital text, which opens the doors to utilization from students in order to complete their assignments with little effort aside from providing prompts to these A.I networks.

Consequently, teachers and educators across the world have to try their best in order to discourage or prevent the usage of A.I within their classrooms, which can have negative effects.

A.I is extremely easy to access if one possesses a device connected to the internet as there are many apps and websites that have access to generative A.I programs. Due to there being so many means in which to access generative A.I, it is also nearly impossible to block its usage within school networks as alternatives keep appearing.

Although the usage of artificial intelligence in the classroom is very hard to limit and very easy to utilize dishonestly, there are a few ways in which students can utilize it in an honest and beneficial ways. Keeping A.I’s ability to generate text honest and beneficial ways. Keeping A.I’s ability to generate text on nearly any topic, it is, in theory, possible for students to generate study guides, review worksheets or questions, or summaries of material that they need to memorize.

This way, students can use generative A.I in a way that allows for genuine learning rather than blatant cheating. Ultimately, A.I in the classroom Ultimately, A.I in the classroom cannot be painted as a wholly good or bad thing, but its consequences and opportunities for cheating are far more prevalent than the few effective implications it could have on education. Limiting A.I will be extremely hard to nearly impossible, so finding ways to work with it rather than limit it will likely become necessary for educators.

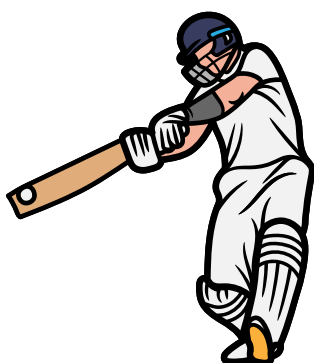




# Sports Highlights

By Sarah Hussain

## Cricket:



The PM Cricket team had a great season this year. After winning the Surrey Championships last year, the team was looking to go for another title run again this year. The team met their high expectations and went 9-0 this season enroute to their 2nd Championship in as many years. Though the team had many great individual performers, some notable standouts were:

Prabhsimran Gill who was the teams leading run scorer, Dildeep Dhaliwal who was the teams leading wicket taker, and Karanvir Grewal who was the reliable All-Rounder. With 7 of the 11 players set to graduate this year, the team will be looking for some fresh faces next year if they are to threepreat.

## Senior Girls Soccer:



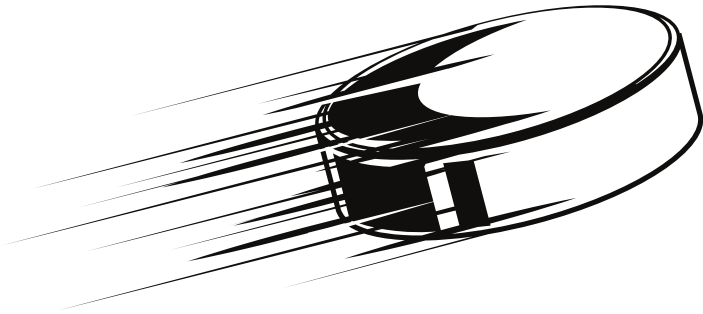
The senior girls soccer team played a phenomenal season, we grew as a team, worked hard and kept our heads up. Congratulations to Munreet Purewal for the highest goals in the season, finishing off at 18 goals! Thank you to Jasmun Thind for keeping the girls together and to all the junior players who helped us out this year.

## Junior Girls Basketball:

The Junior Girls Basketball Team season was an eventful one as the team put in the work this year to have a better result than last season and they succeeded! With hard work from players like Balroop Kullar, Parvir Dhillon, Simran Ahuja, Jasmeet Nannar, and Ashleen Jassar, exciting games were won and skills were built. We're excited to see what the Grade 10s will be able to do on the Senior team next year, along with what the Grade 9s will be able to do with the upcoming Grade 8s next season. Be ready - more victories are to come.







## Ball Hockey:

The PM Lions Ball Hockey team finished off their successful season with a 4-1-1 record. Under the rigorous coaching staff of Mr. Dhoot, Ms. Panda, Ms. Lovera, Mr. Sanghara, and Mr. Hogan, the team, composed of Grade 8 - 12 males and one fierce female, advanced to the playoffs for the first time in Princess Margaret history! Although the team fought hard during their semi-final game against R.E. Mountain, the lions battled back three times to tie the game but ultimately lost 5-4 in overtime which ended their playoff run. Even though the season did not end the way we all wanted it to, Teran Gill and Karnveer Sahota landed as two of the highest point leaders in the league with multiple goals and assists, and our goalie, Parmvir Shergill, placed in the top three categories of wins, goals against average, and save percentage. Just like the Vancouver Canucks, the PM Lions Ball Hockey team had an unexpected and successful season, and they will be back for more next year!

**Congratulations to all the spring sports teams!! We appreciate all your hard work.**



## Track and field Team

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## Wrestling (or Kabaddi) Team

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## Badminton - Senior and Junior Teams

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# ASK LEO THE LION

## **What are some fun and creative ways I can make the most out of my summer break?**

There are so many options and possibilities to choose from. But I know summer break can feel like it's going by so fast, and it's important to make the most of it. With the beautiful weather, it's always a good idea to do lots of outdoor activities such as going on hikes or just surrounding yourself with nature. There's always time to learn new hobbies or even getting a summer job can be very beneficial. Volunteering is another way of interacting with others and feeling good that you are helping your community. Hanging out with friends and just surrounding yourself with people you genuinely like to be around can always make any activity or event enjoyable. It's also important to have some downtime and relax from the stressful school year. Slowing down and having some alone time can always help calm your mind and help you reflect on your thoughts or set goals for the future.

## **How do I become more sociable and make new friends in the coming school year?**

There are many ways an individual can become more sociable and make new friends for the upcoming school year. Initiating a small conversation with someone is a good start which can lead to an even bigger discussion when asking questions. Maybe have a few 'easy' questions in mind when approaching a new person to talk to; perhaps ask them what they did in the summer and be ready to



share what you did. By joining clubs and other extracurricular activities is a great opportunity to meet new people who share the same interests as you and can open up new opportunities. I know it can be hard if you're not used to it, but it's totally worth it once you find people who share the same interests as you. Being yourself and creating genuine connections is always the key to making new friends.

## **How should I handle peer pressure?**

Peer pressure can be a very difficult issue to deal with especially if it's from your closet friends. It can be very tempting to be persuaded into doing something you may not want to participate in or is wrong. The first thing to do is really think about what they're asking for you to do. Stay true to yourself and remember your values. It's also important to think about the consequences as well as trusting your own feelings.

It's always important to remove yourself from the situation as you can walk away knowing you did the right thing. It's okay to say no and set boundaries. Surround yourself with peers who are respectful of your decisions, and if it gets too overwhelming, talking to a trusted adult or reaching out is always an option. Remember, true friends will accept you for who you are and respect your feelings and decisions.



# PM Career Centre

## Volunteer Opportunities

By: Javeria Rani

### **City of Surrey Library Volunteering:**

Teen Read & Review ages 12-18 Earn volunteer hours by reading and reviewing books from the wide selection of monthly teen-read books found on the Surrey libraries webpage.

- Submit a review per book for volunteer hours. (max 2 reviews per month) - 1 volunteer hour per 100 pages and 1 hour for writing the review.

### **Home Delivery Volunteering:**

ages 16+ Deliver library materials to homes and care centers while working cooperatively and respectfully with seniors and people with special needs.

- Must be capable of carrying bags of books, have a driver's license, and access to a vehicle. - Able to commit 2-3 hours every 4 weeks for at least 1 year and provide a criminal record check.

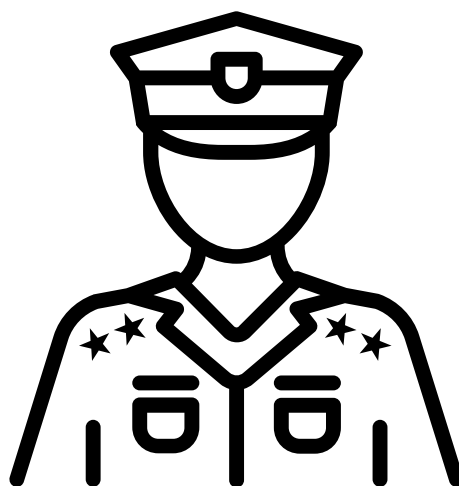
### **City of Surrey Opportunities:**

The City of Surrey is offering various volunteer positions that provide valuable experience in community services and events. Volunteers will have the chance to contribute to local programs and initiatives, enhancing their leadership and organizational skills.

### **Surrey Crime Prevention:**

Volunteering: ages 16 + Gain skills and network while participating in community safety programs directly contributing towards creating safer environments. Responsibilities for the program include... - Working in a team setting for projects including speed watch, distracted driving, public awareness and education campaigns, special events & projects with local police agencies, etc. - Reporting stolen vehicles and license plates. - Observing and reporting suspicious activity in communities within Surrey.

**REQUIREMENTS:** - Must successfully obtain an RCMP criminal record check. - May require a valid class 5 Driver's License depending on the program. - Must make a minimum one-year commitment to volunteer with Surrey Crime Prevention.





### **Cat care & Wellness Volunteers:**

SPCA: ages 16+ Help out a non-profit animal welfare organization while working with staff and other volunteers to ensure their cats environments are clean, and their emotional & physical needs are met through daily engagement. SPCA-approved training techniques are taught and provided during volunteering.

**REQUIREMENTS:** - Minimum 2 hours shift each week for 6 months. (shifts available 7 days a week) - Comfortable working with cats & knowledgeable about animal behaviour. - Excellent communication skills

### **Cactus Club in Delta Hiring:**

Cactus Club in Delta is hiring for various positions, offering a dynamic work environment and opportunities for growth in the hospitality industry. This is a great chance for students to gain hands-on experience in customer service and restaurant operations.

### **PNE Employment Opportunities:**

The PNE is seeking enthusiastic individuals for a variety of roles, from ride operators to event staff, perfect for those looking for summer jobs. Working at the PNE provides a fun and fast-paced environment, ideal for building teamwork and customer service skills.



Don't forget to follow @pmcareercentre on Instagram for the latest updates and opportunities!

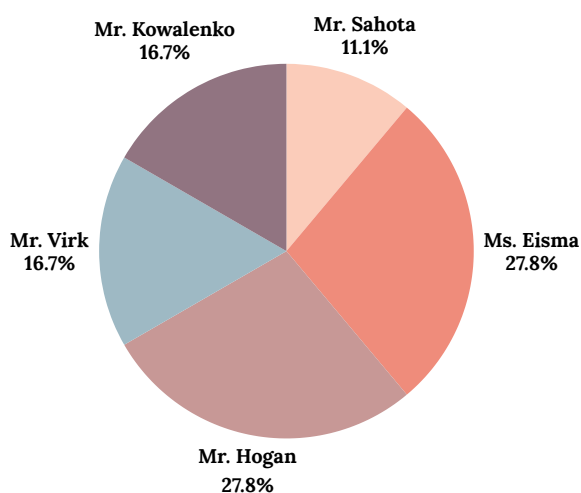


# PM'S PICKS

## SURVEY SAYS: THE STUDENTS HAVE VOTED!

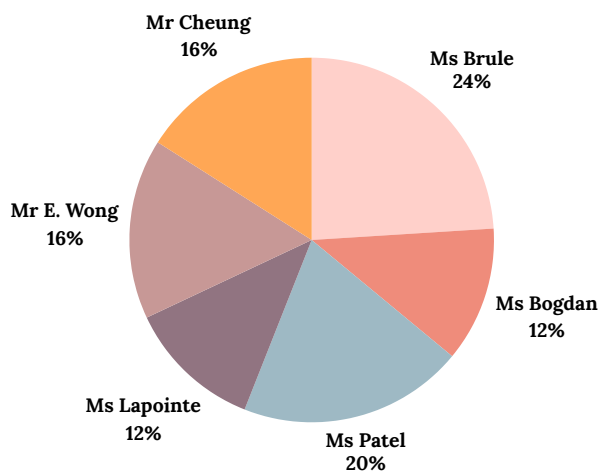
Written by: Hazel, Kloie

### WHO IS THE FUNNIEST TEACHER?



Looks like we have a draw!  
Congrats to Mr Hogan and Ms Eisma  
for being the funniest teachers in  
PMSS!

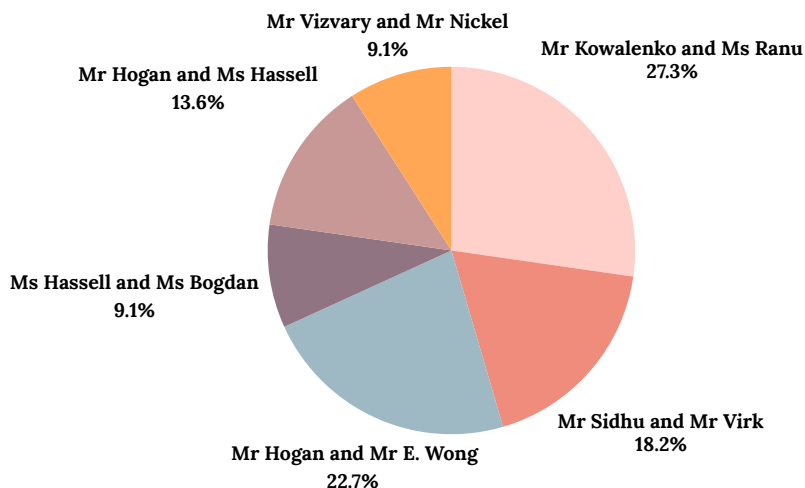
### WHO IS THE NICEST TEACHER?



Wont'cha look at that! Looks like Ms  
Brule is the nicest of them all! We all  
definitely need to have Ms Brule as  
our teacher!

### BEST TEACHER DUO?

Mr. Kowalenko and  
Ms. Ranu crushed  
the competition!  
Although these two  
are known for their  
competitiveness,  
it's not a surprise  
to see these two  
being best buds!





# GOODBYES

**Congratulations to the Grads of 2024!!**





# WE WILL MISS YOU!

## Happy Retirement!



*Mr. Quan*



*Ms. Bhattal*



*Mr. Bezeredi*

## Good luck at Earl Marriot!



*Ms. Sandhu*