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The Cricket Team with Prime Minister Trudeau

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Visits Modern

It's not often that a Prime Minister comes visiting a school! But then MSBK does have the reputation for the unusual and the impossible! 22nd February 2018 was an unforgettable day when the school witnessed yet another rare moment. The Prime Minister of Canada, Mr Justin Trudeau accompanied by Mrs Sophie Gregoire Trudeau and their children Xavier, Ella Grace and Hadrien came to play a friendly game of cricket with the Modernites.



Even though the arrival of the PM entailed strict security and the school was transformed into a fortress yet the atmosphere was one of gaiety and there was celebration all around. The grand arrival of the PM's cavalcade of cars, flashing lights and sounding sirens, enthused the atmosphere with a thrill which can be defined only by those who witnessed it.



This was followed by a great show of sportsmanship when Mr Trudeau and his children played a cricket match with the Modernites and it was none other than Mr Kapil Dev and Mr Azharuddin who spiced up the match with their participation. The PM's dignified presence coupled with his boyish charm swept us off our feet. The Trudeau children wore red baseball caps, while the Prime Minister wore a red jersey, looking handsome as ever. Clad in a striped, white-blue shirt and a pair of cashew coloured trousers, Hadrien looked sporty, especially with the big, red baseball cap on.



The crowd watched on eagerly trying not to miss the action. Accompanying the family to the field was former Indian cricket team captain Mohammad Azharuddin, who helped young Hadrien hit the ball.



Trying his best and looking disappointed with himself, Hadrien's expressions were adorable as he struggled to play with the heavy cricket bat. While Hadrien was having a hard time, his elder siblings Xavier Trudeau and Ella Grace seemed to be enjoying the sport.





A rare feat of batting prowess that surpasses any recount able parallel was witnessed when Dr Vijay Datta hit a crisp six on the bowling of the legendary Azharuddin. It was indeed a splendid display of magnificent stroke play coupled with perfect on field demeanour. The Modernites cheered and their chests swelled with pride.



The team posed for a photograph prior to the fun filled session of cricketing and the PM was introduced to the players.



It was one of the rarest of occasions when cricketing legends like Kapil Dev and Mohammad Azharuddin walked the lower fields of Modern School with the visiting Prime Minister of Canada making the event a visual treat.





Never has the school seen such happy faces despite the wait under the scorching sun and the sweaty brows. The parched throats cheered loud and clear when Mr Justin Trudeau walked across to shake hands with them and the exultant crowd waved back to the hero of the day.



The visit assumed greater relevance as in spite of a packed schedule Prime Minister Justin Trudeau chose to come and play cricket with the Modernites. The school has been blessed with a legendary visitor with a charismatic persona. The memories of this day will be cherished forever. The visit will go down in the annals of the history of the school. And why not!