

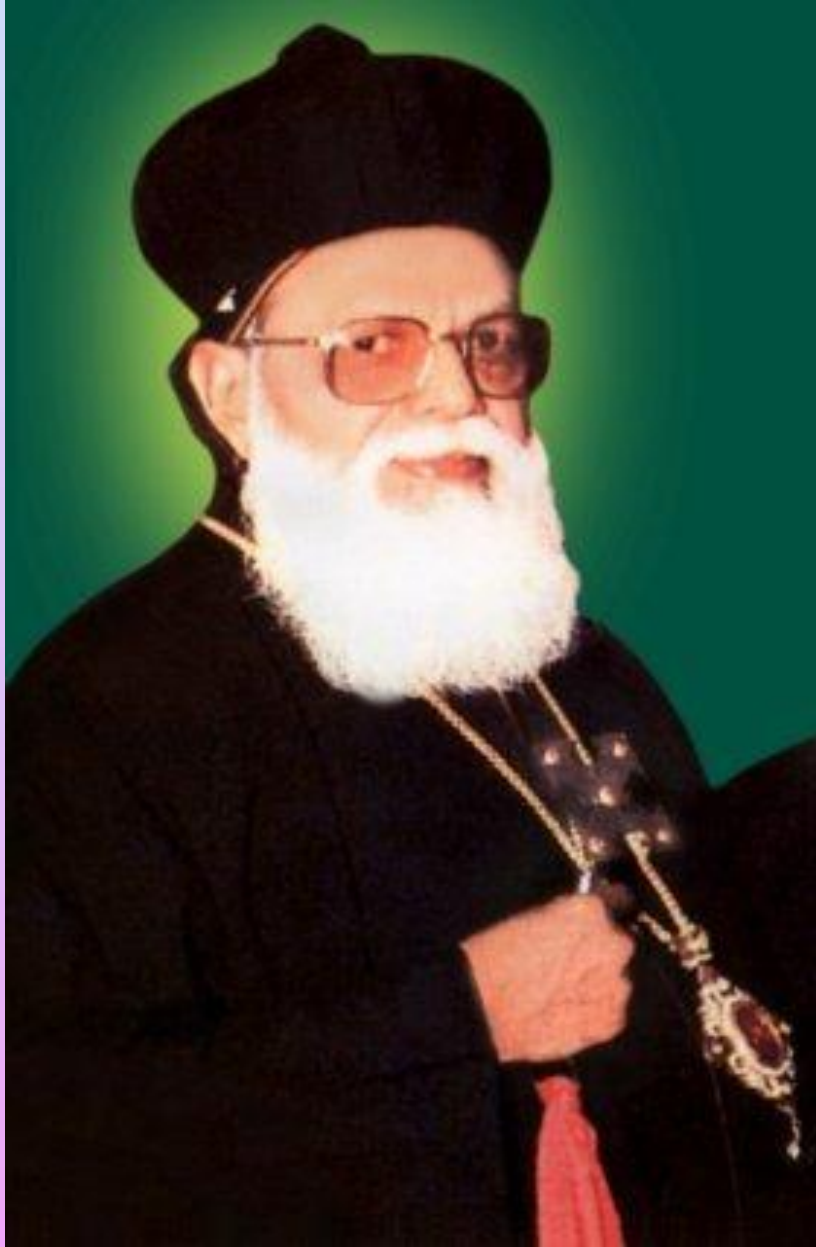
The Vision 2021-2023

Dream Big, Soar High



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**Late Lamented Arch Bishop, His Grace
Dr. Philipose Mar Theophilus Metropolitan**



In Memoriam

This edition of 'The Vision' is dedicated to the valuable individuals who left their earthly existence in exchange for a place in the realm of the heavens.



**Late Lamented Catholicos, His Holiness
Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Paulose II**

His Holiness, Baselios Marthoma Paulose II, Catholicos of the East and the Malankara Metropolitan, was called to the eternal abode on Monday, July 12th, 2021. He was 74.

His Holiness was the 91st reigning Catholicos of the East. The Catholicos was a great humanitarian and a strong advocate of social justice and equality. His work for the destitute and the poor is a testimony of his generous heart and committed will.

The late lamented, His Holiness, will forever be missed by all those whose lives he touched and transformed.





Prof (Dr.) C. J. Samuel

We remember and honour the life of a cherished and inspirational Director who had a lasting impression on our school community. We are deeply saddened by the loss of our late Director, but we are also incredibly grateful for the priceless contributions he made during his tenure. He was more than just an administrator; as a Director, he served as a mentor, an inspiration, and a rock for the staff, instructors, and students alike. Our school became a place where aspirations were realised thanks to his relentless dedication to academic success, his love for growing young minds, and his commitment to creating a supportive and inclusive atmosphere.

Our school prospered under his direction, and his transformative vision helped us reach new levels of success. His creative approaches to curriculum development, teaching strategies, and student engagement had a lasting impression on everyone who had the opportunity to learn under his direction because he felt that education had the potential to transform lives.

Beyond his professional achievements, however, our late Director was a kind and loving person who genuinely cared about the welfare of every member of our school community. He had a special talent for relating to pupils and inspiring a feeling of community, making sure that each child felt seen, heard, and supported.

His impact will live on in our school's hallways, the minds of the pupils he inspired, and the accomplishments of the teachers he motivated. As we continue on our educational journey, we will take his lessons, his unflinching faith in the potential of every student, and his spirit of resiliency with us. Even if he is no longer physically here, his influence will still have an impact on the direction of our institution. We will pay tribute to his memory by respecting the principles he taught us, continuing to pursue excellence, and creating a supportive atmosphere where every student may succeed. We will be grateful for the remarkable influence he had on our lives.

He will always serve as an example to us all for his enthusiasm, dedication, and everlasting commitment to education. May his memory endure in the thoughts and hearts of those he influenced, and may his spirit lead us as we carry out his plan for a better future for future generations.





Mrs. Sheetal Vairal

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Sheetal Vairal: A Teacher Who Touched Our Lives

In this edition of our school magazine, we pay tribute to the extraordinary life and remarkable impact of Mrs. Sheetal Vairal, a beloved teacher at Dr. Mar Theophilus School. With heavy hearts, we remember her as a guiding light who illuminated the minds and hearts of countless students.

In this tribute, we celebrate her legacy, cherishing the profound impact she had on our lives. Mrs. Vairal's memory will forever inspire us to embrace knowledge, kindness, and perseverance. We are privileged to have known her and we will continue to carry her teachings with us as we navigate our educational journeys.

Rest in peace, dear Mrs. Vairal. Your light will forever shine through the lives you touched and your memory will forever remain in our hearts.





We pay our tribute to the many lives claimed by the dreadful COVID-19 pandemic. Many were known to us — our colleagues, family members of our staff and students, yet others unknown but very much a part of our global family. We hope that their souls find peace and their near and dear ones find the strength to bear the loss.



Editorial

Dear Readers,

Greetings to you!

We are pleased to present to you this edition of ‘The Vision’, the school magazine for the academic years 2021–23.

Robert Greene once said, *“The conventional mind is passive—it consumes information and regurgitates it in familiar forms. The dimensional mind is active, transforming everything it digests into something new and original, creating instead of consuming.”*

The Vision (2021-23) is the result of an attempt to bring out this very ‘dimensional mind’ in our students. It is a portrait of the continual and consistent efforts of the staff and students despite the difficulties posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and its after-effects. It is an attempt to piece together a collage of memories, experiences, and imagination, enhanced with hues of hope, tints of determination, and aspirations to reach beyond our capabilities. As the ideas, thoughts, and feelings of the Theophilian family take the shape of this magazine, it endorses the theme for the years 2021–22, ‘Transformation’, and 2022–23, ‘Dream Big, Soar High’, to honour the human spirit, which, like a chrysalis, is transformed into a stronger and more beautiful being with every struggle, to spread its wings and fly high.

Our sincere gratitude to the school management, headed by the School Administrator and the Principal, the staff, the students, and the parents for their constant support and guidance through this entire process

Hope you will all enjoy every bit of it. Happy reading!

The Editorial Board





Words of Wisdom

H.G. Geevarghese Mar Coorilos
Metropolitan Director of Bombay



Message

Apostolic blessings to the Principal, Dr. Roshni George, Vice-Principal, Fr. John Mathai, teachers, staff, students, and parents of Dr. Mar Theophilus School, Dhanori.

I am happy to greet you with warm, prayerful wishes on the occasion of publishing your annual magazine for the academic year 2022–23. Nothing is more joyous to me than knowing that the school is showing wonderful all-round growth for the year. Growth in academic performance as well as in other co-curricular areas. No doubt this is due to the hard work of the students, who are ably guided by the principal, vice principal, teachers, and staff with dedication and continuous efforts.

I understand that the theme for this year's magazine is 'Dream Big, Soar High'.

Now, dreaming big does not necessarily mean that you dream of becoming the richest person on earth or something like that; it means that you have great goals in your life and you believe that by working towards them, you can achieve the goals. Goals can be achieved only by action, and therefore, just dreaming will not take us anywhere; we have to convert them into actionable things. Howsoever big the goal may be, you need to believe that you can achieve the same through hard work and motivation. You need to break it down into attainable steps and work diligently. Howsoever long the journey may be, it starts with the first step. Similarly, howsoever high may be your goal, you will need to start by taking small steps. Fear is the key; often the fear of failure dissuades people from dreaming big, and therefore, confidence in oneself is very important, and we shouldn't be afraid to fail. As they say, successful people are not those who do not find obstacles or fall, but those who rise again after each fall.

So, I can only repeat the theme for this year's magazine.....Dream Big – Soar High.

My best wishes and heartfelt thanks to all those who have contributed directly or indirectly in this wonderful journey of the Theophilian Family.

With warm regards,

Geevarghese Mar Coorilos
(Metropolitan, Diocese of Bombay)



Late Prof. (Dr.) C.J. Samuel
Former Director



Message

We, as educationists, give good values to the future generation of the country and make them knowledgeable and conscientious citizens, while it is also the duty of the students to be determined to bring the ideals of Indian culture into their lives.

Just as the artisan working on the construction of a strong building carefully builds the foundation, in the same way, it is absolutely necessary to organise the student life for the strong construction of human society.

Simple and exuberant waves of optimism determine a student's future. In this stage of life, the physical, mental, and intellectual powers develop, and also the life goals are determined. There comes a time when a child studying in an educational institution acquires proficiency in various disciplines, which eventually helps him/her to think about the changes that need to take place in the situation of the country.

The importance of a teacher who is called the future builder of a nation does not end here, because he/she not only inspires us to walk on the right ideal path but the foundation of the successful life of every student is also laid by his/her hands.

The role of education and educational development given by a teacher to his/her learner is of utmost importance in the development of any country or nation. Education brings about a change in society, and it is education that touches the very core of society.

(Late) Prof (Dr.) C. J. Samuel

(Dr. C. J. Samuel formerly held the positions of Director, St. Thomas Orthodox Education Society, Pune; Managing Trustee and Director of Dr. Mar Theophilus School, Dhanori; P/G Department of Law as professor of Law and Head of Department of Law (University of Pune),

National Academy of Continuing Legal Education, Pune; Attorney at Law, Director – Malankara Orthodox Church Council of Bombay Education Board, Trustee of Arch Bishop Mar Theophilus Educational and Medical Foundation.

This was the last message he penned for the Annual Magazine of Dr. Mar Theophilus School.)



Rev. Father John Mathai
Administrator



Message

Eagles are some of the few birds that can fly at high altitudes. Eagles are renowned for their majestic appearance and breathtaking flights and stand for strength, independence, and the ability to conquer challenges. Their astounding prowess and majestic flights can impart to us priceless knowledge on setting lofty goals for ourselves and achieving them. The theme of the year, 'Dream Big and Soar High' can be intertwined with the characteristics of the noble eagles that might direct us in our quest for greatness.

Focus and Vision: Eagles have keen eyesight that enables them to locate prey at a vast distance. Similar to how we need a clear vision of our objectives when we dream large. Visualise the life you want, identify your goals, and concentrate on them. With a clear vision, you can direct your efforts and resources towards turning your aspirations into reality.

Fearlessness and Confidence: Eagles have an unshakeable feeling of confidence and fearlessness. Even in strong gusts, they soar to high heights without fear. Similarly, we need to have confidence in our skills and the fortitude to take chances. Conquer your worries, see setbacks as opportunities for progress, and have faith in your ability to go through barriers that stand in your way.

Adaptability and Resilience: Eagles are incredibly adaptive and resilient animals that can survive in a variety of settings. They modify their flight patterns, hunting techniques, and nesting routines in response to changing conditions. It's possible to experience unforeseen difficulties and disappointments while pursuing our objectives. Adapt to changing conditions, learn from mistakes, and persevere in the face of adversity to emulate the eagle's resilience.

Perseverance and Patience: Eagles are incredibly persistent and patient when seeking their prey. They wait for the ideal opportunity to strike precisely. Similarly, reaching huge goals calls for both patience and persistence. Although progress could be gradual

and challenges might appear, perseverance, focus, and commitment are the keys to success. Remember, the journey shapes you and makes the goal much more satisfying.

Soaring with a Supportive Community: Eagles frequently soar in groups known as ‘convocations’ or ‘kettles’ while they are in this formation. Throughout lengthy flights, they encourage and support one another. Embrace a supportive environment that supports your aspirations. Find mentors, close friends, and family that encourage you to go outside your comfort zone. Together, you can reach new heights. I wish and desire that our Theophilian family be such a supportive community for many.

To conclude, I will recall that eagles motivate us to dream large, conquer obstacles, and strive for the pinnacles of our dreams, just as their majestic flights inspire us. Accept their vision, courage, flexibility, patience, and the strength of a strong community. Let the eagle's lofty spirit lead each one of us on our path to achievement. To achieve the most ambitious dreams, think big, extend your wings, and soar high. Remember, the sky is not the limit with tenacity, fortitude, and unflinching belief in yourself—it is the start of your remarkable journey.

Fr. John Mathai
(Administrator, Dr. Mar Theophilus School)



Mrs. Roshni George
Principal



Message

Dream big, soar high. This phrase perfectly captures human aspiration and potential. When we have the courage to dream, we go beyond the confines of the world as it is and imagine a future filled with countless possibilities. We gain the courage to reach for the stars and pursue greatness because of our dreams.

Dreaming big is about appreciating the power of imagination and the potential for great accomplishments, not about being unrealistic or removed from reality. It involves establishing strong objectives that force us to step outside of our comfort zones and motivate us to move forward with courage.

Dreaming big means accepting the notion that no desire is too lofty or unreachable. It is a mind-set that fosters creativity, tenacity, and persistence. When we have big dreams, we empower ourselves to bring about the future we want and expose ourselves to a world of opportunities.

However, simply daydreaming is insufficient. We need to combine our aspirations with unyielding will, relentless effort, and a firm conviction in our own abilities if we want to soar high. We have to be prepared to take on problems head-on, learn from mistakes, and adjust our tactics as we go. We find our true potential and unearth hidden skills we were unaware we possessed when we pursue our dreams.

We motivate those around us when we aim high and have huge dreams. It spreads when we have the audacity to dream, inspiring others to follow their own goals. By demonstrating to others that everything is possible with vision, tenacity, and effort, we turn into rays of hope.

Those who dared to dream big and soar high have left an irrevocable mark on the vast tapestry of human history. It is the visionaries who have moulded the world we live in today, from scientific discoveries to creative masterpieces, from technical advances to social improvements.

So let's focus on the future and embrace the strength of our dreams. Let's not allow our circumstances or cultural standards to constrain ourselves. Let's have bold dreams, fly high, and realise our limitless potential. Because it is through our dreams that we can mould our future and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Mrs. Roshni George
(Principal, Dr. Mar Theophilus School)





Sweet Reminiscence

School days end, but their memories last forever...

I have been a student at Dr. Mar Theophilus School for the past five years. Over these five years, I have had many chances to sharpen my skills and prove my talents, but never did I think that one day I would be selected as the Head Girl of the school. This was a great opportunity, for which I am very thankful to the school management and all my teachers.

The past two years have been very different from those we knew from birth. These were years full of restrictions. Restrictions over movement, over education, over socialising, over every aspect of our lives. My duties towards the school were also not spared. However, the interaction with the teachers for the various programmes and events did open up new avenues for me to explore. During these interactions, I almost felt as if I were in school. I wish I could forget that this is my final year at this prestigious institution. And I am very sure that I speak for all my colleagues when I say that I wish the wonderful memories of these years would stay fresh in our minds forever.

I wish all the very best to the next student council members and to all the students for the upcoming year. Good luck!!

-Dibyasha Mishra
(Head Girl 2021-22)



The world is your stage!

At the start of this academic year, I, Aadhithya Sridhar, was designated as the head boy. It is a great honour for me to be entrusted with such a responsibility, and I am grateful to all of my teachers and friends for their support. Due to the tragic circumstances surrounding the spread of COVID-19, we have not been able to attend school in person for the last two years. So I had little idea how to fulfil my responsibilities. Despite being chosen as a leader, I believed that it was my responsibility to remain one of the students while at the same time assisting my teachers in improving the school for my fellow students.

After being selected as the head boy, there were huge expectations of me, and I have tried my hardest to live up to them as much as possible. Even when I made mistakes, I attempted to improve the next time with the support of my teachers and encouragement from my family and friends. I suppose that is what the whole point of being a student is—to try harder and be better the next time. I would like to encourage my juniors not

to be afraid of new responsibilities and opportunities, to think beyond success and failure, and to focus on the experiences they bring. With these experiences, we gain a better understanding, a broader perspective, and more confidence. Make the most of the possibilities that come your way, and the world is your stage.

-Adhithya Shridhar
(Head Boy 2021-22)



Sweet memories...

I would call myself a proud Theophilian. Proud, because being a part of the school was an honour, and I believe that as a student and as a part of the Student Council, my colleagues and I have been able to discharge our duties with responsibility and dedication. It has been a wonderful journey. Our gratitude to the school management and the teachers for considering us capable of our office.

It has been an adventure, from learning various skills to understanding various subjects to developing essential life skills. We have gained a great deal of knowledge along the way, developing in experience, character, and understanding as a result of the opportunities that were brought to us as well as the support and encouragement that were given to us.

As an outgoing student, I wish all my juniors the very best of luck and hope that you all will keep up the goodwill of the school and come up as strong learners and capable students. Good luck.

-Sree Nimnaga Vanguri
(Head Girl 2022-23)



My school, my family...

The pessimist complains about the wind.
The optimist expects it to change.
But the leader adjusts the sails.

I think the actual test of a leader is whether their actions motivate others to aim higher, work harder, and develop into better people.

It seems like yesterday that I was interviewed for my admission to nursery. At that time, who would have imagined that I would turn up to be the head boy?

I express my earnest gratitude to the Almighty for His benevolence and further to our teachers, who thought me capable of taking up this responsibility of serving the head boy from the front.

The opportunities that I got while holding this post have been many, and they have been very important in shaping me into who I have grown to be today.

This was also my chance to not only better myself but also to instill values of discipline and harmony in the lives of others, an opportunity to lead by example.

This school is almost like family to me. Every day, I walk through the school gates with a huge sense of community, knowing that I am cared for. For this, I am grateful to the school management and our teachers.

I was like a small bird, reluctant to fly in the wide sky,
My school gave me the wings to soar high.

-Aarush Khisti
(Head Boy 2022-23)





Annual Reports

Annual Report (2021-22)

I quote *"Your beliefs become your thoughts, your thoughts become your words, your words become your actions, your actions become your habits, your habits become your values, your values become your destiny."* We at Dr. Mar Theophilus try to inculcate these thoughts and values of Mahatma Gandhi in our children through various activities. We believe that by learning and following these values, we can bring about a radical change in our society.

Motto: *"Knowledge is Wealth"*- We give all assistance to the student community, to mould them into resourceful citizens.

Vision: The vision of Dr. Mar Theophilus School is to establish itself as a centre of excellence in the field of education with standards comparable to the best nationally and to provide students with the best tools to become confident, responsible, talented, and complete individuals and lifelong learners.

Our aim has always been to provide boys and girls with equal prospects to achieve excellence in academic, cultural, sports, and social endeavours in an environment conducive to learning, teaching, and mastering skills.

On behalf of Dr. Mar Theophilus School, I extend my warm regards to the members of the Trust and Management, my colleagues, parents, and my dear students.

ICSE Results March 2020-21 (Class X): *"Success is the sweet result of hard work combined with the desire to excel and unfailing dedication."*

Our fourth batch of Class X, 2020–21, passed out with remarkable results. A total of 66 students appeared for the exam, out of which 40 students scored above 90%, 20 students scored above 80%, and 6 students scored above 75%. Anagha Chilamanath and Sarang scored 98.8%, followed by Pranjal Gupta with 98.4% and Divya Sawande and Kanishk Pandey with 97.6%.

I extend my hearty congratulations to all of them for their commendable feat and to the teachers for their selfless hard work.

Staff: *"The most valuable resource that any school can have is its staff."*

The school collectively has an enthusiastic and dedicated team of three supervisors and sixty-five teachers in the secondary, primary, and pre-primary sections. Additionally, we have non-teaching and support staff. Their cooperation with one another is what allows the school to run smoothly and grow in new directions.

Parent and Teachers' Association: The General Body Meeting of Parents is held on a regular basis, and is closely involved in most academic activities. We thank and congratulate them for their support and cooperation.

Functions/Events: *"If the mind is intensely eager, everything can be accomplished-mountains can be crumbled into atoms,"* said Swami Vivekananda.

A number of activities and functions were organised throughout the year to ensure the holistic development of our students, as we believe that each child is unique and possesses inherent potential.

Prayer Service: It is believed that education in its fullness teaches values to children, and so the school ensures that every academic year starts with a prayer that gives divine guidance as we march towards learning. The school conducted the prayer service on April 26, as we believe prayer is a powerful weapon that can guard us in all difficult moments.

International Yoga Day: Yoga is an intricate part of our culture; it promotes healthy and holistic development by mastering control of the mind and body. The school celebrated International Day of Yoga on the 21st of June. The students were taught various asanas to educate them about the benefits of yoga.

Investiture Ceremony: The seeds of leadership are sown in childhood itself, which are then nurtured in school. The Investiture Ceremony was celebrated on July 3rd in a fitting manner, and responsibilities were distributed to all the elected students to develop a sense of leadership. The Student Council, led by the Head Girl, Dibyasha Mishra, and the Head Boy, Adithya Shridhar, took over their charge and executed their responsibilities commendably throughout the year.

Guru Purnima: Guru Purnima is celebrated as an expression of gratitude towards the teacher by their disciples. Keeping our tradition alive, the students of our school celebrated Guru-Purnima on July 24th, 2021, with the same spirit as it was celebrated hundreds of years ago.

Independence Day Programme: Independence Day was celebrated online to mark the importance of the day. The programme included an introduction given by the Head Boy, which was followed by the pledge and a special prayer for the country. A speech in English was given to highlight the importance of freedom in our lives. The students were educated about the history of our national flag.

Teacher's Day: Teaching is a noble profession that shapes the character and future of an individual, and Teachers' Day marks the birth of the great teacher, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The students left no stone unturned to honour their teachers and express their gratitude for being the guiding light in their lives.

Hindi Diwas: Hindi Diwas was celebrated with great pomp on the 14th of September to mark the importance of the Hindi language. Students participated in the online event, where they recited poems and dohas. They also gave speeches explaining the significance and importance of Hindi, not just as a subject but as a language. The subject teachers spoke to the students about the importance and global significance of the language.

Patron's Day: We observed Patron's Day on the 28th of September to refresh our fond memories of our patron, the late lamented Arch Bishop Dr. Philipose Mar. Theophilus. To commemorate this day, the students participated in a programme that included the reading of verses from the holy books, an invocation prayer, skits, songs, and a floral tribute.

Diwali Celebration: The school celebrated Diwali virtually on October 29th with a programme that included a special prayer, a poem, shlokas, and an enactment of Ramayana characters by students of the pre-primary, std I, and secondary sections. An introduction to the 5 days of Diwali was given and a rally on Green Diwali was showcased. The students also participated in a skit based on the theme 'Joy of Giving'. The teachers conveyed messages on the importance of the festival.

Children's Day: Children's Day was celebrated on November 20th, 2021, in virtual mode. The staff members participated in various activities. The aim of the programme was to entertain and, at the same time, convey a social message to the children that they must be empathic and always eager to help.

Christmas: We had a colourful virtual Christmas celebration. Children from all classes participated in the programme with great enthusiasm and joy. A variety of programmes were put up by all the sections. The students prayed, enacted skits, presented choreographed dances, and sang melodious carols for the occasion. The members of the management addressed the students, wishing them a joyful Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Director Sir's Birthday Celebration: The school celebrated Director Sir's birthday with great enthusiasm to show our appreciation for his dedication and commitment towards the development of the school. The online celebration started with an introduction, a birthday song by the teachers' choir, a special prayer and dance performance by the students of the primary wing, a message by Ramola Madam, a video on the memorable moments of Director Sir's life, and greetings by pre-primary students.

Republic Day: The pandemic had confined the students to their homes, but it could not dampen their patriotic spirit and pride. In the age of virtual learning, the Republic Day celebrations were remodelled to keep the fervour of this important day alive in our students.

Activities:

Earth Day: Earth Day is an international event celebrated around the world on April 22nd to pledge support for environmental protection. The Earth Day activity in our school was conducted on Saturday, April 24th, 2021, to raise awareness among the students regarding the well-being of the planet and all the life it supports.

The following activities were conducted:

- A virtual poster-making competition for classes III to X
- A Reading about Earth: videos and poems on the theme for classes Nursery to II

World Environmental Day: World Environmental Day was celebrated on June 19th, 2021. The theme of the day was '*Stop Pollution and Save Animals*'. The teachers of grades I to IV conducted programmes to make the students aware of the ill effects of pollution and the importance of saving our animals.

Ganesh Idol-making Activity: The Hindu community around the world celebrates Ganesh Chaturthi annually in the month of September, which is a 10-day festival. To make students learn about the importance of festivals and to encourage creativity, an Organic Ganesha Idol-making activity was held on September 4th.

Mock UN Assembly: A Mock UN Assembly was conducted by the students of stds. VIII to X to understand political diplomacy, international relations, current world affairs, and the importance of facing various global issues as a global community. The students conducted research and came up with policies and proposals that they debated with their fellow students.

Geography Day: Geography Day was celebrated online on January 13th, 2022. The students of classes VIII and IX participated and spoke on various topics in support of the theme, '*Agriculture: The biggest hope for everyone*'.

One-act play: A one-act play, 'The Dear Departed', by Stanley Houghton, was staged and recorded on the 9th of February 2022, and subsequently shown to the students through the MS Teams platform on the 4th of March 2022, as an effort to create interest in literature and performing arts.

Medicinal Plant Tour: A video was compiled on a virtual tour of the Theophilian Garden. The video emphasised the medicinal uses of a few plants from our Theophilian garden. Around 29 plants were shown along with information like their scientific names, common names, and medicinal uses. The video also consisted of information on a few unique plants, which show the diversity of the Earth's flora.

Campaigns

Fit India School Week Celebration: Fit India School Week 2021 was conducted online from November 22nd, 2021 to November 27th, 2021 for classes I to VIII. The purpose of the campaign was to improve students' physical fitness and mental health. The campaign started with an opening dance and ended with a pledge. Different activities were conducted like essay/poem writing, poster making, teachers' fitness sessions, and brain games for the students. The campaign was aimed at improving students' mental reflexes and helping them stay focused and determined. It was also aimed at creating awareness about the importance of discipline and various forms of exercise for physical and mental wellness.

The COVID-19 Awareness Campaign: The COVID-19 Awareness Campaign was organised for students from pre-primary to X standard. The students were educated on the following aspects of the diseases:

- Signs and symptoms of the disease
- Prevention and control measures, diet plan, yoga and pranayama
- Hand hygiene and hand-washing techniques
- The correct way of wearing a mask
- Preparing immunity drinks to boost immunity
- One-minute videos on the topic of immunity

Competitions

Virtual Yoga competition was conducted on 6th and 7th September, 2021 for classes I to VIII to encourage students to practise yoga and spread awareness about the benefits of yoga.

Rubik's cube competition was conducted online on October 16th, for classes I to VIII. The purpose of the competition was to prepare the students for future competitions. The Rubik's cube is very beneficial for the students as it develops their mental skills, memory, and eye-hand coordination. The Rubik's cube also improves students' mental reflexes and helps them stay focused and determined.

English Elocution Competition was held on August 16th, 2021, to improve the oratory skills of the students.

The COVID Awareness Quiz was conducted on October 9th for all the students.

Hindi and Marathi Essay Writing Competition was held for the students of stds V to IX to encourage the students to enhance their thinking and writing skills.

Social Sciences Quiz organised for classes V to VII on January 15th, 2022, with the thought that a lot of awareness is needed in today's competitive world and constant learning is the need of the hour.

Science quiz was conducted to encourage students to look beyond their textual knowledge and establish a relationship between theory and the application of the concepts learned.

Online studies during COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the education of students has been severely affected. The nationwide lockdown following the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a burst of activities with online education. The lockdown had resulted in schools shutting down across the world. As a result, education has changed drastically, with the distinctive rise of e-learning, whereby teaching is undertaken remotely and on a digital platform.

Various steps were taken by the school to provide an effective education in these challenging times, like the Microsoft Teams platform, online submission of work via PDF files, coordination with students and parents through WhatsApp groups, etc. It was decided to strictly follow all the norms and guidelines regarding the COVID-19 pandemic issued by the government for the school and staff.

Interactions:

- The school ensured that the staff were always up-to-date and well-coordinated through regular staff meetings conducted online.
- The subject heads conducted monthly departmental meetings to discuss various teaching strategies.
- The teachers teaching IX and X attended the Cell Meetings conducted by the ICSE board on the Zoom platform, where subject experts discussed the reduced syllabus and the strategies that could be helpful in teaching online.
- The teachers attended various courses as part of teacher education as well as several webinars to keep themselves well-informed.
- The school was constantly in touch with the PTA members to resolve genuine grievances and discuss how the transition to a digital platform could be made as comfortable as possible for the parents and students.
- As students and parents did not get to meet the teachers face to face, there were many queries and doubts on which they were anxious to get clarification. The teachers, supervisors, and PTA members were available to communicate important information as well as solve queries through the WhatsApp groups.
- Timely information was posted on the school's website to ensure all important information is made available to parents from time to time.
- Regular parent-teacher meetings were conducted online, providing one-to-one interaction where parents could understand the progress of the children and the teacher could address any concerns that the parents may have had.

To conclude, I would like to attribute the success of the year and extend my gratitude to:

- Almighty God, for blessing us abundantly,
- Our beloved patron, the late lamented Arch Bishop, His Grace Dr. Philipose Mar Theophilus,
- Our source and mentor of strength and inspiration, our President, His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos.
- Our honourable Director, Dr. C. J. Samuel, whose commitment and dedication have been a guiding light all the way,
- The trustees and board members for their invaluable assistance,
- The outstanding teaching and administrative staff for their relentless endeavours,
- The supporting staff for their undying efforts,
- The parents for their positive support and unequivocal trust in our shared beliefs.

We believe that every year brings changes with God Almighty's protection. As we are passing through an unprecedented crisis situation in the year 2021-22, we are confident that we will overcome all the odds with our strong will and ethics and pave the way for the betterment of the education fraternity and society in general.

I would like to conclude by extending our sincere thanks to our management, our teaching and non-teaching staff, students and parents who have lent a supportive hand down through the years, in all our endeavours to produce a confident, educated and capable batch of students each year. Thus, shaping the future of your children, who are the destiny of this country.

With this I conclude the report.

Mrs. Roshni George
(Principal)

Annual Report (2022-23)

Education is an essential factor for children, as they are the future of the world, and they need the knowledge to stay updated on the current affairs in society. The overall development of a child depends on the education he/she receives. Childhood forms the foundation of essential qualities such as curiosity, inquisitiveness, and learning ability, along with social, moral, and emotional development. Education is a key that imparts good qualities in a child and aids his growth as a happy, healthy, and qualified individual. Education helps to contribute to the growth and development of the nation as well as achieve individual success. Our society has progressed over the centuries because of education. Being the foundation stone of society, education brings reforms, helps in progress and paves the way for innovation.

The school focuses not only academics but also on extracurricular and co-curricular activities. Students are trained at a very young age to incorporate a sense of responsibility, loyalty, team spirit, and a healthy competition to become graceful and dignified personalities. We take good care of the students to help them cope with all kinds of problems and challenges.

We have done excellently in academic and non-academic areas. Moving forward towards the contribution of various departments and the activities conducted by them during the academic year.

Our Philosophy:

We have had significant accomplishments in the academic year 2022–23 under the dynamic, motivating, and proactive leadership of our staff.

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This academic year began with a prayer service, and all new members were welcomed to our Theophilian family.

Yearly Theme and Activities:

This academic year, our school adopted the theme 'Dream Big, Soar High' so as to facilitate children's understanding that there are multitudinous values and virtues that individuals need to imbibe to grow into better human beings. Through various activities based on the annual theme, the students are exposed to various morals and ideals that are imperative for the holistic development of a child in order to make him or her adapt to this changing world.

Training, seminars, orientation, and counselling:

- Every academic year, trainings, seminars, and orientation programmes are conducted for teachers and students with the focus of improving and effectively implementing innovative ideas in the teaching-learning process as well as taking the students from text-book learning to their current level of learning.
- An awareness programme was conducted by the DRDO on August 17, 2022. Dr. Pande interacted with the students by sharing information about DRDO's purpose, motto, organisational structures, branches, and their specialisations.
- A seminar was organised by the management of Dr. Mar Theophilus School on the topic 'FOCUS' for the students. The resource person was the School President, His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos. Students interacted and shared their experiences. His Grace also conducted a seminar for teachers on the topic "Wealth Exploration".
- Police officials visited the school to create awareness among students about POSCO and traffic rules and regulations.
- The school counsellor, Dr. Anuja Kulkarni, had a counselling session for std VIII and IX based on the problems faced by teens and how to deal with those problems in one's daily life.

Associations and Committees:

- Committees help us carry out the smooth functioning of the school. They encourage the members to interact and collaborate. The school houses various special committees like the Discipline, Anti-harassment, and Transport committees that work on specific issues and help in the efficient working of the school.
- The Head of Departments conducted monthly subject committee meetings to discuss various teaching methods, areas for improvement, paper patterns, and other activities. Further, the teachers teaching IX and X stds attended the Cell meetings conducted by the ICSE board, where subject experts discussed the syllabus and the strategies that could be helpful in teaching.
- PTA meetings were held on a regular basis, with the new PTA members taking charge of the committee for the academic year 2022–23. The PTA members have been closely involved in most academic activities. We thank and congratulate them for their support and cooperation throughout the year.

Co-curricular activities:

“The quality of school life is determined by its activities.”

Physical as well as mental activities play a vital role in building a bright future for children. There are ample co-curricular activities that are held in our school, like art competitions, music competitions, club activities, yoga, sports, etc. Many students participated in various competitions and brought laurels to our school.

- A Mock U.N. Assembly was staged by the students to give us a clear view of how global issues are addressed by the elected representatives of the nations.
- Geography Day was celebrated with enthusiasm and many fun-filled activities.
- Investiture Ceremony was held to appoint new office bearers of the Student Counsel so that they diligently carry out all the responsibilities entrusted to them throughout the year.
- One-act Play was performed in the school auditorium with the goal of sparking interest in literature and the performing arts. The students of std IX enacted the dramatised version of the short story Mrs. Packletide's Tiger, written by Saki.
- Drama is a strong medium of communication. In order to develop dramatic skills, promote acting ability, and give a social message to all the students, the English Department organised a drama competition for stds V and VI.
- On account of Earth Day, a drawing competition was organised to raise awareness regarding environmental protection, encasing the theme 'Save our planet- Earth'.
- To enlighten students about World Environment Day, the school conducted different activities to save our environment. It was celebrated on June 6th, 2022. To mark the importance of the day, teachers participated in the Pune Plogathon to create awareness about keeping the environment clean and to say no to plastic bags and wrappers. The students participated in a drawing and poster-making competition, a cycle rally, a tree plantation, and a compost pit.
- Yoga Day was celebrated on June 21st, to spread awareness of yoga. The importance of different asanas was discussed, which would help one be healthy and fit. Yoga Day was conducted by performing asana, pranayama, and meditation. All students participated in this activity.
- Dental checkup Camp was organised by D.Y. Patil College on June 28th and 29th to spread awareness of personal hygiene. It enlightened them about the causes of dental problems.
- The Indian Red Cross JRC pledge programme was conducted in the school on June 17th, 2022. Mr. Kankriya, the Chairman of the Pune Branch of the Indian Red Cross Society, distributed the mask to create awareness of health and hygiene.
- A community service programme was conducted in the school and outside the school premises. Cleaning the school premises and distributing Thanksgiving cards were done by the students for the people who serve the community.
- Fit India Week was celebrated from November 16th to November 20th. The activities conducted were aerobics, poster making, pyramids, a Rubik's Cube competition, trekking, and other physical activities.
- The notice board articles and handwritten magazines are prepared every year based on the monthly theme. These creative pieces of work by our students are compiled for the school magazine, which will be published at the end of the year.
- 'The Theophilian Hearld', our very own radio channel, is broadcasted in three different languages three times a week. It has been a good source of entertainment for the students during the long break. It is based on various issues and topics according to the significance of the day.

- We Theophilians emphasise active participation in different activities through various social, artistic, and creative clubs. These clubs include those activities where students get a chance to learn and exhibit their potential when it comes to debate, art and craft, drama, cooking, stitching, dancing, and singing.

Examinations:

- **ICSE Results for 2022-23:**
96 students appeared for the ICSE examinations in 2023. Pranjal Bhivsankar stood first with 97.80%, Vaishnavi Patil stood second with 97.20%, and Saher Yashwantrao stood third with 97%.
We congratulate all the students for their hard earned results and extend warm wishes for their bright future.
- **School assessments:**
Periodical assessments and evaluations are conducted for the students, and their progress is frequently communicated to the parents so that they are well trained for the board examinations.
- **Remedial classes:**
Remedial classes for the students are held before and after the regular class hours to bring them up to par with the rest of the class.

Competitive Exams:

- The Wiza National Spell B. Exam was conducted for the development of the Language Spell and enhances vocabulary, group concepts, and correct usage of the English language. The students were selected for the second level.
- Maharashtra's state government conducted an elementary drawing exam for std VIII and IX.
- The Silver Zone Olympiad was conducted for various subjects: GK, English, Science, Mathematics, Hindi, Social Studies, and Reasoning and Aptitude.
- The Neltas exam was conducted on November 16 for std II to VIII.
- IFSE's Global Math Pro (2022-2023) was conducted on October 18th, 2022. The students from STD I to X participated in the exam.
- The Dr. Homi Bhabha Balvaidnyanik Competition was conducted by the Greater Bombay Science Teachers Association. The students of std VI and IX participated in the exam held on November 26.
- The Indian Scholarship Examination, conducted by National Education Development Organization, for stds III to VIII saw a participation of 228 students on April 8, 2023.

Competitions:

Intra-School competitions:

- A story-telling competition was organised for stds I and II on June 16th. This activity was conducted to groom the children's speaking skills and also to build

confidence in them. The children were selected on the basis of pronunciation, delivery of the story, vocabulary, voice modulation, and props used.

- Monoact was conducted for std III. The students participated enthusiastically and expressed their talent. The selection committee judged on the basis of expression and props used.
- The Mime Act Competition was held on July 21st, 2022. The students of std IV participated in the competition, and the performance was judged on the basis of facial expression, theme, message conveyed, and overall performance.
- The Hindi Essay Competition was held for students from stds I to X on July 28th, 29th, and 30th. The best performances were selected on the basis of expression of ideas, creativity, language, and structure.
- An English declaration was organised for stds V to IX to provide an opportunity to exhibit presentation skills, leadership qualities, and enhance speaking skills.
- A science quiz was conducted to foster scientific knowledge, develop a spirit of competition, and encourage the students to work in teams, which gave them an opportunity to explore the topics in their syllabus with interest and fervour.

Inter-School Competitions:

- The online inter-school competition of the Maneckji Cooper Mock United Nations was conducted by Maneckji Cooper Education Trust School, Mumbai on August 27th and 28th, 2022. Students of std IX participated in the competition.
- An inter-school patriotic song competition was held at YMCA Poona on August 12th, 2022. Our school students participated in the competition, rendering the song 'Ajinkya Bharat, Ajinkya Jant'.
- The YMCA conducted a folk dance competition on August 11th, 2022 in which students from stds VII to IX participated, presenting a folk dance from Tamil Nadu.
- Wisdom World School, Hadapsar, conducted the Hindi Debate Competition on September 7th, 2022. The students of IX and X participated in the debate.
- Our school participated in the Red Cross-organised Elocution Competition, Poster-Making Competition and Essay Competition. Swaraj Hargude won the first prize, and Yashashree Paste earned second place in the elocution competition. Manas Bamdodkar won the first prize, Nitya Kulkarni earned second place, and Avishkar Jaybhaye got third place in the essay competition. Prajwal Barathe earned second place in the poster-making competition.

Celebrations:

- To celebrate the occasion of the 75th Independence Day, the school organised a host of activities. The main aim of the activities was to inspire our students to learn and understand the true meaning of freedom. These activities conducted in school inflamed the spirit of patriotism and love for our country.
- The students and staff celebrated Republic Day to commemorate the sacrifices of the patriots and the citizens' duties and responsibilities.

- A much-anticipated Children's Day was celebrated with programmes put up by the teachers on November 14th.
- Guru Purnima was celebrated on July 13th, 2022. Students honoured the teachers enthusiastically in the celebration, presenting speeches and poems.
- The students celebrated Teachers' Day, showing their appreciation for the work done by them. The students of XI and X organised a short programme honouring their teachers.
- Hindi Diwas was celebrated on September 14th, 2022, through speeches and other activities.
- Patron's Day was observed on September 28th, 2022, in honour of the late lamented Arch Bishop Philipose Mar Theophilus.
- Diwali was celebrated on October 22nd with great enthusiasm by the students through cultural programmes and activities.
- The students and teachers celebrated Christmas with great enthusiasm, presenting skits, stories, and Christmas carols. In the month of December, the Joy of Giving was celebrated by the students. Sharing the spirit of the Christmas season, the students of std IX visited Mother Teresa Old Age Home, which proved to be an enriching experience for the students with respect to understanding the values of empathy and compassion towards the underprivileged.

Sports Achievements:

When students are physically fit, they will achieve more academically. Games and sports develop a sense of friendliness among the children and also build their team spirit. It helps children develop mental and physical toughness. Bearing this in mind, the school provides ample opportunities for students to perform regular exercises and to play and prove themselves in various sports and games. Many students have participated in various events like athletics, badminton, karate, skating, cycling, chess, etc. and have won laurels at the school.

The school participated in the following competitions at the district level:

- The ZP District Level Skating Competition and won two bronze medals.
- The ZP District Level Karate Competition and won three bronze medals.
- The ZP District Level Cycling Competition and won 2 gold, 1 silver, and 2 bronze medals.

The school participated in the following competitions at the zonal level:

- The cycling competition, where the students won 1 silver and 2 bronze medals.
- The CISCE Taekwondo Tournament 2022, where students won 1 gold, 3 silver, and 1 bronze medal.

The school participated in the following competitions at the regional level:

- Students won 2 gold, 10 silver, and 8 bronze medals, along with Championship Trophies at the CISCE Karate Championship.
- 2 gold medals were won in the CISCE Regional Skating Championship.

The school participated in the following competitions at the national level:

- Tanishka Karanjkar bagged gold and bronze in CISCE Skating Competition.
- Agastiyananda Uppluru bagged a Bronze Medal in CISCE Karate Championship.

The school also participated in the following invitational matches:

- Golden Belt District Level Karate Championship where our students won 25 gold, 25 silver, and 40 bronze medals, qualifying the school for the Championship Trophy.
- Golden Belt State Level Karate Championship where students bagged 19 gold, 23 silver, and 25 bronze medals, winning the Championship Trophy for the school.
- The students participated in Amanora's Fastest Skater and won 4 gold, and 2 bronze medals, as well as the runner-up trophy.
- The students participated in the ULWE 2022 Cyclothon, and won a Rs. 7,000/- cash prize.
- Two appreciation trophies were awarded by CISCE for the National Athletic Meet and the National Throw Ball Championship.

Sports events concluded with the Annual Sports Meet, which was conducted on January 12 and 13, 2023. The Olympian, Mr. Balkrishna Akotkar graced the event as the chief guest. All four houses displayed their enthusiasm in various races and other displays. Green House was the frontrunner and took home the rolling championship trophy.

We delivered wonderful results and a successful year, but we also went through some irreparable losses. We lost one of our greatest strengths. Our dear Director, Dr. C. J. Samuel, left for his heavenly abode on January 26th, 2024. In his memory, a condolence tribute was held at school on January 31st, 2023. May God keep him in His loving embrace. We believe that every year brings changes under God Almighty's protection and hope that the coming year may see the students achieve and accomplish more and better, and in the process, take the name of their alma mater to greater heights.

With this I conclude the report.

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(Principal)



Theophilian Chronicles

Academic Year 2021-22



Earth Day Activity



The Prayer Service



World Environment Day Activity



International Yoga Day activities



The Investiture Ceremony



Guru Purnima Programme



Independence Day Programme



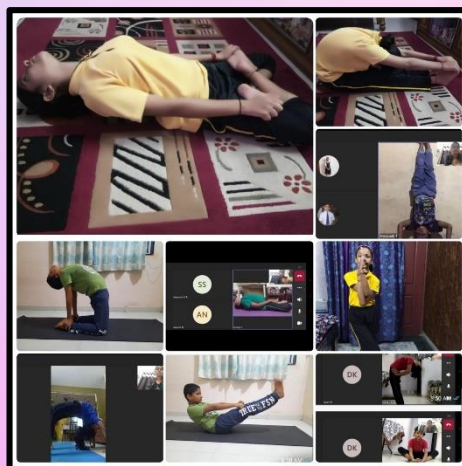
Independence Day Activity



Teachers' Day Programme



Idols made for the Ganeshotsav Competition



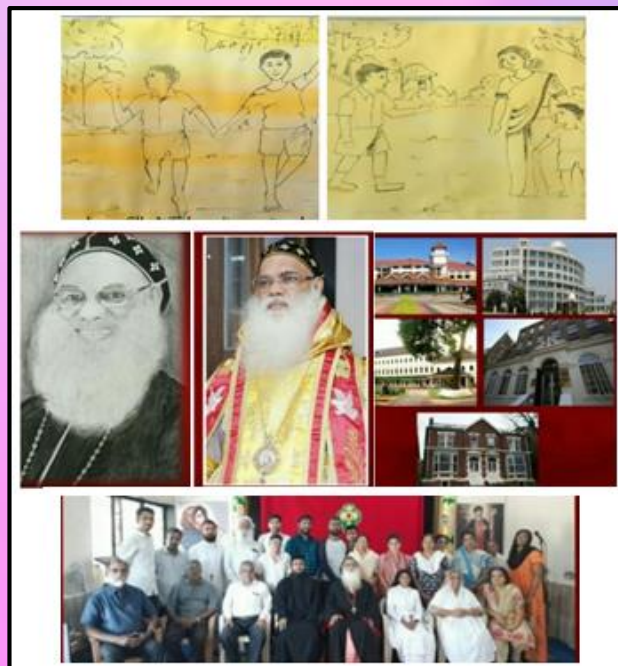
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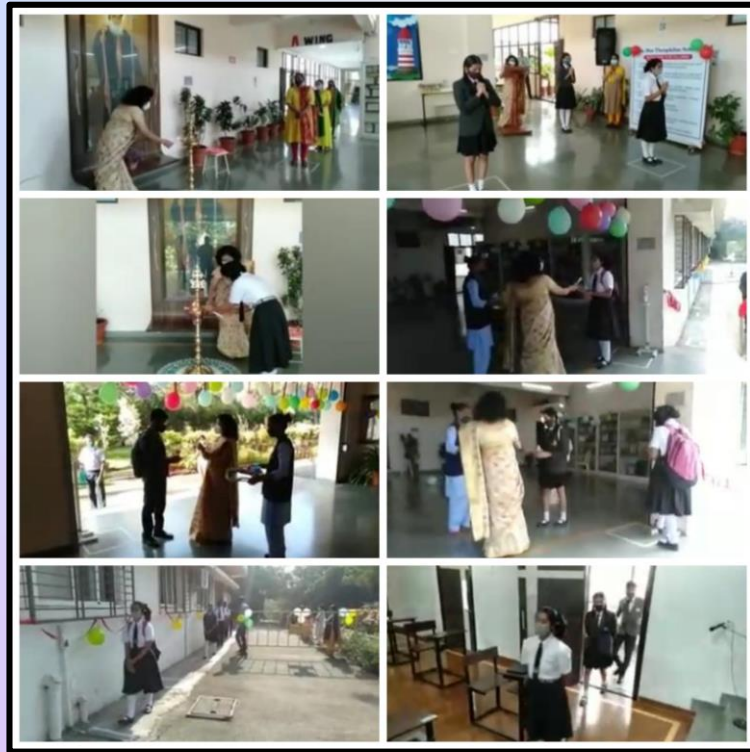
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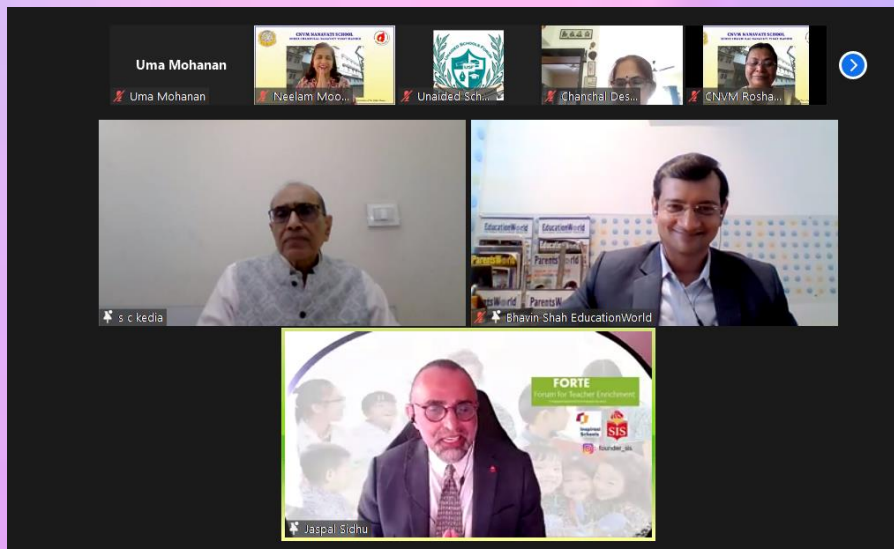
Patron's Day programme



His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos' birthday celebration



School reopens as restrictions are relaxed



Webinar- Part of the Teachers' Enrichment Programme



Rubrik's Cube Solving Competition



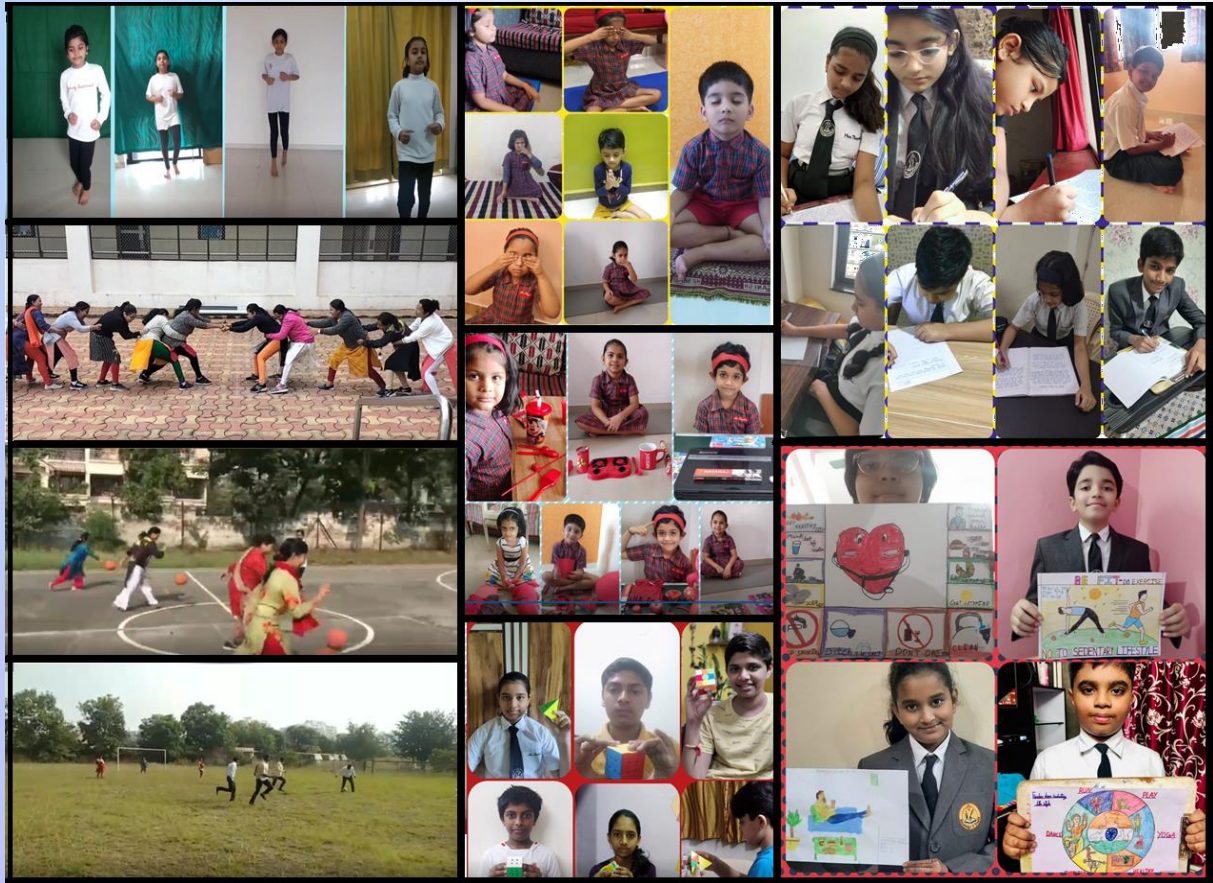
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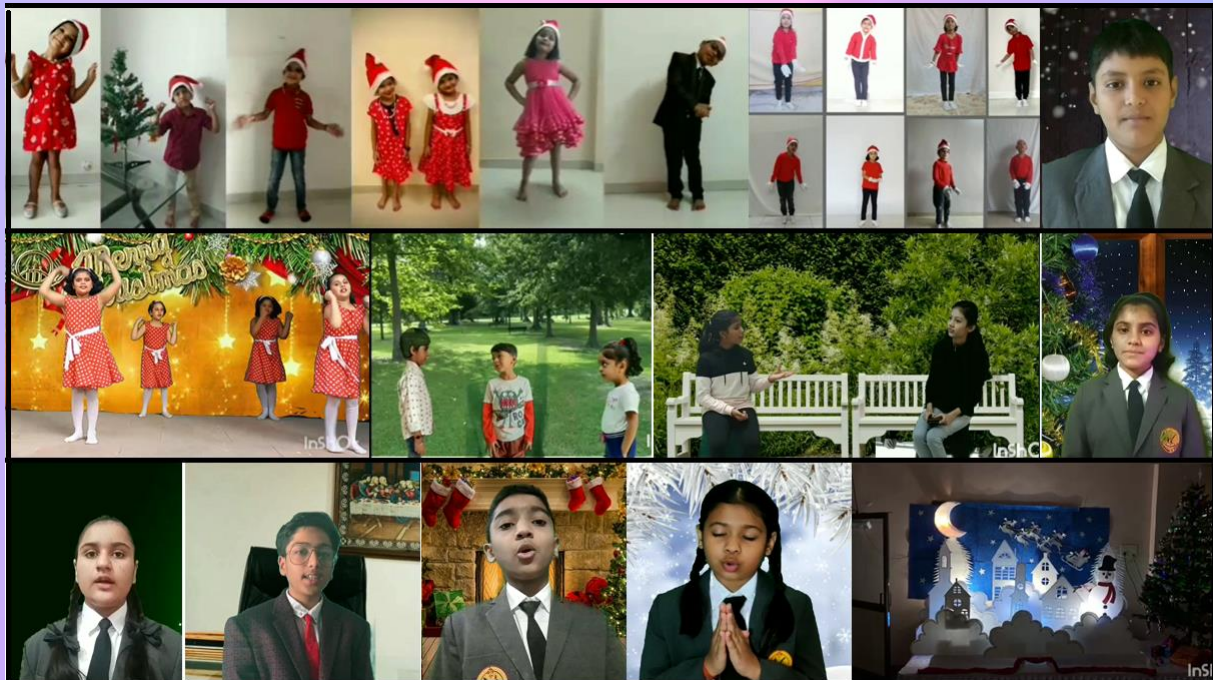
Diwali activities



Children's Day Programme



Fit India Campaign Activities



Christmas celebrations



Magazine Cover Page Competition
Winning entry- Ms. Vibhuti Jadhav (X std)



Geography Day programme



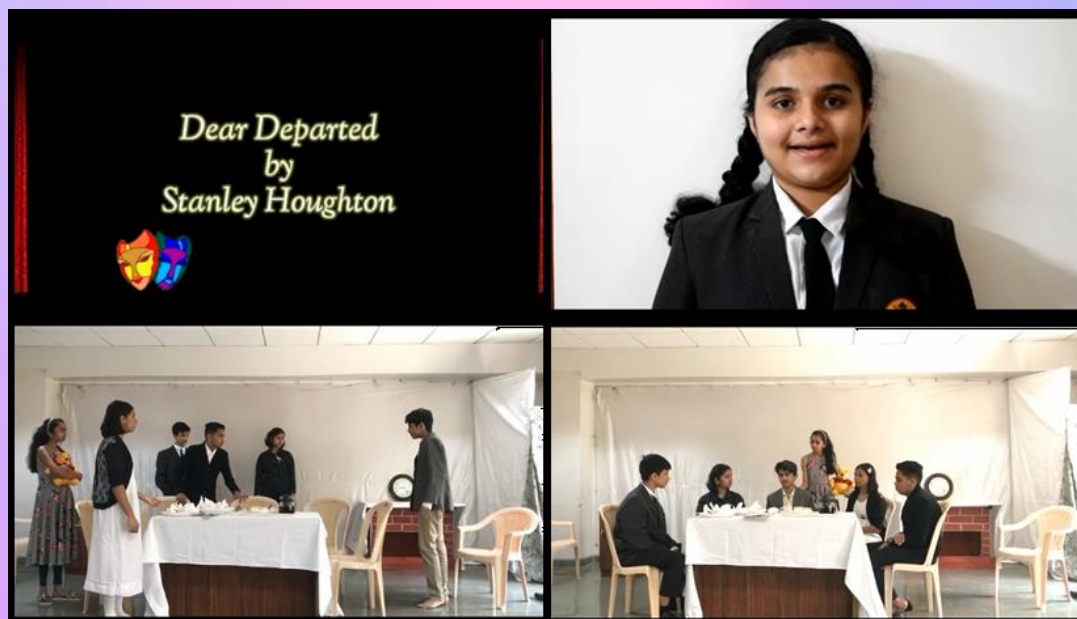
Republic Day programme



Director Sir's birthday celebration



Mock UN Assembly



One Act Play (Dear Departed by Stanley Houghton)



Virtual Tour of the Theophilian Garden

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Yoga Day activities



Earth Day activities



Flag hoisting on 1st May (Maharashtra Diwas and Labour Day)



Essay-writing competition



Guru Purnima activities



Rakhi making for Rakshabandhan



Independence Day celebration



Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, activities celebrating 75 years of independence



Eco-friendly idol (Ganesha) making



Teachers' Day celebration



Seminar by Counsellors



Patron's Day programme



Swachtha Abhiyan



Clay-modelling activity



Children's Day celebration



Science Quiz



Street play (Drugxit campaign)



Seminar for students on economic and environmental benefits of Bee keeping with stingless honeybees



Fit India Campaign



Dental Check-up



Diwali celebration



Seminar for student on POCSO



Seminar for student by DRDO



Mock UN Assembly



Visit to an old age home



Christmas Celebration

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Annual Sports Meet



Republic Day Programme



Geography Day programme



Seminar for students on lifestyle diseases



Valedictory function for ICSE batch 2022



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Graduation Day programme



Annual exhibition



English Section

A gift for my cousin

I was eagerly waiting for September 3rd. It was my cousin Kian's birthday. He was a die-hard Marvel fan, so I thought of buying an Iron-Man action figure for his birthday gift. However, when I reached the store, I saw that they were all sold out. I took a Spider-Man action figure instead. I gift-wrapped it and gave it to him. He simply loved it. He spent the whole of the next day with it. Then he seemed to be with it for a whole week. Now this was insane. It was like he was obsessed with it.

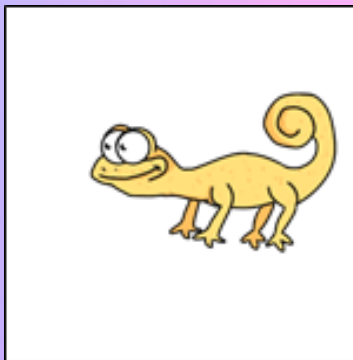


He took it with him wherever he went. He ignored everyone for it. He even stopped coming to play with me. I visited him that weekend and did everything to distract him from the toy. Nothing worked as he carried his Spiderman everywhere with him. I felt very irritated, and so did everyone in the family. I almost thought of breaking it, but I knew it would hurt his feelings. I decided to let it be when the toy broke by itself. His parents just made excuses for not being able to fix the toy and got rid of it. He was upset for a few days, but eventually recovered.

As of now, he has gotten over his fondness for Marvel characters, so I think I can safely gift him the Iron-Man I wanted to last time.

Arin Bandasode
VIII std

Lizzzzzrads!



One day, during the lockdown, we had an unexpected visitor. Through some openings, a lizard managed to enter the house. Unfortunately, I was the first one to spot the lizard. I freaked out. They look slimy, and the way they crawl on the walls makes me hate them all the more.

I did not know which way to run or what to do. I just stood screaming as loudly as I could. My parents rushed in, scared and puzzled by my howling. They saw the lizard and understood everything. They don't believe in hurting other creatures, like animals, birds, insects, or reptiles. So they tried to scare it away.

They shook the curtains. They waved at it. They pretended to throw things at it, but the lizard was not bothered at all. It simply crawled higher and curled up in a corner.

After many attempts, they managed to tie a couple of brooms together so they could reach high enough. Finally, after enough prodding, the lizard was guided out of the house. All this time, I could only hide behind the sofa and scream.

Shreyanshi Datta
VIII std

Jokes



- The early ages in history are called the Dark Age because there were too many knights.
- The colonized do not like British tea. They only want liber-tea.
- There are hardly any knock-knock jokes about America because freedom rings.
- If someone else would have invented the airplane, it wouldn't have been Wright.
- How did Vikings send secret messages? By Norse code!
- Why did the Vikings sail to England in longboats? It was too far to swim!

Athira Chellaton
X std

An active mind, a youthful body

There is much wisdom in the classic saying, “A sound mind in a sound body.” It reminds us that both the mind and body are important and that one’s health is connected to that of another’s as well. It is seen that maintaining an active, adaptable mind is one of the key factors to staying young.



Having a youthful mind also drives you towards a healthy lifestyle that will slow the ageing process. Just as a lack of physical exercise has negative effects on our bodies and moods, a lack of mental exercise is equally bad for us. “Mental workout” might sound a bit formal, but simply interacting with others – playing a game, for example – offers new stimuli and helps prevent the depression that can come with solitude.

Our neurons start to age while we are still in our twenties. This process is slowed, however, by intellectual activity, curiosity and a desire to learn. Dealing with new situations, learning something new every day, playing games and interacting with other

people seem to be essential anti-aging strategies for the mind. Furthermore, a more positive outlook in this regard will yield greater mental benefits.

Takeaways from Ikigai.

Asmita Nigudge
(Teaching Faculty)

Kitto

So many kinds of animals live around us. Big ones, small ones, furry ones, cute ones, fierce ones, cuddly ones. Kitto was just the curious type. She was my aunt's pet kitten. I met her when I visited my aunt in Shirur. Kitto was cute but extremely naughty.

She was curious about everything. She would roam around the house, sniffing and scratching everything she could reach. She could snuggle into the smallest holes, boxes, containers, anything at all.



Open doors and windows would attract her as magnets attract nails. My aunt lived on the fourth floor, so we had to be very careful about her trying to run out of doors or jump out of windows. My aunt's three-year-old son was the one who took care of Kitto and also the one who tried all kinds of funny things on her. He would flip Kitto on the bed, much to her enjoyment. Thanks to his training, Kitto escaped with only a dislocated shoulder when she jumped out of an open window. However, since that day, all the windows have been sealed shut.

One day, he made her wear socks on her front paws, which sent her half-skating on her front paws and half-dancing on her hind legs. After a good workout, she vanished. I was to leave that evening, and no matter how much we all searched, we could not find Kitto. I got into the car and we started for home. I was very sad that I could not say bye to Kitto. We reached in a few hours, and as I was carrying my bag inside, lo! Out jumped Kitto.

Advay Pawar
VIII std

The worst April fool's day of my life

It was April 1st, also known as April fool's Day. I wanted to play a prank on my sister. I got this idea from a video I had seen. My plan was to fill a plastic bottle to the brim

with water. Then place a coin below the bottle. I would ask my sister to peep into the bottle and look at the coin. When she would do so, I would squeeze the bottle and have the water splash onto her.

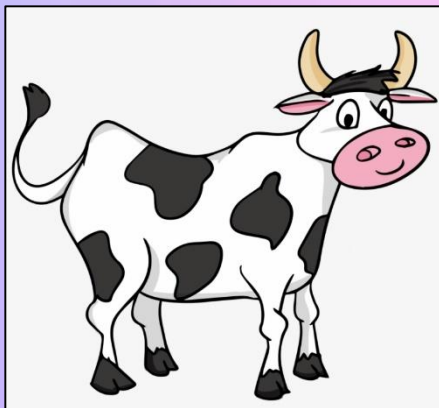
I made all the arrangements and, in the most innocent voice I could muster, I called out to her. When she came, I asked her to peep into the bottle and identify the denomination of the coin. To motivate her, I added that she could keep it if she guessed right.

She turned to me with a puzzled expression and said there was no coin. I doubted if I had forgotten to place the coin below the bottle, so I peeped inside. I was about to say that the coin is very much there than a gush of cold water splashed right onto my face. I turned to see my sister giggling uncontrollably. I guess she too had watched the video.



Janhavi Gangakedkar
VIII std

An 'amoozing' journey



Animals are adorable and cute. They are able to awe any human being with their cuteness. Similarly, we have all met some cute animals in our lives. Our experiences may vary, but let me explain my experience with animals.

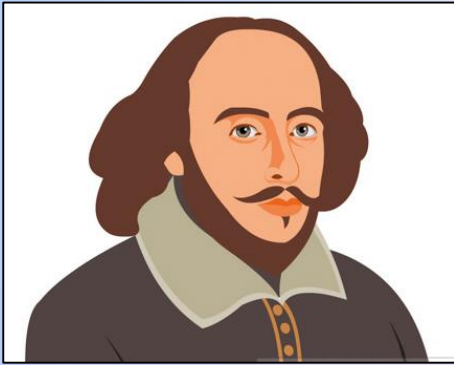
My brother, mother, and I went to our maternal hometown. We stayed there for three days. After that, my mother wanted to visit her friend's house. My grandfather, mother, brother and I set off on the journey.

We reached my mom's friend's house. She welcomed us and served us some snacks. My mom and her friend chatted for a very long time. My mom's friend's husband took us to a nearby cow shed. Over there, we saw some cows, and it was a lot of fun. The cows looked very cute and adorable. There was a calf too! We touched some cows, and their fur was very soft. We also fed the cows.

We had a great time! It was the first time that we had been in the company of cows. Everyone might not have a good experience with animals, but I certainly did!

Anant Pandey
VIII std

I have a Shakespeare in me



It was a cold winter morning, and as I walked down the narrow path, I heard an old man ask me, “*Romeo, Romeo! Wherefore art thou Romeo?*” (*Romeo and Juliet*, Act 2 Scene 2) I wondered about this question, which is often asked in society, ‘wherefore art thou...?’, ‘why are you...?’ Juliet asked this question to Romeo when she realised that the only thing that kept them separated was their names. She wished Romeo had a different name. Again she asked, “*What is in a name? A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.*” We live in a society fragmented by religions, languages, castes, genders, etc... Each time we feel compelled to be part of a section or a community.

Shakespeare gives me an answer in the form of a question, ‘*what is in a name?*’ I am differentiated from others only by my name. Once I separate my name from me, I am equal to everyone in society. After all, *a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.* As I smiled at the old man and walked away, I had an answer for him, “*Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind.*” (*A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, Act 1, Scene 1). To love my brothers and sisters, I do not need a name, what I need, I have, ‘my humanness’ because ‘*love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind.*’

The old man was not in the mood to leave me. He asked me again, “What is your life’s purpose, Romeo?” The purpose? *All the world’s a stage, and all the men and women merely players. They have their exits and their entrances; and one man in his time plays many parts.* (*As You Like It*, Act 2, Scene 7) I too, play many parts, or rather roles, like those of a son, a brother, a friend, a teacher, a student, a husband, a father and so on. Therefore, my purpose is to play these roles responsibly.

“What about failures?”, queried the old man. “Failures?” I said, “*To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.*” (*Hamlet*, Act 1, Scene 3) Once I am true to myself, no failure will affect the pursuit of my purpose. Did I make myself clear to the old man? I wondered as I walked and I muttered to myself, “*The fault, dear Brutus, lies not within the stars, but in ourselves, that we are underlings.*” (*Julius Caesar*, Act 1, Scene 2).

Jobin Jose
(Teaching Faculty)

Vision



Vision keeps us through,
The darkest days of our lives,
Filled with strength and resolve
To overcome tomorrow's fights.

A vision keeps us through,
The future no one ever knew,
It disguises a curious interest
Of being discovered anew.

Mahi Singh
IX std

A scary story

There is a quote that says, "If there is positive energy in a place, negative energy is also present there."

I awoke one night for no particular reason. It was 3:00 a.m. when I checked my phone. I was tired, but I couldn't fall asleep. The following day, the same thing happened. I didn't give it much thought at first, but when it happened repeatedly, I decided to look it up on the internet to see if anyone else was having the same problem. According to a website, it was a spiritual wake, and the time around 2-3 a.m. was known as "devil's time". My spiritual wakes continued, and every time I heard noises like someone was pulling something heavy. It was frighteningly black and quiet outside, and I dared not peer out of the windows to find out where the noise was coming from. After a lot of struggle, I finally found the courage to share my experience with a friend. But he refused to believe me.



Disappointed, I told him that only after experiencing it would he know if I was telling the truth. But surprisingly, from that day onwards, all my sleep problems vanished and I would sleep like a log. However, a few days later, my friend came to me looking worried and stressed. He told me how he now wakes up at 3 am every day to the sounds of someone pulling something heavy.

Hitesh Jadhav
IX std

I wish I were....

A postman is a central government servant. He is popular among the people. He serves in the postal department. When I grow up, I'd like to become a postman because I like the postman's uniform. He wears a khaki uniform, and he has a bag in which he has letters, money orders, and parcels.



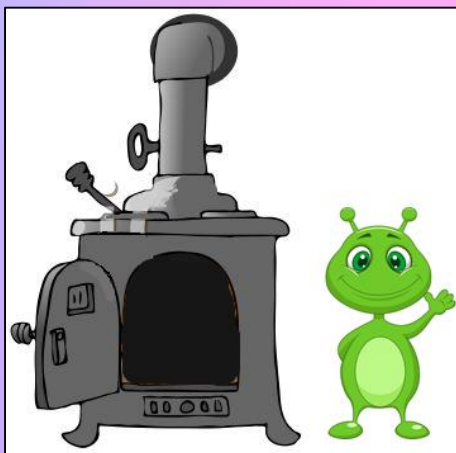
The postman works very hard. First he goes to the post office and sorts the letters. Then he goes to his area and distributes letters, parcels, and money orders. Sometimes the letters he brings give us good news and sometimes bad news. Some of his work is very hard, but still someday, I would like to become a postman.

Akshita Jaybhaye
VII std

But then...

The clock struck 11. The sound echoed, and then the night fell silent again. Outside the holiday cottage, the forest loomed large in the moonlight. The chirping of the crickets and the occasional howl of a wolf were the only evidence of life out there in the woods. I was very sure that a noise had awoken me, more like a scream. My parents were fast asleep in their room. I wanted to sleep too. Counting sheep seemed like a good idea. 1,2,3... 100,101,102... 200,201,202... that scream again.

This time I really heard it. It seemed to come from the woods. I was totally spooked, but I had to find out what it was. I tip-toed down the stairs. My parents were still fast asleep. The thought of waking them up crossed my mind. I dismissed it the very next second.



If I woke them up, what I might have faced might have been more dangerous than what was in the woods.

I got the torch and crept outside. I heard the scream again. I knew where to go. Shaking from head to toe, out of excitement or fear or both, I don't know, and struggling to hold the torch steady, I went closer to the edge of the forest. A few more steps, and then a few more.

I came close to a clearing where stood a strange old-fashioned furnace-like structure and a stranger-looking creature. Aliens... my mind

raced. The creature was trying to turn some lever on the thing, which made the noise that I thought to be a scream. Anyway, who cares about the scream now? This was my moment, I was going to be famous. I searched my pockets but, to my utter desperation, realised that I had forgotten to take my mobile. I let out an irritated gasp, which was clearly heard by the creature. Cautiously, it moved closer. Looking at how scared I was, it must have immediately understood that I was harmless and went back to work. I followed it and observed it for a few moments. Having understood that the lever was probably stuck, I tugged it hard. It came loose and then popped into my hand. I couldn't believe I broke it. I stole a sideways glance at the creature. I couldn't understand the emotion on its face, so I handed the lever to it with the broadest smile I could muster and turned around to flee. The creature jumped in front of me, and the last thing I saw was the lever flying towards me.

It hurt. It hurt terribly. I opened my eyes and saw that I was in my room. I had fallen off the bed and probably hit my head somewhere, as there was a nice bump on my forehead. The book on aliens that I was reading the night before was lying next to me. That explained it all. Just then, my father came up with a serious look on his face and handed me my glasses and the torch I had carried in my dream and said he found them near the edge of the woods and wanted an explanation. But then... I thought it was a dream.

Swarnimaraje Shinde

VIII std

Paradise

Let's go hand in hand
To the other side of the world.
To a beautiful land
With a clear blue sky
And green meadows.
Where we can ride horses
And have the freedom
To do what we want.



Babita Prashanth
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Arjuna and Karna

Arjuna once asked Krishna why Karna was considered more generous than him. Lord Krishna created a mountain of gold and asked Arjuna to distribute it among the people. Arjuna did as he was told. Even though it took him several days, he broke the mountain down rock by rock and gave it away to the people.



Lord Krishna then built another mountain of gold and gave the same task to Karna. Karna gathered the people, gave them the tools, and asked them to take as much as they wanted. The entire mountain vanished in a matter of hours.

Krishna explained to Arjuna that the problem was that he wanted to do everything by himself so as to get all the credit. He even decided who must get what. On the other hand, Karna brought the people together and let each one take what their hard work would earn them. His aim was not to get the credit but to complete the task.

I loved the story very much. It taught me what a good leader should be. There is no task that is too big for a team to complete. The only thing required is good leadership. A leader who can bring the team together without worrying about how much appreciation he or she will get.

This was a good lesson for me, and I put it to use when I play basketball. As the captain of my team, I respect and recognise each team member's effort, and I believe that there is no match we cannot win if we stay together as a team.

Krutika More
VIII std

Building Legos



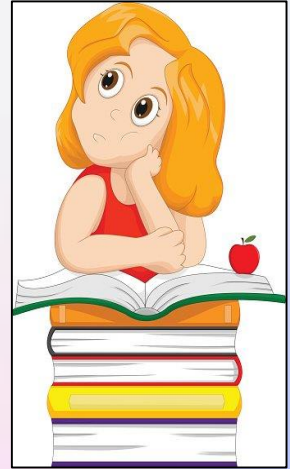
Lego is a toy that comes with blocks. Legos come in different colours, like red, orange, yellow, green, blue, etc. With it, we can make different shapes or different things like chairs, flowers, numbers, etc.

It helps us learn different colours and shapes. It also helps us learn numbers as well as simple math.

Daivik Rathore
IV std

Oh! Dear Friend!

As I sit down to write, so confused as to what,
My thoughts wander and my fingers type.
I remember those moments, when we laughed together,
When we cried together.
At times I sit alone thinking of the time spent with you,
The care you had,
Your love for your dear friends.
Your smile is always missed,
The most valuable treasure you had.
Being with you was always so wonderful,
We were always laughing our hearts out,
Making memories by taking selfies.
Oh dear friend! I wish you never went,
Leaving us behind to remember you always.
Every small thing we do, everything around us,
Reminds us of you.



Sophia Nathan
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National Youth Day

National Youth Day is celebrated each year on January 12th. The aim of celebrating National Youth Day is to teach the youth of India the lessons taught by Swami Vivekananda. Debate competitions, speeches, activities, yoga competitions, singing competitions, etc. are held by various schools, colleges, and clubs. Activities done on this day try to make the young minds of the country think about important matters. The theme for National Youth Day 2021 was "YUVAAH — Utsah Naye Bharat Ka." The young people of our country are important so that our country grows strong and becomes developed.



Anushka Patil
IV std

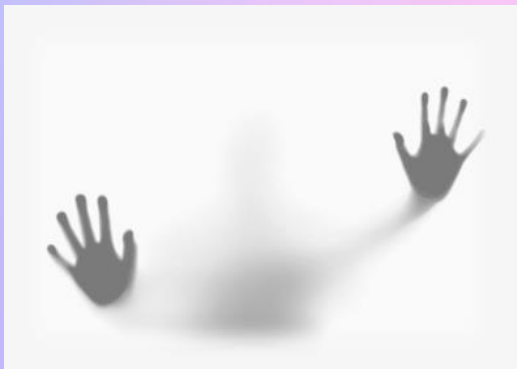
The scary shadow

Last summer vacation, my cousin brother and sister came to spend their holidays with us. One day, my brother came up with an idea: a challenge to see who would stay awake the longest. The day went by without any problems. As the night set in, we gathered all the things that would help us stay awake. I kept an alarm and snoozed it every 15 minutes so I could check on my brother. Each time I peeked into his room, he would turn around and grin at me.

I spent some time reading comic books. When that became boring, I tried to engage myself in my hobbies. It was almost one o'clock in the morning, and neither of us wanted to lose, even though we could hardly keep our eyes open. Finally, the next time I checked, I saw my brother in bed, covered from head to toe in his blanket.

I felt absolutely thrilled... I had won. I felt relaxed now, so I thought I should get some water and go to sleep.

When I was in the kitchen, I felt I saw someone move near the kitchen window. At first I thought it was only my imagination, but I saw it again and then again-a long shadow shuttling back and forth in the garden.



The thought came to my mind that it could be a robber trying to get in. But then a robber wouldn't roam around in the garden, so that left only one possibility-a ghost.

Many people have reported sightings of an apparition that frequents the area. A chill ran down my spine. I almost wished I was in my brother's place, even though it would have meant that I would lose the challenge.

In my fear, I dropped the bottle of water. The shadow stopped abruptly and came closer to the window. I hid behind the kitchen counter. Sweating heavily by now, I could hardly maintain my composure. Suddenly, the kitchen window flew open, and my brother peeped in and shouted, "Stop spying on me." What I saw on his bed was only his blanket. He was walking on the lawn, trying to keep awake. We finally called it a truce and went to sleep.

Sourish Dhone

VIII std

Jokes



- What did one tectonic plate say when he bumped into the other?
☺ Sorry! My fault.
- What did the biologist wear to impress his date?
☺ Designer genes
- What type of fish is made out of 2 sodium atoms?
☺ 2 Na
- What do you call an accountant for the biology department?
☺ A buy-ologist
- Let's put oxygen and magnesium together....
☺ OMg!
- Why can you never trust atoms?
☺ They make up everything!

Ayush Singh
X A

I wish to become a doctor

In India, everyone sees a doctor as a form of God. Someone who can make diseases vanish and save lives. However, when my father was tested corona positive and was hospitalised, the doctors did not share with us the details of the treatment that was going on. They did not tell us what the medicines were doing to my father.

My mother and other family members were very tense. Out of curiosity, I started searching the internet for more information. By then, I had come to know that my father would never return from the hospital. I never got to know what happened to my father. This incident made me think of becoming a doctor so I could give better treatment to people.



Sharayu Abhang
VII std

Summer diaries: Growing up in the Marathawada suburbs



For many, spending summer vacations in the suburbs would be a relaxing experience, but growing up there for a period of time is an entirely different story. Childhood memories are very precious to everyone. In a way, they determine what kind of person we will become. The region in which we grow up shapes us directly or indirectly. I grew up in one of the districts of central

Maharashtra and finished my schooling at a city-based school. During school holidays, I used to visit my farms and my grandparents' house, some kilometres away from the city. Those fond memories are still fresh in my mind. I recall my childhood memories of summer vacations spent in the Balaghat mountain range in the Marathwada region of Maharashtra. The month-long vacation every year was the best part of my school life.

Ramling Temple - My earliest memory of this place was visiting it as a part of my school picnic. In those times, it was just a beautiful Shiva temple in the lap of the mountains, known for its Hemadpanthi architectural style, captivating waterfalls, open highlands, and craggy mountain range. Ramling temple, now a wildlife sanctuary, is located in the famous Balaghat mountain range. We still drool over mountain fruits like pomegranates, figs, manila tamarinds, wild berries, and black plums. I had enough of them, unaware of their medicinal qualities. We used to get up early only to reach the temple to get the special holy offering (*prasad*), which is quite unique to the temple. I still remember the lingering taste of this *prasad*. It is a mixture of bananas, semolina, clarified butter, sugar, cashews, raisins, and some local sweets.

The 'Kharivihir' or saltwater step well - Interestingly, the water of this stone-constructed step well did not taste salty. We never understood why the well was named 'saltwater well' or *Kharivihir* in Marathi. We used to spend hours and hours swimming in this stunningly beautiful round-shaped step well during the summers. The fun part was jumping into the well from its pinnacle, which was almost 30 feet high. Those who could not swim used to carry big yellow pumpkins. The hollowed out pumpkin tied to the back of the swimmer would never let him drown in the water. Those who were scared to jump from its pinnacle would use the stairs to jump. My flair for swimming started in this place, which made me swim fearlessly on various dams and backwaters later.

The 'Kirkasha' mango tree- The meaning of the Marathi word "*Kirkasha*" means "scary" or "bewitched". The villagers named this tree "*Kirkasha*" because of its unbelievable size and huge branches. It was two kilometres away from my farm. The tree expanded like a small banyan tree on almost a half-acre of land. The owner only used three-quarters of the land for farming during his lifetime. People believed that the

tree was under a curse, and they were scared to touch its mangoes. No wonder the mango tree used to have the maximum mangoes during the summer, untouched and undisturbed. I remember listening to the mysterious stories of *Kirkasha*, and once wished to visit it at midnight. We would listen to the new *Kirkasha* stories as each summer passed.

Preparing raw mango chutney on the farm with a handful of friends was also one of my favourite summer activities. All your skills get tested in the preparation, like climbing trees, selecting or picking mangoes, arranging other ingredients, and giving tasks to your friends. The same set of skills is required for making prawn curries.

Celebrating the ‘Vel Amavasya’ festival - Farmers in some districts of Marathwada celebrate this festival to worship the land in the winter on the seventh *Amavasya*, after the sowing season (December or January). On this day, the farmers prepare various dishes on their farms, first offering them to the village goddess. All the relatives and friends would be invited to the farms to enjoy the delicacies specially made for this festival. The tradition is to spend the entire day on farms with family and friends and enjoy dishes. *Unde* or Bajra dumplings—Steamed balls made up of Bajara and Jowar grains are shared with guests and offered to the goddess. *Hurda* are the immature grains or corn. The corn would be collected and roasted over a charcoal fire. Spices and salts would be added later.



Visiting the Terna river banks- Terna is my maternal uncle's village, situated 26 km from the main city. This village is the birthplace of Saint Gora Khumbhar, a contemporary of Saint Dnyaneshwar. Saint Gora Khumbhar was one of the prominent figures in the Warkari spiritual lineage of Maharashtra. This place is famous for the *samadhi* of Gora Kumbhar and his temple. I remember playing with my cousins under the big banyan tree near the river bank. Sitting under the banyan tree and listening to the bhajans and devotional songs was altogether a magical experience. Though I never understood the songs then, nor was I ever interested in lyrics, the music produced by instruments like *tabla*, *taal*, *pakhawaj* had a magical spell. It was always a soothing experience to listen to these devotional songs and bhajans.

Leather ball tournaments - It's an advantage to have open grounds or barren landscapes for playing while growing up. Playing cricket in the leather-ball tournament is a cherry on the cake during summer vacations. Initially, I spent a few summers cheering for my older brothers. Later, I participated in them vigorously. During my college days, I could lead my college team to the inter-college level tournaments and all the way to the district level, which has its roots in those childhood tournaments. They were scheduled for over ten days or more. These tournaments had a wide range of audiences from nearby villages. The high-voltage finals or semi-finals matches would attract people from all over. It was a skill to cheer for your village team by sitting on

tree branches in dugouts and teasing other team supporters. I had mastered those skills over the years.

Adarsh Kamble
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The secret hideout

This happened a year ago. Two of my friends and I would play together on the terrace of my house. One day, while playing, I heard a soft meow. One look at the others and I realised that they had heard it too. We looked around but did not find anything. We decided that it must be someone trying to play a prank on us, and so we ignored it.

The next day, it happened again, but louder this time. We all searched again, and we found a cat with her litter hiding behind some pots. The cat became very aggressive when she realised that we had spotted her kittens. I ran to fetch my parents, who told us to leave the cat and her kittens alone.

That night, I heard the cat meowing ferociously and thought that it might be in danger. I dare not go to the terrace alone. My friends came in the morning, curious about the cat. We went to the terrace and saw that there were seven kittens. The cat was not around, so we had a good look and realised they were very young. They hadn't opened their eyes yet, and they were all huddled together.



That night, we heard dogs barking. Thinking that they may harm the kittens, we shooed them away. The next day, we took some biscuits and milk for the mother cat. We decided to make a small cosy space for her to keep her kittens. We arranged a cardboard box with a mattress we had stitched out of old clothes. When the cat was away, we picked up the kittens and laid them in the box. Though the dogs troubled us from time to time, my friends and I did the best we could for the cat and her kittens.

One night, the dogs kept barking throughout the night, despite our efforts to chase them away. The next day, we could not find the cat or her kittens. My friends and I thought that the dogs might have hurt them. Although it had just been a few days, we had developed a good bond with the kittens, and even the cat had started trusting us. Now we only had the box to remind us of them.

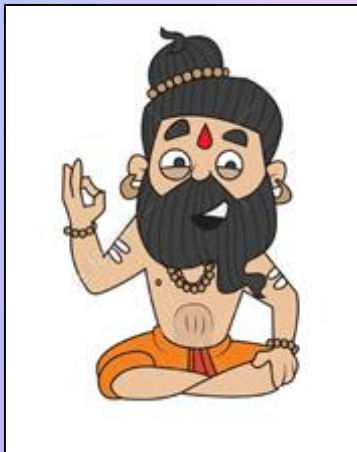
A few days later, my friends rushed over to my house and told me that they had a surprise for me. They had heard a cat meowing and, on searching, discovered that our cat had found a safe spot in another building. We were glad to see that the kittens were safe. We took the box and the mattress over to the other building, and the kittens, now a little older, gladly climbed in and made themselves comfortable.

Stuti Kulkarni

VIII std

Lord Krishna's coin

I once read a story. It was about a poor priest who lived in a village. He was a great devotee of Lord Krishna. He used to go from house to house for alms. The people would give him food or money, and the priest would bless them. Lord Krishna decided to test the priest.



One day, when the priest was walking along the river, he found a bag full of gold coins. He was very happy, and he decided to keep the bag for himself. On his way back home, he saw a beggar. The beggar begged him for some food or money. The priest did not give him anything. As the priest continued walking towards his home, on the way, he saw a diamond shimmering on the ground. As soon as he bent down to take the diamond, a thief jumped from behind, grabbed the bag of gold coins, and ran away. The diamond turned out to be a piece of glass. The priest became sad.

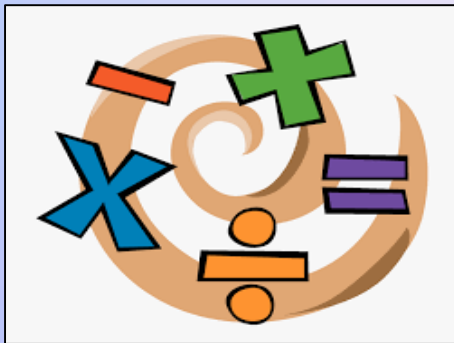
He continued walking towards his home. Lord Krishna, in the form of a common man, appeared before him and gave him a metal coin, requesting him to accept it. The priest took the coin and walked away, wondering what good it would be for him. On the way, he saw a fisherman with two large fish in his net. Taking pity on the dying fish, the priest bought them from the fisherman in exchange for the coin. He released the fish into the river. The fish swam back to him and spat out diamonds for the priest. Confused, he asked Lord Krishna for the meaning of all that was happening to him.

Lord Krishna replied that when he refused to help the beggar, he lost his bag of gold, but when he helped the fish selflessly, he was rewarded for his good deed. The story has a strong moral that good comes out of good deeds and bad comes from bad deeds. I was curious to know if it was true. My elders said it was, and I could understand that by observing my own deeds. In a few days, I realised that whenever I did anything to help others, it always made me happy. At the same time, all the mischief I made earned me others' anger and, in the end, made me feel bad. I realised that, just like the priest, we too do many things without realising what those deeds would attract. I understood that

goodness would come only as a result of good deeds, and bad deeds would only bring negativity. So I made a resolution that I would be more careful not to hurt others and to do at least one good deed each day.

Naman Kakkatu
VIII std

Vedic mathematics



Some of us find mathematics interesting but for most of us it is a very boring subject. Some are even scared of it. It can seem complicated and confusing. I too felt the same till I was introduced to Vedic Mathematics.

There are many tricks in Vedic Mathematics that are interesting and also very useful.

Using these tricks, we can solve complex problems quickly.

There are many tricks of subtraction, multiplication, calculating squares, cubes and many more.

For example, let's say we have to find the squares of the numbers which have 5 in one's place. It is very easy to find the square of 5, 15, 25 but we may find it difficult to calculate the squares of larger numbers like 35, 45, 55 and so on.

There is a simple trick that can be helpful.

If we have to calculate 35^2 , then first we should find the square of 5 (the number in the one's place) which comes to 25.

Then on the ten's place, we have 3. We have to add 1 to it, which gives us 4.

Now we have to multiply 3 and 4 which gives 12

We have to write 12 before 25.

So, the answer is 1225.

If we try calculating 105^2 .

The square of 5 is 25.

The remaining number on removing 5 is 10.

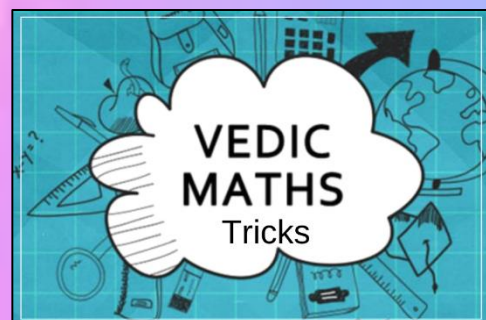
We add one to it and get 11.

Then multiply 10 with 11 to get 110.

Placing this before 25, we get 11025, which is the square of 105.

There is a trick for multiplying large numbers as well.

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So, now we will apply the formula as vertical-crosswise

First, $2 \times 9=18$. We will carry over 1 and write 8 down.

Then we have to cross-multiply 5×2 and 6×9 . Then we sum up the products ($10+54=64$) and add the carry over (that is 1) to 64, so it becomes 65. Then we again carry over 6 and write 5 down. Now we will multiply it vertically ($6 \times 5=30$) and add the carry-over taken earlier as 6, so the answer would be 36.

The final answer comes to 3658.

In the examination after we finish solving problems, we can cross-check our answers quickly using these tricks.

At first it was a little difficult for me to understand and cope with it but when I started understanding and practicing the tricks I read in the book “The Ancient Maths Tricks”, it became easier for me to solve the sums. I have thoroughly enjoyed this book. I completed all the three levels successfully and it has taught me to adopt a logical approach towards numbers.

Abha Kolhe

IX std

Soil: the ‘vigor’ element of life.



Soil needs to be recognised and valued as it is the basic requirement for conserving the basis of all life forms. Unless we restore the soil, we cannot live well as life evolves on the nutrition present in it.

The biggest threat is the loss of soil organic matter that results in soil acidification and soil salinization.

In light of this challenge, maintaining and increasing the soil’s effectiveness at present is an important mission to work on as it will have a strong impact on a spectrum of life forms. Practising a Soil Sustainable Management Plan will create awareness about nourishing the needs of the soil to cater to the present and future generations. This, in turn, will take root and result in a magnificent transformation that will be beneficial to not only humans, but all life forms that co-exist with us on this planet.

Nikky Verma
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Blue

This is something that happened many years ago, when I was around 6 years old. My friends and I were playing in the park. My friend Atharva came running to us and showed us his teddy bear. He was very happy and told us that it was a gift from his sister. It was a bright blue, and so he named it Blue.

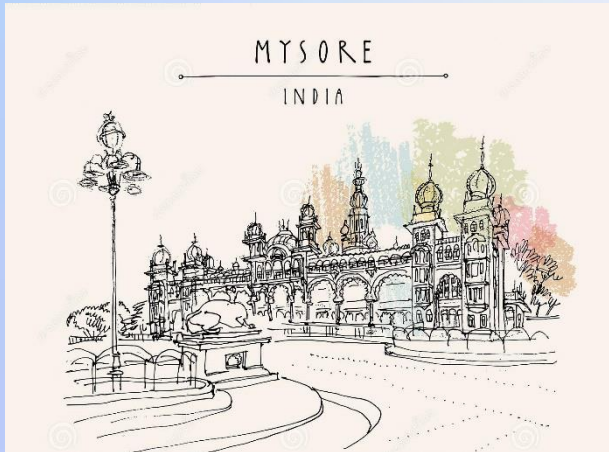


Almost three years had passed, and he still held on to his Blue. Other children would tease him, asking him if he was a kid to play with teddy bears. We would all feel embarrassed and ask him to leave it at home. He would never listen to us, and he would always say that Blue was our lucky mascot. One day, after our team got bullied by older children who teased us about Blue, one of my friends took it and threw it away. Without thinking twice, Atharva ran to fetch it. Suddenly, we all noticed that a bike was speeding towards him. The blind turn would have made it impossible for the rider to see Atharva, so we shouted out to him as loud as possible. Atharva panicked but tried to get out of the way. He fractured his leg and was immediately taken to the hospital. Later, when we went to visit him, he looked very sad, not about his fracture but about his teddy, who lost an eye in the accident.

Darsh Siyal
VIII std

My travel experience

We started out on our journey to Mysore at night, around 9 PM, on the Mysore Express train. It was a pleasant journey, and we reached Mysore at around 8 the next morning. After freshening up and resting for a while at Balaji Palace, where we had booked our rooms, we headed for our breakfast. We had the regular course of breakfast items laid out for us. Around noon, we set out sightseeing. Our first stop was at Chamundi Hills. We climbed up the steps all the way to the top of the hills. The view was beautiful. The temple of Goddess Chamundeshwari is a very famous temple in South India. There was a huge statue of Nandi on the top of the hill. Apart from the temple, the hill is also home to several wild animals. Thousands of devotees visit this place every year to get 'darshan' of the Goddess.



The view from the top of the hill was simply amazing. One can see the entire city of Mysore from the hilltop. After worshipping, we headed to St. Philomena's Church. St. Philomena's Church is considered to be one of the largest churches in the country. It has an imposing medieval architectural style, with lovely stained glass windows and huge towers. After our visit to the cathedral, we moved on towards Srirangapatna.

We then stopped at the famous Lal Mahal Palace, which is situated near the Ranganatha Swamy Temple. The palace is believed to have had an advanced system of underground drains and concealed earthenware piping in the walls to keep it cool in the summers. After visiting this historical place, we returned to visit the most famous Mysore Palace at about 5 in the evening. The size, the architecture, and the carvings on the doors and ceiling were very beautiful.

After our visit to the palace, we returned to our rooms and ended our first day in Mysore with a delicious dinner and much-needed rest.

Jithya Vejella
VIII std

The day I met a ghost

It was this camp that my friend and I had been to. The first day, by dusk, we were very tired. Chatting outside our tents, we were amazed at the beautiful night sky and the fireflies buzzing around. We walked around a bit. Suddenly, everything became quiet. I turned around to find that my friend was no longer with me.

I was scared of making a noise, so I kept whispering his name. But there was no response. As I moved further, the vegetation around me grew thicker. I was lost for sure. I did not even know which direction I was moving in anymore. Finally, I saw a lady clad in white carting a lantern. I approached her and asked for help.



She agreed and asked me to follow her. I gladly did, even though this reminded me of those scary scenes from ghost movies. There was something wrong with this whole

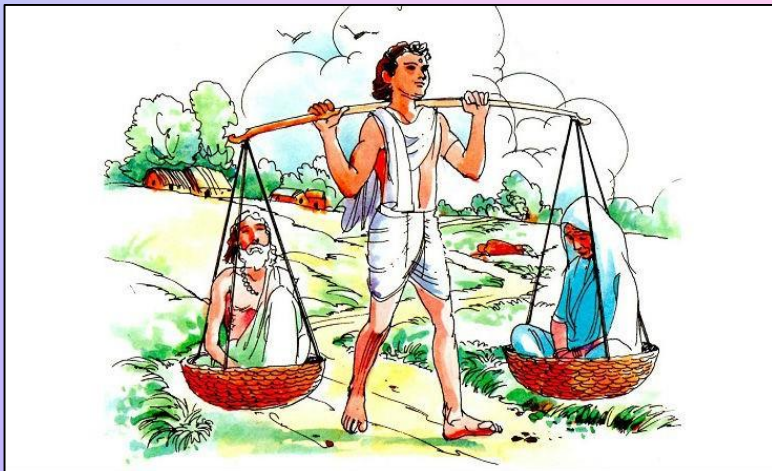
situation, but I was desperate to get back to my camp. The lady moved silently, and I followed her silently. The woods around me seemed to get thicker and gloomier. She suddenly stopped and turned towards me. Right in front of me was the scariest face I had ever seen. I shut my eyes tight and dropped to my knees. I begged for my life to be spared. I begged and begged. She held me by the shoulder and shook me hard. "Get up, get up," she kept repeating. When I opened my eyes, there stood, bent over me, a fairy with a magic wand. "Help me, save me. She is going to eat me," I screamed, holding on to her.

The fairy kicked me aside and said, "Drama King, get up and come down for breakfast. I will be late for school". It was only my sister in her fairy costume. Even so, Drama King? Seriously?

Parth Gupta
VIII std

The story that changed my life

Almost all the people in the world follow a religion. It might be Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, or Sikhism. Of all these religions, Hinduism is regarded as one of the oldest in the world. The ancient sages have written many sacred books. These books answer people's questions about life and offer valuable lessons that one should follow.



One such story in the Hindu scriptures is about Shravana

Kumar, a young man who was dedicated to serving his blind parents. His parents loved him a lot, and Shravana Kumar loved his parents a lot too. Shravana Kumar used to carry his parents on a palanquin wherever he went. One day, his parents wanted to visit a holy site. On the way back, his parents felt thirsty. Shravana Kumar was filling his earthen pot with water when suddenly an arrow hit his chest. The arrow was shot by King Dasaratha. He had shot the arrow thinking that it was a deer drinking water. Even as he was dying, Shravana Kumar only asked King Dasaratha to give his blind parents some water.

This story taught me that no matter how old we are, we should always help our parents. If we don't help our parents, then we are not respecting the love and care they have given us.

I started thinking that if my parents do so much for me, then I should also do something to help them. It also made me start thinking that to be a good son, I need to help my

parents in any way I can. I started helping my mother with doing the laundry and my father with small chores. As a result, I have started feeling good about myself because I have become responsible. My parents also started to admire me for being helpful. It might not be a lot, but it is something. My brother also got inspired and started helping my parents. This was a positive start, and I am very happy about the change it brought within me.

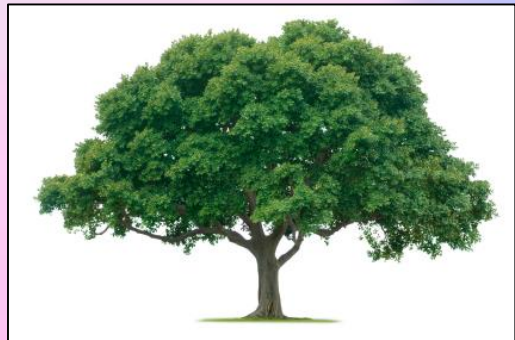
Anant Pandey
VIII std

Trees –An important part of our lives

As everyone knows, trees are valuable assets. Earth is called a ‘green planet’ due to the presence of plants on it. They make our surroundings beautiful. They clean our air and produce oxygen. Trees provide food, shelter, shade, and wood. They conserve water.

We should plant more and more trees and take care of them. We can plant trees to mark special occasions.

Trees require our care, especially during their first few years so that they can grow big and healthy. Plants will take care of us only if we take care of them.



Gargi Shete
IV std

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was a great king and a true warrior. He was the founder of the Maratha Empire. He lived for his people and fought against injustice. He was born on February 19th, 1630. His mother's name was Jijabai, and his father's name was Shahaji Raje Bhosle. It is said that his mother, Jijabai, had prayed to Goddess Shivai at Shivneri Fort for a brave son and hence kept his name Shivaji.

At the young age of sixteen, Shivaji Maharaj conquered the Torana Fort. Raigad Fort was made the capital of Swarajya. He believed in Hinduism and was a strong supporter of Sanskrit and Marathi languages, but he respected other religions and languages too. He had soldiers of all religions in his army. He treated women with great respect and dignity. Shivaji Maharaj is remembered as a hero who brought most of India together

against the Mughals. He was well known for using the guerrilla warfare method to attack large and powerful enemies. Shivaji Maharaj died on April 3rd, 1680 at the Raigad Fort.

I felt very inspired after reading about the life and achievements of Shivaji Maharaj. The life of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj teaches us great values about life, like having an aim in life, working towards it with determination and planning, and having respect for everyone. He was brave, optimistic and had a strong character.

I too wish to be successful in my life, and I have made a resolution to bring all these qualities into myself and become a better and stronger person.



Soham Babar
VIII std

Polymers- Uses in day-to-day life



A polymer is a substance or material consisting of very large molecules, composed of many repeating subunits. Two types of polymers are as follows:-

1. Natural polymers- hemp, shellac, amber, wool, silk, and natural rubber.
2. Synthetic polymers: polyethylene, polypropylene, PVC, synthetic rubber, nylon, neoprene, etc.

Products made from polymers are all around us: clothing made from synthetic fibres, polyethylene cups, fiberglass, nylon bearings, plastic bags, polymer-based paints, epoxy glue, polyurethane foam cushions, silicone heart valves, and Teflon-coated cookware. The list is almost endless. Given below are the few polymers commonly used in our lives:

Polycarbonate (PC)

The main applications of this compound are in CDs, filter containers, bottles, showcases, partitions, etc.

Polyurethane (PU)

This compound is widely used in metal sheets, car upholstery, and thermal insulation in waterproof clothing, casings, coatings, films, belts, and frames.

Polystyrene (PS)

It can be used in the manufacture of thermal insulation, air-conditioner fan covers, and toys, as well as machine and automobile parts.



Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)

Its main applications are in partitions, translucent roof tiles, pipes and connections for water, window blinds, sewers, and ventilation.

Polypropylene (PP)

It can be applied in containers for food, chemicals, fibres, oriented films, hospital equipment, among others.

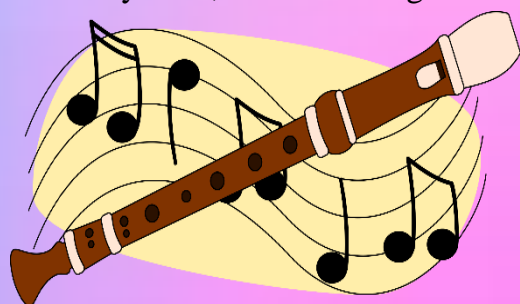
Polyethylene terephthalate (PET)

This polymer is used in the manufacture of wires, fabrics, beverage packaging, cleaning products, brooms, food, soft drinks, and others.

Poonam Sable
(Teaching Faculty)

My new hobby

After my tests, I was looking for some entertainment. While watching Indian Idol on television, I saw Navin, the famous flutist. I loved the sound of the flute and his skills at playing it. So, that's how my interest in learning the flute developed. The next day, I went searching for a flute all over the house. I remembered that I had bought one some time ago. After a lot of searching, I finally found it in a cupboard.



I have heard that there are two ways of holding a flute. I wanted to try the sideways holding of the flute. So the first thing I had to do was blow into the flute to make a sound, which was a difficult task because I had to place my lips in such a way that the

air I blew went inside the flute's hole rather than outside. In a straight flute, this is easy as the structure of the flute is such that we can easily blow into it. But I could not go and purchase one due to the lockdown and so had to adjust with what I had.

Surprisingly, I learned how to blow in just a few attempts. So, after I learned that, I started looking for a video to help me with the next step. I found a YouTube channel called Divine Bansuri.

I learned to play Sa, Re, Ga Ma, which took me almost a week. After that, I learned to play the 'happy birthday' tune on my flute, which was quite easy. I was so happy after learning to play my first tune.

Next, I learned to play 'jingle bells', which was a bit difficult. Now I am learning to play the Nagin tune on my flute, which I know I can do easily with enough practice. My new hobby makes me feel very happy and confident as I improve my skills and learn on my own.

Hriday Neema
VII std

World Environment Day

World Environment Day was launched by the United Nations' General Assembly in 1972. World Environment Day is celebrated with the purpose of spreading awareness about the threats to our environment. It is celebrated to help people realise the increase in pollution in our environment. The increasing number of vehicles on the road emits harmful gases that pollute the air. The domestic and industrial waste thrown around pollutes land and water.

Hence, we humans need to realise our responsibilities towards our planet and take measures to reduce pollution and plant more trees.

People celebrate World Environment Day in different ways. I celebrate Environment Day by sowing seeds of various plants with my dad. We spend some time in our terrace garden every morning. It is very refreshing to be among the plants and amidst the greenery.

Shreya Ghag
VII std



The little bird

It was a beautiful day. The monsoons had brought welcome relief to an extremely scorching summer. It was pouring heavily, so we had all gathered in the gallery to enjoy

the rain. Suddenly, the doorbell rang, and my mother went to answer it. It was our neighbour. She looked very worried and had rushed over to ask for my mother's help. She said that she was busy in the kitchen when she heard a soft thud followed by a shriek. On looking around, she found a little bird twitching in pain, on the floor just outside the kitchen.

The bird then became silent, with only the slight heaving of the body showing that it was still alive. She did not know how to help the little creature and rushed over to ask for help.

We went to her house and saw the little bird lying still on the floor. My mother asked for a soft cloth and used it to pick the bird up. We assumed that it might have lost its balance in the heavy rain or might have fallen from its nest. The moment my mother picked it up, it started flapping its wings in panic. We had no idea to what extent the bird might be injured, so the first task was to calm the bird and get it dry and warm. My mother took hold of the bird, and with the neighbour's permission, we brought it to our house.

My mother was happy to see the bird still having the courage and will to survive. It struck me that the bird would need a place to rest. My mother agreed. I emptied my toy box, put some old clothes in it, and offered it as a temporary resting place for the bird. My mother got the bird to settle comfortably in the box. We thought of feeding the bird some bread, so we cut bread slices into small pieces. Though the bird didn't even try to look at the food, we still expected it to try to eat it later.

We all agreed that we could not keep the bird with us and that it needed to return to its home as soon as it was healed. I had to get back to my studies as my exams were approaching, but I was too distracted. As a result, the bird was kept in my room so that at least I would stay in my room near my books. After some time, I saw the bird struggle out of the box, stretch its wings and stomp around. By morning it was feeling much better and, as the weather had also brightened, my mother took it to the terrace. After a few attempts, the bird flew away.



I was both sad and happy. Sad to lose its company, but glad to see that it was happy and strong. It was a mesmerising experience, one that I shall cherish for the rest of my life.

Kuljot Harar
VIII std

Work with a plan



Working with a plan for the future is the sign of individuals who want to succeed in life. They know where they have to go and therefore, use all their energy to reach their target. It is said that every man is like a sailor who voyages through the ocean. Every sailor has a compass and a map. If they didn't, they would only travel in circles and never reach their destination. Most of us make new resolutions on New Year's Eve but most of us fail to keep them. This is just because we fail to stick to systematic planning. We must control our

energies and direct them towards our goals. Proper utilisation of the power of orderliness and systematic planning can carry us to the goals we have set in life.

Biji Mathews
(Teaching Faculty)

Summer is better than winter



Summer is better than winter because I don't like cold weather. It can make people sick. In the summer, I enjoy having ice-cream and cold drinks. In the summer season, I get to eat mangoes, the king of fruits. My father and I go out and have fun. Sometimes my father and I go fishing. We also go to our native place. We also go for picnics. In the summer, I get a long break from school. I get a lot of time to enjoy our holidays.

Saanchi
IV std

A Memorable Trip to Goa

We visited Goa towards the end of 2018. We set off for our journey in the evening by train. We reached Madgaon railway station the next morning. We booked a cab that took us to the hotel where we had reserved rooms. The hotel was near Agonda beach. The greenery around us and the palm trees along the roads made the drive very relaxing and enjoyable. Once we reached our hotel and freshened up, we went straight to the beach. Agonda Beach is a beautiful, clean, and sandy beach. We walked around and saw many foreigners along the beach.

Back at the hotel, which was just along the beach, we enjoyed the beautiful view of the sea from the balcony. In the evening, we had dinner near the sea.

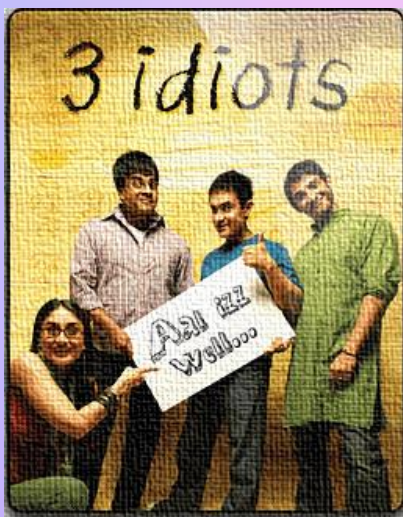
The next day, we went to Palolem Beach. After walking around for some time, we took a boat to visit Butterfly Beach and Dolphin Point. We saw around ten dolphins enjoying themselves among the waves. Butterfly Beach is a rocky and secluded beach. It was so peaceful, stunning, and clean that I wanted to stay there forever.



We did a lot of shopping that day and bought a lot of things, including many souvenirs. After the two-day stay, we returned home by train. During the journey back home, we saw the amazing Dudhsagar falls. Overall, the trip was delightful and absolutely unforgettable!!

Himanshi Rathore
IX std

My favourite movie – 3 Idiots



My all-time favourite movie is '3 Idiots'. This is the story of three students who take admission at the Imperial College of Engineering. They become friends and learn many life-lessons together.

The main cast includes Farhan Qureshi, played by R. Madhvan, Raju Rastogi, played by Sharman Joshi, and Ranchhodas Chhanchad "Rancho", played by Aamir Khan.

The main reason why I love this film is that, despite being a comedy, it carries a strong message about humanity. I also like the movie because it shows the problems in our present schooling system. It shows how rote memorization is not the way to learn, but rather it is the understanding of the subject that is required. Similarly, marks and grades are not more important than learning and the ability to use what we have learned. It also conveys how very high expectations from parents and teachers can create stress for students. It also shows the importance of caring for and loving our family and relations.

I love my family. I always try to fulfil my promises to my family. I want to be like the character Raju, who tries to free his family from poverty.

This film truly inspired me, especially the dialogue “ALL IS WELL”.

I say this to myself whenever I am in a difficult situation. It calms me because I believe that there must be a solution to every problem.

Rudra Walke
VII std

Missing and changing times



A quote by Thomas Hardy goes like this: "Time changes everything except something within us which is always surprised by change." This reminds me of the days before the pandemic when we were in school. From morning to afternoon, the

children had a great time at school. In the assembly, inspirational thoughts and new prayer songs kicked off the day. The ground echoed with the shouts and giggles of the kids performing various drills and activities, especially on Thursdays and Fridays when Mass PT was conducted. There were numerous events, competitions, and activities with student participation throughout the year. The schoolyard, halls, and classrooms were filled with children's laughter. Students were involved in a variety of academic and co-curricular activities. Students crammed into computer rooms, libraries, and labs. Students would participate in music, dance, theatre, debate, sports, nature, and cooking clubs, among other activities. Besides awarding individual performances, the shields would also be awarded to the houses that won. The best team and the best students were sent to participate in inter-school competitions. It was therefore a matter of pride for the students to represent their school. The Christmas celebrations always reminded me of Santa Claus, who came with beautiful gifts and chocolates; it was indeed a joyous time. The important national celebrations reminded us of the great leaders our country had.

As a teacher returning to school, seeing the quiet corridors, locked classes, labs, and library that are still devoid of pupils, life appears to be difficult. I remember fondly those students who successfully finished the 10th standard; they had joined the school when they were in preschool, and seeing those little ones growing in front of one's eyes and successfully completing their studies could be the greatest gift a teacher gets. Emily Dickinson wrote, "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all." I too am hoping for the old times to return. The students will return to their classes. Laughter and yelling sounds will be

heard once again. There will be a large number of students on the school grounds and in the corridors. Life would be the same as it was before.

Taru Asnani
(Teaching Faculty)

My first camping

It was an awesome experience. Wait! I have to first tell you what I am referring to. It is about my camping experience.

My uncle and I went camping on a hill. The place is called Velhe and it is situated behind Torna Fort, a historical fort built by Shivaji Maharaj. This place is 72 kilometers away from Pune. It was a three-day camp, and we did a lot of things.

On the first day, we put up our tents. At night, we made barbeque, which was super delicious. After dinner, we slept in our tents. The night was windy, but after some time, I fell asleep.

The next day, we woke up early in the morning and did some warm-up exercises and went hiking up a hill. There was a small village there, and we met some tribal people who lived there. They looked at us with such curiosity that I felt that they may not have been used to strangers. We spent some time bird-watching and spotted some birds that I had never seen before. After some time, we returned to our camp. Later, we went to the river and made a raft. We went rafting, which was thrilling. By the end of the day, I was dead tired and went to sleep.

The next day I woke up early. It was still dark and the sky was lit with stars. I saw some shooting stars as well, something I had never seen in the city. It was amazing.

On that hill, I experienced the true beauty of nature.

After daybreak, we went to a waterfall, and my uncle helped me climb down the waterfall. At first, I was very scared, but I gathered some courage and climbed down. Later, we took down our tents, packed our bags, and prepared to return home.

That camp was the best ever experience.



Rugved Kharat
IX std

Old age is a crown of glory



“The silver head is a crown of glory if it is found in the way of righteousness.”

Old age is a part of life. Youth has its advantages and so does old age. The elderly are much respected. Some elderly people are neglected by their families, but some are lucky enough to enjoy their lives. Age is a beautiful record of one’s life. We must love and respect the aged because we too are aging. I believe that it’s a privilege to grow old-not everybody gets that chance.

Shrutika Nair
(Teaching Faculty)

Story of Prahalad

There was once a demon king named Hiranya Kashyap who believed that he was more powerful than God. He wanted everyone to worship him and not the real God. His son Prahalad on the other hand, was a great devotee of Lord Vishnu and refused to worship his father.

This made Hiranya Kashyap angry, and he decided to kill his son. He tried all sorts of methods. Prahalad was attacked by soldiers, thrown into a well, pushed down a cliff, starved and bitten by poisonous snakes, but he escaped every time. The king then ordered his demon sister, Holika, to take Prahalad in her lap and carry him into the fire. Holika did as she was told but got burnt to ashes instead of Prahalad.

I found the story of Prahalad very inspiring.

I understood that if we are egoistic and self-centred like the demon king, we will end up thinking and doing evil things. This will never bring us happiness or success. Like Prahalad, one should have a strong devotion to God. This will help us focus our thoughts and actions for the good of ourselves and others. We will become happy and strong. Strong belief in God will help in our tough times.



Shreyanshi Datta
VIII std

The significance of adequate sleep

I recall Benjamin Franklin saying, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise."

Sleep is undoubtedly one of the most essential requirements for the human body to function properly. Proper sleep is needed to maintain good physical as well as mental health, especially for school students. Sleep supports the growth as well as the development of their minds and bodies. If they sleep on time, they can wake up on time and perform all their daily activities very actively. Sleep aids the proper functioning of the human brain, and a lack of it can break down the nervous systems of even brilliant students.

For proper sleep, one should practise good eating habits and avoid late-night habits of watching television, spending time on social media, etc. Parents should set aside time for entertainment, and studies can be scheduled accordingly. Quality time can be spent on productive learning and on creating something new. As a child's mind is always curious about knowing everything, getting a healthy sleep is very important to starting the day fresh with a healthy mind.

Supriya Bali
(Teaching Faculty)

My Dreamland

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あかしやです。

You must be wondering which language this is! Right? Well, I just introduced myself in the Japanese language. You have probably heard about Japan in your geography class or from some of your friends. Visiting Japan became my dream when I started watching "Anime". I am so obsessed with Japan and Japanese culture that I even started learning their language, thinking that one day I would go to Japan and speak Japanese fluently with the people there. For you, Japan might be just a country with amazing technology, but for me, Japan is something beyond that, a mesmerising culture.

When I become an adult, I want to go to Japan with my best friend. The first thing we would do there is eat hot and spicy ramen and sushi, which is one of the famous dishes there. I will definitely go to Tokyo to visit Akihabara. Akihabara is a place in Tokyo that is famous for its shops selling inexpensive electronic and kawaii items. There are

many games to play there, and, of course, I am a game lover, so I would like to try all of them. Akihabara is also popular with anime fans. All the anime lovers wish to go there to buy merchandise of their favourite anime characters, which is also sold at very low prices. I am a big fan of Todoroki Shoto from the My Hero Academia anime series. I will buy his merchandise to decorate my room and some hoodies to wear.

I would like to wear a *Kimono* (traditional dress for women in Japan) and go to Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples. Japanese fashion and makeup are very popular nowadays and so I would like to buy makeup products and try Japanese outfits. One more thing that makes me excited is that the people over there are very friendly. If a person comes to a café alone, the staff keeps a big soft toy next to him/her so that he/she does not feel lonely. Isn't it too sweet of them?

In Japan, vending machines are so common that they are present on every street. Normally, vending machines sell cold drinks, juices, and chips, but in Japan, vending machines sell everything from milk to clothes, umbrellas, and stationary, in fact, everything that can be found in a regular store. This saves a lot of time for people. Japan is famous for its traditional art, including tea ceremonies, calligraphy, and flower arrangements. Japan is filled with amazing technology as well.



I hope that one day my dream will come true and I will get a chance to go to Japan.

Akshada Vangari
IX std

Awesome facts

- Africa is the only continent situated in all four hemispheres- western, eastern, northern and southern.
- There is not a single river in Saudi Arabia.
- The shortest place name in the world is 'A'. Villages with this name can be found both in Norway and Sweden. In the Scandinavian language, 'A' means river. Yeah.
- The Greek national anthem consists of 158 verses.
- There is a heart-shaped coral reef in Australia.
- Cuba is the only Caribbean country that has a railway.



Sai Chaugule
VIII std

Value of good manners

What are good manners? In my opinion, good manners are qualities of a person with respect to his or her behaviour. Being honest, saying thank you when someone helps you, etc. are some common good manners.

Good manners are our wealth. Nobody can steal this wealth from us. By being well-mannered, we ourselves become an asset. Well-mannered people can change the whole world. They get more respect and are lovable too. The value of good manners is incredible. We must use the golden words, 'sorry', 'please', 'thank you', 'excuse me' and 'may I', as and when required. We must give up our seats for the elderly or ill while using public transport. We must behave with humility and respect towards our teachers, parents, and other elderly people. By being polite, humble, and well-mannered, people around us will not only be impressed but also be more comfortable in our company.



“Good manners will open doors that the best education cannot.” This well-said quote by Clarence Thomas summarises my thoughts best.

Aaryan Adgaonkar
VI std

Tips for better concentration

Concentration refers to the mental effort we direct towards whatever we are working on or learning about at the moment. We need to train our brains to stay focused. Here are a few tips to improve concentration:

- Play games like Sudoku, crossword puzzles, chess, memory games and colouring activities.
- Stay away from electronic gadgets an hour before bed.
- Get at least 7-8 hours of sleep per day.
- Regular physical activity.
- Try to get out of the house every day for at least 15-20 minutes.
- Relaxation through meditation. Meditation doesn't just mean sitting silently with one's eyes closed. Yoga and deep breathing can help with meditation.
- Power naps and breaks boost concentration.
- Divide bigger tasks into smaller ones.
- Avoid processed foods, too much sugar, and greasy or fatty foods. Eggs, spinach, blueberries, and fatty fish are better alternatives to improve concentration.
- Set short-term goals.

Some ways to improve concentration may work well, while others may not seem to do much good, so considering a range of approaches to see what helps best could be a useful strategy.

Mrinal Yadav
(Teaching Faculty)

Lord Rama

The stories that we hear from our parents and grandparents have quite a unique taste. Many of them are religious ones. These stories can have a big impact on us. One such story I heard from my grandparents was that of Dashratha, the king of Ayodhya. Dashratha told his son Ram that he had to go on a fourteen-year exile to the forest. This was because Dashratha had granted two boons to one of his three wives, *Kaikeyi*. *Kaikeyi* demanded that her son Bharat be made king and Ram be sent on a fourteen-year exile. Ram never questioned his father. He obeyed his father's orders and went into exile. This story taught me not only that we must obey our parents, but also that we must



understand them. Ram was the heir to the throne. He accepted the exile even though he knew that it was unjust to protect his father's honour. He did not wish his father to go through the humiliation of not being able to keep his promise. For Ram, his father was more important than the throne.

I also wish to be an obedient son like Lord Ram. I wish to understand their concerns about me and will work hard to ensure that I never give them a chance to worry about me. I wish to be hard-working and honest, to become

successful in life and make my parents proud.

Ram Pande
VIII std

I am not scared of horses, anymore!

Recently, I travelled to Kashmir with my family. We had a wonderful time visiting various tourist attractions. One of them was the beautiful hill station of Pahalgam. On reaching Pahalgam, we could travel in our vehicles only to a certain point. Beyond that, the only means of transport were horses. We rented a few for our journey. I was scared of horses, let alone riding one all by myself, but there was no option.

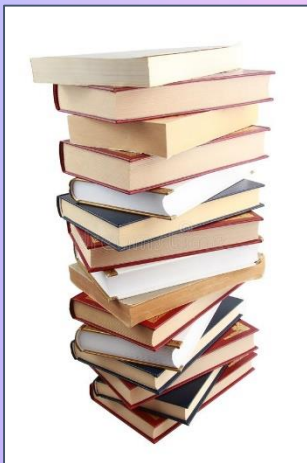
Initially, I was terrified, but as the journey progressed, I became more confident. I even started to enjoy my ride. We stopped at many tourist spots on the way, like Aru Valley and Betaab Valley. The path was very narrow and uneven, and the previous day's rain had left it muddy as well. My horse would sometimes gallop and sometimes trot. At times, it would go all the way to the edge of the path, and I could see the steep sides of the cliff. Although it frightened me, the horse seemed quite confident. It was naughty and playful, but also very obedient. Finally, after a long and scary ride, we reached the topmost point, known as Mini Switzerland.



The two hours I spent with my horse changed my entire opinion of these beautiful animals. Moving beyond my fear, I could see how strong, intelligent and adorable they really are.

Aarchie Gandhi
VIII std

I love reading



Reading is my hobby, and I like to read whenever I am free. I like to read fantasy and moral stories. I have read many stories like 'The Wizard of Oz', 'The Black Beauty' and the '151 stories of Vikram and Betal'.

Reading makes me feel great. It takes me to another world, the world of imagination.

Reading different types of books has many benefits. It increases vocabulary. It helps in improving writing skills. It is also a good way of collecting information on various topics. I have been reading story books since I was 4 years old. It isn't necessary that reading can only be done through hard-bound books; we can also read e-books or listen to audio books.

"Knowledge is the key to success". We succeed only when we have sufficient knowledge, and the best way to gain knowledge is to read. Reading is my passion, and I can read for hours without getting bored or tired.

Aarohi Sule
VII std

Procrastination

Have you ever given thought to the fact that, due to procrastination, many times your tasks remain incomplete? In our day-to-day lives, procrastination has become a part of our lives unknowingly. As a consequence, we wait till the last moment to get things started. There is a famous quote by Benjamin Franklin, "You may delay, but time will not." Though you might have obstacles, you should keep your focus on your task. As it is said by the elders, "tomorrow never comes". Do not leave your work for the next day. Complete your job as soon as possible. Procrastination is bad and stressful, and the thought of completing the work tomorrow never gets accomplished. We've all heard of Sant Kabir's Doha:

काल करे सो आज कर, आज करे सो अब।
पल में प्रलय होगी, बहुरि करेगा कब ॥

The question then is, why is our mind becoming a slave to procrastination? We should remember that life is not a bed of roses. To achieve success in life, we should work deliberately and complete our tasks within the stipulated time instead of putting them off.

How to overcome procrastination:

- Make a to-do list: list out the things that you want to complete on that particular day by following the list.
- Consume a healthy diet, avoid junk food, and drink plenty of water.
- Focus: Concentrating and staying focused should be the motto of your life. When you are focused on your work, you can accomplish more and in an efficient manner.
- Accept and face your challenges: When you accept and face your challenges, it has a positive impact on your mind and consciousness.
- Stretch and meditate: Meditation and stretching are both tried-and-true stress-relieving techniques. Both are incredibly simple to do.

Marystella Almeda
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Krishna and Sudama

Shri Krishna was born into a royal family, and Sudama was born into a poor family. Yet, the two were inseparable during the time they spent at their guru's ashram. After they grew up, they went their own ways. Shri Krishna became the ruler of Mathura, whereas Sudama remained a poor Brahmin.

His condition once became so poor that he had no food to feed his family. His wife urged him to meet his old friend Shri Krishna and ask for help.

Even though he met Shri Krishan after overcoming many difficulties, he was unable to ask for help. The two friends happily spent a couple of days together. Still, Sudama did not tell Krishna about his condition and returned with a heavy heart. But after reaching home, he saw that there was a palace where his hut used to be. His family was well-fed and well-dressed. He immediately knew it was Shri Krishan who had helped.



I was moved by the bond that the two friends shared. At first, Sudama did not wish to take advantage of his friendship with Lord Krishna, but at the same time, Lord Krishna could read Sudama's mind. Lord Krishna valued Sudama's friendship and was overjoyed to meet him after many years. It did not matter to him whether Sudama was rich or poor, he just saw his old friend. That is something that I feel is true friendship and true respect for relationships.

Parth Suryawanshi
VIII std

Mobile technology

Mobile phones are a blessing to mankind. It is a device mainly used for voice calls. It has made our lives easier today. With the help of mobile phones, we can easily talk or video chat with anyone across the globe with a few taps of our fingers.



It has turned the world into a small village. Mobile phones today come in a variety of shapes and sizes, with varying technical specifications, and are used for a variety of tasks such as voice calling, video chatting, text messaging, internet browsing, email, video games, and photography. Hence, they are called smart phones. Smart phones have become as important as oxygen and water. It has become a primary need for every human being. But every coin has two sides.

Smart phones have advantages like:

- It keeps us connected.
- It will help us study.
- It provides entertainment for all.

At the same time, they also have some serious disadvantages, like:

- They also lead to a waste of time.
- We may become so engrossed with our phones that we may not communicate much with others.
- It may have adverse effects on our health.



Mobile phones are one of the most commonly used gadgets in today's world. Everyone, from a child to an adult, uses mobile phones. They are indeed very useful and help us in so many ways.

Kartik Singh
VI std

The magic of willpower

We have all encountered some or other occurrence in our lives from which we strive to learn and make changes in our lives. I believe that willpower plays a significant role in our lives and has the ability to change our lives. Willpower is regarded as one of the most powerful human qualities, and it is rightly said that "where there is a will, there is a way."



The most important thing to remember is that willpower is something we make rather than something we discover. And, based on my personal experiences, I believe that willpower is just a willingness to act. So, whenever you're feeling sad or hopeless, and you feel like you can't accomplish anything, remember this: if you believe you can, you will.

Roopa Nair
(Teaching Faculty)

Jokes

- My brain is like The Bermuda Triangle. Information goes in and then it's never found again.
- Don't bother trying to figure me out. Not even the little voices in my head understand me.
- I didn't lose my mind. The people inside my head stole it and they won't give it back.
- Starting tomorrow whatever life throws at me, I'm ducking so it hits someone else!
- My problem is I can't stay mad. I always end up forgiving people, even when they don't deserve it.



Jithya Vejella
VIII std

Meaning of friendship

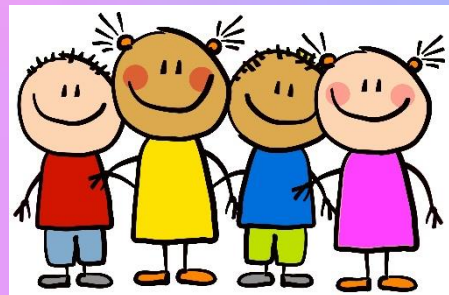
I have a small, loving family consisting of my mom, dad, and me. But other than family, one must also have friends. A true friend is someone we can blindly trust and with whom we can share all our feelings.

For me, friendship is one of the purest relationships. Life is incomplete without a friend. Friendship is about laughing together, enjoying every moment, and standing together for each other in difficult times.

Since I am very shy, I have very few friends, but my bond with them is very strong. We care about each other, believe in each other, and spend amazing time together.

During these difficult times of the COVID-19 pandemic, we were not able to meet for months, but that did not affect our friendship. Nothing can.

People who have good friends with whom they can share all their happiness and sorrows are the luckiest people in the world. And I consider myself very lucky to have such wonderful friends. Friendship does not only mean having fun with someone, but also being with someone from whom you learn new things and are inspired to become a better person and do good in life.



Good friends are treasures, so if you get a true friend, cherish them for life.

Shreya Halder
VI std

Ekalavya



One of the stories in the Mahabharata is about Ekalavya, a young tribal boy living in the dense forests of the Hastinapur kingdom.

Even as a child, Ekalavya's ambition was to become the finest archer in the world. He searched for a teacher who would help him achieve his aim. He was advised to become a disciple of Dronacharya. So, he went to meet Dronacharya to request that he accept him as a student. Drona, however, refused his request as he had already promised to make Arjuna the greatest archer.

Despite the refusal from Drona, Ekalavya returned to the forest, made a statue of Dronacharya, and practised archery before it. With his dedication, he became so skilled that Dronacharya became anxious that he might surpass his best student, Arjuna. Dronacharya visited him and asked him to offer his right thumb as a guru-dakshina. Ekalavya knew that it would be difficult for him to practise archery if he did so. Yet without a moment's hesitation, Ekalavya took out this dagger, cut off his right thumb, and placed it near Drona's feet. Though he could not realise his ambition, Ekalavya continued to practise archery with his index finger and middle finger and became an excellent archer.

When I heard this story for the first time, I was very touched by the respect and selfless devotion Ekalavya had for his teacher, even though Drona had refused to accept him as a student and, in the end, asked for a guru-dakshina that would shatter his dreams.

I was also very impressed with the fact that, at a very young age, he was very clear about what he wanted to achieve in his life. Ekalavya's determination to achieve his ambition was so strong that he overcame all the hurdles that he faced.

This story changed the way I thought of my parents and teachers. Ekalavya's character inspired me to be humble and strong-willed. I realised that I must treat my teachers and parents with more respect and appreciate the efforts they make for my betterment, even if it may seem hard or unfair.

Janhavi Gangakedkar

VIII std

Know the value of time

Nothing in this world might be as precious as time, because once lost, it can never be traced back. Delaying or postponing action is the most dangerous enemy of success. Every effort has to be made to complete the targets of each day because postponing the responsibilities of today for tomorrow will surely end up in disaster.



There are many duties and responsibilities entrusted to us by our families and society. We must be able to fulfil them at the appropriate time. This becomes possible only when we have systematic and organised time management. Orderliness or proper planning in

life saves time. Those who have a vision for life will never waste the precious moments they get in life. They will plan them properly and use them appropriately to achieve their life goals.

Biji Mathews
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Angel, my pet beagle

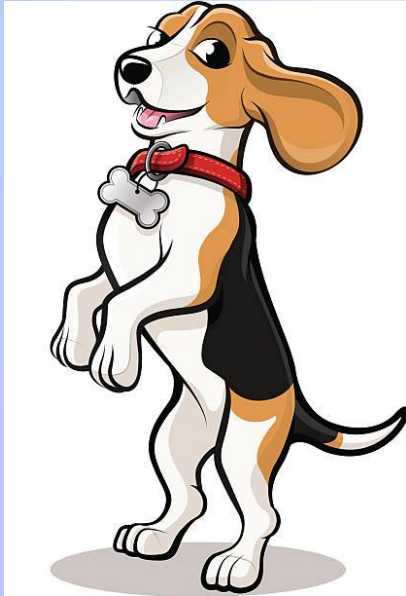
I had always wanted a dog as a pet. Last year, during the lockdown, I convinced my parents to get me a dog. I promised to feed it, take it for walks, and care for it. But I could not decide which breed would be perfect for us.

First, we thought of getting a Shih Tzu, but it was a high-maintenance breed. Then we thought of a Labrador, but it sheds too much. After that, we thought of getting a Mudhol hound, but it was too big to be kept in the house. We wanted a family dog that would be easy to take care of and small enough to stay in the house. After much research and a big discussion, we decided to get a beagle.

Its name was decided even before it came to us – Angel. She came all the way from Nagpur to Pune by train. We went to the station to receive her. When we let her into our car, she was happy and excited. She hopped around here and there, wagging her tail. We had set up a food bowl, a water bowl, a cage, a blanket and a few toys for her on our balcony. When we entered the house, she was even more excited. All my friends had come to see her, and she played happily with all of them. After that, we fed her. She was tired from the journey and fell asleep soon after dinner. We lost no time in starting her training.

A week later, her routine had become fixed. She played with us in the morning. She had her breakfast at 8 o'clock. She would be by herself when I had my online classes. I

would feed her lunch around 12 o'clock when my lectures got over. After a little rest, there would be an hour or two of training. After that, I would sit down to study. Later, I would give her supper and then take her for a walk. By the time we came back, she would be very tired and would fall asleep inside her cage.



Unlike other dogs who did not like being caged, Angel is very possessive about her cage. When she grew bigger, we folded the cage and kept it in a corner of the balcony. She preferred to sleep near the folded cage, so we decided to put it back for her. She gleefully jumped into her cage even before we had finished assembling it.

She is also very obedient, that made it very easy for us to train her. She has a very expressive face; we can understand her feelings just by looking at her. If I scolded her, she would lie down in a corner and look at us from the corner of her eyes. When she was hungry, she would sit in front of me and look at me innocently. If I took away her toys, she would stare at me angrily. If she wanted to play, she would sit near my feet and look at me, wagging her tail. She loves all kinds of food, but she has a special liking for South-Indian dishes like idli and dosa. She is a very lovely pet and a cute playmate.

Prathamesh Bhivsankar
VIII std

Friendship

Walter Winchell once said, "A real friend is one who walks in when the rest of the world walks out." People who are friends talk to each other and spend time together. They trust and help each other when they are having a difficult time. Friends make us happy when we are sad. We can share our chocolates, ice cream, joys and sorrows. They make us feel happy when we think that we are alone. Friends must not only be kind but also honest with each other. Trusting and believing in your friend is also an important thing. Friendship is essential to building social relationships. Friendship lives for a long time. A good friend can make our lives beautiful. Every year on the first Sunday of the month of August, we celebrate Friendship Day. We tie friendship bands around our friends' wrists. I eagerly await this special day. I must say that life is so much better with friends.



Dhruv Patil
VI std

Jokes

Police: Where do you live?

Thief: With my parents.

Police: Where do your parents live?

Thief: With Me.

Police: Where do you all live?

Thief: Together.

Police: Ooooook! Where is your house?

Thief: Next to my neighbor's house.

Police: Where is your neighbor's house?

Thief: You won't believe me if I tell you.

Police: Tell Me!

Thief: Next to my house.

Did you hear the celery got arrested?

They charged him with stalking.

What does a frog use to keep away burglars?

A lily padlock.

Why did the thief wear blue gloves?

He didn't want to be caught red-handed.

Did you hear about the criminal who stole a lamp?

He got a very light sentence.

Why did the coffee call the police?

It was mugged.



Anup Chaskar
VIII std

The new normal

Changes are challenging. No one likes changes and adjusting to changes can be very difficult. In the last two years, our lives have taken a full 360 degree turn. Our way of life has completely changed, and adjusting to this change has been difficult. The way we live now is different:-

- Masks and sanitizers have become an integral part of our lives.
- Standing in queues and social distancing have become the new normal whenever we go out somewhere.
- There is fear everywhere. We immediately take precaution when we hear someone sneezing or if someone is sick near us.
- Education and work have moved to an online mode.
- Wedding programmes and other social gatherings have been limited. Friendly gestures like handshakes and hugs have long gone.
- We now appreciate even the smallest of things and give importance to family, friends and our loved ones.
- Everyone is now taking care of their health as much as possible.

The way we live now is very different from the way we lived earlier. The pandemic gave us the time to understand the way we were leading our lives. Now is the time to accept, my friends, that this is "The New Normal." We must adjust to this change. We don't have any other choice because going back to what was normal can take a lot of time. Here are some tips to help adjust to the new normal.

- Create a new routine for yourself.
- Give yourself some space and time.
- Think of new and safe ways to socialise with people.
- Get used to the new mode of working and educating.
- Take one step at a time.
- Take care of your health and follow the safety rules.
- Live happily!
- Welcome to the New Normal.



Supriya Abraham
(Teaching Faculty)

Human Belief and the River Ganga



The life of a human being is blood flowing in the veins, which is synonymous with water flowing on earth for its life.

Water is an integral part of all living beings and is the life source of human beings for all the activities they do. The main source of water in India comes from rivers. The Ganges is at the pivot of all the rivers as it feeds almost half of India's population. It passes through

five states, starting from Uttarakhand to West Bengal, where it ends its journey in the Bay of Bengal.

Due to the fact that Indians worship it, the River Ganga is believed to have miraculous medicinal powers to heal the human body and mind. It has given human beings everything that they need.

But what are we giving in return to our holy river? Human and industrial waste, pollution, garbage, and what not? For our greed for electricity, we are building dams on its tributaries without understanding the consequences it has on nature, as nature has designed itself to live and let live, which we are manipulating. It is our responsibility and the responsibility of future generations like you to understand how much and to what extent we should kill our mother river Ganga before it becomes extinct.

Paromita Dey
(Teaching Faculty)

Luna

I have a Persian cat named Luna. She is cute and active, but very aggressive. She is my morning alarm. She wakes up early in the morning. Then she would try to get me out of bed by rubbing her cold nose against my feet. If that didn't work, she would lick my face. If I covered my face with a blanket, she would scratch the blanket.



She seems to have a strong belief in "what goes around comes around"; rather, she takes it a step ahead. If someone hits her, she will pursue them, punching or scratching them until she is satisfied.

She is also the best drama queen. When she is hungry, she will make the most innocent face that is impossible to ignore. She is very quick to pick up new tricks that I teach her. When I throw paper balls, she fetches them better than any dog. I am very proud of her.

Raiba Ali
VIII std

Riddle me this!

1. A man dies of old age on his 25 birthday. How is this possible?
2. Mary has four daughters, and each of her daughters has a brother. How many children does Mary have?
3. Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. How?
4. If two's company, and three's a crowd, what are four and five?
5. I am taken from a mine, and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody. What am I?
6. A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?
7. Turn me on my side and I am everything. Cut me in half and I am nothing. What am I?
8. No matter how little or how much you use me, you change me every month. What am I?



Answers:

1. He was born on February 29.
2. Five- each sister has the same brother.
3. Grandfather, father and son.
4. Nine.
5. Pencil lead
6. The river was frozen
7. The number 8
8. A calendar

Pranav Kota
VIII std

Something to ponder about...

In the winter holidays, I went to a village called Pedinandipadu with my family. We were there for a week. The first day, when I went for a walk, a kid passed me by and said hello to me. I was surprised as he wished me even though he didn't know me. I met him again while returning from the market. He wished everyone he met and everyone he talked to would have a chat with him.



Then I started observing that that was the way of life in the village. Everyone would greet the people they met, enquire about the health of their families, and chat about what was happening in the village. In the city where I live, people do not respond to anything; they just go about their tasks.

In that village, however, people valued each other's feelings. Even though their lives were not as sophisticated or luxurious as the people in the cities, they were content and connected to each other. There I learned that we can live without money but not find happiness in life without friends and the support of the people around us.

Naga Nidish

IX std

Motivation

Motivation is necessary for all living beings. It is a term we use to justify the effort we put into our work. When we are highly motivated, we work efficiently. It is like a positive energy that enhances a person or forces a person to do things that were previously neglected. It acts like a bundle of positive emotions and makes you believe that you can do things even if the whole world is against you. It gives you the strength to fight for something you've always wanted.

Motivation is not only the energy to pursue a certain goal, but it also requires a direction towards an established and well-understood objective.

Motivation has two major aspects:

- External motivation is a type of motivation in which we are motivated by some external forces. It might be some people or some big events in life.



- Internal motivation is more powerful than external motivation. If someone is internally motivated, then he/she can do far better than their limits in life.

Stay motivated.

Sadhana Choudhary
(Teaching Faculty)

I want my offline school to start

I want my offline school to start,
As online school is boring,
And offline school is interesting.

I want my offline school to start,
As online school makes us lazy,
But offline school keeps us busy.

I want my offline school to start,
As online projects are way too boring,
And offline projects are very interesting



I want my offline school to start,
To sit with my friends in the class
And to learn new things that come to pass.

I want my offline school to start,
To share my tiffin with my pals
Over our chit chats

I want my offline school to start,
To run in the open ground and play,
And to have picnic and fun all day.

Hitansh Sonawane
III std

Morning walk



It had been almost a year since we were cooped up in our homes, and we were all getting bored. So when the lockdown was lifted, all my friends decided to go for a morning walk together. We started out early in the morning. The wind was blowing and the weather was pleasant. On the way, we saw small puppies. We gave them some biscuits we were carrying. We could see many birds happily chirping in their nests and on the trees.

On reaching the garden, where we were headed, we saw many children our age. We played for some time. After playing, we were tired and sat down to rest for a while. The sun was rising by now, and the rising sun made us feel warm. We all sat there for a while and enjoyed the pleasant weather. On our way back home, the road was busy with vehicles and people moving to and fro. After my walk, I felt very refreshed and happy. I loved my morning walk.

I realised my love for nature, which I had not experienced in so many years of running to and from school, having a busy schedule. This particular time made me realise the calmness and beauty around me with small things from nature.

Chiranshi Sharma
IX std

Time management

How to achieve more with your time?

"Time and tide wait for none".

Time management helps you achieve goals and keeps you positive.

Time management is a set of related skills that help you use your time in the most effective and productive way possible.

By using time management skills, you can learn to:

- determine which things you do are important and which can be dropped.
- use your time in the most effective way possible.
- increase the time in which you can work.
- control the distractions that waste your time and break your flow.
- increase your effectiveness and reduce stress.

By becoming more effective in your use of working time, you can reduce stress by:

- being more in control of what you do.
- enjoy what you do.
- give yourself more quality time to relax and enjoy life outside of work.

Why don't people manage their time?

Despite the benefits of time management, many people do not use it. This can be because:

- they do not know about it.
- they are too lazy to plan.
- they enjoy the adrenaline buzz of meeting tight deadlines.
- they enjoy crisis management.

The problem with crisis management and tight deadlines is that while they can be fun, often they can lead to:

- high levels of stress, disrupted private life, tiredness.
- occasionally, failure of projects.

Mind tools of time management:

Time management shows how to use your time in the most effective way possible.

It concentrates on the following 'how to' areas:

- Evaluating your use of time.
- Focusing on your priorities.
- Planning for effective use of time.
- Creating more time
- Avoiding distractions.

Time is very precious, so it should be managed in a proper way to lead a successful life.

Kavita Jacob
(Teaching Faculty)

A lesson well learnt....

It was evening time. I had nothing to pass the time. My friends came and called me to play football in the garden. I was so excited and wanted to go with them, but my mom refused. I refused to listen to her as well, and rushed off to play with my friends. We played football for an hour, then we stopped playing and decided to rest for some time. While sitting in a corner of the garden, we saw some rocks piled up there. An idea



struck us. We got into two pairs and tried arranging the stones into a wall. Then we threw stones at each other's walls to see which team could bring down the other team's wall first.

In the process, I got hit on the head with a stone and started to bleed. My friends panicked and rushed me to my house. My mom didn't say anything but gave me first aid. I felt very bad and guilty. I apologised to her and promised myself I would never disobey her.

Athul Sankar

IX std

The majestic tiger

The tiger is a strong and majestic animal. The tiger is found in many locations across India, yet its numbers are reducing with passing time.

The tiger faces many threats. One of them is the presence of poachers who hunt them down. There are many gangs that conduct illegal trade in tiger skin and body parts between India, Nepal, and China. The Chinese make medicines using nails, bones, and other parts of the tiger. Tiger skin is very expensive, as is jewellery made from its claws, teeth, and bones.



Tigers also suffer because of habitat loss as urbanisation increases. They are also a target of revenge killings. Farmers blame tigers for killing cattle and shoot them to protect their livelihood.

People must become aware of the importance of tigers in our ecosystem. To discourage poaching, we must refuse to buy items made by killing tigers. We must take action before these beautiful animals are lost forever.

Shlok Bhujbal

VIII std

School

School is a place where we wish to be forever,
A place where we spend our early years together,
The place where we bind with friends.
The place where teachers are more than our parents.
A place where we spend carefree life with friends
abound.
A place where we play, laugh and fool around.
A place with no racism, no black or white.
The only place where we stand unite.
A place where we build our foundation
School days-an unforgettable celebration.
Oh! I miss my school so very much.



Vellangani J
(Teaching Faculty)

Quest for the unknown

For centuries, the quest for unknown mysteries and problems has been a passion for mathematicians. They have not only found solutions for every day, relatively easy math problems, but have also provided precise solutions for more complex situations, such as calculating the position and motion of planets, stars, and galaxies, all without using any modern instruments or methodologies.



From ancient sages to modern day mathematicians, there is a common thread running through their work as they begin to investigate numerous topics or problems that previous mathematicians had left unanswered.

Not only that, but they also look for or question prior solutions offered by a number of well-known mathematicians that were later proven to be incorrect.

Modern trigonometry, geometry, solid geometry, calculus, and other mathematics are the result of extensive effort by numerous mathematicians, such as Pythagoras, Thales, and Ramanujam, and are widely used in defence technology, real estate, and mathematical modelling.

As we all know, the weightage of the unknown is substantially more than the weightage of the known, and we can safely assert that the weightage of the known is minimal. As a result, there is a lot of room for inquiry, research, and finding solutions that will benefit everyone, not just a select few.

Ashish Singh
(Teaching Faculty)

Fascinating facts about the world

- Glaciers and ice sheets hold about 69% of the world's freshwater.
- The fastest gust of wind ever recorded on Earth was 253 miles per hour.
- Mount Everest is bigger now than the last time it was measured.
- North Korea and Cuba are the only places you can't buy Coca-Cola.
- The hottest chili pepper, the 'Dragon's Breath chilli', is so hot it could kill you.
- More people visit France than any other country.
- The world's quietest room is located at Microsoft's headquarters in Washington State.
- The Earth's ozone layer will make a full recovery in 50 years.
- Japan is the world's most earthquake-prone country.
- Muhammad is thought to be the most popular name in the world.
- Canada has 9% of the world's forests.
- More than 52% of the world's population is under 30 years old.
- All the ants on Earth weigh about as much as all the humans.
- The best place in the world to see rainbows is in Hawaii.



Mayank Matere
VIII std

Build an attitude that will change the world around you

"Any fact facing us is not as important as our attitude towards it, for that determines our success or failure."

-Norman Vincent Peale

Very well said. During childhood, we form attitudes that last a lifetime. Due to our childhood experiences, it would be easier to acquire a positive attitude during our formative years. But, if you have acquired a negative attitude, whether by default or by design, then are you stuck with it? Of course not.

Can you change it? Yes.
Is it easy? Absolutely not!
Is it worth it? You bet!

The question that arises is whether we can build and maintain a positive attitude. There are certain ways we can change your attitude. Step by step, we can change it on our own. This is very well explained in the book “You Can Win”, which everyone must read to develop such a positive attitude within themselves.

I would like to share a small story picked from the same book.
Look for the gold.

Andrew Carnegie came to America from Scotland as a young boy. He started out by doing odd jobs and ended up as one of the largest steel manufacturers in the United States. At one time, he had 43 millionaires working for him. A million dollars is a lot of money today, but in the 1920s it was worth much more. Someone asked him, how he dealt with people. Andrew Carnegie replied, “Dealing with people is a lot like digging for gold. When you go digging for an ounce of gold, you have to move tonnes of dirt. But when you go digging, you don't go looking for the dirt; you go looking for the gold.” His reply has a very important message. Though sometimes it may not be apparent, there is something positive in every person and every situation. We have to dig deep to look for the positive. So, our focus needs to be on the search for gold and not the dirt. That says, if we see what is wrong with people or things, we will find many faults. If we look for gold in them, we will almost certainly find it. Most people find what they are looking for.

There are many interesting stories and thoughts that will inspire you, such as the one above. This will lead you toward a positive attitude and will lead you towards success. I humbly suggest you all read this book, “You Can Win”, by Shiv Khera, because, as he says, “Winners don't do different things. They do things differently.”

Vibhawari Ghorde
(Teaching Faculty)

Raksha Bandhan

In India, we celebrate so many religious and harvest festivals. The best festival is *Raksha Bandhan*. This festival is celebrated to show the bond and love between brothers and sisters. According to the lunar calendar, this festival is celebrated on the day of the full moon in the months of June or August.

Raksha Bandhan is celebrated in every part of India. The meaning of ‘*Raksha*’ is ‘Protection’ and ‘*Bhandhan*’ means ‘Bond’. On the day of *Raksha Bandhan*, sisters tie beautiful *Rakhis* on their brothers’ wrists. The brothers, in turn, give beautiful gifts and



a promise of protection. They give sweets to each other. It is the most enjoyable festival as it shows the love and togetherness between brothers and sisters.

In the current pandemic situation, it is difficult to meet in person and celebrate this festival, but we still share the same love and care towards each other, and that is the beauty of this festival.

Ayan Parab
VI std

Lost and Found

One day, I thought of playing a prank on my friends. I called them over to my house to play. Then I told my mother that I was going to their society to play with them. I hid in the lobby and waited for my friends. I saw them coming. They asked for me, and my mother told them that I had gone to play with them. They were confused and decided to return. I followed them. A few blocks away, still hidden, I called out to them. They turned around and came searching for me. I moved further away and called out again. They again turned towards my direction and searched. After a couple of times, they



realised I was playing with them and left. I had a hearty laugh. When I was done, I looked around to realise that I was in a completely unfamiliar area. We had shifted to our new home just two days back, and it seemed that I had wandered quite far. In my terror, I even forgot the name of my society. I asked a few vendors, but they could not understand the landmarks I described. My friends were also nowhere to be seen. I was completely stuck. I saw a shop and explained my situation to the shopkeeper, who called my dad. In a few minutes, my dad came to pick me up.

When I told my father about what had happened, he could not decide whether to laugh or scold.

When this was made known to the rest of the family, they had a good laugh, and I was teased about it for years to come. For my part, it was a lesson well learnt.

Aditya Jadhav
VIII std

Some facts about computers

The first computer was not even close to the computers of today. They were only used as calculators because they were too weak for other tasks. As new technologies emerged, computers got faster and faster, until finally, the computers we see today were made. When cell phones appeared, people were satisfied with what they got, but they still kept making them better.

Soon, they invented smartphones that had almost all the features of a microcomputer. Another invention that overwhelmed humanity was that of computers that were able to detect objects and thus grant computers' vision.

It was the first artificial intelligence (AI). Nowadays, AI can be found in the smartphones of famous companies such as Apple. One day, Facebook decided to make a Chabot, but the Chabot started to talk to other bots in some code language. They could not understand what they were saying, so they had to shut them down.



The smartest AI is Sofia. She could make her own sentences in an interview and can mimic over 50 human emotions. In the future, with further developments, they will be able to take over most of the jobs and may even harm us. Everything has its pros and cons, and so do robots.

Veer Yadav
VIII std

A sudden trip to Gujarat, Bharuch



beautiful. We saw many beautiful sites.

It was Sunday morning. I was up by 7 in the morning. I was watching television after breakfast when a sudden thought came to me about my uncle and aunt, who lived in Bharuch. I asked my father if he had heard from them. In the discussion that followed, it was decided to pay them a visit over the weekend. So, bags were packed for the tour. During the trip, we crossed many short and long tunnels. They were

The journey was very enjoyable except for a 2 hour traffic jam in Mumbai and that once we entered Gujarat, most of the signboards were in Gujarati and we found it difficult to read. We reached Bharuch at night. We were overjoyed to meet each other.

For the next two days, we travelled to sacred temples, tourist places, and rivers and tried the famous dishes of Gujarat. We all enjoyed it a lot.

Hrishika Mishra
IX std

My first tournament

It was a Sunday morning. I was completely prepared for the day's lawn tennis competition. As it was my first match, I was quite nervous. Everyone in my family was very excited because I was the first in my family to show an interest in the sport after my father.

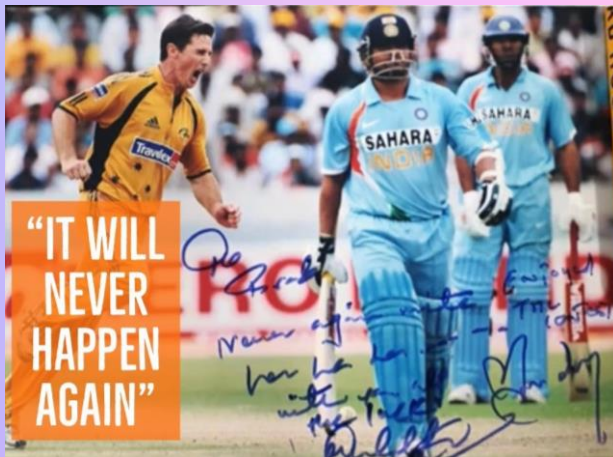


On that day, everyone was there to support me. I played well in the first set and won. But following that, I lost every set. I was depressed and crying at the time, but my family was overjoyed for me because of the fact that I put in my best efforts.

They encouraged me, saying that I was quite young and had many years and many more matches ahead to improve myself.

Lavanya Landge
IX std

Practise makes us perfect



Everyone in the house cheers and praises when Jim, the baby, takes his first steps. Jim tries to walk every day, first hanging on to the corners of tables and chairs, then on his own. He is applauded by everyone in the house. This goes on for a month or three, until Jim perfects his walking.

Things that appear tough to you and that you believe you will be unable to do can be accomplished with frequent practise.

Before heading to a cricket match, a football match, or a bike race, the coach checks the participant's diet, physical potential, and mental fitness. He also ensures that the participant practises on a consistent basis and perfects the sport.

The things that the youngsters learn, if they do not exercise them on a regular basis, will be forgotten.

Math, for example, should be done daily. Due to a lack of practise, pupils forget the methods and formulae for solving the sum, and as a result, the majority of students suffer from Maths Phobia. The cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar was once dismissed by the

Australian spinner Brad Hogg. A photograph was published in the newspaper the next day. Brad Hogg presented Sachin Tendulkar with the photograph and requested an autograph. Sachin Tendulkar signed the photograph, adding the words, "That it will never happen again."

Brad Hogg has never been able to dismiss Sachin Tendulkar since then. Imagine how much net practise the little maestro put in to ensure that he was never bowled out by Brad Hogg's bowling. There is no such thing as a quick fix for success. Regular practise is the only way to achieve perfection.

Sandhya Nair
(Teaching Faculty)

My School

If we study hard, we can become anything when we grow up. Some of us want to be doctors, some want to become teachers, and so on. We can choose any profession as long as we are ready to work hard towards our goal.



If we don't study, we won't become what we wish to be. We should study a lot. In school, we have many subjects to study, for example, science, history, math, etc. When we study, we get a lot of knowledge about things like how people in ancient times lived, how to communicate with others, how to calculate and much more.

We go to school to study, but the school also teaches us another important thing: discipline. School doesn't only give us theoretical knowledge; it also helps us with the overall development of our personality. School is thus very important.

I really love my school a lot! It is the best place. No other place is as much fun as my school. But for the last one and a half years, we have been unable to go to school. Instead, the school had to reach out to us. We have regular online classes, but still, I miss my school and my classroom.

Aaratrika Ghosal
VI std

Missing School



Our physical classes have been shut down for about two years because to COVID-19. I've been missing my classmates and teachers terribly. We take online classes since we are unable to attend school. Our online classes started in April 2020. Our vacation began in the month of May after that. It was really tough to pass the time, but I did so by drawing, conversing with friends (who I missed), and watching hours of television. Our online sessions resumed in June and have continued to this day. I miss my school, my classmates, and my close

friends. I'm looking forward to the school reopening.

Himanshi Rathore
IX std

Plant trespassers

Invasive plants are plants that do not occur naturally in a particular region. They multiply in the area that they have been introduced into and cause several negative impacts on these new habitats.

All such introduced plants are not invaders, though. Many of these invaders cannot establish themselves in the new environment, whereas the ones that can establish themselves may not be harmful. In many cases, we find that these exotics were deliberately introduced for ornamental, floricultural, or agricultural uses, and then they turned invasive.

There are different ways in which these invaders cross the territories. Seeds or plant fragments can attach themselves to people's clothes or accidentally come along with imports of goods.

To list a few invasive plants -

- ***Parthenium hysterophorus***



The very common invader in India causing havoc is the Parthenium, commonly known as "Congress grass". Parthenium hysterophorus is native to Central and South America.

Parthenium is thought to have made its way into India through wheat imports from the United States in 1956. It infests pastures and farmland, causing an often disastrous loss of yield. In some areas, heavy outbreaks have been ubiquitous, affecting livestock and crop production as well as human health. The plant

produces allelopathic chemicals that suppress crops and act as an allergen for humans and livestock.

- *Alternanthera philoxeroides*

This plant is commonly known as the "alligator weed". This invasive species is believed to have been accidentally introduced to these non-native regions through sediments trapped in or attached to the tanks and cargo of ships travelling from South America to these areas.

It is considered a major threat to the ecosystem as it has adverse effects on both the aquatic as well as the terrestrial environment. It disrupts the natural flow of water due to the dense mats created by its clusters of stems. These dense mats act as a barrier between the native wildlife and the natural water resource.

It outcompetes the native vegetation for space and solar energy through these dense mats because they form large clusters and limit the amount of light received by the submerged plants. Various recreational activities like boating and fishing are also affected.

The dense mats also provide suitable ecological conditions for the mosquitoes to thrive. In aquatic habitats- it has undesirable effects on other plants and animals, water quality, water flow, flooding and sedimentation.

In terrestrial situations- it degrades riverbanks, pastures, and agricultural lands, producing massive underground lignified root systems that penetrate up to 50-60 cm deep.



- *Lantana camara*



Lantana camara is a species of flowering plant native to the American tropics. It is commonly termed as "Spanish flag". It is a very adaptable species, and once introduced to a habitat, it spreads rapidly. It spread from America when it was brought to Europe by the Dutch explorers and soon proliferated further in Asia as a "notorious weed."

Lantana is one of the world's ten worst invasive species and a species of high concern for India. It

competes with native plants for space and resources and also alters the nutrient cycle in the soil.

If eaten, the leaves can induce allergies in the muzzles of animals. In some cases, extensive feeding on lantana has led to diarrhoea, liver failure, and even the animal's death.

Lantana can tolerate warmer temperatures and more moisture than its native region, which helps it to better utilise the changing climate, where most of the native plants are failing. There is a high risk of biodiversity loss due to lantana invasions in many areas.

It is toxic to livestock such as cattle, sheep, horses, dogs, and goats. It secretes allelopathic chemicals that reduce the growth of other surrounding plants by inhibiting germination.

There are around 170 invasive alien species in different ecosystems. Certain measures need to be taken to avoid the invasion of these species into our environment.

1. Firstly, we should stop the entry of such plants.
2. If they are already part of the habitat, we should prevent the spread of these species using different methods.
3. We can increase public awareness of potentially invasive plants.

Archana Banke
(Teaching Faculty)

Review of Hero Gayab Mode On (a television serial)

I like to watch television in the evening after my studies. I mostly watch a television series called 'Hero Gayab Mode On'. The story is based on a mysterious ring with enormous power that could make the person who wears it invisible. The ring was made by Lord Shiva. It was then taken by the aliens, but it fell back on Earth. A brave boy called Veer finds this ring.



Some people who know about the ring want to snatch it from him. Aliens who want it back also keep attacking Earth. Veer, after understanding the power of the ring, uses it to protect the planet and the common people. This earns him the nickname, 'Hero'.

Hero saves the city from alien attacks and other dangerous problems, and that makes the series very interesting. Sometimes I wish that I too could have a ring like Hero.

Priya Mourya
VII std

My First Dive

Learning to swim was a really good experience for me. Just a day before the classes started, my mom and I went shopping for my swimming costume.

The day my classes were supposed to start, I woke up very excited and curious about how the swimming pool would be. I was so restless in school too. After school, I ran home, gobbled up my lunch, and packed everything for the class.



However, at the swimming pool, there was a long queue. We had to wait for a long time before my name was written on the calendar and a man guided me to the dressing room. I changed and took a shower.

On reaching the swimming pool, I was completely taken aback. The swimming pool was much larger than I had imagined.

My first lesson was to hold the rod along the edge and kick my legs in the water. I felt nervous at first, but as I got the hang of it, I started to enjoy it. When the whistle blew, we knew our time was up. Everyone got out of the pool and went to change.

Vihan Bhalerao
VII std

My friend and my teddy

A huge red teddy bear was given to me on my tenth birthday. I was extremely fond of it. I carried it about with me at all times, eating, playing, and even sleeping. Soon we were like Siamese twins. My childhood buddy Annya, with whom I spent a lot of time, was also very fond of my teddy. She, too, wanted to keep it all the time, but I was too attached to it to give it up.



One day, my family and I left for our home town. We left the keys to our house with Annya's family because we would be gone for a few days. However, we returned earlier than expected. When we went to Annya's house for the keys, I was shocked to see my teddy in Annya's hand. As a result of this, Annya got a good scolding from her parents, and we ended up having a fight.

We didn't speak to each other for days. Eventually, we realised that our friendship was more than a toy. Now we are friends again.

Aarchie Gandhi
VIII std

Thoughts mould our lives

To live a meaningful life, we must be mindful of our thoughts. Our thoughts lay the foundation and act as a guiding force for our actions.

“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he,” states the Bible’s Book of Proverbs, Chapter 23, verse 7.

By studying ourselves carefully, we can easily understand how our thoughts lead our lives. If our thoughts are pure and noble, our actions will automatically follow suit. This, in turn, will attract people who are of the same nature. They will add cheer and more positive vibes to our lives. On the contrary, our actions will mirror the negativity of our thoughts if our thoughts are filled with jealousy, anger, or greed.



The result will be negativity in our emotions and deeds. The people who would then be around us, will be people who would benefit from our misdeeds. Hence, one of the keys to a peaceful and successful life is to embrace positive and constructive thoughts.

Raina Shibu
(Teaching Faculty)

Three Musketeers

I want to share the story of my best friends. My first friend was Ismail. In the beginning, we hardly spoke to each other. As the days passed, we spent more time together, talking, playing, and studying.

Whenever I had a problem, Ismail would help me. I also tried to help Ismail whenever he needed my help. Our friendship grew stronger, and we promised each other that we would be friends for life.

When I was in I std, I met Shrinidhi. We had a good time together. I asked Shrinidhi if he would be my friend. He took a long time to answer, but finally he agreed.

I introduced Shrinidhi to Ismail. Since then, we have been like the three musketeers: 'One for all and all for one'.

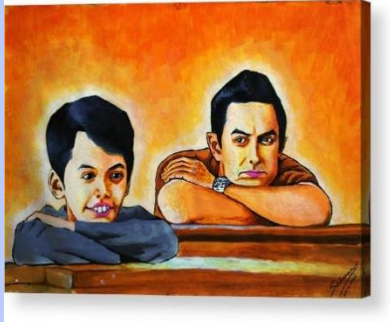


Aarnav Dayalan
VI std

My favourite movie

I have seen many movies in English and Hindi. However, my favourite movie is 'Tare Zameen Par'. This movie is about a young boy named Ishaan, who is suffering from

dyslexia and finds it difficult to read and write. He is always scolded by his father and his teachers. His parents think that he is mischievous, and his teachers think that he is lazy. Finally, quite fed up with him, his parents enrol him in a boarding school. The boy thinks that he has been sent there as a punishment.



At the boarding school, a new drawing master named Ram Shankar Nikumbh arrives. He observes and understands Ishaan's problems. He discovers that Ishaan draws very well and had great patience. He helps Ishaan learn to read and write. He also visits Ishaan's parents and explains to them the nature of their son's problem. Ishaan shows tremendous improvement. Later, in an art competition held at the school, Ishaan wins the first prize and makes his parents feel proud.

The movie is well-directed. The director was successful in taking the audience through a series of emotions and making them feel empathy for the boy. The photography is also very good, and the music is superb, especially the title song. All the actors did their parts very well, but a special mention must be made of Aamir Khan as the drawing master and Darsheel Safary as Ishaan.

I like to watch movies that are meaningful and have some message for the audience. I have seen this movie many times, and I find it so interesting that I don't think I will ever get tired of watching it.

Devarsh Walke
VII std

Thought on my Motherland

"Have a sense of pride in your motherland. Just as your mother has given birth to you, so too the land has given birth to you."

-Sathya Sai Baba

India is our motherland. It is situated in Asia and is the second most populated country after China. In terms of area, it ranks 7th in the world. It is a peninsula as it is surrounded by the Bay of Bengal in the east, the Arabian Sea in the west, and the Indian Ocean in the south. The Himalayas stand as a guard to its north.

India is a multicultural country. People of different castes, communities, and religions live here in peace and harmony. It is one of the biggest democratic countries in the world. It has a friendly relationship with almost all other countries in the world. It is emerging as an economic superpower as its location is very favourable for trade and commerce.



It boasts of being home to the oldest civilization in the world. It was the first centre of education and learning in ancient times, and even today, people from different parts of the world come here to acquire knowledge. It is the birthplace of three religions: Sikhism, Buddhism, and Jainism. There are many leaders who have led India. Some worked for social reform, while many of them worked for social awareness.

I pray that no enemies attack her border and that none of her citizens suffer from grief or pain. I shall be fortunate if I devote my life to the safety of my motherland. I am proud of being an Indian.

Jai Hind, Jai Bharat.

Grishma Sharma
VII std

Cherishing childhood

Good were those days, free of tension.
Working sincerely to seek the teachers' attention.
Playing games for hours and hours,
Without caring for wounds or scars.
Walking behind parents and enjoying their affection.
Enjoying raw mangoes over silly conversations.
Neither hating nor adoring studies
But always ready to enjoy with buddies.
Good were those days, free of tension.



Sunita Ghatage
(Teaching Faculty)

My experience: Painting

A year comprises 365 days. Every day I would wake up and function like a robot by starting my daily routine. Starting with yoga sessions to my breakfast, and then the most important thing in a student's life, school, which has now taken a virtual form. This was my routine, nothing interesting, nothing new, nothing different from the previous day.

Bored and searching for something interesting to pass my time with, I started reading books. I would read all kinds of books. Comics, novels, autobiographies, anything except the daily newspaper. A series of books I was reading had a challenge at the end of each book. The challenge was to imagine a character from the story and portray it on paper. I loved drawing and sketching, but thought of taking it a step further and trying my hand at painting.



So I took the challenge and entered the world of my imagination and started painting my favourite character from the story. It turned out very well on my very first try. Thrilled with this experience, I started using watercolours and painting everything I could imagine. I participated in a few competitions as well. To-date, I must have painted more than 101 paintings, and I think of it as a great achievement.

Mahi Singh
IX std

The first dawn



The first appearance of light in the sky before sunrise is known as dawn. It is also the beginning of a phenomenon or period that is considered favourable. One day, I woke up early in the morning, around 4 o'clock. I got ready to go for a walk with my friends near my village.

It was then that I saw the most beautiful thing I had ever witnessed. It was a magnificent crescent blue sky, which was the effect of the previous day's rain. Within minutes, the sky grew lighter and showed a light-pinkish colour with shades of deep and dark yellow. It had been the most mesmerising dawn I had ever experienced. Though it lasted only a few minutes, we felt lucky to have experienced it.

Mahi Singh
IX std

My new hobby

On the 15th of August, we left for our native place. COVID cases were increasing in Pune, and it was becoming difficult for all of us to just stay indoors. All the family members, including me, had put on weight. We left Pune in the afternoon and reached Maloli, my native place, in the evening. It's a small village near Pandharpur.

Lockdown rules applied to the villages too, but they were not followed strictly. This meant that I could play outdoors. I could now play cricket, hide and seek, and football. I enjoyed the change quite a lot. But suddenly, things started changing there as well. Corona had started spreading to the villages too. As the villagers were ignorant about the effects of the infection, they didn't take care of it, and as a result, the virus spread quite quickly.



Even my next-door neighbours, who were my cousins, uncles, and aunts, had gotten infected with the virus. The corona count in the village had suddenly crossed the one hundred mark. Once again, I had to sit at home getting bored.

My father noticed my boredom and started taking me to our farm. He would tell me about the various plants and trees in and around the farm.

I became curious and wanted to grow these trees. I started collecting seeds and shoots of the plants and trees that I wanted to grow. I had found a new

hobby, something I was not going to get bored of.

To grow these plants, just seeds were not going to be enough. We needed soil and pots to grow them. My father got black soil with cow-dung manure and also some plastic bags to grow the plants in.

The first tree that I planted was a banyan tree. I have always been in awe of its huge size, its long life, and its aerial roots. The project was successful. It increased my interest. Then I planted more saplings. I ended up spending quite a lot of my free time watching these plants. In 2 months, they had grown by around 9 inches. We then took the plants to our farm, dug big pits, and planted them.

I also visited my grandmother's place, which is in a hilly area among the Sahyadri ranges. I saw many teak and jackfruit trees there. I had read about their importance in books, but it was only now that I could see them for myself. I asked my father how they could be planted.

I planted the seeds of teak and sandalwood. I started going to my farm in the evening with my father and enjoying the fresh air. The water that flows from the big pipeline on the farm, the tall trees, the wild shrubs with their fragrant blossoms, my life was full of new experiences that made me extremely happy.

Now I am back in Pune, but I miss the 11 months I spent in my village. I miss my trees, I miss the simple villagers who used to like me very much, and I miss nature. I am eager

to go to my village again. I'm sure my trees must be missing me as well, and that they have all grown big and strong.

Abhijay Jadhav
VII std

Valuable Trees



Trees are of great value to us. They give us fruits, wood, herbs, and many other useful things. They are home to many birds, insects, and animals. They provide shade for humans and animals. They bring rain and prevent drought. They give us oxygen to breathe and absorb the carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Wood is the most valuable product that trees give us. We use wood in many ways. Wood is used as fuel and as firewood. It is used to make furniture. Wood is also used to lay the tracks for trains. Trees are good sources of medicinal herbs, lac, and raw materials for many industries. Trees are a valuable natural resource. So, we should plant more trees.

Unfortunately, trees are being cut carelessly. As cities and factories grow, more and more trees are cut. It is very important that we plant more trees. We should promote afforestation. This will be good for all the creatures of the planet.

Anushka Patil
IV std

The Watermelon Challenge

It was a lazy Sunday morning. There wasn't much to do. Exams were over, and the new session hadn't begun yet. I thought of playing a prank on my friend Arvind. I called him up and told him that I was challenging him to a watermelon-eating competition and that the winner would get 50 rupees. Arvind came, and I set out two plates with a large piece of watermelon on each. I hid a nearly eaten piece of watermelon out of his sight with the intention of switching it with my piece during the competition to win.



The competition started and we munched away at the juicy slices. On the pretext of throwing the pips, I exchanged my slice for the hidden one. But when I sat back straight, I saw a half-eaten slice on my plate and my almost-eaten one in Arvind's hand. My prank backfired on me, and I had to give him fifty rupees.

Harsha Ganta
VIII std

A Festival of Lights

Diwali, also popularly known as Deepavali, is one of the most auspicious festivals for Hindus. The festival is celebrated with great fervour and enthusiasm by people throughout the world. As per the Hindu calendar, Diwali is observed on Amavasya (or the new moon), which is on the 15th day of the Hindu month of Kartika.

According to Hindus, Diwali is a festival that commemorates the return of Lord Ram to Ayodhya along with his wife Sita, brother Lakshman, and ardent devotee Hanuman after defeating the demon king Ravan. This religious festival signifies the victory of good over evil and the triumph of light over darkness.



Diwali is often referred to as the 'Festival of Lights'. It is generally celebrated for five days. The five days of Diwali start with Dhanteras, Chaturdashi, Diwali, Govardhan Puja, and Bhai Dooj. People light Diya and decorate their houses with lights of different colours and sizes, which glitter at their entrances and fences, making for a mesmerising view. Kids love bursting crackers and different fireworks like sparklers, rockets, flower pots, fountains, peony fireworks, etc.

On this auspicious occasion, Goddess Lakshmi is the most significant deity. Furthermore, people believe that this beautiful festival brings wealth, prosperity, and success to all. People also buy new clothes for themselves and look forward to exchanging gifts with their family, friends, and relatives during the festival.

Nimisha Chaturvedi
VI std

When I sail on a river...

Let's embark on an adventure. Search the grid for all the rivers given in the help-box.

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Nile	Mississippi

Sangeeta
(Teaching Faculty)

Time management

We should treat our time as if it were money, rather we must treat it as if it were more precious than money. Everybody gets the same 24 hours but how we use them makes us different from others.



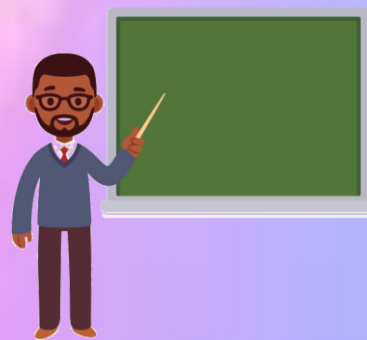
Time management refers to how we organise our time and plan our priorities. Proper time management increases our productivity and decreases stress. A well-organised person can set an example for others about how to achieve goals at a pre-decided time and accomplish what they want in life.

It is very important to know the value of time. Sometimes smart work is better than hard work. When you realise this, the rest of your life becomes much easier.

Bhagyashri Mawale
(Teaching Faculty)

I wish I were a teacher

A child comes into this world knowing nothing. He learns everything from his family, teachers, the environment, and society. From the teacher, we gain knowledge. Teachers take the place of parents in school. They guide and mould the character and personality of the student. They teach us the importance of life and show us the right track to ensure that we are capable enough to survive in this society. They give us moral support and encourage us to live with equality in this society and treat everyone equally.



Teaching is a great responsibility. It has an impact on the growth of the nation itself. It is well said that the future development of a nation truly lies in the hands of good teachers. Their main task is not only teaching but also preparing children for a better tomorrow. Teachers are mentors, guides, motivators, and sources of inspiration for children. It can be rightly said that teachers are great role models in an individual's life.

That is why I wish to become a teacher.

Arnav Sanyasi
VII std

My favourite cartoon series



A cartoon is an animated movie created using animated characters rather than real objects. Cartoons such as Tom and Jerry, Little Krishna, Shinchan, Doremon, Paw Patrol, Chota Bheem, etc., are very popular among my friends.

My favourite cartoon series is Shinchan. He is a 5-year-old boy who lives with his parents, younger sister, and a pet dog called Shiro. He has many friends: Neni, Kazama, Masow and Bochan. They all live in Kasukabe, Saitama, Japan. He is very lazy, but also very cute. He always takes care of his little sister and his pet dog. He is very mischievous at home and at school. His mischievous behaviour makes the series very amusing. One thing I like about Shinchan is that he always wants to try new things and doesn't get tired of doing so. In the cartoon, his idol is Action Komen and he always wants to be like his hero, who saves the world from enemies.

Matthias Fernandes
IV std

I wish to be a teacher



Every day, I meet people who guide me, and so I think of them all as my teachers. But the people who work as teachers do much more than give guidance. They teach various subjects, share their experiences, correct our bad behaviour, and guide us on the right path. I trust my teachers a lot. Teachers teach students to overcome failures and train them to face struggles in life. Teachers have a lot of patience as they handle different kinds of students.

Teachers are the building blocks of our society as they educate and guide the youth of our society. Good teachers are a blessing in a student's life. A good teacher is like a friend. Teachers inspire me a lot, as they are helpful and thoughtful. They are selfless and think about their students first. Teachers help children to achieve their ambitions. I wish to become a teacher when I grow up.

Ronak Sharma
VII std

My visit to Matheran

I visited Matheran in 2018. It is a hill station, situated near Mumbai on the west side. It is a very beautiful place, with greenery everywhere. When we went there, we had to park our cars in the parking area as no cars could go above that particular point. From there, there are different modes of transportation available for traveling, like trains, bullock carts, horses, etc. When we went up, there were different hotels to stay at. There are different points in Matheran to visit. There is a point called Alexander Point that is very scenic. A walk from our hotel led through the woods. Farther away, there were vendors selling food items, juices, etc. In Matheran, there are a lot of monkeys, and once the monkeys see any food item in our hands, they snatch it away. The toy train is another fun way to travel. A bazaar was also there with excellent shopping offers. *Chikkis* and leather goods were quite popular, among other items. I loved my visit to Matheran and I wish I could visit the place once more after the pandemic is over.



Divyanka Rohamare
IX std

My favourite cartoon character

My favourite cartoon character is Masha. She is a little girl. Masha and her bear live together in the forest. The bear takes good care of Masha, just as parents do. Masha has many friends, like a pig, a bunny, a dog, a panda, goats, and wolves. She is very naughty yet caring, loving, and helpful. She wears a dark pink dress. She has a cycle on which she rides all the time. She has a sister named Dasha who visits her sometimes. Masha and Dasha play a lot of games together.



I like Masha very much because she never cries when the bear scolds her for her mistakes. She is quick to understand her mistakes. Whenever she or any of her friends get into trouble, she tries to find solutions with courage and never gives up.

Gargi Shete
IV std

A few interesting quotes

1. Honesty
 - A half-truth is a whole lie. (Benjamin Franklin)
 - Honesty is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning into a failure. (James Altucher)
2. Perseverance
 - Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts. (Winston Churchill)
 - A bend in the road is not the end of the road... unless you fail to make the turn. (Helen Keller)
3. Determination
 - Once you make a decision, the universe conspires to make it happen. (Ralph Waldo Emerson)
 - When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal, you do not change your decision to get there. (Zig Ziglar)
4. Imagination
 - Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will. (George Bernard Shaw)
 - Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning. (Gloria Steinem)
5. Enthusiasm
 - Protect your enthusiasm from the negativity and fear of others. (Steve Maraboli)
 - It's faith in something and enthusiasm for something that makes a life worth living. (Oliver Wendell Holmes)
6. Diligence
 - He who labours diligently need never despair; for all things are accomplished by diligence and labour. (Benjamin Franklin)
 - The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses- behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights. (Muhammad Ali)
7. Hope
 - Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality. (Jonas Salk)
 - Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul and sings the tune without the words and never stops at all. (Emily Dickinson)
8. Faith
 - To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible. (Thomas Aquinas)
 - I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy. (Rabindranath Tagore)
9. Humility
 - There is nothing noble in being superior to your fellow man; true nobility is being superior to your former self. (Ernest Hemingway)
 - It is unwise to be too sure of one's own wisdom. It is healthy to be reminded that the strongest might weaken and the wisest might err. (Mahatma Gandhi)

Ronak Sharma
VII std

Bal Gangadhar Tilak



Bal Gangadhar Tilak, born Keshav Gangadhar Tilak and commonly known as Lokamanya Tilak, was born on July 23, 1856, in a Marathi Hindu Brahmin family in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from Deccan College of Pune in 1877 and his L.L.B. degree from Government Law College in 1879.

After graduating, he started teaching mathematics at a private school in Pune and later became a journalist.

Inspired by Vishnushastri Chiplunkar, he co-founded the New English School for secondary education in 1880, with a few of his college friends, aiming to improve the quality of education for India's youth. The success of the school inspired them to set up the Deccan Education Society in 1884 with the purpose of creating a new system of education with Indian nationalist ideas and an emphasis on Indian culture.

The Society established Fergusson College in 1885, where Tilak himself taught mathematics. In 1890, Tilak left the Deccan Education Society to work more extensively in politics.

Tilak founded two newspapers, 'Kesari' in Marathi and 'Mahratta' in English. Both newspapers actively propagated the cause of national freedom and stressed making Indians aware of their need to be self-reliant.

He began a mass movement towards independence with an emphasis on a religious and cultural revival. He also started two important festivals: Shivaji Jayanti in 1895 and the Ganesha Festival in 1893.

Bal Gangadhar Tilak is known as the 'Father of The Assertive Nationalism'. He played a leading role in popularising the cult of patriotism and making the Congress Movement broad-based. He was also the first to openly declare for the demand of Swaraj and said, "Swaraj is my birth right and I shall have it."

Athrav Tingre
IX std

A fight for nothing

I have never gotten into any fights, but there was one particular incident where I got drawn into one. My best friend, Govind, and I were roaming in the corridors one day, when a student came and asked if he could be friends with Govind. Somehow, Govind

did not like him and turned him away. After a few days, the boy again went up to Govind and asked him to play with him. Govind again refused.

Then one day he came to me and asked if he could play with me. I agreed, but Govind was very angry and did not let me play with him. After a few days, when Govind and I were playing football in our society, the same boy came again and asked if he could play with us. This time, Govind lost his patience and ran after the boy, trying to hit him. The boy was also strong and gave him good.

I had to interfere to stop them, but before I could do that, I also got a few punches, which I will never forget. That day, I decided that if these two ever got into a fight again, I would only call for help.



Arnav Nikam
V std

Importance of discipline in school

Discipline is the preparation of the brain and character. A strong sense of discipline should be developed in us from a very young age. It should start at home and continue in school. Discipline helps us be conscious and respectful towards those around us. Children who are disciplined at home and in school will show respect to others in society and the workplace when they grow up.

Hence, it is very important for families and school authorities to implement and enforce discipline among children. Discipline in health, studies, play, completion of assignments, and behaviour towards others are all aspects that can have a serious effect on how children will deal with tasks and problems in the future.

Discipline will help us become responsible citizens of our country and develop a great personality.

Siya Kondewar
III std

The shock of a lifetime

It was a bright and beautiful day, and I was walking home from school. The busy street was alive with shops selling various kinds of food items. My friend came up to me and, handing me her cycle, asked if I could keep it with me for a few days as they were shifting.

I was happy to help her, so I agreed and took the cycle from her. It was a shiny, red bicycle with lots of cool stickers on it. I was tempted to ride it, but since the street was crowded, I had to wheel it along.



I hadn't gone far when I heard a man screaming 'thief, stop, thief'. I turned around, and to my shock, I realised that he was pointing in my direction. I was too stunned to understand what was going on, and people around me were staring at me with a cruel look on their faces.

The man ran up to me and caught my collar so hard that I felt as if I were lifted a few inches from the ground. He grabbed the cycle from me and blamed me for stealing it from him. My mouth went dry, and I was shaking as I tried to explain that I was not a thief. The

man would not believe me and started dialling for the police. In a few minutes, a man in uniform came up to us and asked me my name.

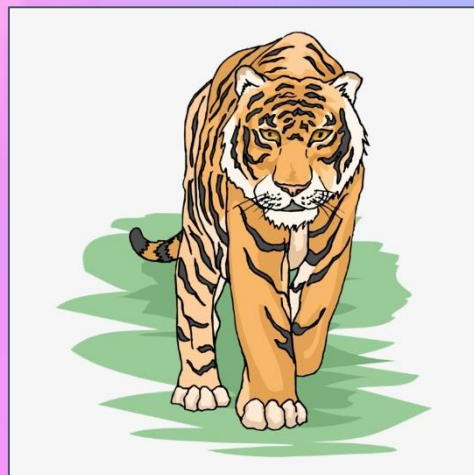
By this time, I could almost feel like my life was draining out of my body. I was almost about to faint when my friend ran up to me and told me that it was all a prank that she had been planning for a long time.

Bhumi Shukla
IX std

The animal I like the most in a zoo

Everyone loves animals, and going to a zoo is a good way for us to see many animals. A zoo is a place where many animals and birds are kept safe. They live in closed areas, and visitors can see them from a distance. When I go to the zoo, I love watching the tigers. Tigers have large bodies, strong limbs, and very sharp claws and teeth.

Even so, the black stripes on their yellow skin and their bright eyes make them look very beautiful. In any zoo, tigers look strong and beautiful even when they are in cages. They are our national animal, and it is difficult to see them in forests, but in zoos we can see them up close.



Swarali G
IV std

Trees-Our greatest wealth

Trees are said to be our green wealth. Trees are an important part of our daily lives. We cannot live without them because they clean the air that we breathe. Trees give us so many things, such as oxygen, fruits, vegetables, clothes, medicines, etc. They are home to many birds and animals. Trees give us shade and rain. Trees are used to make paper and furniture, which we use in our daily lives. Wood is also used as fuel to cook food.

But are we truly taking care of this wealth?

'No'.

We are only taking everything from our nature and destroying it for our greed. This has now led to 'global warming'.



To stop the destruction of nature, we should not cut trees; rather, we should grow more and more trees. By gifting saplings to our family members and friends on their birthdays and on special occasions, we can spread the message of growing trees. We should try to reuse, recycle, and reduce waste so that we can make our planet green and healthy again.

Matthias Fernandes

IV std

My best friend

One day, I thought of testing my best friend. I asked a friend of mine to tell her that I had fallen down and that my hand was bleeding a lot. She did so, and on hearing it, my best friend came running to my house. I had already made the preparations and covered my hand with ketchup.

When she came near me and looked at the wound, she gave me a good punch and left angrily. I tried to talk to her in the evening to convince her to come down to play, but she did not respond and just hung up the phone. I went to her house to call her, but she didn't even bother to speak to me.

After a few days, however, she came down to give me a huge hug and told me never to repeat it again. I knew then that she was actually a good friend.



Aarya Kumar

IV std

Insect facts



The Himalayan Honey Bee, which is twice the size of normal honey bees. The honey from these bees is known to have hallucinogenic properties and tribes in Nepal collect this honey from high cliffs.

The Asian Giant Hornets that can get to the size of a human thumb stings with flesh-dissolving acid, which alerts other wasps to do the same till the creature dies.



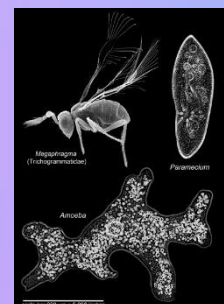
Ants can accidentally misinterpret the chemical trails left by other ants and start walking in circles. If too many members of the colony join in, it can kill the whole colony in what is sometimes known as the 'Death Spiral.'

Some older/less efficient worker termites will develop 'backpacks' of toxic chemicals that explode when the termite is threatened. They are essentially used as suicide bombers when the colony is being attacked.



Butterflies remember their days as a caterpillar. Despite going into a completely liquified state during metamorphosis, the neurons for their brain stay arranged as such to allow for the memories to stay intact

The *Megaphragma mymaripenne* wasps are smaller than amoebas. At just 200 micrometers in length, they have a functional brain and are capable of vision, flight, searching for food and places to lay eggs.



One subject to be taught in school

In my school, many languages are taught, like English, Hindi, and Marathi, but I feel that Sanskrit should also be taught in school. Learning Sanskrit will help us understand our ancient texts, which have a lot of amazing knowledge in them. Sanskrit is also becoming popular in the west, and in the future, I feel adding Sanskrit to our syllabus would be a good idea.

Soham Patil
IV std

Open days should not be held before a vacation



We are all familiar with the concept of an Open Day also known as Doomsday. A day when the student's parents are called and shown their marks. The students then receive a more than sufficient amount of scolding for the same. Does scoring well avoid this situation? Absolutely not.

For students who score less than 60%, there is no doubt they will be scolded because they should have done better, but even students who score in the 90s get scolded because they could have done better. On open days, not only are the marks shared with parents but also the student's behaviour, attitude, and attendance.

Sometimes we have our exams before vacation, which is ok as we can rest after the exams. But this time we had an open day before the vacation. The school probably forgot that the effect of the open day stays with the parents for a while. As a result, for many students, it must have destroyed their chances of having any fun or even relaxation. Facing angry parents throughout the day is one aspect, and having to study harder on holidays becomes another problem.

After all, we as students need a break too. The extra sleep, the relaxation, and spending time outside or with people all help us improve our mental and physical abilities. So whether one has poor, average, or good scores, having open days before a vacation is not a healthy idea for students.

Shashank Gaikwad
VIII std

A terrible experience I can never forget

Once, when we had a few days off, my family and I went to my hometown. I don't have many friends there, but one day I saw a group of boys playing cricket. I asked them if I could join them, and they agreed. We played the whole day, but then, while playing the last over, I swung the bat too hard. I lost my grip on the bat, which hit a rock and cracked. On top of it, the ball was lost as well.



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Those boys were very angry with me, but the next day they still came and took me for a walk. We were walking along a canal when they tripped me, and I fell into the canal. They laughed and left, and it was sometime before I could get help, but by evening I had a cold and a very high fever.

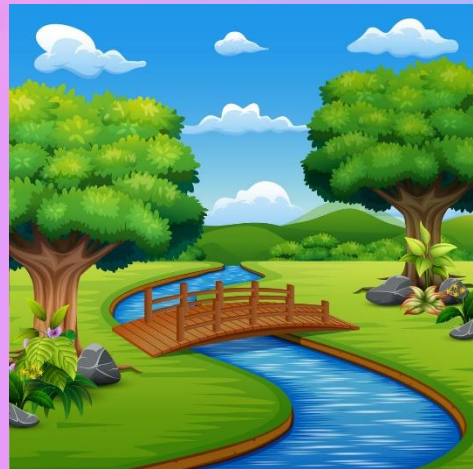
I could not enjoy the remaining holidays or attend the exams that were there later, but when I got better, I made sure that I bought them a new bat and ball. They were very happy, and I was relieved that they would not get me into trouble again.

Bhagyaram
IV std

The girl on the bridge

One day, I got lost while walking in the woods near my hometown. It had started turning dark, and I had nowhere to sleep or any food to eat. I kept walking until I reached a small bridge. On the bridge, a girl sat crying, and I could understand that she was very sad. When I approached her and touched her shoulder, she vanished. I was confused, but then I was so hungry and so tired that I thought that I was imagining things.

I saw a house on the other side of the river, and I went towards it. An old lady greeted me and offered me some food. When I told her about what had happened on the bridge, she said that the girl I described resembled her daughter, who had died of cancer. I was shocked to realise that I had met a ghost, but when I turned around and saw the lady standing there with a knife, I fell off the chair. I woke up to realise that it was just a dream and that I was safe.



Abhinanda R
III std

The life of a teacher's pet

Let's see. A teacher's pet, let's say a dog, might start its day by brushing its teeth and taking a bath because teachers insist that personal hygiene is very important.

Next would be thirty minutes of yoga or brisk walking, since teachers always say that exercise is good for a healthy life. Exercise will be followed up with a bowl full of Pedigree with fruits and nuts since a balanced diet is also equally important.

Once that is over, the teacher will teach him a few tricks, maybe something like walking on two feet, shaking hands, or picking objects, because she is a teacher after all.

Other than this, there would be a fixed time for each and every activity, including eating, sleeping, playing, and studying. There might even be a timetable for all these things. There would be regular checks on how much the pet has learned and whether it is well behaved. And there would be punishments and rewards for everything. More or less, a teacher's pet's life might be pretty boring.

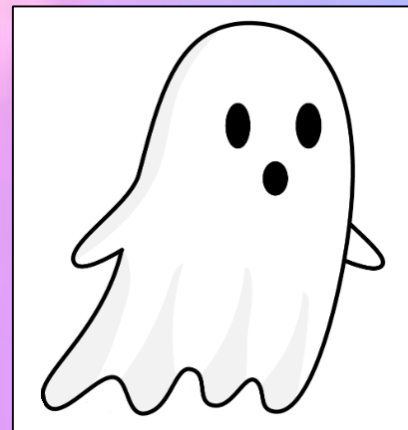
Just joking, I know what a teacher's pet means.

Krish Sharma
V std

A prank that got me into trouble

I have played many pranks, but one that got me into really big trouble was the one I played on my little sister, Anushree. One evening, I was playing in the garden with my friend Swanandi and my little sister Anushree. Anushree troubled me a lot that day, and I got very irritated.

I thought of teaching her a lesson. Later in the evening, everyone was on the terrace, and Anushree was at her friend's house. I switched off all the lights in the living room and waited for Anushree to return.



I covered myself with a white blanket, and the moment she opened the door, I jumped in front of her, screaming.

But she turned out to be very brave. She pushed me aside and threw anything and everything she could grab at me. I was in very bad shape by the time my family rescued me.

Aarohi Supekar
IV std

End of humanity

The end of mankind may be because of our lack of kindness. In today's world, humans are very selfish, so much so that we have forgotten that because of some of our actions, others can get hurt, and some may even die. Newspapers are full of news related to war, destruction, and accidents. The worst thing is that instead of helping in such situations, some people behave selfishly.

I experienced this myself when my friends and I were playing by the river bank one day. We were playing hide and seek among the trees, and it was my chance to find the rest of them. I saw one of my friends hiding behind a tree, and the moment she realised that I had spotted her, she started to run. She slipped and fell right into the river.

We all panicked and started crying for help, but there was nobody. We could do nothing but scream for help. Finally, a person came running, but he was busy shooting the entire episode on his mobile rather than trying to help us. We were really scared that day, but with some luck, we were able to pull her to safety.



The experience left a very strong mark in all our hearts, and since then we have stopped playing along the riverside. We also learned that when we need help, staying calm and thinking quickly helps more than anything else.

Saashi Bijwe
VII std

A thing I admire a lot

I belong to Latur Village. I like my village a lot. I like their lifestyle, and I like the farming that is done there. My grandfather also has a farm, and he owns a tractor too.



I feel that his tractor is the most precious thing in the world. It has big tyres and the most stylish logo of the Mahindra Company. Its name is Sarpanch, and it is a majestic-looking vehicle. It has a shiny red body, huge tyres, and a very strong engine.

It can help with farmwork in many ways, and I think it is the most precious thing I have seen.

Kindness leads to happiness



A few days ago, I was cycling in the area where I live when I saw a boy and a girl around 5 to 6 years of age sitting on the road begging for food. Many people passed them by, but nobody paid any attention to them. Finally, a man stopped by, but he started shouting at them for begging.

It made me think that, when they know it is wrong to beg, they might be doing it because they do not have an option. They might be too hungry and tired to do any work. All I had was

around 30 rupees in my piggy bank. I used it to buy them some food. It wasn't much, but the children were very happy, and seeing their happiness made me happy too.

Aayush Chavan
VII std

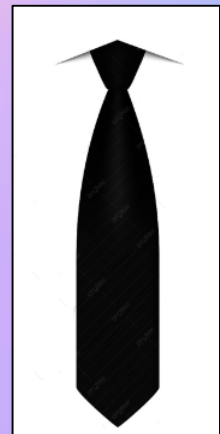
One rule that must be changed in school

There are many rules in our school, and I am okay with most of them, but one rule that I find very inconvenient is wearing a tie.

It is the only problem I see with our uniform. If a tie is worn properly, it becomes too tight and uncomfortable. It becomes irritating, and if that irritation is taken out on classmates, the teacher gets upset.

On the other hand, if it is worn a little loose, it hangs around the neck like a noose, and that too upsets the teacher.

Either way, the tie is a problem.



Sakshi Joshi
V std

When you are low on luck.

One morning, I was playing with my friends in the garden when a boy came and kicked the ball that we were playing with. The ball hit the window of my house, and the glass shattered. The boy quickly took the ball, gave it to me, and ran away. The next thing I saw was my mother with the stick in her hand.

I got a good scolding that day. The window was repaired the next day, but I was still feeling very low.



I took my ball and went down to play, but before I knew it, that boy appeared again and smashed the window glass with my ball. He again put the ball in my hand and ran away.

I could not believe what had happened until I saw my mom standing there with a stick.

Jasleen Kaur
III std

My sister and oreos

I just had this idea. My sister plays pranks on me very often, so I thought I should also try a trick on her. My sister loves Oreo biscuits, so to annoy her, I replaced the cream in her biscuits with toothpaste. When she tasted one, she became very angry, and when she is angry, she looks very cute.



Yashshree Paste
III std

A fight I had in school



One day I was going to school when some children teased me. I was very upset, but I ran away without saying anything to them. On the same day we had a PT period, the same group of students who teased me in the morning were on the team opposite my class' team for a football match.

When we started playing, those children again started teasing us and cheating in the game. I felt very bad and shouted at them that they were playing foul, but hearing this, they all jumped on me. Seeing this, my team came

and joined the fight.

Understanding that we could not win the fight with them, we tried to run towards our PT teacher and complain. The other boys also ran to do the same, but at the end, we all got punished.

Mir Shahzar Ali
V std

My brother- the terror



It was during my exams, when I was very tensed and disturbed, that I saw my cousin sleeping nicely without any care in the world. I was very jealous to see him sleep so peacefully. I set the sound of a razor on the mobile and slid it over his head. My brother woke up with a start and thinking that I had run a razor through his hair, gave me a good beating.

When I started crying loudly that it was just a joke, he stopped and checked his precious hair. Finding everything normal, he asked what I was doing. He relaxed only after

I explained everything to him.

That day I realised how dangerous my brother was, and since then I have never tried to do anything to him, no matter how much he sleeps or how jealous I feel.

Anvit Khandekar
IV std

If I were a bird

If I were a bird
I would fly high in the sky
I would lift up
I would never cry
That is what I would do without being shy
If I were a bird flying high



Prathamesh Patil
VIII std

The sorrows of marching practice

School- a place where many students don't feel like going. And that feeling intensifies when we have to go on Saturdays as well. The only solace is that it would be a half day and there would be club periods.

But last Saturday, even that little relief was destroyed when it was announced that the students would have to report to the ground to practise marching. To be honest, I ask

myself whether we are in the army or something to learning how to march. Anyway, our classes were called down for the practise. It took us a thousand years to reach the ground because the stairs were all clogged with our juniors. Somehow we reached the ground, only to face a second round of confusion. The students were scattered all over the playground. After much effort, my friend Shlok and I finally reached the area allotted to our house.



We started practising, but I guess we were doing a terrible job because the captain just told us to stop. To add to our misery, we were standing right under the sun, and it was extremely hot. We had just started practising hand movements when our PT teacher told us to start marching ahead and observing how we were performing.

And guess what? We realise that our captain was doing it all wrong the whole time, and we were following him.

By this time, we were too tired and thirsty. Shlok went to get our water bottles, and after handing me mine, he just ran away, leaving me alone. The teachers kept urging us to march, but by now everyone was pretty much exhausted. We were very relieved when we heard the bell ring for the break. Before we could vanish, our PT teacher warned us that no one was to leave till we had gotten the hang of how to march correctly.

So we had to wait another twenty minutes, which left us more tired, hungrier and angrier. I am pretty sure many of us didn't want to march ever again.

Anant Pandey
VIII std

Should we settle on Mars or try to save Earth?

Colonising Mars is a popular idea. Many people say that Mars will become humanity's second home. People on Earth will live on Mars once Earth is destroyed or becomes uninhabitable. In my opinion, we should try to save our planet instead of destroying it and then spending resources on settling on another one.

Firstly, we have more ideas and technology to save Earth than colonising another planet. To save the earth, we have already started developing renewable energy sources and taken various steps to control pollution. If everything goes well, we will be able to save the earth from human destruction by the end of the century. As far as Mars is concerned, we don't even have the special suits or the rockets ready to send all the people there. The space agencies claim that they will be able to colonise Mars within a decade, but their idea is quite impractical, so it is better to save the earth.

Secondly, it is way more economical and cheaper to save Earth than to colonise Mars or any other planet. This is one of the major reasons why Mars colonisation projects haven't reached success yet. The risk involved in Mars colonisation further deters governments from giving money to the national space agencies. On the other hand,



money is required for developing infrastructure and doing research for mass colonisation in the first place. On the other hand, renewable technology and electric vehicles are getting cheaper day by day, and they are also becoming more accessible to the public for use. Even if both the earth-saving strategies and the Mars colonisation strategies start from scratch, the former would win as they will take less time to finish the goal with fewer resources and so will prove to be a better option.

Thirdly, Mars is not a very good place to live. It is like a cold, barren, lifeless desert with powerful dust storms. Without an ozone layer, its surface is constantly attacked by radiation. If humans really want to live there, they will have to live in bunker-like chambers and move in spacesuits. They will have to live under extreme stress. Moreover, the ill effects of low gravity on Mars will take a heavy toll on the human body. This should deter most people from ever going there. On the other hand, we have a pretty beautiful planet to live on, which we must try to save so that we don't have to live a stressed and sick life on Mars.

Anuj Yadav
IX std

End of mankind

Have you ever wondered how and when mankind will end? The answer may not be a very difficult or surprising one. In my opinion, looking at the way greed, hatred, and destruction are spreading in the world, the end of mankind is very close. The newspapers are full of reports on how countries are waging wars against each other, how in many states political parties fight and exploit for power, and how within communities people from different religions and castes are hurting each other.

Beyond this, we are also not sparing our home planet either. We fight for resources, waste what we have, and recklessly damage our environment by cutting away trees, spreading pollution, and damaging our ecosystem.

The time is not far when we will have to pay for all our actions.

Vihan Bhalerao
VII std

Random facts



Kangaroos may move fast, but they actually can't jump backward. This is because of their thick tail, which acts as a counterbalance to their front-facing movements.



Flamingos are not pink. They are born grey, and their diet of brine shrimp and blue-green algae contains a natural pink dye called canthaxanthin that makes their feathers pink.



The world's deadliest creature isn't a shark, bear, or tiger, but something far smaller: the mosquito. According to the World Health Organisation, 725,000 people are killed each year from mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, and yellow fever.



Roosters prevent themselves from going deaf due to their own loud crowing (which averages over 100 decibels) by tilting their heads back while crowing. This covers their ear canal completely, acting like an earplug.



The Giant Pacific Octopus has three hearts, nine brains, and blue blood. They are also able to change their colour and texture to camouflage themselves in the blink of an eye.



A common garden snail has 14,000 teeth. Their microscopic teeth are called radula, and some species actually have over 20,000 teeth.

Tanishka Patil
VIII std

If I were a cricketer

If I were a cricketer,
I would have won matches.
I would make my country proud,
I would take many catches.
That is what I would do in my life,
If I were a cricketer.



Swaroop Kasar
VIII std

The life of a backbencher

There are many students who do not like studying. They don't like to pay attention when the lectures are going on. They are the ones who usually sit on the last benches in the classroom.

They prefer to chitchat or distract others. They are never serious about their studies, so much so that they even sleep during their classes. During the lectures, they do mischief, like eating their tiffin or drawing funny cartoons. As a result, they don't understand anything, their notebooks are always incomplete, and they are unable to answer questions asked by the teachers. Sometimes they are rude to the teachers, and they never listen to the monitors.

Even though I am very serious about my studies, I too like to do a few things that back benchers do. I sometimes gossip with my friends during lectures. I get scolded by the teachers when I am caught, but I guess it is ok to be mischievous sometimes.

Parth Sanyasi
VIII std

My guide to surviving each day in school

School life can be stressful if not properly planned. After all these years in school, I have learned a few tricks that can come in handy.

First of all, one has to find good friends because in hard times, like when you miss classes, the teachers scold you, or you get into a fight, they will be there to stand by you.

Secondly, a small journal where you can write everything down can be helpful. Be ready for some bad days; sometimes they come often. Writing down your feelings in the journal can help you understand things better.



Taking books according to the timetable or as instructed by the teachers is very important to avoid scoldings and remarks in the diary.

Submitting assignments on time is as important as completing them on time.

Enjoy your tasty lunch with your friends during break time, as well as your PT and karate periods if you are lucky to get some. They are also great stress-busters.

Aditi Shinde
VIII std

Western influence is ruining our culture.

Nowadays, people in our country are influenced more by western culture than our own. Due to this, the importance of our culture, our traditions, and our customs and rituals is vanishing over time.

I am not against following other cultures, but this trend has two sides to it. On the one hand, it helps us to understand more deeply about other countries, their cultures, people, lifestyles, and traditions, but on the other hand, it takes us away from our roots.

The increase in globalisation and the expansion of social media will further expose us to different cultures. While it is a good idea to absorb what is good about other cultures, it may not be very good to imitate them blindly.

Even as the Indian youth try to copy other cultures, I find it paradoxical that other countries are trying to follow Indian traditions.

Avni Randhir
IX std

Being a backbencher

I never wanted to be a front-bencher because sitting in front of the teacher is very risky. You need to be sharper and always alert. On the contrary, back-benchers have more creative and fun field time at school.

At the back of the class, we can secretly gossip with friends without a care in the world. Well, mostly because sometimes teachers are smarter than us and they catch us.

If the topic is boring or if we are too tired, we can always make an excuse of not feeling well, put our heads down, and go into deep sleep.



When the subject is difficult and we don't know the answers, the benches at the back are a good place to hide. The students on the front benches can take all the credit.

Even though backbenchers have a lot of fun, their lives are not all that easy either. Whenever there is noise in the class or if the monitor is not able to identify who did the mischief, the blame always falls on the backbenchers.

Even so, I never want to sit on the front benches.

Harsha Ganta
VIII std

Instant Karma

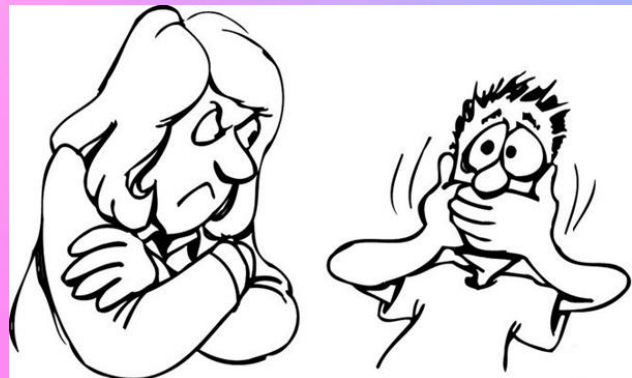
Discipline is very important; however, many students in my class are not very disciplined when it comes to personal hygiene and wearing their uniforms correctly. So to teach them a lesson and have a bit of fun at the same time, I decided to play a prank on them.

I spread a rumour in the class that a special guest will be visiting our school for inspection, and so all the students are required to be present in school well groomed and in proper uniform. Anyone not following the instructions would be suspended for a week.

Everyone easily believed me, as I have a reputation for being a studious and honest person. The whole day, I enjoyed watching my classmates grumble and mumble about the inspection.

The next day, I was surprised when it was announced in the assembly that a guest was expected at school that day. Well, more than surprised, I was shocked because I was the only child in the class, or rather, in all the classes on that floor, who was not in complete uniform. Apparently, without my knowledge, the rumour had spread to other classes as well, and everyone made it a point to come well dressed.

That day, the supervisor called me and suspended me for a week, firstly, for not being in uniform and secondly, for spreading false news. I was upset that the result of my prank went



unappreciated and also a little afraid that my classmates would never trust me again. I apologised to my classmates, but they were pretty cool about it as they were all saved from the punishment, and anyway, I was getting suspended.

I had to sit at home for a whole week listening to my parents nagging.

Disclaimer: This article is purely fictional and does not show the true nature of the writer or his classmates. Also, the writer must not be held liable if someone tries to execute the prank mentioned in the article. This article is for general reading only.

Anuj Yadav
IX std

How to get yourself in trouble

It was one of those days when it was nice, bright, and sunny, but there was actually nothing much to do. My cousin and I started thinking of ideas to beat out boredom, but nothing seemed interesting enough.



Finally, we decided to trouble our elder sister; we took her phone without her knowledge and hid it in the washing machine. That was the one place where she would have never looked because that was one chore that she completely despised.

All day, we enjoyed watching her search for her phone frantically. We pretended to help, but we just made her run around the house in vain.

Somewhere in the afternoon, we heard our aunt give out a loud scream. It so happened that, being a sunny day, she decided to wash all the bed sheets.

The phone was cleaned better than the sheets, so much so that it never switched on.

Well, our mischief earned us plenty of household chores as punishment. The scolding and nagging were complimentary.

Akshara Dixit
IX std





हिंदी अनुभाग

रक्षाबंधन



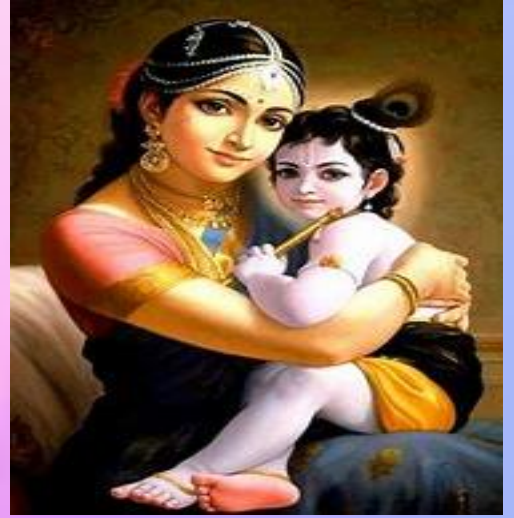
रक्षाबंधन भाई बहनों का त्यौहार होता है। इस त्यौहार पर बहन अपने भाइयों को राखी बाँधती है। यह राखी एक प्यार का सन्देश है, जो बहन अपने भाई को मानती है। भाई-बहन की रक्षा करे इसलिए यह त्यौहार मनाया जाता है। रक्षा मतलब सुरक्षा और बंधन मतलब बाध्या। रक्षा बंधन का त्यौहार श्रावण माह के पूर्णिमा को आता है। रक्षा बंधन के त्यौहार पर एक थाली में चावल, फूल, दिया, राखी, कुमकुम और मिठाई होती है। उस दिन बहन अपने भाइयों की आरती उतार कर उन्हें राखी बाँधती है और मिठाई खिलाती है। बदले में भाई अपने बहन को तौफ़ा देता है। रक्षा बंधन को राखी पूर्णिमा, राखी, सलूनो, उज्वल सिलोनो, रकू, झूलन पूर्णिमा, गमः पूर्णिमा, नारली पूर्णिमा और जानइ पूर्णिमा भी कहते हैं।

अद्रिजा नायर

कक्षा:IX

काकी की समीक्षा

माँ का स्थान हम सबके मन में होता है। मैंने मेरे कक्षा में माँ से संबंधित एक कहानी पढ़ी है। कहानी का नाम 'काकी' है और यह कहानी सियारामशरण गुप्त जी द्वारा लिखी गयी है। सियारामशरण गुप्त जी का जन्म झाँसी के निकट चिरगाँव में सन १८९५ में हुआ। वह राष्ट्रकवि मैथिलीशरण गुप्त के अनुज थे। उनको विश्वप्रेम, विश्वशांति, सत्य, और अहिंसा से प्रभावित रहे हैं। उन्होंने अलग-अलग नाट्य, काव्य खंड, कहानी संग्रह एवं उपन्यास लिखे हैं। यह कहानी एक दम सरल भाषा में लिखी गयी है। सियारामशरण जी ने एक अबोध बालक के द्वारा मातृ वियोग की पीड़ा को दर्शाया है। श्यामू कहानी का मुख्य पात्र है। जब उसकी माँ उसे छोड़ के चली जाती है तब वह उदास अकेले में रोते बैठा था, वह एक बालक था और बालको का मन अत्यंत कोमल, भावुक तथा संवेदनशील होते हैं, वह मातृ वियोग को सहन नहीं कर पा रहा था। तब उसे काया चीज़ दिखाई दी जो उसके मन को सांत्वना दे सकता था। इस गुप्त रहस्य को जानने के लिए किताब अवश्य पढ़ें। आशा है कि आप सबको पंसद आए और आपका भी दिल भावुक हो जाए।



लिया मोहन

कक्षा: X

व्यक्तित्व विकास और उसका महत्व

व्यक्तित्व विकास महत्वपूर्ण है क्योंकि यह लोगों को उनके जीवन के सभी क्षेत्रों में सफल होने में सक्षम बनाता है। यह व्यक्तियों के बीच संबंधों में सुधार करता है, किसी को अपने करियर में बढ़ने में मदद करता है, और उनके द्वारा काम किए जाने वाले हर क्षेत्र में प्रदर्शन में सुधार करता है। यानी व्यक्तित्व विकास लोगों को पेशेवर और व्यक्तिगत जीवन में सफलता और खुशी प्राप्त करने में मदद करता है।

कौशल में सुधार और ज्ञान का विस्तार व्यक्तित्व विकास की एक विधि है। नतीजतन, यदि आप अपने व्यक्तित्व में सुधार करते हैं, तो आपके कौशल में भी वृद्धि होगी। व्यक्तित्व विकास से आपके संचार कौशल, प्रबंधन कौशल, प्रस्तुति कौशल आदि में भी सुधार होता है।

यह लोगों को कठिन परिस्थितियों का सामना करने और उसका उचित समाधान खोजने में मदद करता है। यह स्थिति का सही तरीके से विश्लेषण करने और नकारात्मक दृष्टिकोण से बचने के लिए विकसित करता है।

व्यक्तित्व विकास व्यक्ति को स्वयं को समझने में मदद करता है। यह उसे अपने भीतर विशेषताओं और लक्षणों को विकसित करने में मदद करता है। यह आपको जीवन में सभी परिस्थितियों का मुस्कान के साथ सामना करने में मदद करता है।



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महामारी का वातावरण पर प्रभाव

"प्रकृति एक अनंत क्षेत्र है
जिसका केंद्र हर जगह है
और परिधि कहीं नहीं।"

-ब्लैसे पास्कल



इस उद्धरण का अर्थ है कि हम सब प्रकृति का एक भाग हैं। परन्तु उसका भाग होते हुए भी हम इंसान उसका ध्यान नहीं रखते और उसके विनाश का कारण बन रहे हैं। हम हमारे सुविधा के लिए प्रकृति से सब कुछ ले रहे हैं, परन्तु उसके लिए कुछ नहीं कर रहे हैं जिसके कारण हमारा परिसर बिगड़ता जा रहा है। परन्तु जब से २०१९ से २०२१ तक हम इंसान अपने घर में बंद थे इस महामारी में, तब से सब सड़क, पार्क, नदियां, आदि सब साफ़ हो गए हैं। जानवर आज़ादी और बिना किसी तनाव से जी रहे हैं और हमारे आस-पास की हवा थोड़ी और स्वच्छ हो गयी है, प्रदूषण भी कम हो गया है। कोरोना के डर से हम

अपने कमरों में बंद थे जिसके कारण वाहनों का सड़कों पर चलना कम हो गया, और सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर कचरा डालना भी कम हो गया, जिसके साथ ध्वनि प्रदूषण और वायु प्रदूषण भी नहीं हुआ। यह महामारी हम इंसानों को छोड़कर बाकी सब के लिये अच्छा साबित हुआ है।

इस महामारी को हम इंसानों के बुरा व्यवहार की शिक्षा मानते हुए सब फिर खुलने के बाद अपने वातावरण का ध्यान रखने का वादा करना चाहिए।

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बढ़ता प्रदूषण



आज के ज़माने में हमारी आबादी बहुत बढ़ती जा रही है जिसके कारण बहुत सारे लोग गाड़ियों का प्रयोग कर रहे हैं जिसके वजह से प्रदूषण और ज्यादा बढ़ता जा रहा है। इस बढ़ते प्रदूषण के कारण हमें बहुत सारे परेशानियों का सामना करना पड़ रहा है। जैसे की हमें आज कल पहले जैसी शुद्ध हवा प्राप्त नहीं हो रही है। जिसके कारण बहुत से लोगो को बहुत सी स्वास्थ की परेशानियाँ हो रही हैं। प्रदूषण सिर्फ हमारे लिए ही नहीं लेकिन जानवरों को भी नुकसान दायक है। हमें प्रदूषण कम करने के लिए किसी नज़दीकी जगह जाने के लिए अपनी गाड़ी का इस्तेमाल नहीं करना चाहिए।

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फेते दे ला मुसिके

फेते दे ला मुसिके अथवा विश्व संगीत दिवस हर वर्ष २१ जून को मनाया जाता है। शौकिया और पेशेवर संगीतकारों को सम्मानित करने के लिए 2021 के लिए विश्व संगीत दिवस का थीम "चौराहों पर संगीत" है। गायन, वादन व नृत्य तीनों के समावेश को संगीत कहते हैं। संगीत नाम इन तीनों के एक साथ व्यवहार से पड़ा है। गाना, बजाना और नाचना प्रायः इतने पुराने है जितना पुराना आदमी है। बजाने और बाजे की कला आदमी ने कुछ बाद में खोज सीखा हो, पर गाने और नाचने का आरंभ तो न केवल हज़ारों बल्कि लाखों वर्ष पहले उसने कर लिया होगा, इसमें कोई संदेह नहीं। विश्व संगीत दिवस मनाने का प्राथमिक उद्देश्य सभी को मुफ्त संगीत प्रदान करना है, और शौकिया संगीतकारों को दुनिया के सामने अपना काम दिखाने के लिए प्रोत्साहित करना है।



दिब्याशा मिश्रा

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सोना चोर भगवान

एक व्यक्ति ने बचपन से लेकर बुढ़ापे तक जीवन भर राजा की सेवा की। एक दिन राजा ने उन्हें बुलाया और सोने की एक ईंट देकर कहा, "प्रिय रामरतन"! अब तुम बहुत बूढ़े हो गए हो। आप आराम के पात्र हैं। इस ईंट को लो और अपना शेष जीवन ईश्वर की प्रार्थना में शांतिपूर्वक व्यतीत करो। आपकी सेवाओं के लिए धन्यवाद।" रामरतन घर की ओर निकल पड़ा। रास्ते में एक नदी थी। उसे ऐसा लगा कि वह खुद को ठंडा करने के लिए नदी में डुबकी लगा रहा है। उसने सोने की ईंट को एक पेड़ के नीचे रखा और पानी में उतर गया। इस बीच एक कुत्ता वहाँ आया और उसके जबड़ों के बीच ईंट लेकर भाग गया। स्नान के बाद रामरतन ने अपनी सोने की ईंट को गायब पाया। उसने बड़े सदमे में चारों ओर देखा। कहीं कोई तोड़ नहीं। उसने विलाप किया, "भगवान कितने ईर्ष्यालु हैं! उसने मेरी ईंट चुरा ली और भाग गया।" रामरतन ने चोर को उसकी छड़ी को धमकाते हुए पाया। अपनी खोज के दौरान वह एक सूखे तालाब पर पहुँचा। वह बहुत गहरा था। तभी एक व्यापारी वहाँ आया और रामरतन से पूछा, "आप कहाँ जाते हो?" क्रोधित रामरतन ने बताया, "मैं चोर भगवान की तलाश में जाता हूँ जिसने मेरी सोने की ईंट चुरा

ली।" व्यापारी ने कहा, "अच्छा, अगर आपको भगवान मिल जाए तो उसे बताएँ कि यह तालाब पिछले सात वर्षों से सूखा है। पानी नहीं है, रामरतन आगे चला। कुछ दूर वह एक खेत में एक घोड़े से मिला। घोड़े ने पूछा, "तुम कहाँ जाते हो?" रामरतन ने वैसा ही जवाब दिया जैसा उसने व्यापारी को दिया था। घोड़े ने कहा, "अच्छा अगर तुम पाते हो भगवान, उससे कहो कि पिछले 15 वर्षों से कोई मुझे सड़क पर नहीं ले गया।" रामरतन अपनी छड़ी खड़खड़ाने के लिए आगे बढ़ा। फिर वह एक गाँव में आया जहाँ उसकी मुलाकात एक बुनकर से हुई। बुनकर की पाँच पत्नियाँ थीं लेकिन सभी ने उसे छोड़ दिया था। उसे अपनी बहन के साथ। बुनकर ने पूछा, "तुम कहाँ जाते हो?" रामरतन ने वही जवाब दिया। तो, बुनकर ने कहा, ठीक है, अगर तुम भगवान को ढूँढते हो तो उसे मेरे दुख के बारे में बताओ।" थोड़ा आगे उसकी मुलाकात एक साधु से हुई। साधु वास्तव में स्वयं भेष बदलकर भगवान था। उन्होंने पूछा, "कहाँ जाते हो?" रामरतन ने गुस्से में थूक दिया, "अरे, मैं उस ईंट चोर भगवान की तलाश कर रहा हूँ। जैसे ही मैं उसे पकड़ लूँगा, मैं उसे दिन के उजाले से निकाल दूँगा। फिर मैं उसे एक अंधे कुएँ में फेंक दूँगा।" साधु उर्फ भगवान मुस्कुराए और सलाह दी, "अच्छे आदमी! झल्लाहट बंद करो और खुशी-खुशी घर जाओ। तुम बेचारे भगवान के पीछे क्यों पड़े हो? जब उसने सुना कि आप उसे कूड़ा-करकट करने का इरादा रखते हैं, तो वह डर गया और उस ईंट को अपने घर में अपने बक्से में रख दिया। वहीं मिलेगा।" रामरतन ने पूछा, "लेकिन तालाब में पानी का क्या? साधु ने उत्तर दिया, "उस व्यापारी से कहो कि वह अपनी सोने की अंगूठी को तालाब में गाड़ दे। तालाब में पानी भर जाएगा।" "लेकिन उस घोड़े का क्या, जिसकी सवारी पंद्रह साल से नहीं की गई है?" "तुम उस घोड़े पर सवार होकर घर जा सकते हो," भिक्षु ने कहा, "बुनकर का दुःख कैसा होगा?" "तुम उस बुनकर की बहन से शादी करोगे। एक बार जब वह तुम्हारे साथ चली जाएगी तो बुनकर की सभी पत्नियाँ वापस आ जाएँगी।" रामरतन को समझाने के बाद साधु भेष में भगवान गायब हो गए। रामरतन ने वैसा ही किया जैसा साधु ने कहा था।

कहानी का नैतिक यह है कि भगवान दयालु है। वह मानवीय मूर्खताओं के प्रति बहुत दयालु है।

श्रेयोशी सिन्हा
कक्षा: VII

अगर मैं एक पक्षी होता



अगर मैं एक पक्षी होता तो मैं एक चील बनना चाहता। एक चील सबसे बड़ा घोंसला बनाता है। एक चील आसमान में बहुत तेजी से उड़ता है। अगर मैं एक चील होता तो मैं तेज गति से आकाश में उड़ता और गर्मियों में ठंडी हवा का आनंद लेता। मेरी महत्वाकांक्षा है कि एक पक्षी आकाश में ऊँची से भी और ऊँची उड़ान भरेगा। मैं बड़े और छोटे पक्षियों के जीवन का ज्ञान प्राप्त करूँगा।

क्योंकि मैं उनके साथ चलूँगा और हवा में ऊँची उड़ान भरते हुए, या अपने अन्य दोस्तों के साथ पेड़ों पर बैठकर उनके साथ बातचीत करूँगा।

यह एक पक्षी होने का बहुत अच्छा और दिलचस्प अनुभव होगा और इससे हम उन समस्याओं को समझ पाएँगे जो हम इंसानों की वजह से झेलते हैं।

एलन.एस.
कक्षा:- X

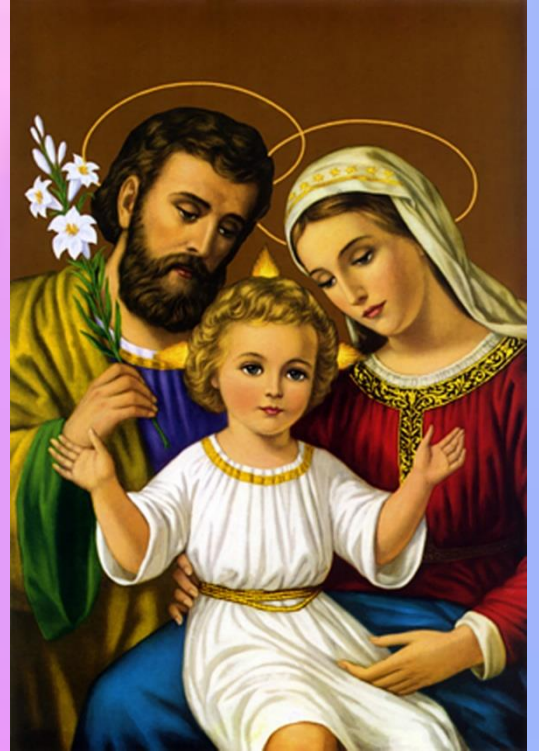
क्या आप जानते हैं?

- मानव शरीर में सोना होता है। 70 किलो वजन वाले व्यक्ति के पास 0.2 मिलीग्राम सोना होता है।
- मानव शरीर प्रकाश उत्सर्जित करता है अर्थात मनुष्य प्रकाशमान वस्तु है।
- बचपन से हमने सुना है कि पिरामिडों में ममी मौजूद होती हैं लेकिन असल में पिरामिड में एक भी ममी नहीं पाई जाती है।
- गीज़ा के पिरामिड के बाहर तापमान काफी अधिक या कम हो सकता है। लेकिन पिरामिड के कुछ ही अंदर तापमान 25 डिग्री सेल्सियस है।
- जब हम दुनिया के नक्शे की रूपरेखा बनाते हैं तो ऐसा लगता है जैसे कोई बिल्ली गेंद से खेल रही हो।
- 1 लीटर पानी बनाने में 2-3 लीटर पानी का इस्तेमाल होता है।
- एटीएम में एसी लोगों को ठंडा करने के लिए नहीं है, यह मशीन को ठंडा करने के लिए है क्योंकि एटीएम का उपयोग लगभग हर दिन लगातार किया जाता है इसलिए इसे ठंडा करने के लिए एसी का उपयोग किया जाता है।
- कार के पीछे सफेद नंबर प्लेट का मतलब है निजी कारें पीली नंबर प्लेट का मतलब है वाणिज्यिक कारें जिसे हम टैक्सी के लिए देख सकते हैं और नीली नंबर प्लेट का मतलब विदेशी दूतावास की कारें हैं।
- जैसे इंसान कंप्यूटर को हैक कर सकता है वैसे ही इंसान शरीर में एक्स्प्रेसर पॉइंट का इस्तेमाल करके इंसान वहां खुद के शरीर को हैक कर सकता है।



हमारे पालन हार

आज मन ही मन सोचा
आज अपने माँ-बाबा के लिए
कुछ प्रेम एवं आदर से भरे कुछ
शब्द लिखूं.....
माँ जैसे इस दुनिया मे कोई नहीं.....
पिता जैसा इस संसार में कोई नहीं.....
अगर मेरी मानो तो मैं इनके आँचल में
छुप जाऊं ...
इनके साथ थोड़ी ठिठोली कर
उसका आनंद लूं..
उनका हाथ पकड़ कर चलूं और इस विशाल
दुनिया को समझूं....
और फिर
यही हाथ मैं एक समय के बाद
उन्हीं का थामू जिन्होंने मुझे हाथ पकड़
कर चलने से दौड़ना सिखाया।
कहते है कि बुढ़ापा दूसरा
बचपन होता है ...
पर यह सब विशेष होता है



हमें केवल उनके चेहरे की एक
छोटी-सी एवं मीठी-सी मुसकान दिखती है
अगर मन के नेत्रों से देखा जाये तो
उनके जीवन यात्रा
का हर एक चरण दिखता है.....
मन कहता है कि इन से कभी दूर न
जाना इस विश्वास को और दृढ़ बनाना।
दुनिया के हम किसी भी कोने में
होंगे हम पर.....हम सब मन से
सदा- सदा..... के लिए साथ हैं।

लिया मोहन
कक्षा :X

सही राह

कहो वही , जो सच्चा हो । करो वही , जो अच्छा हो ।
बोलो, जो मिठा हो । सुनो, जो गीता हो ।
देखो जो सत्य , शिव, सुंदर हो ।
दिखाओ, जो दिव्य और भव्य हो ।
खाओ वही जो, प्रभू का प्रसाद हो ।
पीओ वही, जिसमे अमृत का स्वाद हो ।
चाल वही चलो, जिसमे सच्चरित्र हो, और
कार्य वही करो जो पवित्र हो ।
थोड़ा पढ़ो , चिंतन ज्यादा करो ।
थोड़ा बोलो, सुनो ज्यादा ।
कम बोलो और काम का बोलो ।
जो नपा - तुला बोलता है ।
उसका बोल दुनिया हमेशा याद करती है ।



सई मयूर टिंगरे
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सपना



ख्वाब देखो ऐसे जिसके पंख धरा पर हो,
आँख चाहे हो बंद पर सपने खरा हो ।
जितनी हो दुनिया तो करो अथक अभ्यास,
सच होंगे सपने सारे बस करना होगा प्रयास।

मैत्री दूबे
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विश्व साइकिल दिवस

वर्ष 2021 के लिए विश्व साइकिल दिवस का विषय "एक सरल, टिकाऊ, किफायती और विश्वसनीय परिवहन के रूप में साइकिल की विशिष्टता, बहुमुखी प्रतिभा और दीर्घायु" है। 3 जून 2018 को, संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा ने घोषणा की कि इस दिन हर साल विश्व साइकिल दिवस मनाया जाएगा। साइकिल, जिसे बाइक या बाइसाइकल भी कहा जाता है।



यह एक मानव-चालित या मोटर-चालित, पैडल-चालित, एकल-ट्रैक वाहन है। जिसमें दो पहिए एक फ्रेम से जुड़े होते हैं। साइकिल सवार को साइकिल चालक कहा जाता है। साइकिलिंग आपको गंभीर बीमारियों जैसे स्ट्रोक, दिल का दौरा, कुछ कैंसर, अवसाद, मधुमेह, मोटापा से बचाने में मदद कर सकती है। बाइक चलाना सभी उम्र के लोगों के लिए स्वस्थ, मजेदार और कम प्रभाव वाला व्यायाम है। दुकानों, पार्क, स्कूल या काम पर सवारी करके साइकिल चलाना आपकी दिनचर्या में फिट होना आसान है। साइकिल चलाना परिवहन का एक सरल, विश्वसनीय और पर्यावरण के अनुकूल तरीका है। साइकिल पर्यावरण के अनुकूल परिवहन का प्रतीक है जो गैस पर पैसे भी बचाता है।

दिब्याशा मिश्रा

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कल्पना की दुनिया



चलो सपने की दुनिया में जहाँ आसमान में हाथी उड़ती चली
मेढक छिपे बादल के पीछे पानी में खेले रंगीन तितली ।
चिड़िया जहाँ तालाब में बनाये अपने लिए एक शानदार घर
मछली ढूँढ़ें अपनी रास्ता, पहुँची पेड़ की ऊँचाई पर ।

बाघ और कुत्ते हवा में दौड़े, बनाए दोस्ती सभी के साथ
मीठी गोलियों पेड़ में मिले जब चले हम उसके पास।

सभी रहे खुश उस दुनिया में जहाँ हरियाली में फूल खिले
मन की इंद्रधनुष बहार लाए अगर यह जगह सपने में मिले ।

अंजुला रॉय

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परिवार

एक छत के नीचे जहाँ व्यक्तियों का समूह निवास करता है, तथा उनके मध्य खून का संबंध होता है उसे परिवार की संज्ञा से संदर्भित करते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त शादी का तथा गोद लेने पर भी यह परिवार के संज्ञा में शामिल हो जाते हैं। मूल तथा संयुक्त यह परिवार के स्वरूप हैं। छोटे परिवार को एकल परिवार या मूल परिवार कहते हैं, इसमें दम्पति के साथ उनके दो बच्चे परिवार के रूप में निवास करते हैं। इसके विपरीत बड़ा परिवार जिसे संयुक्त परिवार के नाम से भी जाना जाता है, इसमें एक पीढ़ी से अधिक लोग निवास करते हैं, जैसे दादा-दादी, नाना-नानी, चाचा-चाची आदि।

परिवार में रिश्तेदारों का आना-जाना भी लगा रहता है। कभी मेरे मामाजी और उनके बच्चे हमसे मिलने आ जाते हैं और कभी हम अपने ताऊजी के पास चले जाते हैं। हम शाकाहारी भोजन करते हैं। दाल, सब्जियाँ और दूध, दही प्रयोग में लाते हैं।



कभी-कभी मक्खन और मटर-पनीर का सेवन भी कर लेते हैं। हमारे परिवार में हमारे पिताजी और माताजी हमारा जन्मदिन बड़ी धूम-धाम से मनाते हैं। वे अनेक मित्रों को बुलाते हैं। हम अपनी दादी जी और माँ-पिताजी के चरण छूकर आशीर्वाद लेते हैं। मेरी दादी तो इस अवसर पर फूली नहीं समाती।

ग्रीष्मा शर्मा

कक्षा: VII

मनोहारी सुबह

कल मेरे पापा ने मुझे सुबह-सुबह छह बजे ही उठाया और कहा जल्दी से ब्रश कर लो और मेरे साथ घुमने चलो। मैं भी पंद्रह मिनट में तैयार होकर पापा के साथ गयी।

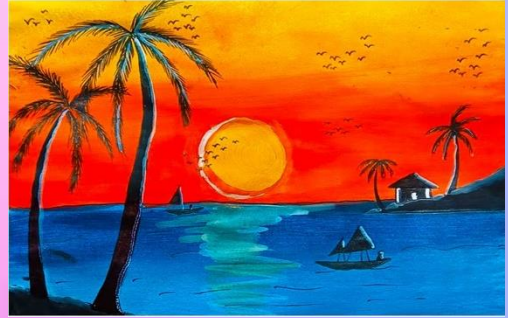
बाहर ठंडी हवा चल रही थी। दूर दूर तक कोई नजर नहीं आ रहा था। हम एक पेंड के पास जाकर रुक गये। उस पेड पर बहुत सारे पंछी चहचहा रहे थे। छोटी चिड़ियों के रंग और आकार भी अलग थे। वो खुशी से आवाज दे रहे थे।

कोयल की आवाज तो आ रही थी। पर वो दिखाई नहीं दे रही थी। एक दो छोटी गिलहरियाँ भी पेड पर उछल कुद कर रही थी। देख कर मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगा।

फिर पापा ने मुझे नीला आसमान दिखाया। सूरज की हलकी धूप और बादलो के रंग बहुत सुंदर लग रहे थे।

फिर मैंने एक जगह खिले खिले सुंदर फूल देखे, तितलियाँ देखी। पानी की बूँदे पेड के पत्तियों पर देखी।

पापा ने कहा की लॉक डाऊन की वजह से गाडियाँ नहीं चल रही है। इसलिए हवा में प्रदूषण नहीं है। इसलिए हम एक जगह हरी घास पर बैठ कर थोडा योगा किए। मुझे बहुत ही अच्छा लगा। जैसे ही थोडी-थोडी धूप बढने लगी, मैं और पापा घर आ गये। पूरा दिन हम बहुत खुश थे। मैंने यह तय किया की जब कभी पापा को छुट्टी होगी। हम इसी तरह सुबह घुमने जाया करेंगे।



आद्या शाज

कक्षा: VI

सुविचार

सफलता हासिल करने के लिए परिश्रम के साथ-साथ दृढ़ इच्छा शक्ति भी होना चाहिए।

सुमन सिंह
(अध्यापिका)

परिवार पर विचार

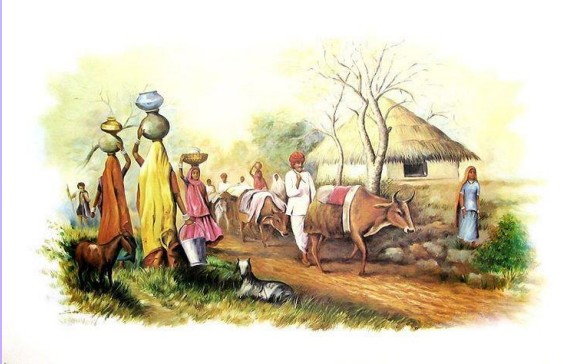
समय रहकर व्यक्ति शांति का अनुभव करता है।
दुनिया में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण परिवार और उसका प्यार है।
हमारा परिवार हमारी असली ताकद होती है।
परिवार ही हमारी पाठशाला होती है।
घर का मुखिया बनना आसान नहीं है
उसकी हालत टीन के शेड की तरह होती है
जो धूप, बारिश, तूफान, ओलावृष्टि
सब झेलता है, परन्तु
उसके नीचे रहने वाले अकसर कहते हैं कि,
यह आवाज बहुत करता है
और गर्म भी जल्दी होता है।



ग्रीष्मा शर्मा
कक्षा: VII

मेरा गाँव

मेरा गाँव एक आदर्श गाँव है। यह भारत के पश्चिम बंगाल राज्य के वर्धमान जिले में स्थित है। मेरे गाँव का नाम रामचंद्रपुर है। मेरे गाँव में चारों तरफ हरियाली ही हरियाली है। मेरे गाँव के ज्यादातर लोग मिट्टी के बने घर में रहते हैं। गाँव में कुछ लोग खेती करते हैं तो कुछ लोग पशुपालन भी करते हैं। मेरे गाँव में सुबह के समय शुद्ध और ठंडी हवा बहती है। मेरे गाँव के सभी लोग मिल-जुलकर रहते हैं। मेरे गाँव में दुर्गा पूजा बड़ी धूम-धाम से मनाया जाता है। इन दिनों माँ दुर्गा के बड़े-बड़े पंडाल सजाए जाते हैं। बच्चों से लेकर बुजुर्गों तक सभी नए कपड़े पहनते हैं। गाँव में सबके घर मिठाई तथा स्वादिष्ट खाना बनता है। सब लोग एक-दूसरे को मिठाई तथा कपड़े बाँटते हैं। मेरे गाँव में एक अच्छा सरकारी अस्पताल, विद्यालय और डाकघर भी है। हमारे गाँव में बिजली, पानी और सड़क की अच्छी व्यवस्था है। मेरे गाँव के पास से पवित्र गंगा नदी बहती है। गाँव में साल भर में एक बार मेला लगता है। मेरे गाँव का हर एक व्यक्ति शिक्षित और जागरूक है। मेरा छोटा सा गाँव बहुत ही स्वच्छ और प्यारा है। मैं अपने गाँव से बहुत प्यार करता हूँ।



आर्यमन भट्टाचार्य
कक्षा: IV

बिटिया रानी

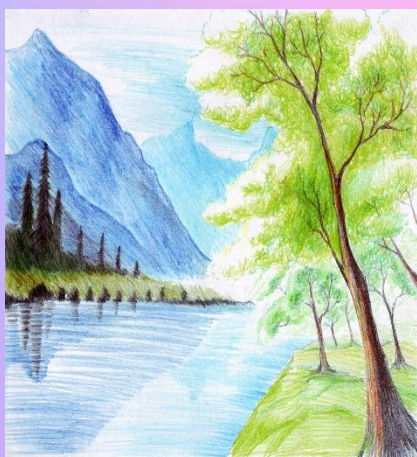


बेटी मेरे ज़िंदगी की जन्नत है
मानो मेरे ख्वाबों की मन्नत है।
उसकी किलकारी कानों को भाती है
जहाँ देखो हर जगह बस वही नजर आती है।
डरती हूँ कहीं उसे मेरी ही नजर न लग जाए
डरती हूँ कि कहीं मेरे आँखों से ओझल न हो जाए।
समय को भागते हुए हों गए 14 साल।
मेरी नन्ही परी अब तो हो गई कमाल ।

चेहरे पर मासूमियत और नकली गुस्सा आँखों में।
कभी यूँ ही हँस देना तो कभी बेबाकी बातों में।
पिता की लाडली तो माँ की जान हैं।
नानी सोचती बड़ी क्यों हो गयी? इसमें ही परेशान है।
बिटिया मेरी जन्नत है और मेरी मन्नत है।

चेतना दूबे
(अध्यापिका)

प्रकृति



प्रकृति कि है छटा निराली,
चारों तरफ हरियाली ही हरियाली।
जिन पर है पहाड़ों का पहरा,
झूम रहे है पत्ते - पत्ते
झूल रही है डाली-डाली।
है प्रकृति कि छटा निराली,
अम्बर नीला , सूरज पीला
धरती पर है किरणों का पहरा।
झूम रहे पशु - पक्षी,
कोयल की है कूक निराली।
खेतों में लहराती फसलें,
किसानों कि है ठाठ निराली।
पनघट पर औरतों का जमघट,
बच्चों कि है हँसी निराली।
है प्राकृतिक कि छटा निराली,
इस प्रकृति ने दी है खुशियाँ निराली।

नेहा सिंह
(अध्यापिका)

कही- अनकही

जब मैं आँखों का स्केच बनाती हूँ
तब वह मेरे कमरे के स्केच में तब्दील हो जाता है
और मेरा कमरा मेरे व्यक्तित्व की परछाई है
आधा बिखरा, आधा खाली
जिसके दरवाज़े पर कभी दस्तक नहीं होती
बल्कि दरवाजा हवाओं के रुख के साथ
अपनी चरमराहट में अत्यंत कर्कश होता है...!!

साक्षी बीजापुर
कक्षा: X

जीत

जीत अगर मुश्किल नहीं, तो डर किस बात का?
यह जिंदगी नहीं, खेल है जज्बात का ।
रखना खुद पर भरोसा, नहीं जीते तो क्या हुआ?
चेहरे पर हंसी रखना ।
दो पल की जिंदगी में कुछ मिलेगा कुछ छूटेगा,
इंतजार ही इंतजार है ।
नजर अपनी चीते जैसी रखना।
यह खेल है बातों का, यह खेल है जज्बातों का
जीतना एक वजूद नहीं, जीत कर एक मकसद रखना।



अक्षदा वंगारी
कक्षा: IX

सुनहरा मौसम

मेरी खिड़की के बाहर से
मुझे दिखता है एक सुंदर नज़ारा,
अक्तुबर की सुनहरी रोशनी में दिखाई देता है
एक वाकई प्यारा नज़ारा।
पत्तियां कह रही है कोमल अलविदा
जैसे वह नीचे गिरती है।
प्रकृति का कालीन बनाने के लिए
पीला, लाल और भूरा रंग।

पहाड़ की चोटी सफेद हो गई है
सर्दी का आगमन होने आया है,
जबकि पेड़ों के सुनहरे पत्ते नदियों जैसे
पहाड़ियों से अपना रास्ता बना लेते हैं।



ऐसा सुनहरा पतझड़ का मौसम,
कभी फिर देखने को मिले...

वैष्णवी पाटिल
कक्षा: X

अनुभूति

मेरी कोख में पली वह मेरी पहली प्रियतम है
धूप में लेटी तेल में चुपड़ी
बिल्कुल वस्त्रहीन नन्ही-ही जान
जिसकी देह से पुराने सरसों की गंध आती है
चिहुंक चिहुंक कर देखती है हर चीज़
गति और लय पर एकाग्र
घर के बिल्कुल अदृश्य रह गए कोनों में बैठकर खेलती
उसके खिलौनों में शामिल थे घर के टूटे फूटे समान
फटे हुए दफ़्ते और फ़ोम
टूटी हुई कलमें, कटी फटी पेंसिलें
फेंकी हुई रस्सियां, टूटे हुए तार
टूटी हुई कलमें, कटी फटी पेंसिलें
फेंक दिए गए छोटे छोटे धागों के सिरे
घर का कबाड़ जीवित रहता था उसके पास
एक तो छोटी-सी सन्दूकची भी थी
किसी चिड़िया की नन्ही चोंच
डायनासोर की उखड़ी हुई टांग
सहेजी हुई उस सन्दूकची को कभी-कभार वह खोलती
इस इंतज़ार में कि एक दिन
इन सब को गोंद से जोड़ दूंगी

कामिनी पाण्डेय
(अध्यापिका)

सीख का साल

जिन्दगी में कुछ करना भी है या नहीं?तुम इतनी बेवकूफ क्यों हो?जैसे तमाम सवालों से जूझते-गुजरते एक साल और धीरे-धीरे फिसल रहा है...अपने जो उम्मीद रखते हैं मैं उनके मन का कर नहीं पाती और अपने मन का करना बस गलतियाँ करना होता है...और मैं इसमें माहिर हूँ।

सुनो!!जाते हुए वक्त मैं तुम्हारी शुक्रगुज़ार हूँ कि कुछ अजीब,बोझिल, गैर,अजनबी और घुटन भरे रिश्तों से मुक्त होने में तुमने मेरी मदद की....शुक्रगुज़ार हूँ कि यह पूरा साल अनुभवों में अमीर बना गया...चैन मुझे रास नहीं आता और बेमतलब की चिन्ताएं मुझसे दूर नहीं जाती...और दिमाग में चकरघिन्नी सा घुमता कुछ यह बताता रहता है कि अभी कहीं कुछ बेहतर करने के लिए बचा है।कुछ है जो मेरे लायक है..कुछ तो है जो मैं बढ़िया कर सकती हूँ...!शुक्रगुज़ार हूँ उनकी भी जो मुझे निकम्मा,नालायक,और नाकाम मानते हैं और उन्हें प्यार जिनकी आँखों में मेरे लिए सपनें हैं पर मुझे उन आँखों से डर भी लगता है।तो जाते हुए वक्त तुमने बहुत कुछ आँधी-तूफान, हवा-पानी की तरह दिया...तुमसे मुझे कोई शिकायत नहीं... जाते हुए को रोकना मेरी फितरत नहीं और फिर किसमें इतनी कूव्वत जो तुम्हें रोक ले!मैं तो बस तुम्हारी चंद रोज की मेहमानी में इतनी ताकत बटोर लेना चाहती हूँ कि ऊपरी सवालों का सामना कर सकूँ.. क्योंकि आने वाले वक्त में भी इनसे मेरा सामना होता रहेगा या संभव है इनसे भी बडे और भयानक सवाल मुंह बाये आ धमके...और जवाब के नाम पर या तो ऊलजलूल बहाने होंगे या कि एक शान्त शून्य! बाकी आने वाले वक्त में खुद को बदलने की चाह से इतर बेहतर की तलाश जारी रहेंगी!!

कामिनी पाण्डेय
(अध्यापिका)

कोरोना

वाह रे कोरोना
कैसे- कैसे रंग दिखाए
कभी हँसाए तो कभी रुलाए
इस तरह जिंदगी के दोनों पहलु दिखाए
अपनों को अपनों से इतना दूर किया
की चाह कर भी वापस न बुला पाए
लेकिन तूने ही हमें हिम्मत और हौसला दिया
की अब लाख बीमारी आए पर हम ना घबराए
अगर कोरोना को है भगाना
तो लोगो से होगा दूरियाँ बढ़ाना
इसी बहाने लोगो ने अपने आस - पास
सफाई को अपनाए
यहाँ तक कि घर से निकले लो
मास्क भी लगाए
धन्यवाद उस प्रभु का
जो अब अच्छे दिन दिखलाए ।

सुमन सिंह
(अध्यापिका)

मेरे पिता

मेरे पिता का नाम रामन है। मेरे लिए आदर्श है, क्योंकि वे एक आदर्श पिता हैं। मैं अपने-पिता से बहुत प्यार करती हूँ, वो इस दुनिया के सबसे अच्छे पिता है, उनमें वे सारी योग्यताएँ मौजूद हैं जो एक श्रेष्ठ पिता में होती हैं। वे मेरे लिए केवल एक पिता ही नहीं बल्कि मेरे सबसे अच्छे दोस्त भी हैं, जो समय-समय पर मुझे अच्छी और बुरी बातों का आभास कराकर आगाह करते हैं।

पिताजी मुझे हार न मानने और हमेशा आगे बढ़ने की सीख देते हुए, मेरा हौसला बढ़ाते हैं। पिता से अच्छा मार्गदर्शक कोई हो ही नहीं सकता। हर बच्चा अपने पिता से ही सारे गुण सीखता है। जो उसे जीवन भर परिस्थितियों के अनुसार ढलने के काम आते हैं। उनके पास सदैव हमें देने के लिए ज्ञान का अमूल्य भंडार होता है, जो कभी खत्म नहीं होता। मेरे पिता मेरे लिए ही नहीं बल्कि हमारे आसपास के हर व्यक्ति के लिए प्रेरणा हैं। इसके अलावा, एक अच्छा पिता होने के साथ वह एक अच्छा पति, एक आज्ञाकारी बेटा और बाकी सभी के लिए एक विनम्र आदमी है।

रूपाली मुरकुटे
(अध्यापिका)

यदि मैं पक्षी होता

यदि मैं पक्षी होता, तो घर के बदले पेड़ पर घोंसला बनाकर रहता।

मैं उड़कर स्कूल जाता और बस का इंतज़ार न करना पड़ता। कक्षा में शिक्षिका के डांट से बचने के लिए आसमान में उड़ जाता।

सचमुच खुले आसमान में उड़ना बहुत ही मजेदार होता। यदि मैं पक्षी होता।



सार्थक नायर
कक्षा:II

स्त्री शिक्षा



भारत में लड़कियों की शिक्षा देश के विकास के लिए बहुत जरूरी है क्योंकि लड़कियाँ लड़कों से कम नहीं हैं। भारत के सामाजिक-आर्थिक विकास के लिए लड़कियों की शिक्षा अनिवार्य है। महिलाओं ने चिकित्सा, रक्षा सेवाओं, विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी आदि पेशेवर क्षेत्रों में योगदान देकर भारतीय समाज में सकारात्मक प्रभाव डाला है। हाँलाकि, यह हर दिन बेहतर होता जा रहा है क्योंकि भारत के लोग इस तथ्य को समझ चुके हैं कि महिलाओं के विकास और प्रगति के बिना देश का विकास असम्भव है।

आयुष्मान मिश्रा
कक्षा पहली

फिर से जाँ पाठशाला

ना जाने कहाँ से आया कोरोना
हमें पाठशाला से किया रवाना।
याद आते हैं वो पल ,
दोस्तों के साथ बिताया क्षण।
उड़ाए हुए कागज़ के हवाईजहाज़,
रहते थे हम खुश मिजाज।
दोपहर की छुट्टी होते ही,
मिल बाँटकर टिफिन खाना।
अध्यापक का वो सीखना,
गृहकार्य न किया तो डांट खाना।
और हमें हमारी गलतियों पर समझाना,
हे भगवन! जल्दी से नष्ट करो कोरोना
सारे रहे खुशहाल और हम फिर से जाँ पाठशाला।



अमेया पाथरीकर
कक्षा पहली

बेटियाँ

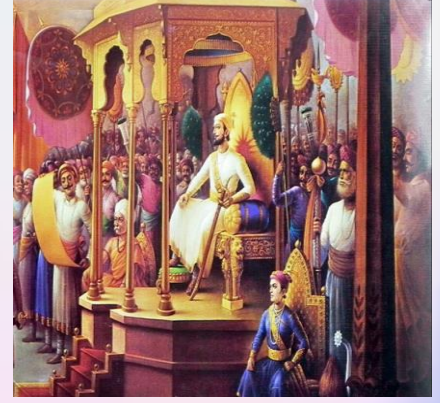


ईश्वर का आशीर्वाद होती हैं बेटियाँ
यूँ समझ लो कि बेमिसाल होती हैं बेटियाँ।
माँ-बाप के दुःख को समझे,
इतनी समझदार होती हैं बेटियाँ।
पिता का तो गुमान होती है बेटियाँ ,
जिन्दा होने की पहचान होती है बेटियाँ।
बेटियाँ आंगन में फैला उजाला है,
बेटियाँ गुस्से में लगा ताला है।
असीम दुलार पाने की हकदार है बेटियाँ
समझो भगवान् का आशीर्वाद है बेटियाँ ।

रूपाली मुरकुटे
(अध्यापिका)

शिवाजी महाराज

शिवाजी महाराज को छत्रपति भी कहते हैं। शिवाजी महाराज मराठी समाज के नेतृत्व में हमेशा खड़े रहते थे। उनका जन्म 19 फरवरी 1630 को शिवनेरी किले पर हुआ था। इनके पिता का नाम शाहजी भोंसले और माता का नाम जीजाबाई था। ऐसा इतिहास में लिखा है कि किले में शिवाई नाम की देवी थी उनके नाम से ही शिवाजी महाराज का नाम रखा गया।



शिवाजी महाराज ने 16 साल की उम्र में तोरणा किला जीता और उन्होंने ऐसे एक-एक करके कई किले जीते। शिवाजी महाराज लोगों को एकजुट करते थे। वे हिंदू धर्म के साथ-साथ अन्य धर्म का भी आदर करते थे। उनके यहाँ सभी धर्मों के सैनिक थे। महाराज महिलाओं का बहुत सम्मान करते थे।

शिवाजी महाराज की मृत्यु 3 अप्रैल 1680 में रायगढ़ किले पर हुई। उनके मृत्यु के उपरांत आज भी लोग उनके शौर्य और पराक्रम को याद करते हैं।

श्रेय झावरे

कक्षा:IV

स्वच्छता



जीवन में स्वच्छता का बहुत महत्व है। जहाँ स्वच्छता है वहीं आरोग्य है। शरीर को स्वच्छ रखने के लिए हमें प्रतिदिन स्नान करना चाहिए। दाँत को साफ रखने के लिए रोज सुबह मंजन या ब्रश करना जरूरी है। सप्ताह में एक बार नाखून भी काटने चाहिए। हमारे कपड़े भी साफ-सुथरे होने चाहिए। इसी के साथ हमें अपने घर और पास पड़ोस की स्वच्छता पर भी ध्यान रखना चाहिए। हमें गाँव और शहर भी स्वच्छ रखने चाहिए ताकि गंदगी से होने वाली तरह-तरह की बीमारियाँ ना फैले। हमें स्वच्छता का हमेशा ध्यान रखना चाहिए।

आयुष बनसोड़े

कक्षा: IV

माता-पिता

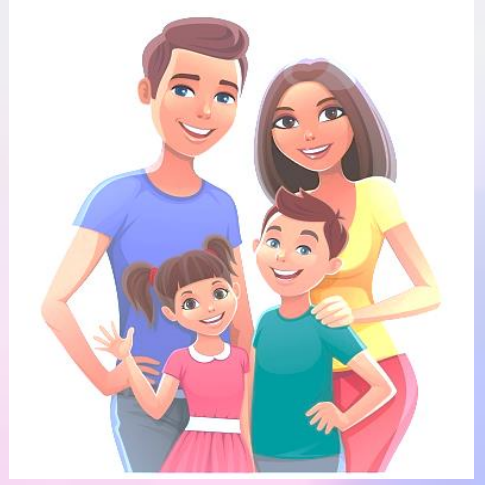
माता पिता शब्द बोल कर ही हमें अनंत सुख एवं खुशी की अनुभूति होती है। माता-पिता बच्चों के लिए भगवान का रूप होते हैं माता पिता अपने बच्चों की सभी इच्छा पूरी करते हैं तथा उसे खुशी प्रदान करते हैं। माता-पिता बच्चों के लिए अनमोल उपहार स्वरूप है जो ईश्वर द्वारा हर बच्चे को प्रदान किया जाता है। माता-पिता की तुलना इस संसार में कोई नहीं कर सकता। माता-पिता ही बच्चों के सर्वप्रथम गुरु होते हैं जो बच्चों को सही मार्गदर्शन देकर आगे बढ़ने के लिए प्रेरित करते हैं। माता-पिता अपने शब्दों से बच्चों को जीवन के लक्ष्य में सफल होने के लिए साहस प्रदान करते हैं।

प्रत्येक माता पिता अपने बच्चों को प्राणों से भी अधिक प्रेम करते हैं। जब भी बच्चों पर किसी की कुदृष्टि की छाया पड़ती है तो माता-पिता सूरज की तरह बच्चों को रोशनी प्रदान करते हैं।

“माता पिता अपने बच्चों को अपनी हथेली पर ओस की बूंद की तरह सहेज कर रखते हैं।“

माता-पिता के लिए समर्पित चंद्र पंक्तियाँ –

“माता-पिता से ही जीवन यह सारा, माता-पिता ही सबकी प्रथम गुरु
सुख-सौभाग्य सुविचार हमारा ।
माता-पिता से ही होता है शुरू,
हँसते -गाते हमें खिलाते ।
दिनभर करती रहती काम
तेरे आँचल में छिपकर
मिलता है मुझको आराम ।
माता-पिता ही सिखाते,
इस दुनिया में हँसकर सबसे बातें बोल माता-पिता तू है अनमोल।“



प्रनिका गुप्ता
कक्षा: IV

होली

जब मैं गई अपने दादा-दादी के घर
तब हमने खाई थी गुझिया
क्योंकि था त्यौहार होली का
रंग उड़ाए खूब सभी ने
लाल, हरा, नीला, पीला
गुलाबी और किसी का भूरा
आई तभी बच्चों की टोली
बोले सब होली की टोली
और सभी ने मनाई खुशियों की होली।



चेल्सी चुग
कक्षा: IV

बारिश



बारिश... एक ऐसा मौसम है जिसे हर कोई पसंद करता है। भारत में बारिश का मौसम जून से सितंबर 4 महीने में होता है। इन दिनों घंटों बारिश के कारण सभी तरफ हरियाली छाई होती है। पेड़ हरे-हरे पत्तों से सुंदर दिखते हैं। चारों तरफ हरियाली होती है। पशु-पक्षी आनंद से खेल उठते हैं, मोर भी अपने पंख फैला कर नाच दिखाते हैं। झरने और नदियाँ जल से भर जाते हैं। किसान अपने खेतों में फसल बोते हैं। इन दिनों में इंद्रधनुष के कारण आकाश भी बहुत सुंदर दिखता है। बहुत सारे स्कूलों में वर्षा भ्रमण आयोजित की जाती है। मैं और मेरा परिवार हर साल बारिश के दिनों में पहाड़ों में घूमने जाते हैं इसी कारण सभी की तरह मुझे भी बारिश का मौसम बहुत पसंद है।

तनाया थोरात

कक्षा:IV

जीवन

बच्चों, जीवन की डगर कठिन जरूर है, मुश्किलें कितनी भी आए, पार करना है हमें हर बाधाओं को और हर हाल में साबित करना है, कि हम सब कुछ कर सकते हैं।

जीवन की इस भाग दौड़ में,
कुछ वक्त मिले उसे सहेज लो।
क्योंकि पल भर की यादें,
संभव है विस्मृत हो जाए।
इसलिए कुछ ऐसा कर जाओ,
जिससे लोग हमेशा याद रखें।

संध्या बल्लेवार
(अध्यापिका)

दीपावली



भारत में वैसे तो पूरे वर्ष अनेक त्यौहार मनाये जाते हैं, किंतु उनमें से दिवाली का त्यौहार मुझे बहुत पसंद है। दिवाली प्रकाश का त्यौहार है। दिवाली के दिन सभी लोग खुशियाँ मनाते हैं और एक दूसरे को बधाइयाँ देते हैं। बच्चे पटाखे जलाते हैं। हर घर में मिठाइयाँ बनती है और सभी लोग एक दूसरे को मिठाइयाँ बाँटते हैं रात्रि में लोग लक्ष्मी जी की पूजा करते हैं।

पूरे भारत में दीपावली का पर्व बड़ी धूमधाम से मनाया जाता है। मुझे भी दीपावली का त्यौहार बहुत पसंद है।

आर्या जाधव

कक्षा: III

पाठशाला

दिन भी वो क्या थे, जब पाठशाला में पढ़ते थे। वजनदार हमारे Bag थे, पर दौड़कर बस में चढ़ते थे। Teacher से बहुत घबराते थे, पर प्यार भी उनसे करते थे। Exam का बहुत डर था, इसलिए छुट्टी किया करते थे। दिन ओ, अब बहुत याद आते हैं। जब जाड़ों में सुबह उठकर स्कूल आया करते थे। ठंडी के मारे एक दूसरे को काँपते दाँतों की आवाज सुनाया करते थे।

Class Test न लो Sir कहकर मन्त्रें माँगते थे। बातों में उलझाते थे, पर टेस्ट से न बच पाते थे। नंबर कम आने पर, टीचर से डाँट खाते थे।

प्रार्थना से पहले अक्सर क्लास रूम में रुक जाते थे। पकड़े जाने पर पेट दर्द का बहाना हम बनाते थे।

होमवर्क पूछने पर कॉपी घर भूल गए ma'am बहाना हम बनाते थे। कभी कभी इस चक्कर में हम खूब डाँट फटकार सुनते थे।

तुम्हारी क्लास सबसे निकम्मी टीचर बोल कर जाते थे। टीचर के बाहर जाते की हम हल्ला मचाते थे।

पानी पीने के बहाने हम पूरे स्कूल का चक्कर लगाते थे। दोस्तों से कभी लड़ते तो कभी उन्हें मनाते थे।



कब निकलेंगे यहाँ से अक्सर खैर मनाते थे। अब लौटकर वही जाना चाहते हैं। उन दिनों को वापस पाना चाहते हैं। उन लम्हों को फिर से जीना चाहते हैं। हम फिर से स्कूल जाना चाहते हैं।

संगीता झांजले
(अध्यापिका)

माँ

कहते हैं भगवान से पहले माँ होती है।

जहाँ भगवान भी साथ नहीं होता

वहाँ माँ अपने साथ होती है।

एक माँ ही है, जो बच्चों की

भूख की तड़प को जानती है।

एक माँ ही हैं, जो बच्चों के दबे आवाज को पहचानती है।

एक माँ ही हैं, जो छुपे आँसू को निहारती है।

एक माँ ही हैं, जो मन में चल रहे हलचल को जानती है।

एक माँ ही हैं, जो सुख में कम

दुखों में ज्यादा साथ देती है।

एक माँ ही है, जो अपनी दुआओं में बच्चों को अपनी मंजिल तक पहुँचाती है।

इसलिए माँ भगवान से बढ़कर होती है।



संगीता झांजले
(अध्यापिका)

व्यायाम का महत्व



पुरुष हो या महिला हम सभी भोजन करते हैं और जो व्यक्ति बिना व्यायाम के रहते हैं उनका भोजन कभी नहीं पचता अनेकों रोगों का वह भोजन कारण बन जाता है क्योंकि वह पचता नहीं आपके पेट में सड़ जाता है। और हम सभी को अधिकार है कि हम हम सभी अपना शरीर स्वस्थ बना सकें क्योंकि जो स्वस्थ मनुष्य होते हैं उनके लिए धरती स्वर्ग के समान होती है किंतु जो रोगी होते हैं उनके लिए यही धरती नर्क के समान होती है चाहे उस

व्यक्ति के पास में कितना भी धन क्यों ना हो फिर भी यदि वह व्यायाम का महत्व नहीं समझ पाता है तो रोगी ही रहता है और जल्दी ही मौत के मुँह में पहुँच जाता है।

प्रतिदिन व्यायाम करने से शरीर को शक्ति तथा स्फूर्ति मिलती है। डॉक्टरों द्वारा दी जाने वाली दवाइयों, विटामिन सिरप और इंजेक्शन की नौबत आएगी ही नहीं अगर हम व्यायाम को अपना लेंगे। एक बड़े चिकित्सक का कथन है कि जो डॉक्टर दवाइयों पर ज्यादा भरोसा किए बिना अपने रोगी का स्वास्थ्य सुधार दे, वही सबसे बुद्धिमान और अच्छा डॉक्टर कहलाता है।

चेतना शर्मा

कक्षा: VI

मेरा प्रिय पक्षी मोर



मोर मेरा सबसे प्रिय पक्षी है। सभी पक्षियों में से मुझे मोर सबसे सुंदर एवं प्यारा लगता है। मोर की कई प्रजाति हैं जैसे नीला भारतीय मोर, हरा मोर, कोंगो मोर और सफेद मोर। मोर को मयूर, शिखंडी और नीलकंठ भी कहते हैं। भगवान कृष्ण मोरपंख का इस्तेमाल अपने मुकुट में करते हैं। कार्तिकेय (भगवान शिव के पुत्र) का वहाँ मोर है। मोर को पक्षियों का राजा कहते हैं। मोर को भारत का राष्ट्रीय पक्षी १९६३ में घोषित किया था। मोर जंगल में रहने वाले छोटे-छोटे कीड़े - मकोड़ों को खाता है। मुझे मोर सबसे सुंदर तब लगता है जब वो अपने पंख खोलकर बारिश में नाचता है।

सिया सुहाने

कक्षा : VIII

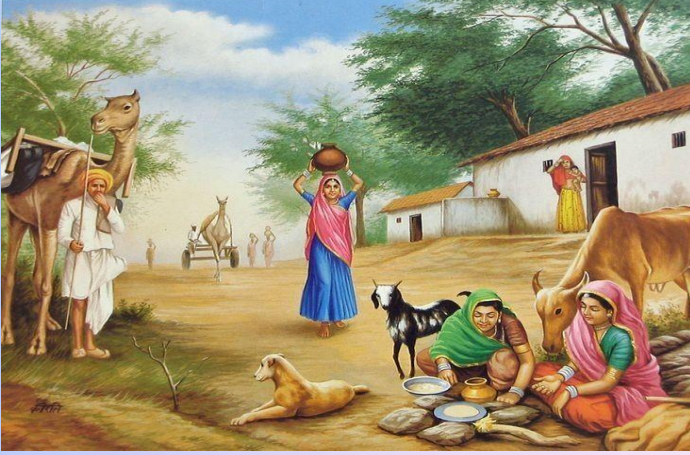
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मुझे वे स्त्रियाँ बेहद पसंद हैं जो अपना जीना, अपना होना और सपने देखना किसी और के भरोसे नहीं छोड़तीं। मन के कुछ कोने पुराने सामानों के ढेर से अटाये होने के बाद भी अपने लिए भी खुशरंग होती हैं। पुराने काम से भी एक नया काम निकालने की कल्पना से हमेशा रोमांचित रहती हैं। एक ठहराव और गजब की सेल्फसफिसियेन्सी से भरी हुई वें अपनी झुठी छवि गढ़ने का कोई उधम नहीं रचती। अपनी रुचियों के साथ रहती हैं, हवा में झूलती बिना पैर वाली आकांक्षाएँ उनकी बीमारी नहीं होती।

नंदिता दियोरी

कक्षा: X

ग्रामीण जीवन की समस्या



भारत एक कृषिप्रधान देश तथा भारत की 71% जनता गाँव में ही बसती है। यह गाँव की भारत की आत्मा है। हमारे जीवन का दर्पण है गाँव की भारतीय सभ्यता तथा संस्कृति के प्रतीक है। प्राकृतिक सुंदरता की मनोरम मनोरम छटा गाँव में ही बिक्री पड़ी है। राष्ट्रपिता महात्मा गांधी ने एक बार कहा भैया कि यदि भारत को विकसित करना है तो पहले यहाँ के गाँवों को विकसित करना होगा क्योंकि भारत गाँव में ही बसता है। आज भी अधिकतर गाँव में बिजली, पानी, सफाई, शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, संचार, यातायात की समस्याएं गाँववासियों का जीवन

दुर्ग के हुए हैं। आज भी गाँव की सड़कें कच्ची तथा गड्डों से युक्त है। तथा बरसात में इन सड़कों पर चलने के बारे में हम शहरी लोग सोच भी नहीं सकते। गाँव में अधिकतर सभी किसानों ने अपने खेतों की सिंचाई के लिए मशीन तो लगा ली है। परंतु बिजली की कमी के कारण ट्यूबवेल बेकार पड़े हैं तथा किसानों को काफी आर्थिक नुकसान उठाना पड़ता है। गाँव में 15 से 16 घंटे बिजली की कटौती की जाती है। पीने का साफ पानी भी अधिकतर गाँवों में उपलब्ध नहीं है। गाँव में नगर निगम के पानी की लाइन नहीं है। जिसके कारण ग्रामीणों को तालाबों आदि का पानी पीना पड़ता है और फिर और वहाँ बीमारियाँ ग्रामीणों को झेलने पड़ती है। सरकार की ओर से भी इस दिशा में कोई ठोस कदम नहीं उठाया जाते हैं। शिक्षा के क्षेत्र में ग्रामीण की दशा बहुत दयनीय है। प्रत्येक गाँव में प्राइमरी स्कूल के कमरों में पंखों वह बिजली की कोई व्यवस्था नहीं है। सफाई का तो प्रश्न ही पैदा नहीं होता है। पीने के पानी की कोई व्यवस्था नहीं है। ज्यादातर स्कूलों के हैंडपंप खराब पड़े रहते हैं क्योंकि कोई भी उनकी देखभाल पर ध्यान नहीं देता है। इंटर कॉलेज केवल थोड़े बहुत गाँव में ही होते हैं और इन कॉलेजों में शिक्षक शहर से पढ़ाने आते हैं इसलिए अधिकतर वे अनुपस्थित रहते हैं। गाँव की सड़कें तथा गलियाँ टूटी-फूटी होती हैं। तथा उनकी मरम्मत के बारे में कोई भी नहीं सोचता ऐसी टूटी-फूटी सड़कों पर जब घोड़ा, तांगा, ट्रैक्टर आदि वहाँ चलते हैं तो सड़कें और भी टूट जाती है। टूटी-फूटी गलियों से गंदा पानी बाहर बहता रहता है। जिसमें अनेक बीमारियाँ फैल जाती है। सड़कों पर लाइट का तो नामोनिशान ही नहीं होता। अतिरिक्त गाँव वालों को अपनी फसल बेचने में अत्यंत कठिनाई होती है। क्योंकि गाँव से मंडी दूर होती है इसका पूरा लाभ भी किसानों को नहीं मिल पाता है और सारा पैसा दलाल ही खा जाता है। यह भाग्य नहीं तो और क्या है कि जो दिन रात मेहनत करके सूखे बाढ़ वर्षा का कष्ट झेल कर फसल उगाता है। वही दुखी रहता है। प्रत्येक समस्या का समाधान होता है। सर्वप्रथम राज्य सरकार की ओर से गाँव की प्रगति तथा विकास के लिए जो भी नियम नियम और संस्थाएँ बनाई जा रही है वैदिक से कार्य करती है, या नहीं यह देखना बहुत जरूरी है। दूसरी ओर ग्रामीणों को स्वयं भी जागरूक होने की आवश्यकता है। आज वह भी टेलीविजन देखते हैं, रेडियो सुनते हैं। तो उन्हें भी अपने अधिकारों के लिए लड़ना चाहिए तथा अंधविश्वासों से बाहर निकल कर अपने बच्चों के बेहतर भविष्य के बारे में सोचना चाहिए निष्कर्ष रूप से हम कह सकते हैं, कि आज हिंदुस्तान बदल रहा है। गाँव भी पहले से अधिक विकसित हो रहे हैं। किंतु इतनी ज्यादा गाँव का सुधार करने के लिए हमें और भी अधिक प्रयत्न करने होंगे तभी हमारा देश सही आगे में उन्नत तथा विकसित देश हो सकेगा।



अश्वत पवार

कक्षा: IX

समस्याओं से घिरा परिवेश

भारत गाँवों का देश है। भारत की लगभग 72 % जनता आज भी गाँव में निवास करते हैं। गाँव के निवासी ही संपूर्ण देशवासियों के लिए अन्य वस्त्र, फल, सब्जियाँ आदि के लिए आवश्यक वस्तुओं का उत्पादन करते हैं। इस कारण इस देश में ग्रामों का विशेष महत्व है। यह आश्चर्य की बात है कि गाँव शांत और स्वास्थ्य का केंद्र है। किंतु ग्राम के निवासी ग्राम को छोड़कर शहर की तरफ दौड़ रहे हैं। इसका एकमात्र कारण है गाँव में जीवन की जटिल समस्याएँ। यह कैसी विडंबना है कि जो संसार को अवश्य निवारा देने वाला किसान सड़क पर भूखा और नंगा रहता है। गाँव के निवासी अनेक कठिनाइयों से पीड़ित हैं। गाँव की मुख्य समस्याएँ निम्नलिखित हैं।

ऋण की समस्याएँ –

गाँव के अधिकतर लोग खेती करते हैं। खेती के लिए उत्तम बीज आधुनिक यंत्र और खाद के लिए किसान के पास धन नहीं है। इन पैसों के लिए किसान की बहस देखकर वह ढूँढ लेते हैं। सरकार ने कम ब्याज वाले दोनों की स्थापना की है। किसान और शिक्षित होकर इन सुविधा का फायदा नहीं उठा पाता है।

चिकित्सा की समस्या –

गाँव में स्वास्थ्य और चिकित्सा की व्यवस्था का अभाव है। अस्पताल गाँव में उपलब्ध नहीं होते हैं। यदि कोई बीमार होता है तो चिकित्सा के अभाव से प्राणों से हाथ धो बैठते हैं।

अन्य समस्याएँ –

उपयुक्त सभी में से अधिक गाँव में बिजली, यातायात के साधनों आदि की अन्य समस्याओं के समाधान के बिना गाँव के निवासी सुख का अनुभव नहीं कर पाते हैं। गाँव की उन्नति और विकास के लिए सरकार को चाहिए कि इन समस्याओं का शीघ्र समाधान किया जाए। प्रत्येक ग्राम में शिक्षा के साथ सुरक्षा की सुविधाएँ उपलब्ध कराई जाएं। हमारे समाज का कर्तव्य है, कि गाँव की समस्याओं के समाधान हेतु प्रयत्नशील हो। गाँव की उन्नति में देश की उन्नति निर्भर है।

हर्ष तरानी

कक्षा: IX





मराठी विभाग

"प्रवास"

प्रवास याबद्दल विचारल्यास सहसा आपण बघितलेली सर्वोत्तम स्थळे किंवा आपण केलेल्या आंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रवासाबद्दल बोलतो. ते खरेही आहे! कुठलाही रोमांचक अनुभव कायमचा आपल्या मनात घर करून जातो. मी भारतातील अनेक ठिकाणे बघितली आहेत. ज्यात समुद्रकिनारे, डोंगराळ प्रदेश, वाळूचे प्रदेश, घनदाट अरण्ये या सर्वांचा समावेश आहे. प्रत्येक ठिकाणचे राहणीमान, आहारपद्धती, भाषा, जीवनशैली, इत्यादी तेथील भौगोलिक परिस्थितीनुसार बदलत असते. परंतु या प्रवासा-दरम्यान एक गोष्ट मात्र प्रखरतेने लक्षात आली, ती म्हणजे भौगोलिक प्रवास व आयुष्याचा प्रवास. यात फार साम्य आहे. व या प्रवासातून आपल्याला बरेच काही शिकायला



मिळते. मी जिथे- जिथे गेले त्या प्रत्येक ठिकाणाच्या खान-पानाच्या पद्धती अतिशय वेगळ्या होत्या. परंतु प्रत्येकाचे आपले एक वैशिष्ट्य होते. त्यात घातले जाणारे मसाले व बनवण्याची पद्धत जरी वेगळी असली तरी, शेवटी त्याचा उद्देश पदार्थ चविष्ट बनविणे हाच होता. याच प्रमाणे प्रत्येकाचे आयुष्य व परिस्थिती वेगळी असते. परंतु आपल्याला आहे त्यातूनच आपले जीवन सुंदर बनविता आले पाहिजे. संत कबीरांचा एक दोहा आहे ज्यात ते म्हणतात, "बडा हुआ तो क्या हुआ, जैसे पेड़ खजूर पंथी नहीं. फल लगे अति दूर."

आयुष्यात निव्वळ मोठेपणा काही कामाचा नाही. आपला उपयोग कोणाच्या भल्यासाठी झाला तर त्या आयुष्याला खरी किंमत आहे. समुद्रकाठच्या वाळूवर ज्याप्रमाणे तुमच्या पावलांचे ठसे उमटवता; त्याचप्रमाणे लोकांच्या मनावर तुमच्या चांगुलपणाचे ठसे उमटतील याची खात्री घ्या. डोंगराच्या उंच कड्यावर उभे असलात तरी, तुमचे पाय अजूनही जमिनीलाच टेकलेले आहेत याची काळजी घ्या. समुद्राच्या लाटांप्रमाणे चांगले व वाईट दोन्ही क्षण

आयुष्यात येतात व जातात. कुठलाही क्षण हा कायमस्वरूपी नाही. प्रत्येक क्षणाचे हसतमुखाने स्वागत करा. व निधड्या छातीने सामना करा. वृक्ष- वेलिकडून निःस्वार्थ सेवाभाव शिकवा हो! पण समोरचा त्यास पात्र असावा. खाजगी वाहनांतून प्रवास न करता तोच प्रवास सार्वजनिक वाहनातून केल्यास येथील स्थानिक संस्कृतीशी जास्त चांगले जोडले जाता येते. त्याचप्रमाणे स्वार्थी भाव न बाळगता मनी सदविचार व सद भावना बाळगावी. त्यामुळे आपोआप सुंदर व अतूट नाती निर्माण होतात. डोंगरावरची वळणे, चढ-उतार हे अटळ आहेत. पण त्यासाठी स्वतःच्या गतीवर तसेच मनावर संयम ठेवल्यास प्रवास सुखरूप पार पडतो. नदीचे पाणी, त्यात पडणाऱ्या कचऱ्याला ज्याप्रमाणे अलगद काठाला ढकलून आपले पाणी निर्मळ ठेवते, त्याच प्रमाणे माणसाने मनात येणाऱ्या वाईट भावनांना बाजूला सारून एक निर्मळ आयुष्य जगावे. ताऱ्यांचे अस्तित्व अंधार झाल्यावरच कळते. याचप्रमाणे अनेक माणसे अशीही असतात की, त्यांचे अस्तित्व सुखाच्या काळात जाणवून येत नाही, पण कठीण काळात ते तुमच्याबरोबर ठामपणे उभे असतात. अशा नात्यांना जपा. शेवटी हेच म्हणेल न कि, आयुष्य अतिशय सुंदर आहे. परिस्थिती व काळानुसार माणसाने बदलत जावे. परंतु हा बदल चांगल्यासाठीच असावा याची काळजी घ्यावी.

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"ऑनलाईन वर्ग"

मार्च २०२० मी खूप खुश होतो. आता मी बालवाडीतून प्रायमरी मध्ये जाणार होतो. आई बाबांसोबत जाऊन गणवेश, बूट, पुस्तके विकत घेतली. १६ मार्च पासून नवीन शैक्षणिक वर्ष सुरू होणार होते. पण "कोरोना" मुळे लॉकडाऊन सुरू झाले. मी खूप हताश झालो. एप्रिल मध्ये शाळेकडून निरोप आला की शाळा ऑनलाईन वर्ग सुरू करणार. ऑनलाईन वर्ग कसे असणार? मी विचार करू लागलो. काही दिवसांनी ऑनलाईन वर्ग सुरू झाले. सुरुवातीला थोडी भीती वाटत होती. ऑनलाईन वर्गात बसल्यावर असे वाटले की ऑफलाईन वर्गात बसलो आहे. माझे सर्व मित्र गणवेशात बसले होते आणि आमच्या बाई म्हणजे शिक्षिका जीव ओतून शिकवित होत्या. ऑनलाईन वर्ग वर्षभर चालले आणि शैक्षणिक वर्ग कधी संपले कळलेच नाही. आता नवीन शैक्षणिक वर्ष

मार्च २०२१ पासून सुरू झाले ; तेही ऑनलाईनच!

हितांश र. सोनावणे

कक्षा: III

मित्र

मित्र म्हणजे
मदतीचा हात
मित्र म्हणजे
जीवन भराची साथ
मित्र म्हणजे
गंमत-जंमत हशा
मित्र म्हणजे
जीवनास मिळालेली वेगळीच दिशा
मित्र म्हणजे
जीवनातील जीवनातील गुढ प्रश्नास मिळालेले उत्तर
मित्र म्हणजे
जीवनभर सुगंध देणारे अत्तर
मित्र म्हणजे
दुःखातील आधार
मित्र म्हणजे
खरोखरच त्या परमेश्वराचे आभार.

अक्षिता जायभाय

कक्षा: VII

गुरुपौर्णिमा

आला दिवस गुरुपौर्णिमेचा
गुरूबद्दल आपला आदर व आभार व्यक्त करण्याचा .
गुरु म्हणजे ज्ञानाचा सागर
सर्वांच्या मनात असतो, त्यांच्याबद्दल नेहमी आदर.
गुरु म्हणजे सर्वांचा आदर्श
सर्व विद्यार्थी असतात, त्यांचे आवडते शिष्य.
गुरु नेहमी करतात सर्वांच्या शंकांचे निरसन,
त्यांचे आमच्या मनात आहे सर्वोच्च आसन.
गुरु आहेत आमच्या सर्वांचे अतिशय प्रिय,
आम्हाला शिकवून मोठे करणे हेच त्यांचे खरे ध्येय.



अर्णव अष्टेकर

कक्षा: VIII

निसर्ग

निसर्गाने आपल्याला भरपूर काही दिले आहे. निसर्ग आहे म्हणून तुम्ही आम्ही आहोत. निसर्गातून आपण खूप काही गोष्टी शकतो. 'निसर्गा शिवाय माणूस' ही कल्पनाच आपण करू शकत नाही.

निसर्ग म्हणजे आपल्या सभोवताली असलेले नदी, झाडे, पशू, पक्षी, समुद्र, डोंगर इत्यादी ही सर्व सृष्टी म्हणजेच निसर्ग. निसर्ग आपल्याला खूप काही देतो. निसर्ग आपल्याला एक माणूस म्हणून जगायला शिकवतो. निसर्गाने सर्वकाही माणसांसाठी दिले आहे. जसे हवा, पाणी, अन्न इ. संत तुकारामांनी निसर्गातील झाडांचे महत्व 'वृक्षवल्ली आम्हा सोयरे वनचरे' असा अर्थपूर्ण अभंग लिहिला आहे. माणूस स्वतःच्या फायद्यासाठी निसर्गातील झाडे तोडतो. झाडे तोडण्यापूर्वी आपल्या फायद्यासाठी मानवाने एक झाड तोडण्यापूर्वी विचार करायला हवा.



प्रत्येकाने झाडे लावून त्यांचे संवर्धन करण्याचा संकल्प करायला हवा. प्रदूषण टाळण्यासाठी या गोष्टीची खूप गरज आहे. निसर्ग आपला खरा मित्र आहे. निसर्ग हा देवाने मानवाला दिलेली सर्वात मोठी देणगी आहे. निसर्ग आपल्याला भरपूर देतो, म्हणून आपल्या सर्वांचे कर्तव्य आहे की निसर्गाची काळजी घेणे. तसेच प्लॅस्टिकचा कमीत कमी वापर करणे. जास्तीत जास्त झाडे लावून त्यांची काळजी घेणे. म्हणून झाडे लावा झाडे जगवा निसर्गाची काळजी घ्या. सर्व प्राणिमात्रांचे जीवन आनंदी व सुखकर करणारा, असा हा निसर्ग आहे. म्हणून मला निसर्ग खूप आवडतो. निसर्गाच्या सानिध्यात राहायला, तो जवळून अनुभवायला खूप आवडतो.

सोनाली वाघमारे

(शिक्षिका)

"माझे गावाकडचे घर व माझे गाव"

मला माझे गाव व गावाकडचे घर खूप आवडते. उन्हाळ्याच्या व दिवाळीच्या सुट्टीत आम्ही गावी जातो. माझे गाव सांगली जिल्ह्यात येळावी येथे आहे. माझ्या गावात द्राक्षे, ऊस, गहू, ज्वारी, यांची शेती केली जाते. माझे घर शेतामध्ये बांधलेले आहे.

घराभोवती आंब्याची, चिकूची, व नारळाची झाडे आहेत. घरासमोर अंगणात फुलांची व तुळशीची रोपे आहेत. या माझ्या गावाच्या घरात आजी आजोबा राहतात. ते घर स्वच्छ व आनंदी ठेवतात. घरामध्ये मोठ-मोठ्या तीन खोल्या आहेत. घरातील खिडक्यांमुळे घरात स्वच्छ हवा येत असते. घरामध्ये एक छोटेसे देवघर आहे, ते पाहिले की मन प्रसन्न होते. मला माझ्या गावाकडचे घर खूप खूप आवडते.



पृथ्वीराज परांडे

कक्षा: V

माझी पाककृती

“पिवळ्या मुगाचे लाडू”

साहित्य:

अर्धा किलो पिवळे मुग, अर्धा किलो साजूक तूप, २०० ग्रॅम मखाना, खारीक पावडर, बदाम, सुके खोबरे, डिक तुपाची बेरी, खजूर, प्रत्येकी १०० ग्रॅम.

कृती:

- * प्रथम मुग खमंग भाजून थोडे जाडसर दळून आणावेत.
- * तुपामध्ये डिक व मखाना वेगवेगळे तळून काढावे.
- * बदामाचे काप तळून घ्यावेत. सुके खोबरे किसून भाजून ठेवावे.
- * मुगाचे पीठ तुपात खमंग भाजावे त्यामध्ये डिक व मखाना व सुके खोबरे कुटून किंवा हाताने चुरून घालावे खारीक पावडर व बदामाचे काप वेलची हे घालावे.
- * खजूर स्वच्छ करून बारीक करून मिसळावा.
- * गुळ बारीक चिरून किंवा गुळाची पावडर गरम मिश्रणात घालून ढवळा.
- * नंतर मिश्रण हाताने व्यवस्थित एकजीव करून लाडू वळावेत व त्याच वेळी त्यावर बेदाणे लावावेत.



सई चौगुले

कक्षा: VIII

मराठी भाषा

माझी भाषा मराठी,
आमची शान, आमचा मान.
माझी भाषा मराठी
आमची संस्कृती, आमचे विचार.
माझी भाषा मराठी
आमचे वैभव, आमचा श्वास
माझी भाषा मराठी
आमचा शब्द, आमचा अभिमान.
माझी भाषा मराठी
आमची माय, आमची स्फूर्ती.
अशा माझ्या मराठीला कोटी कोटी प्रणाम.



सौ.रूपाली मुरकुटे
(शिक्षिका)

बाबा आठवण येते तुमची तेव्हा.....

डोव्यात न दाखवता ही जो आभाळाएवढं प्रेम करतो . तो म्हणजे आपला बाबा पण मला ते अनुभवताच आलं नाही .कारण बाबाचे प्रेम मला मिळालच नाही आईला सातवा महिना असताना वडिलांचा अपघाती मृत्यू झाला. माझा जन्म झाल्यानंतर वयाच्या तिसऱ्या वर्षात बाबा कळायला लागला इतरांचे बाबा आहेत , माझे बाबा कुठे आहेत? हा प्रश्न वारंवार आईला विचारला पण मी लहान .मला कळणार नाही ,म्हणून आईने कामानिमित्त बाबा बाहेरगावी असतात असे सांगितले.



शाळेत गेल्यावर पालक मिटींगला सगळ्यांचे बाबा यायचे .खूप वाईट वाटायचं माझे बाबा कधी येणार म्हणून.... मला उचलून घेणार ,माझे लाड करणार, खाऊ आणणार ,शाबासकी देणार पण आज पर्यंत ते आलेच नाहीत .सगळं अनुभवायचं बाकी आहे पण आज वयाच्या पस्तिसाव्या वर्षी सगळं कळतंय ते कधी येणारचं नाहीतबाबा बदल असंच काहीतरी बोलायचं राहून गेलंल काळाच्या लाटेत . बाबा तुझी वाट पाहते रे लवकर ये.....

रूपाली मुरकुटे
(शिक्षिका)

फुलपाखरू



फुलपाखरू हे लहान मुलांपासून मोठ्यांपर्यंत सर्वांना आवडते. फुलपाखराचे ते वेगवेगळे आकर्षक रंग सर्वांना आवडतात. फुलपाखरू एक कीटक आहे. सुरवंटापासून फुलपाखरू तयार होतात.

फुलपाखरू साधारणपणे बागेमध्ये आढळतात. जेथे फुले आहेत तेथे जास्तीत जास्त प्रमाणात असतात.

फुलातील मध ते गोळा करतात. फुलपाखरे दिवसा फिरतात व रात्री आराम करतात. फुलपाखरे फार चपळ असतात. त्यांचे शरीर हलके असते. फुलपाखरू हवेत तासंतास उडत राहतात. डोंगर, नद्या, पाऊस, समुद्र इ. अडथळे सहज पार करू शकतात.

आर्यन कामठे

कक्षा: IX

वेळेची किंमत

वेळ आपल्यासाठी खूप मौल्यवान गोष्ट आहे. गेलेली वेळ परत कधीच येत नाही. आपण नेहमीच वेळेचा सदुपयोग केला पाहिजे. पैशापेक्षा वेळ खूप मौल्यवान आहे. एक वेळेस खर्च केलेले पैसे आपण परत मिळवू शकतो, पण गेलेली वेळ मात्र कधीच मिळवू शकत नाही. वेळ कोणासाठी थांबत नाही. कोणाची वाट बघत नाही. वेळ फक्त पुढे पुढे चालतच असते. ज्याने वेळेचे महत्व ओळखले, तोच या जगात यशस्वी होतो, म्हणून वेळेचे किंमत करणे खूप महत्वाचे आहे.

आरोही गायकवाड

कक्षा: VII

संस्काराचे मोती

या शतकातील तरुण युवक-युवतींनो
उद्याचे वा तुम्ही नभातील तारे
उजळून टाका आपल्या यशाने तुम्ही
या विद्यालयातील आपल्या पाऊलखुणा
अवखळ पण तुमचे येथेच ठेवून जा
उमंग उत्साहाचे पंख येथून घेऊन जा
आशीर्वादाचे छत्र येथे आहे.
प्रेमाचा ओलावा संस्कारांची फुले
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रूपाली मुरकुटे

(शिक्षिका)

अवखळ पण तुमचे येथेच ठेवून जा

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रूपाली मुरकुटे
(शिक्षिका)

माझा आवडता ऋतू



आपल्या देशामध्ये वसंत ,ग्रीष्म, वर्षा ,शरद, हेमंत व शिशिर ,असे ऋतूंचे चक्र सतत फिरत असते. सर्व ऋतूंमध्ये वर्षा ऋतू म्हणजे पावसाळा मला अधिक आवडतो. पावसाळा माझा आवडता ऋतू आहे कारण तो हवाहवासा वाटत असतानाच येतो .डोक्यावर रणरणारे ऊन ,पायाखाली तव्या सारखी तापलेली जमीन अंगावर चणचमणाऱ्या घामाच्या धारा नकोशा झालेल्या असतात. सर्व पशुपक्षी थंडगार सावलीचा निवारा शोधत असतात. उकाड्याने हैराण झालेला असतो. आणि त्याच वेळी पाऊस येतो. असा हा जीवघेण्या उकाड्यापासून सोडवणारा पावसाळा कोणाला आवडणार नाही.

स्वदीप जावळे
कक्षा: V

माझ्या मुली

माझ्या मुली माझा श्वास
माझ्या मुली माझं नशीब
माझ्या मुली काळजाचा तुकडा
माझ्या मुली माझा जीव
माझ्या मुली आमच्या लक्ष्मी
माझ्या मुली आमच्या चांदण्या
माझ्या मुली माझं जग
माझ्या मुली आमचं आयुष्य.....



रूपाली मुरकुटे
(शिक्षिका)

फुलांचे महत्व



फुल हे निसर्गाने दिलेले एक पृथ्वीवरचे वरदान आहे. रंगीबेरंगी फुले व त्यांचा सुगंध हा प्रत्येकाला हवाहवासा वाटतो. फुले ही माणसांना पशुपक्ष्यांना मोहात टाकतात. आकर्षित करतात. फुलांमध्ये मध असतो तो कीटकांना पशुपाक्षांना आकर्षित करतो. त्यामुळे मधमाश्या ह्या फुलांजवळ येतात. त्यातील मध गोळा करतात आणि ते मध आपण औषध म्हणून वापरतो.

आपण फुलांचा वापर नेहमीच करत असतो. रोज देवांच्या मंदिरात, पूजा अर्चा, लग्न समारंभात, सणासुदीला, केसांत माळण्यासाठी, आनंदाच्या क्षणी किंवा दुःखाच्या क्षणी आपण प्रत्येकवेळेस फुलांचा वापर अश्या ठिकाणी करतो. रंगीबेरंगी लाल, पिवळी, पांढरी, निळी, जांभळी, इ. रंगांची फुले ही सर्वानाच आकर्षित करतात. भारतात गुलाबाच्या फुलाला 'फुलांचा राजा' म्हणतात.

मैत्री दुबे

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लॉकडाऊनचे दिवस

संपूर्ण बंद, लॉकडाऊन, हे शब्द आपण गेले वर्षभर ऐकतोय. तो गेल्या वर्षीचा जानेवारी महिना होता. एका महिन्यात वार्षिक परीक्षा सुरु होणार होती. सगळा अभ्यास झाला होता, म्हणून परीक्षा नीट व सोपी गेली.

काही दिवसात सुट्ट्या सुरु झाल्या. परीक्षेची गुणपत्रिका आली आणि मी चांगल्या मार्कांनी पास होऊन सहावीत गेले. दिवस आरामात जात होते. एका बातमीने लक्ष वेधले. कोरोना नावाच्या विषाणूने जगभरात थैमान घालायला सुरुवात केली होती. भारतात आपल्याकडे अजून त्याचा प्रसार नव्हता, म्हणून मी निवांत होते. मार्च मध्ये शाळा सुरु होणार होती. मी खूप उत्सुक होते, सगळी तयारी झाली होती. पण आता बातम्या येत होत्या की, कोरोना भारतातही आला आहे आणि वेगाने पसरतोय. त्यामुळे सरकारने संपूर्ण लॉकडाऊन ठरवला. आता भारतात लॉकडाऊन पहिल्यांदा लागला होता. दुकानासमोर मोठ्या प्रमाणात लोक गर्दी करत होते. आता लोकांना माहित नव्हते की हा लॉकडाऊन किती वेळ असणार म्हणून. हातात लागेल ते आणत होते. मला कंटाळा येत होता, बाहेर निघायचे नाही, कोणाशी भेटणे नाही, असे वाटत होते की, स्वतःला घरात कोंडून ठेवले आहे. आता करायचे तर, काय करावे? असा विचार करत काही दिवस गेले. हळू-हळू मला चित्रकलेची कल्पना यायला लागली, करून करून सगळ्यांना चित्र दाखवली तर आवडली सुद्धा. एके दिवशी आम्हाला शाळेकडून संदेश आला की, लवकरच ऑनलाईन शाळा सुरु होणार आहे. माझी उत्सुकता अजून वाढत चालली होती. ऑनलाईन शाळेचा पहिला दिवस मजेत गेला. सगळे आता पहिल्यासारखे झाले होते, वार्षिक परीक्षा संपवून मी सातवीत गेले. काही दिवसांचा लॉकडाऊन परत वाढला होता, लोकं परत आपल्या कामाला लागले, पण सगळे नियम पाळूनच. मी फक्त हीच अशा करते की, हे महामारीचे संकट लवकर निघून जावे.



अवधी दिग्वेकर

कक्षा: VIII

आनंद



जीवनातील सर्वात उत्तम गोष्ट म्हणजे 'आनंद' होय.
गमतीची गोष्ट अशी की, मौल्यवान असूनही
देवाने आपल्याला ती विनामूल्य दिलेली आहे.
पण त्याहूनही गमतीची गोष्ट अशी की,
आपल्यापैकी बऱ्याच लोकांचे आयुष्य संपेपर्यंत
ह्या गोष्टीचा थांगपत्ताही आपल्याला नसतो.
उगवणाऱ्या प्रत्येक दिवसाला आनंदाने सामोरे जा.
मावळताना तो तुम्हांला खूप समाधान देऊन जाईल.
आनंद हा पक्ष्यासारखा असतो.
त्यांचा पाठलाग केला की तो दूर पळतो.
आपण शांत बसलो की, आपल्या खंद्यावर येऊन बसतो.

संगीता झांजले
(शिक्षिका)

माझे शेत

आमची शेती दोन ठिकाणी आहे. एक इनामाचे व दुसरे आहे, कासाराचे शेत. दुसरे शेत जे आहे, ते आमच्या पणजोबांनी एका कासारा कडून ४० रुपयांनी ४० एकर घेतले होते. त्यामुळे त्याचे नाव कासाराचे शेत.

ह्या शेताला चारी बाजूंनी चिंच, बाभूळ, बोर, कडुलिंब इत्यादी अशी वेगवेगळी झाडे आहेत. माझ्या शेतामध्ये दोन विहिरी व एक पाझर तलाव आहे. त्यामुळे आमच्याकडे वर्षभर पाणी असते. आमची ऊसाची शेती आहे. आमच्या शेतामध्ये आंबा, चिंच, सीताफळ व नारळाची झाडे आहेत. आमचे आंबे खूप गोड आहेत.

शेताशेजारी जंगल असल्यामुळे तेथे मोर, कोल्हा, लांडगा, माकड व वेगवेगळे पक्षी आहेत. पावसाळ्यात सगळीकडे हिरवेगार असते. हवा पण स्वच्छ असते आणि फार शांतता असते. सूर्य मावळताना एका टेकडीच्या खाली जेव्हा जातो, ते दृश्य मला फार आवडते. मी प्रत्येक रविवारी माझ्या बाबांबरोबर शेतामध्ये जातो.

मला माझे शेत फार आवडते.



अभिजय जाधव
कक्षा: VII

चिमणी

चिमणी ही आकाराने लहान असते. तिचा रंग हा राखाडी असतो.
आधुनिकीकरणामुळे व शहरीकरणामुळे त्यांची संख्या कमी होत आहे .

चिमणीच्या चिऊ चिऊ करण्याने ती मानवाचे लक्ष आपल्याकडे सहजपणे वेधून घेते. चिमणी दारात येण्यासाठी वाटीमध्ये पाणी ठेवणे ,तांदळाचे दाणे ठेवणे शहरातील आधुनिकीकरणामुळे चिमणी घराच्या अंगणात येत नाही. चिमणी हा पक्षी लोप पावत चाललेला आहे ,त्याचे संवर्धन करणे काळाची गरज आहे.

पूर्वीसारखी चिमणी आपल्याला अंगणामध्ये दिसत नाही. चिमणी आपल्या पिल्लांना चौचीने दाणे भरवते. चिमणी आपले घरटे गवताच्या काड्यांपासून, दोरा, इ. पासून बनवते. चिमणी सारखी चिऊ चिऊ करत असते. तर लहान मुलांना व मोठ्यांना ती फार आवडते. चिमणीला चिऊताई देखील म्हणतात.



रेविका नागरीकंठी
कक्षा: III

माझा आवडता सण

माझा आवडता सण दिवाळी आहे .मी दिवाळीला गावी जाते. आजी-आजोबांसोबत दिवाळी हा सण साजरा करते. मी सर्वांना घर सजवण्यासाठी मदत करते. आम्ही सर्व घर दिव्यांच्या माळा, दिवे, फुले ,कंदील वापरून सजवितो. आम्ही सर्वजण नवीन नवीन कपडे घालतो .आई फराळ करते . आम्ही दारासमोर रांगोळी काढतो. सगळीकडे आनंदित वातावरण असते. अशाप्रकारे आम्ही दिवाळी हा सण साजरा करतो.

तनया थोराट
कक्षा: IV

"माझी बहीण"

आजही आठवते मला
बालपणीचा तो सहवास ॥
लागले मला जरी व्हायचा
माझ्या बहिणीला त्रास ॥
का कोणास ठाऊक
काय झाले तिला आज ?
नेहमीपेक्षा खूपच बदललेला
तिच्यात जाणवला मला भास ॥
कधी ना दीदी, ना ताई म्हटले,

इतकी जवळीक होती आमच्यात ॥
आजही आठवते मला
बालपणीचा तो सहवास.
खूप मजा, गमती-जमती
चाले रोजच हशा |
पाहिले कोणी जरी आम्हाला म्हणे,
या दोघी बहिणी अशा कशा?
लग्न होऊनी दूर असलो जरी
सणावार एकत्रीत येतो घरी ॥
तिच्या सहवासामुळे मला, ना
आठवी कोणी बरे|
पण! आज तिच्या बदलामुळे
शोधते मी माझी बहिण खरे!



अनामिका सोनावणे
शिक्षिका

माझा आवडता सण ओणम



माझा आवडता सण ओणम आहे. हा सण केरळ मधील लोक उत्साहाने साजरा करतात. मी आणि माझा परिवार केरळमध्ये माझ्या मावशीच्या घरी ओणम साजरा करायला जातो. आमच्या घरी पोहोचताच माझी मावशी आमचे स्वागत करते. दुसऱ्या दिवशी आम्ही सकाळी लवकर उठतो आंघोळ करतो व नवीन कपडे घालतो.

माझी आई घराच्या अंगणाला फुलांनी सजवते आणि देवपूजा करते. देवपूजा झाल्यानंतर आई सर्वाना केळीच्या पानावर जेवण वाढते. जेवण झाल्यानंतर आम्ही सगळेजण मिळून नौकायानाची शर्यत पाहण्यास तलावाजवळ जातो. ती शर्यत पाहायला आम्हांला फार आवडते. अशाप्रकारे केरळ मध्ये 'ओणम' हा सण उत्साहात साजरा केला जातो.

अतुल शंकर
कक्षा: IX

पावसाचा पहिला दिवस

जून महिन्यात पाऊस सुरु होतो. आकाशात काळे ढग जमा होतात. थंड हवा वाहू लागते आणि वीजांचा कडकडाट करत पाऊस येतो...पहिल्या पावसाचा अनुभव खूप छान वाटतो..

मला पावसात भिजायला खूप आवडते. "येर येरे पावसा ...तुला देतो पैसा...पैसा झाला खोटा पाऊस आला मोठा, येगं येगं सरी माझे मडके भारी" हे गाणं म्हणत आम्ही बाहेर पावसात खेळतो. साठलेल्या पाण्यात कागदाची नाव बनवून सोडतो.

मग आई घरात बोलावते, कपडे बदलून मग आईच्या हातची मस्त गरम भजी खायची. आई मक्याचे कणीस भाजते. गरम चहा बरोबर पाऊस बघत आम्ही मजा करतो.

असं हा पहिला मला खूप आवडतो.

अद्या शाज

कक्षा: VI

सिंह



सिंह हा जंगलचा राजा आहे. तो अतिशय शूर, देखणा, रुबाबदार, दिसतो. सिंह हा गुहेत राहतो. त्याचा सोनेरी रंग, केसाळ आयाळ, त्याच्या सौंदर्यात भर घालतात.

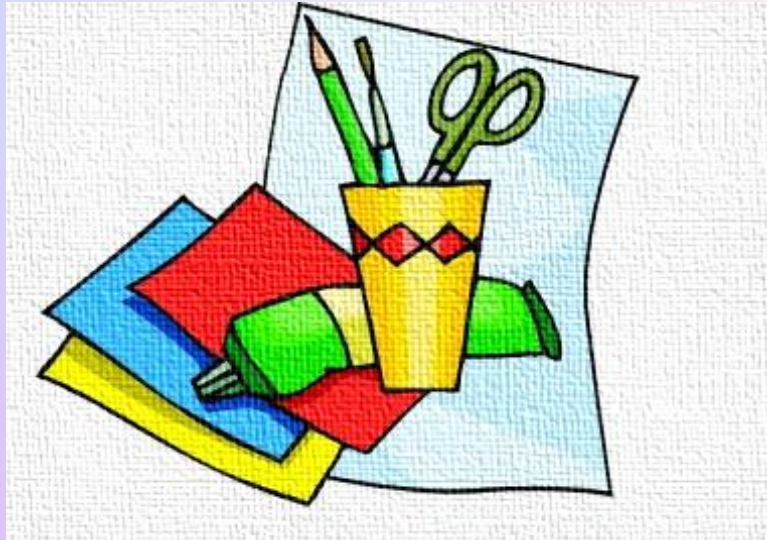
सिंह हा स्वतः आपली शिकार मिळवतो. तो (मांसहारी) प्राणी आहे. त्याच्या पिलाला 'छावा' म्हणतात.

सिंह 'गर्जना' करतो. सिंह हे शौर्याचे प्रतिक मानले जाते. त्यामुळे सिंहाचे चित्र अनेक प्राचीन नाणी, शिल्पे व मूर्ती इ. वर कोरलेले पहावयास मिळते. लहानांपासून मोठ्यांपर्यंत सिंह हा प्राणी सर्वानाच आवडतो. प्राणी संग्रहालयात त्याला पिंजऱ्यात ठेवतात. गुजरात मधील 'गिर' हे अभयारण्य सिंहांसाठी प्रसिद्ध आहे. आपण सर्वांनी मिळून प्राण्यांना वाचवले पाहिजे ही सर्वांची जबाबदारी आहे.

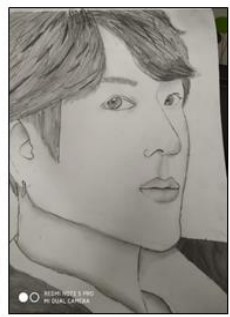
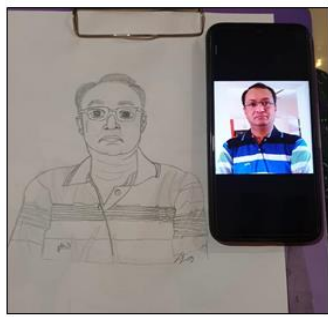
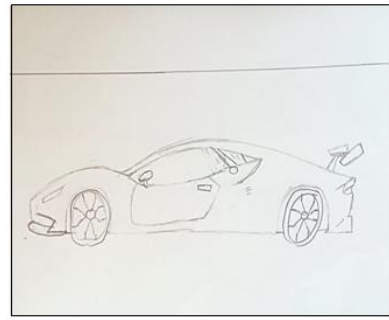
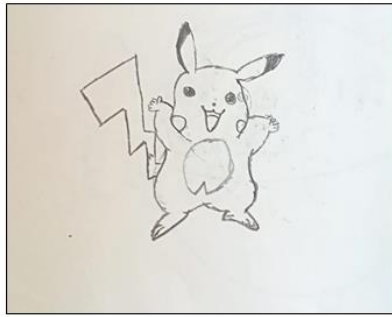
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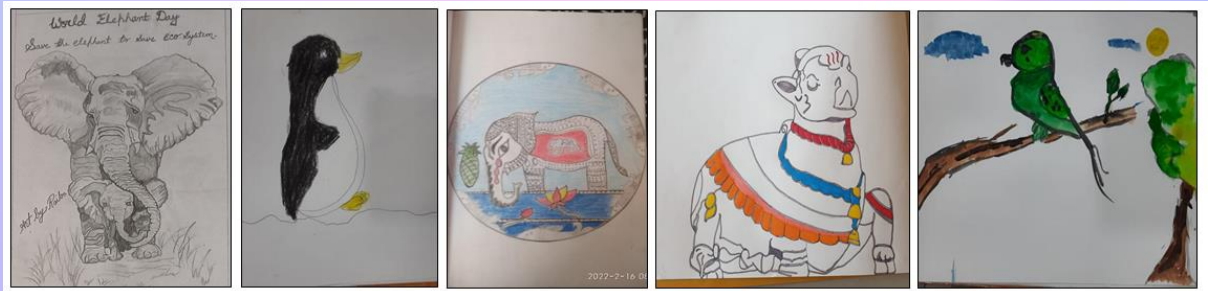
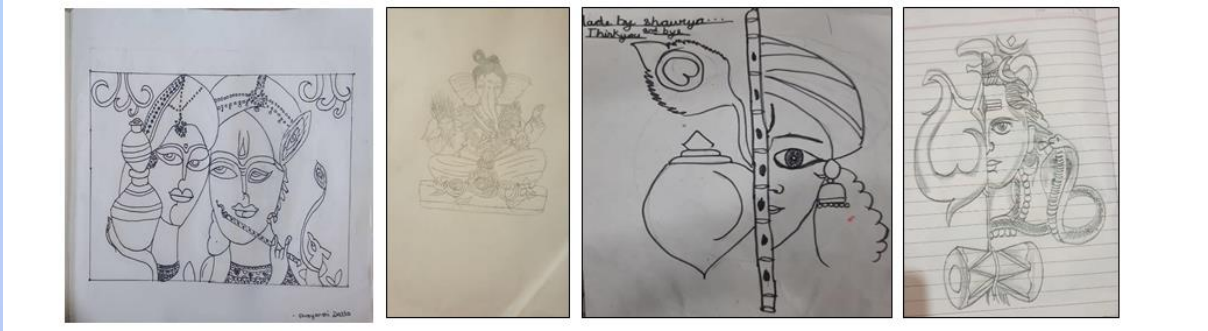
कक्षा: VII



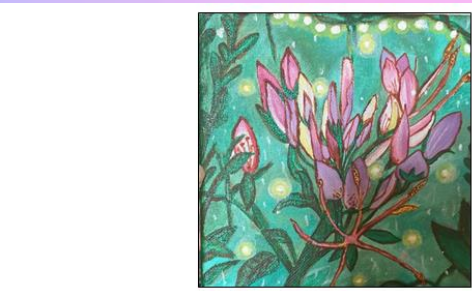
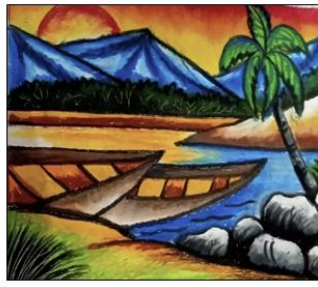


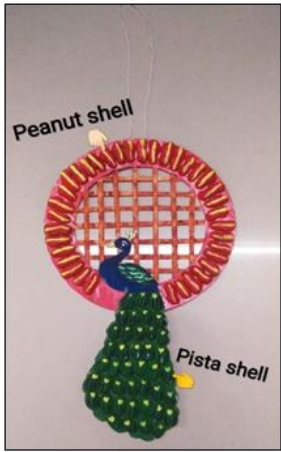
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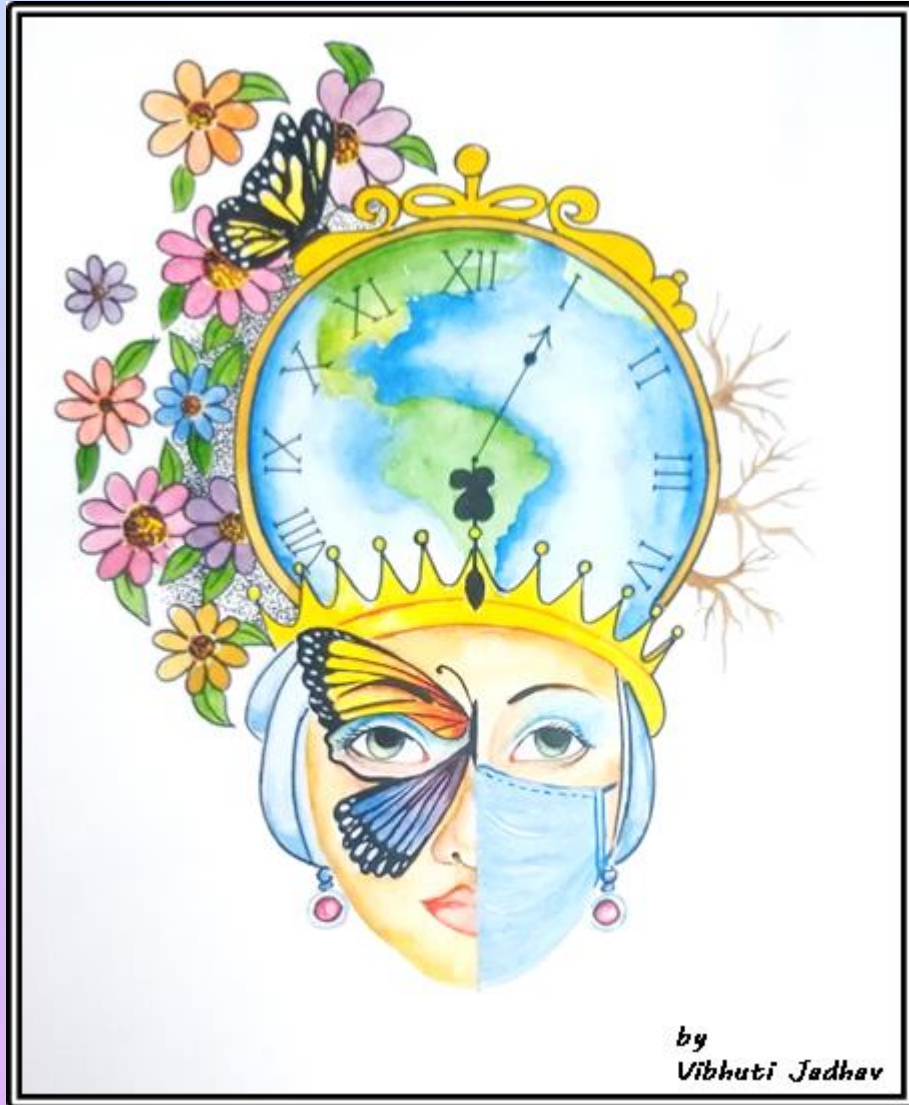




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Transformation



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“Transformation is a journey without a final destination.”

— Marilyn Ferguson

