

AGNEL CLARION



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR
AS YOURSELF



HSC TOPPERS 2017



Jash Rathod, Vaibhav Wath, Deepti Bhoir, Apurva Narvekar
 Jr. College Coordinator Mrs. Kulvinder Kaur, Managing Director Fr. S. Almeida
 Principal Mrs. Snigdha Roy, Monalie Jain, Roshan Wadhwa, Kritika Jaidhara

Toppers in Science

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| 1. | Apurva Narvekar | 95.85 % |
| 2. | Deepti Bhoir | 93.69 % |
| 3. | Vaibhav Wath | 93.38 % |

Toppers in Commerce

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| 1. | Monalie Jain | 93.54% |
| 2. | Roshan Wadhwa | 90.77 % |
| 3. | Kritika Jaidhara | 90.62% |

MHCET Topper

Jash Rathod – 183 / 200

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ENGLISH MEDIUM

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| Jeslyn Bijju | 99.6 % |
| Fatima Maner | 98.4 % |
| Ruchika Prabhu | 97 % |

MARATHI MEDIUM

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| Nikita Jadhav | 99.8 % |
| Aditya Nikam | 96.2 % |
| Omkar Yadav | 95.8 % |



Omkar Yadav, Aditya Nikam, Nikita Jadhav, Managing Director Fr. S. Almeida,
 Principal Mrs. Snigdha Roy, JeslynBijju, Fatima Maner, RuchikaPrabhu



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

- Akshadha Shreeram, Vivek Nair

Greetings fellow agnelites!!!

After an exciting year we are back with the latest edition of the Agnel Clarion!!!! This year's Clarion is the epitome of the saying, "The More The Merrier" with a humongous number of articles contributed by Agnelites who are the next generation of Roald Dahls and Charles Dickens.

We had a blast reading your wonderful articles, some of which made us laugh our heads off, while some opened our eyes to life's realities. We sincerely apologize to those whose articles couldn't make it into the book, because as editors it is our job to pick out the gems out of the tons of gold.

Right from jokes to campaigns, opinion polls to poems, this year's Clarion has myriad articles. Don't forget to browse through the interview

with an ex-student who has made our school proud. So anyone reading this Clarion is definitely in for a roller coaster ride!

This year as a part of our honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's digital India campaign, Agnels has decided to publish its first ever E-magazine. So be sure to check it out as we have tried our best to incorporate all the wonderful articles that we received from our budding writers in this version of the Clarion.

None of this would have been possible without the love and support of our amazing teachers. So, a big thank you to them for giving us this enriching experience!

We hope that you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed compiling it for you!

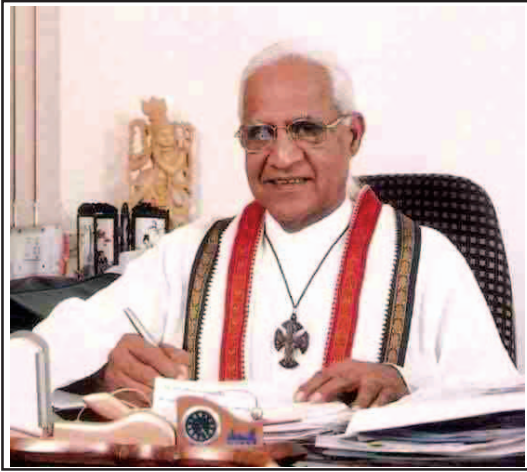
Happy reading!



*Left to Right Standing : Neerav Suvarna, Arnav Pandey, Vivek Nair, Vaishnav Kadam
Left to Right Sitting : Urvi Patil, Devanshi D'souza, Sejal Satam, Akshadha Shreeram*

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WE WILL MISS YOU



I first met Fr. Orlando during my interview in 1990, he was so friendly and warm and immediately made me feel welcome, he told me that Agnells is like one big family, I smiled and nodded, but understood the true meaning of his words a few months later...

- Sunita Suresh

Fr Orlando...the name itself is enough because no words can sum up what Fr Orlando was...a true visionary and a leader with a humongous stature, he touched the lives of all...he was an unmatched hero and generated a lot of energy which inspired people to dream and achieve their dreams.

- Sunita Dimri..

He was a man who gave vision to a world in which we all grew... a vision that grew so large and yet was all encompassing.. a vision called the Agnel family - Vasudaiva Kutumbakam.. For all of us he was the rock.. the multilingual magician with that booming voice and an incomparable way with words. For me - he was

family ...my sounding board in times of confusion and one who was part of all my major decisions.

- Anuya Naik

He is the first priest I met. The first person besides my dad whom I addressed as Father. As a 11 year old when I met him 35 years ago, he was unlike any person I ever met before. Immaculately dressed with a booming voice and loving eyes. There are so many wonderful stories and I want to write them all.....he has contributed to our growth, confidence and more importantly, to our beliefs and values.

- Prasad Menon

The stars shine down
And watch us live
Our little lives
And weep for us !!!!

Have loved these words, since forever !!
But no person emulated them better,
Than you, my Reverend Father Orlando.

You have inspired my dad and all of us to do more, to be more, to give more and to go beyond.... every single day. You are one of the reasons, the foundation he build his life upon.

Your love, your dynamic persona, your smile, your robe, your thunderous voice, your infectious enthusiasm, your never give up attitude, your vision will be with us forever.

I believe, the holy water you sprinkled on our house every time, is the reason we live such lovely lives.

No more suffering and pain. Just tranquility and calm and peace. Watch us from above.

- Swaraja Batra

OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR REFLECTS....

**“Joy belongs to those who give and even more to those who give themselves”
(St. John Vianney)**

Out of the 80 years that Fr. Orlando Rodrigues had on this earth, more than 53 were spent solely in selfless service to mankind. He was guided by the greatest commandment, “Love your neighbour as yourself” which Christ gave to the world and was followed by our Patron Ven. Fr. Agnelo. Today, as we miss Fr. Orlando’s physical presence in our midst and pray for his eternal rest and peace we also reflect upon the truth that Fr. Orlando was among those who experienced the true joy of giving oneself to others.

His vision of building an educational institution that welcomed students from all sections of society and catered to their all-round development, prompted all his thoughts, words and actions. His visionary zeal, determination, farsightedness and hard work saw a small school started in 1982 with 300 students and 9 staff members grow into this vast Technical and Educational Complex in Vashi, Navi Mumbai. This complex also houses the Agnel Balbhavan, which was always very close to Fr. Orlando’s heart. He tirelessly worked with the boys of Balbhavan to pave a path of success for them. Hundreds of children grow in our Balbhavan, complete their school education and according to their abilities, go on to make their career in ITI, Polytechnic, Engineering College and even management institute.

The most significant outcome of this phenomenal growth in Navi Mumbai is the evolution of the “Agnel Family” spirit which binds thousands of ex-students, teachers, parents, students, staff members and well-wishers together with an invisible thread of shared values and beliefs.

Fr. Orlando’s perception of the school as being an extension of every home from where the children came, sowed the seeds for the growth



of this Agnel Family, which has a great responsibility on its shoulders today. The responsibility of embracing Fr. Orlando’s larger vision of “**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**” (to see the World as One Family) and working towards fulfilling it through everything we do.

The “**Agnel Clarion**” – our school magazine brings forth our children’s thoughts, opinions and creativity in print. I am happy to know that this year our student editors and their mentors have started an E-Clarion, in addition. This will reduce the use of paper, save more trees and also accommodate and publish more contributions from our budding writers. I feel happy to see the positivity with which the new steps are being taken. Browsing through the pages of this edition of the magazine, I observe that our present generation of children are very conscious of what is happening around them and are eager to share their views and perceptions. That is in tune with our schools’ vision of “moulding children into Nation builders who will make a living, a life and a difference in our world”.

Looking forward to reading more of what our youngsters have to say, I once again place on record, our appreciation for the dedicated team of student editors, teachers, artists and compilers who work behind the scene for days together.

फादर ऑरलँडोंच्या मधुर स्मृती

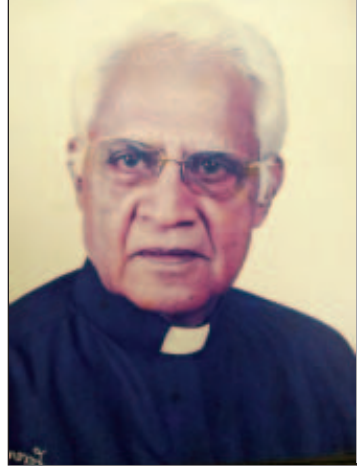
- सौ.विद्या खानापूरकर माजी शिक्षिका, फा.अॅग्नेल स्कूल वाशी.

GOD'S GARDEN

God looked around His garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He saw your road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb,
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine".
It breaks our hearts father, to lose you
But be sure all of us in spirit are with you.
You have passed on the flame within you
And we shall keep it burning and pass it on too!

पितृतुल्य फादर ऑरलँडोंबद्दल लिहितांना मन भावनावेगाने काठोकाठ भरून जाते. भूतकाळ डोळ्यापुढे उभा राहतो. १९८३ ते २०१० हा नोकरीचा काळ. २०१७ पर्यंत फादरांच्या तीन-चार वेळा भेटीला गेले होते. शाळेतील नोकरी, शाळा विसरणे शक्यच नाही. शाळा म्हणजे दुसरे घर होते. १९८३ मध्ये सेक्टर ९ ए या बिल्डींगमध्येच शाळा बालभवन, कॅटीन व दोन्ही फादर तिथेच राहत होते. सुवर्णकाळ होता तो. फादर सगळ्यांची आस्थेने विचारपूस करीत असत. सगळ्यांचे ते लाडके होते.

फादर अॅग्नेल टेक्निकल कॉम्प्लेक्सची भव्य वास्तू हे फा.ऑरलँडोंचे दिव्य स्वप्न-त्यासाठी त्यांनी अथक परिश्रम घेतले. अनुभवी आर्किटेक्ट, कॉन्ट्रॅक्टर यांची मदत घेतली. इमारतीसाठी लागणारे उच्च प्रतीचे लाकूड माफक दरात मिळावे म्हणून स्वतः आसामला जाऊन खरेदी केले. त्यांचे स्वप्न शेवटी साकार झालेले त्यांना पाहायला मिळाले. केवढा आनंद झाला त्यावेळी त्यांना.



फादरच्या कडक शिस्तीत व प्रेमळ कृपाछत्राखाली असंख्य मुले / मुली शिक्षण व स्वावलंबनाचे धडे घेऊन यशस्वी जीवन जगत आहेत. आजही त्यांना ह्याची जाणीव आहे. इंग्रजी माध्यमाला जोडून फादरनी मराठी माध्यमातूनही शिक्षणाची सोय उपलब्ध केली.

बालभवन होस्टेल सुरू करून समाजासाठी सेवाभावी संस्था निर्माण करण्याची फादरची कल्पना त्यांची दूरदृष्टीच दर्शवते. त्यातून शिकून बाहेर पडलेली बरीच मुले आज उच्च पदावर कार्यरत आहेत.

सुरूवातीपासून शाळेत सर्व धर्मीय सण साजरे केले जातात. "वसुधैव कुटुंबकम्" हीच संकल्पना त्यामागे आहे. विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्वांगीण उन्नतीसाठी फादरनी क्रीडाक्षेत्राचाही विकास तेवढ्याच जिद्दीने केला. स्पोर्ट्स कॉम्प्लेक्स, स्विमींग पूल, फुटबॉल कोर्ट, बास्केटबॉल कोर्ट इत्यादी. त्यामुळेच या शाळेत प्रवेश मिळण्यासाठी दरवर्षी पालकांची धडपड सुरू असते.

सरते शेवटी इतकच लिहावे असे वाटते, "झालेत बहु, आहेतही बहु, होतीलही बहु परंतु यासम हाच" अशा आपल्या फादरांना कोटी कोटी प्रणाम. त्यांच्या आत्म्याला चिरशांती लाभो ही प्रभुचरणी प्रार्थना.

BEWITCHING HOGWARTS

- Leanne Rose, X B

A school of magic, where many hearts lie,
Where portraits talk and dragons fly,
Where black, silken robes sweep the floors,
Spoken passwords, 'stead of keys unlock
doors.

Where ghosts move about making merry
Organizing their umpteenth anniversary.
With the legendary trio-Harry, Ron
and Hermione,
Stands tall the school of Hogwarts- for
Witchcraft and Wizardry.

You can be brave, loyal, cunning or witty,
A place for you at Hogwarts, will always be.
You can even be coping with the MUDBLOOD
struggle,
Be anything other than a filthy muggle.

On broomsticks young wizards and witches,
Soar up high over the clouds and pitches.
All engrossed in the game of Quidditch,
Until one snatches the golden snitch.

Every meal is a sumptuous affair,
Prepared by the house elves' love and care.
Here magic is literally in the air,
And normalcy couldn't be more rare.

The song of the Hat - the efficient Sorter
Will echo in the walls of Hogwarts forever,
And so will the chronicles of Harry Potter,
Which on a scale of 10, scores more than 9
and three quarter.



HEROES

- Rosita D'mello, XA

Respect heroes, they say,
And yes, this is true,
We should honour the brave ones,
And be grateful to them too.

The single father, raising his daughter,
Is a hero with a difficult life,
A hero, is also the old man,
Taking care of his bedridden wife.

A teacher is a hero,
Fighting a million battles daily,
A mother is a hero,
Working forever happily.

The transgender girl,
The couple in love,
The AIDS patient,
Respect, they all deserve.

The ones on the border are heroes,
Laying down their lives without fear,
Their wives, mothers, daughters are heroes,
Waiting every day of the year.

Everyone around us,
Has their own villain to fight,
Respect every kind of hero,
They fight with all their might.

Learning disability no hurdle for duo

Bhakti Makwana

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MUMBAI: Anand Boney and Jay Jadhav beat autism to emerge with scores of 86% and 80.2% respectively, on Tuesday.

Both are from Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School.

"It is a proud moment for us," said Smighdha Roy, principal. "We have a special educator who helps these kids in adapting and increasing the power to grasp concepts from kindergarten."

Jay, 17, had difficulty in talking since birth and is a slow learner, said his mother, Manisha, who taught him. "It takes a lot of patience to handle kids like him, so I taught him myself. Besides, the school educator helped in improving his confidence, so he could mix with normal kids," she said.

Anand has dyslexia and a weak memory, which has always come in the way of his academics, said his mother.

"I took three months off work to help him study. I helped him remember answers with the help of key words," said Veena, Anand's mother.



• Anand Boney



• Jay Jadhav

Anand has never scored above 80, so the results made his family very happy. Veena said Anand wanted to join the army.

Winning laurels

7 students from Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School, Mumbai, won 12 boys' and 15 girls' medals in the Open Maharashtra 102nd National Inter-School Chess event at Thane District.

Abhishek Patil, 12, was the best performer among the boys' chess players. He won 11 medals in the 117 girls' and 117 boys' chess events. The school's chess team also won 11 medals in the 117 girls' and 117 boys' chess events. The school's chess team also won 11 medals in the 117 girls' and 117 boys' chess events.



Navi Mumbai students shine in SSC but pass percentage in civic run schools dips

Vashi Special School Gets Cent Percent

By Nayan

Navi Mumbai: The civic-run schools in the city have performed poorly this year in the Class X state board exams, with almost 15% students failing to clear the test. Ironically schools across Navi Mumbai scored an overall 86.73% pass percentage, the highest in Mumbai division.

The performance of the civic schools has considerably dwindled from overall pass percentage of 94.32% last year to 87.20% this year.

Local residents are raising questions about the credibility



VAISHALI KSHIRSAGAR

of claims by NMMC authorities of imparting quality education in the civic schools.

However, the civic school for special children, Education and Training Centre (OTC) in Vashi scored 100% results yet again. In the hearing impaired category Snehal Salunke topped the list with 77%

Physical disability, abject poverty fail to stop girl from shining bright

Turbhe resident Vaishali Kshirsagar (16) who is suffering from cerebral palsy since birth secured 87.2%. Vaishali, whose left side of the body is partially paralyzed wanted to study in English medium but financial constraints compelled her to seek admission in Marathi medium at Father Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi.

"Vaishali's mental strength played a key role in her success. Despite her physical condition, she refused to take help of a writer and wrote the exam herself," said principal, Smighdha Roy. Vaishali wants to be a banker.

while Sakshi Pawar scored 75%, Rupali Chougale with 69%, Shubham Pawade with 67%. Besides, visually challenged Pravin More received 87%.

But no other civic schools managed to get cent percent results this time. Last year's two schools had scored 100%

City mayor Sudhakar Sonawane was upset with the results. "I am concerned about the poor performance this year. We will find the reason behind such poor results," said Sonawane.

Sandeep Sarjave, NMMC education officer said, "Two out of 17 civic schools perfor-

med badly with 64% results which reflected in overall pass percentage. The other reason is that the number of students increased significantly by 58%. Last year 1,600 students had appeared for exams while this year, the number rose to 2,211." Civic schools scored an overall 87.20% passouts this year at the SSC, the result of which was declared on Tuesday.

Airoli Madhyamik School student Harikrushna Bende raised the bar by securing the highest aggregate of 83%. Last year's civic school topper had scored 82.60%.

Dariva Choudhary of Ghansoli School stood second with 82.35% as Asmita Gupta of Koperkhairane finished third with 81.20% aggregate.

NMMC school students started appearing for class X board exams from 2006.

AGNEL IN THE NEWS

Agnel's Showcase Patriotic Fervour



Young Agnelites dressed in traditional finery mesmerize the audience with a group patriotic song on the occasion of 71st Independence Day celebration.

By Ashek Dhanija
NAVI MUMBAI: Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School celebrated Independence Day with immense joy and pride amidst wholehearted participation from the students whose enthusiasm was contagious. The flag was unfurled by Rev. Fr. Ivan Almeida, who was the

Guest of honour and Anuradha Mangale, Chief Guest.

All students as well as teachers took a pledge to take the Swachh Bharat Mission to the household level.

The students of primary and middle school impressed the

audience with their mesmerising performances. The patriotic songs evoked a feeling of oneness and respect for their motherland in everyone's heart. Rev. Fr. Ivan's meaningful speech imprinted an

intentional

Agnel's Showcase...

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The programme was concluded by the Principal- Snigdha Roy who reinforced the idea of "A

Clean India, A Better India". She appealed the audience to make any two resolutions which would prove to be helpful for the betterment of the society. The occasion was celebrated at Agnels with great pomp and splendour.

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Leaving a legacy

Rev Fr Orlando Rodrigues, a founder-member of the Fr Agnel Institutions in Navi Mumbai passed away on October 29. A great visionary, leader and educator, Fr Rodrigues played a vital role in all the valuable contributions made by the Agnel Ashram Fathers in the field of education, sports and service to humanity in Maharashtra and Goa. He has touched the lives of thousands of students and teachers and their families.

A special concelebrated Eucharist presided over by Rt Rev Bartul Barreto (Auxiliary Bishop of Archdiocese, Mumbai) was held at the Agnel Complex, Vashi, on October 30. Thousands of students, parents, staff members, ex-students and well-wishers gathered to pay their respects to Fr Rodrigues. On October 31, his journey on Earth concluded with a solemn funeral at Pilar Semina, Goa.



DEATH ANNOUNCEMENTS

In loving memory of



Rev. Fr. Orlando Rodrigues
 17 August 1937-
 29 October 2017.

A loving visionary leader who has left his footprints on the sands of time. You have passed on the flame within you. We shall keep it burning and pass it on too! Staff, Students and Alumni

Fr. Agnel Institution, Vashi, Navi Mumbai

Same genes, similar scores in SSC exams

Photo: Mahesh

MUMBAI: June 12 will be a memorable day for Father Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi for a long time. Four pairs of twins from the school, passed the SSC exams with nearly identical marks.

Two pairs of identical twins, Riya and Priya Ganjekar scored 85% in the exams. The siblings studied together regularly, but intend to pursue different streams in class 11. "We did not expect the same success as Priya does better all the times, and I come second," said Riya, who wants to pursue architecture. Priya wants to be a doctor.

At Hind College, Chaurangan, has already had seven pairs of twins clearing the SSC exams but this is the first-of-its-kind experience for a school. Siddhant Arambard Inba Shah scored 86.4% and 86.2%, respec-



• Identical twins Priya Ganjekar (left) and Riya Ganjekar scored 85%.

ively. They studied together too. "Making good friends together is our favourite past time," said Inba who wants to join fashion communication in arts, while Ayush aspires to pursue

chartered accountancy. Another pair, Anshik and Mahina Patil scored 80% and 80.8%, respectively. Harshik and Saket Raj scored 69% and 79%.

During the rains, don't forget to take an umbrella with you.

AGNELITE AMONG PENGUINS

- Akshadha Shreeram, IX B

Madhumita Kale, an ex Agnelite, holds the prestigious position of Chief Veterinarian, in-charge of the penguins at Jijamata Udyan popularly known as Byculla Zoo. Intrigued by the unique profession that she has taken up, we decided to interview her. Let's see what she has to say.

1. Being an alumna of the Massey University, New Zealand, could you draw a comparison between the Indian education System and the education system there.

The Indian system of education is more reliant on exams. The education system at Massey University, not only had exams but also emphasised a lot on assignments, research and scientific writing.

Until I actually went to New Zealand, I was never taught how to do research. The assignments given to me were usually about 3000-5000 words, and they were to be completely worded by me. No copy paste from the Internet was allowed, as they were very strict about plagiarism. I realised that, by doing research on a particular topic and then writing an assignment about it, gave me a more detailed and thorough

understanding of the subject matter, than what I could achieve through exams.

Another difference was that, they used to have a lot of group discussions along with traditional lectures. We were asked to read up and do our research about a given topic and then we had discussions about it. This helped in learning about the various views each individual had about the topic and broadened our perspective.

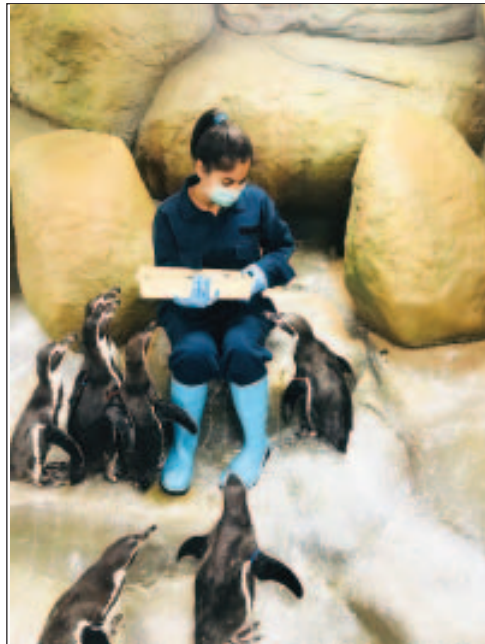
Our mentors always focused more on practicals/hands on than theory, which I think makes a huge difference.

2. Could you please acquaint us with the special feed of these birds?

These birds consume fish. The various types of fish we provide them with are Bombay

Duck, Eel, Sardines (Tarli), Mackerel (Bangda), Anchovies (Mandeli), and Indian Salmon (Rawas). Variety is provided according to its seasonal availability. Each penguin consumes 700-800g of fish per day. Total amount consumed by 7 penguins in a day is about 5-6kg. Blast frozen fish (Fish frozen at a factory at -80 degrees Celsius) is acquired and kept in the deep freezer at the zoo.

3. How would you



describe your occupation ? Do you think it's a life changing opportunity or is it extremely stressful?

I find my occupation and work extremely satisfying. In my opinion, the work done by a Veterinarian is very noble, because they are helping mute animals. In the Wildlife Veterinary field, treatment and management of wild animals in captivity is doubly difficult. That's because, in the wild, these animals mask their symptoms, as being sick and weak, makes them susceptible to predators.

They only show signs of illness during the last stage, and by that time, it is very difficult to save them. Therefore, Wildlife veterinary doctors need to be thoroughly observant of their animals' behaviour and activity.

The opportunity of Veterinarian for the penguins was of course a life changing one. I had just come back from New Zealand, after doing my Masters in Veterinary Science in Wildlife Health. The timing of the opportunity was perfect and I could apply whatever I had learnt during my Masters. I was confident I could really help in taking care of these birds.

It's been about a year and half since I'm working with these birds and they have become like my babies. So of course, when one of them falls sick or there is some abnormality, I worry about them a lot. I see them day in and day out and they have become a huge and very important part of my life.

4. Do you have any specific names for the penguins or any particular way to recognise them?

Yes. There are 4 females and 3 males. There are 3 pairs. Donald and Daisy, Mr Molt and Flipper and Popeye and Olive. The single female is Bubble.

Since I've been seeing them for quite sometime now, I can recognise them just by looking at them.

But otherwise, we have different coloured flipper bands for them in order to distinguish them.

You can also recognise them by the spot pattern on their chest. This pattern is unique for each bird and does not change.

5. What gave you the inspiration to pursue such a unique career?

Since childhood, I always loved animals. Even as a little kid, I was never scared of playing with dogs, cats and all sorts of animal species. So I would say, my love and passion for animals was my biggest motivation to become a vet. There was never any confusion as to what I wanted to do in life.

Wildlife and nature as a whole always intrigued me. Even before starting vet school, I used to actively go on bird watching trips, on safaris to various national parks in India. India has abundant wildlife, which has always interested me from the beginning. During my undergraduate studies, wildlife medicine was always a subject close to my heart. I attended several workshops and trainings on wildlife health such as a leopard rescue and rehabilitation workshop at a leopard rescue centre, a wildlife management at a Katraj zoo, Pune, visit to Bannerghatta bear rescue centre and volunteering at Mumbai zoo during my college days, which increased my interest in

the subject further. (This is a little off track, but I would really like to say that my parents always encouraged me to become a wildlife vet. Being a wildlife vet in India is a very very different profession to choose and they were always so supportive of it).

My main aim is to do something for conservation of Indian wildlife. The wildlife biodiversity that our country has, is amazing and needs to be conserved.



circulation and provides fresh filtered air into the exhibit. The exhibit is cleaned twice daily. The pool is vacuumed everyday. The penguins' medications, regular health checkup and staff also are expensive. Yes, this project is high maintenance. However, all the above-mentioned expenses are satisfied by the entry fees obtained from the visitors coming to see them.

8. Do you approve bringing these penguins away from their natural habitat?

There is a lot of misconception about zoo animals. People always think they are snatched away from their natural habitat and put in a cage.

6. Since you've studied the penguins closely, is there any quality you think that humans could imbibe from the wonderful creatures?

One thing I've observed over the past year and half, is that these birds are extremely intelligent. They're also very curious and inquisitive creatures.

But, getting animals from the wild is not allowed in any zoo. Animals in zoos come from other zoos through animal exchange programs.

7. The entire artificial habitat has been created by humans. It must take a lot of care to maintain it. How are the daily expenses required for this satisfied?

About these penguins, they have been bought from Coex aquarium, South Korea. Their natural habitat is in the South American regions.

Yes, there is a huge set up required for these Humboldt penguins. There is a huge water filtration and disinfection unit, which filters water continuously. Further, a Air Handling Unit (AHU) is installed, which not only maintains the temperature between 13-14 degrees Celsius, but also regulates air

The reason for keeping animals in a zoo is for conservation, education and research. If people don't get to see animals at the zoo, they wouldn't know what kind of wild animals exist. They wouldn't know what these animals eat or where they come from. So the main aim of a zoo is of awareness,

without which conservation is impossible.

In the future, in case these birds become endangered, there needs to be a viable population in captivity, to save them from extinction and conserve the species.

9. How do you identify when these penguins are unwell? Also, what is the treatment given to them at such times?

There are several factors to keep in mind in order to identify any abnormalities. It requires keen observation, since wild animals are known to mask their symptoms in our presence. We observe their activities through continuous CCTV surveillance.

The most common signs of illness in penguins are decreased appetite or no appetite, vomiting, regurgitation, isolation from the group, coughing/sneezing, abnormal stools.

Treatment varies with each case. But we first try to diagnose what's wrong with the bird. Blood tests, X-rays, stool sample analysis and other diagnostics are carried out.

It is very important to keep them well hydrated. So we usually give them fluid orally via a feeding tube along with the medications. If they are not consuming fish, we sometimes make fish slurry/paste and feed them through a stomach tube. Or even force feed them whole fish.

As I said, each case varies and we go into a lot of detail in deciding the treatment.

A very important causative factor for illness is stress in birds.

For this reason, we screen the penguins regularly. A complete health check is done every 3 months.

10. Finally, do you recall any memorable experience from your schooling years at Agnells? And also what is your message for Agnelites?

Yes of course! One of the most memorable experiences I had during my school days was playing all kinds of sports and being encouraged for it. I was a lot into sports during my school days. I played state level gymnastics, athletics and lawn tennis for national level. I am so thankful to Fr. Almeida for encouraging sports along with studies. It has made such a difference in my life and definitely has had an impact on my career.

My message for Agnelites would be, always follow your passion.

I love being a Veterinary doctor and being at work is always exciting, since I enjoy it so much.



MY FAVOURITE CARTOON CHARACTER

- Riddhi Mishra, III A

My favourite cartoon is Scooby Doo. My favourite character in this cartoon is Scooby. He is very funny and he always gets into trouble. He has many friends like Shagi, Velma, Daini and Fred. They always work as a team. Scooby and

Shagi love food. They all are very intelligent. They all have plans - like 2794 means run away and 9245 means act like you are a ghost. He is very playful so I like him a lot.

TINKERBELL

- Akshadha Gupta, III A

My favourite cartoon character is Tinkerbell. She is a fairy and she is very smart and pretty. She lives in Pixie Hollow. She has many friends like Silver mist, Rosetta, Drubbles and many more. She has a sister in Winter Blooms. Her name is Periwinkle. She has snow powers. All

the fairies in Pixie hollow are born from a periwinkle flower. Do you know that fairies fly by pixie dust? Fairies are very interesting creatures so that's why I like Tinkerbell as she is a fairy.

HARRY POTTER

- Zack Bangera, III B

My favourite movie character (which I turned into a cartoon) is Harry Potter. He's a young wizard who is also known as the boy who lived or is the chosen one. He's known like this because Lord Voldemort aka the dark lord couldn't kill him when he was a little baby, after all the wizards he killed. I've read all his books and know some of his spells. Accia-the

summoning charm Expelliarmus - the disarming charm and many more. I like him because he's very brave, quick and smart. I've even drawn loads of pictures of him, some cartoon and some real which have turned out very well. I think that he's the best in the world and he's the greatest wizard ever.

ALADDIN AND HIS MAGIC LAMP

- Anushri, III D

One night when I was sleeping I dreamt of Aladdin and his Magic Lamp. Here the story begins.

I dreamt that I was Alladin, I took the magic lamp. I rubbed the lamp. A huge genie came out.

He granted me a wish. I said my wish was that I wanted to be the smartest in my class. It vanished at once. Next day, was Open Day I

scored the highest marks. By mistake I rubbed the lamp and that genie came out again.

He granted me a wish. This time I wanted a new dress for my uncle's wedding. He vanished again. The same day I got a beautiful dress. Everyone was looking only at me. The last wish I asked for was that the genie should stay with me forever!

IF I MET A GENIE, WHAT 3 WISHES WOULD I ASK FOR

- Anushka

I was playing in the garden yesterday and I found a kettle behind the bush. I showed it to my mother. She said, "This is just an ordinary kettle." After a few days when I rubbed it, a genie came out and said, "I am Pintu the genie,

I can fulfill three wishes. "I told him, make my country pollution free and tell the hunters to not kill animals."

FRIEND

- Aadya Pandya, V E

Friend Oh Friend !!
Lets go out to play,
Making sand castle and houses with clay.
Hand in hand pass the whole day.
With the same ideas and aim.
Dancing like crazy lads.
In the sky raising our hands.

With love and affection,
In the same section
We swim like dolphins,
Sharing our tiffins
We want to reach the sky,
With each other by our side.

LIFE

- Sai Kiran Durgule, V A

Being hurt only,
Makes you grow.
The more you fail,
The more you know.
When you lose,

Then try hard to gain.
The best lessons are -
Learnt through pain.

NATURE

- Annie Clayton, V C

Nature gives us trees and leaves.
I love nature more than sweets,
The flowers are white and blue,
Are beautiful like the sky above you.
The greenery in the nature spread,

Like I spread chutney on the bread.
Green grass in the gardens grow,
Where black greedy crows crow
The water in the rivers flow,
like moon in the night sky glows.

FRIENDSHIP

- Swarati Gulve, V C

Friendship is a knot of care,
Where there is love everywhere.
Though your friend won't have anything to
share,
But for you in her heart there'll always be care.
We promise each other never to part,

And share our secrets heart to heart.
We have a very special bond named friendship
And we promise never to break this
relationship.

LIFE

- Jahanvi Lahoti, V D

Life, What is Life?
Is life for earning money
And thinking about our future?
Or is life to think about the wrong deeds
we have done in our past,
And being sad our whole life?

I was very confused about it,
I asked some people this question...
And I finally got my answer.
No, No, No!
Life is not for thinking
About our past or future.
Life is for enjoying our present!

FRIENDS FOREVER

- Richa Pradhan, V D

Make new friends,
But keep the old.
One is silver,
And the other is gold.
A circle is round,
It has no end.

That's how long I'll be your friend.
Across the land,
Across the sea.
Friends forever we'll always be!

LIFE IS CONTINUOUS

- Wilbur F, V A

Life is a daily routine;
You like it or not,
But its continuous;
Does not end with a full stop.
Life can't be counted,
You want to know or not;

But you should always smile
More than a mile.
There may be many obstacles in your life;
But you should not take it seriously,
Or else you'll fall into a lake of misery.

A LETTER FROM GOD TO MANKIND

- Kalyani Iyer, VIII A

**From,
God, Heaven**

**To,
Humans, Earth**

Dear Humans,

It is too late now. And enough is enough. I can no more bear to watch the horrific sight of unscrupulous humans fighting, betraying and killing each other. I decided to write to you because I wish to have a one to one conversation with each of you. I have tried hard enough to stop all the inequalities and injustice done by the human beings, but lately I have realized that the answer lies with you, only you can put a brake to the changing times, but you must have the will to do so.

From the very creation of the universe I am the One and the only Omnipotent, the one you commonly refer to as God and will be so till eternity. After I started the process of populating the earth by creating humans, I have been bestowed with new names and new entities. After all, change is the law of nature. Giving me new names also changed the mindset of the humans on earth as the names also gave rise to cropping up of new and different religions. Initially, there were no conflicts because of the religions, but slowly discrimination and differentiation started with the increase in the number of religions, sects and sub sects within them. Any conflict can be

resolved amicably but when a person starts hating someone on the basis of his/her religion, the only solution is to help that person understand that all religions preach the same sermon and ethos. Ego, man's biggest obstacle in the path of life, does not allow him to accept the other religions with open arms and same concept.

I created humans to maintain peace, harmony and coexistence on the earth. But you mistook my goodness as weakness and started to inculcate a sort of fear psychosis based on religion, caste, creed and gender which has poisoned the human mind like some deadly venom. Until and unless you realise your follies and start loving and caring for every person as your own self; the riots and chaos ruling the earth cannot be contained or put to an end. Religion, caste, creed — social inequality — everything is man-made. All these things are perishable — including the humans. But love is eternal like me. So, love your neighbours and every person, even if that person hurts you knowingly or unknowingly.

As you all believe in the dictum 'THE WORLD IS ONE FAMILY', treat everyone as your own family member and stay united in bringing up changes for universal welfare and well-being.

With all the blessings from above, I remain yours and yours only:

GOD



Puzzles are not just fun, but brain stimulation as well. The SUDOKU puzzle is of numbers. This one is of alphabets. Ensure that the alphabets "BTXRVF" appear only once in the individual boxes, and all the horizontal and vertical lines..... All the best....get set go.....

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Yadnesh F, VIII A & Geber D'Sa, VIII E





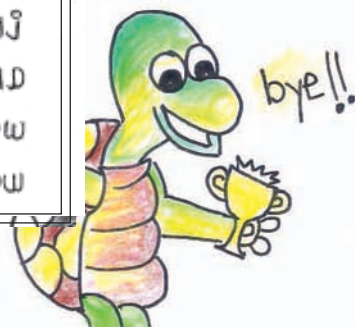
This passage is a mirror image .

Place a small hand mirror and read the passage to unlock the answers to the given questions.

Enjoy the world of mirror writing!!!

- 1) Who invented the first computer?
- 2) How much did ENIAC weigh?
- 3) In which country was ENIAC built?
- 4) In which year was the first computer invented?

The first computer was invented by a British named Charles Babbage in the year 1822. Although Babbage never finished building it, it was designed to work out tables of mathematical results. The first general-purpose and fully electronic computer was built in the United States in 1946 and was called ENIAC. It weighed 30 tons and was the size of a house and built in the year 1946.



Yadnesh F, VIII A & Geber D'Sa, VIII E



REAL LIFE IRON MAN

- Aakas Divakar, XI C

ELON MUSK IS KNOWN AS THE REAL LIFE IRON MAN

Elon Musk is the CEO of TESLA, THE BORING COMPANY, SOLARCITY, SPACE X, NEURALINK and he is also the co-Chairman of OPENAL. A person thinking way ahead of us. Mr. Musk might appear weird to some, because of his thoughts and ideas. Once Musk said that, he dreams of dying on Mars, indirectly telling us that he will send humans on Mars before NASA.

Since Pollution is a major problem faced by the world, Musk opened his own company Solar city. Another step he took was to produce electric cars to counter the problem of depletion of fuels. Mr Musk is a South African national born in Canada. An American business magnate, investor, engineer and inventor, he holds the citizenship of all the three countries. Mr Musk started out very young, he developed his own game at the age of 12 and sold it for \$500. Elon Musk applied for a PhD. course in physics at Stanford University but his dreams were big and just after two days and he dropped out of the university to start a business of his own called 'Zip 2' with his brothers. Later he sold it and co-founded X.com, an online financial service and e-mail payment company. Elon Musk then merged it with 'Paypal'. Later the company was sold to EBAY and Elon Musk got his share of \$180million.

The interesting thing about him is that he invested the \$100million in Space -X, \$60million in Tesla and remaining \$20million in Solarcity. Musk went through a difficult time because he invested all the money he got from the sale of his company and hence he had to borrow money to pay the rent of his house. Elon Musk is of the opinion that human species is meant to explore the universe and hence he wants to be the first to step on Mars. To fulfill his dream he founded Space X. Even after the failure of Space X Musk gave it a last try and he succeeded!

Mr Musk also aims to make life sustainable and to preserve the environment, he founded Solar city. The technology he is currently working with is to make solar energy available at home of every individual easily. We just have to take the print out of the panel from our computer and paste it on some specific device and its ready to use. Tesla Motors manufacture electric cars. One more very successful attempt of Elon Musk to tackle the problem of fossil fuels. The interesting thing about it is that Elon Musk claims that he would provide free charging for the cars at Tesla charging points everywhere!

Elon Musk recently introduced a new way of transportation, 'HYPERLOOP'. A Hyperloop is a fast mode of transportation with speed of 1200km/hr in 35min which is way faster than an aeroplane. The Tesla and Space X team are together working on this project. Moreover it is cheaper than high speed trains,such as the bullet train. Elon Musk is a man who is not only thinking about his own business but also a way to save human race and to develop it, with minimum harm or no harm to the Environment.

SORRY.....YES I AM SORRY.....

- Almaz Furtado, VIII E



Sorry I'm not perfect
Yes you have many things you can work on.
But never apologize for not being perfect.
You're not perfect,
I'm not perfect,

Because perfection does not exist.
You are beautiful the way you are and that's already amazing, work on yourself. But don't be obsessed with the non-existent idea of perfection.

SORRY I'm not gorgeous
Yes you are gorgeous.
You are gorgeous even if you have not a certain hair colour, eye colour, body size or race.
Beauty lies within everyone.
You are gorgeous because you are you.
And you need to open your eyes and see your beauty that everyone else sees.

SORRY I'm not good enough for you
Yes you are good enough for me.
But you don't have to be good enough for everyone.
If people can't appreciate you for who you are then you shouldn't be wasting your time on them.
Spend time taking care of yourself, rather than spending time trying to convince yourself that you are just not good enough.

SORRY I'm not funny
You are not here to be a comedian.
You can express yourself through different things, not just humour.
You are allowed to be anyone you want, don't fake a smile because you feel like you have to.
Smile and laugh anytime you want to.

SORRY I'm depressed
Don't apologize for something that you can't control.
It's not your fault. It's just an irrational feeling, nothing to feel bad about because that's how you feel.
But don't use a permanent solution to a temporary problem.
You are more than your depression.
Just because you feel depressed or are diagnosed with depression doesn't make you any less of a worthy person.

SORRY I'm me
Don't apologize for being yourself.
You are you and that's the most amazing thing ever.
Yes, you are not perfect but you are imperfectly beautiful.
It's not shameful to be yourself.
Be yourself unapologetically. Love yourself unapologetically.

MONSTER LAND

- Shlok Sharma, VII C

It was a hot spring summer morning as I woke up with a big yawn!!! That morning was so hot that I was sweating terribly. Everything was fine but suddenly it all changed, I felt somebody was licking my toes; and there, it was a stinky puppy licking my toes with its acidic saliva. "Yuck! it's dirty," saying this, I pounced on my bed. After few seconds again I felt something crawling on my hand, and there I found a spider which seemed to be poisonous because of his blue claws. It was crawling on my hand, stinging its sharp claws in my skin. I took the TV remote and started hitting it with whatever force I had. After many hits, finally that spider went off my hands. I was thinking why and where the creatures had come from??? Suddenly I found someone knocking the door of my room. As I opened the door to see who it was, I saw a big eight tentacled monster wishing me Good morning!..

I ran out of my house wearing my night suit, and there I saw a scene which could only be dreamt. The whole New York town had changed into a monster land. There were all types of monsters roaming in the town. Many had bicycles whereas some had cars. I could never imagine that even monsters could drive vehicles. After seeing many ugly monsters, I heard a loud voice which seemed to call me. At first I could not recognize the person who called me, but when I saw the friendship band on his hand, I remembered he was Jake, my class mate and my best friend.

I remembered that the only person whom I gave

a band on friendship day was Jake. But the most shocking thing was that he too had turned into a monster. I was frightened, as I left Jake behind and walked ahead curiously to see who all had changed into a monster. I found my aunt Mary had changed into a lion headed snake, my friend Gary into a big elephant with a giraffe neck, and my class mate Harry into a two headed hairy snake. Can you believe a snake with hair on its body? It was all so scary. As I was roaming around the city I found a big monster running towards me. I ran as fast as could and lo! I fell into a big manhole.....a never ending manhole.

It wasn't a manhole, it was a monster hole. I went deep into the monster hole. I started crying loudly..... and then I realized....I am alive in this monster world surrounded by creatures of all kind, creatures who make this world what it is.



MY JOURNEY ABOVE THE CLOUDS AND UNDER THE WATER

- Radhika Shete, VIII C

I sat up one night,
Looking at the night sky.
It's a different view everyday,
I was curious to know why.

I observed it everyday,
There was no end to my interest.
This large group of shining stars,
Looks like a never ending nest.
With these million stars in the sky,
There are various shapes you can make.
Some think of tiger, some of bear,
The easiest one being the snake.

As brightest of all sets,
Millions of stars arise.
This is truly Gods gift,
Which isn't worth any price



sight in front of my eyes. I forgot all about the pixies and fairies and was amazed by the wonderful scene. I could see endless white beds of soft clouds. The place was so serene, it urged us to stay for some more time. Suddenly we heard a loud noise "Fee, fie, fo, fum." On looking around, we saw a huge palace on a cloud. It was a lavishly ornate palace. Bigger than one could ever imagine, similar to the one that I had seen in the book: Jack and the Beanstalk. We went around it in our amphi glider and continued our journey before the giant could smell our blood [in case there was one in the palace]

I was dejected as I didn't come across any fairies or pixies. So for our next destination, I had no such notions, but was hoping to see something special down there.

Our amphi glider turned into a submarine. It took us for a ride under the water. We were spellbound looking at the variety of vividly colored fish, just a few feet under the surface

It was a sunny October morning when my brother announced that the amphi glider [it can take you in the sky as well as underwater] was ready. Now I could travel over the clouds and under the water. I often wonder, from where directors of Disney channel get the ideas for movies like Tinkerbell and Ariel. I would just look up at the sky and wonder what lay in the clouds. These questions brought me to the conclusion that there were Pixies. The amphi glider ride was my only chance to find out what was actually there above the clouds. My enthusiasm soared as we took off.

Soon, we were at my desired destination. Peeping outside a big window, I saw a beautiful

of water. Unlike the regal and serene atmosphere of the world above the clouds, this place was vibrantly teeming with life all over. We could see a school of beautifully coloured pinstriped fish passing by. The bright corals along with sea weeds providing hiding places to a variety of fish added to the myriad hues of the deep sea water. I jumped with joy on spotting Nemo.... the clownfish. We lost track of time looking at the beautiful sights around

us. As we went further ahead, we saw bigger species of fish like the shark. We were scared when a huge whale cast a shadow on our amphi glider and nudged it. It started shaking. I was terrified. The shaking intensified. Hmmm...time to return back to land I thought.

My journey above the clouds and under the water.....a fascinating one indeed.

LIVE YOUR DREAM

After birth,we all are hurled,Into an ever charming world.
We live our lives,we learn to love,
And are granted dreams from above.

But as we grow, we learn to see,We're living in reality.
With talent squandered, forgotten dreams,
The world is a scary place, it seems.

For people don't always learn to fly.
They lose their dreams,let them die.
Their favourite things, they do the best,
Are lost,forgotten,laid to rest.

From those we can all learn to keep
Our treasures near, not buried deep.

If you love music, learn to play.
Or if its art draw each day.
Whatever you have dreamed to do,
Once its found keep it with you.

The world will look so bright,
If you just keep your dreams in sight.



- Radhika Shete, VIII C

I AM NOBODY'S PRINCESS !!

- Sanika Deshmukh, VII C

Princess. What comes to your mind when you hear the word princess? A rich, beautiful, elegant, graceful girl, right?? But along with that weak, dependent, spoiled, always waiting to meet that one man who will make her unfortunate life complete. Basically, (to me) intolerable. Couldn't Cinderella be bold enough to stand up to her torturous stepmother instead of being her helpless slave? Why did Ariel sacrifice her beautiful voice just to meet some silly prince? Why couldn't she ask the prince to come and meet her in the ocean instead? What if Sleeping Beauty's prince had never come to meet her? These Disney princesses portray exactly what a girl shouldn't be – dependent, fickle, faint hearted and always doing what people ask.

I know what you'll say. "Hey, chill. It's just fiction." I agree, but what about the minds of those little girls that have been brainwashed into thinking that they should always be thin, sweet, obedient and beautiful. Basically, fit into the society's image of perfect little girls (princesses). Any girl who's not thin, not beautiful, is carefree or has her own opinion and view is termed as 'disrespectful', 'shameful', 'a bad girl' or 'a tomboy'.

It's not only girls who carry the burden of leading 'a perfect fairy tale life' but also boys. They always have to be brave, be strong in the toughest of situations and never shed a tear. Have you ever read about a 'prince' crying? And if they do, they are termed 'cry-babies' or 'nancy-boys'.

As both the guys and the girls are suffering, I thought of giving them new role models. Goddesses. Indian Goddesses. Indian Goddesses are completely opposite of these princesses. They are strong, fiercely independent, smart and do not wait for anybody to come and save them. Indian Goddesses are the epitome of power. They are the women every girl must look up to.

My first chosen Goddess is Kali. She is fierce, powerful and fearless. This dusky beauty can slay any demon in her way and proudly flaunts her dark complexion. So don't think that dark isn't beautiful. Girls should learn from Kali to be fearless and to stand up to anybody who troubles them. My next nominee is Sarasvati – goddess of wisdom, music and learning. Intelligence and tranquillity emanates from every pore of her skin. I suggest all my girls to at least *try* to be like her – smart, confident and self-composed. Number three is Durga – Goddess of justice and protector of all that is good and harmonious in the world. Girls, let's learn from her to protect our beautiful world in our own way.

There you are, I roasted the princesses and gave you new role models to look up to. Aren't Goddesses better than princesses? Girls, be strong, fierce, undefeatable, independent and don't ever let anybody pull you down. So don't be a princess, BE THE GODDESS.

“EXPERIENCING ‘PETRICHOR’, THE PLEASANT FRAGRANCE OF THE EARTH AFTER THE POUR”

- Daljeet Kaur, X C

Evenings those days were monotonous. Routinely, I sat by my room window, to write stuff down. I put my imagination to use, but to no avail as I could not figure out how to fill my empty page. As my gaze drifted towards the view outside the window, I took notice of the ‘monsoon diaries’ there.

It did not rain cats and dogs, despite the dark thundering clouds. Kids danced as it drizzled from the heaven above. Trees swayed along with the chilling winds. Toads croaked in harmony to welcome the first shower of the year. I sipped on my dark coffee, engrossed in the vista outside. Caffeine helped me think. Then I sniffed something familiar and put my mug down on the sill. It was ‘Petrichor’ - the heavenly fragrance of the wet Earth, after the first pour. I inhaled deeply and shut my eyelids. The fragrance felt so alluring and soothing. The present seemed to slip away. Serenity conquered my mind. The malcontent present in my heart melted away, all at once. My head, suddenly, felt light weight - as if a big burden had been lifted. I was left mesmerized as the gratifying memories arose in my head. I



stretched out my arms wide and experienced ‘freedom’ - freedom from all the tribulation in my brain. I felt effervescent as my mind became clearer and clearer. I got familiar with inner peace like never before.

I gradually opened my eyes. My coffee once hot, lay cold. Oreos had moistened. I recalled my experience of ‘nature at its best’. And eventually, I felt content to write. Comforting myself on the armchair, I wrote this very prose, on my acquaintance with the paradisiac Petrichor.

RAIN RAIN GO AWAY... COME AGAIN ANOTHER DAY !

- Rohan Kapoor, VI E



Looking at the deluge on the 29th of August 2017, Tuesday everyone must have said their prayers. The agony & plight faced by the Mumbaikars due to heavy rains, choking of drains, water logging everywhere and few people losing their life was frightening and unreasonable.

There are many reasons for the CITY THAT NEVER SLEEPS, coming to a virtual halt. Mumbai our commercial capital had to reel under tremendous pressure on that day. People panicked. Offices were left early. Schools were asked to close early. Public transport increased frequency so that commuters could reach home safely. But the rainfall was so heavy that entire city came to a halt.

There are many reasons why the city did not function smoothly on the above said day. The city is rapidly moving towards urbanisation. Everywhere construction is going on, concrete jungle is spreading, leading to very few places where the water can be absorbed. Unfortunately our drainage system is age old. Sewage and excess rain water both get carried in the same drains leading to polluted water. We need to have separate systems for carrying sewage & excess rain water. We should avoid littering the roads with plastic as it chokes the drainage system. It is our duty to segregate Wet & Dry garbage.

With no plans in mind, we are moving ahead to accommodate the growing population. The city is getting cramped day by day leading to a number of diseases, all types of pollution and unemployment. We need to seriously consider saving our green lungs i.e. Nature.

If soon some concrete steps are not taken, then the whole city will crack under pressure leading to many more tragedies, like that of 26/7.

AREN'T WE A FUN LOT TO BE WITH ?

- Janhavi Gangawane, VIII A & Shalomee Moreshwar, VIII D

School is an amazing place to be in especially when we have friends who belong to one of the leagues mentioned below.

The Brainy: "Oh my God, I'm going to fail! What do I do now?" Though after the exam, they will definitely declare - Yipeeeee it's a 98%!

Well, we've all come across this brainy lot, who talk about failing but end up being the toppers of the class! Completing work on time, getting excellent marks in not just one or two but....oh Lord! in all subjects... isn't it crazy. Adorned with this weapon, they become the apple of the eye of everyone!

The Timers:

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Recess! The timers have always saved our day by telling us how many minutes to go to the most awaited time of the day.

The Entertainers: They make sure that there is no dull moment in class. From wise cracks to innocent faces when caught by the teacher to making everyone burst into laughter during serious moments in class; they deserve the Oscars for this.

The Copy Cats: "Hey! What's the first answer? Show me! Second one? Just tilt your book a little..." I'm sure we all have had this kind of a partner to sit with for an entire week or worse still....a month! Lord thank you for bestowing me with oodles of patience.

The Non-stoppers: There are some students who love to talk and talk and talk and taIIIIIIkkkkkkkk. Is this ever going to stopphew!!!!!! They seem to have never ending topics to talk about. These friends, in every corner you will definitely find. That includes.....me too.....he hehe !!!!

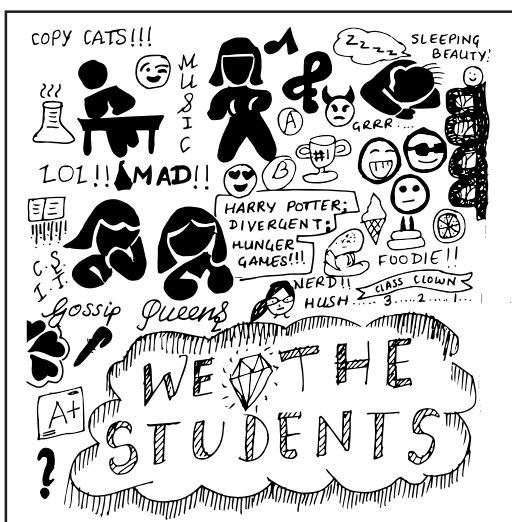
The Back Benchers: Aha! This indeed is the best group of students in class. Some of the best memories are made by the 'back bencher group'. They always want to sit on the last benches and have fun, crack jokes, eat in class and annoy the ones who are really trying to concentrate!

The Singers: These are the most annoying ones for without any rhythm or any tune or any knowledge of music we have them singing or humming all the time no matter which class is

going on. To add on to the irritation, they keep singing the same song all the time.... Can you plssssssss stop!!!!!!!

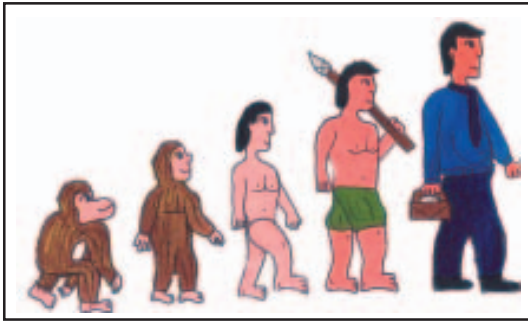
The Nonchalant Ones: "Hey, Maths test right? Oh...oh remembered in the bus" no matter what, they are the happy-go-lucky ones. Just 10 marks less....so what.... I managed to get just 10 marks....and I think that's not bad at all....

A never ending list of my dear friends at school! Let me stop here. You may come across many more and it is but obvious you may have another long list too!



EVOLUTION

- Ojas Joshi, VIII E



It's been millions of years since we evolved from apes into what we are now, at this stage – humans, considerably at the top of the food chain. Maybe after thousands of years, there will be a new us. Maybe we are in the process of evolving or might have even reached our peak. We still can't predict what lies next. But isn't it wonderful to imagine what might happen to us.....

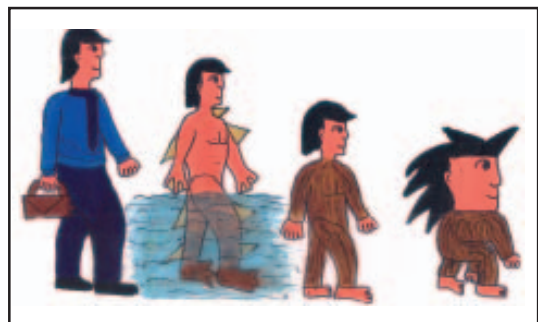
MERMEN:The heavy rains in Mumbai, Hong Kong and Hudson. Scientists have predicted that there will be a huge rise in water levels of the seas in the future. So I feel it might just happen, that we may develop webbed feet and hands which will help us swim faster. We might get bigger jaws and our appendix will be in use once again. Sharper teeth will help us eat raw meat as there will be no fire. Our lungs will become compatible to water and our nose will vanish to form gills near the throat.

YETI: Increase in global warming may lead to the second ice age. It might become extremely cold all over the globe. This will increase the

amount of body hair because of which we will look like gorillas with a larger brain. The size of our chest will expand with a larger set of lungs to take in more oxygen. Our overall body size might increase to produce more body heat.

ULTRA BEINGS: Do you know the fact that we use only 1% of our brain? It is still unclear what we could do if we use 100% of our brain. If at all we are able to use 100% of our brain, we could do awesome things. If this will be our next evolution, we can be the ones they call time travellers. Virtual reality will become a reality. We will be able to generate more super animals by just clicking a button. We could generate the first live Pokemon in this world with just our brain. Instead of using mobile phones, we could send messages to others by brain waves. We will be living in a real world where the laws of Physics are non-existent.

A probability of what might happen to us.....



2030!!!!!!!.....IS IT POSSIBLE ?

- Janhavi Gangawane, VIII A

Someone lifted me up and made me stand. He splashed water on my face and I woke up. To my surprise, I found that I was woken by something not someone, not my mother. It was a robot whose face resembled a human face. "Good morning madam," said the robot. I looked around flabbergasted. This was not the room where I had slept yesterday. Or was it even yesterday?

Lying around me were gadgets I had never even dreamt of. An automated cooking machine, a robot as my personal assistant, walls, fans and lights responding to my commands. This surely was not possible. What was happening to me? Was I dreaming? I pinched myself for reassurance only to find out that I was not dreaming.

I looked around oh! What a reliefThe calendar showed; 19th December.....oh my god!!!!!!! 19th December 2030. My robot informs, "2017 blown...2017 blown....2017 blown." All the people living in 2017 were dead due to a worldwide occurrence of natural calamities. I was the only survivor. They brought me here into another dimension which was not discovered back in 2017. "What! Are you serious?" was my only response. I was heartbroken.

I went out of the house to check the places. What a deadly sight welcomed me!!!!!! I remembered those faces.....those faces...yes I knew them. Mrs. Sen, my neighbour.....her face.... yes... but a robot's body. My

classmates....Sunaina, Eshira, Shalomee, Parth, Vansh.....their faces but a robot's body.....My head was reeling The robots around had faces of the people who I knew. That's when it clicked me..... my personal robot had the face of my brother.....he hehe !!!!! my brother 'MY PERSONAL ASSISTANT'. I returned home and saw a robot placing a MEAL TABLET for me. The robot turns....Oh No....Ma!!!!!!! I don't want Ma to be a robot ...I cant hug this machine....she can't hug me.....I am crying....but she walks away....not a word of comfort.....not a word of care.....

I just looked away. The gadgets, Oh the gadgets! They were a sight so mesmerizing. I saw a gadget on which you have to stand and within seconds you could travel to places miles away. Here going to outer space was a part of the daily routine. The list of the gadgets I saw was never-ending.

At last I saw a time machine. I set the time to 2017 and saw all the destruction that had happened. That destruction had happened because of you and me, because of our carelessness towards the conservation of nature. With a heavy heart I went to sleep. To my surprise, when I woke up, I found myself in the room where I had slept in 2017. I was astounded. 2030- was it a dream? A time travel? Or what was it? Anyway, I have decided to try my best to be nature-friendly. You should also do the same.

GANPATI TALKS

- Saloni Parab, VI D



Ganpati Bappa Morya; Mangal Murti Morya.....says everybody who prays in front of me. Yes, I am Lord Ganesh, the Elephant God.

I come to visit the people every year. This year, I came for seven days with my mother-Goddess Gauri to a small house in Vashi. A family of 4 selected me and I got a small I-card to show that I was booked. I faintly remember that somebody moulded and painted me and I took a ride on a sleek pink scooty to a hall. All through the short ride I experienced honking and heavy traffic.

Then the day arrived when 3 boys came and took me to their house chanting 'Ganpati Bappa Morya'. 2 ladies and 2 cute kids were waiting

to welcome me. A stout lady was instructing everybody about the Do's and Don't's of performing the pooja for me. I liked the flower decoration and my special seat where I would be for the next seven days. Everyday I would be offered Modaks and delicious dishes. Aarti and Bhajans would be sung and people would sit together and enjoy delicious meals.

On the fourth day Goddess Gauri (my mother) arrived at their house. We used to wink at each other and share a smile when some people spoke too much about how religious they were. Anyway, such humorous talks happen every year and the fun part is that every year people forget all the rituals and seek forgiveness for the mistakes done by them. This year, I could sense the helplessness of man when they got stuck in the heavy rains. But you know, such incidents bring mankind together. At such times, the spirit of Mumbaikars can be seen. The day of Visarjan brought tears in everybody's eyes as I was going to be immersed. A little kid of the house said, 'Ganpati Bappa will go for a swim!'

I am always there around in some form or the other, keeping a watch on all, smiling and giving blessings.

FUTURISTIC MACHINES

Leonardo-Da-Vinci dreamt of the possibility of a flying object for humans and it's after 3 to 4 centuries that we may actually have a flying machine. Well here we have young friends thinking of some futuristic machines which just might be a possibility.....

PhysaChip



The PhysaChip is a compact 2 inch badge which has been created with help of cutting edge technology. When fitted to your shirt, it can harness the kinetic energy which your body produces just by walking or by any movement of muscles. This energy is then converted into electricity and is stored in the memory storage unit inside the chip. The energy to charge 17 phones will be generated just by walking for an hour. The PhysaChip includes a micro USB and a flash charger to charge your phone on the go. Wait that's not all it can do. It can also run an average house for about 7 hours, when fully powered up, only when attached to the man power outlet.

- Hrithik Rao, VII C

Timeport Watches



It's time to end the era of cars, trains, buses and other means of transport. This device will ensure that you are never late to school or office or any place that you have set the time for. Timeport watches will be constructed with chromosapphire stones in it, instead of the regular quartz crystal. These mystical stones have time travelling powers with which we can go back or ahead in time. The teleportation works with the help of subatomic transfer mechanisms. They will convert our body into billions of light particles and transport us. It will have voice control features as well.

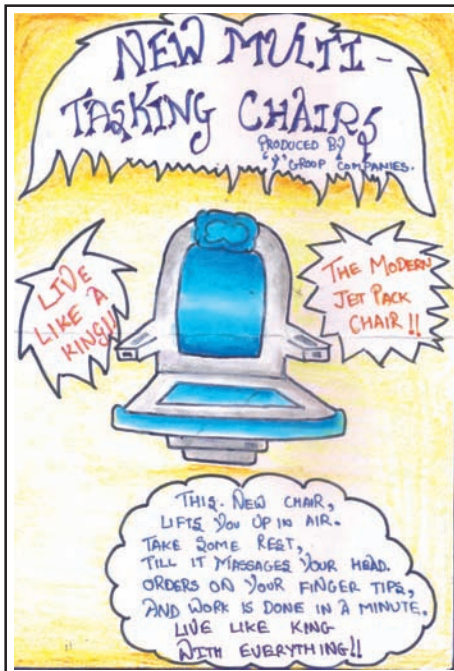
- Vishnu Warriar, VIII B

Automatic pen

Children who have difficulty in writing can now vocalise their thoughts aloud and the automatic pen will write them instantly on paper. The pen will be sensitive to the pitch, tone and vibrations of sound created by the vocal chords. It consists of a pencil combined with a pen. This pen can create any type of writing according to the child's wish. It will follow all instructions given by the child. For example, if a child commands that a particular word or sentence has to be underlined with a particular colour, the pen will sense the command and do the needful. If the child says, 'a paint brush,' then this pen will turn into a paintbrush. So the child will be able to paint any picture of his/her choice with the help of his/her commands.

- Geber De Sa, VIII E

Multi- tasking recliners:



With this device all you need to do is sit back and relax. An automated AI drone fixed inside a super cushion and super soft, leather bound recliner is hard to resist. This device has a handful of functions..... like massaging the head , limbs, hands, taking you wherever you want to go...no walking at all,. It has a built in levitation device that keeps you afloat in the air. Moving around was never so simple.

- Yadnesh Firke, VIII A

Neural Gamology:

Here is the future with neural gamology. It is only your brain that functions while using this gaming system. This is a hi-tech headband. The motherboard will connect the electric currents in your brain, to access your thoughts and convert them into your actions in the game. It will have an auto cool down function for the safety of hard core gamers who will play for hours. Don't just play the game, live it.

- Kindeep Malhi, VIII D

GST

- Vivek Nair & Pranav Chavre, IX A

At the stroke of the midnight hour when the world slept India awoke to economic growth, stability and an ominous 'Mitron'. GST that is Goods and Sales Tax has brought about a revolution, while leaving many profoundly perplexed. So, we are here to crack the **GST CODE** and find out how good, the good and simple tax really is.

GST came into force on the 1st of July 2017, though it has been doing the rounds of the parliament since the P.V. Narasimha Rao government was in power, back in 1999. The question however is that now that GST is in the spotlight what are the changes that will take place.

GST is, in layman's terms, a replacement for all the taxes we have been paying until now. A single big tax instead of a hundred small ones. The tax rates on a particular product or service can be 0, 5,12,18 or even 28 percent. For example, the new tax on eating out is 18%. So, if something costs 100 rupees [the math is pretty complicated so follow this closely] it will cost $100+18=118$ rupees, after adding the GST. GST's main objective is to help emerging startups and thus give a boost to entrepreneurship. In this new scheme,

electricity and petroleum being major factors influencing economy,are exempted from the remarkably long list of taxable items. Daily necessities like milk, meat, curd and cereals are also exempted. One of the best features of GST is the fact that necessities such as medicines, cars for the differently abled have become cheaper. Good news for movie goers: tax on tickets has also reduced by 7%. The bad news is

that the tax on aerated drinks, Wi-Fi, banking services has gone up. Also on this list are biscuits, wristwatches, butter and even an essential for human survival - TELEVISION.

GST is however, the next big step in reducing corruption, after the small insignificant event called demonetization [that was sarcasm]. The

problem is that many items like small cars, travel etc. are in the 28% bracket. The idea is that by increasing taxes the government will receive a greater income which can be used to provide better civic amenities and better defence equipment.

All in all, GST is still a work in progress. It has tremendous benefits but also some flaws. Only time will tell whether this is a great idea or a huge mistake. Until then try not to pass out when you get your GST return form!



A VISIT TO THE DENTIST

- Anushka Dey, X B

I love visiting places, makes me feel refreshed and happy. However, some places are the places where Satan himself resides. For instance, Dentist's clinic. An exorcism would be unnecessary because the ghost will just run for dear life seeing the weapons of destruction beside the death chair in the clinic.

See, I use teeth to crush my beautiful food. They are tiny and innocent. WHY do you want to put the entire stash of weapons used in the world war inside them?

You know how they say "children's dentists"?

Let me tell you what they mean. Its basically the same process, same weapons, same everything....except when you enter, your eyes will explode with all the posters that show big, white, sparkly teeth with SMILEY FACES holding a toothbrush instead of the horrible before and after pictures of a man who hasn't brushed since the time of Adam and Eve.

The moment I turned 13, my parents took me to the adult dentist's clinic. That, my friends, is a pit in the fiery depths of hell. Oh guess what? More smiley faces! Except that these are smiles of perfect, pearl like teeth and a family showing off for a toothpaste advertisement. Giving false hope to children since 1828. And you have to wait outside looking at all these smiles giving you false hope before your demise inside.



Finally, your turn. It's like entering the arena for the Hunger Games. Except, this arena is completely and I mean COMPLETELY white. The walls, the floor, the x- ray screen, the chair of death, the tools that look like wolverines blades, even the dentist looks like a bride in all white. Talk about whitewashing. So this bride... err...dentist leads me to the death chair with the mocking smile on his face again. I sit, and then the extraction of my tooth begins. First is that horrible spoon/mirror/hockey stick that's just reflecting light into my eyes as if they

weren't already blinded by the white light straight above.

That metal hits my tooth and makes me cringe away to heaven. Then Comes The Soul sucker. You know, that suction thingy. That goes into my mouth, takes away the blood from my gums, my body, all the oxygen and also my skin. WHY ARE YOU VACCUM CLEANING MY TEETH? That's not even the worst part! After they have sucked out my soul and dehydrated me, they unleash all the water from the seven seas to "flush" my

mouth. Finding Nemo could be filmed in my mouth, for God's sake. Then comes the x-ray tool thing and all of the biology of my teeth are in HD on the huge WHITE screen. Then the dentist proceeds to "fill in" my cavities. So there about thirty other tools proceed for construction work in my mouth with their drillers and cement and godzilla sized needles. I'm sitting there looking like Davy Jones and the

light is blinding my eyes and my jaws are about to be ripped open and the dentist gives that smile again!!! He tells you “tell me when you need to stop by showing your hand” I show my hand, I wave it, I do the Harlem shake with it looking like a traffic police and he refuses to pay a shred of attention. And the gloves. The icky sticky gloves. Guess their colour? Correct. They stick to the inside of my cheeks, my tongue, everywhere. The last nail in the coffin is the drilling machine. That drilling machine is made for the ground, not my teeth. That sound. Oh lord. I would rather eat pineapple pizza than hear that sound. After I turn 70 years old, he stops and now that cement thing is in my teeth

and he places a cotton on top and asks me to CLOSE my mouth. Great. First open it like a yawning whale for two hours and then just snap it shut for another three. I can’t even feel if my mouth is closed or open or even there anymore.

Once the torture is over and I’ve paid for my sins, I walk out and see those posters again. Luckily my eyes are blinded by the light that was shining on top of me in all its glory and the WHITE everywhere, so I go home blind, without a jaw and my teeth in a stretcher.

Happy dentist visiting and may the odds be ever in your favour :)

ADDICTION

- Devanshi Dsouza, XI C



Looking at a bunch of teenagers smoking and drinking is the most unpleasant sight. It’s scary too, because they are the future of our country. They are the ones who will mould our country and transform it in the years to come. Who would like a leader who is drunk and irresponsible?

Addiction makes people forget the reality and they get drowned into an imaginary world of their own. The drugs, the drinks, and the cigarettes have intoxicated the minds of the youth. Consequently they have lost control of their mind and are unable to take rational decisions. The mind that had a hold over everything has to now bow down before

some mere quantities of powder and liquid. Some call them power boosters but they create a fake world. You feel high only to realize later that you have fallen so low that it would prove difficult for you to stand up again.

I say why not refuse with a firm NO. Lives have been destroyed, dreams have been broken, and hopes have been shattered just because of one wrong step taken.

The inner voice of every individual tells them the difference between right and wrong. It’s up to the person to trust his/her right instincts and shape his/her path in life. Everything is a choice. It’s up to us to make the right choice and have an unbreakable spirit to resist addictions. Safeguard yourself by holding on to your values and focus on the treasure of life. Enjoy the present without allowing it to ruin your future. You are the one responsible for your life, As William Ernest Henley wrote:

‘I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul.’

THE MUSIC OF MY SOUL

- Sujata Biswas, XI A

I was only 3 years old when I first stepped into an environment where everyone in my family communicated with each other in the language of music. As a kid I never understood why it was so important for me to learn music but my mother was quite passionate about it. She wanted me to go ahead and learn the language of the Soul. I trained in music for about 11 years just to respect my Mother's decision. Through all those 11 years, I won several prizes and passed with a distinction in all my music tests. I still couldn't understand the importance of music in my life neither did I recognise my talent until I stopped going for classes because of my increasing studies.

I was happy that I didn't have to go for the classes anymore just to make my mother happy. A couple of months after that, I had completely changed from a jolly and a happy-go-lucky person, to a girl who was always depressed. It was only then I realised that music was working



as a therapy for me....it sustained my soul!

So, I started practising again, without rejoining classes as I couldn't take time out to go to my teacher to practise music. I realised my devotion, and strong connection with music and more importantly the connection to my soul. I started feeling happy again.

I realised it late but, now it's quite clear to me what music means to me. Expressing my feelings is easier now. Nothing can be a better stress buster for me. I am not a shy and unsure little girl anymore.... I relish the new found confidence when people want to listen to my songs now. What has helped me build this confidence? The answer is possibly my strength...my music, which was once my greatest headache. It is impossible for me to now stay away from music.

Remaining happy feels so much easier now!

MOVIE REVIEW - KATYAR KALJAT GHUSLI : [One of a kind]

- Madhura Chatuphule, IX B

Music knows no boundaries. It transcends religions and nations. **Katyar Kaljat Ghusli** conveys this message in a wonderful way. It is a JUGALBANDI of melody, a story of arrogance versus innocence and indeed a musical masterpiece. It has a simple plot with a hint of intense drama where jealousy, betrayal and ambition are the key emotions. The film is based on a very popular 1960's musical by the same name and is written by **Purushottam Darvhekar**. While the main plot of the film revolves around the rise and fall of an artist due to ego, it also tells us that art is immortal and cannot be controlled or ruled by anyone. It has earned many accolades from the audience and has also been nominated for UNESCO's Fellini award.

It was great to see one of the most soulful singers, Shankar Mahadevan make his acting debut with his subtle yet impressive performance. As **Panditji**, he emotes beautifully. What do we say about the extremely talented actor Sachin Pilgaonkar? He perfects the roller coaster ride of emotions Khansahab goes through, effortlessly. I don't think any other actor could have done justice to this character as brilliantly as Sachin did. Subodh Bhavne has also done perfect justice to his two roles, that of an actor and the director of the film. It was a delight to watch him act.

The ensemble cast mainly consisting of Amrita Khanvilkar, Mrunmayee Deshpande, Sakshi Tanwar and others was marvelous. The movie was so interesting that no audience member was seen checking the mobile or getting up from his seat. Apart from the cast, the other hero of this film is music. The album has seventeen tracks composed by Pandit Jitendra Abhisheki and Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy. Since the film is a musical, songs play a vital role and each of them do perfect justice to the setting and flow of the film. Rahul Deshpande as the voice of Khansahab and Mahesh Kale as the voice of Sadashiv - both create magic with their talent. The fantastic musical compositions have made the film unique.

Excellent dialogues are another noteworthy aspect of this film.

Very few films have the power to make you speechless. If you are looking forward for a visual definition of a cinematic treat, this is it... The film creates a strong impact with its impressive cast,mesmerizing performances, delightful music and an incredible presentation. It is a film which will remain in your heart forever. I will call it a piece of art that will enlighten, educate, inspire and yes...will teach you fresh lessons with every watching.

PARSIS - THE SUGAR THAT SWEETENS THE MILK

- Urzaan B. Vachha, IX B

Different colours together make up a rainbow. India is like a rainbow where one colour is meaningless without the other. It is home to Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Parsis, Jews, Buddhists etc. For years people of diverse faiths have co-existed peacefully in India. One of these is a religion called Zoroastrianism. Parsi is one of the two Zoroastrian communities, the other being Iranis.

Parsis migrated from Greater Iran to Sind and Gujarat between the 8th and 10th AD. They were given refuge here to avoid persecution following the Arab conquest of Persia. The most popular narrative called Qissa-E-Sanjaan states that an Indian ruler called Jadi Rana sent a glass full of milk to the Parsi group seeking refuge. His message was that his kingdom was full of local people. The Zoroastrian immigrants put sugar into the milk to indicate an assimilation of their people into the local society i.e blending sugar in milk. Since then India has embraced the Zoroastrian religion.

The main components of Zoroastrianism as practiced by the Parsi community are the concepts of purity and "HumataHukta and Huvarshda" that is good thoughts, good words and good deeds.

Food is something that few can resist and more so, the Parsis. So, if you have Parsi friends make

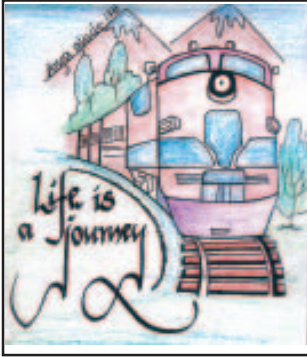
sure you convince them to bring chicken farcha, dhansak, patranimachhi, Salimurgi, sevdahi in their tifins for you. If this is not possible, do yourself a favour and make sure you show up on Navjot or Navroz.

The latest fashions are taken very seriously and diligently followed by the Parsis. Both Parsi men as well as women wear a long muslin shirt or sudra and girdle or kusti along with their preferred dress. While attending any religious function Parsi women are dressed in embroidered saris whilst men wear a dugli which is made of white silk cloth.

Parsis have played a significant role in India's trade, politics and

entertainment, since the pre-Independence era. Phirozeshah Mehta, Sir Dadabhoy Navroji and Bhikaji Cama are prominent Parsi freedom fighters Their numbers may have reduced but their influence has not. For example, did you know that Nariman Point was named after a Parsi or that John Abraham's mother is Parsi? The Tata family, the Godrej and the Wadias are the crowning glory of the is Parsi community. The world-famous dance choreographer Shiamak Davar, the comedian Cyrus Broacha and Viru Sahasrabuddhe...sorry I mean Boman Irani are also Parsis.





Living life is like a journey by train,
On seeing it for the first time like others, even I was afraid.
I had no other option but the

train to board,
While some were lucky to travel by Lamborghini and Ford.
I couldn't enter at first but entered at last,
Struggling to adjust with the world so fast.
At every station, someone you know will have to get down,
Leaving everything - money, property and even their crown.
Sometimes knowingly or unknowingly you'll be pushed out of the train,
Then no one will feel your need or

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE

- Manasi Gawali, IX B

understand the pain.
The person who'll come to will be your best,
For they have come to you leaving the rest,
The only solution for some problems will be a sweet smile,
A smiling person you won't find for miles.
Enjoy this journey as it is your first and last,
You won't even realise how moments pass.
Don't regret later for what you should have done,
Enjoy when it's time or completely forget all the fun.
Greet this journey with a cheer,
And be courageous enough to overcome the fears.
If you have lived it, you're done with your part,
All we have to do is give our best from the heart.

THE WORLD WOULD BE A BETTER PLACE

- Sejal Zode, IX B



The world would be a better place with trees,
And if education was given without fees.
The world would be a better place in peace,
And if someone delivered a free pizza with overloaded cheese.

The world would be a better place without poverty,
And if there was at every house 24X7 electricity.
The world would be a better place with unlimited source of water,
And if at every house was born was a daughter.
The world would be a better place without boundaries,

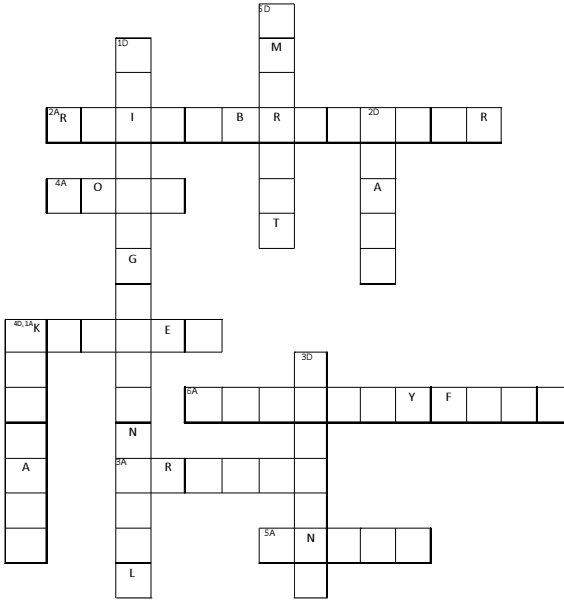
And if people never wrote about their problems in diaries.
(Instead they shared it with others)
The world would be a better place without phone,
And if no child lived alone.

The world would be a better place with no arms,
And if no one invented the alarms.
The world would be a better place without enmity,
And if people helped each other readily.

The world would be a better place with people listening more,
And if the hearts of people were an open door.
The world would be a better place, if everyone was treated equally,
With friends to care and a loving family.

FOOTBALL TAKES OVER !!!!

- Akshadha Shreeram, IX B



ACROSS

1. THE MASCOT OF THE FIFA U17 WORLD CUP.
2. THE ADIDAS GOLDEN BOOT AWARD WINNER.
3. THE WINNER OF THE GOLDEN GLOVE AWARD – GABRIEL BRAZAO IS A PLAYER OF THIS TEAM.
4. COMPLETE THE LYRICS OF THE FIFA U17 WORLD CUP TITLE SONG :- KAR KE DIKHLA DE _____!
5. THE HOST COUNTRY OF THE 2017 FIFA U17 WORLD CUP.
6. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THE WORLD CUP.

DOWN

1. THE AWARD PRESENTED TO THE BEST PLAYER AT FIFA.
2. THE FIRST RUNNERS UP AT THE FIFA U17 WORLD CUP 2017.
3. WINNERS OF THE FIFA U17 WORLD CUP 2017.
4. HOST STATE OF THE FIFA U17 WORLD CUP 2017 FINALS.
5. CAPTAIN OF THE INDIAN FOOTBALL TEAM.

SOLVE THE SUDOKU !!

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LIFE CHANGES MEMORIES DON'T

- Anuksha Patil, IX B, Vivek Nair IX A

Fr Agnel Multipurpose School is one of the best schools in Navi Mumbai and is famous for its great facilities such as its own Swimming Pool, Astro Turf and and Basketball Court. Agnels is also well known for the school trips. They can be to places as close as Goa to those as far as Europe and Australia. I personally have been part of 3 of these trips and they have been Awesome with a capital A.

The first trip I went on was the one to Goa. I took this trip back when I was in the fifth grade. It was pretty much the first time I had left my building complex without my parents. In the beginning I was scared and homesick. But I not only got used to being with my friends but also had great fun on the trip. I even remember fighting over petty issues like a bunch of 5th graders (Oh, right, we were 5th graders back then). Making sand castles on the beach, (quick note: when you make a sandcastle, make sure it is not in the range of the waves. Believe me when I say that I know what it is like when an hour of hardwork is literally swept away), staying up after lights out were a few highlights of my 5-day trip.

My second trip was the one to Uttarakhand. I think I can say that, by the time we had this trip I was (slightly) more mature. This time I got down to having fun as soon as we caught our ride because I knew that I had to make the most of my time. We played cards and antakshari on the train on the 3-day journey. After arriving there, my first thought was, 'A few more kilometers north and we will be at the north pole!' it was so cold. We got to our hotel right away. Over the next twelve days, we trekked up a mountain, ate some weird but tasty food,

socialized with the locals etc. One important thing I took away from this experience was my friends. We had bonded over the bonfire and I am sure that these friends are truly my friends for life.

My third trip was the recent Assam trip in 9th standard. I personally have sweet memories of this trip. I also learnt a lot from these trips. For example, did you know that a **ONE**-horned rhino has only **ONE** horn or that the hula monkey has no tail? I also saw an elephant fall (I am guessing it tripped) and *THE ELEPHANT FALLS* (it is the name of a waterfall) which are famous the world over. Not many of my old friends came along for the trip which I guess was unfortunately fortunate because I got to make more friends. I bonded not only with students but also with the teachers. Some teachers who I thought were strict were a lot of fun to travel with and play games. One of the best features was the jungle safari. We got to ride a jeep while desperately searching for the one horned rhino a.k.a. the pride of Assam. I for one spent a lot of time thinking whether our jeep's top speed of 120 kmph could save us from a charging rhino. We spent a night at the Shillong Don Bosco center where I spent a sleepless night dreaming of a chase involving me and a flying man-eating, rhino with an elephant's trunk. Over the next few days, we saw the Guwahati Science Center and drank Assamese tea (which happened to taste like tea). On our last night we had a bonfire and the next day we took a 3-hour flight back to Mumbai.

Even though all these trips were amazing, I felt very content to feel the hot breath of Mumbai

on my face and to see the wildlife such as stray dogs, cats and crows. I felt happy that I was back home and not in the territory of man-eating, flying rhino-phants .

But really there is no place like India. It is a place that could make you feel at home even if you are a Martian. I will never forget how kind the

people were or how enthusiastic they were about having us with them. We all know that India is a great country. But I thank my school for giving me the opportunity to find the difference between knowing it and truly feeling it. All I can say is that we should be proud to be citizens of INCREDIBLE INDIA!

WHY FASHION IS STRESSFUL ...

- Leanne Rose, X B

“True beauty is not related to the colour of your skin, hair or eyes. It’s about who you are as a human being, your principles and your moral compass. It is what’s on the inside that counts. People are attracted to looks initially, but the kind of person you are, is all that ultimately matters.”

If you are under the impression that I go by any of the above statements, you are sadly mistaken. The proverb, ‘Don’t judge a book by its cover’ is passé. And to make things worse, you don’t get a second chance to make the first impression. Hence, to make the first impression last, I strive to dress well!

I try mixing and matching outfits, which I presume go with the occasion. But my mirror just doesn’t seem to approve. Its default setting seems to be stuck on ‘tacky’. I then turn to magazines, hoping them to be my saviour. Magazines give very detailed fashion tips and even recommend styles for different body shapes - be it pear, apple, hourglass, watermelon shape and what not! But they don’t prove much of a help to me, as they fail to mention styles for the shapeless.

So I usually end up wearing an oversized T-shirt that is low on maintenance, and which

I’m convinced, suits every outing. But I end up wearing the T-shirt so often, that if I got a rupee every time I wore it, I’d be rich enough to hire my personal wardrobe stylist!

With dressing up being such an ordeal for me, it is beyond my understanding how Paris manages to upgrade its fashion with each passing day! Fashion seems to be the religion there, never mind the secularism in its Constitution.

Well, now that I have realized that it is no coincidence dress rhymes with stress, I reckon preaching ‘inner beauty’ quotes is my last resort!



HOGWARTS V/S HARVARD

- Akshadha Shreeram, IX B, Tanya D'Souza, IX B

Dear Agnelites,

We are pleased to inform you that you have a place at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and Harvard, the top notch University in United States of America.

So, “Draco DormiensNanquamTitillandus” or “Veritas” which would you like to proclaim loud and clear in your future? Would you prefer the Radcliffe from Hogwarts or the one in Harvard? Would you love to recite magical incantations in Scotland or be a part of the Ivy League Games in Cambridge, Massachusetts? Would you prefer boarding the Hogwarts Express from platform 9 and a three fourth or boarding a flight from the swanky international airport to Cambridge?

Putting these questions forward, we asked our fellow Agnelites to voice out their opinion as to which alumni they would fancy to be a part of, the enchanting Hogwarts University of Witchcraft and Wizardry or the classy Harvard University.

“Learning spells is way better than learning theorems,” said **Souptika Das** of STD. 9th B. Possessing the ability to make our enemies vomit slugs and bully them under the shadow of an invisibility cloak is beyond imagination. Arithmancy, Potions, Defence Against the Dark Arts, Divination and above all, getting to play Quidditch would get me on cloud nine (pun intended). Also, you will become extremely lazy with letting your wand do all of it!

Divyam Kakani from std. 9th B wishes to be a student of the most prestigious Harvard University and embark on a journey of intellectual transformation. He states that it will be wonderful to exclaim their motto “Veritas!” (meaning truth) proudly at their campus. Also, it would help him to get placements at the best workplaces. Just like the noticeable alumni like Mr. Barack Obama, Kareena Kapoor, Mark Zuckerberg, Rahul Gandhi, it would be glorious for him to have his name in the future alumni.

Anushka Dey of STD 10th B wishes to follow the dark path of magic by admitting herself in the renowned Magical school of the era-Hogwarts. According to her the thought of living in dormitories and unlimited food that appears out of nowhere perfectly defines her idea of a flawless life. Moreover visiting sweet shops on weekends and buying ‘The All Flavoured Beans’ would definitely be a treat for her taste buds;)! Above all, fulfilled education that lasts only for seven years increases her enthusiasm to enter the university.

“It’s real and there are amazing people to look up to,” says **Swapnagandha Bhogle** of STD 10th A. She desires to be a part of the Harvard University. All the knowledge that she attains there can be showcased in the Muggle World. She considers that attending a ‘real’ college would be more fascinating than any fictional one. Also, there wouldn’t be weird uniforms and subjects, but those that will actually help her in future. “No house discrimination!” is what she believes and would thus prefer the

reputable Harvard University any day.

'It shows us nothing more or less than the deepest, most desperate desire of our hearts.' These words by Albus Dumbledore inspire **Urja Merchant** of STD 9th B to join the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry as this would grant her the opportunity to look at herself in the Mirror of Erised and discover her dearest desire. Also, the idea of experiencing detentions in the Forbidden Forest with Hagrid and centaurs pleases this Potterhead. Moreover, drinking butterbeer at three Broomsticks and chilling out with Nearly Headless Nick increases her longing to be a part of the school!

Using incantations to prank all the studious people at school would definitely pull **Rahul Dandona** of STD 9th A towards Hogwarts. He believes that learning to brew the Polyjuice potion to transform himself into the most

handsome Draco Malfoy would be very fascinating. Rather than buying boring hefty textbooks he prefers stuffing his pockets with tricks from Zonko's Joke shop. Also the thought of sneaking out during the afterhours and finding secret pathways to Hogsmeade using the Marauder's Map excites his mischievous soul!" Even though my heart longs to go to Hogwarts, I know it's impractical and hence Harvard seems to me to be the better option!" said **Saurish Seksaria** of STD 9th A. Hogwarts is an imaginary school and receiving a letter from this adventurous land definitely fascinates me. However, the knowledge and values that I will get to imbibe from the Harvard university will help me grow into a successful human being in real life. Hence, if given an option I'd choose Hogwarts as a pass time but undoubtedly Harvard to sustain in life.

DIFFERENT

- Anushka Dey, X B

Sometimes I ponder
Am I alone when I'm actually not?
Like a cactus surrounded by flowers
Completely out of place
But often I wonder
Am I truly alone? Or not?
Like a cactus surrounded by flowers; plants like
itself
Out of place, yet unique and one of a kind
if you ever find
yourself to not fit in;
Like a cactus amidst flowers
A lotus in the middle of a marsh
Or sunshine broken by showers,
Among white, a red star

Or a pink pearl amidst white
Remember that there is a reason if not many,
Why You are where you are
Maybe it's to break the monotony
Or simply to execute a change
For them to linger a little longer next to you
Perhaps you were meant to be marvelled at
You weren't meant to fit in
You were meant to stand out and win
People will remember your presence if you are
like the rest
But they will never forget you if you are like a
cuckoo egg in a crow's nest
~Different

LET THE WORDS FAIL AND LET MUSIC SPEAK FOREVER

- Akshadha Shreeram, IX B

Lullaby, and good night,
In the skies stars are bright.
May the moon's silvery beams
Bring you sweet dreams.
Close your eyes now and rest,
May these hours be blessed.
'Till the sky's bright with dawn,
When you wake with a yawn.

This lullaby reminds me of those nights when I lay in the cradle, listening to the beautiful voice of my mother rendering this remarkable composition. Even at that tender age, the melody of music soothed all my baby problems. Since that phase of my life when music relieved all the problems I never even expressed (I couldn't without teeth) it has come a long way or rather grown to become a friend I can never really imagine my life without.

A beautiful quote rightly states, "Music is what feelings sound like." It is the gift of music that has helped me spread the happiness within me. It is the calmness of music that has motivated me in times of sorrow. It is the craziness of music beats that has seen me dance crazily on overwhelming occasions. In short, music to me is like the sugar syrup in which a cherry is dipped before placing it on the icing. It helps me hide my weaknesses by portraying itself as my strength.

Right from the chirping of birds playing the role of an alarm clock in the mornings, the rustling sound of wind brushing past me while waiting for a bus, the holy prayer song enlightening the students' mood during morning assembly, the Tringggg sound of the bell every 30 minutes bringing every boring period to an end, to the ticking sound of a clock indicating the passing seconds and gradually bringing the day to an end, the entire day is a musical. A musical that has enhanced my life. Hence, I think it is rightly said, "Music is life. That's why our hearts have beats too!!"



RALLY FOR RIVERS

- Sauptika Das, IX B

From,
Ganga
Gangotri glacier,
Himalayas.
India.

To,
Every Indian who consumes water

SUBJECT: Solemn request to every Indian to save the very rivers that gave birth to India

Dear Indian,

I, Ganga, on behalf of all the rivers that pulsate through the very veins of India, am making this kind and solemn appeal to every Indian who depends on water to survive.

Water is a colourless and tasteless liquid, yet everyone depends on it to quench his/her thirst. 'Water is life' so says every human. But I find it difficult to think that it is this same humanity which is ignoring the fast depleting rivers of India . Some of the vital lifelines of India are about to dry up and what concerns me more is that the humanity, which cannot survive a day without water, is allowing this to happen. One of the prime causative agents, pollution is the result of the haphazard garbage disposal and production and release of poisonous elements.....by humans. Just imagine waking up in extremely dirty clothes. At least YOU can wash it off but what about me? I am forced to stay that way for the whole day, in fact years on end.

Let's give it a second thought ...if you consider me a holy river and worship me, why don't you treat me accordingly?

Garbage and other pollutants dumped in me kill my precious babies – fish and flora. It breaks

my heart to see my children whom I have nurtured, die for no fault of their own. This pollution is suffocating my younger sisters and making them terminally ill.

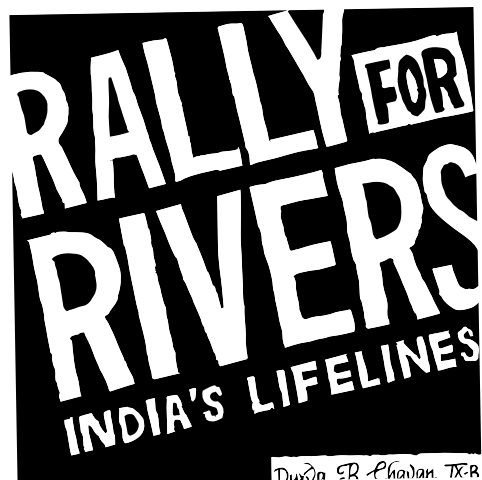
Indian civilization was born on the banks of my sister Indus and flourished under the caring arm of my siblings - the Saptasindhu. Killing rivers is equivalent to ravaging your roots, your tradition, your culture, your future.

I, Ganga, will be obliged if every Indian pledges to do a very simple act of rewarding the rivers which gave birth to their motherland. Planting trees on the riverbanks will significantly bring down this damage done to us. This will help accomplish control over floods and pollution will decrease. Therefore, I sincerely request Indians to save the rivers.

THANKING YOU IN ANTICIPATION.

Yours sincerely,

Ganga



MANKIND'S RACE AGAINST TIME

- Rishika Jaykumar, IX D

Imagine sitting on the world's largest hydrogen bomb and while you are at it, put a dozen atom bombs around you. All around you can hear a tick...tock...tick...tock... as if the bombs will blast any second. You try to ignore it... but the ticking grows persistent and you have nowhere to run. In a few years, human kind is going to be in the same situation.

"Water is life," is a very commonly used phrase but what does it mean? Why do newspapers, magazines and social media make such a fuss over water shortage? Isn't 71% of the earth covered in water? Well, the simple answer would be: yes. But if you look at the whole picture you will realize that only 3% of all the water can be consumed by living things. So that gives you an idea of the water crisis at the global level. But the sad thing is that it is the worst in our own country.

Our nation's rivers are deteriorating at an alarming rate. In the last few decades, rivers in India have undergone a drastic change mostly because of a surge in population growth and industrial development. Many perennial rivers have become seasonal and the seasonal rivers have vanished from the face of the earth. Our rivers and their dismal state do catch our attention at times though mostly we tend to ignore it. Just like most issues that don't directly affect us we usually keep this issue aside to be dealt with later. We sit at home and take comfort in the misconception that there is nothing that "we" can actually do. The truth is that we are the only ones who can make this

change and if we don't, within the next 10 years, a quarter of our nation would be a desert.

The Isha Foundation under the guidance of the able Sadguru has undertaken the Rally for Rivers campaign with an aim to prevent this catastrophe. Over the years many NGOs have taken up this cause but it is the first time that such an event has been so largely publicized. Every person who consumes water must take part in the Rally for Rivers. 65% of our water needs are fulfilled by rivers. By 2030, research shows that we will have only half the water we need to satisfy the demands of the ever growing population. Trees along the river banks are important when it comes to preventing flooding of the river as well as the drying up of the river. Trees help rain water seep into the soil which then percolates underground and eventually forms a new generation of streams and river systems. For example, the basin of Lakshman-Teertha, a tributary of Cauvery, clearly showed that rivers whose banks had good tree cover flowed perennially. Streams without forest cover flowed only seasonally i.e. 4 to 6 months a year. In accordance with these new finds, the Rally for Rivers campaign has set its target "to create and maintain tree cover for a minimum of 1 km on either side of India's rivers and their tributaries."

So, the next time you have a 3-hour long shower just remember that the world is in a water crisis and you may not be able to enjoy the same luxury tomorrow.

ARE YOU YOUTUBING

- *Compiled by Madhura Chatufale, IX B*

Youtube is a platform for rising stars. Thanks to Youtube, many people have risen from the status of nobodies to overnight sensations. Proof of this is the one and only, creator of the most viewed super flop songs Dhinkchak Pooja. However, there are many popular youtubers who upload videos ranging from education to entertainment on Youtube. Some of them are John Green and Sandeep Maheshwari. Agnelites are no exception when it comes to youtubing. Now they tell us about their favourite youtubers.

John Green- A hugely successful Youtube star and a brilliant novelist, known for his Youtube ventures – ‘Fault in our Stars’ and ‘Paper Town’ Before you ask: you have heard it right or rather read it right! Who else could it be, other than the 2006 Printz award winner, ‘John Green’? His channel ‘Crash Course’ presents animated videos on some of the boring subjects you are made to learn including history, geography, science and lots more! So basically, you can watch his videos and tell your mom you are studying, which technically is not lying.

- *Souptika Das, IX B*

Logan Paul, an American Youtube personality and actor has been in the limelight since he chose to make his own youtube channel. As we all know, he has accumulated a massive fanbase over the years, mostly because of his wild personality and likewise physical stunts. His ‘Official Logan Paul’ channel has 3.2 million subscribers. The clips he mostly posts consist of stunts, comedy, sketches and public pranks

which have gained immense popularity. He has also excelled in the world of acting by working in different television projects that include ‘Rainbow Man’, ‘Bad Weather Films’ etc. The 22-year-old ‘Douchebag’ (as he calls himself) is a Vine Star with innumerable followers.

- *Kareena Gosain, XI D*

Sandeep Maheshwari is a name among the millions who struggled, failed and surged ahead in search of happiness. He conducts ‘Motivational Life Changing Seminars’ all over India to inspire young minds and has the second largest number of subscribers. His exuberant personality and unique style of speaking has and will always attract viewers. His videos surely make a positive impact on your mind and teach you a lesson for life.

- *Madhura Chatufale, IX B*

Lilly Singh a.k.a superwoman “One Love” has attracted billions of subscribers including many of our fellow Agnelites. Her hilarious mimicry of her parents - Manjit from ‘Sec 17 Punjab’ and her overly dramatic mother Paramjit have won her Unicorns. Focusing on relevant and relatable topics for teens has urged the audience to binge watch her ‘One Love’ Superwoman that is a video. Zoop!

- *Aparajita X B, Ketki Sapre XI D*

Ryan Higa, a Japanese American comedian born in Hawaii - is the prime creator of the Youtube channel ‘nigahiga’ currently the twenty first most subscribed on youtube. Yes!! You guessed it right. Being a brilliant actor and writer known for Ninja Melk (2009), Agents of Secret Stuff

(2010), The last Skitz0 (2015) is hugely popular amongst youngsters having over 15 million subscribers. He also makes amazing music videos and with his RHPC squad brings to you the worst and best of trends.

Prajakta Koli

Thane girl Prajakta Koli has become the new comic talent in town since she started her Youtube channel a year ago. She talks to you with unabashed confidence about things and people. Her videos are extremely relatable maybe because she is casual and 'desi' about things and totally crazy like her subscribers. Her Youtube channel 'mostly sane' has crossed over 1 lakh subscribers since it was launched last

February. Her Youtube videos are greatly appreciated by teens.

- *Jahnvi Deshmukh, IX B*

Matt Steffanina

An executive producer of 'Dance Tutorials Live', Matt Steffanina has crossed over 4 million subscribers on his primary youtube channel and is best known for his intricate and energetic dance routine. People who wish to get access to professional dance skills should watch his videos. Numerous hip-hop dancers, fans and dancers love Matt Steffanina's incredible choreography.

- *Janvi Palan, X D*

MY SISTER

- *Swapnagandha Bhogle, X A*

My sister is a little obsessive,
And whenever I point it out,
She'll give me an angry pout
And become super defensive

"That's what you do
Not I," she would say,
And move me away...
Never test her, mind you

She wants her room to be clean,
As pretty as a picture,
And if you try to trick her
She's prepared to be mean.

She wants her cupboard neat
Dare breed in it a rat,

'Cause if you were to do that,
You're in for a nasty beat.

She wants her pencils sharp
Whether she uses them or not,
If on display is everything you've got
"You're a mighty mess!" she'd harp.

Occasionally out of the blue,
Around your neck her hands would wrap,
With her heavy self on my lap,
She'd laughingly say, "I love you."

Although I don't want to,
As if I was held hostile...
I return a big fake smile,
And reply, "I love you, too."

WHY ARE OUR CITIES SMOKING?

- Mangesh Gadewar, X A

Pollution levels in the capital of India are reaching the skies. People in the city of Delhi have their faces covered in masks as if swine flu has struck all over again. First is always a coveted place and Delhi has made our nation *proud* by becoming, the world's most polluted capital city. The Air Quality Index recorded in Delhi was 30 times more than the safe limit prescribed by the WHO

THE REASONS:

As winter sets in the dust particles in the air are unable to escape from the particular place due to stagnant winds. The main source of this dust is the rampant burning of crop stubbles in the neighbouring states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. In spite of the ban on crackers in the NCR, (by the honourable Supreme Court) people burst crackers and it adds to the already existing chunk of air pollutants. The pollution from vehicles along with burning coal only made matters worse. The heap of particulate matter was escalating at lightning speed; thanks to the burning of 'petroleum coke' (which, in fact, is banned in the USA). It is used on a humungous scale in India. Petroleum coke is over 90% carbon and emits 10% more carbon dioxide than coal. India is the world's largest importer of this catastrophic solid.

THE CONSEQUENCES:

The dust particles in the air along with fog add up to form 'smog'. This smog holds particulate matter (PM) which can easily flow through our

blood stream and can cause an infinite number of respiratory diseases. If you are an asthma patient, then fasten your seatbelts as your condition is surely going to worsen.

The Delhi government hiked parking charges and enforced the Odd-Even rule. To curb pollution, the government made their bus travel free of cost for a whole week. The Delhi government declared a five day holiday to schools and colleges.

NAVI MUMBAI'S CONDITION

The AQI levels in Delhi were averaging around 400 for PM2.5 while in Navi Mumbai it was around 135. Nerul and Koparkhairne were found to be the most polluted nodes in Navi Mumbai. The main contributor of pollution in Navi Mumbai is the industrial belt in Turbhe. Air pollution can be brought down by using more of public transport and carpooling. We should establish air purifying plants like Aloe Vera, Peace lily, Bamboo palm, Areca palm rather than spending money on air purifiers. We should avoid going out if the pollution levels are high. If necessary, wear a mask and then step out of your houses. Do buy masks with rating as N95 or N99 as these masks filter up to 95% of harmful PM2.5. Include food items rich in Omega 3 like flax seeds (commonly known as Jivas) in your diet.

Thus, the government, NGO's and people should work together and reduce pollution for a greener environment and a better tomorrow.



Assam



Madhya Pradesh



Gaumukh trek

Loads of Learning

During Vacation ...

SUMMER BODY WEAR RAINY WINTER

DIWALI PATIL SUR

Masterchef at work

HAPPY DIWALI

Diwali Projects



Red house
House Captain Tanushka Sarang
Asst. House Captain Rathin Nair
Discipline Captain Aditi Yadav
Dramatics Captain Tanvi Deshpande
Sports Captain Akhilesh Sreekumar

Blue House
House Captain Akshat Deo
Asst. House Captain Nupur Gadekar
Discipline Captain Blessy Varghese
Dramatics Captain Sejal Satam
Sports Captain Aafreen Ali

Head Boy Omkar Yadav
Head Girl Nikita Jadhav
Asst. Head Boy Rushil Shirva
Asst. Head Girl Urja Merchant

Green house
House Captain Mukulika Pahari
Asst. House Captain Jordan Fernandes
Discipline Captain Pranav Chavare
Dramatics Captain Adishea Selvaraj
Sports Captain Urvi Patil

Yellow house
House Captain Neha Gholap
Asst. House Captain Aditi Shukla
Discipline Captain Arya Ghule
Dramatics Captain Kabir Rathod
Sports Captain Anuksha Patil



MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERS

LEADING THE WAY



Sporting Highlights



U19 Hockey Girls State Players



U14 Girls State Basketball Winners



U19 Boys State Football Winners



U17 Basketball Boys State Players



U14 Girls State Basketball Winners



Table Tennis State Winners



Swimming State Winners



National Players 2017



Gymnastics State Winner



Athletics State Winners



Agnel Paddlers



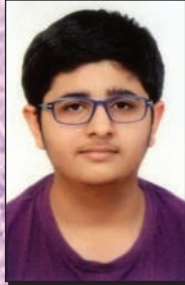
**Rishabh Sharma &
Swapnagandha Bhogle
Best Boy and Best girl 2016**



**NTS Scholar
& Olympiad winner
Siddharth Sharma**



**Olympiad winner
Bhushan Barhate**



**Olympiad winner
Jash Rathod**

QUIZ WINNERS



**Mangesh Gadewar Akash Khot and Aditya Mhatre
Quiz Winners Std X**



**Saurish Seksaria & Souptika Das
Bharat Ko Jaano Interstate Quiz Runners up Std IX**



**Ojas Joshi & Akshat Shah
Bharat ko Jaano Quiz 1st Runners Up Std VIII**



High School Scholarship Winners

LIFE

- Nikita Jadhav, XI A

Life is a beautiful thing God has given us
To turn it into something, make it worth it
Love yourself and your enemies,
Because they will express their gratitude one
day....

Be calm in every situation,
The problems you face are just a test.

There are many things to explore,
Different paths to choose,
wisely you take the decision
What is easy and what is true!

Keep that smile always on your face,
That shows the strength you possess,
Stick to the ground
And achieve success.
People will admire you
Give you respect.

So, friends these are the rules,
Of the game made by you,
Here no one is a loser
Everyone is a winner in some way.

Just one more thing to remember,
Life is beautiful and you have it ,
That's the greatest blessing, love it!!



- Vaishnav, XI C

FACE THE FUTURE

- Anushka Dey, X B

I never liked the darkness.
For from me it took away
my shadow.
The one thing that I owned.
It was lost.
I thought I was too.
But as the sun wore its crown once more,
It exiled the darkness; erasing its mark.
I looked behind me again,
This time relieved to see that
my shadow had returned,
taller than ever now.

And then I looked in front.
I was surprised by what lay ahead
Confused why I never saw it before
Maybe I was so engrossed in searching for my
shadow behind
That I never realized
I was infact facing the sun.

Better things lie ahead; not behind. Don't miss
out on your future while holding on to your
past.

SOLITUDE

- Sneha Kute, XI D

With every breath
the only sound I could hear
was the beating of my heart,
blood that flowed in my veins,
Tears over my numb face,
salt on my lips,
I built a wall around me,
And
Only solitude was left.

With all the strength remaining in me
I opened a window to escape,
The window..... to the world,
Freedom for my soul

Over my weak flesh
The cooling night light did shine.
Some praise the Lord for Light,
I thank God for the Night
Darkness Brought Me Alive.

The dawn arrived,
Fading away the beautiful night.



- Vaishnav, XI C

Once again.
With blood in my veins
And tears over my numb face
I'll await the healing phase.

I know in my heart
The night requires to fade.
So I'll wait for the night
to make me alive again.

DREAM MORE, DREAM HIGH !

- Devanshi Dsouza, XI C

Even if it seems difficult to keep hopes in the
time of distress,
Dream More, Dream High!

Even if life seems challenging and
unpromising at every step,
Dream More, Dream High!

Look up to the sky and see yourself fly.
If taken in a positive stride, every moment
will pass with pride.
Dream More, Dream High!

Let your smile be an inspiration,
Your actions, a new motivation,
Dream More, Dream High!

CALMNESS + PRESENCE OF MIND = A WINNING COMBINATION

- Omkar Suresh Ganjale, XI A

Once a bedridden old man was counting his last breath. He called his son and asked him to bring the wooden box kept in the wardrobe. He said, "Son, this is the only legacy I can give you. This box contains two diamonds; one is real and the other is made of glass. Till now no one has been able to identify which one is real and which a fake, since they are identical. I will be happy, if you use them for a good cause....."

Saying these words, the old man passed away.

After some days the son went to the King's court and showed both the stones to the courtiers. He asked the King and courtiers to identify the real from the fake with a precondition that if the real stone was identified correctly, he would gladly gift it to the King. But if they failed to recognize the difference between the two stones, then the King would have to part with half of his treasures. The King accepted the challenge. The King and others were astonished seeing the diamonds, which looked similar and twinkled like stars in a dark sky. Since it was a bright summer day, the court was held in the open garden, surrounding the palace.

One by one, all the courtiers failed. The King was reluctant to part with his treasure. Just then a blind old man rose from the audience and offered to identify the real diamond. He touched the two stones and lifted up one stone, proclaiming that it was the real one.

All the courtiers and the owner were surprised as a visually impaired person had done something which they could not do. They were eager to know how he had managed to do so. The blind man calmly unravelled the mystery and said, "It was quite simple. Even though both the stones were kept in the sun, one of them was cooler while the other became hot due to the heat. So when I held them, I immediately identified the real from the fake."

The lesson learnt from this story is that circumstances may not be conducive but if a person remains calm, despite adversity, he is indeed a Diamond amongst many stones.

FINDING MY FAMILY

- Shahnawaz Jeddy, XII C

It was the beginning of the 8th grade. We were just allotted new sections and had new classmates. When I entered my class and took a look, I realized that I hardly knew a handful of them. I was extremely nervous and somewhere I wanted to go back to my old class and be a part of a familiar group; I wasn't aware that the people I didn't know at all were eventually going to be the people who would be my friends forever.

And so, with my class teacher Alpna Miss, we began our journey as 8th-B. I would not be wrong in saying that the Annual days, Scouts and Guide camps, free/games periods helped us all bond. We all were classmates for 3 years i.e. 8th to 10th grade so somewhere we connected emotionally with our each other. There were some extremely amazing but equally crazy people in my class.

These were the people I enjoyed the company of gradually many of us came together and started hanging out during recess or on birthdays. Thus began the phase of my friendship with a bunch of silly but fun loving teenagers, or rather shall I put it as, my bunch of crazy people. We had surprise birthday celebrations for every friend because birthdays were supposed to be the most happening thing for us back then. But now we hang around each other even if it's just a Tuesday. We land up at each other's houses for the lamest excuses, like eating or taking a nap or watching some movie together and just spending time with each other, just to see each other's monkey-like yet very-adorable faces.

We have been through all the silly fights or arguments like any other group of friends too, but it is the fact that, we have stuck around for 4-5 years now and that is important. I am so glad I have friends.....real friends, who know me and accept me as I am. I can call them any time I need advice...

Calling the night before the exam and discussing answers for hours at the last moment.... promising to study for the next exam more sincerely, predicting the question paper and helping each other to overcome panic attacks were routine affairs. If I had to go shopping or I wanted to visit a recently opened eating joint, these are the people who I would think of immediately. Standing up for each other, pointing out and helping to rectify each other's mistakes has given us a family-like feeling.

Planning to go for trips, travelling around the world, shopping, eating and enjoying, are our plans for the future as of now. There have been times when I have wanted to cry enough to flood rivers and these were the people who gave me the world's best hugs, assuring me that everything will be fine. These beautiful yet crazy friends are the people I wish to take care of from the bottom of my heart and I know it for a fact that I cannot function or even exist without them. These are the people I'll love forever.

The friend circle we once called a 'group' is now my family.

THE FOUR THINGS THAT I LEARNED AT THE AGE OF 18

- Anisha Mishra, XII C

Hello everyone! I'm just an average teenager trying to figure out things. And this, here, is a gist of what I've learned in the span of 18 years.

1. IT'S JUST A PHASE

There will be days when you feel things at the rate of one thousand feelings per second. There will be days when you are numb towards everything. And if these days haven't happened to you yet trust me you're in for a roller coaster ride. Just do yourself a favour and don't freak out (easier said than done) when things don't fall in their correct place. You're not in a fairyland. 99 things out 100 won't turn out the way they were supposed to.



- Urvi, XI E

2. IT'S OKAY TO BE CONFUSED.

As a student the most important job of our life right now is to study, and study well. You're a teen, you're not supposed to figure out your whole life this very second. Even your Mum or your Dad took time to figure out what life was all about! If you're struggling with what educational path you want to walk on, talk to people who can help you. Your Dad, Mom, brother, a certain individual whom you find inspiring. It's a long, mind you..... a very long process to

find your passion. It does not happen overnight. It certainly does not happen even over a span of two years. You are not alone. Look around you. Every teen around you is going through the same thing. Most of us are confused.... we all are just winging aimlessly.

3. JUST WAIT FOR IT.

You will meet a lot of new people as you grow up. Some people will turn into friends. Some of those friends will turn into family. Someday you will find certain individuals you will love dearly and hold them very close to your heart. Such relationships are not created overnight. Such friendships require years to strengthen, they require time. A friend is a person who's in your life to correct you like, he/she is your mother. To support you like, he/she is a brother or a sister. A true friend stays by your side through the toughest times, someone who stays by your side even when you have given up. A friend restores your faith in yourself, corrects you, and argues with you for your own good. And believe me, one day when you find a true friend you will know what it feels like to be a part of the purest kind of bond and the purest kind of relationship. As they say, some friends are for a season, some are for a reason and well, some are for a life time.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES

(THE STORY OF A FORMER HEAD GIRL)

- Samiksha Mengde, XII B

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the mind and the life of that girl, the one wearing a shining black badge, the one who patrols the school corridors? Well here's your answer. It's nothing like you imagined.

My experience of being the head-girl of this institution, which I consider my home, cannot be described in a few words. You might not know the nitty gritty of it, but there's a lot more than what meets the eye. And this I am going to share with you today.

I'll remember the day I got elected, till my last day on this planet. On the 3rd of September, 2016, standing there on the second floor, I wondered if I would get a chance to take up this responsibility, or was I just called to witness my friends become leaders. With a sea of emotions and thoughts swarming in my mind, I heard my mentor, our Principal Ma'am, announce my name as the new Head Girl. And there I was, surprised and happy at the same time. With my heart pounding, I ran down the flight of steps in a few seconds...it must have a world record of descending the stairs!

That day marked the beginning of the greatest lesson of my life so far. I learned new things every day. A typical day of mine began with making sure everything, right from the morning assembly to the end of the day prayer, went off smoothly.

For the students I was, more than their Head Girl, their Mom. And they teasingly called me 'Mumma' or 'Boss'....I didn't mind it and kind of enjoyed the new designation given by the students. On an everyday basis, taking care of MY KIDS, included making sure they went into their classes on time and didn't roam around wasting time. We might not have been like a proper family in the exact sense of the term, but on many occasions, we surely argued like one. We were like any large extended family...that argues but sticks together. And invariably I was the peace maker every time. At the end of the day, all of us were just kids, trying to convince ourselves more than others, that we had it all under control.

Our teachers were our pillars of support. Polishing our leadership skills depended on them and they were always around for us. They watched every move of ours, every mistake and slip up. They had the magical ability to suddenly appear by our side and disappear equally swiftly. There was authority in our teacher's voice that demanded the best out of each one of us. When we were given a task, we had to deliver; no if's and but's. They have always been an inspiration, they always will be. We learned to take on responsibility with a smile. I admire my teachers for being true to their responsibilities and beliefs.

Teachers always greeted me with a cheerful smile and a calm attitude that constantly reminded me to keep my temper in check. This has influenced my abilities as a leader to a great extent and I will be thankful to them forever.

The same gratefulness extends to the ex-leaders, especially Omkar, our ex Head Boy. He helped me to make the right decisions while looking at matters from everyone's point of view.

The year went away so fast, it seems like only the other day that I was elected as the Head Girl. Today as I look back, I have no regrets. I

did make mistakes but every time I had someone to guide me and correct me. I learned the art of humility along with responsibility. Those were the best days of my life. I will miss that unexplainable feeling of pride and satisfaction when I wore my badge every day. Even today, my uniform feels incomplete without that shiny black pin and sometimes I find myself accidentally touching the place where it used to sit on my uniform. I have learned that like someone passed the Baton to me...I too must give it to another....The tradition must continue forever.

THE ART OF BEING NICE

- Rosita D'mello, X A

To a wailing child,
Or an old lady weeping,
A few words of love and comfort,
Can have effects very sweeping.

To a homeless woman,
Or a child who's in need,
Your leftover pizza,
Is a great delicacy indeed.

When your friend's being annoying,
And you are tempted to be mean,
Your harsh words and you,
Will only create a scene.

When the salesman 'blabbers',
Standing at your door,
Offer him some water,
He might wish for more.

When your auto driver's cribbing,
And it seriously starts to rile,
Ask him about his day,
And see him flash a smile.

Everyone can be rude,
It's tough to be patient,
Show a little kindness each day,
To show that you're different.

MY FAVOURITE SPORT

My favourite game is cricket.
11 players play this game.
The cricketers need stumps, balls, a bat and a season ball.
A batsman wears thick pads, gloves, a helmet and a helmet guard.
Every player has a number behind the back of his/her T Shirt.
I love cricket because I want to be as famous as Sachin.

- Ayaan Ajin, II E

My favourite outdoor game is Lock and Key.
It can be played by 3-10 players.
There should be one diner (person who catches others and says "lock") and others who should run away from the diner.
If one player is locked, the other player near he/she can run away from the diner.
I like this game because the diner has to catch the other players.

- Arnav Dhar, II A

My favourite outdoor game is Badminton.
I play badminton with my friends and parents.
Me and my parents sometimes go to a badminton court on weekends. The badminton court is very big. I love to play badminton.
P.V. Sindhu is the champion in badminton.
Some children play badminton in the garden.

- Ojas Shitole, II C

My favourite outdoor game is swimming.
We play this game in the swimming pool.
We use swimming goggles and swimming cap for this game.
This is a water game so if we sink there is a life guard to help us.
If we don't know swimming we have to catch the float and learn it.
If we have to swim fast we have to wear fins in our legs.

- Kabir Gaur, II B

My favourite outdoor game is kabadi.
I like it because we can say "kabadi kabadi kabadi kabadi" and catch the other team players.
In kabadi there are seven players in each team.
When we play kabadi we have fun and the people also enjoy looking at the way the players play.

- Vidisha S. Bhoir, II D

Everyone has a best friend.
My best friend's name is Zain.
My friend and I both watch TV together.
Zain helps me everytime.
I hope we remain good friends forever.
- Atharwa Wadagule, 1 C

I have a best friend. His name is Om.
Om and I play together and share our toys.
We both go to the garden
and play on the swings and slides.
Sometimes we fight but we forgive and
love
to be with each other.
Thank God for Om.

MY BEST FRIEND

My best friend is Adi.
He likes to play with cars.
He also has tracks of the cars.
We both like to play with each other.
He is my first friend in Mumbai.
I love my friend and I like to play with him
- Mayan Bansal, 1 F

My best friend is Ridhan.
He is my partner.
He also helps me a lot.
Day before yesterday he had helped me
pack my bag.
He is very good and handsome.
- Aathim Pillai, 1 E

My best friend is Tinu.
She is my life.
We both are best friends in the world.
She is helpful like Achana Miss.
- Antara S.S., 1 A

My friend's name is Prapti.
I like to play with my best friend.
She is very very kind to me.
She helped me in a big problem.
She tells me very funny jokes.
- Lavya Tamboli, 1 D

तेथे कर माझे जुळती

- सौ. विजया पाटगावकर (समन्वयक मराठी माध्यम)

उत्तुंग व चतुरस्र व्यक्तिमत्त्व लाभलेले मराठी माध्यमाचे प्राचार्य. आमचे प्रिय माननिय सबनीस सर यांचे दिनांक १९ नोव्हेंबर २०१६ रोजी देहावसन झाले.

बुद्धिजीवी या गटात मोडणारे, अत्यंत शिस्तप्रिय, काटेकोर, दूरदृष्टि असलेले, अनोखे पूर्व नियोजन करणारे, खंबीरपणे निर्णय घेणारे असे आमचे लाडके सर आज हयात नाहीत पण त्यांचे विचार व तत्त्वे आम्हा शिक्षकांच्या व विद्यार्थ्यांच्या मनात व आचरणात सतत तेवत राहणार. अशा विविध सदगुणांचा संगम असलेल्या सरांचा आम्हा शिक्षकांना अनमोल सहवास लाभला व आम्ही धन्य झालो.

सरांनी आम्हास दैनंदिन व वार्षिक नियोजन करणे, प्रश्नपत्रिका काढणे याचे उत्तम मार्गदर्शन केले. तसेच प्रत्येक विद्यार्थ्यांची संपूर्ण माहिती व त्याची प्रगती कशी उंचावेल याचेही मार्गदर्शन केले. या सर्वांचा आजही उपयोग होत आहे. सरांचे प्रत्येक विषयावर प्रभुत्व होते, परंतु आवडता विषय इतिहास व इंग्रजी. यात रमले की अनेक अनुभव गोष्टीरूपाने ऐकावयास मिळायचे.

शिक्षक, पालक व विद्यार्थी यांच्याशी सौम्य, मृदूभाषेत वार्तालाप करायचे. “ओपन डे” ला दिलेल्या वेळापत्रकानुसार विद्यार्थी अभ्यास करीत आहेत ना, हे पाहण्यासाठी त्यांच्या घरी न सांगता भेट द्यायचे. पालकांच्या समस्या सोडविण्यातही समुपदेशकाची भूमिका बजावयाचे. विद्यार्थ्यांनी चूक केली असता, त्याचे अशा प्रकारे समुपदेशन करायचे, जेणे करून परत तो तशी चूक करण्यास आयुष्यात धजावणार नाही. म्हणूनच अनेक सुजाण पिढ्या घडल्या.

आम्हा शिक्षकांस ते वडीलधारी होते. म्हणूनच एक वेगळा आदर होता. समजून घेणे व समजावून सांगणे हे त्यांचे अप्रतिम कौशल्य होते. त्यामुळे आम्हास त्यांच्याशी संवाद साधण्यास सोपे जायचे.

उत्कृष्ट संवाद कौशल्य असल्याने समाजातील अनेक क्षेत्रात व विविध सामाजिक संस्थेत त्यांनी आपला ठसा उमटविला. नवी मुंबई फरिया स्कूलस असोसिएशनचे सबनीस संस्थापक होते. नवी मुंबईतील सर्व शाळांमध्ये समन्वय असावा, देवाण-घेवाण व्हावी, शिक्षक मंडळ स्थापन व्हावे व नवी मुंबईचा “शैक्षणिक क्षेत्र” म्हणून विकास व्हावा ही त्यामागची भूमिका

होती. क्रीडाक्षेत्रातही विद्यार्थ्यांचा विकास व्हावा, म्हणून या असोसिएशन तर्फे दरवर्षी वेगवेगळ्या क्रीडाप्रकारांच्या स्पर्धेचे आयोजन करण्यास सुरुवात झाली व आजपर्यंत चालू आहे.

विद्यार्थ्यांच्या सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी अनेक उपक्रम राबविले. “सेमी इंग्रजी” सुरु करणे हा त्यातीलच एक उपक्रम. मराठी माध्यमातील विद्यार्थी इंग्रजी विषयात मागे राहू नयेत म्हणून “स्पोकन इंग्रजी” हा विशेष वर्ग राबविण्यात आला. त्यामुळेच आमचे विद्यार्थी इंग्रजी या विषयात प्राविण्य मिळवितांना दिसतात. प्रौढ साक्षरता वर्ग व समुपदेशन वर्ग यामुळे विद्यार्थ्यांना व पालकांना मदत झाली. अशाप्रकारे मराठी माध्यमाची उन्नती व दर्जाउंचावण्यास त्यांचे मोलाचे योगदान होते.

विद्यार्थ्यांना वक्तृत्व, गायन, कथाकथन, विज्ञान प्रदर्शन, अनेक उपक्रमात आवर्जून भाग घेण्यास प्रवृत्त करायचे व शिक्षकांनाही मार्गदर्शन करायचे. शेतीचे उत्तम ज्ञान असल्याने कार्यानुभव विषयांतर्गत “किचन गार्डन” हा यशस्वी उपक्रम राबविला.

कार्यरत असताना त्यांची कार्यक्षमता वाखाणण्याजोगी होती. पालक सभा असो किंवा वैयक्तिक पालक - विद्यार्थी चर्चा असो १० ते १२ तास सलग घ्यायचे. दत्तक विद्यार्थी उपक्रम या द्वारे विद्यार्थ्यांची संपूर्ण माहिती होण्यास मात व्हायची. प्रत्येक शिक्षकास ६ ते ७ विद्यार्थी दत्तक म्हणून दिलेले असायचे. यातूनच विद्यार्थ्यांची सुयोग्य जडण-घडण होण्यास मदत झाली. त्यामुळेच आमच्या मराठी माध्यमातील विद्यार्थी इंग्रजी माध्यमाच्या विद्यार्थ्यांच्या तोडीस तोड आहेत. आज अनेक क्षेत्रात त्यांचे विद्यार्थी विविध क्षेत्रात उच्च पदे भूषवित आहेत.

“साथी राहणी व उच्च विचारसरणी” याचे उत्तम उदाहरण म्हणजे आमचे लाडके सबनीस सर आज त्यांच्या अनेक चांगल्या आठवणी, तत्त्वे, मुल्ये आम्हा सर्वांच्या हृदयात चिरंतन वास करीत आहेत. म्हणूनच सरतेशेवटी असे वाटते की कविवर्य विं.दा.करंदीकर यांच्या कवितेच्या ओळी सरांसाठीच होत्या.

करून जावे असेही काही ; दुनियेतून जाताना गहिवर यावा जगास साऱ्या ; निरोप शेवटचा घेताना स्वर कठोर त्या काळाचाही ; क्षणभर व्हावा कातर कातर नजर रोखूनी नजरे मध्ये ; आयुष्याला द्यावे उत्तर.

प्रिय मित्र वृक्ष यांस पत्र.....

पत्र काय फक्त आईवडिलांना, आजीआजोबांना, मित्रमैत्रिणींनाच लिहायची असतात ? याचे उत्तर “नाही” असेच आहे. ही धरती, हे आकाश, हे वृक्ष हे पशुपक्षी सारे सारे आपले जीवाभावाचे सवंगडी आहेत. हीच भावना मनात ठेवून प्राथमिक शाळेतील मुलांनी त्यांच्या जीवाभावाच्या मित्राला म्हणजेच वृक्षाला पत्रे लिहिली आहेत.

तिकीट

प्रिय मित्र वृक्ष यास

माझे तुझ्यावर खूप प्रेम आहे. मित्रा, तुला कोणी थोडही दुखावणार नाही; ही मित्र म्हणून जबाबदारी माझी पक्षी तुझ्या अंगाखांद्यावर खेळतात, विश्वासाचे घरटे तुझ्या अंगावर बांधतात. पक्ष्यांना गोड गोड फळे तू देतोसच, पण माझे जेवण सुद्धा तुझ्यामुळे. रुचकर, सकस आणि रंगीबेरंगी बनते. पांढरा मुळा, लाल भोपळा, हिरवी मेथी, जांभळी वांगी किती नावे घेऊ ? तुझ्यामुळे जेवण चमचमीत बनते. आई तू दिलेले मसालेच तर वापरत असते ना ? मित्रा, तुझी जीवलग मैत्रीण म्हणून मी तुला सांगते, तुझ्या वाटेला कोण लागणार नाही. याची काळजी मी घेईन.

- तूझी मैत्रीण - अंतरा जोशी, इ. ५ अ

तिकीट

प्रिय मित्र वृक्ष यास

सप्रेम नमस्कार

मित्रा कसा आहेस तू ? खरंतर माझा हा प्रश्न चुकीचा आहे. आयुष्यभर ऊन, वारा, पाऊस झेलत इतरांना थंडगार सावली, प्राणवायू, फळे, फुले देत तू नेहमी आनंदाने ताठ उभा असतोस.

तुझ्यामुळे आम्हाला गोड गोड फळे मिळतात. उन्हाचे तापल्यावर तुच आमच्यावर सावली देणारे छत धरतोस. तुझ्यामुळे जमिनीची धूप होत नाही. म्हणून तर संत तुकारामांनी तुला सगासोयरा म्हटले आहे.

- जुईली गोटम, ५ वी फ



तिकीट

प्रिय मित्र वृक्षास,

मित्रा तू आहेस म्हणून या डोळ्यांना हे जग किती छान छान दिसते. हिरवी गार झाडे, रंगीबेरंगी फुले, अनेक रंगातील फळे तुझ्यामुळे या इतक्या रंगांची मला ओळख झाली. एकदा आमच्या मराठी मिसने आम्हांला डॉ.कलाम यांची गोष्ट सांगितली होती. तुला पण सांगते.त्यांच्या घराजवळ मोठी इमारत बांधणे सुरु होते. खूप झाडे तोडली गेली. सगळे पक्षी उडून गेले. कलाम खूप दुःखी झाले. मग त्यांनी एक रोप लावले त्याची काळजी घेतली, अंगण पुन्हा पक्ष्यांनी भरून गेले. मित्रा माझेही अंगण पक्ष्यांच्या किलबिलाटाने भरलेले आहे कारण तू माझ्या अंगणात उभा आहेस.

-गार्गी संगिता, इ. ५ वी फ

अत्यंत प्रिय मित्र वृक्षास,

तिकीट

मित्रा, तू आमच्या सर्वांचा अत्यंत जवळचा मित्र आहेस. पण काही दृष्ट लोकांना तुझी महतीच कळत नाही.मला तर वाटत त्यांना दूर वाळवंटातच पाठवावे. म्हणजे कळेल त्यांना, तुला पाहण्यासाठी कसा जीव तळमळतो ते.तू आहेस म्हणून हे जीवन आहे हे कळतच नाही काही लोकांना! लहानपणापासून झाडावरच्या चिऊकाऊला घास भरवत लहानाचे मोठे होतात आणि नंतर तुझ्या जीवावर उठतात. पण तू काळजी करू नको. मी आणि माझ्या सर्व मित्रांनी तुझे पूर्ण रक्षण करण्याचे व्रत घेतले आहे.

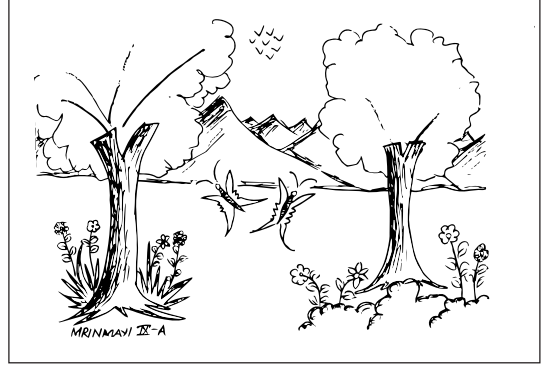
तूझी मैत्रीण

- मानसी काळे, इ. ५ वी फ

श्रावणगाणे

- वेदांत माइनकर, इ. १० वी ड

झाला ऊनपावसाचा खेळ सुरू
आपणही त्यासंगे नाचू खेळू
घटकेत सरसर, घटकेत ऊन
जीव सुखावला हा खेळ पाहून
भिजली शेते, भिजली मने
ओठावर रेंगाळले पावसाचे गाणे
हिरवी वस्त्रे नेसली धरती
पावसाचे थेंब इवल्या पंखांवरती



मायबोली

- अनुष्का सुनीलकुमार लंबाते, इ. ७वी क

मराठी माझी मायबोली,
किती वर्णावी तिची कीर्ती
मराठी भाषा आहे छान
मला तिचा अभिमान
मराठी कवी आहेत महान
उंचावते आमची अभिमानाने मान

मराठी भाषेत काना, मात्रा, उकार
त्यामुळे चढतो तिचा आणखी शृंगार
मराठी भाषा समृद्धतेने नटलेली
अनुभवाने जगलेली सर्वाना भावलेली
शिक्षिका शिकवते युक्तीने
आम्ही शिकतो भक्तीने

अभिमान आम्हांसी ज्यांचा....

स्वातंत्र्य लाभले भारताला
यश आले सत्य अहिंसेला
तिरंग्यासह अमर राहो
आपले राष्ट्रगान
चलागाऊ हे अभिमानाने गौरवगान
गुंजतो हा आवाज एकमुखाने
काश्मीर ते कन्याकुमारी
गुजरात ते अरुणाचल



सेजल झोडे, ९ वी ब

गंगा, सिंधु गोदावरी
विंध्य आरावली हिमाचल
अभिमान आम्हा आर्यभट्ट,
चाणक्य आणि सर्व शूरवीरांचा
शांतीदूत बुद्ध, महात्मागांधींचा
घेऊन हा वारसा
तळपू आम्ही तेजाने
देशाला पुढे नेऊ सामर्थ्याने

आई

मंजिरी अजय मुंबईकर इ.७ वी क

“मायेच्या खुणा तुझ्या
नभीचे अगणित तारे
प्रेमाचा गंध तुझा
माझ्या मनासी दाटे”

माते! माते! तुला माझे शतशः प्रणाम!

माझ्या माते, तुझ्यासारखे स्पर्श नाही, सुख नाही तुझ्यासारखे,
स्नेह नाही, तुझ्यासारखे दैवत नाही या लोकात नाही परलोकात
ही नाही!! म्हणून मला माझी आई वंदनीय आणि प्रिय आहे.

माझी आई माझ्यासाठी आपल्या जिवाचे रान करते. मला
न्हाऊ-माखू घालते मला वेळेवर अभ्यासाला बसवले. “घार
हिंडे आकाशी, परी लक्ष तिचे पिल्लंपाशी” माझी आई कामात
कितीही मग्न असली तरी तिचे पूर्ण लक्ष माझ्याकडेच असते.

“माझ्या माऊलीची माया म्हणजे दुधावरची साय” माझी आई
मला सायंकाळी शाळेतून आल्यावर माझ्यासाठी राखून
ठेवलेला खाऊ मला प्रेमाने देते.

“सुसंगती सदा घडो, सुजन वाक्य कानी पडो”

रोज सायंकाळी सांजवात लावताना आई माझ्याकडून
“शुभं करोती कल्याणम” व मनाचे श्लोक बोलवून म्हणवून

घेते. केव्हा-केव्हा ती माझ्यावर रागवते ही पण ते रागावणे
तात्पुरतेच. “समुद्रात कितीही आनंद अनंत रत्ने असली तरी
त्यांना आईच्या मायेची सर कुठून येणार”

माझा कोणत्याही स्पर्धेत किंवा परीक्षेत पहिला नंबर आला की
ती मला कुशीत घेऊन प्रेमाने कुरवाळते तेव्हा मी मनोमन
सुखावते. तिचा मायेचा स्पर्श मला तजेला देतो कोणत्याही
संकटात माझ्या पाठीशी उभी राहणारी माझी आईच! “आत्मा
आणि ईश्वर यांचा सुंदर मिलाप म्हणजे आई होय!”

अशी माझी वात्सल्यसिंधू आई मला वंदनीय आणि प्रिय आहे.

माझ्या आईबद्दल मी इतकेच म्हणून की,

“आई तुझ्या स्पर्शाची याद

देई खोलवर साद

नकळत तुझ्या आठवणी

घडवून आणीत

आपल्या मनामनांचा संवाद

अन् कृतज्ञतेने हृदयातून येतो पुकार

आई थोर तुझे उपकार

आई थोर तुझे उपकार

परीक्षा

- जाह्नवी चौधरी, ७-सी

शाळेत पेपर येतो समोर,
बघुनच होऊन जातो बोर,
लवकर उठून शाळेत जायचे,
नेहमी तेच का करायचे?
वेळेवर नाही जेवायचे,
पूर्ण वेळ पुस्तक धरून बसायचे,

पेन पेन्सिल ने लिहायचे,
ओरल असेल तर बोलायचे,
पेपर असेल तर शांत बसायचे,
पेपर तर दयायचे,
कारण पुढच्या वर्गात जायचेच जायचे !!

शूरा आम्ही वंदिले

- मानसी गवळी, ९ वी ब.



हिरो म्हटलं की आपल्या डोळ्यासमोर सिनेमातले हिरो येतात. काहींसाठी हिरो म्हणजे आवडते खेळाडू, तर काहींसाठी नेते. पण आपण कधी विचार केला आहे का, की या जगात खरा हिरो कोणाला म्हणता येईल. मला तर असे वाटते कि स्वतःचे आयुष्य स्वतःसाठी न जगता ते देशासाठी बलिदान करणाऱ्या अशी थोर व्यक्ती म्हणजेच “सैनिक” खरे हिरो असतात.

“आपण कोण ?” असा प्रश्न जर भारतीयांना विचारला तर सगळे विविध प्रकारचे उत्तरे देतात. “मी मराठी, मी गुजराती, मी पंजाबी, मी मद्रासी आणि इत्यादी पण हाच प्रश्न सैनिकाला विचारला तर तो गर्वाने अभिमानाने म्हणेल, “मी भारतीय आहे.” आपण सुद्धा याच देशाचे नागरिक आहोत. परंतु आपले प्राधान्यक्रम वेगळं असते. ते (सैनिक) एकाच नावाला महत्त्व देतात- “भारत” त्यांची आस व ध्यास, त्यांची आवड व ओढ एका बद्दलच असते ते म्हणजे “भारत”.

नियमित आपल्या तोंडावर एक वाक्य असतं- “हे आयुष्य एवढं अवघड का आहे ?” म्हणजेच काय तर आपल्या आयुष्यात होणाऱ्या प्रत्येक छोट्या - छोट्या दुःखावर आपण नाराज होतो. आपण कधी कधी कठीण परिस्थितीपासून घाबरून दूरही पळून जातो. पण हेच सैनिक २४x७ न घाबरता आयुष्यातल्या सर्वांत मोठ्या परिस्थितीला सामोरे जात असतो

तो म्हणजे मृत्यू. ते ही आपल्यासारखे भित्रे, घाबरत असते, तर काय झालं असतं ?

“हे आयुष्य माझे आहे. माझा विचारचं मी करेन. माझं आयुष्य माझ्या पद्धतीने जगेन असे चमत्कारिक आपले विचार असतात. पण सैनिकाचेही स्वतःचे आयुष्य असते. पण ते स्वतःला न देता ते दुसऱ्यांसाठी व देशासाठी बलिदान करतात. स्वतःच्या काळजीशिवाय आपण दुसरा कोणताही विचार करत नाही. पण त्यांना हे लक्षात ठेवाव लागतं- देशातल्या प्रत्येक नागरिकांचं आयुष्य त्यांच्यावर (त्यांच्या हातात) असतं.” ते त्यांची व त्यांच्या परिवाराची काळजी करत राहिले तर कसं चालणार. आता तरी तंत्रज्ञानाच्या क्षेत्रात खूप प्रगती झाली आहे. ते आपल्या कुटुंबियांशी बोलू शकतात. पण पंधरा-वीस वर्षांपूर्वी काहीच सोय नव्हती. मग त्यावेळेला Border या मूळीमध्ये दाखवल्याप्रमाणे सगळे आपल्या घराकडून येणाऱ्या पात्राची आतुरतेने वाट पाहायचे व पत्र वाचून आनंदित व्हायचे.

शहरात असल्यामुळे आपल्याला सगळे आरामात मिळते. पण यासाठीच सैनिकांना जीवाचा आटापिटा करून घ्यावा लागतो. सियाचीनमध्ये तापमान हे नेहमी ३० ते ६० च्या आसपास असतं. अशा भागात काही ही खाणे अवघडचं असते. तिथे तर पाणी पिण्यासाठी पण खूप कष्ट घ्यावे लागतात.

“जय जवान, जय किसान !” असे लाल बहादूर शास्त्रींनी म्हटले होते. हे लक्षात ठेवून तरी आपण त्यांचा काहीतरी विचार केला पाहिजे. आपल दुःख विसरून त्यांचे दुःख, परिस्थिती जाणून घेण्याचे परिश्रम केले पाहिजे. कारण आज आपण आयुष्य जगू शकतो ते फक्त त्यांच्यामुळेच ते आहेत म्हणूनच आपण आहोत !

“प्लास्टिकमुक्त भारत” - एक पाऊल स्वच्छतेकडे

दिनांक २९ ऑगस्टला आपली मुंबई पुन्हा एकदा जलमय झाली होती. पुढचे आठ दिवस शाळेच्या मधल्या सुट्टीत आम्हाला दुसरा विषयच नव्हता. २६ जुलैची आठवण करून देणारा हा दिवस दरवर्षीथोड्याफार फरकाने आपण अनुभवत असतो. मुलांच्या या चर्चामधून याचे महत्त्वाचे कारण समोर आले ते म्हणजे प्लास्टिकचा अतिरेक. उर्वी व सेजल यांनी इ.९वी मधील मुलांबरोबर केलेली चर्चा मुलांनी मांडलेले मुद्दे पाहता खरंच जर प्लास्टिकचा वापर टाळला तर अनेक समस्या नाहीशा होतील हे खरे.

इ.९तील रोनीत सुताराच्या मते प्लॅस्टीक वापरावर कडक निर्बंध आणले पाहिजेत. यासाठी स्वयंशिस्त गरजेचे आहे. प्रत्येकाने स्वतःपासून सुरुवात केली पाहिजे. प्लॅस्टिक शिवाय आपले काहीही अडत नाही हे प्रत्येकाने दाखवले पाहिजे. मी किंवा माझे कुटुंब प्लॅस्टिक वापरणारच नाही हा निर्धार पाळला पाहिजे.

इ.९ मधील मीतांशु कोळीला प्लास्टिकच्या वापरामुळे पशुपक्षांच्या आरोग्यावर होणारा गंभीर परिणाम अस्वस्थ करतो. तो म्हणतो, “फक्त शहरातच, गावातच नव्हे तर हा प्लास्टिकचा

भस्मासूर रानावनातही पसरला आहे.” गवतावर चरणाच्या जनावरांच्या पोटात प्लॅस्टिक गेल्यामुळे दरवर्षी अनेक जनावरे मृत्युमुखी पडतात ही खरोखर गंभीर समस्या आहे.

प्लास्टिकच्या पिशव्या पावसाच्या पाण्याबरोबर नदी-नाल्यात जातात. याबाबत इ.९तील वैभवी म्हणते, शेतीसाठी असे पाणी वापरल्यामुळे जमिनीच्या धारण तसेच सृजन क्षमतेवर परिणाम होतो. भारतातील प्रत्येक नदी, नाले, झरे, ओढे, समुद्र या सर्व ठिकाणी प्लास्टिकचा महापूर दिसतो. या ठिकाणांचे सौंदर्यही नष्ट होत आहे. स्वच्छ नदी, ओढ्याकाठी बसायचे असेल, निसर्गाचा आस्वाद घ्यायचा असेल तर प्लास्टिकला पूर्ण हटाव केला पाहिजे.

इ.९वी ड मधील सर्वेश मंगडे या मतानुसार प्लास्टिकमुक्त भारत होण्यासाठी दैनंदिन जीवनात प्लास्टिकचा वापर टाळणे सहज शक्य आहे. प्रत्येकाने निश्चयपूर्वक प्लास्टिक ऐवजी भाजीसाठी कापडी पिशव्या, पाण्यासाठी प्लॅस्टीक बॉटल ऐवजी स्टीलच्या बाटलीचा वापर केला तर फार मोठ्या प्रमाणात प्लास्टिकचा आळा बसेल. यासाठी जनजागृती ची मोठ्या प्रमाणात गरज आहे.

शाळेतून कॉलेजमध्ये “पंख लाभले नवे!”

शाळा म्हणजे अभ्यास! शाळा म्हणजे परीक्षा! शाळा म्हणजे गृहपाठ! शाळेच्या पहिल्या दिवसांपासून सुरू झालेले हे चक्र इ. १० वी च्या परीक्षेपर्यंत सतत चालू असते. शाळा म्हणजे गणवेश! शाळा म्हणजे वक्तशीरपणा! कधीतरी मोठ्या बहीण भावांकडून, मित्रांकडून “कॉलेजमध्ये नुसती मजा असते, गणवेशाची कटकट नसते” असे ऐकलेले असते. आणि मग कॉलेजजीवनाची स्वप्ने पडायला लागतात. खूप साऱ्या स्वप्नांचे पंख लाऊन फुलपाखरासारखा कॉलेजमध्ये प्रवेश होतो. एकदा कॉलेजचे विश्व खुले झाल्यावर काय वाटते या नव्या फुलपाखरांना जाणून घेऊया.

इ. ११ वी क मधील देवांशी डीसौझा च्या मते शालेय जीवन हा जीवनातील अविस्मरणीय अनुभव असतो. शाळा म्हणजे अभ्यास, परीक्षा तसेच मैत्री, सहली आणि शिस्त! शाळा संपते आणि कॉलेजची सुरुवात होते. आता आपण कॉलेजमध्ये जाणार या कल्पनेच माझ्या मनात खळबळ



माजली होती. नवीन वातावरण, नवीन शिक्षक, नवीन चेहरे! हे सर्व जरी नवे असले तरी “अभ्यास करणे महत्त्वाचे आहे” हा विचार मात्र वर्षानुवर्षे तोच आहे.

अर्ल फर्नांडिस हा इ. ११ वी अ चा विद्यार्थी म्हणतो मी दहावीत असल्यापासूनच कॉलेजमध्ये जाण्यासाठी खूप उत्सुक होतो. आपल्या इथे क्रीडा संकुल आहे. हा माझ्या आकर्षणाचा पहिला भाग! जेव्हा वेळ मिळेल तेव्हा मला बास्केटबॉल, फुटबॉल खेळता येईल, इतरांचा खेळ बघता येईल या आनंदात माझ्या कॉलेज जीवनाला सुरुवात झाली आहे. अभ्यासाबरोबरच खेळांचाही आनंद लुटायचा मी निश्चय केला आहे.

इ. ११ वी अ मधील निकिता जाधव साठी हे वातावरण वेगळे नाही. याच शाळेतून ती दहावीत पहिली आली. पहिल्यापासूनच

११ वी १२ वी आपल्याच अँग्लिस मधून पुर्ण करायची हे तिने ठरवलेच होते.

सगळे लहानपणी शाळेत असताना कॉलेजची स्वप्न पाहतात. शाळेला नाव ठेवतात. कॉलेज त्याच्यासाठी शाळेच्या कैदीतून बाहेर येऊन मुक्त आकाश वाटते पण शाळा हे कारागृह नसून आयुष्यात वापरण्यात येणारा पाया, मुलतत्त्वे शिकवण्यात येणारे व्यासपीठ आहे त्याचप्रमाणे कॉलेजपण माझे आधीपासून ठरले होते यायच तर परत अँग्लिस मध्ये म्हणून ती शिस्त ते शिक्षक माझ्यासाठी नवीन नाहीत. पण खूप जणांसाठी ही बंधने शिक्षा वाटते काही हद्दीपर्यंत ही बंधने योग्य असतात कारण मगच आपण योग्य मार्गावर राहतो.

इ. ११ ब मधील धनश्री हावळे म्हणते पायात अवजड साखळदंड बांधलेल्या हत्तीसारखी मी शाळेपासून दूर जाण्याच्या कल्पनेने अवघडलेली होते. नवी वास्तु, नवे वातावरण, नवी माणस! तोच जिवाळा, तिच माया आपल्याला मिळेल

काय? अशा विविध प्रश्नांचे कोंब घेऊन जरा साशंक मनाने प्रवेश घेत असतानाच दुसऱ्या बाजूला Angle ची ऐकलेली ख्याती, मित्रांचे चांगले अनुभव मनाला College मध्ये लवकरात लवकर जाण्यासाठी आतुर करत होते. Angle शैक्षणिक दृष्ट्या उत्तम आहे, शिस्तप्रिय आहे हे ऐकीवात होत. या गोष्टीचा अनुभव दिवसागणिक अनेक गोष्टींमधून येत आहे. याबाबत मला अत्यंत आवडलेली गोष्ट म्हणजे इथल्या Computer चा सांवेग्तिक शब्द देखिल ‘Discipline’ आहे. इथे दिवसाची सुरुवात अगदी प्रसन्नपणे अर्थपूर्ण अशा प्रार्थनांनी होते. या प्रार्थनांच्या रूपाने जणु आपण नैतिक मूल्यांच्या उपदेशाचे प्यालेच प्राशन करतो तसेच एक माणूस म्हणून आपल्या जबाबदारीची आठवण

दररोज या प्रार्थनांच्या माध्यमातून होते. इथले शिक्षकगण देखील त्यांच्या माहितीची रसवंती इतक्या प्रभावपणे फुलवतात की सर्व विसरून विषयाशी एकरूप व्हायला होते. येथे सर्व काही शाळेसारखेच आहे. किंबहुना ही माझी दुसऱ्या नावाची शाळाच आहे या विचाराने आनंदाचे पांढरे पक्षी मनाचा धाव घेतात. अशा प्रकारे Angle नावाच्या या आकाशाखाली आम्हाला शिक्षणासाठी आणि सर्वांगीण विकासासाठी अत्यंत पोषक तसेच सुरक्षित वातावरण लाभले यासाठी मी Angle ची ऋणी आहे.

इ. ११ वी अ मधील कौस्तुभ बाळसराफच्या मते मला दहावी पर्यंत वाटायचे कॉलेज म्हणजे मजा, मस्ती असते. णला नेहमी वाटायचे माझ्या स्वप्नातले कॉलेज हे फ्रेशर्स, फेस्टिवल्स, कार्निवल्स यांनी भरलेले असेल. अभ्यास म्हणजे फक्त दोन तीन दिवसातून एकदा केला तरी चालेल असे वाटायचे. पण कॉलेज मध्ये आल्यावर मला कळाले की कॉलेज फक्त “बेस्ट

फ्रेंड”, टु फ्रेंड, जस्ट फ्रेंड, बॉय फ्रेंड, गर्ल फ्रेंड पुरते मर्यादित नसून एक जीवन बदलणारा प्रवास असतो. या प्रवासात आपले मित्र हे साथीदार होतात तर शिक्षक आपल्याला घडवणाऱ्या कुंभाराचे काम करतात. मला मिळालेले कॉलेज हे स्वप्नाप्रमाणे तर नव्हते पण करिअरच्या वाटचालीसाठी एकदम आदर्श होते.

शाळेच्या जीवनात खूप आनंद व्यक्त करता येतो. कॉलेजच्या जीवनात खूप धावपळ असते. शाळेच्या जीवनात अनेक स्पर्धेत भाग घेता येतो. कॉलेजच्या जीवनात अभ्यास करायला लागतो शाळेच्या जीवनात एक दिवस अभ्यास नाही केला तर फरक नाही पडत. पण कॉलेजमध्ये रोज अभ्यास करायला लागतो. असे इ-११ ब मधील अक्षदा वरळीकर म्हणते

थोडक्यात पंख नवे आहेतच पण शाळेत पहिले पाऊल टाकले त्या दिवसापासून मनात बाळगलेली स्वप्ने पूर्ण करण्याची धडपड मात्र तीच आहे. बळ लाभो या पखांना!

थोडे डोके चालवा!!!

- संकलन - आदिती पटवर्धन ९ वी अ

- मुकुट माझ्या डोक्यावर
जांभळा झगा अंगावर
काटे आहेत जरा सांभाळून
चवीने खातात मला भाजून
- भारतीय संस्कृतीचे प्रतीक
चिखलात राहून अलिप्त
सूर्योद्याला उमलते
सूर्यास्ताला मिटून जाते
सहस्रदलांची ही आरास छान
“राष्ट्रीय फूल” असा मान.
ओळखा पाहू मी कोण ?

- आज तुम्हाला कोडे टाकतो
“दोन मुले आणि दोन बाप
शिकारीसाठी जातात.
प्रत्येकाला एक एक ससा मिळतो
जेव्हा ते मोजतात तेव्हा मात्र तीनच
ससे असतात.”



ओळखा पाहू हे असे कसे ?

ओळखा पाहू

१. दोन भाऊ शेजारी भेट नाही जन्मांतरी
२. इथेच आहे पण दिसत नाही
३. सूपभर लाहया त्यात एक रुपया.
४. हिरवी पेटी खड्यात पडली, उघडून पाहिली तर मोत्याने भरली.
५. तीनजण वाढायला बारा जण जेवायला.
६. पाटील बुवा राम राम, दाढी मिश्या लांब लांब
७. आटकन पाटकन लाल लाल रान
अन बत्तीस पिंपळांना एकच पान

किती मानू उपकार तुझे मी..

- सोनाली महाडीक, इ. ९ वी म

तुम्हांला माहीत नसेल म्हणून सांगते
ऐका...

आपण या जगात अथवा या भुमीवर पहिलं
पाऊल ठेवणार या गोष्टीची सर्वांना खुशी असते.
पण...

जन्म झाल्याच्या आधी ९ महिन्यांपासून स्वतःच्या
गर्भात वाढवणारी आपली “आई” असते
खरचं...

ठेच लागली की आपले अश्रू पुरणारी व
स्वतःचे अश्रू वाहणारी आपली “आई” असते
खरतर...

दुसऱ्यांची बाजू अथवा चुकी काढून
स्वतःच्या मुलाच्या पाठी खंबीर उभी राहणारी आपली
“आई” असते.

एवढचं नाही तर...
मुलांनी उलट अथवा चुकीची वागणूक केली तरिही
हसत-हसत न काही बोलणारी सहन करून घेणारी
पण...

गपचुप डोळ्यातून अश्रू वाहणारी आपली
“आई” असते...
खरतर आपण खूप धन्य आहोत कारण
आपल्याला “आई” आहे.

माझी माय

- सिद्धी संपत शिंदे, इ. ९ वी म

आई मायेचा सागर, देई जीवना आकार
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आत्मविश्वास - यशाची गुरुकिल्ली

- लक्ष्मण कामत, ८-ड

आत्मशक्ती, आत्मबळ व आत्मविश्वास यांच्यात संवाद चालना होता. वाट म्हणा ना! आत्मशक्ती ला वाटत होते आपण श्रेष्ठ! तेच आत्मबळाला ही वाटत होते. आत्मविश्वासही आपल्या परीने आपणच श्रेष्ठ आहे सांगण्याचा प्रयत्न करीत होता. तेवढ्यात मन तेथे आले मनाला पाहून सर्वांनी त्यालाच विचारायचे ठरवले की आमच्यापैकी तुला कोण श्रेष्ठ वाटतो ?

मनाने थोडा विचार केला, तो म्हणाला, “मला तुम्ही सर्वच महत्त्वाचे वाटता तरीपण, आत्मविश्वासाला मी प्राधान्य देऊ इच्छितो.” आत्मविश्वासाच्या चेहऱ्यावर स्मित होते तर आत्मशक्ती आणि आत्मबळ जरासे खडूच झाले. “असे वाईट वाटून घेऊ नका.” मन म्हणाले. मी उदाहरण देऊन सांगतो. महाभारतातील तो प्रसंग आठवा बरं. युद्धासाठी सर्व योद्धा सज्ज झाले होते. कौरवांची प्रचंड सेना कुरुक्षेत्रावर पांडवांचा नाश करण्यासाठी आतुर होती. सर्वांत श्रेष्ठ धनुर्धर अर्जुनाने सर्व ज्येष्ठांना अभिवादन केले पण ते करताना त्याचे मन व्यथित होत होते, शंकाग्रस्त होते आणि शंका आली..., की आत्मविश्वास जातो! का हे युद्ध? का लढत आहोत आपण आपल्याच स्वजनां विरुद्ध? कशाला हवे असे राज्य की ज्यासाठी अवघ्या मनुष्यजातीचाच प्रचंड विध्वंस होणार आहे? भगवान श्रीकृष्णासारखा जगत सारथी असून ही का बरे असे विचार अर्जुनाच्या मनात यावे?

ईश्वराने दिलेली आत्मशक्ती त्यांच्यात उपजतच होती. साधना करून त्याने त्याचे आत्मबळ ही निर्माण केले होते. मी युद्ध करू शकणार नाही हा आत्मविश्वास मात्र त्याच्याजवळ नव्हता.

अर्जुनाची ती अवस्था पाहून साक्षात नारायणाने युद्धासाठी सज्ज झालेल्या त्या भूमीवर गीतेचा उपदेश केला.

शस्त्र त्याग तव, शत्रू पुढती नच शोभे तुजला
कातर होसी समरी मग तू विरोत्तम कसल ?

घे शस्त्राते सुधीर होऊन, रक्षाया धर्मार्थां ।।

असे सांगून श्रीकृष्णाने अर्जुनाला स्वतःची ओळख करून दिली व त्याचा आत्मविश्वास दृढ केला.

का म्हणून हजारो लोकांमधून फक्त काहीच जण यशाच्या शिखरावर पोहोचतात? जे अपयशी ठरतात त्यांच्यात आत्मशक्तीची कमतरता अजिबात नसते तर ईश्वराने सर्वांनाच समप्रमाणात दिली आहे. कठोर परिश्रम करून कित्येक जण साधनाही करतात. साधना केल्याने त्यांच्यात आत्मबळ निर्माण होते. पण स्वतःवरच्या भक्कम विश्वासाशिवाय त्यांना जनमानसांसमक्ष जाऊन आपुले कौशल्य, आपली कला, आपले विचार आणि आपले शब्द योग्यपणे कधीच मांडता येत नाही. चार चौघात साधा संवाद देखील आत्मविश्वासाशिवाय शक्य नाही.

महाभारतातील प्रसंग कशाला, हे दुसरे उदाहरण सांगतो. लिटल मास्टर सचिन तेंडुलकर जेव्हा पाक विरोधात प्रथम मैदानावर उतरला तेव्हा तो जेमतेम १६ वर्षांचा होता. सर्व खेळाडूंना त्याला पाहून हसू आले होते. पाकच्या गोलंदाजाने पहिलाच बाउंसर टाकला आणि सचिन जरासा चकला, तो स्वतःचे रक्षण करण्यासाठी खाली वाकला. नवज्योत सिद्धू त्यावेळी त्यांच्याबरोबर मैदानावर खेळत होता. त्याला वाटले काय खेळाडू पाठवलाय? याला खेळता मुळीच येणार नाही. त्याने सचिनकडे जाऊन विचारपूस केली आणि खेळू शकशील का? असे विचारले. सचिनने काहीच न बोलता मानेने होकार दिला व दुसऱ्या चेंडूपासून पाक खेळाडूंना या १६ वर्षांच्या पोऱ्याने मैदानावर नुसता पळवले. त्यावेळी त्याच्या कडे आत्मशक्ति होती, आत्मबळ होते आणि सर्वांत महत्त्वाचे म्हणजे आत्मविश्वास देखील होता.

गडयांनो, मी तुमच्याशिवाय या जगात यश संपादन करू शकत नाही, मन म्हणाले. मी चंचल आहे, आधीर होतो. मला आत्मविश्वासाची अत्यंत गरज आहे. तीच तर माझ्या यशाची गुरुकिल्ली आहे.

आत्मशक्ति व आत्मबळ यांना हे पटले. सर्वांनी एकमेकांना मीठी मारली व स्वच्छंद पणे हसले.

हसताय ना? हसायलाच हवे

- जान्हवी चौधरी, इ. ७ वी क



१. पेशंट - डॉक्टर, प्लास्टिक सर्जरी करायची आहे, साधारण किती खर्च होईल?
डॉक्टर - ३ लाख रुपये...
पेशंट- (थोडा विचार करुन) आणि मी प्लास्टिक आणून दिले तर ?
२. पेशंट - विचित्र आजार झालाय हो. जेवणानंतर भूक लागत नाही. सकाळी उठल्यावर झोप लागत नाही. काम

केल्यावर थकवा येतो. काय करू ? ?

डॉक्टर-रोज रात्री उन्हात झोप

३. टिचर-राम अभ्यास केलास का ?

राम- होय, मॅडम.

टिचर - कुठे आहे ?

राम - मॅडम “Whatsapp” वर

४. आई - बाळा जरा पाणी दे रे

मुलगा - देशाला स्वतंत्र मिळाले, मग मी गुलाम का ?

आई - उद्या चहा माग मग सांगते

५. आजोबा - बंडया, लवकर लपून बस, ८ दिवस शाळेत

गेला नाहीस म्हणून तुझे सर आले आहे तुला शोधायला.

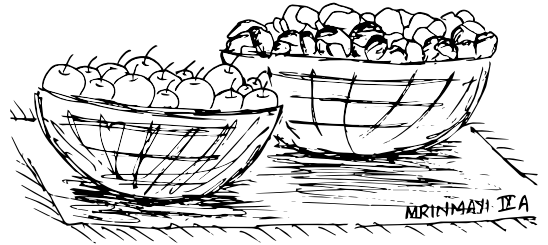
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आहे, की आजोबा वारले.

भाजी घ्या भाजी

- अभय वाडकर, इ. ९ वी क

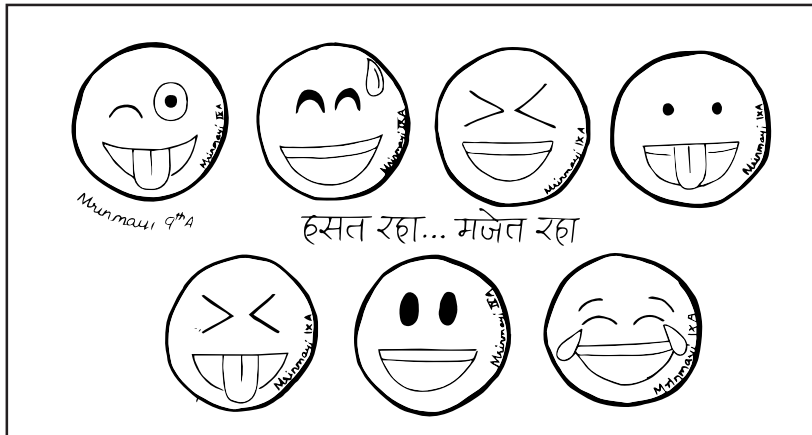
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मेथी, कांदा अन भोपळा
पालक, भेंडी अन मुळा
सर्व काही मिळेल; पण
असेल जर कापडी पिशवी
नाही मिळणार प्लॅस्टीक मध्ये काही
पावसाळ्यात त्याने पाणी तुंबून राही
पिशवी आणा कापडी घरुन.
पृथ्वीचे सौंदर्य जाईल तरुन
प्लॅस्टीक बंद आजपासून, सुरुवात माझ्यापासून.



वाशीतील आशाही काही पाटया

- जाह्नवी देशमुख, इ. ९ वी ब

- १) दुकानात लिहिलेली पाटी :-
चोरी करण्याचा प्रयत्न केल्यास पोलिसांच्या गाडीतून वाशीदर्शनाची सोय केली जाईल.
- २) दूध डेअरीसाठी लिहिलेली पाटी :-
उन्हाळ्यात दुधाची काळजी घ्यावी, दूध नासल्यास आम्ही जबाबदार नाही. तुमचे दुधाचे भांडे व तुमचा निष्काळजीपणा आहे
- ३) मेडीकल दुकानाबाहेर लिहिलेली पाटी :-
येथे तापाची व डोके दुखीची अर्धी किंवा चतकोर गोळी मिळत नाही
- ४) टेलरच्या बुटीकबाहेरील पाटी
कृपया ग्राहकांनी या गोष्टीची नोंद घ्यावी. दिवाळीसाठी शिवलेले कपडे दिवाळीनंतर ग्राहकांनी घट्ट झाल्यास दखल घेतली जाणार नाही. तेव्हा दिवाळीत तोडांवर ताबा ठेवा.
- ५) कॅफेच्या बाहेरील पाटी :-
आमचा कॅफे, आमच्या कॉफीच्या चवीसाठी प्रसिद्ध आहे. मोफत वायफायसाठी नाही. तेव्हा मोफत वायफायसाठी कॅफेत गर्दी करू नये.
- ६) पूजेसाठी भटजी हवे असल्यास
पूजेसाठी शिधा द्यावयाचा असल्यास, सुका मेवा, उत्तमप्रतीची डाळ, तांदुळ व सेंद्रियगूळ द्यावा, बाकी तुमच्या मनाचा मोठेपणा.
- ७) एका तिरसट गृहस्थांच्या घराबाहेरील पाटी.
पाहुण्यांनी घाणेरडा वास मारणारे पायमोजे व चिखलाने भरलेले बुट किंवा चप्पल घालून आल्या “अतिथी देवो भव” या म्हणीवर आमचा विश्वास नाही. हे लक्षात ठेवावे.
- ८) सेल्फी पॉइंटजवळील पाटी:-
सेल्फी काढण्याची तीव्र इच्छा असल्यास आवर घालणे. कारण सेल्फी काढताना अपघाती मृत्यू झाल्यास तुमची सेल्फी आठवण म्हणुन प्रवेशद्वाराजवळ लावली जाईल.



जीवनातील संस्कारांचे महत्त्व

- शिरीषा वर्मा, ८अ

“मना घडवी संस्कार
मना तेजवी संस्कार
मना उद्धरी संस्कार
मना आधार संस्कार”

जसा वृक्षाला मुळांचा आधार त्याचप्रमाणे मनुष्याला संस्काराचा पाया असतो. जर मुळे कुमकुवत असतील तर वृक्ष उन्मळून पडतो, त्याचप्रमाणे संस्कारहीन मनुष्य सर्वार्थाने हीन-दीन असतो.

संस्कार शिकवावे लागत नाहीत. मूल ज्या कुटुंबात, ज्या समाजात, ज्या शाळेत लहानचे मोठे होते तेथील संस्कार त्याच्यावर रुजतात. सामान्यातून असामान्यत्व घडवण्याची क्षमता संस्कारांमध्ये असते. संस्कार म्हणजे केवळ सदगुणी, सदाचारी असणे नव्हे. तर मनुष्यावर अनेक प्रकारचे संस्कार घडत असतात. वाचनाचा, कलेचा, राष्ट्रप्रेमाचा, अभ्यासाचा, संशोधनाचा इ.

छत्रपती शिवाजी महाराजांवर जिजाबाईंनी नीतीमत्तेबरोबरच जाज्वल्य राष्ट्रप्रेमाचे संस्कार घडविले. म्हणूनच शिवाजी

राजे “जाणता राजा” झाला. वीर सावरकर, चाफेकर बंधू, भगत सींग यांवर राष्ट्रभिमानाचे संस्कार घडले.

प्रत्येक व्यक्तिवर चांगले-वाईट संस्कार होतच असतात. संस्कारांचा सर्वाधिक प्रभाव लहान मुलांवर पडतो कारण लहान मुलांचे मन संस्कारक्षम असते. म्हणूनच आपल्या घरी आपली आई, आजी, वडील व इतर मंडळी सतत आपल्याला चांगल्या-वाईटची जाणीव करून देत असतात. आपण नीतीमान, सुजाण, जबाबदार नागरिक बनावे हीच त्यांची अपेक्षा असते.

संस्कार किती प्रभावी असतात हे विन्सटन चर्चिल यांच्या एका भाषणातून कळते. ते म्हणाले, “एका राष्ट्राचा विकास किंवा न्हास हे त्या मुलांच्यावर झालेल्या संस्कारांवर अवलंबून आहे.” किती समर्पक आहेत हे विचार! मला तर वाटते एकच राष्ट्र नव्हे तर संपुर्ण विश्व सुखी, समाधानी, समृद्ध बनायचे असेल, जिथे एकोपा असेल. एकमेकांच्या धार्मिक, वैचारिक स्वातंत्र्याचा आदर असेल, तर हे फक्त प्रत्येकावर होणाऱ्या आदर्श संस्कारांमुळेच शक्य आहे!

थोडे डोके चालवा - उत्तरे

१. वांगे
२. कमळ
३. आजोबा, वडील, मुलगा

ओळखा पाहू - उत्तरे

१. डोळे
२. वारा
३. चंद्र आणि चांदण्या
४. भेंडी
५. घडयाळ
६. कणीस
७. तोड

जीवनात संस्कारांचे महत्त्व

- वैभव न. चंद, ८वी अ

जीवनात संस्कारांचे महत्त्व खूप आहे. संस्कारांशिवाय जीवन शून्य असते. संस्कारच मनुष्याला श्रेष्ठ बनवितात, उत्तम आकार देतात. सर्वोत्तम जीवनाचा पाया उत्तम संस्कारांवरच अवलंबुन असतो. संस्कारांशिवाय जीवन भरकटलेल्या जहाजाप्रमाणे असते.

संस्कार म्हणजे नेमकं काय असत ?

संस्कार संस्कृतीनेच उत्पन्न होतात. तसेच संस्कृती पण संस्कारांवर निर्भर असते दोन्ही एकमेकांवर आधारित असतात. संस्कार म्हणजे मानवाच्या व मानव समाजाच्या चांगल्या सवयी. असे सदगुण हे मानवात असले पाहिजे. अशा गुणांचा फक्त व्यक्तिगत लाभ नसतो तर सर्व समाज त्यापासून लाभान्वित होतो. निरोगी समाजाकरिता उत्तम संस्कारित मानव आवश्यक आहे.

एक चांगला मानव व आदर्श नागरिक बनविण्याची सुरुवात घराघरातूनच, व्हायला हवी. चांगल्या सवयी व चांगल्या संस्कारांचे महत्त्व पटवून घ्यायला हवं. आपली दिनचर्या नियमित ठेवणे, आहारनियमांचे पूर्ण पालन करणे. खाण्यापिण्यावर नियंत्रण ठेवणे. भक्ष्य अभक्ष्यांचा विचार करुन खाणे. नेहमी

शुद्ध व सात्विक आहार घेणे या सर्व गोष्टी स्वस्थ मानवी जीवनाकरिता आवश्यक आहेत. हे सर्व शारिरीक, मानसिक दृष्टीने खूप आवश्यक आहे. सामाजिक स्वास्थाकरिताही याची नितांत गरज आहे.

प्रकृती पण आपल्या नियमाने चालते. दिवस रात्र महिने ऋतू सर्वकाही नियमाने चालत आहे. जगातील सर्व व्यवहार एका नियमबद्ध चाकोरीत चालतात. पाऊस नियमाने पडतो. पिके पण आपल्या ठराविक वेळेवर येतात. हिवाळा आणि उन्हाळा पण निसर्गनियमाप्रमाणे येतात व जातात. यामुळेच जगातील सर्व व्यवहार व्यवस्थित रीतीने पार पडतात. हे सर्व जगाच्या कल्याणाकरिताच होत असते.

म्हणून मानव समाजाने पण आपले जीवन सुखी होण्याकरिता चांगले संस्कार बानवायला हवे. या सर्व गोष्टींची सुरुवात घरातूनच व्हायला हवी. मुलांना लहानपणापासूनच चांगल्या सवयी लावायला हव्यात. त्याचे तोटे व फायदे ही समजून घ्यायला हवे.

म्हणून जीवनात संस्कारांचे महत्त्व खूप आहे. संस्काराशिवाय जीवन शून्य असते.

अनमोल मूल्य

- साक्षी शंकर पाटील, ७-डी

मूल्य ओळखायला हवे

पाण्याची खरी किंमत

तेव्हाच कळते

जेव्हा आपण खूप

तहानलेले असतो

अन्नाची खरी किंमत तेव्हाच कळते

जेव्हा आपण खूप भुकेले असतो

प्रेमाची खरी किंमत तेव्हाच कळते

जेव्हा आपण एकाएकी पडतो

यशस्वीतेचे खरी किंमत तेव्हाच कळते

जेव्हा आपण पराभव पचवलेला असतो.

म्हणूनच प्रत्येक गोष्टींचे मूल्य

वेळच्या वेळी ओळखायला शिकले पाहिजे जेणेकरून

अंतिम क्षणी मूल्य ओळखावे लागणार नाही

माय आमुची “सावित्री”

- वैभव न. चंद, ८ वी अ

क्रांतिज्योतीच्या आम्ही लेकी

सावित्री आमुची माय.

जन्म न दिला तिने जरी पोटी, परी ज्ञानाने भरली आमुची ओटी.

सहन करुनी अज्ञानी जनांचा सासुरवास

मायने भरवला आम्हांला ज्ञानाचा घास.

ढालीसारखी उभी राहिली,

स्व-प्रयत्नाने स्त्री शिक्षणाची तलवार-निजपली.

झुगारुन अनिष्ट रुढी, फुलवण्यास कळी दिला अवधी.

अपार कष्ट, हाल-अपेष्टा आणि सत्कर्म,

यातुनी साधला स्त्री विकासाचा मार्ग.

प्रयत्नांना तिच्या यश लाभले,

स्त्री शक्तीने झेप घेतली आकाशी.

धन्य धन्य ती माय सावित्री,

जिच्यामुळे लाभले अस्तित्त्व आम्हास धरित्री !



॥ सुसंगती सदा घडो ॥

- नीरज मंगेश शेगडे, इ.७ वी ड

तुमचे मित्र तुम्हाला घडवू शकतात किंवा बिघडवू शकतात. त्यामुळे आपल्या आयुष्याची दोरी आपल्या मित्रांच्या हाती देताना आधी चांगले मित्र निवडणं ही पहिली महत्त्वाची पायरी ठरते. पण या पायरीवर तुम्ही एक चुकीचं पाऊल टाकलं तर आयुष्यभर चुकीच्या मार्गावर चालायला हेच मित्र-मैत्रीणी भाग पाडतात. व्यक्तीच्या विकासांमध्ये पालक, पूर्वजांकडून मिळालेली गुणसूत्रे, आजूबाजूची परिस्थिती माणसं, त्यांचे स्वभाव, वर्तन हे महत्त्वाचे असतात आणि ह्या गोष्टींचा प्रभाव सगळ्यात जास्त पडतो तो वाढत्या वयात. ह्या काळात बंधन घालणारी व्यक्ती आवडेनाशी होते. आई-वडिलांशी सुद्धा बरेचदा वाद होतात. पालकांपेक्षा मित्र जवळचे वाटायला लागतात. “उत्तम संगत धरावी । आपण आपली चिंता करावी।”

समाजात माणूस त्याच्या संगतीवर ओळखला जातो. सज्जन संगतीचा परिणाम चांगला असतो व कुसंगतीचा परिणाम वाईट असतो. “असंगाशी संग आणि प्राणाशी गाठ” असे म्हणतात ते काही खोटे नाही. सत्संगतीचा महिमा सर्वच संतांनी गायला आहे. सुसंगती बुद्धीचा मंदपणा कमी करते. खरे बोलायला शिकवते. सर्वत्र आपली कीर्ती पसरविते. परिसाचा स्पर्श झाला म्हणजे लोखंडाचे सोने होते. नारदांच्या संगतीमुळे वाल्याचा वाल्मिकी झाला. अंगुलीमाल सारख्या अट्टल खुनी गौतम बुद्धांचा शिष्य झाला. आपणही मोरोपंतांनी केकावलीत लिहिल्याप्रमाणे “सुसंगती सदा घडो सुजन वाक्य कानी पडो”, अशी प्रार्थना करूया.

जर डिझनीलँड नवी मुंबईत आले तर



आंधळा मागतो एक डोळा व देव देतो दोन डोळे अशी काहीशी परिस्थिती होईल, जर डिझनीलँड नवी मुंबईत

झाले तर.....

प्रत्येक मुलाला वाटत असते की आपण एकदा तरी डिझनीलँड ला जावे पण काहीना घरच्या परिस्थितीमुळे ते शक्य होत नाही व त्यांचे तेच स्वप्न स्वप्नच होऊन राहते. प्रत्यक्षात जर डिझनीलँड नवी मुंबईत झाले तर भारतातील प्रत्येक आई वडील आपल्या मुलांनी पाहिलेले डिझनीलँड चे स्वप्न पूर्ण करतील व आपल्या मुलांच्या डोळ्यातील आनंद पाहून समाधानी होतील. टीव्हीवर ज्यावेळी डिझनीलँड बघून मुलांना आनंद व्हायचा तोच किंबहुना त्याहून अधिक आनंद मुलांना होईल जर डिझनीलँड नवी मुंबईत होईल डिझनीलँड नवी मुंबईत आल्यामुळे आपल्या भारत देशाचे आर्थिक प्रगती अजूनच उंचावेळ व खऱ्याअर्थाने नवी मुंबई ही स्मार्ट नवी मुंबई व्हायला वेळ लागणार नाही.

प्रत्येक मुलाच्या स्वप्नातील हे गाणे पूर्ण होईल व त्या आनंदाने गाऊ लागतील. नवी मुंबईत पाहिली डिझनीलँड मीकी मीनी सोबत सेल्फी काढू आपण त्यांचे प्रिय फॅन.

-युतीका सु तावडे, ८-अ

शनिवारच्या रात्री मी टीव्हीवर ट्रॅव्हल गाईड बघत होती. त्यात ते डि स्नेलँड दाखवत होते. मग रूम मधून आवाज आला, "अगं निर्मिती ये झोपायला किती उशीर!" मी झोपताना मी विचार करत होते की वाशीत डिस्नेलँड झालं तर किती मज्जा! थोड्या वेळानंतर मला ते दृश्य पाहून आश्चर्यच वाटले. कारण मी वाशीच्या डि स्नेलँडच्या दरवाज्याच्या समोर उभो हाते. मी ऐकले होते की तेथे उपस्थित असलेल्या कोणत्या कुटुंबाला तिथल्या दरवाजा उघडायला मिळतो. आणि ते कुटुंब माझेच होते. तेथे मी, माझे आई-बाबा, दादा व मित्र-मैत्रिणींना सोबत घेऊन गेली होते. पण तुम्हाला विश्वास बसणार नाही की मी

माझ्या आजोबांना पण नेले होते. आम्ही तेथे मिकीस किचन मध्ये जेवलो. जेवन खूप स्वादिष्ट होतं. तेथे वेटर मिनी, फूफी, डॉनल्ड आणि मॅनेजर मिकी माऊस होता. आम्ही त्यांच्यासोबत फोटो पण काढला. तेथे एक मोठी परेड होती. आम्ही सगळे विन्ही द पूह, सिंड्रेला, बेल्ला, स्नो-व्हाईट, टिकर बेल सोबत नाचलो. तेथे जेव्हा आम्ही एका राइडवर बसलो तेव्हा मी माझ्या आजोबांचा हात घट्ट धरून बसले कारण आजोबा घाबरत होते. मग थोड्यावेळाने ते हसायला लागले. मग आम्ही चालताना सिंड्रेला माझ्याकडे चालत आली व मला एका रूम मध्ये घेऊन गेली व तिथे दुसऱ्या बायांनी मला सिंड्रेला सारखे कपडे घातले व मेक-अप केला. मग मला अचानक सगळे हालत आहे असे वाटले मी विचार करत होते की सिंड्रेला मला झोपेतून उठायला का सांगत आहे. मग मला जाग आली व माझी आई मला हालवत लवकर उठायला सांगत होती. मी विचार केला खरंच जर वाशीत डि स्नेलँड झालं तर किती मजा येईल.

वाशी हे एक पर्यटनस्थळ होईल भारतातील डि स्नेलँड म्हणून वाशीची प्रसिद्ध होईल. सर्व बच्चांकंपनी अभ्यासापासून विरंगुळा म्हणून डि स्नेलँड ला दर रविवारी जातील. भारतातील लोकांना डि स्नेलँड बघण्यासाठी दूर देशात न जाता त्यांना जीवनाचा आनंद वाशीच्या डि स्नेलँडमध्येच लुटता येईल.

वाशीत बनेल डिस्नेलँड

दर रविवारी बनेल मुलांचा प्लॅन



माझा अँगनेल प्रवास

- जान्हवी देशमुख, ९वी ब

चिमुकले ते पाऊल माझं, पडलं विद्यामंदिरात
रडत रडत आले तुरळक, तर काही हसत प्रांगणात
“फादर अँगनेल” शाळा माझी, भाग्य उजळले माझे.
मानू कसे उपकार, त्या थोर विधात्याचे
शिशुवर्गातील अनुभव न्यारे, आठवणीतील चमचम तारे
गोड गोड ती मंजुळ गाणी, गुरुजनांची प्रेमळ वाणी
पहिली ते पाचवी नवीनच शाळा. कलादालनाचा उघडला टाळा
सहल, स्पर्धा, नाट्य, कलागुणांना वाव नवा

सहावी ते आठवी विश्वच बदलले. भावंडासारखे मित्र लाभले.
अभ्यास, मजा, शिस्त, खेळ सारे पटले.
शाळा म्हणजे दुसरे घरच वाटले.
नववीचा आस्वाद आता घेत आहे. १० वी ची स्वप्न उराशी
बाळगून
शिशुवर्ग ते ९वी चा माझा राहिल कायम स्मरणात.
जपून ठेवीन अनंतकाळ मी आठवणी त्या कोंदणात

माझे प्रिय आजोबा

- तन्वी देशपांडे, इ ९ वी ड

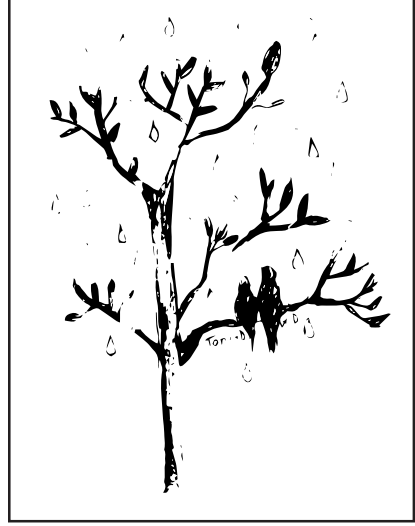
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बॅडमिंटन असो वा बुद्धिबळ सर्व
क्रीडांसाठी मला नेहमीच असते पाठबळ
चांगला राहो माझ्या शरीराचा आकार
म्हणून आजोबा मला म्हणतात, “चल घाल बर सूर्यनमस्कार!”
अक्षर आहे त्यांचेजणु मोत्यांचे दाणे
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माझ्या आजोबांनी ओलांडली वयाचीऐंशी
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दीर्घायु लाभो माझ्याप्रिय आजोबांना



रम्य निसर्ग

- अनुष्का सुनीलकुमार लंबाते, इ ७ वी क

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चला शब्दांशी खेळू

- प्रणव विचारे, १ वी अ.

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आडवे शब्द

- १) एक वृत्तपत्र
- २) एका सणाचे नाव
- ३) शिजवलेले तांदुळ
- ४) चप्पल, वहणा
- ५) गोड पदार्थ
- ६) मर्कट
- ७) दर्जा लायकी
- ८) परिस्थिती अवस्था
- ९) नाकातील दागिना
- १०) एक मासा

उभे शब्द :

- १) दया, करुणा
- २) मासा पकडण्याचे साधन
- ३) पैशाची कमतरता
- ४) हत्ती
- ५) गाणे
- ६) नमस्कार, वंदन
- ७) एक फळ
- ८) सागर, रत्नाकर
- ९) १२ वर्षांचा काळ

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- सेजल साटम, ९वी म.

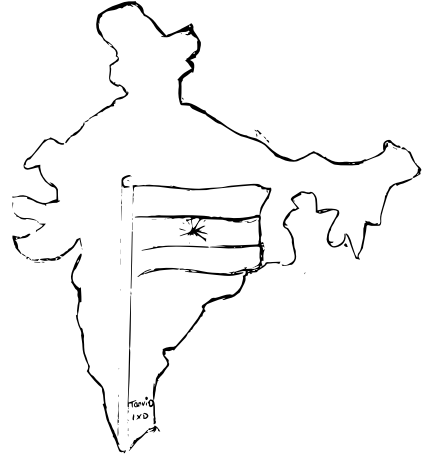
मी एक स्वतंत्र भारताची सुजाण नागरिक आहे आणि मला त्याचा अभिमान आहे. देशाला घातक होईल, असे कोणतेही कृत्य मी कधीच करणार नाही. उलट माझी प्रत्येक कृती ही देशाच्या हितासाठी असेल. माझ्या भारत देशा बदल माझी अनेक कर्तव्ये आहेत. देशाच्या समस्या सोडवणे हे माझे कर्तव्य आहे. माझ्या देशाची मुख्य समस्या गरिबी आणि अस्वच्छता आहे. म्हणून माझा स्वप्नातील भारत मला गरिबीमुक्त आणि स्वच्छ भारत हवा आहे. प्रत्येक नागरिकाने आपला देश हे आपले घर समजले पाहिजे. ज्याप्रमाणे मी आपले घर स्वच्छ ठेवते. त्याचप्रमाणे आपला परिसर, आपले गाव, आपले शहर, आपला देश स्वच्छ ठेवणे हे माझे कर्तव्य आहे.

माझा देश जेवढा गरीब आहे, तेवढाच निरक्षर सुद्धा आहे. त्यासाठी मी दरवर्षी एका तरी माणसाला साक्षर करीन. मी माझ्या रोजच्या जीवनात नेहमी स्वदेशी वस्तूंचा वापर करीन. पर्यावरण व राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता हेदेखील भारतापुढील मोठे प्रश्न आहेत. म्हणूनच मी देशातील नागरिकांना पर्यावरणाचे महत्त्व पटवून देईन. सर्वधर्म समान आहेत याची जाणीव जनतेत

निर्माण करून राष्ट्रीय एकात्मता निर्माण करण्याचा मी प्रयत्न करीन. तसेच लोकांना रक्तदान व अवयव दानाचे महत्त्व पटवून देऊन, त्यासाठी सार्वजनिक ठिकाणे शाळा, रुग्णालये या ठिकाणी त्याबद्दलची पोस्टर बनवून लावेल.

मी देशाला उन्नतीला देण्याची प्रतिज्ञा घेत आहे. मी घेतलेल्या प्रतिज्ञेचे आयुष्यभर कर्तव्यनिष्ठेने पालन करीन.

जय हिंद.



मित्र

- चिन्मय मढवी, ९ वी म

माझ्यासाठी मित्र खूप मदत करतात
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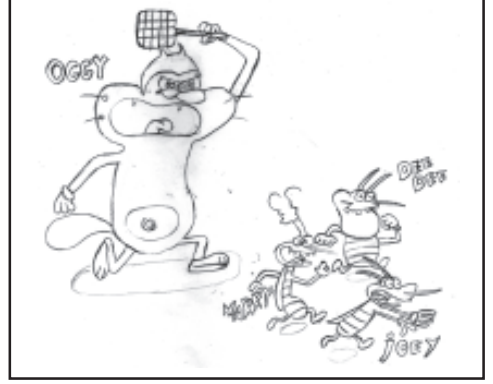
मित्र माझे जणू नितळ पाण्यासारखे छान,
सोडणार नाही साथ, जरी कितीही आलं तुफान
माझ्या सुखासाठी जीवाची बाजी ते लावतात,
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माझे आवडते कार्टून

माझे आवडते कार्टून ऑगी अँड कॉकाचेस आहे. ते कार्टून खूप आवडते कारण त्यात मला खूप हसायला येते. ऑगी कॉस्कोजला पकडतो. कॉस्को ऑगीला धडा शिकवतात. ऑगीचा भाऊ खूप धडधाकट आहे. त्याचे नाव जॅक आहे. ऑगीची आवडती मैत्रीण आली आहे. याच्यात एक कुत्रा आहे तो खूप जाड आहे. त्याचे नाव बॉब आहे. त्यांच्या थोड्या शाजरी चुका झाल्या तर तो त्या दोघांना खूप मारतो. ऑगी ऑलीवर खूप प्रेम आहे. असे माझे आवडते कार्टून संपते.

- दिक्षा रविंद्र पवार इ. ३ -फ



माझे आवडते कार्टून शिवा आहे. तो नेहमी त्याच्या वेदाससिटीला वाचवत असे. वेदाससिटीमधला एक लडूसिंग नावाचा पोलीस होता. त्याला मदत करणार पेढराम नावाचा पोलीस होता. लडूसिंगचा असा डायलॉक होता. क्या चोर मेले इलकेमे चोर होई नही सकता जब चोर चोरी करताय तब लोक केत हे चोरीकर ना छोड दे वरना लडूसिंग आयेगा. जेव्हा शिवा चोराला पकडतो. तेव्हा न्यूज वाले येतात. शिवाला विचारायला तेव्हा लडूसिंग सांगतो चोराला मी पकडले. शिवा टि. व्हीत सकाळी बारा ते साडे बारा. दुपारी तीन ते चार, साडे तीन ते चार, साडे तीन ते साडे चार म्हणून मला शिवा आवडतो.

- भविकघरत, इ. ३ -फ



टिक्कीचे नाव काढले की सर्व मुलांना कार्टून आठवते मग ते कार्टूनसाठी रडतात मग आई बाबा आपल्याला कार्टून लावून देतात. त्यावरून मी आज मी तुम्हाला माझ्या कार्टून बददल काही गोष्टी सांगणार आहे. मला काव बॉय बिबॉप हे कार्टून आवडते. कारण त्या कार्टूनमध्ये जो हिरो तो अंतराळामध्ये राहत असतो. त्याचे विमान असे असते की त्यामध्ये त्याला श्वास घ्यायला येतो. तो बंदुकी चालवतो. पहिल्यांदा त्याच्या

सोबत एक त्याचा मित्र असायचा पण नंतर त्यांच्यात भांडणे होतात. मग ते एकमेकांचे शत्रु बनतात. एके दिवशी ते दोघ एक मेकांना खूप मारतात. काव बॉय बिबॉप मध्ये जो हिरो असतो त्याचे नाव स्पार्क असते.

- अपूर्व फडतरे, इ. ३ -फ

माझ आवडत कार्टून मिस्टरमेकर त्यात चित्रकला व हस्तकला शिकवतात. मिस्टरमेकर पोगोवर लागते. ते बारा वाजता लागत. त्यात खूप मनोरंजक गोष्टी करतात व तो माणूस चायना, वेस्टनडी जला जावून त्या मुलां सोबत चित्र बनवतात. ते वेगवेगळ्या देशात जातात.

माझे आवडते कार्टुना शिनष्यान. हे कार्टून हंगामावर लागते. या कुंटुंबात चार जण राहतात. या कार्टूनमध्ये मला शिनष्यान आवडतो.

या कार्टूनमध्ये शिनष्यान खुप चतुर असतो.

याच्यात शिनष्यान खुप हसवतो. म्हणून मला हे कार्टून खुप आवडते. हे कार्टून ८.०० वाजता लागते.

-जाह्नवी जाधव, इ.३ -फ

त्या देशातील वस्तू व प्राण्यांच निरीक्षण करून चित्र काढतात. मिस्टरमेकर हे चित्रकलेचे व हस्तकलेचे शिक्षक आहेत. पण मी आता ते बघत नाही.

- गौरीज संतोष भामडे, इ.३ -फ



फुलपाखरू

- अनीश प., इ.५ - इ

छान किती दिसते फुलपाखरू!

खरच फुलपाखरू हा एक आकर्षक रंगांचे पंख असलेला कीटक आहे. त्याचा वाढीच्या अंडी, अळी कोश व कीटक या अवस्था आहेत. फुलपाखराच्या आकर्षक रंगांच्या पंखांमुळे सर्वांचे लक्ष त्यांच्याकडे वेधले जाते. जगभरात फुलपांखरांच्या अनेक प्रकारच्या जाली आढळतात. फुलपाखरू हा एक उडणारा कीटक आहे. ते नेहमी व खाली उडते. ईशान्य भारत हे फुलपाखरांचे “नंदनवन” म्हणून ओळखलेजाते. भारतातील महाराष्ट्र राज्याने “ब्लू मॉरमॉन” म्हणजेच राणी पाकोळी हर राज्य फुलपाखरू म्हणून घोषित केले आहे. देशातील १५ टक्के फुलपाखरे हे महाराष्ट्र राज्यात आढळून येतात. फुलपाखरू पायांच्या सहाय्याने चव ओळखतात आणि अँटीनाच्या (मिश्या) सहाय्याने वास घेतात. फुलपाखरे त्यांचे पंख इंग्रजी ८ च्या आकारात हलवितात. फुलपाखरे ह्या

फुलावरून त्या फुलावर मध गोळा करण्यासाठी स्वच्छंदपणे उडत असतात. ह्या स्वच्छंदी उडण्याच्या स्वभावामुळे व वेगवेगळ्या रंगाच्या छटांमुळे आकर्षक विसणारी फुलपाखरे मला खूप खूप आवडतात.



“मेरी पहली पसंद ”

प्रत्येक इन्सान की पसंदीदा चीजों की सूची तो बहुत लंबी होती है किंतु इनसे परे उसकी पहली पसंद भी अवश्य होती है। जो भी व्यक्ति, प्राणी, वस्तु, खाद्यपदार्थ, खेल..... मन के सबसे करीब होता है वह पहली पसंद का दर्जा प्राप्त करता है। अपने विद्यालय की चौथी कक्षा के विद्यार्थियों की पहली पसंद पढ़िए और जानिए उनके मन को उन्हीं के शब्दों में...

मेरा प्रिय फूल गुलाब

गुलाब का फूल बहुत ही सुंदर और सुगंधित फूल होता है जो झाड़ीदार और काँटेदार भी होता है। गुलाब का फूल सुंदरता और अपनी कोमलता के लिए लोगों में सबसे अधिक प्रिय है। गुलाब में बहुत सारे औषधीय गुण पाए जाते हैं।

तो है ना गुलाब का फूल कमाल का।

- युक्ता आर., ४ थी बी..



फूलों का राजा है।
आकर्षक सुगंध है।
लोगों को लुभाता है।
सब को खुशी देता है।
यही मेरा प्रिय फूल है।

जिसे गुलाब सारा जगत कहता है।

- अर्हम गाँधी, चौथी (सी)

टमाटर

शरीर को निरोगी और शक्ति प्रदान करने के लिए टमाटर लाभदायक है। टमाटर पौष्टिकता के साथ-साथ शरीर में विटामिन की कमी को पूरा करता है। यह मनुष्य के लिए प्रकृति का तोहफा है।

- अमिती गुजारा, ४ थी ई

आम

आम फलों का राजा है और दुनिया भर में पन्द्रह सौ से अधिक प्रकार के पाए जाते हैं। जिनमें से हजार से ज्यादा भारत में पाया जाता है। आम में विटामिन ए सी एवं डी होते हैं।

- माही, ४ थी बी

मेरी मेरी प्यारी बिल्ली

मुझे बिल्ली बहुत पसंद है। मैं उसके साथ हर रोज खेलती हूँ। मेरी बिल्ली का नाम मारिया है। उसकी आंखें बहुत सुंदर हैं। पूँछ उसकी गिलहरी जैसी है। सभी उससे बहुत प्यार करते हैं।

-शिवप्रिया पाटिल, ४ थी डी

मेरी प्रिय सब्जी गाजर

सर्दियों में मिलने वाला लाल रंग का गाजर विटामिन व पोषण से भरपूर होता है। इसमें मिनरल्स बहुत मात्रा में मिलते हैं। मैं रोज गाजर खाता हूँ। गाजर आंखों के लिए बहुत अधिक गुणकारी माना जाता है। क्योंकि यह विटामिन “ए” का सबसे अच्छा स्रोत है। मुझे गाजर का हलवा भी बहुत पसंद है।

- गीत कोठारी, ४ थी ई



कुत्ता

कुत्ता एक पालतू जानवर है।
कुत्ता एक बहुत उपयोगी व वफादार जानवर होता है।
यह विश्व में सभी जगह पाया जाता है।
यह चोरों से घर की सुरक्षा भी करता है।

- पंकजा पाटिल, ४ थी डी

कुत्ता एक पालतू जानवर है। यह चौपाया है। इसकी दो चमकदार आंखें होती हैं। इसके दो कान, नुकीले दाँत व एक पूँछ होती है। कुत्ते कई किस्म के होते हैं। कुछ कुत्तों के शरीर में बड़े बड़े बाल होते हैं। कुत्ते कई रंग के होते हैं। यह विभिन्न आकार के भी होते हैं।

- कल्याणी कमल पोतदार, ४ थी डी

ताजमहल

ताजमहल की गिनती विश्व के सात अजूबा में होती है। इसका निर्माण मुगल बादशाह शाहजहाँ ने अपनी पत्नी मुमताज महल की याद में करवाया था। यहीं मुमताज महल का मकबरा भी है। ताजमहल भारतीय पर्शियन और इस्लामिक वास्तुशिल्पीय शैली के मिश्रण का उत्कृष्ट

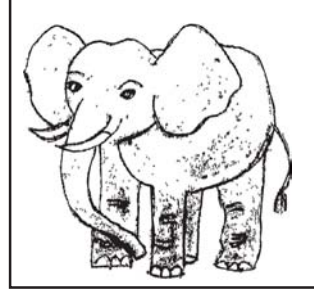
उदाहरण है। ३०० मीटर का वर्गाकार चार बाग भी उस की शोभा बढ़ाते हैं इसमें कई उठे हुए रास्ते हैं, जो बाघ को १६ फूलों की क्यारियों में बाँटता है।

- वेदांती प्रवीण भोर, ४ थी फ

हाथी

हाथी एक विशाल जानवर है। उसकी एक लंबी सूँड होती है। उसके दो बड़े कान व दो चमकीले दाँत होते हैं। यह बहुत समझदार व आज्ञाकारी जानवर होता है।

- सिद्धार्थ सी, ४ थी डी



मेरा प्रिय फल

आम भारत का राष्ट्रीय फल है। इसे फलों का राजा भी कहा जाता है। आम सबसे ज्यादा पसंद किया जाने वाला फल है।

- हारवी बाबेल, ४ थी बी



भिंडी

भिंडी बहुत ही पौष्टिक सब्जी होती है। यह एक प्रकार की ऐसी सब्जी होती है जिसमें फाइबर अधिक मात्रा में होता है। यह आँतों को साफ करने के लिए होती है। हमारे देश में भिंडी का उपयोग साग-सब्जियों के रूप में किया जाता है।

- जालना शहालम, चौथी ई

अनार

फल तो अनेक हैं पर मेरा पसंदीदा फल अनार है। यह लाल रंग का फल होता है। इसमें सैकड़ों रंग के छोटे रसीले दाने होते हैं।

- सिया दादरकर, ४ थी बी



“यदि मैं

हर एक मनुष्य के मन में इच्छाएँ, आकांक्षाएँ और कल्पनाएँ होती हैं। और बच्चों में तो यह भावनाएँ अत्यंत प्रबल होती हैं। बच्चे मन के सच्चे होते हैं। उनके विचार निर्मल होते हैं। हर एक बच्चे के मन में यह विचार जरूर आता है कि यदि मैं यह होता तो यह करता, वह अनुभव लेता... इन्हीं विचारों को पंख देने के लिए ५ वीं कक्षा के विद्यार्थियों को “यदि मैं....” इस विषय पर अपने विचार व्यक्त करने का अवसर दिया गया।

बच्चों ने अपने विचार बहुत ही सुंदर और सरल भाव से प्रकट किए जिसे पढ़कर आप भी कल्पना की उड़ान भर सकते हैं।

अगर मैं समय होती

अगर मैं समय होती तो मैं समय को पीछे शिवाजी महाराज के युग में ले जाती। मुझे शिवाजी महाराज बहुत पसंद है। अगर मैं उनके युग में होती तो मैं उनकी सेना में शामिल होकर युद्ध के लिए लड़ती।

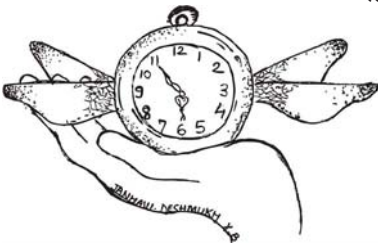
मैं उनकी हर तरह से मदद करके अपने आपको गौरवान्वित महसूस करती। उन जैसे महान व्यक्ति को मेरा सलाम।

- स्नेहा पी.एम., ५ वीं ए

काश मैं समय होता

यदि मैं समय होता, तो मैं अच्छी घटना घटित होने पर कुछ पल के लिए रुक जाता, जिससे लोग अधिक देर तक खुश रहते। और जब कोई दुख की घड़ी आती तो मैं अपना गति को बढ़ा देता। यदि किसी बूढ़े और बीमार व्यक्ति को देखता तो समय के चक्र को पीछे घुमा देता जिससे वह व्यक्ति बचपन को फिर से अनुभव कर पाए। भूतकाल की सारी अच्छी चीजों एवं घटनाओं की पुनरावृत्ति करता।

-मानस सिंह, ५ अ

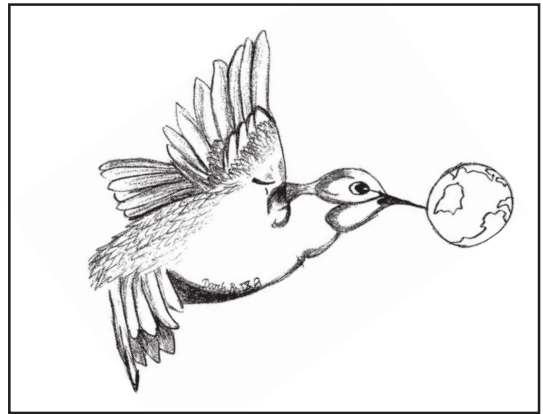


मैं एक पक्षी होती तो

यदि मैं एक पक्षी होती तो अपने पंख फैलाकर खूब ऊँची उड़ान भरती। उड़ते-उड़ते एक पहाड़ के घने वृक्ष की छाँव में विश्राम करती। अपने झुंड के साथ खेलती और उनके साथ वृक्ष के मीठे-मीठे फल खाती।

पहाड़ों से मन भर जाने पर मैं उड़कर नदी किनारे अपने आप को पानी में भिगो लेती। हम पंछी अपने पंख फड़-फड़ाकर कर सुखा लेते। अब तो भाइयों हमको तो बड़ी भूख लग रही है। तो अब उड़कर खेत-खलिहान में कीड़ों को अपनी चोंच से पकड़कर खाऊँगी। अब तो सूरज ढलने वाला है। अब तो मुझे अपने घर लौटना होगा। मेरी माँ ने एक सुंदर वृक्ष खोजा है। वहाँ हम पंछी सुरक्षित होकर सो जाएँगे।

- तेजस्वी अय्यर, ५ बी



यदि मैं समाजसेवक होता

यदि मैं एक समाजसेवक होता तो मैं एक अस्पताल खोलता और गरीब परिवार के लोगों का उचित उपचार करवाता। सामान्य जरूरतों को पूरा करने का प्रयास करता। जैसे-स्वच्छ पीने के पानी का प्रबंध, स्कूल बैगों (बस्तों) का प्रबंध आदि सब सुविधाएँ देता।

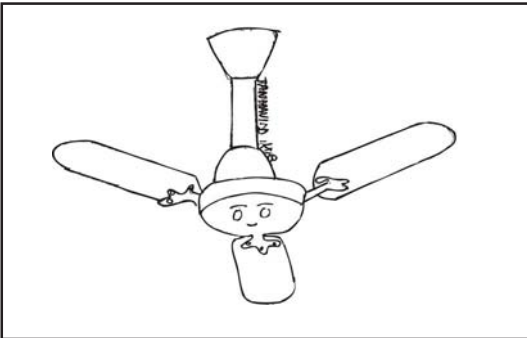
महिलाओं के लिए उचित सेवा उपलब्ध करवाता। समाज में महिलाओं और पुरुषों को बराबर का स्थान मिले और किसी का शोषण न हो, इसके लिए कार्य करता। सबके लिए रोजगार उपलब्ध करवाता। समाज में भेद-भाव, ऊँच-नीच की भावनाओं को कम करने के लिए प्रयत्न करता। सबके जीवन को सुखी बनाने का प्रयास करता।

- ऋषभ शेट्टी, ५ डी

अगर मैं पंखा होती

अगर मैं पंखा होती तो घर की छत पर घूमती रहती और लोगों को शीतलता पहुँचाकर उनकी थकान मिटाती। फिर उनके चेहरे पर खुशी देखती। घर के सभी सदस्यों को हँसते-खेलते व उनकी दिनचर्या का वर्णन करते हुए सुनना, बच्चों का शोर मचाना अच्छा लगता है, लेकिन जब घर में कोई न हो तो सारा घर शांत रहता है, बस पंखियों की आवाज रहती है। अगर मैं पंखा होती तो बहुत मजे करती, दुनिया मुझे गोल-गोल घूमती दिखती।

- श्रेया आगवणे, ५ ई



काश मैं शिक्षिका होती

आज हमें बताया गया कि हमारी वर्ग शिक्षिका बीमार होने के कारण आ नहीं सकती। उसी क्षण मेरे मन में एक विचार आया कि अगर मैं शिक्षिका होती तो आज मैं अपनी कक्षा के सभी बच्चों को पढ़ा सकती। मैं कमजोर बच्चों पर ध्यान देती और उनको आसान तरीके से समझाती। कभी-कभी उन्हें कहानियाँ सुनाती व कविता पढ़ाती। बच्चों को मैदान में खेलने वाले खेलों का महत्त्व समझाकर उनके साथ खेल खेलती। यदि मैं शिक्षिका होती तो मेरी बात सब बच्चे सुनते और मुझे पढ़ाई से छुट्टी मिलती। बच्चे खेल-खेल में ही पढ़ाई करते। इस तरह मैं आदर्श शिक्षिका होने का प्रयास करती।

- जुईली भरत गोटेम, ५ सी



रक्षाबंधन

- गीतांजलि, छठी सी



कच्चे धागों से बनी पक्की डोर है राखी,
प्यार और मीठी शरारतों की होड़ है राखी।

भाई से बहन की रक्षा का वादा है राखी,
लोहे से भी मजबूत एक धागा है राखी।

जात पात और भेदभाव से दूर है राखी,
एकता का पाठ पढ़ाती नूर है राखी।

बचपन की यादों का चित्रहार है राखी,
हर घर में खुशियों का उपहार है राखी।

रिश्तों के मीठेपन का एहसास है राखी,
भाई बहन का परस्पर विश्वास है राखी।

दिल का सुकून और मीठा सा जज्बात है राखी,
शब्दों की नई पवित्र दिलों की बात है राखी।

मजदूर

- अदित्य सिंह, छठी सी

चिलचिलाती धूप में काम करते हैं मजदूर,
शाम को थक कर हो जाते हैं बिलकुल चूर।
काम करके ही दो रोटी खा पाते हैं,
नंगे पैर वे अकसर नजर आते हैं।
कहीं पहाड़ से पत्थर को उठाते नजर आते हैं तो,
कहीं जमीन पर ही बिछौना बिछाकर सोते नजर आते हैं।
कहीं सिर पर उठाए फिरते हैं वे बोझ,
हर वक्त रहती है इन बिचारों को एक वक्त की रोटी की खोज।



फेसबुक

- सानिका घाग, छठी एम

फेसबुक आया जैसे हो कोई चमत्कार,
लेकिन करके गया वह बड़ा अत्याचार।
बच्चे होते हैं फेसबुक के भक्त,
लेकिन वह केवल बर्बाद करता है उनका वक्त।
फेसबुक पर होता है हमारा एक सुंदर सा चित्र,

और वह चित्र से बन जाते हैं कई मित्र।
फेसबुक है वह मायाजाल,
जो लोगों को करें अपने मोह में अंधा।
फेसबुक आया जैसे हो कोई चमत्कार,
लेकिन कर रहा है वह बड़ा अत्याचार।

गणेश जी

- अर्जुन शिंदे, छठी डी

गणेश जी आप आते हो तो हमारे यहाँ
दीपावली जैसी रौनक आ जाती है।
आपके स्वागत की तैयारी महीनों पहले से
शुरू हो जाती है।
हँसी मजाक और चाय की चुस्कियों के साथ
हर योजना बारीकी से आँकी जाती है।
आपका आसन, आपका दरबार,
आपके आभूषण और आप का श्रृंगार।
आप की आरती, आप को चढ़ाने वाला लड्डुओं का भोग
और आपके साथ चलते प्रिय मूषकराज।
गणेश जी आप आते हैं तो सभी भुलाकर आपसी मतभेद
आपकी सेवा में जुट जाते हैं।
इस दौड़ती भागती जिंदगी में सभी को मिल जाते हैं।
हर बार आपसे विदा लेते समय
आँखों से आँसू झलक ही जाते हैं।



दादी माँ के नुस्खे

- साक्षी पाटिल, ७ वीं डी

भारतीय संस्कृति में परिवार में बड़े-बूढ़ों का अपना एक अलग महत्व होता है। उनकी सलाह हर अवसर पर ली जाती है। यदि घर में परदादी माँ, हो तो उनके अनुभवोंके खजाने से घर की कुछ बीमारियाँ तो मानो झट से गायब हो जाती है। हमारी दादी माँके नुस्खे हमारी दिनचर्या में उपयोगी होते हैं। तो चलें कुछ दादी माँके खजाने से जानने के लिए।

- मोमबत्ती का इस्तेमाल करने से पहले फ्रिज में कुछ समय रखने से वह बहुत समय तक रोशनी देती है।
- भूख कम लगती हो तो नासपाती के साबुत फल को आग में सेंक ले। उसके छोटे छोटे टुकड़े काटकर उन पर भुने हुए जीरे, काली मिर्च का चूर्ण, काला नमक छिड़क कर खाएँ। इससे भूख बढ़ जाएगी।
- रात को सोते समय पूरे दिन में घटित घटनाओं को यदि याद करें तो हमारी स्मरण शक्ति तेज हो जाती है।

- लहसुन का रस हिंग में मिलाकर गर्दन पर बाहर से लगाने से सूजन कम होती है तो जलने के दाग मिटाने के लिए कच्चा आलू पीसकर लगाना चाहिए।



पवित्र पानी

- अक्वी जैन, नवीं ए

पानी की कहानी आज मैं सुनाने आया यारों,
पानी की पवित्रता पर जंग आज छिड़ी है।
पानी हो पवित्र सब चाहते बैठे हैं यहाँ पे,
मानव ने पानी की पर कद्र कब की है ?
झील कुँए, नदी नाले दिखते जहाँ जमीं पे,
उनको बिगाड़ने में कसर कहाँ रखी है।
नदियों के रास्ते में गंदगी का है बसेरा,
साँसें रोके नदियाँ भी कब से यहाँ खड़ी हैं।
हवा के प्रदूषण ने यूँ आसमाँ को घेर लिया,
साफ पानी बरसे, ऐसी जगह ना कहीं रखी है।
छोड़-छाड़ चुपचाप कब तक रहेगी कुदरत,
चुप ना रहेगी वह भी, बात यह भी पक्की है।

सूखा कहीं बाढ़ कहीं तो कहीं होगी सुनामी,
यह सारी मुसीबत अपने हाथ हमने लिखी है।
पानी ही सँवारता है, पानी ही उजाड़ता है,
मानव ने बात ये क्यों अब तक नहीं समझी है ?
पानी और साँसों का तो रिश्ता पुराना है यारों,
पानी के बिना साँसों ने कब चाल चली है ?
खुद को बचाना चाहे तो ये वादा खुदसे करो,
पानी न बर्बाद करूँगा ये बात पक्की है।
पानी को संभालो तुम, तुमको संभाले पानी,
कुदरत ने ये बात हमें कबसे बता रखी है।
पानी की कहानी आज मैं सुनाने आया यारों,
पानी की पवित्रता पर जंग आज छिड़ी है।

मेरे जीवन का आदर्श

हर मनुष्य के जीवन में कोई न कोई प्रेरणादायक इनसान अवश्य होता है, जिनसे प्रेरित होकर मानव अपने जीवन पथ पर अग्रसर होता है। मेरे जीवन का आदर्श कौन और क्यों? इस विषय पर हमने आठवीं कक्षा के कुछ विद्यार्थियों से बात की, उनके जीवन की प्रेरणा के स्रोत कौन हैं? यह जानना चाह। इसी विषय पर उनके कुछ विचार आपके सामने प्रस्तुत हैं -

महात्मा गांधी

आज मैं महात्मा गांधी जी को अपना आदर्श मानती हूँ। अगर हम सच्चाई की राह पर चलेंगे तो हर कठिनाई का सामना कर सकेंगे। अहिंसा के मार्ग पर चलते हुए उन्होंने अपने भारत देश को स्वतंत्र किया। हिंसा किए बिना हम कोई भी कार्य सफलता पूर्वक कर सकते हैं। गांधी जी ने हमें तीसरा पाठ समानता का पढ़ाया। इससे हमें यह सीख मिलती है कि स्त्री - पुरुष, अमीर-गरीब में भेद-भाव न करके समान अधिकार मिलना चाहिए। उनके यह आदर्श हम सबको प्रेरणा देते हैं। अगर हम इन आदर्शों का पालन करें तो हम अपने जीवन में सफलता पा सकते हैं।

- श्रावणी शेवाले, ८वीं -बी

सत्य नडेला

अपने जीवन में यदि मैं किसी इनसान जैसा बनना चाहता हूँ, तो वे हैं "माइक्रोसॉफ्ट" कंपनी के "सी ई ओ" सत्य नडेलाजी। सत्य जी हैदराबाद पब्लिक स्कूल में पढ़ते थे। वे हमेशा कहते थे कि उन्हें हमेशा नई चीजें बनानी व खोजनी थी। २०१४ में "माइक्रोसॉफ्ट" ने उनको कंपनी का तीसरा सी ई ओ घोषित किया। जबसे वह "सी ई ओ" के पद पर आए तब से "माइक्रोसॉफ्ट" ने अपने राजस्व में ६०% वृद्धि पाई है। मुझे नडेलाजी अपने दृढ़ निश्चय और धैर्य के लिए पसंद हैं।

मैं भी उन्हीं की तरह अपने जीवन में सफलता पाना चाहता हूँ। हर भारतीय को उन्हीं की तरह मेहनती होना चाहिए क्योंकि परिश्रम ही सफलता की कुँजी है।

- स्वराज पाटील, ८-बी

मेरे पिता

पिता मुझे समय-समय पर अच्छी और बुरी बातों का आभास कराकर आगाह करते रहते हैं। पिताजी मुझे हार न मानने और हमेशा आगे बढ़ने की सीख देते हैं। उनकी कुछ प्रमुख विशेषताएँ उन्हें दुनिया में सबसे खास बनाती हैं जैसे वे सदैव धीरज से काम लेते हैं और कभी आपा

नहीं खोते हैं। हमेशा संयमित व्यवहार कुशलता मे हर कार्य को सफलता पूर्वक संपन्न करते हैं। इसलिए मेरे पिता मेरे आदर्श हैं।

- किनदीप मल्ही, ८ ड

मेरे दादाजी

गरीबीसे निकलकर दादाजी ने मेरे पिता और चाचा को पढ़ाया, बड़ा किया। वे सबसे प्रेम करते हैं, किसी से भी द्वेष नहीं करते। इस बात के लिए सब उनका सम्मान करते हैं। सुख दुःख में सबका साथ देते हैं। वह समय की पाबंदी, ईमानदारी, जैसे मूल्यों का पालन करते हैं। वे हमेशा मधुर बोलते हैं। इन कारणों की वजह से वे मेरे आदर्श हैं।

- जान्हवी गंगावणे, ८ अ



मेरे पिताजी

मेरे आदर्श.... मेरे पिता। दुनिया में आते ही जिसने सबसे पहले मुझे गले लगाया। उस नन्हीसी ऊँगली को जिसने हाथ पकड़ना सिखाया। वो व्यक्ति जिसकी मैं अपने जीवन में सदा प्रशंसा करती हूँ, वो केवल मेरे पिता हैं। वे मेरी खुशी और आनंद के वास्तविक कारण हैं। वो कभी मुझे डाँटते नहीं हैं और मेरी गलतियों को सरलता से लेते हैं तथा बहुत विनम्रता से मेरी सभी गलतियों का मुझे एहसास कराते हैं। मेरे पिता मेरे लिए महान हैं क्योंकि वे एक आदर्श पिता हैं। वे मेरे लिए केवल एक पिता ही नहीं बल्कि मेरे सबसे अच्छे दोस्त भी हैं। पिताजी मुझे हार न मानने और हमेशा आगे बढ़ने में मेरा होसला बढ़ाते हैं।

- श्रुती खराडे, ८-ई

संजीव कपूर

“मुझे संजीव कपूर बनना है। वे बहुत अच्छा खाना बनाते हैं। मुझे उनकी तरह शेफ बनकर लोगों को स्वादिष्ट भोजन बनाना सिखाना है। मुझे खाना बनाने का बहुत शौक है। मुझे भारत के प्रसिद्ध खाद्य पदार्थ पूरी दुनिया में मशहूर करने हैं। मैं बड़ा होकर ऐसी-ऐसी नई डिश बनाऊँगा कि लोग बाहर की दुनिया के खाद्य पदार्थ जैसे कि बर्गर, चायनीच इ. पदार्थ खाना छोड़ देंगे। वे मेरे लिए मेरे जीवन का आदर्श है। मैं उनकी तरह बनने की पूरी कोशिश करूँगा।



- सिद्धेश

शिक्षक मेरे आदर्श

“गुरु अर्थात् शिक्षक महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाता है। वह ही राष्ट्र की संस्कृति का निर्माता है।” जीवन में सफलता पाने के लिए शिक्षा प्राप्त करना आवश्यक है। सफलता केवल अच्छी और उचित शिक्षा के माध्यम से ही संभव है। यह उचित और अच्छी शिक्षा सिर्फ एक शिक्षक ही दे सकता है। मेरे जीवन के आदर्श हैं मेरे शिक्षक। शिक्षकों को समाज के वास्तविक शिल्पकार कहते हैं। जीवन में आगे बढ़ने के लिए अच्छा मार्ग चुनने में हमारी मदद करते हैं।



समाज में आदर्श विद्यार्थी बनाने में शिक्षक का सहयोग होता है। बड़ों का सम्मान करना, देश के प्रति प्रेम बढ़ाना हमें शिक्षक सिखाते हैं। मैं अपने शिक्षक का आदर्श आँखों के सामने रखकर आगे बढ़ती हूँ।

- क्रिसल, ८-बी

मेरे वर्गीज कुरियन

“आठ घंटे डेयरी के लिए, आठ घंटे परिवार के लिए और आठ घंटे सोने के लिए” यह प्रेरणादायक शब्द डॉ. वर्गीज कुरियन के हैं। इस महान व्यक्ति को श्वेत क्रांति के पिता के नाम से जाना जाता है। इसके अलावा छोटे शहर आनंद को विश्व प्रसिद्ध शहर बनाने और इसे भारती की दूध की राजधानी बनाने का पूरा श्रेय डा. वर्गीज कुरियन को जाता है। भारत के दूध उत्पादक के रूप में पहचाने जाने वाले, डॉ. वर्गीज कुरियन के अंतहीन प्रयासों ने लाखों ग्रामीण भारतीयों को गरीबी से बाहर निकाल दिया। उनके किए कार्य के कारण वह मेरे लिए प्रेरणास्त्रोत बन गए। ऐसे महान व्यक्ति को मैं अपने नेत्रों से तो नहीं देख पाया परंतु मैं उनके दिखाए रास्ते पर चलता हूँ। मेरा स्वप्न है कि जैसे उन्होंने भारत के लिए कार्य किष्ट, मैं एक उससे भी बड़ा बदलाव लाऊँ।

- वंश अग्रवाल, ८-अ

मेरे दिलीप छाबरिया

मैं जब छोटा था तब मेरे जीवन के आदर्श केवल दो व्यक्ति थे, पहली मेरी माँ और दूसरे मेरे पिता। पर जैसे-जैसे मैं बड़ा होने लगा तब मैंने तय कर लिया था कि मैं एक आटोमोबाइल डिजाइनर बनूँगा। इस बारे में कुछ और जानकारी ढूँढते वक्त मेरे सामने एक महान व्यक्ति दिलीप का नाम सामने आया। उनका संघर्ष देखकर मैं बड़ा प्रोत्साहित हुआ। उन्होंने अपने पिताजी के इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स कारखाने में एक छोटी सी जगह पर तीन लोगों के साथ मिलकर अपना पहला ? डिजाइन किया मैं उन्होंने अपने पिताजी की एक साल की कमाई एक महीने में कमा ली। मैं उम्मीद करता हूँ कि आने वाले समय में मैं अपनी मेहनत से उन जैसा नामी और कामयाब डिजाइनर बन सकूँ।

- मोहित रोचलानी, ८-ई

“मेरे जीवन शिल्पी”

संकलन कर्ता - आर्यन वाजे (९वीं सी), ऋषिकासिंह (९वीं डी)

प्रत्येक मनुष्य के जीवन में कोई न कोई ऐसा व्यक्ति अवश्य होता है जो उसके जीवन को एक आकार देता है। वह हमें आगे बढ़ने की, हर पल मेहनत करने की और खुद को बेहतर बनाने की प्रेरणा देता है। वह शिल्पकार किसी का बंधु, किसी का मित्र, किसी के गुरु या माता-पिता होते हैं। उसका हमारे जीवन में असाधारण स्थान होता है। यह व्यक्ति हमें सफलता के मार्ग पर चलने की प्रेरणा देता है और अपने सपनों को सच करने की शक्ति प्रदान करता है। हमारे हगमगाते कदमों का सहारा बन जो हमारी मंजिल की राह प्रशस्त करता है, वह होता है हमारे जीवन का शिल्पकार। नवीं कक्षा के कुछ विद्यार्थियों ने शिल्पकारों के प्रति अपना आभार प्रकट करने के लिए हमें उनसे परिचित कराया है.....

अनोखा जीवन शिल्पी

लोग कहते हैं कि मैं बावरी हो गई हूँ इसलिए मैं मुहल्ले के एक कुत्ते से इतना स्नेह करती हूँ। परंतु मुझे पता है कि मैं अपनी सुध-बुध में रहकर यह कह रही हूँ। डायमंड ही है जिसने मुझे स्वयं को समझना सिखाया है। डायमंड से मैंने भयभीत ना होकर जीवन को खुलकर जीना सीखा है। जब मैं अकेले बैठ रोती थी तब वह मेरे पास बैठकर मुझे स्वयं को संभालने का साहस देता था। तब यदि वह मेरे साथ ना होता तो आज मैं यहाँ ना होती। आज डायमंड वृद्धावस्था के कारण आय.डी.ए. नामक एनजीओ में अपनी वृद्धावस्था के कारण जीवन मुक्ति का इंतजार कर रहा है। मुझे मेरे इस महत्वपूर्ण शिल्पकार की जरूरत कल थी, आज है और हमेशा रहेगी।

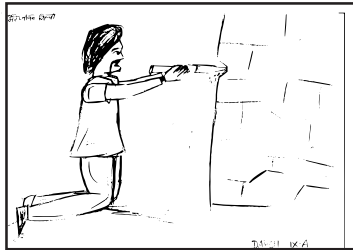
- गुनगुन दोलूई, ९वीं ई

सच्चा मित्र

दोस्त एक ऐसा तारा होता है जो दूर रहकर भी अपनी रोशनी से हमारी जिंदगी में खुशियाँ भर देता है। शायद मेरे जीवन में भी ऐसा ही तारा आया है। मेरी एक दोस्त है। बिल्कुल मेरी बहन की तरह है। मेरे जीवन में वह १२ वर्ष के बाद आई पर कहते हैं ना इस जन्म के पाप और पुण्य का फल भी इसी जन्म में मिलता है, इसी लिए भगवान जी ने मेरी जिंदगी में भी एक परी भेज दी। हम बातें कम और झगड़ा ज्यादा करते हैं। शायद इसलिए वह नहीं होती है तो खाली-खाली सा लगता है। हर सुख हर दुख बिना बताए ही आँखों से मेरी मित्र को इशारा कर देती है। दोस्ती के अनमोल वादे और उसूल तो

मेरा मित्र

मेरा प्रिय मित्र सौरभ है। सौरभ एक बहुत अच्छा लड़का है सौरभ अति विनम्र और सरल स्वभाव का है।



सौरभ एक मेहनती छात्र है। वह हमारी कक्षा में सदैव प्रथम आता है। सौरभ पढ़ाई के साथ साथ खेलों में भी रुचि रखता है। उसका पसंदीदा खेल शतरंज है। शतरंज के खेल में वह हमारे विद्यालय का अनेक बार प्रतिनिधित्व कर विद्यालय का नाम रोशन कर चुका है।

सौरभ एक सहनशील और प्रतिभावान और गुणवान होने पर भी आज्ञाकारी लड़का है। वह सदैव सत्य बोलता है। उसमें किसी भी प्रकार का घमंड नहीं है। वह एक आदर्श छात्र, आदर्श पुत्र। आदर्श भाई एवम् एक आदर्श मित्र है। मुझे अपने प्रिय मित्र पर गर्व है।

- सुमित चेवले, ९ वीं डी

प्राचीन काल से प्रसिद्ध है जैसे कि

दोस्ती में नो सॉरी नो थैंक्यू

लोग तो कहेंगे कि सच्चे मित्र पाना बहुत मुश्किल है पर मैं कहती हूँ कि सच्चे मित्र सदा हमारे साथ ही होते हैं बस अपने हीरो को पहचानने के लिए जौहरी बनना होगा।

“दोस्तों की दोस्ती में कभी कोई रूल नहीं होता है और ये सिखाने के लिए कोई स्कूल नहीं होता है।”

- रिया जीसन, ९वीं बी

जो साथ रहे हमेशा,
साथ छोड़े कभी ना।
वह होता है मित्र!
जो रोए आपके दुख में,
जो हँसे आपके सुख में
वह होता है मित्र!
जो करे आपमें भेद कभी ना,
जो दे आपको सम्मान परिवार जैसा।
वह होता है मित्र!
जो रोते देखे आपको,
तो हँसा दे चुटकियों में।
वह होता है मित्र!
चाहे दिन हो या रात जो दे आपका साथ,
जो खाए आपके हिस्से की डाँट।
वह होता है मित्र!



- संदली चौहान, ८ ई

मेरी बहन

- सर्वेश मेगडे, ९ वीं डी

मेरी बहन का नाम समीक्षा है। वह मुझसे तीन साल बड़ी है। मैं उसे प्यार से दीदी बुलाता हूँ। मेरी दीदी बहुत होशियार और नर्मदिल है। उसने हर वक्त मेरा साथ दिया है। वह हर समय दूसरों का भला करने में और मदद करने में तैयार रहती है। मेरी बहन के इस स्वभाव के कारण उसे

हमारे विद्यालय की “हेडगर्ल” बनाया गया था वह अपना खाली समय कुछ नया सीखने में लगा देती है। हम भाई-बहन एक दूसरे से बहुत प्यार करते हैं और हमेशा एक दूसरे का साथ देते हैं।

मेरा बंधु

सौरिश सेक्सरिया - ९ वीं अ

बंधु अर्थात बंधन। बंधु वह होता है जो हमारे अनजाने में गलत राह की ओर भटकते हमारे कदमों को रोककर सही मार्ग की तरफ प्रेरित परे। बंधु हमारे आत्मविश्वास को कायम रखने में हमारी मदद करता है। यदि सम्पूर्ण दुनिया उजाले और साधारण राह में हमारा साथ देती है, तो बंधु अंधेरे और जीवन

के अनजान रास्तों पर हमारे साथ होता है और हमारी हिम्मत बनी रहती है। ऐसा ही मेरा बंधु मेरा मित्र “सर्वेश” है। वह मेरा शुभचिंतक है जो हमेशा एक मजबूत सहारा बनकर मुझे प्रोत्साहित करता रहता है। वह कठिन परिस्थितियों में हर संभव सहायता करता है। सही अर्थ में वह मेरा सच्चा मित्र है।

सेल्फी की दीवानगी

- रोनित सुनील सुतार, ९ वीं ई



“सेल्फी” आज के समय में एक फैशन और दीवानापन है। लोग रोज सोशल साईट पर अपने सेल्फी अपलोड करते हैं और उसके साथ एक मस्त केपशन भी।

“सेल्फी” स्वयं द्वारा खींचा गया चित्र है। वरना पहले जन्मदिन होता तो स्टूडियो में

जाकर तस्वीरें खिंचवाई जाती थी।

सेल्फी की दीवानगी युवाओं के सिर पर इस तरह चढ़ गई है कि वे खतरनाक जगहों पर जाकर तस्वीरें खींचते हैं। फिर चाहे वो न्यूयॉर्क की गगनचुंबी इमारतें हों, तपते रेगिस्तान या फिर बर्फीले पहाड़। सेल्फी का जानलेवा चस्का कई बार मौत का कारण बन जाता है।

“सेल्फी” की सनक समाज में इस खतरनाक अंदाज में घर कर गई है कि मुंबई पुलिस को हाल में शहर के लग भग दर्जन भर से अधिक स्थानों को “नो सेल्फी जोन” घोषित करना पड़ा है।

युवा वर्ग सतर्कता बरतने में ढिलाई करता है। ऐसे में हादसे भी हो जाते हैं। देश में कई ऐसे मामले सामने आए हैं जब लोगों की प्रशंसा सोशल साईट पर पाने के लिए युवा खतरनाक स्थानों पर हद से आगे जाकर सेल्फी लेकर जान खतरे में डालते हैं।

इस हद तक बढ़ गई है कि खाना खाते वक्त, सोते वक्त, उठते वक्त....या यूँ कहें कि हर पल सेल्फी ली जाती है। हर एक चीज की हद होनी चाहिए। यह मानसिक बीमारी का कारण बन रही है जिसका नाम है “सेल्फीटी”। सेल्फी हमारी

जिंदगी का एक बहुत ही छोटा सा मनोरंजन है, उसे जानलेवा मत बनाइए। जिंदगी सबसे बड़ी है; हम हैं तो सब है। हर इन्सान को समझदारी से काम करना चाहिए हम नहीं कहते हैं कि सेल्फी लेना खराब है परंतु कैसे, कब, कहाँ? इन प्रश्नों पर ध्यान देना आवश्यक है।

सेल्फी की दीवानगी में जिंदगी कहीं खो सी गई है। मरने से पहले सेल्फी ले रहे हैं; जैसे कि जिंदगी एक मजाक है। सेल्फी की दीवानगी एक जानलेवा एडवेंचर साबित हो रहा है। सत्रह साल की “प्रीति कृष्णा पीसे” की सेल्फी लेते वक्त मरीन ड्राइव पर मौत हो गई। क्या प्रीति ने कभी सोचा था कि वह उसकी जिंदगी की आखरी सेल्फी है? यह अजीब विडंबना है कि महज एक सेल्फी की दीवानगी युवाओं की जिंदगी को लील रही है।

अब तो सेल्फी स्टिक के जरिए युवा ज्यादा क्रेजी हो उठा है। १४ मिलियन सेल्फी प्रतिदिन दुनिया में क्लिक होते हैं। समंदर की लहरों या पहाड़ की ऊँची चट्टानों के अलावा बागानों के फूल या फिर घर कमरे के अंदर भी सेल्फी ली जा सकती है। सेल्फी की अति पर नियंत्रण रखने की जरूरत है। जिंदगी अनमोल है इसे सेल्फी जैसे क्रेज से खत्म करना कहाँ की समझदारी है?



माँ

- मरयम शेख- छठी सी

माँ आँखों से ओझल होती,
आँखें ढूँढा करती रोती।
वे आँखों में स्वप्न संजोती,
हरदम नींद में जगती- सोती।

वे मेरी आँखों की ज्योति,
मैं उसकी आँखों की मोती।
कितने आँचल रोज भिगोती,
वो फिर भी ना धीरज खोती।

कहती घर में हूँ इकलौती,
दादी की मैं पहली पोती।
माँ की गोद में मैं सोती,
क्या होता यदि माँ न होती।



सपनों की उड़ान

- अपूर्व सोनवणे, १०वीं ब

रुक क्यों गया तू राही? राह में यूँ रुका नहीं करते,
सफर तुझे और तय करना है,
मंजिल रुकी है बाँहें फैलाके।
सूर्य पोस रहा मानवता को जल कर खुद निरंतर,
टकराकर सभी रोड़े से, नदी काट रही अंतर।
क्यों रुक गया तू निराशा पाकर ?
दूर कर दे हताशा को प्रयत्नों के बल पर।

तू भी जलकर मानवता का प्रकाश बन,
जूझकर कठिनाइयों से, प्रेरणा की मिसाल बन।
रखकर अपने हौसलों को बुलंद, गाड़ ध्वज उस चोटी पर,
छू ले तू नई ऊँचाइयाँ लिख दे अपना नाम इतिहास के पन्नों पर।
रुक मत राही,
अपने सपनों की उड़ान भर।

यादों का गुलदस्ता

संकलनकर्ता - वैदेही (१ वीं सी), साक्षी (१ वीं ई)

फूलों के बगीचे में के समान होती है कुछ यादें। हर एक याद अनमोल होती है। कुछ यादें हमें हँसाती हैं, तो कुछ हमें रुलाती हैं। ये यादें हमारी पहचान होती हैं। चाहे विद्यालय में पहला दिन हो या अपनों के साथ बिताए हँसीन पल, ये यादें फूलों की तरह रंगबिरंगी होती हैं। ये सारी यादें मिलकर यादों के गुलदस्ते को सजाती हैं। हर व्यक्ति के पास कुछ ऐसी यादें अवश्य होती हैं, जो वह अपने हृदय में संजोकर रखता है। “यादों के गुलदस्ते” में सजी यादें जीवन के गमगीन पलों में अपनी खुशबू बिखेरती हैं। दसवीं कक्षा के कुछ विद्यार्थियों के यादों के गुलदस्ते से कुछ यादों की खुशबू आप तक पहुँचने का प्रयास है.....



दसवीं की कक्षा से खिलाड़ियों को बुलाया और इंटर स्कूल टूर्नामेंट में हमने भाग लिया। हमारे टीम का कप्तान रोहित धुमाल था। आखिरकार सब की मेहनत रंग लाई और हमारी पाठशाला ने क्रिकेट टूर्नामेंट में ट्रॉफी जीती। जब भी मैं उन सब के बारे में सोचता हूँ तो एक हल्की सी मुस्कान मेरे चेहरे पर आती है।

- मयूर शिंदे, १० (बी)

यह उस समय की बात है जब मैं तीसरी कक्षा में पढ़ता था। एक दिन मैं और मेरे दोस्त हमारे पाठशाला के मैदान पर हमारी बस की राह देख रहे थे। तभी हमारा ध्यान खो-खो की प्रतियोगिता पर गया और हम उस रोमांचक खेल में खो गए पर देखते ही देखते घड़ी का काँटा घूमता चला गया और हमारी बस चली गई। हमें समझ में नहीं आ रहा था कि अब हम क्या करें? तभी हमें हमारे शिक्षक मिले और उन्होंने हमें फा. रस्सल के कार्यालय के सामने खड़ा किया और कुछ ही देर में फा. रस्सल बाहर आए और उन्होंने हमें घर तक पहुँचाया यह एक अविस्मरणीय पल था।

- सिद्धेश पाटिल, १० (ई)

हमारे जीवन में अनेक घटनाएँ घटी हैं, जो अविस्मरणीय हैं। मेरे लिए हमारी पाठशाला की टीम का क्रिकेट जैसे खेल में जीतना अविस्मरणीय था। हमारे सर ने आठवीं, नौवीं और

दोस्तों के यादों के गुलदस्ते में मेरा सबसे प्रिय पुष्प है “दोस्ता”। दोस्तों के प्यार में जो अपनापन होता है, वह सालों साल चलता रहे ऐसी मेरी इच्छा है। उनके साथ बिताया हुआ हर पल एक नई याद बन जाता है, इसीलिए मैं कहना चाहूँगी, “जिस में ना हो कोई स्वार्थ सिर्फ वह अपनापन और मस्ती। इसी बंधन का तो नाम किसी ने दिया है दोस्ती, ना कोई हिचकिचाहट, ना हो कोई तिरस्कार। सिर्फ हो खुशियाँ और ढेर सारा प्यार।”

दोस्तों की यादों का गुलदस्ता मेरे जीवन में हर पल महकाता रहता है और उदासी के पलों को दूर कर चेहरे पर एक मुस्कान बिखेर देता है।

- वैष्णवी जाधव, १० (एम)

मेरे लिए मेरी पाठशाला में बिताया हर पल अविस्मरणीय है। विद्यालय में हमें पढ़ाई के साथ हमें अच्छी आदतें भी सिखाते

है। विद्यालय में बिताए कुछ पलों को मैं कभी भी नहीं भूल सकूँगी, खासकर हमारा स्काउट्स और गाइड शिविर। हमारे प्रधानाचार्य भी हमेशा यही कहते हैं कि हम अपने विद्यालय के शिविर या यात्रा को कभी भी नहीं भूल सकेंगे। हमारे शिविर ने हमें बहुत कुछ सिखाया जैसे आत्मनिर्भर होना, एकजुट होकर काम करना, इत्यादि। इसीलिए यह शिविर मेरे लिए अविस्मरणीय रहा।

- दिशा गौर, १० (सी)

मैं पाँचवीं कक्षा में थी जब हमारी पाठशाला में गोवा की सैर का आयोजन किया था। सफर के दौरान हम खूब नाचे, गाए और हम ने धूम मचाई जिसमें हमारे शिक्षकगण भी मौजूद थे। उस वक्त हमें हमारे शिक्षकों का अलग ही रूप देखने को मिला, वह भी हमारे साथ खेलों में शामिल हुए थे। दोस्तों के साथ की गई खरीदारी, समुद्र तट पर लहरें आने पर कूदना, रेत के किले बनाना, रात होने पर लाइट बंद करके भूत-भूत खेलना, सुबह-सुबह पानी डालकर दोस्तों को उठाना, शिक्षकगण के सो जाने पर दोस्तों के कमरे में जाना। यह सारी सुनहरी यादें, अविस्मरणीय हैं। दोस्तों के साथ बिताए हुए वे क्षण मेरे लिए यादगार बन गए।

- भैरवी क., १०वीं (डी)

मैं आठवीं कक्षा में था जब मेरी शिक्षिका ने मुझे अभिनय करने का मौका दिया। मराठी दिवस के अवसर पर नाना पाटेकरजी द्वारा प्रस्तुत “नटसम्राट” मराठी चित्रपट के कुछ संवाद मैंने प्रस्तुत किए थे। उस दिन मैंने अपनी अभिनय कला से सभी परीक्षकों को अपना कायल बना दिया। अपने भीतर छिपी अभिनय कला को प्रदर्शित करने का यह अवसर मेरे जीवन का सबसे अविस्मरणीय पल था। उस पल ने मुझ

में एक अनोखा आत्मविश्वास भर दिया। उस दिन से मैं विद्यालय का नाटक सम्राट बन गया हूँ।

- वेदांत मं., १०वीं डी

जब मैं छठी कक्षा में था, तब हमारे विद्यालय में “अडॉप्ट इंडिया” के प्रशिक्षक आए थे। वह संस्था अंधे और अनाथ बच्चों की देखभाल करती है। सौभाग्य से मुझे उन बच्चों की सेवा करने का मौका मिला। मैंने उनके लिए काफी धनराशि जमा की। उसके ऐवज में मुझे विद्यालय की तरफ से सम्मानित किया गया। मैं अपने आप को भाग्यशाली मानता हूँ कि उन बच्चों की सहायता करने का अवसर मिला। यह मेरे विद्यार्थी जीवन का एक अविस्मरणीय प्रसंग है, जो मैं कभी नहीं भूलूँगा।

- यश सवाई, १०वीं डी

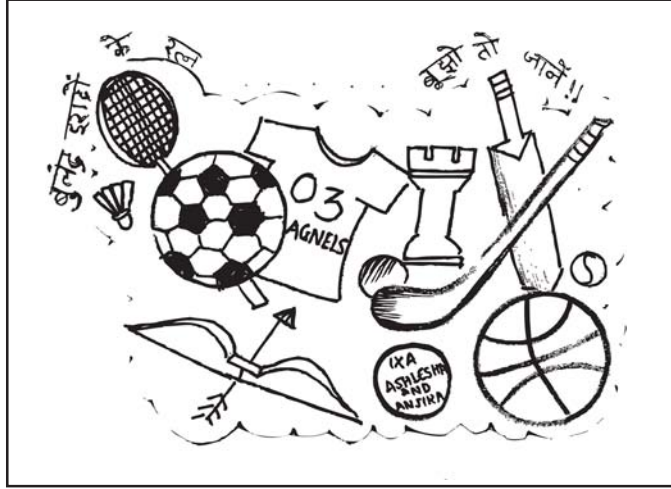
विद्यालय, जहाँ मैंने अपने खुशियों से भरे १० वर्ष बिताए, जहाँ मैंने बहुत सारे दोस्त और सहेलियाँ बनाए, जहाँ शिक्षकों और शिक्षिकाओं ने हमें जीवन का ज्ञान दिया, पढ़ाई का महत्त्व समाझाया और हमें सबका आदर और सम्मान करना सिखाया। मुझे वे दिन याद रहेंगे जब हम सब मिल-जुलकर खेलते थे, जब हम अवकाश में एक दूसरे के डब्बे से खाना चुराकर भागते थे, जब एक चॉकलेट का टुकड़ा १० लोगों में बाँटा जाता था। जब हमें मुफ्त व्याख्यान मिलता था तब हम खुशी के मारे बास्केटबॉल कोर्ट की तरफ भागते और अपने दोस्तों के साथ खेलते और मौज मस्ती करते। जब हम अपना जन्मदिन पूरी कक्षा के साथ मनाते थे और सारे छात्रोंको चॉकलेट देते थे। जब शिक्षक हमारी गलतियों पर हमें डाँटते थे और बाद में हमें प्यार से समझाते थे। मैं विद्यालय में बिताए गए इन हँसीन पलों को कभी भुला नहीं पाऊँगी।

- नेत्रा माखीजा, १०-ई

!!! बुलंद इरादों के रत्न !!!

बूझो तो जानें !!!

संकलन कर्ता - मृणाल (९वीं सी), मुस्कान (९वीं सी)



१. एगनल फुटबॉल टीम की “नेशनल डिफेन्डर” जो जुनियर नेशनल २०१७-१८ (उड़ीसा) की कप्तान भी थी।
२. ९ बार राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर खेलनेवाली, अपने विद्यालय और महाराष्ट्र में लंबी कूद की खिलाड़ी नम्बर वन।
३. एसिस्टेंट हेड बॉय ही नहीं बल्कि विद्यालय का जाना-माना स्प्लिन्टर है वह।
४. दो बार राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर खेल चुका विद्यार्थी, जिसने राज्य स्तर पर ४०० मीटर की दौड़ में स्वर्ण पदक प्राप्त किया है।
५. शतरंज के खेल में राज्य स्तर पर पाँचवा स्थान प्राप्त करनेवाली खिलाड़िन।
६. दो बार बास्केट बॉल में राज्य स्तर की विजेता रह चुकी और तीन बार नेशनल के पायदान तक पहुँच चुकी खिलाड़िन।
७. टायकोंडो के लिए प्रसिद्ध, तीन बार राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर खेल चुकी १२ वीं की विद्यार्थिनी।
८. सुब्रोतो कप जीत चुका फुटबॉल का खिलाड़ी।
९. हमारे विद्यालय की हेड गर्ल, हॉकी और फुटबॉल की खिलाड़िन जिसने एस.एस.सी में ९९.८% लाकर विद्यालय का नाम रोशन किया है।
१०. २०० मीटर दौड़, में राष्ट्रीय कीर्तिमान स्थापित कर टर्की में अंतर राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर विद्यालय का नाम बुलंदी तक पहुँचने वाली-।
११. राज्य स्तर पर तीन बार दौड़ में जीतने वाली खिलाड़ी जिन्होंने एस.एस.सी में ९९.६% अंक पाकर विद्यालय को गौरवान्वित किया।
१२. वह फुटबॉलर खिलाड़िन जिसने “रिलायन्स फाऊन्डेशन यूथ स्पोर्ट्स” में “गोल्डन बॉल” और “गोल्डन बूट” जीते।

बहुत दिनों बाद....

- डॉ. मंजुलता मौर्या, (अध्यापिका)

आज बहुत दिनों, बाद धूप मेरे आँगन में उतरी।
तो मैंने उससे पूछा, तुम कहाँ चली गई थी।
जवाब जो उसने दिया, सुनकर मैं सन्न रह गई।

बातें उसकी मेरे दिल के भीतर उतर गई।
उसने कहा-

जब रोज मैं तुम्हारे आँगन में आती थी,
तब तुमने कभी सुधि नहीं ली मेरी।
प्रतीक्षा की थी मैंने, तुम्हारी बहुत देर तक,



सोचा था कुछ अपनी कहोगी तो कुछ सुनोगी मेरी।
पर अपनी व्यस्तता के बीच, तुम्हें कभी याद न आई मेरी।
रोज मैं तुमसे मिलने आती रही, पर तुमने निगाह न फेरी।
मजबूरियाँ और व्यस्तता क्या सिर्फ तुम्हारी ही हैं।
क्या तुमने समझी कभी कुछ मजबूरियाँ भी मेरी।
सुनकर उसके दिल का हाल, सोचने पर मैं मजबूर हुई,
कहाँ कमी रह गई, कहाँ मुझसे भूल हुई।
जिंदगी की आपाधापी में कुछ पीछे छूट गया,
आगे बढ़ने की होड़ में, अपनों का ही साथ छूट गया।

जीवन में संगीत

प्रिय मित्रों,

संगीत एक अविस्मरणीय, निरंतर साथ देने वाला मित्र है।

जीवन के हर एक क्षण में हर एक साँस के साथ हम संगीत के स्वरों का उतार-चढ़ाव और प्रवाह महसूस कर सकते हैं।
आवश्यकता है बस..... अपने इस (संगीत) मित्र को पहचानने की।

जिस तरह शरीर को आहार और मन को ज्ञान की आवश्यकता होती है उसी तरह संगीत आवश्यक है आत्मा की उन्नति के लिए। जीवन में बढ़ते तनाव और दबाव भरी जिंदगी को एक आनंद और सक्रिय अनुभव बनाने के लिए ही आज संगीत पर विशेष ध्यान दिया जा रहा है। समय की माँग के अनुसार यह आवश्यक भी है।



बच्चों से बड़ों तक सभी को संगीत सीखना चाहिए। संगीत के संस्कारों को अपनाना चाहिए। प्रतिदिन कम से कम १० से १५ मिनट, जो भी पसंद हो वह गीत या संगीत सुनना चाहिए। संभव हो तो स्वयं गाना और वाद्य को बजाना भी चाहिए। संगीत को अपना सच्चा मित्र समझना चाहिए।

मेरे गुरु पंडित दिनकर कैकिणी जी कहते थे “संगीत मनोरंजन नहीं आत्मरंजन की बात है।”

धन्यवाद,

आपका अपना,

स्वरूप सर

(अध्यापक श्री स्वरूप कुमार)

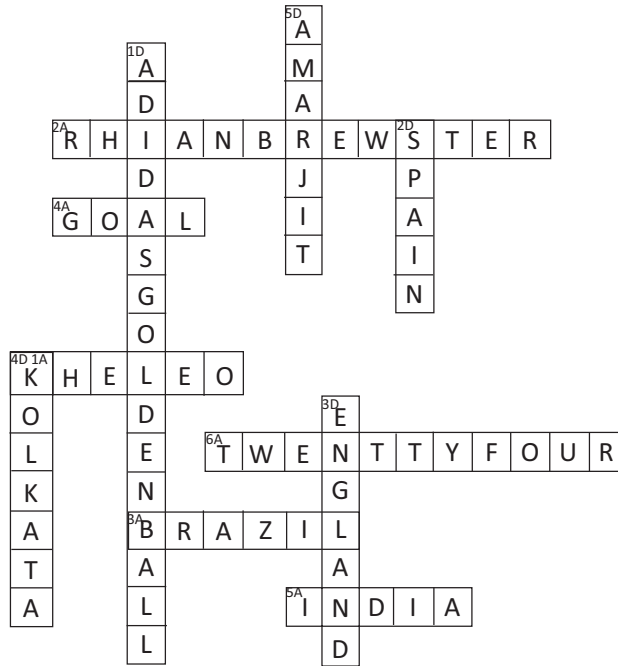
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बूझो तो जानें !!!

उत्तर:

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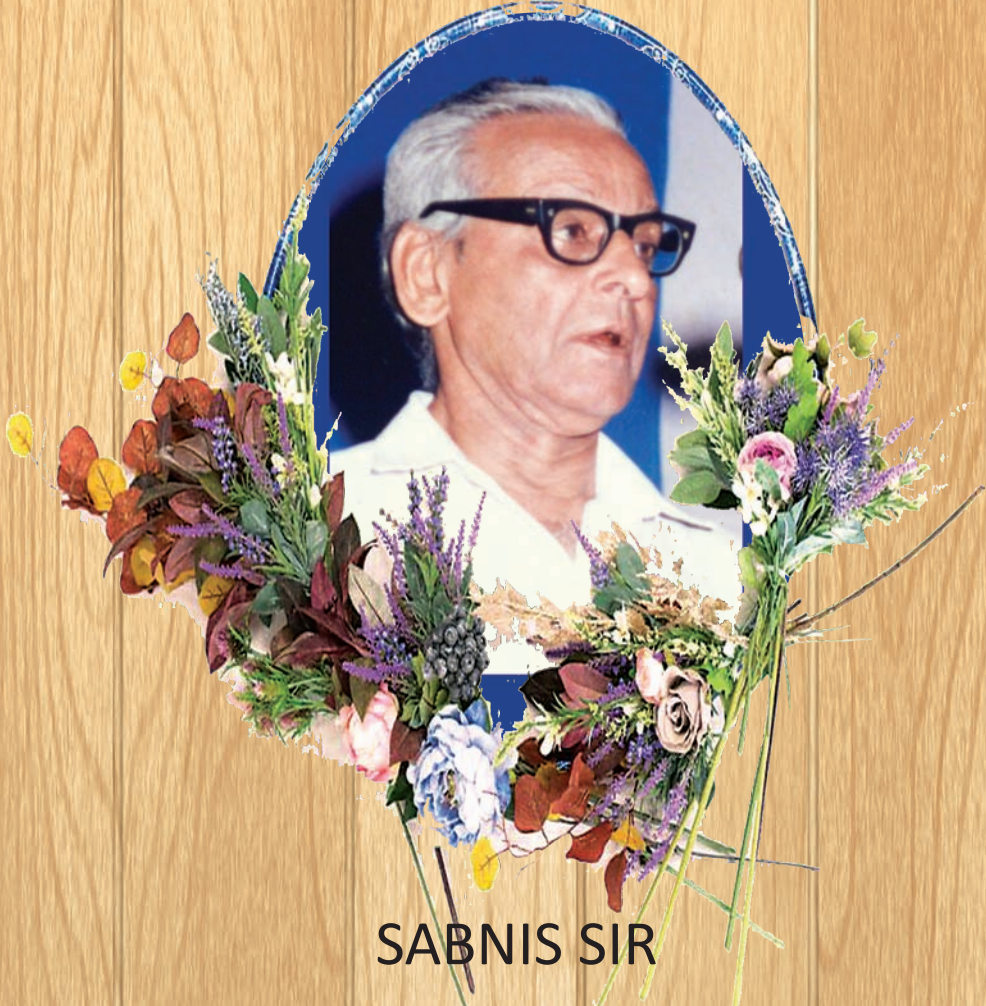
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- 1) Charles Babbage
- 2) 30 tonnes
- 3) United States
- 4) 1822

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“SHRADDHANJALI”



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The Management, Staff and students of Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School & Jr. College, Vashi fondly remember Sri K.R. Sabnis, who breathed his last on 19th November 2016.

His contribution in the sphere of education cannot be underestimated. He lent yeoman service to various educational organisations and his last lap of 30 years were spent with the Agnel Family of Vashi. Selflessly sharing his rich experiences and wisdom, Sri. Sabnis ably guided the teachers, parents and students and gave the Marathi section of the school a unique and promising identity. Walking along the path shown by him is the best tribute we can offer to his great departed soul.

Annual Day 2016

