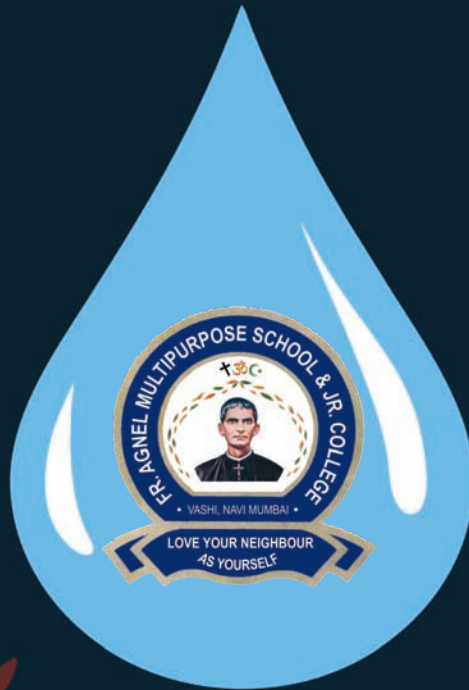


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HSC TOPPERS 2019



FROM L - R

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Principal Mrs. Snigdha Roy, Akshat Deo, Janhavi Shedge, Adesh Choudhar, Ruchi Upadhyaya, Prathamesh Nikam

SCIENCE STREAM	%age	COMMERCE STREAM	%age
AKSHAT DEO	92 %	SOFIYA SAWKAR	93.54 %
JANHAVI SHEDGE	91.08 %	OMKAR KARNANI	92.31 %
ADESH CHOUDHAR	91.08 %	JIGAR KOTAK	91.23 %
RUCHI UPADHYAYA	90.92 %		
PRATHAMESH NIKAM	90.92 %		

SSC TOPPERS 2019

English Medium	%age	Marathi Medium	%age
URJA MERCHANT	98.4 %	URVI PATIL	95.4 %
ANJIKHA NAIR	98.4 %	VEDANT AVHAD	94.8 %
LI SHU MA	97.6 %	SAKSHI PATIL	94.4 %
PRANAV MAGAR	97.2 %		
MADHURA CHATUFALE	97.2 %		



Pranav Magar, MadhuraChatufale, Li Shu Ma, Anjika Nair, Urja Merchant, High School Coordinator Mrs. Suja John
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

- Sanika Deshmukh, IX A / Kashmira Nediyaedath, IX B

Greetings fellow Agnelites,

To quote Michael Bubl , 'It's a new dawn, it's a new day, it's a new world" and guess what it's a new Clarion! We have carried on the 36-year-old legacy and brought to you the 37th edition of the Agnel Clarion. Editing this Clarion has been an eye-opening journey. We found an astounding amount of diamonds in the rough. We have tried our best to polish them and make them sparkle in their own unique light. Opening this year's treasure chest, you will find a crash course to Espa ol, brand new lairs to hang out with your friends, the cut throat adventures of recess and much more. From पृथ्वी का परिधान्

in Hindi, मी वर्ग बोलत् आहे in Marathi to an article on Ayurveda in Sanskrit this year's Clarion traverses the boundaries of language.

The Clarion is the brainchild of our editors, illustrators and writers from all the sections of the school, but this would not have been possible without the help and support of our teachers. From our rambunctious primary kids to our wise seniors everybody has helped piece this magazine together with the glue of love.

We hope you enjoy the fruit of the hard work of our creative Agnelites.



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**Standing (L-R) Sugandha Jha, Bhasha Jain, Durva Chavan,
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MESSAGE FROM OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR FR. ALMEIDA

No one has yet realized the wealth of sympathy, the kindness and generosity hidden in the soul of a child. The effort of every true education should be to unlock that treasure.

Emma Goldman



As I ponder on our journey of 37 years of imparting 'true education', my heart fills with pride to see that indeed we have been able to and will continue to strive to provide 'true education' for our children.

The biggest challenge lying ahead for our children is preserving the best of yesterday, incorporating it today, to promise a better future for themselves. Our children have tough tasks on their hand. Round the globe, Agnelites are making their mark, empowered with the value of 'true education'. Endowed with the values of discipline and

compassion and a determination to surge ahead in life no matter how tough the situation may seem to be, they bring laurels, standing true to our vision and mission of moulding children to become Nation builders who will make a living, a life and a difference in our world. I witnessed this very clearly when I recently visited the US for the reunions. A strong mentorship program by ex-students continue to provide the much-needed pillars of support for our young minds. Inspiring episodes and lessons learnt from the past, passed on from a generation of Agnelites, helps our children to understand, that there are, 'two valuable gifts that children get, one is roots and the other is wings. Wings to show you what you can become and roots to show you where you are from.'

As our young writers' comment on the dangers facing the world, what ails them, their thoughts about the future, India's achievements, and on varied topics that touch their heart and soul; we realize, that we have been able to 'unlock the treasures' of sympathy, kindness and generosity among our children. Browsing through the pages of this issue of Agnel Clarion, I observe the enthusiasm, and the freedom of expression, utilised in a positive direction to express oneself. It is said 'Education is the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world's work, and the power to appreciate life'. When our children uphold this power of education; of thinking clearly, they bring positive changes into their life thus building for themselves a promising future. A promising future also includes a healthy and nourishing natural environment. Together let each one of us make a small effort in our own way to save our natural resources for the future in order to ensure that we make earth a better place to live in.

This annual day our school has taken up the responsibility of spreading the message of 'Save Water, every drop counts' through TARANGINI, a story about the Rivers of India. From the little children of the pre-primary to the youngsters of the junior college, all have put in their best to spread this message. This is testimony to the fact that, combined efforts by the four pillars of the institution: the students, the parents, the staff members and the management truly succeed. In keeping with the theme of 'Tarangini' let us all take a pledge to change our habits, to conserve water and thus offer our helping hand in nurturing mother earth with all our love and care.

Last but not the least, I place on record our appreciation for the relentless hard work put together by the student editorial team, the teachers, writers, compilers and illustrators, in bringing out this issue. Looking forward to more such thought-provoking ideas of our young children.

May the joyful tidings of Christmas, bring love, peace and hope for all.

A TRYST WITH MOUNTAINS

- Sanika Deshmukh, IX A

I watch the villages pass us by in a blur of blended colours and rejoin the conversation. "This may not have been the most comfortable trip but it definitely was the most adrenaline-inducing," my friend aptly pointed out. We all sat crowding the seats and reminiscing about our Beas Kund trek on the train taking us back to our mundane lives.

After a train journey from Mumbai to Delhi and an exhausting 17 hours of riding the bus past fields of sunflowers, we finally inhaled the cold crisp air of Solang. We squished into the cars that took us to the beginning of a zealous journey of campfires, slipping on snow and nearly losing all sensation due to freezing temperatures in our tents. Our first sight of snowcapped mountains was soon ensued by gasps, pointing of fingers, exclamations proclaiming their beauty and a wild hunt for cameras. I feel that the last action was quite useless as nothing could really capture the regal mountains being cut by a jade tinted Beas river and the sunlight glinting off the snowcapped mountains, making them look coated in gold. We were gifted with the same view the next morning. We woke up in our assigned tents and trudged to brush our teeth in the glacially cold water, surrounded by ubiquitous beauty.

We continued our trek to Dhundi basecamp at 12,333 ft whilst filling out water bottles at fresh water streams. After reaching our destination we frolicked amongst wildflowers and lush green grass. As night dawned, the bonfire, our only source of heat came to life. We chorused songs with a ukulele to add to the fun. Huddled in our multiple jackets we sat under crystal clear sky to listen to Tejas sir enthrall us with tales of the various constellations we could see.

After a freezing night of shivering in our sleeping bags, we woke up to a refreshing morning of chirping birds. Brushing our teeth and dousing our heads in the mind-numbingly cold water of the nearby flowing streams became our daily routine. We ate breakfast while trekking to Bakartatch, where we were promised snow. Slipping and falling on the slush of snow we

moved slowly amongst the mountains. The one thing I learned that day was as good a friend as you may be, you will always laugh when your friend's posterior descends into the freezing land of frozen water. We helped up the falling and pushed the well-balanced. As we climbed our last mound of snow, we emerged into a blinding white extravaganza of Snow Mountains and a striking blue sky. The rest of the afternoon was spent sliding off snowy slopes, burying friends in the snow and sliding snowballs down jackets. After our descent back to base camp 2 we were subjected to another night of shivering in our sleeping bags. On the morning of the 6th day we bid farewell to the beloved mountains and set foot on base camp 1 after walking through lush meadows teeming with wild flowers underneath pines and firs. The remnant of the day was spent zip-lining, rappelling and conversing with Mr. Zuzaire, a renowned mountaineer with profuse stories of valor. We departed for Manali the next day. True heaven can be described in a sentence- our first hot shower after 7 days of nearly frozen water and stench. That day was spent flitting from store to store in the markets of Manali. Shops brimmed with multicoloured shawls, scarves and sarees, handmade key chains, bizarre artefacts and glinting jewelry. Our dinner was destined in one of the many restaurants serving delicious food. In fact, anything except the 'aloo-gobi' that we had been subjected to for a week would be delicious. We returned to our hotel flaunting our purchases, to the much-awaited DJ night. The following day was allotted to the intricate wooden marvel known as the Hidimba temple. The walk back consisted of stripping trees bare of unripe cherries, buffeting the dandelions with puffs and loads of laughter. The drive back to Chandigarh was punctuated with bouts of retching, nausea and an abundance of sleep. The rock garden awaited us at Chandigarh with its towering structures and peculiar designs. Our 11 day trip came to an end as we boarded the train from Delhi where we reminisced about the invaluable memories made and the unique experience that would remain etched in our minds forever.

AGNEL IN THE NEWS

Table tennis star shines in exam



■ Deepit Patil managed to score 83.6% in his SSC exam.

International table tennis player Deepit Patil scored 83.6% in his SSC exam, despite that throughout the year busy participating in tournaments. However, teacher Father Agnel Multipurpose School, Vashi ensured he was thorough in his subjects and helped him solve all his doubts.

"He has been a bright student and it is his passion for his sport that has taken him to the international level. Until February he was busy with his tournaments. In the last one month before his exams he has managed to study and score well," said Snigdha Roy, teacher, Fr Agnel School.

Patil, a resident of Sanpada, has been playing table tennis since the age of five. He is currently in China for a tournament.

A tryst with the mountains

Students are always the ones that are close to our hearts. Here is a beautiful school, as shown as the members of the Sanpada school with their classmates at Fr. Agnel School, Vashi



SANPADA SCHOOL

Students in our multiple branches are always the ones that are close to our hearts. Here is a beautiful school, as shown as the members of the Sanpada school with their classmates at Fr. Agnel School, Vashi. The school is a beautiful one, with a lot of greenery and a lot of students. The school is a beautiful one, with a lot of greenery and a lot of students. The school is a beautiful one, with a lot of greenery and a lot of students.

Topping the charts

Since its inception, Fr Agnel Multipurpose School and its branches, Vashi, have maintained the spectacular record of securing 100 percent results in the SSC exams.



Out of the 297 students that appeared for the exam, 82 scored a distinction and a staggering 83 scored above 80 percent. Along with instilling academic confidence in students, the institution also exposes every child to various disciplines in sports. The state-of-the-art sports complex, boasting of two stadiums, a swimming pool and an indoor air-conditioned badminton academy are testaments to the school's belief in the development of personality.

The institution follows an innovative education policy and every year a number of special students appear for SSC exams and score 100% in flying colours.

This academic year, Urja Merchant and Anjika Nair are the school toppers with both securing a whopping 98.40 percent.

gripping academic session. According to her, taking an occasional break is very important as it prevents burn out.

Merchant scored 90 in English, 98 in Sanskrit, 98 in Hindi, 98 in mathematics, 98 in science and technology and 83 in social sciences.

Nair is a stickler for discipline. She prefers to follow a strict routine that demonstrates time for academics and extra-curricular activities. She is candid in admitting that mathematics was her greatest nightmare, yet she practiced it daily and overcame her fears.

Nair scored 85 in English, 98 in Sanskrit, 86 in Hindi, 98 in mathematics, 98 in science and technology and 83 in social sciences.

Both the girls credit their teachers for providing unflinching support, guidance and motivation.

The toppers believe in the old adage, "There is no shortcut to success and no substitute to hard work." Their advice to students appearing for the board exams is to work relentlessly and focus on the goal.

I AM NOBODY'S PRINCESS



Princess. When I mention the word 'princess' you are likely to think of an elegant, delicate, fair-skinned girl, with long blonde hair, wearing a crown and a long, flowing dress. But in reality, a princess is not just a girl who is beautiful and rich. A princess is a girl who is brave, kind, and who stands up for what is right.

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FIVE FLAVOURS OF PEOPLE



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Students and toppers (right) at Fr Agnel Multipurpose School at Vashi on Saturday.



Urja Merchant and Anjika Nair.

AGNEL IN THE NEWS



Diandra Valladares

Agnel Gymkhana athlete undergoing training for Tokyo Olympics



Priyanka Sujeesh

Member of Team India For SAFF U-15 Women's Championship



Diezny Lewis (D'souza)

Won 2 Silver medals at the 21st Asia Masters Athletic Championship in Malaysia



Deepit Patil

National Rank One Paddler bats his way to international success

TETE A TETE WITH GARIMA ARORA

- Mrunal Turalkar, X D, Neetya Shah, X D

We hear about Agnelites soaring greater heights every year. This year we focus the spotlight on an Agnelite who took the culinary world by storm and made headlines in every newspaper in the country. This exceptional chef is the first Indian woman to bag the prestigious Michelin Star. Here's your chance to know more about her.

- Welcome Chef Garima and heartiest congratulations on receiving the Michelin Star, the highest honour in the culinary world. It is a matter of honour to all Indians and Agnelites in particular. How does it feel to be the first Indian woman to have bagged this honour?

Of course, it feels great to be recognized for the work that you do but a restaurant is never a one-person job. I am so lucky to have the people I have around me.

- From a Mumbai based journalist to a Bangkok based Michelin star chef, how would you describe the journey and the transition that came with it?

It wasn't such a big transition as I only dabbled in journalism for 6 months. It has been a lot of hard work, day in and day out and so much time away from my family and friends, but I wouldn't have it any other way.

- Please shed some light on the significance of the Michelin Star and how a restaurant qualifies for this prestigious award.
I don't think anybody

knows exactly how Michelin works, as they never reveal who they are when they dine at your restaurant and I think that's the point. You have to maintain your standard of practice every single day.

- Is there a story behind the name of the restaurant - GAA?

It is actually a portmanteau of my name: Ga for Garima and A for Arora.

- Your career as a chef includes stints working alongside names to reckon with in the industry - Gordon Ramsay, Gagan Anand and Rene Redzepi. How was your experience working with these eminent chefs?

I've been very lucky to work with some of the most important names in the industry. My first experience working in a professional kitchen with Gordon Ramsay is what I'd describe as the best first job I could have asked for.

There, I learned to leave my ego at the door and really become a team player. At Gaggan's, I was taught the beauty of Asian hospitality – given how it really is the best service in the world, in my opinion. But my most memorable time has got to be when I worked under René. That experience changed me not only as a cook but also as a person.

- Becoming a culinary entrepreneur would be considered by most as a risky and unstable profession. By starting your own restaurant in Bangkok, you have broken many stereotypes. What motivated you to take this off beat



and adventurous path?

I always joke that you must have a death wish to become a cook and that is sort of true, but I can also tell you that the kind of gratification you get from running a restaurant is like no other. To make someone's day through food, to see that it puts a smile on someone's face, that is a truly special feeling.

- Shows like MasterChef Australia are extremely popular in India. They depict the life behind kitchen doors to be very demanding and fast paced. How would you describe the kitchen dynamics in GAA, on a typically busy day?
Being a cook is a demanding job, no doubt, but it doesn't need to be rigid. The way we run our kitchen, we allow music during prep time and we don't shy away from joking around. Don't get me wrong, we take our job very seriously and we get things done but we are also family. Sometimes we even hang out on the one day we have off.
- Which figure in the culinary world has left a lasting impression on you and why?
It has to be René. Working with René has made me whatever I am today.
- Which part of the world, according to you, has the most fascinating cuisine?
*Asia is the most exciting destination for food right now in my opinion! I have founded our newly launched initiative **Food Forward India** for this very reason. Indian cuisine is centuries old, yet the outsiders haven't seen it beyond curries and naans in other parts of the world. It is completely up to us to bring to light the true representation of Indian food. There's so much to be discovered still in our own country.*
- The signature dish of a chef speaks volumes about his/her personality. What is your signature dish?
That's a hard one, but it most likely would be our vegetarian dishes like our unripe jackfruit main course. I really believe that we Indians know how to draw the most flavors out of vegetables. It is almost instinctive.

- How do you deal with the stumbling blocks that come your way? Do you ever go wrong with a recipe and how do you deal with it?
Things always go wrong in a restaurant! You just have to deal with it one at a time. One thing I learn from my father is to also choose wisely on what you spend your energy on.
- Most people indulge in cooking as a stress buster. But for you it is a main stream activity. What do you do to unwind?
Definitely you won't find me in the kitchen on my day offs, when I do take off. I love to unwind with an onsen session and end my day with a good bottle of wine with friends.
- Please share some of your school memories with us.
I was independent and very into sports. I got into a lot of trouble and most of the time I was sitting in front of the principal's office. I think I know that better than anyone!
- Why is the representation of women low in the culinary industry? Have you faced any gender discrimination or the proverbial glass ceiling in your profession?
I think that's because at some point women have to choose between having a family or career. We need to focus on making a work place policy that is conducive for women to thrive in. Personally, I have been focusing on what we want to achieve at Gaa, rather than worry about whether something isn't getting done.
- What plans do you have in store for the future of GAA? Also, any plans to open a restaurant in Mumbai?
No plan to open another restaurant yet, my focus is still with Gaa and our newly launched initiative Food Forward India.
- What advice would you like to give young and budding Garimas who want to enter the field of gourmet cooking?
Keep your head down and work hard and never ever apologize for the choices you make in life.

Thank you so much chef Garima for your precious time and co-operation. We wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

AGNELS ART GALLERY









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Nishiksha II B







MY BEST FRIEND

My best friend is Jaden.
He is very friendly and helpful like me.
We both have a good collection of Lego toys.
We share our toys when we play in each other's house.
We both have a plan to travel all over the world when we grow up and earn money.

- Ritsika Bafna, I D

My best friend's name is Kavya.
She is in D.A.V. School.
She likes pink colour.
We both play together and also help each other.
We both like to eat pizza.
She is very good and a caring friend.

Swara Kadam, I A

My best friends are Zanna, Avni and Zara.
They sing very well.
We share toys when we meet.

We play with one friend in garden.
They make me happy when I am sad.

Joanna Joby, I A

Joanna is my best friend.
I like her.
We go to park on Sundays.

Sometimes I go to her house and sometimes she comes to my house.
I want Joanna to be my best friend forever.

Adveeka S. Kamanna, I F

My best friend's name is Raj.
We both stay in the same society.
He is a very polite and helpful boy.
We both enjoy cycling together.
We both share our toys with each other.

We both like to read books and sing songs.
We both enjoy gazing at stars on clear, dark nights.
I am very lucky to have a friend like him.

Yash Satish, I E

I have many friends but there is one who is close to me. His name is Shawaiz. He studies in my class. He is a good boy. He makes wonderful

drawings. I like him very much. He is my best friend.

Ali Asgar Hirani, I E

My best friend's name is Aarav.
He is very friendly and helps everyone.
He studies well and gets good marks.
We share our things with each other.

He helps me in my studies whenever I have a doubt.
He is so kind and lovable. I like him very much.

Tanish Shinde, I D

FAMILY TIME IS FUN TIME !

With my parents I went for a family outing. We went to the Toy Museum. The dolls were wearing beautiful coloured clothes. They were made in China. My brother liked the toy cars and trains. There were train models running on

the tracks. There were special clock corners in the Toy Museum. I had a lovely time at the Toy Museum.

Amaanuddin Mukadam, II F

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1. It was my Daddy's birthday. We decided to go to a beach.
 2. As it was very hot, we went to an aquarium and we saw different kinds of fish.
 3. We had our lunch in a hotel.
 4. We had some snacks and juices. I had my favourite ice cream.
 5. We came back home and were exhausted. This picnic was fun.
 6. A day out with my family was very enjoyable.

Mohammad Zidan Saif, C



We planned a family visit to a farm. Our family friend has a farm near the city. After reaching there, I had fun playing with calves, dogs and ducks. There were many coconut and mango trees. My mother and father also played hide

and seek with us. There was also a small bonfire and we baked corn and marshmallows. I plucked fruits and vegetables and ate some of them too!

Saasha Patel, II F

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1. We went out on a rainy day to the garden.
 2. We wore raincoats and were ready to go to the garden. My sister, brother, mother and father also came along.
 3. We played on the slides and swings in the garden.
 4. We enjoyed watching swans playing in the pond.
 5. We saw snails, a slug, a frog, a toad and earthworms in the garden.
 6. We played hide and seek too.
 7. We thanked God for such a pretty garden.

Mubashshirah Sayed, II D

FAMILY TIME IS FUN TIME !

I went to an amusement park with my family. I sat on a giant wheel with my brother and sister. It was funny seeing my father getting scared on the roller coaster while my mother was enjoying.

I ate my favourite snacks till I was feeling full. It was a fun and memorable day out with my family!

Zahrah Mohmed Yousuf, II D

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1. We went to Byculla Zoo on Sunday.
 2. We travelled by a car.
 3. We saw many animals like tigers, elephants, deer etc.

4. We also saw penguins. They were kept in an a/c enclosure.
5. I also saw the museum.
6. We enjoyed very much.

Kashvi Jain, II E

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1. I alongwith myfamily went for a picnic.
 2. We went to a beach. We took water, food, mat and a big umbrella.
 3. We had so much fun playing in the water and building sandcastles.

4. We spent the whole day on the beach.
5. We returned home in the evening.
6. I had so much fun. I thanked my parents.

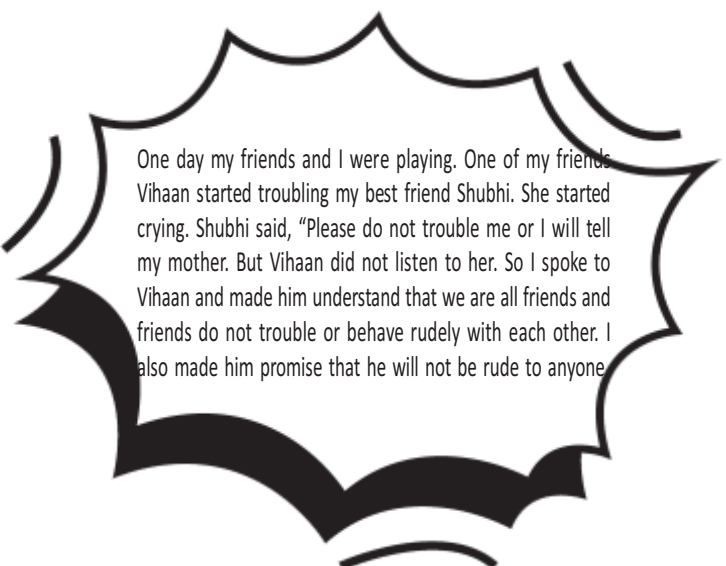
Saju Kottackal, II E

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1. One pleasant morning, I went to visit my uncle in his farm with my family.
 2. The farm was on the riverside, so we enjoyed a beautiful view of river and the fresh air.
 3. We also saw two peacocks dancing there. There was a big shed where we saw cows, calves and oxen eating fresh green grass.
 4. We even saw a mango and jamun tree full of fruits. We enjoyed eating ripe mangoes and fresh jamuns.
 5. In the evening we returned back cherishing the lovely memories of our day out.

- Hiranmayi Chatufale, II A

LISTEN MY FRIEND....

Ira Srivastava, II F



One day my friends and I were playing. One of my friends Vihaan started troubling my best friend Shubhi. She started crying. Shubhi said, "Please do not trouble me or I will tell my mother. But Vihaan did not listen to her. So I spoke to Vihaan and made him understand that we are all friends and friends do not trouble or behave rudely with each other. I also made him promise that he will not be rude to anyone."

HERE I COME !

Today is my first day in Std. I. Mom bought lots of new things. I am so excited. But... how will my first day in Std. I be? Thousands of questions were running in my mind. Where will my class be? Who will be my class teacher? Who will be my new friends? With thousands of questions

in my mind and enthusiasm and hope, I entered my class. I sat on the first bench waiting for someone to sit next to me. Finally a girl sat next to me. We looked at each other and smiled.

Jaden Lobo, I C

I felt a bit nervous in class. My teacher's name is Miss Archana Raghav. She makes me feel comfortable. I was waiting to meet my new

friend and old friends.

Shaun Madhukar Kandi, I C

I went to school with my mother. It was the first day of school. My Division was 1 F. It was my new class teacher named Mellow Miss and new helper teacher named Asha Miss. They gave me

many books and I picked up all books. Then I saw so many Sr. Kg. friends. Then I came back home.

Yasin I. Kapdi, I F

MY FAVOURITE FESTIVAL



Diwali is my favourite festival. It is the festival of lights. It is a festival for shopping. Laxmi Pooja is done on that day. On that day people greet their relatives and friends with sweets and

crackers. Diwali gives a message of love, brotherhood and celebration. We enjoy Diwali festival very much.

Aarya Sawakhande, I A

Diwali is my favourite festival. Diwali is celebrated as Lord Rama returned back home after 14 years of exile. We light candles, diyas and decorate our houses and do pooja.

Mom makes sweets and snacks to share with our family and friends.

Reesha Kanojia, I A

My favourite festival is Diwali. Every year we go to our village. I meet my grandparents. Papa buys a new dress and crackers for me.

I eat lots of sweets in Diwali. We light diyas, lanterns and decorate our house with rangoli.

Trisha Kadam, I B

MY FAVOURITE FESTIVAL



Diwali is the festival of lights.

We worship Goddess Laxmi on Diwali.

Mummy makes sweets to give to the poor people.

We burst crackers on Diwali.

We decorate houses with candles and flowers.

Diwali is my favourite festival.

Anayah Inamdar, I B

Onam is my favourite festival

It is the festival of Kerala.



Onam is celebrated by people of Kerala to remember the great king Mahabali of ancient times who loved his land and people.

Thank you.

Anuj Arun Nair, I C

My favourite festival is Diwali because of long holidays.

Diwali is festival of light.

We burst fire crackers and eat lots of sweets.

I like Diwali because I get time to play and I can eat lots of laddoos.

Aariv Ninad Panvelkar, I C

My favourite festival is Durga Puja. Durga Puja is celebrated in a big way. Durga Puja starts from 6th day Navratri till Dassera. We wear new clothes and eat yummy



food. We also fast and offer prayers and flowers and eat prasad. Durga Ma is decorated and beautiful lighting arrangements are done.

Ayyudhi Yogesh Mysuru, IC

My favourite festival is Diwali. Diwali is called 'The festival of Lights'. We put lanterns and lights in our house. We clean our homes. Mummy draws a rangoli in front of our house.

We wear new clothes and visit our friends and family. We share sweets in school.

Madhav Nair, I D

We celebrate every festival but I like Diwali most. Diwali comes with brightness as diyas and crackers, sweetness as mithais and happiness with gifts. We celebrate Diwali by drawing

rangoli, lighting fireworks and by wearing new clothes.



Kavish Dundale, I D

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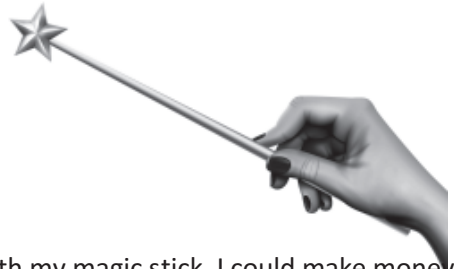
It is celebrated in honour of Lord Rama.

He was a great king.

Goddess Lakshmi is worshipped in the evening. We make sweets, rangoli and light candles.

Tritika K. Gupta, I F

IF I HAD A MAGIC STICK



If I had a magic stick, I could do a lot of helpful things. I could help people who are very poor by giving them money to buy things and food for eating. At home, if my mother or grandmother needed some help, I could help

them with my magic stick. I could make money with my magic stick and I could give the money to make new roads and things like that. I would never use it for bad things.

- Medha Thummujo, III F

If I had a magic stick, I would make this ordinary world magical! I would also turn humans into fairies with the magic stick just like me! My friends and I would soar high in the sky. We would also explore many birds and make friends with them! With the help of my magic stick I

would also make 'The Magical Pet Salon' where everything would happen magically. I will have lots of fun with my magic stick by turning everything-magical!!!

- Aastha Shyam Umale, III E

If I had a magic stick, I would make the world a better place. I would turn some of the fruit trees into lollipop, cake and ice-cream trees. I would banish away all the murderers and robbers far away from the land. I will make a magic box and when I will say, "Oh dear box, what's the

solution? Take away, take away all the pollution." It would take away all the pollution in the world. If someone asked me to give it to him/her, I would not give it.

- Aathira Vivek Pillai, III E

If I had a magic stick, I would like to become a dragon and fly and see the world. I will go to different countries, learn different languages and become a normal man and go back to my

country. If any animal tries to chase me, I will become invisible and run away. This way I will enjoy my life.

- Devansh Dumbre, III C

If I had a magic stick, I would turn the rain to chocolate and I would turn into an invisible ghost and turn the person who troubles me into an ice-cream and eat that person. And would turn my partner into a chocolate lollipop. I

would turn the school into a chocolate house. And that's how I will spend my life until that magic stick breaks. And Oh! One more thing, I will turn the whole earth into chocolate. Ah! Now it ends.

- Felicia D'Cruz, III B

SUNDAY – MY FUN DAY

- Arnav D. Chavan, III D

Every Sunday, my family and I are very excited. Do you know why? We all are very excited because it is our fun activity day. Last Sunday we got up early in the morning. We took our cycles and went for a round near a beautiful lake. We saw egrets and flamingoes catching fish swimming in the water. We also saw ranges of Sahyadri mountains. After that we ate a very tasty Masala Dosa. Then we played Ludo for 2 hours. When it was 1.00 pm (afternoon), we

ate very hot and yummy Paneer Tikka. Then we went to see a movie. I liked the movie very much. When it was break time, we ate pizzas. When we went home, we were only discussing about the movie. Afterwards, we took a small nap. Then we got up at 6.00 pm (evening). My brother and I went down to play. When we reached home, we were exhausted. We ate our dinner and after that we said Goodnight to each other and slept, I enjoyed this day very much.

A CARTOON CHARACTER I WOULD LIKE AS A PET

The cartoon character I would like to keep as a pet is Jerry. I would like to play with Jerry. He is so small. He should be the size of my hand. He will be playing all around the house. He is very soft. I would have named him Yedi from the “Star Wars” movie instead of Jerry. I would give

him a big cheeseball so that he will never finish it! Will he? I have a question, “Why will he eat a cheeseball when he likes cheese!!!”

- Chhaayank Kaushik Shinde, III E

The character which I would like as a pet is Pikachu. He is from Pokemon. He is yellow in colour. He has electric power. He is very cute. He likes to eat apples. I would always take him for a walk. We would eat our food together. We would play games together. We would battle

other pokemons in the arena. My friends and I would always play with Pikachu. I would teach him electric tricks. Then he would practice the same the whole day. So that’s why I would like him as my pet.

- Udit Naringrekar, III D

My favourite cartoon character animal is Hissy. She is a cute little pink cat from the cartoon Puppy Dog Pals. Her brothers are Bingo and Roley. I want Hissy as my pet cat. I would give her milk, fish, water, catfood, etc and whatever she wants. She is a cat that specially loves water.

I would brush her hair and take care of her. If I had a pet cat, I would enjoy my life more. I wish I had a pet cat, but even without one, I am fine.

- Nupur Mane, III A

IF MY TOY COULD TALK...

One day I was studying on the study table in my room. I heard a terrible noise. I stood up and saw around the room. There was nobody in the room. I again sat down to do my work. Again I heard the same sound. It was coming from under my pillow. I lifted the pillow and saw my old teddy bear, its legs were torn so I got a needle and thread and started stitching its legs. The teddy said, "Thank You. Should I tell you something? Ok, Do you know from where I came? I was made in a toy factory and packed in a box and bought to a shop. There your father

came and bought me. I knew that I was going to a little girl's house. And I was right. I met you and you played with me a lot. But now you have grown up so you are avoiding me. "No. No." I said, "I am sorry, I can still play with you." Then I realized my mother shaking me. I was awake. Oh! It was a dream. But I remembered my dream and went to my drawer and took out my teddy bear and gave it a big hug.

- Saivi Patel, IV A

If toys could talk, it would be fun. Whenever I read books like Amelia, Jane and Noddy, I wonder what it's like to have toys that could really talk.

It would be wonderful if my toys could play with me! I would go home and find all the toys I played with and just talk to them day and night. My toys would probably become an essential part of my life in some way. I might carry one around in my pocket to ask questions randomly

or seek advice maybe just when I need someone to talk to. I would explain why I deserted them in the first place. I would tell them that I moved on to things that were more entertaining. I will be able to tell them all my secrets and hear about their adventures in Toyland. I would take them to my bed and tell them stories everyday.

Finally, if toys could talk, I would have my friends get their toys and we could have a huge battle!

- Kabir Bhandari, IV D

WHAT MAKES ME LAUGH ?

- Arya Nanivadekar, IV B

The things that make everyone laugh is either a cartoon or a movie. But for me it is not fiction.

The person who makes me laugh is always close to my heart. It is my father. Whenever I feel low or sad, he cheers me with mimicry of cartoons

and cracks jokes. He has a good sense of humour.

He is very jovial. There is always a happy atmosphere in my house. My mother and I love him very much.

WHO WILL I BE IN THE FUTURE ?

I want to become an Ecologist. Ecologist is a person who studies the environment.

In today's world, man is destroying the environment for his greedy needs. He doesn't care if the natural habitat is destroyed like West African black rhinoceros or the Savanas Tigers.

I want to save the animals which are getting extinct. I want to build a place where they can be saved.

We are a part of the earth with other plants and animals. I want to complete my responsibility towards Mother Earth.

- Harshit D, IV C

I have seen a lot of people who inspired me, but the person who inspired me the most was "Sachin Tendulkar". From then on, I never changed my dream of being a cricketer. I started my coaching, when I was 7 years old. I was overjoyed when I heard that I was going for coaching. There I learned how to bowl. I played

my first match after that. We won it by 7 wickets. I scored 6 runs. It was a great experience in those days. But I know it will get tougher. I will keep my fingers crossed and hope I get selected for the Indian cricket team. This is what I will do when I grow up.

- Ayaan Ajin, IV E

It is difficult to think about my own personal future when I have not experienced much of life. There are so many paths that I could take. I don't know what direction I will be heading tomorrow or if my mind will change the next day or the day after. I don't know what the future will bring but I know what my goals and

ambitions are and now I will work hard towards achieving those goals. There are so many things that I want to be such as doctor, artist, dancer, singer, scientist etc. But, only one goal stands out at this stage and that is to become an artist as I am good at art.

- Gargi P. Rathod, IV E

The people whom I admire the most are my teachers. They are hardworking, sincere and so much fun to be with. Hence, I have made up my mind that I would like to be a teacher. I would like to teach little children. They are very energetic and inquisitive. I would ensure that the children have fun while they learn. When I become a teacher, I would love to take little children to nature trips where they can see the

plants and little animals. I will try to answer all the questions raised by the children. I would love to teach them songs and different games. I will celebrate all the festivals with the children and give them knowledge of the different festivals. I hope that my dream to be a teacher is fulfilled.

- Rhea Serrao, IV A

मला भविष्यात काय बनावचे आहे?

मला भविष्यात डॉक्टर बनावेसे वाटते कारण मला मानवजातीची सेवा करण्याची इच्छा आहे. डॉक्टर हा लोकांना देवासारखा असतो. कारण तो आजारी व्यक्तीचा प्राण वाचवतो. आजारी व्यक्तीचा आजार बरा करणे ह्यासारखे दुसरे सुख नसेल, असे मला वाटते. त्यांना रोग्याचे प्राण हे फार महत्वाचे

असतात. आपल्या देशातील खेड्यात वैद्यकीय सोयी नसतात त्यामुळे मला खेड्यात जाऊन लोकांची सेवा करावी असे वाटते. हे सर्व करण्याची मला इच्छा आहे आणि तयारीही आहे. खरचंमला डॉक्टर झाल्यावर आनंद होईल.

- जागृती वाघमोडे, रोल नं. २, ४ फ

मला भविष्यात एक शूरजवान बनावच आहे. मला भारत देशाचर क्षण करायच आहे. मला सिमेवर शत्रू सोबत लढायच आहे. मला जवानांसोबत संचलन करायच आहे.

हाडे गोठवणारी थंडी असो किंवा आग ओकणारा सुर्य असो किंवा मुसळधार पडणारा पाऊस असो या सर्व संकटांशी सामनाकरून मी माझ्या भारत मातेच रक्षण करेन या शिवाय माला इतर कोण तेही जबाबदारी मिळविल्यास (उदा. पूरपरिस्थिती किंवाइतर आपतकालीन प्रसंग निर्माण झाल्यास

मी देशातील नागरिकांच्या सदैव तत्पर राहील.

देशाचा जवान हाऊन देशाची सेवा करणे या पेक्षा मोठे भाग्य कोणतेच असू शकत नाही. शिस्त प्रामाणिक पणा, निष्ठा, धैर्य, देशाभिमान हे गुण जवानांच्या शरिरात भिनलेले असतात.

म्हणून मला जवान असल्याचा अभिमान चहोईल. हे स्वप्न माझ्या आई-बाबांच आहे आणि मी ते पूर्ण करणार आहे.

वंदमातरम्... जय हिंद, जय महाराष्ट्र.

- क्षितीज लक्ष्मण देवार्डे, रोल नं. १८, ४ फ

STAR GAZING



We went for star gazing
The constellations were so amazing

- Arsalaan Shaikh, IV B

We went to Aasangaon
We all had wada pav

The night was so bright
Although the sun was so quiet

Jupiter's 4 moons were shiny
Venus in its phase was so tiny

Saturn rings was so clear
Leo - the lion is very dear

Rupa Miss gave us a surprise by coming in a car
We saw together the brightest star

Tejas Sir took our test
The Moon was the best!!

God has made our solar system so beautiful..
We should love, take care of it and be grateful!!

WHAT IF I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HOGWARTS ?



One day, I was reading my favourite book of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone. I turned the page and suddenly entered into a magical world.

I was in an unfamiliar place which was deserted. Suddenly, I felt a tickle on my back and saw a live envelope!

I started running after it and as soon as I got hold of it, I was speechless as my name was written on it. With my trembling hands, I opened the letter. My joy knew no bounds as I

had received a letter from Hogwarts to learn magic. I realised that nobody in my family knew magic and I was so pleased that I had received a letter from the best school of magic I have read about. Then I thought about having fun with my buddies and playing Quidditch.

As I was playing Quidditch, I could literally feel somebody pulling me down. I thought someone had cast a spell on me but as soon as I turned my back, I saw my mother trying to wake me up and my dream of receiving a letter from Hogwarts came to an end.

- Riddhi Mishra, V A

It was pouring cats and dogs. All my friends were playing in the garden happily. I wanted to read the new Harry Potter book, 'The Deathly Hallows.'

I was just thinking about Harry, teaching me magic. And we, together would defeat the evil Voldemort, the bad guy. But what can I do? Dreams never come true. Suddenly, I saw an envelope which came through the window and fell on my study table. On the envelope, there was a message written. It said, "For Ranveer, From Hogwarts." I was surprised to see such a message. I opened the envelope. And what did I see? Harry himself invited me to learn magic at Hogwarts. I nearly fainted when I saw this letter. After sometime, there was a knock on my window. I suddenly woke up and opened

the window. And to my surprise, I saw Hagrid riding his flying motorbike. He told me to jump on his motorbike. When I did so, I even saw Harry, Hermoine and Ron Weasley sitting on the motorbike. I went mad and hugged Harry very tight. After sometime, I could see the School of Magic, which was in Hogwarts. But then Hermoine disappeared. I got very frightened. Then Ron and Hagrid disappeared, too. Then Harry disappeared in thin air and I fell down on the ground.

Then someone hit me on my back. When I woke up, I saw Mom who was very furious. I got scared and apologised for my mistake. Then I started studying, remembering my surprising dream. This was one of my best dreams I ever saw in my whole life.

- Ranveer Soni, V C

WHAT IF I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM HOGWARTS ?

Walking down the streets of London, I re-read the note I found at the door-step. "Meet me at King's Cross. I won't be looking like a normal guy." I looked around. There was one except a ginger cat. It looked like as if it was looking at me. Then in a flash it turned into a man! I almost fainted. He said, "Mike Anderson, you are one of the greatest wizards. I am from the Mudblood Recruiting Officer Department (MROD)". It didn't really strike me "Wait a second, did you just say wizard?" "Well, yes," He said giving me a letter and disappeared. I opened it "Dear Mr. M. Anderson, you are

invited to learn at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and wizardy. By drinking the potion you will be teleported to the MROD. After that you will be forgotten from this world." 'Hmm. Forgotten, eh? Must be a prank. I tried the potions. I felt a dizzy feeling. Then I found that I was really teleported! I then met the same man I saw at King's Cross. "Hmm, so, this place is another dimension. Here only wizards and witches are allowed. And, yes, you are a wizard," Whoa. Something hit my back and I fainted.

- Pranav Anandkrishnan, V D

It was a sunny morning. I had just finished reading the last Harry Potter book. I went to the mailbox to get the newspaper. Alongwith the newspaper, there was a letter. I couldn't believe what I saw, the letter was for me! I usually get letters from my relatives, but this one was different. It was a letter from Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry!

The letter was written in green ink by the deputy headmistress, Minerva McGonagall. They had invited me to learn magic! I couldn't believe it! I would love to have been put in Gryffindor by the Sortinghat! Term would begin on 1st September. I had to go to Diagon Alley to buy all necessary books and equipment from the list that was enclosed in the letter. I even had to

send an "owl", which I would buy at Diagon Alley, to Hogwarts confirming that I would attend Term. It would be totally awesome!

I told my parents about this. They agreed to let me attend the school. I was thinking about the professors at Hogwarts. Madam Hooch would teach us many useful Quidditch (a sport played at Hogwarts) tricks and tips. Snape would act as if he is the smartest guy in the whole world (not at all). There are 4 houses or classes in Hogwarts. They are Gruffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw. I would totally enjoy my time at Hogwarts!

- Ashton Rebello, V E

THE WORLD – 500 YEARS FROM NOW

The world is a beautiful place that we all are gifted with. It has the stars, the rivers, the sky and what not. The world is a blend of such artistic creations. We are lucky to have a surrounding which gives anything without asking. Such is the nature of Mother Earth.

We will go on making many new inventions like flying cars, robotic pets etc but deforestation, water scarcity and climate change are major issues of concern. We are already facing extreme weather conditions due to climate change. The air is also becoming toxic day by day. We are also facing water shortage in many

areas of India. Forests are felled to make houses as human population is increasing with the needs of houses and shelter. This is really going to harm us in the long run.

I believe that 500 years from now Mother Earth will become a barren land if no care is taken. There will be no life or water on Earth. Earth won't be anything more than just like the other planets that revolve around the Sun. But the Earth can blossom again as it did when it was created, if we take action from now onwards.

- Aadithya Menon, V B

I think 500 years from today, the world will be made of robots and automatic machines. There will be lots of superheroes. Our houses will be made of fancy materials, it will be lavish and luxurious. People in that era will not have to worry because they will not run out or wear out. There will be special batteries in their body, so they will not run out of energy.

If people in that year finish their food and want some more, it will automatically reappear in their hands. There will be lots of plants planted by man so they can release oxygen for us. People can go and come into space anytime

because they will not need spacesuits. People in that era will not need to worry because there will be no natural disasters. There will be no doctors and surgeons because people in that era will never get any disease or get sick.

In that era, there will be friendly ghosts who will come to visit every now and again. The environment will be warm and cool. There will be lots of seasons that people can enjoy and will have fun. So, 500 years from today people will live in peace and quiet and will live a happy life.

- Siddharth Kamath, V C

THE WORLD – 500 YEARS FROM NOW

The world today, as you can see has such developed technology that we couldn't even imagine that it would be there. We want a touchscreen phone, KA CHINGG! It's there. You want something to do things for you KA CHINGG! You just got a robot. Everything we want is there but often the world gets ahead of our imagination. Humans are never going to stop inventing new things and in the difference of one year, you can have a totally different life.

Let's just imagine. Life 500 years from now? I mean, don't we already have everything? But, as I mentioned earlier, everything we develop is a coincidence. It's like 'Ugh! I'm tired of going to my grandmother's house to talk to her every week. 'Hey! Why not make something to speak

to her from home (I'll call it a phone!' So, 500 years from now I think it is fair to estimate that all vehicles giving smoke are going to be on their way out. We'll probably be using hoverboards and other non polluting vehicles. So bye, bye aeroplane. And hello, jetpack! We should be using electric cars, hoverboards and jetpacks.

According to scientific research, human eyes should triple their size due to constant interaction with electronic media. So, time to say hello to the most luxurious time of your life (provided that you are immortal and you can live for 500 years).

- Vedant Nain, V C

The world after 500 years is something very difficult and interesting to imagine. The technology is developing rapidly nowadays. Hence there will be many advancements in the science and technical fields after 500 years from now.

Everything present now will be automated. We can see the robots roaming around with us like normal people. Every physical activity will be done by the use of machines. Man may start living on other planets like Mars. These planets may become tourist spots. So many new inventions will happen in medical field which will increase the life span of humans. There will

be many changes in the life style of people which we cannot imagine.

There may be some difficulties also as the natural resources are depleting day by day. There will not be sufficient natural resources such as water and oxygen. There may be global warming and the temperature of the earth may increase. The next world war may happen for capturing the natural resources. There are positive and negative effects that might happen.

- Atharva Jadhav, V E

EXAMINATIONS

An examination is conducted every month in my class to know the ability of each child. It serves as a yardstick to know the level of understanding of each child on what is taught in the class. The teachers strive hard to impart knowledge and clarity on each topic in a subject. Hence, the exam serves them to understand the grasping power of each student.

Whenever there is an examination, I study hard to clear the exam with flying colours and when the exam paper is given to me, the butterflies

fly in my stomach. To overcome my nervousness, I keep a cool mind so that I can perform well, else I tend to forget whatever I had studied at home. This is the reason I always study at home everyday so that I don't have to burden myself to study subjects in a short span of time. Exams always bring the best out of me as it tests my ability to perform well and compete with my classmates.

- Reemasri S. Radhakrishnan, V D

Examinations are believed to be the toughest time for any student in their life. We have to study a lot to pass these exams with flying colours. Some children don't like the exams, but some children like exams. Children use different methods to prepare themselves for exams. I believe that examinations show us the way to succeed.

“Hardwork beats talent
when
Talent does not work hard”

I am also very tense during my exams. But I always keep a calm mind because if we are tense our answers can go wrong and we can lose

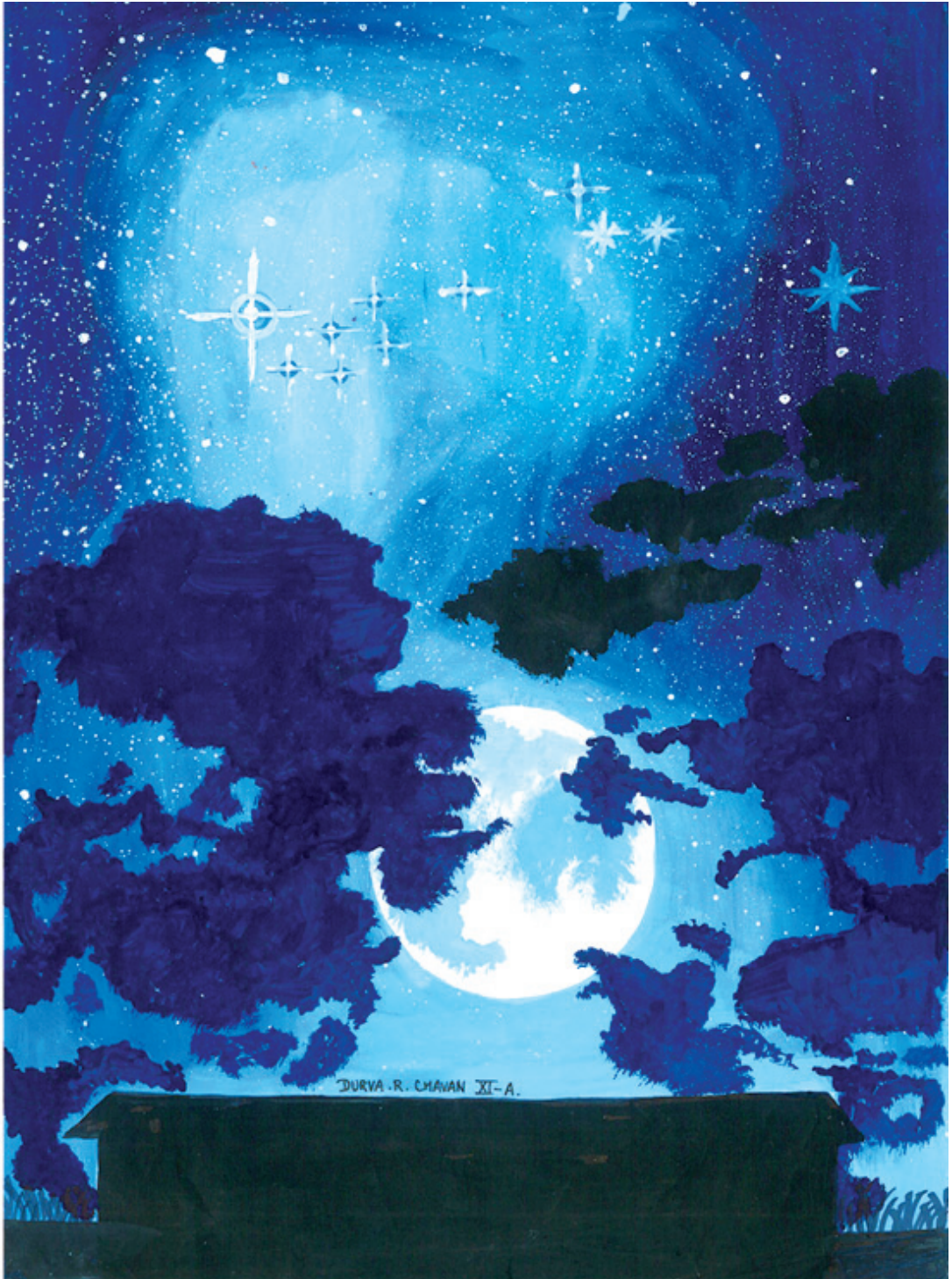
marks in the exams. Really the word examination sends a shiver to everyone's spine. I heave a sigh of relief when my examinations go really well.

Not only parents but also teachers are tense when their children appear for the exams. They hope everything goes well that day. The best thing about examinations is that we get a very long holiday after our exams to make us feel free and fresh for our next term studies.

“Don't stress, Do your best.
Forget the rest.”

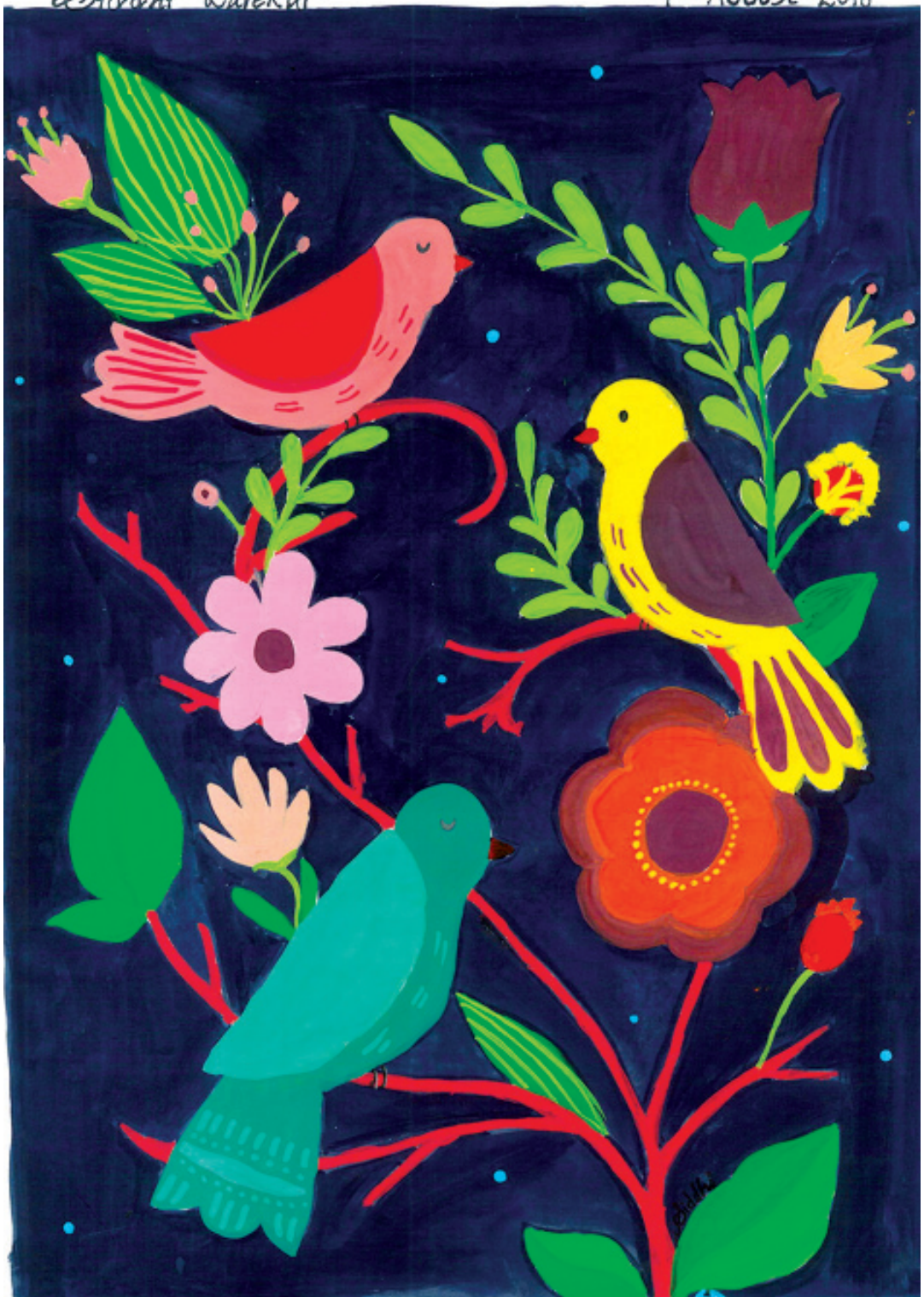
- Sharmistha M., V E

AGNELS MODERN ART









BHAVESH PATEL

THE GRIEF OF A NURSING OFFICER

- Joystal J. Nazareth, XII D

Mr. Bhavesh Patel is an activist who fought for the rail accident victims. He has ensured that the victims of rail accident are taken to the nearest hospital for treatment within an hour of the accident, known as “Golden Hour.”

This all happened after Bhavesh witnessed a commuter fall off a train. When he rushed to inform the GRP, he unfortunately he could not get help for the victim. After this Bhavesh sent a stream of letters to the decision makers and everyday he spent hours at the Divisional Railway Manager’s office and various Railway Police Stations for his petition to be accepted and acted upon. His petition was very simple i.e. a rail accident victim must receive medical aid within the “Golden Hour”. His hard work and effort for the rights of rail accident victims in past, led to stretchers being made compulsorily available at each and every station. In 2003, he

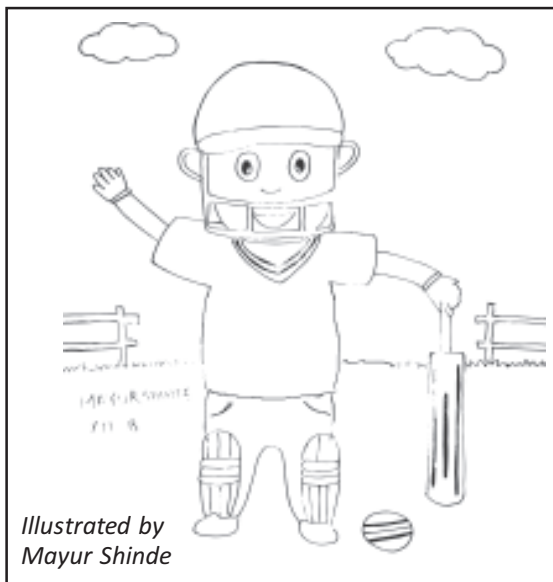
was the first person to start a helpline service for railway accident victims, that gives information to the victim’s family and facilitates immediate hospital service. He even managed to build a fleet of 35 private ambulances that would be on standby near railway stations and would be used during an emergency. In 2004 the Bombay High Court passed, Bhavesh’s petition and made his recommendations mandatory. Today because of MR. BHAVESH PATEL life of various rail accident victims have been saved. If each and every person of our country tries to do that effort of taking our country towards a better future then, that day is not far when our country is one among the developed country. Let us start to make a difference as an individual in our own small way and then go on to make it a nationwide movement for a better future.



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OBSTRUCTING THE FIELD WICKET (CRICKET)

- Dev Sancheti, XII D



Recently, Amit Mishra, who plays for Delhi Capital in IPL, was given out for obstructing the field in the Eliminator of IPL 2019 against Sunrisers Hyderabad. He was found guilty of changing his running direction while attempting a run towards non-striker's end. He obstructed Khaleel Ahmed to throw the ball on the stumps. He was the second Batsman in the IPL to be given out in this fashion, first was Yusuf Pathan, who was dismissed in similar fashion while playing for Kolkata Knight Riders against Pune Warriors in IPL 2013.

There are nine methods of dismissing a batsman in Cricket. Obstructing the field is one of them and it is one of the rare methods of dismissal. Law 37 of the Laws of cricket is based on Obstructing the field, it states that a batsman can be given out if he willingly obstructs the fielding team by any action or word.

In the fifth test match of the South Africa tour

of England in 1951, England's batsman Leonard Hutton top-edged the ball and thinking that the ball would hit the stumps, he attempted to strike the ball away. This prevented the South African Wicket keeper William Russell Endean to Catch the ball and therefore Hutton was given out by the Umpire this is the only instance in Test Matches where a batsman was given out for obstructing the field.

There have been six occasions in Men's One day Internationals, once in the Women's One day Internationals and only one instance in T20 International matches.

List of batsmen given out for Obstructing the field is as follows (Men):

1. Ramiz Raza (Pakistan)
2. Mohinder Amarnath (India)
3. Inzamam Ul Haq (Pakistan)
4. Mohammad Hafeez (Pakistan)
5. Anwar Ali (Pakistan)
6. Ben Stokes (England)

Thirush Kamini of India is the only women cricketer who was given out for Obstructing the field in Women ODIs and Jason Roy is the only Cricketer who was given out for obstructing the field in T20 Internationals.

Handling the ball is the other unusual type of dismissal in Cricket. Mohinder Amarnath is the only cricketer to be given out for both obstructing the field and handling the ball in international cricket.



LIFE IS PRECIOUS

- Rohit Maurya, XII C

I used to scoff at people who would light a smoke at every chance they got. Addicts, junkies, weak-willed morons. Don't they value their lives? I would think.

So, you're under a

little stress, a little under the weather,
Be strong, take it on the chin.
Filling your lungs with poison isn't going to solve your problems,
I would often say, and pat my back for being a man of principles.

But now, as I stand at the poorly lit teashop, lighting my fifth cigarette of the day, as the bespectacled little boy next to me glares me like, I'm the weakest creature on earth, I see the irony. The look in his eyes is so familiar, I don't need him to mouth the words, to know exactly what he's thinking. As that thought evaporates in the puff of smoke, it hits me-

It isn't only about the principles.
It's about the limits, I crossed and fell!

LITTLE THINGS

- Vidhi Gupta, XII B



When the school is out for summer,
When the blankets are out for winter,
When the teacher praises your homework,
When you get a new bike,
Oh! those few months of joy.

When Dad gets you a

shopping deal,
When sister gives you her best dress,
When finally your room is clean,
When your singer creates a new song,
Oh! those few days, are to treasure!

When you understand a concept of Math,
When you perfect a symphony,

When you complete the steps with grace,
When you shed off a kilo or two,
Oh! those few hours to glow!

When you wake up before the alarm,
And the test is cancelled, is announced!
When you find an unread book by your arm,
When you see the stars winking and the moon smiling,
Oh! those are the few moments of complete bliss!

When brother cooks for you,
And Mom cuddles you,
When you find an old letter tucked under clothes,
Or a big penny under the shoe,
Oh! those few seconds of peace!

When best friend pops in suddenly,
When you wake up after a long quiet sleep,
When the first raindrops cool the heat,
Then finally, truth dawns upon you,
Oh! These are the few Best moments of life!

A LETTER TO MYSELF

Dear 17-year-old me,

I never thought I would say this, but I have come to a point when I started to realize how easy and laid-back life was, back in High school. This is a strange feeling, for this only shows me how much I have actually changed. Undoubtedly, this scares me because then, you realize who you've become when you take a second and look back. The feeling kicks in and for a split second you feel as if you are two people at once – the Old and the New you!

My parents and relatives kept telling me that school is “the most carefree time of one's life” and I wanted them to stop saying that because clearly, there was much drama going on all the time. When you're a teen, things are definitely not as “carefree” as the adults say. All those things that come as a package deal with adolescence, like your first heartache, the first argument with your parents for coming back home way too late, that burdensome homework and so much more. Honestly, this was tough stuff, wasn't it?

I have now decided to answer honestly, with a big fat “No!” After I had moved out of school for the first time to start perusing a Degree at a College, school was all but a passé, compared to the “real life”, I am living now. I had to look out for myself, make sandwiches for lunch, cook dinner, go to the Doctor's by myself, when I was sick (I really missed my Mom who would bring me tea and food and give me a big hug), clean my apartment and do my laundry. All these seemed liked endless chores. There was just so much of responsibility, but I didn't miss school that much. This might be because I had much more freedom, could go out and stay up as late as I wanted to, meet people whenever I decided to do so and immerse myself in the state of in-between a just-turned-20 guy and a “real” grown-up. Surely, there was drama, as well, but it was different, though emotionally draining many times. However, you could stay out of it if you wanted or at least things were sorted out in a more “rational” way. I had my opinions about things, my values – a mature personality, so to speak. I thought I knew everything about life now and would be able to cope with whatever would make it difficult from time to time.

All of a sudden, three years had passed and a new chapter of my life began. As I had decided to do a master's, I moved to London, the big smoke. From a small town to the big metropolis – this had already been a life-changing experience. I've always had this feeling of wanderlust deep inside me and now I had the opportunity to live abroad for the second time in my life. Also, life as a postgraduate is by far not as crazy as that of an undergrad – at least this is my experience. You calm down a bit, appreciate the precious moments together with newly met people. You exchange stories about your past years and start talking about your dreams. You realize that you're a different person compared to who you've been during your undergraduate studies and that you have eventually changed your perspective on things.

I thought I was living the “real life” three years ago but oh, this was a sweet, carefree life in retrospective. I have to manage life in a city with almost 8 million people and constantly have to

make sure I am not left without money in the middle of the month, as life in London is just so expensive. I cannot simply go back home when there's a problem, which I have to manage myself. I have greater responsibility as no one tells you how and when to do something – but the deadline is set. And all so often I just have to inhale deeply as stress is something that has become part of my life. Real stress. I can only call myself a student for roughly three more months. I am beginning to stress out about my future, about being – or having to be – an adult.

And here we are. I am facing a whole lot of changes and see more responsibilities fast approaching. And with changes come choices. With choices come decisions and the latter is what I am facing right now. Regarding my future plans, life requires me to decide. I find myself standing at a crossroad. I don't want to be an adult.

I don't want to make such important decisions. But I know I have to, for there is no other way around. Nevertheless, what do you do if you know that, on the one hand, you have this desire to go see and explore the world, find an employment abroad, yet, on the other hand, you know that this decision is having massive consequences in that you will hurt a person you care about? What if your restlessness is so strong that you simply know staying is not an option, for you want to live your life with no regrets? However, you are aware of the fact leaving will be a hell of an emotional roller-coaster ride, which might actually lead to regrets? These are your choices. This is your life. This is my life and no matter what chapter it was, I always wanted to have more freedom of decision-making.

Now that I am facing one of the most difficult decisions to make and no one can help me. I just wish someone would decide for me. It's wishful thinking. Welcome to maturity, where every hard decision will have consequences you cannot foresee – or maybe you can but this makes things even more difficult. I have to decide in a grown-up manner, in a rational way.

I am completely self-determined now and have realized that I actually know very little about real life.

And this is when I think about how easy it was back in high school.

Yours faithfully,

Rohit Maurya, XII C



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Ishaan Pathak, XII A*

A WASTED LIFE !

- Rohit Maurya, XII C

Two smokes up,
I become a philosopher,
I am deemed too innocent,
Picture perfect was my aim.

A few years of ignorance,
Gave birth to eternal havoc.
I wonder why it happened,
It was too unexpected.

I despise talks,
Actions aren't my strong spot either,
Life is short; a weird story,
We waste our time in trying to make it nice.

To the reader,
I get it, this is sadistic stuff.
But do realise that I am only seventeen,
I got real too early.

Happiness is just a temporary state,
It's just a matter of a few milliseconds,

You please anybody,
Watch their faces turn back to normal after
long.

This boy was a tiny introvert,
He still is, apparently!
Shady is his life term,
He proudly wears on that mask like a warrior.

I look up at the sky,
Lots of clouds there,
It's a beautiful medium to mask everything,
One sight of the ocean solves everything.

I yearn for a return ticket,
Not to my native place,
To the person who I was,
A few years seem like a million.

It's funny,
I used to think I was interaction-resistant,
That's when I understood the error,
Not interaction-resistant, but resistant in
General!

Well, my smokes are over,
It felt too long,
See you again,
Next time won't be a wasted life.... I assure
you!

WATER !

- Aadith Sukumar, XI C

Water water everywhere-
Not a drop to drink!
Lakes and rivers are all bare
life's on death's brink.

Half the world is facing rain,
From the vapor and clouds again and again!
The other half struggles in pain
Without water, except that flows on
Cheeks- tear stained!

Fishes that live, in the ocean's, thrive,

Die of toxic waste,
As we poison the Marine life!

If we don't take proper measures
We'll not be around forever!
Hence, we should not waste nature's gifts
And most importantly- water!

We should help to save the world
Every positive action,
Big or small
Is what matters.

WORDS FROM THE CALM

- Apurva JS, XII B



Infinity lies
wherever sight
reaches,
In a grain of sand,
in the palm of
your hand,
Through the
subtle things you
pass by, it
preaches;

The lessons not murmured in closed walls,
But spread their essence to ones who wander,
In search for chastity, despite the ongoing
plunder.

Why in a life so chaotic?
Silence is what we long for?

And a soul closer to it, longs for something
dramatic.

The serenity of these stretches haven't seen
hitherto,
Some find this tranquility, an escape to gloom
inside,
Some imbibe and radiate it wherever they go.

There's a sense of content in the mist,
Ought to embrace it, but I'm a human, Oh, a
greedy race!
That loves nature's lap, but works to scar her
face.

Let's make some deliberations,
And bring back the treasures we foolishly
loathed,
To enkindle hope in place of misery for future
generations.

THE 20-YEAR-OLD CLUB

- Rohit Maurya, XII C

I heave a deep sigh,
as I press "Ctrl+S" key,
And name the file "Presentation final"
My satisfactory stupor was broken by the beep
of the coffee brewer.
Strangely, the addiction to coffee was one
permanent thing that,
I carried with me till now,
right from my childhood.
When I look back,
compared to the present reality,
My childhood ambitions-
seemed to be wisps of smoke from a
burning candle.
All the 'I want to be an astronaut'
got summed,
within the bounds of my laptop's
keyboard.
Reciting rhymes doesn't earn me
applause anymore.
And speaking of permanency!

Even- the numbers changed as I grew up.
Now, my stories speak more about myself,
than of a fabled land of happiness across the
horizon.
The school bag under which,
my tiny shoulders slightly drooped,
is replaced by a leather satchel.
The candies now come with-
an additional escapade of memories.
The twenty-year-old club for which,
I strived,
seems more like a long stretch of
expectations,
to be fulfilled rather than an anecdote of
happiness!
Maybe, sometime in the future,
even this phase of mine,
will seem like a paradise.
Doesn't it sound ironical.....
.....when the future you strive for,
makes you yearn for your past!

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Ruby Fernandes, XII D



I speak of a time,
When dirt meant only slime
When money was only for candies,
When education was only school.

I think of a time,
When Sunday was for the hills,
When Wednesday was for the bazaars,
And Friday, was for the movies.

I write of a time,
When waited for frogs and snails,
When we looked for balloons and cotton candy
All the way,
When we longed for mangoes,

LIFE IN PETRI DISH

- Vidhi Gupta, XII B

I feel of a time,
When colourful painted walls excited us,
When we came home drenched slush,
When teeth fell and dimples were frequent,
When it was only numbers in Math.

I miss the time,
When an entire day could be passed in pajamas,
When evening sunlight could be bathed in,
When stars could be spoken to.

I rejoice of the time,
When an ice cream was a party,
When Oswald and Doraemon were our best
friends,
And Mom's lap -a luxury.

When did exams replace clocks?
When did mirth replace sleep?
When did stress replace innocent happiness?
When did we begin life in a Petri Dish?

POISONOUS MAGICIAN

- Vidhi Gupta, XII B

I wish I could warn the ants about the spider's
web,
I wish I could tell on the lazy grasshopper,
I wish I could talk to the cups and saucers,
Just like the water whispers to the glass!

I wish I could tell kids to play in the rain,
I wish I could giggle when squirrels ran away,
I wish I could advise mom to stay calm,
I wish I could get my father to pause and rest!

I wish I could predict a child's future,
I wish I could pat my brother to sleep,
I wish I could eat all the cookies,
And not be bothered about getting fatter!

I wish I could laze in pajamas all day,
Or watch the sky turn orange and grey!

I wish I could understand how my plants felt,
I wish I could sing along with the sparrows,
I wish I could tell me to be easy on myself!

I wish I could warn me about love,
I wish I could remind me to be wary of the clock,
I wish I could retaliate the tricks of life's
poisonous magician!



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FOR ME

- Vidhi Gupta, XII B

Who says the moon has dark spots?
Who says the man isn't scared?

Who says Papa is always brave?
Maybe you never see him pray!

Who says the world is kind and fair?
Who says you are in the liar's lair!

Who says Mommy knows everything?
Maybe you never see her hesitate!

Who says the soil is forgiving?
Who says the stars are twinkling?
Who says the sea is full of water and salt?
Maybe it's just tears you just tasted,
And they might be yours!

Who says she is beautiful?
Who says he is intelligent?

Who says the truth is never wrong?
Who says the time is never slow?
Maybe you've never been through pain!

Who says there is sound when you cry?
Who says you need words to love?

Who says you need brains to think?
Maybe the heart has its own way !

Who says the path is crooked?
Who says that the journey is long?
Who says you need to go?
When all that you just need,
Is to stay !

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MEN AROUND US

- Vidhi Gupta, XII B

The Father who holds you,
The Brother who guides you,
The Uncle who spoils you,
The Grandpa who adores you!

The friend who consoles you,
The colleague who inspires you,
The Mentor who teaches you,
The companion who completes you!

The one who gives printed paper,
The one who gives sweet milk,
The one who irons your clothes,
The one who shines your boots!

The one who drives you to school,
The one who gives little candies,
The one who gives balloons to reach the sky!

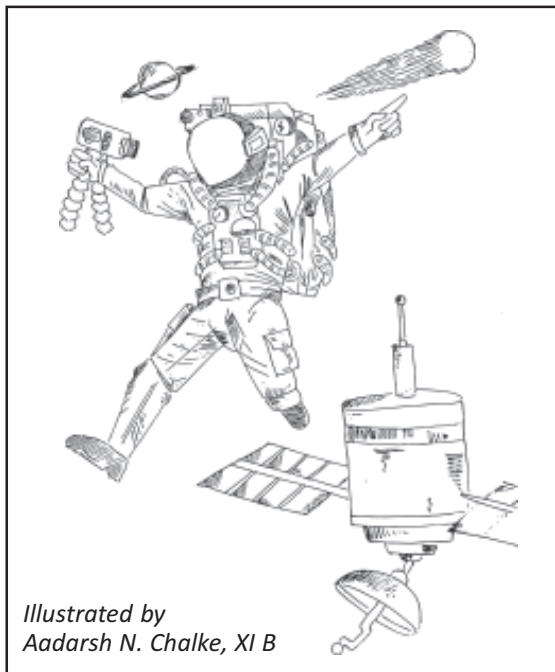
The actor who makes way to your heart,
The singer who soothes your soul,
The author who makes your eyes sparkle,
The joker who makes you crack up!

Where have they all vanished?
Buried with names tarnished,
Leaving an echo behind faded with steps-
A loud void behind colourful drapes!

It takes two to clap, to cheer and create,
To motivate, to back, and to support,
It takes all to make, simplify, beautify
To live, to love and to be us!

SPACE VLOGGER

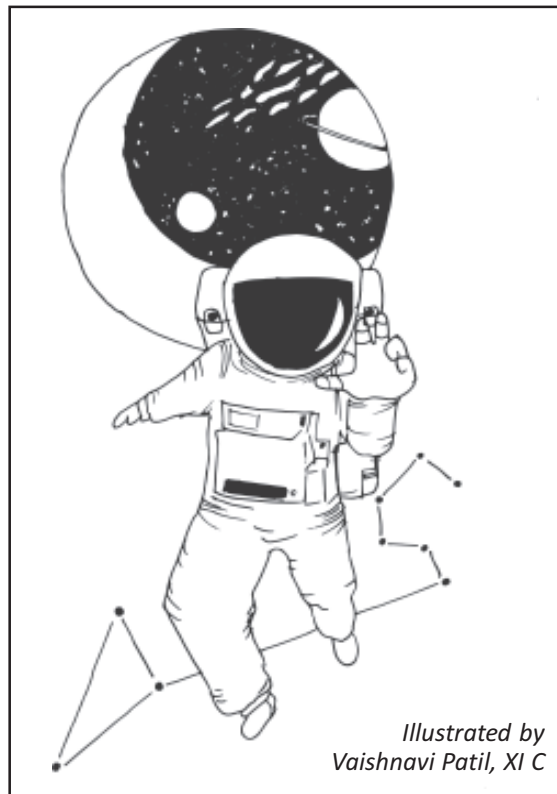
- Shubham XII C



I've always been keen about vlogging, and the Internet sensations like Casey Neistat and the Paul brothers have never failed to catch hold of my admirations. I remember writing and making pictures in my diary in the 6th grade, to keep a record of my life. But now the idea of apprehending your life in the form videos seems quite entertaining and handy. Obviously, it's influence has led to, me wanting to be a vlogger. But just filming someone's monotonous life seems like a lame idea. What I want to be, is a SPACE VLOGGER!

Space is one such topic that piques everyone's curiosity and wanting to be an astronaut is every kid's fantasy. Likewise, I too wish to be a space rover, and work at the ISS (International Space Station). Vlogging my life out there in the Cosmos, will definitely be a novel idea. Plus,

tours and information of various modules of the space lab, and the lifestyle of a cosmonaut will definitely seize everyone's interests. After ISRO's commendable achievement of Chandrayaan-2, it is now focused on its new mission, "Gaganyaan". Wherein 3 Indians, including a woman, will be crewed onto the spacecraft, to orbit the earth for around 7 days, in 2022. Alongside Elon Musk's company SpaceX is planning Starship mission to send people to Moon and Mars, with a confirmed trip to the Moon in 2020. Such abrupt advancements will unquestionably pave way for my intents of being a Space Vlogger!



RANDOM THOUGHTS

- Nissy Jose, XII B

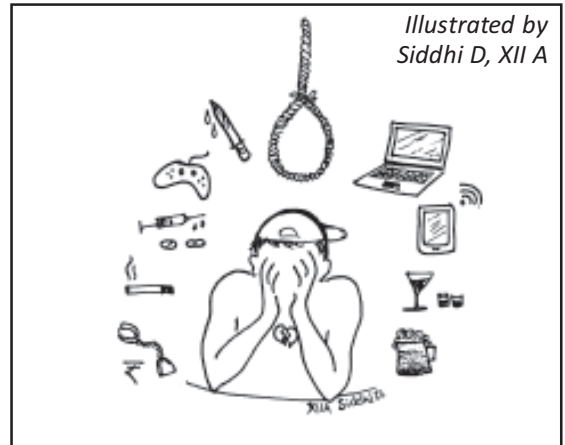
If things had started out differently,
At 2:00 a.m. I wouldn't be sipping down this
coffee.
The voices in my head wouldn't just be mere
sounds,
Like the rushing of the river over rocks.

Today would have met a different
end,
If you wouldn't have kept whining about how
you spent,
avoiding Karma this season of Lent,
reminiscing the lies you ever said.

Today could have had at least a different middle,
Had you strangled the control freak in you that
made you act civil,
Had you learnt that life is a story about you not
one that you tell,

You think you are the artist but you are the
palette.

In this life where the cast changes over time,
But the roles never did and never shall.



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Women are strong,
And this isn't just a
vague statement,
I say this looking at
the fire in ladies,
Looking at the
goddesses in
women!

The female engineer
nailing her job,
The housewife on
duty all day and

Through the night!
The mother who begs on the streets for her
children,
They all reflect glory and might.

Their eyes are indeed like stars,
But each star is the burning Sun,
Their words can pacify a wailing child,

WOMEN

- Rosita D'Mello, XII C

And also make the country run.

From a mother saving her infant
From being killed for being female,
To an acid attack victim surviving,
Women are anything but frail!

A victim of domestic abuse,
Saving herself from hell,
Or a woman trinket-seller in a train,
Who has a million stories to tell.

A woman whose talent,
Gets no credit at all,
A girl best friend who's there by your side,
In just one call!

A woman is a marvelous creation,
Who fits perfectly into any role,
Think twice before messing with a woman,
She's got a fire in her soul!

LIFE

- Rapaka Himabindu, XI E

I, started to understand something,
I, started to understand that....
Those feelings I thought were hurt,
Those feelings when,
I thought they hated me!
Those feelings that,
made me think of myself a little less!
Those feelings that
made me feel like a loser in my own story!
Those feelings that,
made me think I am ugly,
Those feelings that,
made me think I am not cool enough,

Everything changed;
Each time I thought about those feelings,
Each time I felt sad,
I realized,
It was just my thinking,
that made me sadder!
It was just the smaller outlook I created on
this bigger plain of my life,
Missing out the greatest things;
Just then I realized,
I started understanding what life is!
And how what we actually think we feel
effects our real feelings!

JUST A GIRL !

- Rapaka Himabindu, XI E

She was just a little girl,
She wasn't like any other girl,
Who wanted to be happy,
Who dreamt about being something more,
Who dreamt about being someone
Someone who was the best in her own way!
She wasn't like any other girl,
She found peace in playing and
Happiness in winning.
Know one knew her story,
They just kept poking fun at her.
For the way she dressed,
for the way she talked,
for the stuff she did,
For playing what boys play,
For each and everything she ever did,
She was laughed at!

But they didn't know,
She wasn't just like any other girl,
She was brave- brave enough !

Brave enough- to stand up to them,
And tell the world the truth,
The truth of,
what kind of person she really was!
She wasn't scared about people judging her,
Coz know she knew,
that for each action of her's,
they were going to laugh!
They were gone tease
her,
But,
one thing they
couldn't do,
was to change her,
to break her,
and stop her from
being herself!

Illustrated by
Bharvee P, XII B



SAVE THE GIRL CHILD !

- Anushka Fernandes, XI B

Please save me....
an innocent girl child,
And give me a reason to smile!

I promise....
I will not be a burden,
All I want is a gentle cuddle!

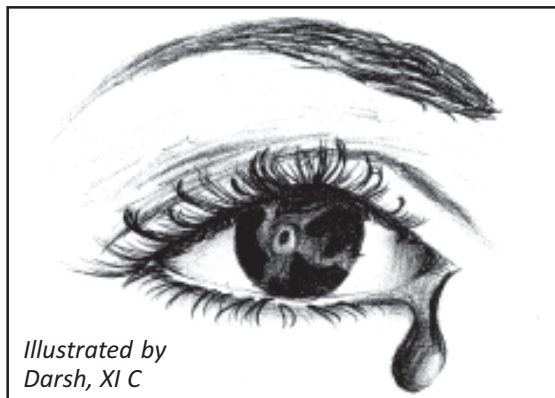
I promise.....
I will not let you down,
Or give you a reason to frown!

Please save me,
Please let me free,
I will care for you day and night,
With all my heart and might!

I promise.....
that I will make you proud of having me,
Just support me and you will see!

But if you trouble me day and night,
I promise.....
I will not stay quiet.

I will try
and be calm



But I won't spent too much time,
moaning and complaining!

Don't you think I am a mice,
I know how to turn the dice.
If you treat me like a toy,
I will prove that I am not so mild and coy!

If you wrong me,
I will raise my voice,
So now take the step,
to save a girl child.....
it is entirely your choice!

EVENING MUSINGS

- Eva Abraham, XII B

I often find myself photographing the Sun,
Only to see the sky change shades,
Somewhat similar to human race!

With every passing dusk,
I get assured that a rise is what
We all hope for!

In the darkness where, one gets lost,
Solace is what I found.
I sit here rearranging my thoughts,
Only to find myself there,
Where I had lost it all!

I fear those nights when the sky
Has even darker shades to portray,
Maybe because those human eyes,
Remain opaque to such unusualness of the day!

In such evenings my thoughts,
Process my actions,
And this is that time when,
I feel the most alive!

Afraid but secretly in love,
Is the way it's been with me in many ways,
Thus, making evenings my favourite part of the
day!

ALL ALONG THE WAY

- Rohit Maurya, XII C

Today the sky is lilac,
Oh! the changing shades of the sky,
That make me think,
of this fifty-seven-year-old man,

I saw selling mushy brown bananas on the local train,
That evening through the rusty iron rods of the window,
All forms of nature's beauty,
performed a show
Passing through lakes and mangrove trees
And waterfalls and forest clearings
Windmills to tulip farms
While he smelled like farms and day job
His eyes searched for people
For kids wanting to buy
Half or a dozen maybe
His fine lines were like unconnected railroads
His aged hands were windmills
And his wrinkled skin played a melancholy song
His shoulders were like weighing machine
carrying the weight of today's
His cracked ankles cried for help to ministers
His heart thought
Why the numerous government schemes for
poverty stricken
Doesn't reach his door there is corruption in
each level
His chapped, dry lips must have murmured then
His bones couldn't feel the beauty of sunsets
Against sunflower windows and runaway train
And after each sell his mind could only do the
math
That when he reaches home
What will he provide as daily bread?
The menu read: 1) plain rice with salt & 2) stale
chapatis and onion
Whenever the train caught speed
Its speed focused on the man in that off-white
kurta

That smelled of starch, with side pockets
And sewed chappals,
I heard coins jingling
How much could it have been?
I count 70, 150 or 300, all along the way.

Today the white lilies in my backyard are
blooming
And my mother is carrying a happy face back
home
Filling the orphan's pockets with chips and
biscuits in a nearby madrasa
And it made me think
We need to be each other's safe house
When the government couldn't
To these eleven-year-old valleys
Who haven't seen a five hundred rupee note
A full meal becomes a feast for them
And that they read pale pages and weave words
out of them
Their smiles are like yellow roses in an upbeat
song
Their clothes smell of rain-soaked mud and their
eyes shine like a pearl string in skylight
Smartphone games are fairy tales which they
tell each other,
While collecting stones and grasses for their
lambs all along the way

Its Friday
I swipe my card and walk through the gate of a
twenty-six storey glass building
With tube lights ten times the people there
I enter with a basket
Tomatoes 40 per kg, spinach 45 per kg
My mind read the hiked prices, but my heart
couldn't
I carried my grocery bags
And the veins of my heart carried snippets
That pumped poetry all along the way.

PARAMOUNT OF PRICELESS PRINTED BOOKS

- Kanak Agarwal, XI E

The elatedness and contentment of physically turning a page of a book is incomparable to the pixels on a screen.

Printed books make reading pleasurable. Reading an e-book, on the other hand, feels like using an ATM. After staring at a computer screen at work all day, is it relaxing to park yourself in a corner, at home and stare at another screen?

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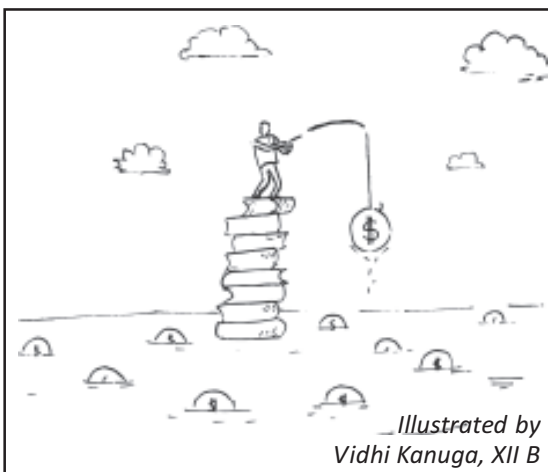
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PASSION - A POEM

- Ronit Sutar, XI C

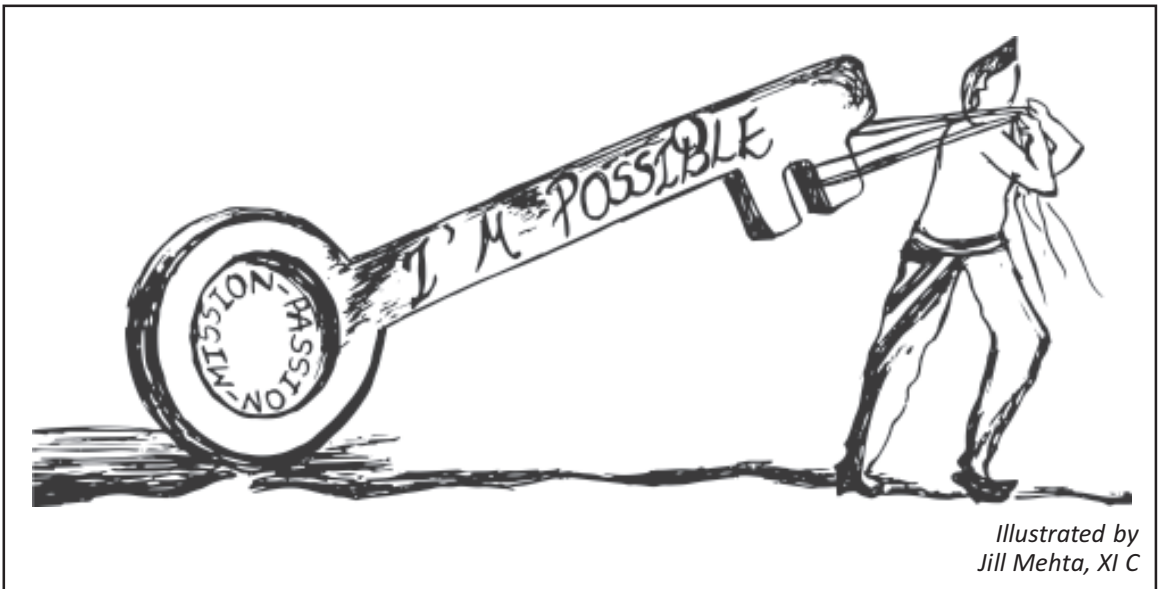
If you have a passion
and you are on a mission
to excel in what you do
and that is just for you,
no one can stop you,
Even for minutes few!

Whenever you decide
that, this, is what is life-
you feel the excitement,
and complete enjoyment.
As if everything is new,
that you will go through!

Long hours are easy,
You never feel lazy.
You love what you do,
You feel ecstasy like you never knew
and thank GOD for having it, too!

Even if you fail,
It is the process, you tell.
And learn from it,
even if bit by bit,
You know you will do it well
and eventually surely excel!

Mankind is God's creation,
which possesses passion.
One has 'interest' to use
even if in a thing few.
So, let's try out a bunch new of things,
Let's see with what pulls,
our heart's strings!



Illustrated by
Jill Mehta, XI C

MEMORIES TO CHERISH FOREVER

- Madhura Santosh Chatufale, XI A

It has been thirteen years that I have been a part of this institution and words would be inadequate to express my gratitude and heartfelt thanks to each and every teacher who molded me, to make me who I am today.

Right from when, we were toddlers to becoming young charming personalities today, this entire journey at Agnells has been incredibly beautiful! There are innumerable golden memories for all of us to cherish and these were created only because I was a part and am a part of such an esteemed institute. Agnells is a big family, where we, believe in loving our neighbours as ourselves. The motto- 'VASUDHAIV KUTUMBAKAM' has been embossed in our hearts forever.

The values and morals which we all have imbibed through this eventful journey, are surely going to play a pivotal role in helping us reach the pinnacle of success and glory in our future endeavors.

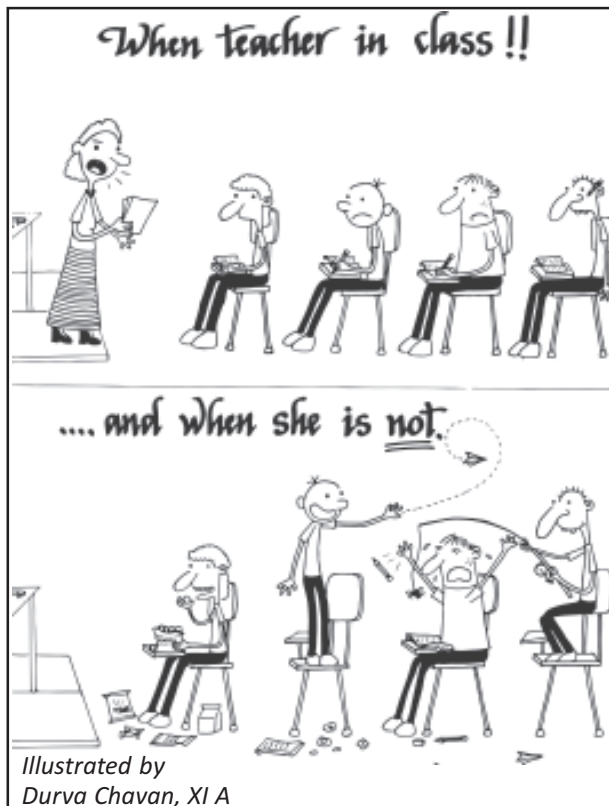
Our school has taught us, that academic excellence is important, but

more important- is to be a good human being - 'Men and Women of principles and values.

As early as, the pre-primary section, till the tenth grade and beyond, I remember, so vividly the constant support and excellent guidance of all my teachers and moreover the immense care and affection each teacher showered upon us. Their kind words and encouragement has always boosted our confidence to attain greater heights.

The timely help of our teacher's, when we faced difficulties, made it possible for us to achieve our goals. The teachers have taught us to

'challenge our limits' and 'not limit our challenges'! Various cultural events, thrilling treks, foot tapping drills, sports days, different competitions, other extra-curricular activities, played a crucial role in shaping our personalities. For me it was always a great joy to participate in the elocution, drawing, handwriting, singing competitions.... win laurels and make my teachers proud of me. Their words of

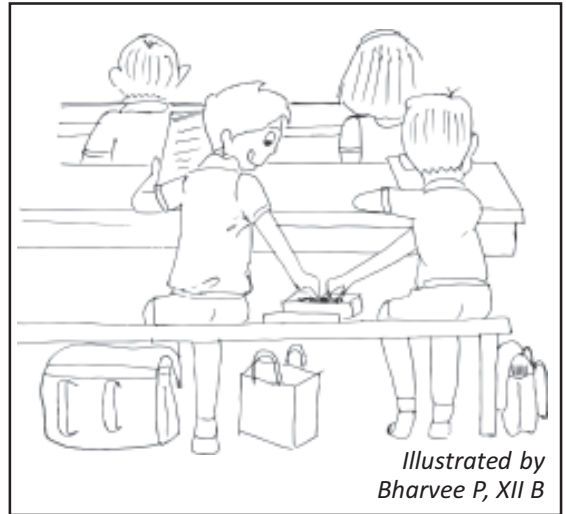


motivation and optimism instilled in me the confidence to do better and better....and moreover, an indomitable spirit to achieve success.

The camps which we went for taught us discipline, cooperation, and most importantly 'team work'. Those were some of the best memories of school life. The summer camps contributed in helping us learn new things and facilitated holistic development.

And in standard tenth, which was a turning point in the career graph of each one of us the teachers left no stone unturned when it came to guiding us to accomplish our desired targets and goals. I scored 97.2% in my tenth standard and I got 100/100 in Sanskrit and this feat I attribute to all my mentors who have stood by me always and have helped me realize my true potentials.

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Rev. Fr. Almeida who has been an inspiration to all of



us. He is indeed the stalwart of the Agnel family!

I am extremely fortunate to be studying at Agnels for two more years in the junior college. I am looking forward to creating more and more such sweet memories. Overall this journey of thirteen long years has been really amazing! It is a home to innumerable unforgettable memories that I would cherish lifelong....!!!!

THE ATOMIC HABIT OF READING

- Anushaka Fernanades, XII E

Reading is a wonderful habit. It is a kind of therapy which can work wonders and act as a soothing balm to calm the minds of people dealing with a lot of stress. Reading not only increases knowledge but also improves the language.

Even today, reading is considered as one of the best past times for many people, though the arrival of the Television and the Internet has led to a certain negative impact on the minds of almost everybody, especially the youth,

teenagers and kids. And this in turn has resulted in the slow decline of book readers.

Today's generation is constantly glued to their phones and TV screens. They are addicted to watching TV series all day long, or playing video games or watching videos on YouTube channels. Even, reading of newspapers, has become limited to that of reading the headlines. One can easily get updated the news, by pressing a few buttons on the television or from the internet. People, young and old alike are

becoming habituated to electronic media and find it easier to follow it.

Books are the best way to easily get acquainted to the English language. Kids who, develop the habit of reading at an early age are good at comprehending situations and develop a better sense of understanding than those who do not read. Books also give the person the freedom to explore the world of freedom. A good book can shape you into a better person. Also reading keeps a person informed about the current affairs.

But now in this age of computers and internet, reading isn't something that people find, appealing anymore. People prefer watching movies rather than reading books written by some of the best writers like The Harry Potter series by J.K.Rowling, The notebook by Nicholas Sparks, To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee or The Fault in our Stars by John Green. Books are slowly being replaced by their movie versions and people find it a lot easier to follow the movies, rather than to read the books.

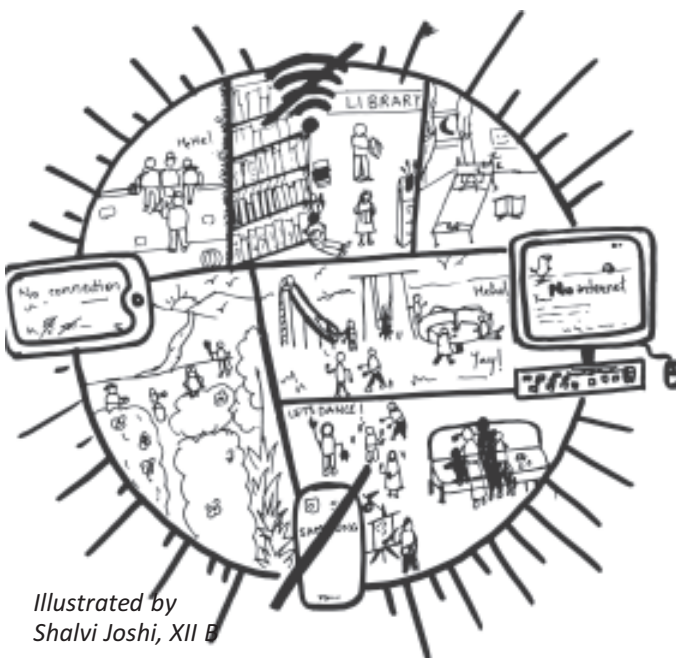
Even people, who do have a habit of reading books prefer downloading it on their phones or tablets rather than buying an actual printed book or borrowing one from the library. Instead

of having to search shelves one by one for a particular book, one can simply reserve the book online.

Libraries have now started providing their members with the opportunity to borrow e-books and gain online access to their database. And those libraries which have not yet adapted to the advancing technology are facing the risk of becoming obsolete.

Books are important in various unexpected ways. Books allow users to travel without their feet, books give wings to our imaginations, books are full of knowledge, joy, happiness, wisdom and so much more into it.

Books are more than enjoyment, books transform your life, books can help you in your hardest times. Printed books, can give you everything that an e-book on your phones or tablets cannot. The satisfaction that you can get by reading an actual book cannot be replaced by any technology. And the reality is that people will always read books for independent learning, for pleasure and as a way to relax.



WILL GOD FORGIVE US :

- Daksh Shah, VII E & Gloria Matthew, VIII D

[Letter from God to Humans]

Dear humans,

I am disheartened!!!! Extremely disheartened to see the unbelievable mayhem you have created on earth, and astonishingly, of the earth itself! How could you destroy that, which has given you life. You have infested earth with frightful demons like green-house gases, pollution, deforestation and endless climatic demons. What perturbs me more is that you are nowhere near to stop and solve these gigantic issues. You already have exterminated many plants and animals. I anticipate grave danger for mankind. It is my duty to warn you.....

Yours mournfully,
God.

[Reply from Humans to God]

Dear God,

We are ourselves devastated to see the immense destruction of earth. After all it is our own home! We have thought of many effective and practical solutions to fight climate change. First of all, we shall work on ground level to reinforce rainwater harvesting globally to prevent the infringing water crisis. We are going to carry out a huge afforestation drive by planting 1 tree per person, that shall amount upto 650 billion trees being planted ! We affirm that you shall be contented of our marvelously extraordinary solutions.

Yours optimistically,
Humans.

....And where there is a will there is a way.
Human beings are the most wonderful creation of God. After a few months...

[Letter from Humans to God]

Dear God,

We are trying our best to save our mother nature. And trees are a very important part of it as they are the only means to purify air on earth. But they have certain drawbacks as they require time and space to grow. So the Mexican scientists have come up with a new Mexican technology called 'BioUrban air purification system'. It is designed with the purpose of

transforming various harmful pollutants such as carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides etc to oxygen. This is a metal-made artificial tree which is 4.2mtall and 3m wide. There is a species of microalgae used in this tree. Through the natural process of photosynthesis, it sucks up as much air pollution as 368 real trees. Thus saving human race from various diseases and making our lives better

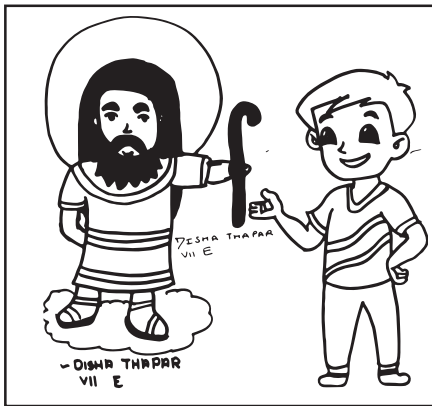
Yours sophisticatedly,
Humans

[Reply from God to Humans]

Dear Humans,

It is good that you have found solutions to making your lives better. What about my birds and animals? I entrusted on you the responsibility of taking care of Nature on Earth. Nature gave you all the love and care. However you have misused her. You have replaced the trees. Tomorrow you will replace everything. Just like abandoning your mother in an old-age home, when you are finally able to stand on your own feet. You will replace even the animals, the sky, seas, air, the stars, the sun, moon and everything that I have created. And finally will you replace yourselves???????????

Yours still mournfully
God



A FARAWAY LAND

- Shriya Agawane, VII C

Bumblebees from a faraway land
Our language do they understand?
Every little goblin who steals gold
What secrets does their land behold?

A dragon who can breathe fire
Resting under a tall spire
Fairies short and looking sweet
With their hair curled up neat.

A princess trapped in a tower
Whose story started with a single flower
Dressed in black are mean witches
Who love to make weird sandwiches.

Ugly and nasty trolls
A library filled with hundreds of scrolls!
Nymphs sewing on laces

For kings and queens in palaces

The sun here is really bright
Upon the entire realm it shines its light
A land where disturbance is forbidden
From us its existence is hidden.

A cloudless sky
An infinite sea,
The first one to see this land,
Has to be me!



WHEN I WAS JUST A LITTLE BOY.....

- Prajin Mukherjee, VII A



Before coming to middle school, we imagined and expected many things that would occur in middle school. Once you are there, well

The l-ooooooooo-n-g, dark corridor I remembered from my pre-primary days was not that long after all. Even the huge aquarium was not as huge as it was. The tall teachers were, mostly, my height. I realized that I had grown in size.

On the first day itself, I found out that middle school was a bit of everything I thought it was - scary, exciting (students racing to buy vada pav or samosa at the sound of the recess bell), fun

(listening to teachers' jokes) and so much more.

Recess was nothing like what we had in the Primary section. It was no longer, only the time to have our tiffin. The classrooms emptied out the moment the bell rang, corridors resonated with the sound of running feet and students greeted each other with famous dialogues from popular movies. The erstwhile docile classmates seemed to have grown in confidence overnight.

After spending almost one and a half year (that reminds me, we are exactly in the middle of our time in Middle School), I have forgotten most of my apprehensions. Our expectation of middle school was extremely different from what it is in reality, but with all the fun we have who is to say which is which?

ARTICLE 370 VS. 3, 7, 0

- Tejasvi Iyer, VII B

While everyone is busy analysing the impact of abrogation of article 370 of the Constitution of India, my inner voice urged me to 'think differently'. What is the significance of numbers 3, 7 and 0 in our lives? Wow, the outcome was fabulous. These numbers have very high significance in our mythology, history and day to day life. Well here it is !!!!!!!

The Terrific Three (3)

The number '3' has immense power; in different religions as well as civilizations.

Hindu mythology talks of the three Gods - Brahma Vishnu Shiva. The Devas have three worlds or Lokas—Bhoolok, Swarga lok and Paataalok—and Narada is often referred to as TrilokaSanchari. Lord Ganesha is said to have made three rounds of his parents Siva and Parvati to claim the mango fruit. Lord Shiva has three eyes, his weapon is Trishul. The Greek mythology talks of the mighty three Zeus- the God of Lightning , Poseidon- the God of the seas, Hades- the God of Death. The 3 largest pyramids of Giza in Egypt - the Pyramid of Menkaure, the Pyramid of Khafre and the Great Pyramid of Khufu. Norse mythology talks of the Great three- Odin – the god of wisdom, poetry, death, divination and magic . Thor is the god of thunder and lightning, Loki is the god of fire. Christianity talks of the Father, the son and the holy spirit. Islam talks of the – 'Triple talaq' to give up a matrimony alliance and 'quboolhai quboolhai quboolhai' to accept one as a partner in matrimony. 3 tigadakaambigada: a famous Hindi proverb. It means that three people will ruin a task due of difference of opinions but at the same time 3 is considered while taking

rounds around the temple premises and thus devotees prefer taking 3 circles to pay homage to gods.

The Stimulating Seven (7)

According to the Hindu mythology, there are seven worlds above and seven worlds below the earth. 7 Brahmarishis [Saptarishis] live in the skies. Our country has the Seven sisters of the North East. During Hindu marriages, newly married couple walks seven steps together around the sacred fire called Saptasati or Saat Phere. We have Seven days of the week. The Seven continents and Seven seas are well known around the world. MS Dhoni wears Jersey no 7. The all time hero James Bond has his code as : 007

The Zealous Zero (0)

Zero a number discovered by Aryabhatta an Indian mathematician. Has no place but yet of immense value. How intriguing

Now, to sum it up, here are some really unforgettable events that took place this year









073rd INDEPENDENCE DAY, ABROGATION OF ARTICLE '370'

And the last but not the least, its our 037th Edition of the Clarion!!!!!!!!!!



E-READER VS PAPERBACK






- Yachita Mehta, VIII B

 <p>E- READER</p>	<p>Hello Bibliophiles, welcome to the new era of reading which will enable readers to read books with a click of a finger.</p>	 <p>PAPERBACK -</p>	<p>E - READER? Seriously, those disgusting looking devices for reading? You and audiobooks can't kick me out of the bandwagon. Both of you can't be compared with my prestige. And have you heard of the proverb 'OLD IS GOLD'? So I am older and smarter than you.</p>
 <p>JUDGE</p>	<p>One point for Paperback. The score is 1-0.</p>	 <p>E-READER</p>	<p>Paperback , I know you are old but you have no right to tease my friends and me. Buying me is expensive I agree, but my investment is worth it, in the long run. And did you know that e books are more affordable than paperbacks.</p>
 <p>JUDGE</p>	<p>E - READER gets one point . The score is 1-1</p>	 <p>PAPERBACK -</p>	<p>Judge!!!! He forgot to mention that one needs to charge those devicesaha!!!. And do you know how long do I last? Unless there is a flood or fire or a natural disaster, I last forever (with a smirk on the face).</p>
 <p>JUDGE</p>	<p>Paperback gets a point The score is 2-1. I must say Paperback seems to have a good memory even though he is so old.</p>	 <p>E-READER</p>	<p>Look who is talking about living a better generation? A simple charge is much better than cutting millions of trees. Besides I offer so many features - Like having an high resolution display , changing size and fonts, portability, vocabulary builder and...</p>

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E-READER VS PAPERBACK

- Yachita Mehta, VIII B

 JUDGE	<p>E-READER gets a point, the score is 2-2.</p>	 E-READER	<p>There is a hell lot of problems for space, especially in India. And you take up so much space, whilst I can fit thousands of books in such a small space</p>
 JUDGE	<p>E-READER gets a point. The score is 2-3</p>	 PAPERBACK -	<p>I have to agree you are better for the current generation. But when one is reading paperbacks, one has the feeling of nostalgia of smelling the pages, Besides I am collectible, people collect different editions of the same book. People can't obviously collect E-READERS.</p>
 JUDGE	<p>Paperback gets a point, the final score is 3-3 and it is a tie. Honestly, I am spell bound by your debate today. Well you see people are diverse, If you are a reader of today's generation you should get an E-READER. But if you are a bibliophile, you will enjoy paperbacks only. It's all up to you. You can choose what works best for you.</p>		

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KOFFEE WITH POWERPUFF GIRL

- Aneri Samtani, VIII B

Karan Johar: Good Evening, girls and boys. Our guest this evening is the charming young Power puff girl. Protecting the world from mad scientists, bank robbers and aliens with the help of their special powers, the Power puff girls stand for the strong determined women of today. Please put your hands together and welcome our guest for the day.

Blossom: Hey Karan, I still can't believe I have been invited on such a prestigious show as a guest. I'm truly honoured.

Karan: Aaah. Welcome to my show. How have you been doing. I'm sure busy catching bank robbers. Hahaha....

SIMONE SINGH
VIII B

Blossom: Hahaha, I'm actually getting jitters. Our hands are full with assignments.

Karan: Can you tell us something about what inspired you to be a Powerpuff girl.

Blossom: The history of Feminism and its roots in the earliest human civilizations. Plato, The Greek philosopher advocated that women possess 'natural capacities' equal to men for governing and defending ancient Greece. So here we are.

Karan: Oh, that's quite enlightening but its history.

Blossom: We have today the more recent #MeToo movement and women's marches which have provided feminists with high profile platforms worldwide. So it's not all history. It's the present and the future.

Karan: Wow that's interesting. Tell us something more.

Blossom: See Karan, Feminism is about giving women a choice, whether it be about lifestyle

or fashion or career choices. It's about society giving women the freedom to choose, what they want, when they want, how they want. She decides for herself. The men in society do not decide what she should do.

Karan: That's undoubtedly how it should be. Don't you think that, today there is more awareness among people about this?

Blossom: We say our mentality has evolved, but has it really? We still hear taunts like, "Don't cry like a girl!" or "Don't gossip like a female." No one should be given the label of being weak just because they cry or are courageous enough to express their emotions.

Karan: So, I gather from this, that you are in the same league as the all inspiring feminist writer URVASHI BUTALIA.

Blossom: You could say so. She along with countless other women have inspired my thoughts on feminism. Like how

I foresee from today, a future where there is no need for such a movement. Our outlook towards women will be like it was in our Vedic times when they were given equal respect and platforms. A classic example of that is the various goddesses we all have worshipped and respected all our lives.

Karan: Why this mention of Vedic times?

Blossom: We describe life as a circle. This circle of life, will ensure that what Nature gave; men and women as equals, will come back.

Karan: This is an incredible concept – Circle of Life. Before we sign off a final statement from the youth feminist icon.

Blossom: There is only one thing left to say, Feminism is here to stay. Toodles!!!



PROMISING PERSONALITIES WHO CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

- Mathew Manimala, VII A

Everyday, the world experiences different changes in various aspects of life. Along with that, new problems arise everyday too. While there are those who ignore these issues to cope with it, there are also those who strive to change the world for its betterment. Here are a few promising individuals for the future -



1. Elon Musk - The CEO of SpaceX and Tesla. He co-founded PayPal which changed the digital currency world. After he sold PayPal he founded SpaceX. SpaceX makes

cargo runsto deliver goods from NASA to its space station. He also states that within 20 years Mars will be inhabitable for humans. Tesla, another one of his companies has revolutionized the world with affordable electric cars. One of his greatest promises is the Hyperloop, a high speed light rail which can transport people between places in less than one tenth of the original time. With all his announcements, he helps the world with his innovations in technology.



2. James P. Allison - One of the toughest challenges for humankind for a long time was fighting cancer. A disease that kills millions of people every year.

Sometimes, cancer is cured by removing the tumor through surgery or by radiation. But that doesn't always solve the problem. James Allison has given a new insight to the world through

his discovery of 'Inhibition of negative immune regulation'. Tumor cells have a special feature by which they remain unaffected by immune cells. According to Allison's theory, if a specially modified drug is released into the tumor occupied area it could easily detect the tumor and cause it to self-destruct as the tumor's ability to protect itself weakens. If such a drug is created, it could save countless lives.



3. Sundar Pichai - Everyday, technology brings a new way to make our lives more comfortable. One of the leading companies in IT is Google along with their

CEO Sundar Pichai. Google has come up with some amazing programmes and softwares which helps every human being. Every year he guides Google in advancing their products. Some of them include, advanced smart cameras with translations and immediate screen search, Google maps with incognito mode and Google Duplex (assistant) with faster responses and more features such as booking a cab ride or restraint reservation instantly. Google is advancing quickly with Sundar Pichai's help and can definitely improve the technological world which can help us all.



4. Greta Thunberg - One of the greatest challenge mankind is facing is climate change. Regular floodings, rise in temperature and other such issues is really a threat to humans. Greta Thunberg is a 16 year old 'Climate Change Activist' from Sweden. She was first recognized when she sat outside her school for three weeks protesting during the Swedish General Election. She has inspired many students to stand against climate change. After October 2018, Thunberg's activism included solitary protesting to public demonstrations throughout Europe, making several high profile speeches. She has addressed many conferences such as the United Nations Climate Change Conference. Greta Thunberg is making the world think twice about climate change.



5. Mukesh Ambani - Mukesh Ambani's companies has definitely been changing India's economy. Reliance is involved in almost every aspect of business in India retail, technology, education, sports, etc. The establishment of JIO shook India's telecom market. Mukesh Ambani's announcements never fails to impress the public. His latest announcement of a megacity near Mumbai is set to change the face of the infrastructure of Indian cities. As far as I know India will definitely change because of people like Mukesh Ambani.

A beautiful quote of Abdul Kalaam "Dream not the thing that you see in sleep but that which doesn't let you sleep."

I want to work for India and bring more science technology for ISRO. This thought just came to my mind when I was four years old, when I went to Nehru Planetarium. I saw many clusters of stars and galaxies and I also learnt more things. I got more inspiration when I saw the movie Martian and Mission to Mars. Walking in space, drifting in space - These ideas excite me.

- Archisman Mitra, IV B



The Travelistas



Kindergarten at their Creative Best



The New Playroom



Leading the Way



Middle School Prefects

House Captain
Asst. House Captain
Discipline Captain
Dramatics Captain
Sports Captain

Anuja Wayal
Nihaal Pandya
Jill Mehta
Shlok Sharma
Rewa Khedkar

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Madhura Chatufale
Aroh Tamboli
Sarvesh Mengade
Aditi Jatti
Tanishq Balakrishnan

Head Boy
Head Girl
Asst. Head Boy
Asst. Head Girl

Li Shu Ma
Arya Ghule
Omkar Jadhav
Nivedita Hosadurga

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Abhay Wadkar
Shifa Mulla
Muskaan Surve
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Shravani Parte
Vidhi Mhatre
Kiara Jain
Varun Kapoor



SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS



Roller Hockey U/17 State Participants



Agnel Kabaddi U /12 Boys Team



Table Tennis U/14 State Winners



Basketball U/19 State Bronze Medal Winners



Chess Team Zonal Participants



Basketball U/17 State Winners



Athletic Reliance National Team



Girls Athletic U/14 State Winners



Athletic U/17 Team State Winners



Athletic U/19 Team State Winners



Swimming U/19 Team Nationals



Hockey U/17 Boys Zonal Participants



Hockey Nehru Cup State Participants



Football U/19 State Runners Up



Football U/19 State Winners



Basketball U/17 State Participants

AGNEL GALAXY



Best Boy - Laxman Kamath



Best Girl - Shreya Adhikari



**NTSE Scholar
Saurish Seksaria**



**Homi Bhabha Science Talent Medal winners
Akshat Shah, Mrunal Turalkar and Vansh Aggarwal**



**Leena Kadam - Winner of
drawing competition
conducted by Kerala Tourism**



High School Scholarship Winners



Middle School Scholarship Winners

FRIENDS

Aditya Kende, VIII B / Chiara Fonseca, VIII E

We all have a common definition for friends, the ones who help and support us. Have you ever given it a thought, that this one friend of yours is or isn't your well-wisher? Friends are not just the ones who help you but also the ones who correct your mistakes. If you have a friend who asks you to show answers during exams and when caught says, "I didn't do it. I just bent down to pick up my eraser." Then please understand that's not your friend. You too will be pulled into what you never wanted to be pulled into. We also need to understand that if a person blames you for everything, that person is not your friend. That person is not worth your

time and you need to leave that person and move ahead. A real friend will tell you, will warn you, will make you understand, will help you, will be your support." Good friends are like stars; you don't always see them but you know they are always there." When there's no one around, there is that one good friend. I am not talking about the stuffed mickey mouse, doraemon or pokemon toys who you speak to in your room at night before you go to sleep. If you still haven't found a true friend, don't worry, your life is just waiting to give you a chance to make a lifelong friend. FRIENDSHIP is one of the most substantial things you'll ever find in life.

A friend is a friend
Not a fashion or a trend to flaunt
Teaches us all about life
A great relation to be treasured
Like parents or even God
Without a friend
what a boring life it is
A friend makes life worth living

Faiza Khalil, VII A

A friend is a light
to the dark place
A friend is a vision to a blind eye
A friend is a miracle by God
A friend is a heart
to a broken heart
A friend is like a sea
That stretches into infinity

Faiza Khalil, VII A

I found a wonderful friend
That day I met you
We are so alike in our ways
No wonder our friendship grew.

I hope we stay friends
Till the end of time
And whenever that is
Our friendship will still shine.

Nothing can ever replace you
Nothing can even replace your place
As I have a true friend in you
Nothing can make me feel so blue.

Gracia Mathew, VI C



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Shreya Jain, VII A*

THE MONSTER WILL EAT ME.....

- Deeanne C, VIII E

When things get tough, I have nowhere to go, nowhere to hide, no one to hear me out.

MONDAY-DAY ONE

I am a student and I wish in my life there was a little more joy. Going to school is becoming a burden!!!. I am not able to study. I just cant concentrate.... What's happening to me. Spending a whole day at school with people who point fingers at me tend to hurt my feelings. I can't take it anymore. I am writing this in extreme sorrow!!!!

TUESDAY-DAY TWO

It's no use. Mum and Dad aren't listening. They don't seem to understand. In school my fellow classmates keep following me around chanting accusations of me like a devil at work and spreading rumours about me which spread like wild fire. I am sinking into a deep hole. Today the whole day I have just been sitting and crying as this situation at school is becoming worse and worse every single day.

WEDNESDAY-DAY THREE

Today I approached my teacher. She didn't understand. No one around me, seem to understand me. People listening to these rumours have even started spreading it through social media. These rumours are carried by haters, spread by fools and accepted by idiots.

THURSDAY-DAY FOUR

I amnot able to perform well in class. I am sad, lonely. I wish things were different. Who will help me???? Who will listen to me???? Who, But Who???????

One in 4 teenagers in India suffers from depression, according to the India Today Conclave Mumbai 2019. Relationship issues with friends and family, academic pressure, bullying and a host of other factors that might seem 'small' to adults, but really huge to children, contribute to this feeling of hopelessness among teenagers. Let's face it. It's not just in someone else's house, it exists. It exists all around the world.



The Diary of a Middle Kid



BY:
ANEESH POPHALE & ISHIKA ATTER . VII E

Percy is Back!!! HALF BOY – HALF GOD – ALL HERO

Percy Jackson is a demigod. He is the character created by Rick Riordan in his books on Greek mythology. The son of the mortal Sally Jackson and the Greek god Poseidon, he is destined to be either the salvation or the damnation of the Olympians. Let's have fun the Greek way. Decipher the clues and fill in the crossword in Greek using the Key!



Greek	English
Α	A
Β	B
Χ	C
Δ	D
Ε	E
Φ	F
Γ	G
Η	H
Ι	I
Θ	J
Κ	K
Λ	L
Μ	M
Ν	N
Ο	O
Π	P
Θ	Q
Ρ	R
Σ	S
Τ	T
Υ	U
ς	V
Ω	W
Ξ	X
Ψ	Y
Ζ	Z

Hint	Greek Clue
Across	Across
2. Pandora's Box was actually a ...	2. ΠΙΘΟΣ
5. Hades' Hat was also known as ...	5. ΗΕΛΜΟΦΑΔΑΡΚΝΕΙΣ
8. Number of schools Percy was kicked out of	8. ΝΙΝΕ
9. Daughter of Atlas	9. ΧΑΛΨΙΣΟ
10. The boy who was driven to insanity by Minos	10. ΧΗΡΙΣ
Down	Down
1. River of Wailing	1. ΧΟΧΨΤΥΣ
3. Misunderstood hero	3. ΛΥΚΕ
4. First male Hunter	4. ΟΡΙΟΝ
6. First monster that Percy killed	6. ΜΙΝΟΤΑΥΡ
7. Former head of Aphrodite cabin, last name Tongka	7. ΔΡΕΩ

Answers:-
Across:
2. ΠΙΘΟΣ
5. ΗΕΛΜΟΦΑΔΑΡΚΝΕΙΣ
8. ΝΙΝΕ
9. ΧΑΛΨΙΣΟ
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6. ΜΙΝΟΤΑΥΡ
7. ΔΡΕΩ

Have fun with this Avengers quiz



Mesopotamia is one of the oldest civilizations of the world. The other three being the Chinese, the Indus and the Egyptian. Mesopotamia is that section of land in the Middle East between and around the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Today this land is located mostly in the country of Iraq. Their writing is called cuneiform.

The Avengers are a fictional group of heroes appearing in the Marvel comics. This has been made into motion pictures. The duty of the Avengers is to protect the people on earth from inner or extraterrestrial threats. Some famous and popular avengers are Captain America, Thor, Iron Man and Hulk.



Now let us have some fun with this ancient writing Cuneiform and the modern Avengers:
Cuneiform symbols

A	B	C	D	E	F
G	H	I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P	Q	R
S	T	U	V	W	X

Questions:

Y Z

1) Which alien race did Captain Marvel live with from 1989 to 1995?

HINT: [Cuneiform symbols for 'Kree' and 'Skrull']

2) In the movie Spiderman far from home what were the holographic monsters called?

HINT: [Cuneiform symbols for 'Symbiotes']

3) Who is Star Lord's father?

HINT: [Cuneiform symbols for 'Ronan']

4) Who made the infinity gauntlet which was used by Thanos?

HINT: [Cuneiform symbols for 'Wanda Maximoff']

5) What is the name of Thor's new hammer?

HINT: [Cuneiform symbols for 'Mjolnir']

6) What is the name of the blue glowing cube that Loki used?

HINT: [Cuneiform symbols for 'Tesseract']

By: Debarjo De VII A & Nukta VIII D

Avenger 1	She Kue
Avenger 2	Slumertall
Avenger 3	Ego
Avenger 4	Sibu
Avenger 5	Storm Breaker
Avenger 6	Tennak

THE DAWN OF SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCERS

- Arushree Nanoskar, IX D / Om Kale IX D

YouTube is a melting pot of different genres of the world. We can cry, laugh, dance and sing, simply by clicking on our screens. These multitudes of emotions are brought to our screens by the adored YouTube influencers. They are relatable and shine a humorous light on our day to day problems. Earlier influencers were either celebrities or people having great knowledge in a particular field but with the dawn of social media, things have changed drastically. Today anyone can be an influencer. Huge companies are sponsoring these influencers through YouTube ads.

Social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube have gained immense popularity. They are not just video viewing platforms anymore, they are new career opportunities.

One of the most subscribed and loved youtuber is our very own Bhuvan Bam. We guarantee you that he will tickle your bones and impress you the day you start watching his videos. Bhuvan is an incredible singer. In fact, he started his career by singing in local pubs and now makes humorous videos on the quirks and quarrels of his middle-class family. In his videos, he alone plays 16 different characters of which Titu mama is most favourite among the youngsters. Today he has over 14 million subscribers and is a living example of how an average guy can excel in life, if he follows his passion.

Next on our list is Prajakta Koli also known as Mostly Sane on YouTube. Prajakta has gained popularity by making us roll on the floor laughing, through her parody. She is also known for her social initiatives. In 2016 Prajakta launched her campaign #PledgeToBeMe which addresses mental health, well-being and body shaming. Her campaign #GirlsCount promotes

girls education. She was also one of the four YouTube creators from India, who was invited by the Obama Foundation to attend the town hall meeting by President Obama. She is a widely loved youtuber with 4.1 million subscribers.

Yet another one of our favourites is Ashish Chanchlani. We have seen our beloved Ashish move up the ladder of success from being a civil engineer to being an original content creator after the video, How to annoy people who say – tu mere baap ko jaanta hai, went viral. Chanchlani became third Indian YouTube creator to cross 10 million subscribers. Ashish's videos have been one of the greatest treasures of our teenage lives.

Ajey Nagar popularly known as Carryminati and BeYouNick that is Nikunj Lotia were just any average students with a very creative mind. Their sense of humour and creativity has made them 'Next generation Leaders.'

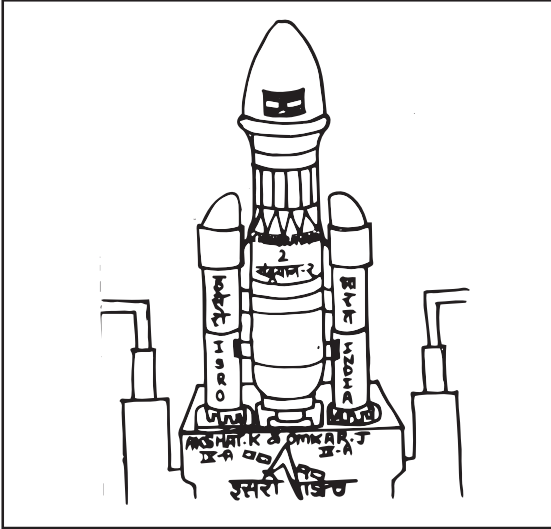
Let's not forget our own ex agnelite Naman Mathur known as Mortal. He is one of the leading gamers in India with over 3 million subscribers as of now.

We love these influencers for their contribution in brightening our days. These are people who can shape our country one video at a time.



ISRO - CHANDRAYAAN 2

- Omkar Jadhav / Tanishq Balakrishnan, IX A



India's second moon mission, Chandrayaan 2 is on its way, after a technical snag of helium leakage. After its successful launch on 22nd July from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (Andhra Pradesh), it tried to land on the moon on 7th September, but the lander deviated from its intended trajectory at about 2.1 kilometres altitude from the moon. ISRO chairman K. Sivan says, that it had a hard landing about 500 metres away from its intended location.

The mission is successor to the Chandrayaan 1, which the Indian space research organization (ISRO) launched in 2008. It consisted of an orbiter and impactor that slammed into the lunar surface and a cloud of debris with water vapour released. Thus in search of water and hydroxyl, the Chandrayaan 2 had been given an orbiter, lander (Vikram) and rover (Pragyan). This completely Indian designed and Indian made satellite would have worked for 14 days extended to a year before it shut down in the chill of the night. The six wheeled rover would

be the first to visit the south pole of the moon landing near the two craters, Manzinus and Simpelius.

This advanced device with many scientific instruments also has a seismometer, which will examine the moon-quakes, map the lunar surface and study its atmosphere with solar energy as its fuel. The GSLV MK III Chandrayaan 2 orbiter has been able to send 3D mapping images of the lunar side. The orbiter has also been able to detect the isotope ARGON 40 at about 100 km altitude. It also has been giving detailed information regarding the variation in reflection of sunlight from the partially illuminated lunar surface. Also ISRO has extended the orbiter's life to 7 years.

They named the lander Vikram, meaning valour, after the founder of ISRO Vikram Sarabhai. The name of the rover Pragyan means wisdom. The project and mission was directed by two Indian ladies Muthaya Vanitha and Ritu Karidhal.

ISRO has planned for the Chandrayaan 3 to be launched in November 2020 on a trial basis and the Final launch in 2024 which not only would go to the moon but would also come back with samples with the help of robots and JAXA (Japan's Aerospace Exploration Agency).

FACTS ON CHANDRAYAAN 2:

1. THE COST OF CHANDRAYAAN 2 (\$124 MILLION) IS LESSER THAN AVENGERS ENDGAME (\$356 MILLION). WE CAN BUY ABOUT 200 LAMBORGHINIS OR 2.7 TONS OF GOLD IN THE SAME AMOUNT. THE TOTAL COST OF THE MISSION IS \$141 MILLION.

2. THE WEIGHT OF THE ROCKET IS EQUAL TO AN ASIAN ELEPHANT.
 3. THE POWER OF THE ORBITOR IS SO HIGH THAT IT CAN CHARGE MORE THAN 600 MOBILE PHONES IN A SECOND.
 4. AS THE GRAVITY OF MOON IS HALF OF EARTH'S, PRAGYAN'S SPEED WAS KEPT AT JUST 1 CM PER SECOND (36 m/hr).
 5. ACCORDING TO THE PLAN, PRAGYAN WOULD HAVE TRAVELLED 500m ON THE SURFACE, WHICH WOULD TAKE ABOUT 13.5 HOURS.
2. ISRO was established 8 years after Pakistan's SUPARCO but ISRO has launched 65 satellites while Pakistan only 2.
 3. India successfully launched the satellite to Mars in its first attempt. Our Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "Cost of travelling in a rickshaw in Ahmedabad is about 10 rupees per km, while India reached Mars in 7 rupees per km."
 4. All the equipments of ISRO have 3 horizontal lines of Vibhuti and Kumkum which indicate Lord Shiva's forehead according to Indian mythology.
 5. ISRO has successfully undertaken 101 spacecraft missions with 71 launch missions. Two are entry missions. It has launched close to 269 foreign satellites.

FACTS ON ISRO:

1. ISRO's satellite Apple was carried on a bullock cart made out of wood to prevent interferences of signals, which would be caused in case of metal in trucks.

EARTH

- Johanna Atrey, IX D

My seasons, they change Winter to Spring
Healing the pain in your heart that stings,
The seasons, they go; from summer to fall
Time's embrace, begins to heal all.....

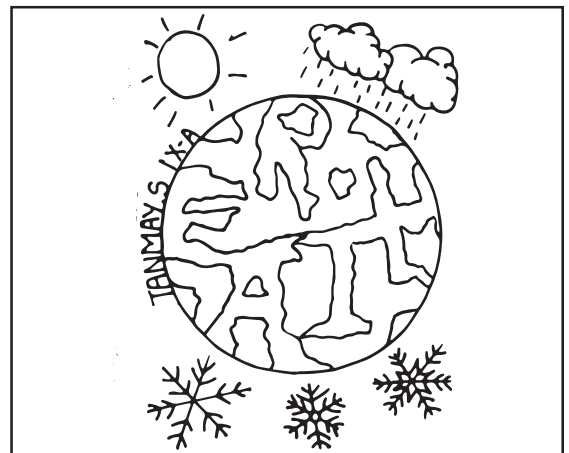
Listen as whispers, silently the wind,
One's life surrendered so yours could begin;
Remember- my people; Love is your song....
I am the earth; I will make you strong!

The days go by; your memory fades,
And so shall my name in your eyes; one day,
But I shall protect you, year after year
I shall protect you, when dangers appear.....

Made were both of us, crafted with beauty
Shaped by the hands of the angels

Helping each other be happy
So just once; Promise me

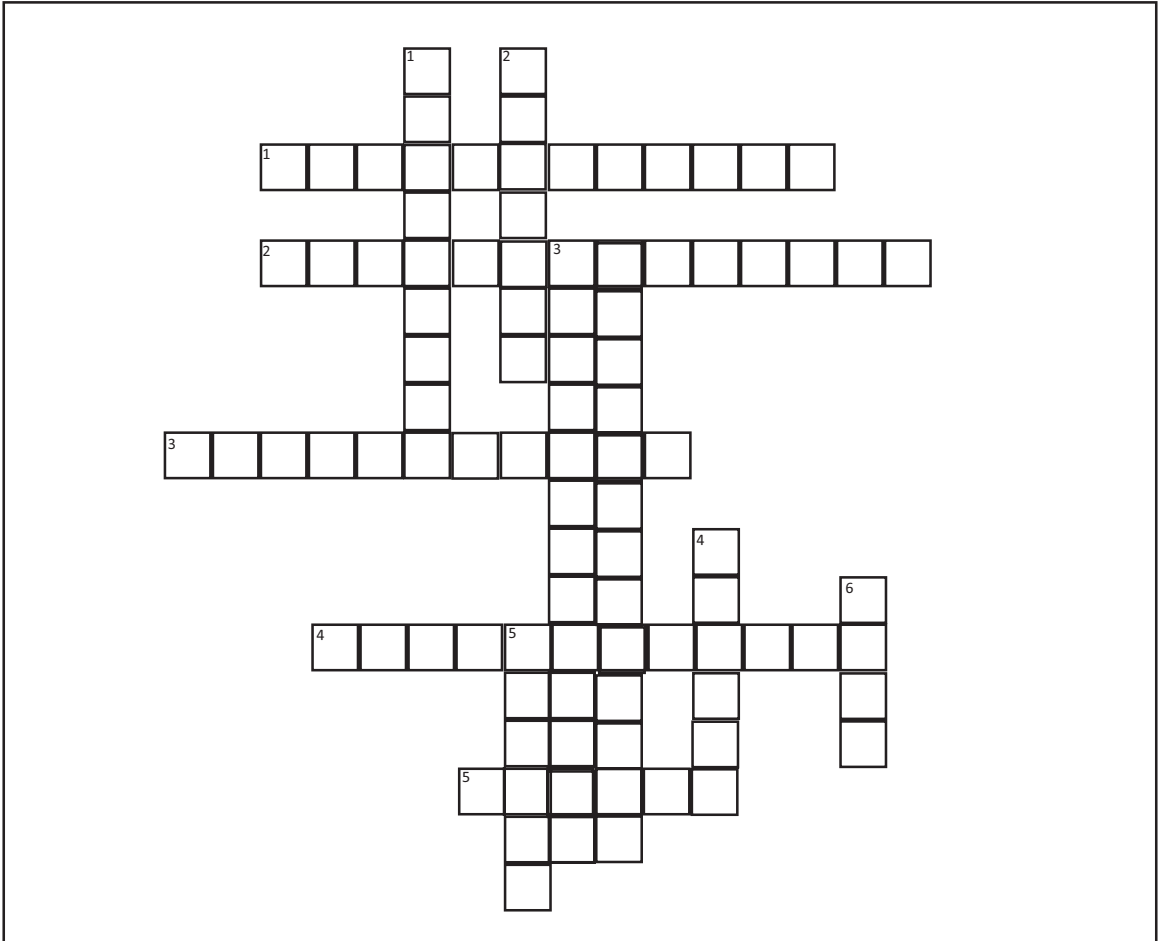
That you'll take care of me; just the way I took
care of thee....



CROSSWORD

ISRO - CHANDRAYAAN 2

- Omkar Jadhav / Tanishq Balakrishnan, IX A



DOWN :

1. Landing area on moon
2. Name of rover
3. Launch state
4. Name of lander
5. Technical snag reason
6. Japan's space agency

ACROSS :

1. Mission director
2. Project director
3. Energy used in rover
4. Launch place
5. Meaning of the name of the rover

Español Conmigo

Harsh Nagarkoti, IX A

“Bailame como se fue goúltimavez”, “des-pa-ciiito”, “tiki-taki, RUMBAAA”, “con altura!”

Everyone has sung these lines along with the artist, at the top of their voice, at least once in their lifetime. These high beats and captivating tunes are just irresistible and most people around the globe are enthralled by them. But our introduction to Spanish actually starts with “uno dos tres, hola amigos, or the ground-breaking expression of ‘espera’ by everyone’s beloved Dora The Explorer. Español, (Spanish) is the most widely spoken language after Mandarin. Spanish is spoken in the expanse of 4 continents, with more than 45 countries speaking it and 21 countries having it as their official language. Spanish language has such a vast and vivid expanse of vocal expressions that almost every country where Spanish is spoken has its own unique and distinct accent, vocabulary, tone, and phrases!

Facts

- Spanish is the most phonetic language ever recorded in the world. That’s why Spanish songs are so alluring to your ears and the soul of all parties.
- It has its roots in Arabic. Almost 8000 words in Spanish are from this language for eg **arroz** -rice. **Dinero**-money.
- There are 44 million Spanish speakers, which makes it more popular than English.
- It has a pair of special and additional punctuation marks like **¡** before starting their respective sentences.
- It’s one of the most romantic languages.

- So let’s start spreading love by learning Spanish.

Spanish for Dummies!

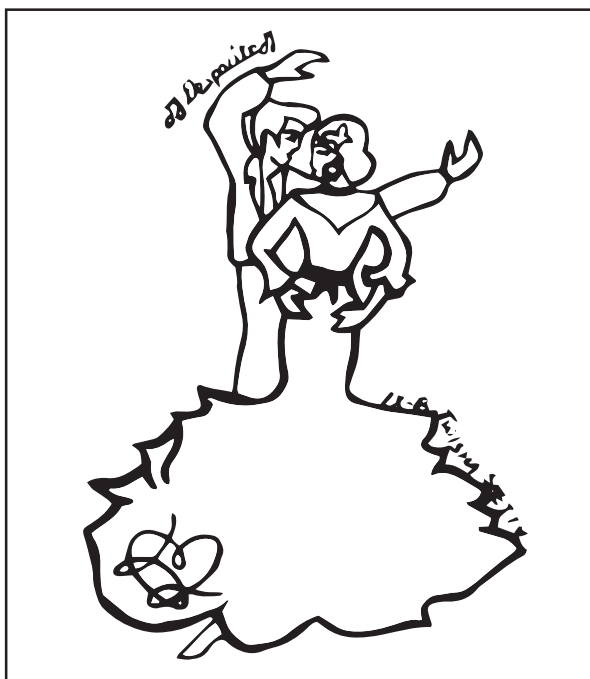
Here are the basic Spanish expressions

- **Ñ** is the ‘ny’ sound like ‘onion’
- Vowels with accent mark have stressed expression.
- Letter H in a word is always silent.
- LL is pronounced as y. like **Llamar** is pronounced **yamar**. i.e., to call.
- J is pronounced kh or h. like **James** is pronounced **hames**. **Jugo** is pronounced as **khugo**.



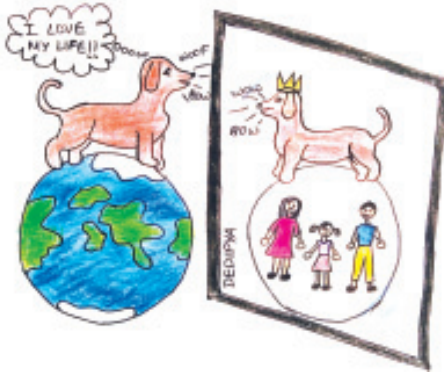
Spanish	English
-¡hola!	Hello
-sí o no	Yes or no
¡Feliz Cumpleaños!	Happy birthday
-¡salud!	Cheers
-por favour	Please
Perdon	Sorry
-¡adios!	Goodbye
-¿Cómote llamas?	What's your name?
-¿cómoestás?	How are you?
-¡Buenos días!	Good morning
-¡Gracias!	Thank you
Báilame como si	Dance with me
Me llamo	My name is.....

Please take care of the accent marks while speaking. A humble plea.



LIFE THROUGH MY DOG'S EYES

- Ishita Raikar, IX C



Hello everybody! My name is Cooper and everyone around me calls me Coopy. You know how lazy humans can get! They say 'dog is a mans best friend.' Well, what they say is true. We are very loyal, more than humans could ever be. If you guys have difficulty understanding dogs then let me educate you all. When I am happy I wag my tail, when I am sad my eyes go down and when I am scared my tail goes down. I share an emotional bond with my master aka my best friend Ishita. She gets a little salty over the fact that ever since I came into her and her parents life she isn't pampered as much as she

used to be and considering I am an attention seeking king ,her parent's attention and love gets divided and she doesn't like that. But we are best friends and I love to play with her. My favourite sport is football. Playing anything with my best friend seems pleasant to me. I love Ishita and I know she loves me too. But I must admit it I can be lazy sometimes. I also love to throw tantrums especially while eating food. My family thinks I am a fussy eater but I like to call myself a furry eater. I love my dad the most because mom scares me especially with that death glare she gives me whenever I do something wrong. I still love her though. At the end of the day I am very grateful that I have such a wonderful family and I have a wonderful best friend who is always by my side and as for my loyalty she doesn't need to be worried because even if the world abandons us I will be right by her side through it all.

MAGIC

- Johanna Atrey, IX D

"The galaxy left isolated "
"Would like to witness?
Precision and grace...
The true display of magic?"
"The beauty of the bewitching twilight
Welcoming the stardust sky of the night "
"The pixies begin their mischief;
The fairies take flight"
"The pearl adorned mermaid
Back to her bed made of coral in her sleep
she fades;

The dragon of the night awakens
Does her duty, the guardian of cave of Jade"
The maiden tells the children...
None believed her, No Man or Women,
These are only fantasies!
In story books they are written!
The maiden, the sorceress smiled,
others mimicked
The light died, silence; only the clock ticked,
She disappeared never to be seen again
None believed her, none saw her magic...

RECESS : THE DABBA CIRCUS

- *Kashmira Nediyaedath, IX B & Pallavi Nair, IX C*

In high school we have two favourite periods - games and recess. 'Recess' the most awaited 20 minutes of a day at school. We students believe that recess is not just a break for nourishing our bodies, it is a break from 5 long periods of vigorous studying. All eyes are on their watches, the period before recess. For some, recess is a time to catch up on gossip while for others it is a way to push around our friends and blackmail them for food. Everyone's opinion on recess differs.

Some think it's a visit to Spain's bull fights while others feel it's a sacred time for exchanging secrets. Let's read what some of the Agnelites have to say.

Sara Mahale from IX B says, "Recess is the time when we bond over Khakras, Theplas, chicken and other delicacies" whereas **Shwetank Deshmukh** from IX B says, "Rather than eating our own tiffins we like to throw chalk at others (not the school ones but our own). We also love to play cricket in between the rows of our benches with umbrellas as our bats and erasers as our balls." Well, playing cricket so uniquely is a hit show for this circus.

Have you ever seen a bull fight? Don't worry you don't have to go to Spain. If you see the boys running out of the class the minute the recess bell goes, to grab the vadapav or samosa,

you will get a clear idea. These human bulls will knock down who ever comes in their way. Every recess has at least one fallen warrior, chants the wise Guru **Siddharth Chhatre** of X E.

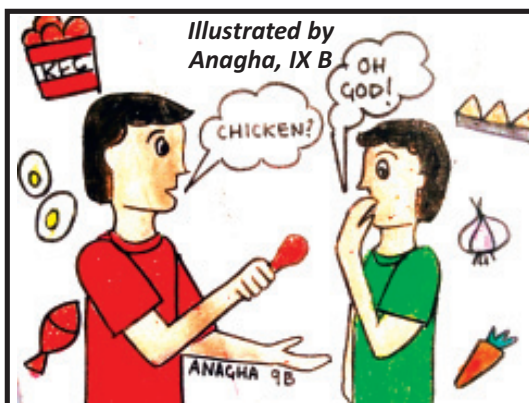
To quote **Aleena George** from IX C, "Recess is the time for revenge. The recess bell is a call at arms for boys of the class to crack down upon that one annoying guy, who always complains.

Recess in many ways is like Big Boss where we are the contestants while Tejas sir observes us all. Some friends fight while others whisper secrets. The drama is quiet refreshing after the monotonous 5 periods."

Riyesh Kargutkar from X E also had an in depth analysis about just how fun recess is. "Recess has been the most interesting

memory of high school, and believe me Tejas Sir was like an invisible friend constantly by our side during recess" quips Riyesh. In the midst of all the chalk throwing, wrestling bouts and freed animals of the wild running about we somehow manage to find time to make memories.

Mohit Rochlani from X E says," As the title suggests recess really is a circus, you are the joker who brings all the tricks i.e. you bring your tiffin and everyone is happy to enjoy it. But after everyone has taken just 'thodasa' from your tiffin the only leftovers you get are the empty



boxes. The best part of recess is that you get to tease all your vegetarian friends by dangling a piece of chicken or a perfectly fried double cheese omelet in their faces and hear them scream.” Well that was the mouth watering part of recess .

Geper De sa from X E says ,” At the utter of the word recess excitement creeps into any person. Every student feels like a dog that has been let off its leash. All tiffins fly open the minute they

hear the bell. Some kind hands even assist you in eating your tiffin and the same tiffin falls victim to a game of catch and throw.” But recess has always been the most important part of a day at school like **Shreya Ganesh** from IX B says, “After a few years when we want to refresh our memories from high school these 20 minutes are going to hold the best and the most significant memories of all, rather than the 5 hours of school.”

PRIME NUMBERS

- Rasika Ghate, IX A

Life is not comprised of the number of likes or followers you have,
It is not just the unending loop of comparison of your unique self to others.

Life is more about the number of mystical sunsets you witness,
the number of vivid memories you make,

the number of breathless laughs you have,
the number of meaningful conversations you have.

And they say that life shouldn't be about numbers?
Well, you just have to choose the right kind.

I CALL HIM MY DAD

- Aashna Makhija, X B

I look like him
I have his genes
To me the world
Is what he means

I am his favourite
Just as they say
He stands by me
Come what may

He sacrifices everything
Just for me
He loves and cares
Unconditionally

I am the son
He never had
He loves me so much
I call him my DAD

THE SHOW MUST GO ON..

- Shalomee Moreshwar, X B

Have you ever seen students with shiny colourful badges of their House colour, patrol the corridors of school? Have you ever thought about the efforts it takes to maintain discipline in a school? Well, it's harder than you think.

My memory of this is crystal clear. On the 26th of August, students were called out of their classrooms for what they called, an 'important' announcement. As I stood amidst the chaos, I was swallowed by an ocean of emotions and swarming thoughts in my mind. I heard our Principal, Fr Almeida, my role model, announce my name as the Assistant House Captain of Green House.

I was welcomed with a thunder of claps and well wishes. But, this isn't about me. I met 24 other strangers that day. We were told to work together in harmony, when we barely knew each other. That's when our Head Boy and Head Girl, Suja Miss, Tejas Sir and Suri Sir stepped in to help us. Through this journey, they have been our pillars of strength and support.

Within no time, we had become a family. A family that argues, competes, protects, makes fun of each other, but sticks together.

Every morning, we were on checking duty. We scanned every student from head to toe, making sure they were in uniform. We felt like Power Rangers. However, at the end of the day

we were just kids with the responsibilities and expectations of the school on our fragile shoulders. We had to be in control - at least we tried to be.

The Annual Sports Day was the highlight of our leadership year. We trained our House members to march with poise and command with confidence. The winning House didn't really matter to us, all that mattered to us was the camaraderie and memories we shared.

We are now addressed as 'old leaders' or 'ex leaders'.

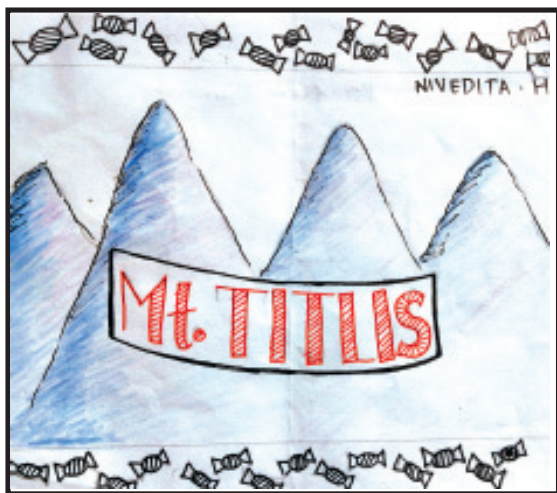
Over the one and a half years of leadership, the most valuable lesson I've learnt was to be humble regardless of your position in society.

Even today, my uniform feels like it's missing a piece. There are times when I find myself stand up everytime an announcement is made for the leaders. I attempt to fix my badge and I realize it's not there anymore. I still remember the feeling of pride I had as I walked through the hallways of the school with my shiny green badge.

It feels like yesterday, when we were elected as leaders. I now know how blessed I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard. But, the show must go on..

EUROPE 'FUN' SUMMIT 2019

- Sudarshana Mudaleyar IX B / Shivapriya X E / Twisha Shetty IX B



On the 17th of May, our hearts were pumping with excitement as we reached School at 12:30. We collected our tickets from our respective group leaders and boarded our bus to Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport. After changing two flights, with a layover at Istanbul, we reached Prague at 1.45pm.

A pleasant sunny day welcomed us in this city famous for its gothic Baroque style buildings. A scenic boat ride through the river Vitava took us to our hotel rooms. The next day was packed with sightseeing. We visited the beautiful Cathedral of St. Vitus famous for its ostentatious gothic architecture followed by the Town Square of Prague. A walk through the cobblestone old Town with its colourful 18th century buildings transported us to the Medieval Czech Republic within seconds. After lunch, we visited the Prague Castle, which is now the office of the President of the Czech Republic.

On the 19th, we toured the Infant Jesus of

Prague. This church is famous for its statues of the Infant Jesus. After a breathtaking tour, we started our journey to Czesky Krumlov.

Czesky Krumlov is one of the most picturesque towns in Europe. Here we visited the 13th century Renaissance Krumlov Castle, the church of St. Vitus and the Old Quarter of Latran. After lunch, we visited the Regional Museum which had exhibits related to the history of Bohemia. After an impressive course through the history of Czeasky Krumlov, we shopped through the iconic streets of Prague buying souvenirs of the city. After this wonderful tour we geared up for our long journey to Germany.

On the 20th, we drove to Munich, through the most scenic country side. In Munich, we visited the much awaited BMW Showroom, where we got to know remarkable history of these legendary cars.

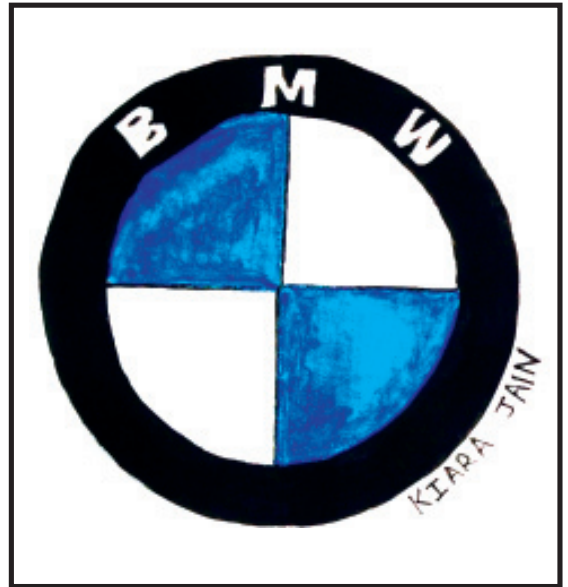
The next day we drove to Zurich and visited the snowy Swiss Alps and the famous Mount Titlis which was the shooting location for the evergreen movie "Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge." All of us had a gala time throwing snow balls at each other.

Ever dreamed of visiting a real Swiss chocolate factory? Our trip to 'Cailler' Chocolate Factory was indeed a dream come true. The moment we entered, we felt like it was a chocolate fairy land as huge models of chocolates were hanging from the ceiling. The whole place had a chocolate theme. Our mouths started watering immediately. We were shown the history of chocolates – "Cailler and Nestle" brand through a dramatic live audio visual. It was like we were walking through a hilarious movie. We were

then shown how chocolates are made and we got to taste some delicious freshly made chocolates. Lastly, we shopped for a variety of chocolates to take back home to enjoy these chocolaty delights with our family and friends. It was a mind-blowing experience for all of us.

On the last day, we visited the headquarters of the United Nations at Geneva. The huge building with spacious corridors was both impressive and intimidating. Our guide gave us the tour of the Hall of Representatives and explained how the business is conducted at the UN.

With loads of pictures and laughter we started our return journey to Mumbai. These 10 days will forever remain most cherished memories for all of us.



THE WINDOW SEAT OF A BUS

- Rasika Ghate, IX A

Have you ever sat in the window seat of a bus,
wondering about everything and nothing at the same time,
feeling nostalgic of all the memories and people,
pondering on the thought, lingering in your subliminal mind.

Have you ever sat in the window seat of a bus,
thinking about concepts, so elite,
that people around you couldn't even begin to comprehend,
thinking about the people who are ecstatic and people who are suffering,
in different parts of the world.

Have you ever sat in the window seat of a bus,
trying to fathom the complexity of the great space and the deep sea,
attempting to perceive the world,
through a child's eyes.

Because if you haven't sat in the window of a bus,
whilst feeling the calming breeze on your face,
and wondering about everything and nothing at the same time,
then, my friend, your life is truly incomplete.

THE TRIP TO PARADISE AND BACK

- Tanishq Datta, IX A

After eighteen hours on 'GaribRath', we reached Delhi at around 10 in the morning on November 3rd. As all of us gradually assembled with our luggage on the platform, the air crackled with anticipation for the trip we were about to embark on.

We stepped out of the station premises to board the bus and were instantly, greeted by the legendary Delhi smog. Although 'Air Pollution in Delhi' was familiar news, nothing prepared me for the immediate and drastic effect. I didn't face any breathing problems, sure, but my eyes burned. The haze in the air was noticeable and the golden disc high up in the sky was wrapped in a milky blanket. But luckily, we had air conditioning in the bus and could avoid the pollution.



The bus ride took us to Golden Palms. The hotel was magnificent in every way. We immediately had lunch and left for sight-seeing. Unfortunately, that day, the Red Fort was closed. So, as compensation, we visited the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The regal structure befits its occupant! I was humbled by its expanse and grandeur. Its structural beauty, the innumerable

gardens, elegant fountains and breath-taking views left us awe-struck. Since this is the official residence of the President of India, the grand palatial mansion is heavily guarded round the clock. We were thoroughly checked at the entrance and were then given a tour guide to show us around the mansion. During the tour, we saw many rooms and halls, all decorated

with various gifts, rugs and priceless statues. There were several busts of various important personalities as well.

After this memorable visit, we left for our next destination, Akshardham. The intricate and meticulous construction of this temple can keep one contemplating about it for days. It also hosts an amazing light-water-sound show which is a major attraction for

tourists. The show revolved around the downside of over-confidence. It tells us that with greatness and power comes responsibility and we should never forget that God is greater than us and that we should always respect God. The precision with which the flow of water, the timing of lights and the sound meld together

held the spectators in awe.

The next day we visited the QutubMinar and took tons of brilliant photos with it. But this visit was a bit short as we were scheduled to board the Shatabdi Express and leave for Amritsar.

Amritsar had a much cooler climate as compared to Delhi. We checked in at a hotel named Galaxy Grand.

The first place on our itinerary was the Golden temple which truly mesmerised us by its sheer beauty and great history. Everything at the Golden Temple was thoughtful - at certain intervals pilgrims had to wash their feet to maintain cleanliness. We were required to cover our hair with a cloth. The queue at the entrance to the Golden Temple was extremely long and it took us hours to actually enter it. But I can surely say that the wait was worth it. The shining gilded top of the temple and the huge lake around it was mesmerising. Once inside we got to see the holy book *Guru Granth Sahib* but soon after, the crowd behind us carried us outside. Here, one could have holy water and *prasad*. We all sat for *langar*, which is a crowd-puller. We were served food by Sikhs who were practised hands in serving the multitude of people that flocked to the Golden Temple on a regular basis. The food was delicious.

The next stop was the Wagha Border where we witnessed the famous parade, jointly conducted by the security forces of India and Pakistan, every evening to mark the closing of the border at sunset. It was a two-hour long event. The co-ordinated marching of our soldiers imbued us with a sense of pride. The event ended with great applause from the spectators.

Jallianwalla Baug, famous for the brutal massacre of unarmed civilians by Dyer's forces, was our next stop. The bullet marks on the walls bear testimony to the brutality of the English and the valour of the civilians.

To relieve the heaviness in our hearts, we then indulged ourselves with some heavy-duty shopping at a local market near the Golden Temple.

Next day, we went to Dalhousie, a pristine hill station in Himachal Pradesh. Due to the steep terrain, we could use the bus for a short distance only. The rest of the journey was completed in cars.

Soon we reached our hotel, Hotel Spring. Here the temperature was way cooler than what it was in Amritsar. As night crept in, the chill in the air increased. By the time we sat for dinner, the temperature had dropped to 5°C. All of us kept shivering throughout the night. The morning after was no better as the temperature remained constant at 5°C.

All the same, we left to see the local sights and reached Khajjar.

Khajjar, also called the "Switzerland of India", was cold but the scenic view made up for it. It had a small pond surrounded by extensive grassland and tall coniferous trees. Everybody busily clicked away photos of this beautiful landscape, immortalising that moment of serenity, contentment and friendship - succour for starved souls in the midst of an ordinary, busy day.

DAWAT-e-NETFLIX

- Anushka Asri, IX C

If only, if only witches and werewolves were real,

I would track them down and become one myself for real.

But sadly we live in a world with no immortal beings

For all we are left with is, we human beings.

But we can always watch them for forty minutes or more

If we just turn on Netflix and enjoy it on the seashore.

No plans this weekend?

Thanks to the developing technology, we have plenty of movies and series to browse on Netflix.

It turns our weekends into endless binge watching of sessions.

Entertainment is fast becoming an all-you-can-eat-buffet. We might call it the Netflix effect.

Whether it is the humour of F.R.I.E.N.D.S, the impressive stunts of Flash, the drama of Narcos, the mystery of Riverdale or the witchy stuff of the adventures of Sabrina, we all do admit that these movies and series are worth the mood.

I myself have been so fascinated and amazed by so many aspects of Netflix.

Netflix was founded in 1997. It broke 4 million subscribers in 2005. In 2009, it landed on PS3 and smart TVs. In 2013, Netflix launched its first three original series, HOUSE OF CARDS, HEMLOCK GROVE and ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK, which were a hit.

Our favourite actresses like Bella Thorne, Vanessa Hudgens and Selena Gomez have made their way in Netflix movies, which are a hit. Actresses like Millie Bobby Brown and Katherine Langford have a remarkable entry in their series. Noah Centineo- the girls' all-time favourite says he is thankful for acting in Netflix movies and so is Will Smith for his movie 'Bright'.

The idea of coming up with Netflix original series was, because it's so powerful to have all episodes at once and it's something linear TVs can't do.

It is not surprising that Netflix is a bandwidth hog. Netflix globally has 125 million subscribers. Since six years now, Netflix subscribers are growing like weeds. Netflix seems best of breed in its space.

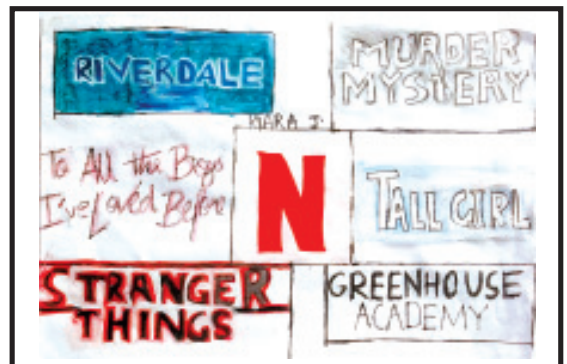
It is competing against Disney, HBO, Hulu, YouTube and Amazon. And that's probably what keeps it going.

There are red roses

All along the view

Let's watch something on Netflix

And get a takeaway for two.



FUN WITH PUNS !!!

Q - What does a zombie eat?

A - Brains.

Q - What does a vegetarian zombie eat?

A - Grains.

Q - Why don't ants get sick?

A - Cause they have antibiotics.

Q - What do you call birds that stick together?

A - Vel-Crows.

Q - What did the blanket say as it fell off the bed?

A - Oh sheet!

Q - What do you call security guards of Samsung?

A - Guardians Of The Galaxy.

Q - What sound does a nut make when it sneezes?

A - Cashew.

Q - Which driver doesn't have a licence?

A - Screwdriver.

Q - Why do Chemistry teachers not allow us to drink water during a lecture?

- Omkar Jadhav, IX A

A - Cause it decreases the concentration.

Q - What do you call a Mexican who lost his car?

A - Carlos (car loss).

Q - What do you call a can opener that doesn't work?

A - A can't opener.

Q - Do you have a hole in your shoe?

A - No, then how do you get your foot in it?

Q - Why should we give our dead batteries away?

A - Cause they are free of charge.

Q - What did the fish say when it swam into the wall?

A - O Dam-n.

Q - Ever tried to eat a clock?

A - No, cause it's very time consuming.

Q - Why did the boy throw butter outside the window?

A - Cause he wanted to see the butterfly.

GANESHA AND HIS ARDENT DEVOTEES

- Aditya Mhatre, X D

One of the most joyous and celebrated festivals, of this traditionally rich country, is Ganeshotsav. The festival is celebrated on such a wide scale that even educational institutions remain closed for 5 days.

Traditionally the festival is very simple-making an idol of lord Ganesh from the clay sourced from local areas and immersing it into the ocean. This ensures that the soil goes back to the nature without causing any harm to it.

But today, the tradition has assumed a shape and form which is markedly different from what it was. Now, a hierarchy exists amongst the *murtis* and their powers seem to be directly proportionate to their sizes. For example, the mammoth '*Raja*' is grand and rules the lot. Therefore, he commands the devotion and respect of celebrities and also enjoys the most opulent offerings.

The society idols rank way lower. Some of the sarvajanik idols enjoy the presumptuous title

of *Navsala Pavnara* and even *Ichchhapurti*.

Talking of *darshan*, devotees wait for almost 24 hours or sometimes more in the queue. These queues give you first-hand experience of riding in a Mumbai local train without actually having to do so.

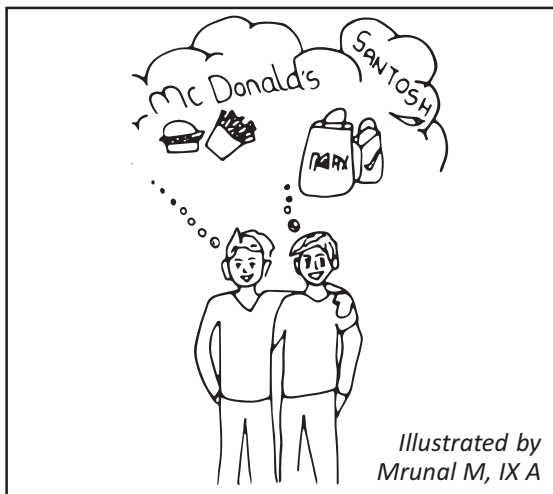
Visarjan of the idol, while done with much fan-fare, ravages marine life. The idol also no longer enjoys the dignity it did in the ten days prior to visarjan; bits and pieces of the POP idols lie scattered on the beaches.

I sincerely wish and dread too that one day, Lord Ganesha might come to life to avenge the indignity bestowed on him and his creation.

It's time, we go back to our roots and rediscover our values. It's time we remind ourselves that 'he who serves mankind, serves the God'. It's time we retrace our steps and remember that we too are part of the nature, we have set about to destroy. It's time we take care of the earth that sustains us.

BEST PLACES TO HANGOUT - TEENS CHOICE EDITION

- Sanika Deshmukh, IX A / Kashmira Nediyaedath, IX B / Pallavi Nair, IX C



As the bell of the last period dings
And the classroom with conversation rings,
No one fear!
The weekend's here!
No more tuition,
Pure relaxation
Thus, with joy we shout out
As with friends we finally get to hangout.

One of the most efficient ways for a teen to while away his/her time is to hang out with his/her friends. Over steaming coffees, samosas, vadapavs and tapriwale ki chai we catch up on gossip, conspire against our enemies and argue over fandoms. Here are some of our hangout sages and savants to enlighten us with their hangout knowledge.

"SANTOSH" Eshaan of 10thA bursts out on being asked this question. "That's one name that I am

sure, every Agnelite knows. No matter how tiring the day is or how stressful an exam was, a garam vada pav can lift up your spirits."

Although he's not wrong, a hugely famous hangout place can be found closer to home. "The Agnells basketball court. A place where the deepest secrets are shared and strongest bonds are mended or broken. A place where all of us have tried to become the next Michael Jordan!" proclaim Sinjana and Radhika of 10thA.

But not all our Agnelites like stepping out of their houses to unwind. Khushi Agarwal of 10thB does not like cliché places like malls and cafes. "My kind of a hangout place would be a cozy setting, high on my building's roof-top. Thick and comfy blankets spread all around, with warm mugs of coffee to keep us awake through the night and soft songs which will ensure ultimate peace. Endless talks with my closet friend Nivu, clicking countless pictures of the beautiful night sky filled with dazzling stars.... Now that's my kind of hangout"

General statistics show that 10 amongst 10 people are foodies. According to a particularly notable one McDonald's is like her second home." I live nearby and I'm forever hungry. The employees at Mc Donald have memorized my order as I go there every day. I love that place because it has free Wi-Fi, air conditioning, discounted food, free colas and much more

you guys can find me sitting there 24/7" quotes Radhika Subramaniam of 9thD.

Relaxation is a process that varies from person to person. For Sara Mahale of 9thB unwinding is a day long process. "My ultimate favorite spot to hangout is probably any place where I can shop. Especially if it's with my mom. After selecting a ton of funky clothes both of us try them on and end up laughing ourselves into belly aches. After our shopping spree, we have gossip sessions over steaming cups of coffee and chat over fries. For me hanging out is an exercise in bonding with my mom. I eagerly wait for the weekend so I can pour my heart out to her."

But hangout nests have been formed even in school. It's almost as if we are the ducks, the tedious period is winter and the washroom is south. Because the ducks will definitely migrate south during winter. But that's not the only favored place. "Last bench of the class" quips Afaz from 11thC. "If you don't get to hangout in the washroom the next best option is the last bench. Gather your friends around and enter the zone of relaxation. The ultimate fun of school life is lounging on the last bench munching on food and laughing on lame jokes."

For the sarcastic population of the institute however, these are just a few common place hangouts,

'Aao kabhi haveli pe.' My favorite place to hangout is the haveli." Says Shawn from 11thA

amidst stifled giggles. "Look no further than the witty haveli when a person whom you don't like asks you where you're going."

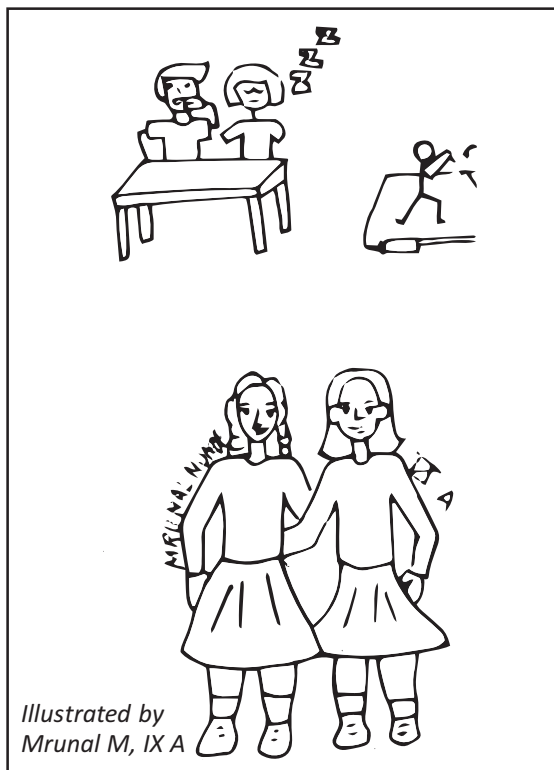
We would like you to play along with irshaads to our shayeri.

Days to hangout come twice in seven days.

And we have presented you with various fun ways.

For when you grow up, maybe have kids and a wife.

You will remember these as some of the best days of your life.



माझी आई

कवयित्री - देविका हडवळे, इयत्ता : ८वी ब

माझी पहिली गुरू, माझी आई
माझ्या आयुष्याची सुरुवात या दोन अक्षरांपासून झाली,
त्या वेळेस या दोन शब्दांचा अर्थ समजत नव्हता,
आणि आता अर्थ काढायला शब्द कमी पडतात.
ते शब्द तिनेच मला शिकवले,
तिच्याच डोळ्यातून पहिल्यांदा मी या जगाकडे पाहिले,
त्या प्रेमळ नजरेने.

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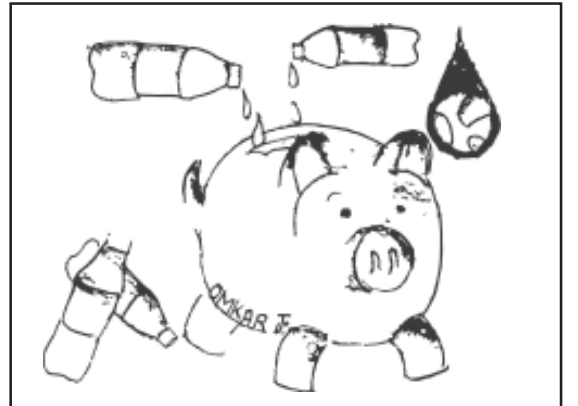
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- चैत्रा पि. ५वी क

- १) पाण्याविना नाही प्राण,
पाण्याचे तू महत्त्व जाण
(दिवित कनोजिया ५वी ड)
- २) पाण्याविना नाही जीवन म्हणून,
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- ३) थेंब थेंब वाचवू पाणी,
आनंद देईल जीवनी
(अर्चित सुतार ५वी इ)
- ४) पाणी हेच जीवन,
जपून वापरू सगळे जण
(श्रेयस ५वी इ)
- ५) पाणी आहे निसर्गाचे अनमोल रत्न
त्यास वाचवण्याचा करा प्रयत्न.
(सिद्धी मिश्रा ५वी अ)

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जीवन हे अनमोल आहे.
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- ७) जपून वापरा पाणी,
जगवीत जीव संजीवनी



प्रदूषण इथले टाळू या

कवयित्री - मंजिरी मुंबईकर, ९वी अ

॥ निसर्गाचे गीत गाऊ या
प्रदूषण इथले टाळू या ॥
जमीन, हवा, पाणी
हेच झाले धनी ।
घनदाट करू झाडी, गाऊया पाऊस गाणी ।
पशूपक्षी फुले-झाडे आपले मित्र सारे ।
निसर्ग आपला मित्र, त्याच्या
चला सोबत जाऊ ।
निसर्गाचा विनाश
सारे मिळून टाळू ।
जंगलतोड बंद करू प्राण्यांचे रक्षण करू



परिसर स्वच्छ सुंदर ठेवू, चला हो ।
॥ निसर्गाचे गीत गाऊ या
प्रदूषण इथले टाळू या ॥

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विषय - निसर्ग - आपला सर्वश्रेष्ठ गुरू...

- मधुरा संतोष चाटुफळ, (११वी ब)

शाळेला सुट्टी लागली आणि मी सुट्टीमध्ये समुद्रकिनार्यावर जाऊन निसर्गसौंदर्याने नटलेल्या कोकणची हिरवाई पाहण्याचे ठरवले.

तिथे गेल्यावर अनुभवलेला प्रत्येक क्षण हा अविस्मरणीय होता ! अथांग पसरलेला सागर, आणि वरचे असील निळे आकाश एकमेकांना स्पर्श करत आहेत असे वाटत होते. ते निसर्गसौंदर्य डोळे भरून मी पाहत होते आणि माझे मन उल्लासित होत होते.

तेव्हा मला जाणवले की, या निसर्गाचा प्रत्येक घटक आपल्याला काहीतरी सांगत असतो. जीवनाकडे बघण्याची एक वेगळी दृष्टी देत असतो. भिंतींच्या आत मिळणाऱ्या पुस्तकी शिक्षणापेक्षा खूप वेगळे ज्ञान निसर्गाच्या या उघड्या पुस्तकात पाना पानांवर लिहिलेले असते...

पर्वत, नद्या, सूर्य, चंद्र, फळे, फुले, पशु, पक्षी या अनेक विविध रुपांत आपल्याला आपल्या अवती भोवती असलेला निसर्ग अनंत हस्ते देत असतो. नद्या जलदान करतात, हवा

प्राणवायू देते, सूर्य प्रकाश देतो, धरती अन्न देते तेही कसलाही भेदभाव न करता. सुगंधी फुले, रसदार फळे देणारी झाडे, नद्या, सूर्य कसलीच अपेक्षा आपल्याकडून करत नाहीत.

सोनचाप्याचं फूल सुगंध दरवळ पसरवत, त्याचा शोध घेत जावे तर दिसते पानाआड लपलेले फूल. गुणसंपन्न असूनही निसर्ग एकांतात राहणं पसंत करतो. अनेक लाटा गर्जत आल्या तरीही किनाऱ्यापाशी येऊन शांत होतात. सागर कधीच मर्यादा ओलांडत नाही. अनेक नद्यांना तो स्वतःमध्ये सामावून घेतो. तसेच मतप्रवाहांना आपल्याला स्वीकारता यायला हवं. कोणताही गाजावाजा न करता आपलं काम चोखपणे करणे हे सूर्याकडूनच शिकावं. सूर्यासारखे तेजाने तळपणारं आयुष्य हवं असेल तर अथक परिश्रमांची गरज आहे. सुदृढ शरीर, सात्विक आहार आणि खंबीर मन, सकारात्मक दृष्टी असेल तर जीवन तेजपुंज होईल.

सूर्याच्या तेजाप्रमाणेच मेघाचे दातृत्व देखील खरंच थक्क करते. नियमित जलधारा वर्षून धरतीला तृप्त करणारा, धनधान्याने समृद्ध करणारा दातृत्वसंपन्न मेघ आणि जीवन सतत फुलवत वाहत राहणाऱ्या नद्या परोपकराची शिकवण देतात. निसर्गाचा प्रत्येक घटक आनंद उधळत राहतो.

निसर्गाचा आणखी एक महत्त्वाचा गुण म्हणजे बदल स्वीकारण्याचा! जुनी पाने गळून पडतात आणि वसंतात पुन्हा पालवीने झाडे सजतात. वेळ येताच जुने टाकण्याची, नवं स्वीकारण्याची, स्वतः मध्ये बदल घडवून आणण्याची निसर्गाची तयारी असते; पण माणूस मात्र स्वतःला बदलण्यासाठी तयार नसतो. प्रत्येक ऋतुनुसार आपल्यामध्ये आवश्यक ते बदल घडवणाऱ्या निसर्गाकडे पाहून वाटत, आयुष्याच्या प्रत्येक ऋतुबरोबर माणूस स्वतःला बदलत गेला तर किती सुखावह होईल माणसाचं आयुष्य!

आकाशातले असंख्य ग्रह-तारे पाहिले की या विराट विश्वामधले

आपले अगदीच कणमात्र असे अस्तित्व लक्षात येते आणि नकळतच “मी” चा पोकळ डामडोल कमी व्हायला लागतो. झाडांवरची रंगीबेरंगी फुले म्हणजे निसर्गसौंदर्याचा मूर्तिमंत अविष्कार..... निसर्गाने अतिशय कलात्मकतेने सजविलेला रसिक गुलाब, पांढरी-पिवळी हसरी शेवंती, बहरलेला बहावा, अबोलीचे, निशिंगंधाचे ताटवे, पारिजातकाचा सडा, एक ना दोन! जीवनाचे असंख्य रंग दाखवणारी, विविधतेने नटलेली ही फुले मन हर्षोत्फुल्ल करतात !!

रातराणी, जाई-जुई, मोगरा, निशिंगंध, सायली यांचा मन प्रसन्न करणारा सुवास आपलं काम शांतपणे करत राहून कीर्तीसुगंध दूरवर पसरवणारे आमटे कुटुंबिय किंवा बंग दाम्पत्यासारख्या थोर प्रसिद्धी पराडू मुख व्यक्तींची आठवण करून देतो.

तळपत्या उन्हात, बहरलेला गुलमोहर बघितला की प्रतिकूल परिस्थितीलाही शरण न जाता बहरलेली डॉ. रघुनाथ माशेलकर, डॉ. अब्दुल कलाम यांची व्यक्तिमत्त्वे डोळ्यांसमोर येतात. कुठेही असले तरी प्रकाशाकडे जायला, झाड तत्पर असते त्याकडून आपल्याला नेहमीच सकारात्मक राहण्याचा संदेश मिळतो.

निर्झरासारखं प्रवाही, उत्साहानं खळाळणारं, सूर्यासारखं नित्यक्रम, आचरत अविरत चालणारं, सूर्यासारखं सागरासारखं अथांग भावविश्व लाभलेलं, मेघासारखं दानाला आसुसलेलं, गुणसंपन्न असूनही पानात लपलेल्या चाप्यासारखे कर्तृत्व कीर्तीसुगंधाने आसमंत दरवळून टाकणारे आयुष्य जगायला निसर्ग आपल्याला शिकवतो.

आपण फक्त निसर्गाच्या या उघड्या पुस्तकातले अवती भोवती कणाकणांत भरून राहिलेले सहज-सोपं तत्त्वज्ञान शांतपणे वाचायला थोडा वेळ काढायला हवा..... शांतपणे चिंतन करायला हवे, निसर्गासारखं आनंदी, समाधानी आणि सहज राहण्यासाठी !!!!!....

शाळा

मुलांना शाळा खूप प्रिय असते विशेषतः प्राथमिक शाळेतील मुलांना अभ्यासाचे फारसे ओझे नसते. लहान मुले आहेत समजून छोट्या मोठ्या चुकांना सांभाळून घेतले जाते, अशी शाळा मुलांना मनापासून आवडते. शाळेविषयी त्यांच्या भावना कवितेतून व्यक्त झाल्या आहेत.

शाळा आमचे मंदिर
तर ज्ञान आहे प्रसाद
विद्या देऊन शिक्षक देती आम्हा वरदान.

मित्र-मैत्रिणी सोबत करतो मजा
अभ्यास - खेळ -स्पर्धा याचाही मेळ छान
परीक्षा कधी नाही वाटत सजा..

शाळा आयुष्याची पहिली पायरी
आव्हाने पेलण्याची करून घेते तयारी
जगभर करीत राहू तिचे गुणगान

- भाग्यश्री रेड्डी, इ. ५वी अ.

शाळा म्हणजे खूप अभ्यास,
सर्व मुलांना ह्याचा होतो त्रास,
पण जेव्हा केव्हा वेळ येते खेळ खेळायची
सगळे वाट बघत असतात खेळ जिंकायची

आमचे शिक्षक आहेत लई भारी,
परीक्षेला सगळे घाबरतात जशी काही वाघाची डरकाळी
स्पर्धा कार्यक्रम रोजच होत असतात आमच्या शाळेत,
मुले आम्ही हरलो तरीही खंत नाही, जोमाने मेहनत
करतो पुढच्या स्पर्धेत.

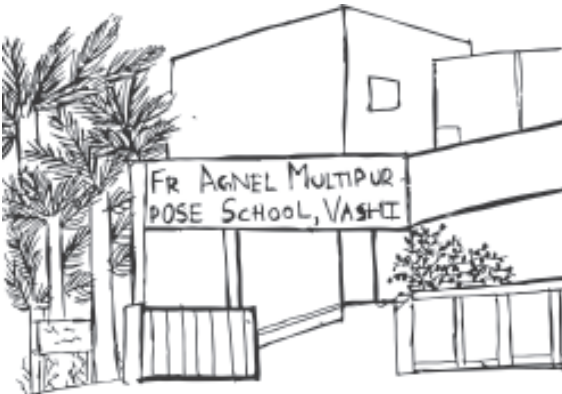
मित्र मैत्रिणी माझे आहेत खूप जास्त,
एकत्र भोजन आम्ही करतो फस्त
मधल्या सुट्टीत आम्ही करतो खूप मस्ती, मजा,
त्यामुळे कधीतरी आम्हाला मिळते सजा.

आम्हा मित्रांची भांडणे होतात सहस्र,
पण पुन्हा आम्ही येतो एकत्र.

मला शाळेत जायचा आहे छंद,
मला तिथे जायला होतो खूप आनंद.

शाळा आहे माझी आवडती जागा,
तर चला सगळे अभ्यासाला लागा....

- तुनश आयरे, इ. ५वी अ



खूपच छान माझी शाळा,
मज्जाच मज्जा येते मला;
शाळेत आहेत खूप खेळ
कळतच नाही कधी जातो वेळ,
शिक्षक घेतात खूप मेहनत,
शिकवतात हसत - खेळत;
पाहून त्यांची वेगळीच शान.
सगळेच देतात शाळेला मान.
शाळेची या शिस्त भारी,
अभ्यासाची रीतच न्यारी;
स्तुती करतात सगळेच जण
माझी शाळा नंबर वन...

- वरदा शिंदे, इयत्ता ५वी ब

शाळा म्हणजे दुसरे घर,
तिथे मिळतो ज्ञानाचा सागर,
मित्र-मैत्रिणी असती फार,
मजा -मस्ती करतो चिक्कार
अभ्यास-स्पर्धा आणि खेळ,
यांचा जुळून येतो मेळ.
कधी कधी असते परीक्षा,
तर कधी मिळते चांगलीच शिक्षा.
मधली सुट्टी म्हणजे दंगा-मस्ती,
त्यानंतर मात्र येते सुस्ती..
शाळेत आलो तेव्हा होतो लहान
पण एकदिवस मी करेन तिचे नाव महान...

- रणवीर सोनी, इ. ५वी क

आनंदी आनंद गडे,
माझे पाऊल पडते शाळेकडे ॥ धृ ॥
शाळेमधले शिक्षक छान,
आम्हा मुलांना त्यांचा अभिमान
मित्रमैत्रिणी, भांडण आणि मधली सुट्टी,
डबा खाऊन झाल्यावर होते बट्टी ॥ १ ॥
खेळ, स्पर्धा, कार्यक्रम मज्जाच मजा,
परीक्षा जवळ आली की, अभ्यासाची सजा,
माझा वर्ग, माझा बाक आणि एक फळा,
माझी आवडती जागा आहे, माझी शाळा ॥ २ ॥

- आदिती कदम, इ. ५वी ड

शाळा म्हणजे अभ्यास,
परीक्षा आणि स्पर्धा,
शाळा म्हणजे मित्र मैत्रिणीबरोबर केलेली मजा.
शाळेत असते मधली सुट्टी,
मित्र मैत्रिणीबरोबर जमलेली गट्टी,
वादून खाल्लेला डबा,
तर कधी भांडण तंटा,
शाळा आहे आपल्या सर्वांची आवडती जागा,
जी देते सर्वांना खरी योग्य दिशा...

- पुर्वा गोरे, इयत्ता ५वी ड

।। आई, मला शाळेत जायचय ना,
शाळेत जाऊन मजा करायची ना. ।।

। अभ्यास, खेळ, परीक्षा
यांचे ज्ञान देते माझी शाळा, ।

। मित्र-मैत्रिणी, सखे सोबती,
सर्व मिळूनी करतात दंगा मस्ती ।

। नवे विषय, अभ्यास नवा,
आनंद देतात रोज नवा ।

।। टणटण वाजे मधली सुट्टी,
खेळ खेळण्यासाठी मुलांची होते गट्टी,
कधी भांडण, कधी गट्टी
आई, मला शाळेत जायच नां... ।।

- आर्यन एन.एल, इयत्ता ५वी ड

माझी शाळा मला आवडते
कधी खेळते कधी हसवते,

शाळेत मस्त मजा येते
मित्र मैत्रिणी संगे मस्ती होते

कधी स्पर्धा, कधी परीक्षा
अभ्यासाची हीच दिशा

ग्यादरिंग म्हणजे तर धमाल असते
अभ्यासाला तर सुट्टीच असते
म्हणून मला माझी शाळा खूप आवडते..

- खुशी धमीजा, इयत्ता - ५ वी ड.

माझी शाळा घडवते माझ्या
भविष्याचा पाया,
शिक्षकांची छडी, लावी अभ्यासा आणि शिस्तीची गोडी,
रिसेस चा वेळ जणू खाऊचा मेळ
आणि मित्रमैत्रिणींचा खेळ,
मैत्रीची नाती, राहतील
जीवन भरची साथी,
अभ्यासाचा कानमंत्र,
शिकवतो आम्हा प्रगतीचे तंत्र,
अशी ही आमची शाळा.
घडवे आम्हा सर्वांच्या
भविष्याचा पाया.

- निमिशा चांडक, इयत्ता - ८वी ड

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कवयित्री - मंजिरी मुंबईकर, इ. ९वीं अ

आई म्हणजे आनंद
आई म्हणजे सुखाची सावली
आई म्हणजे समाधान
आई म्हणजे संस्कार
आई म्हणजे सुंदर मन
आई म्हणजे ममता

आई म्हणजे प्रेम
आई म्हणजे जीवन
आई म्हणजे संसार
आई म्हणजे आधार
आई म्हणजे प्रश्नाचे उत्तर

शब्दरंग

कवयित्री - अश्विनी केळकर

कागदावर उमटणारी ती अक्षरे
काय सांगू बाई त्यांचे नखरे
कधीकधी येते शब्दांना भरती
तर कधी त्यांची अडखळते गती
कधी शब्द घेतात रूप कवितेचे
कधी बोट धरतात ते कथेचे
कधी रसभरीत वर्णन प्रवासाचे
दाखवितात स्वप्न जगप्रवासाचे
कधी डोकावतात ललित लेखांमधून
आपलेच जगणे दाखवितात उलगडून

कधी शब्द होतात प्रेमळ
कधी शब्द करतात घायाळ
शब्दांचे बाण बोचरे खरे
त्यांच्या जखमांवर औषध नाही रे!
शब्दाला शब्द दिला की वाद वाढतात
शब्दांनीच गोंजारले की मित्र वाढतात
घडविण्याचे कार्य तेव्हाच घडते
शब्दांना जेव्हा कृतीची जोड मिळते
म्हणूनच शब्द जपावे लागतात
शब्दांचे नखरे झेलावे लागतात

जर मला हॉगवर्ट्समधून पत्र आले तर ...

- अपूर्व संतोष फडतरे, इ. ५वी फ

जर मला जादू शिकण्यासाठी हॉगवर्ट्स मधून पत्र आले तर मी माझी सुटकेस काढून माझे कपडे तिच्यात भरेन.

त्यानंतर मी तिकीट काढून रेल्वे स्टेशन वर जाऊन तिकीट काढेन व पावणे नऊ प्लॅटफार्म शोधून परत मी नऊ आणि दहा या प्लॅटफार्म च्या मधल्या भिंतीकडे चालत जाऊन तिच्या आत जाऊन व त्यानंतर मी रेल्वेत बसेन. मी माझे नवीन मित्र बनवेन. तिकडच्या कॅंडी विक्रेताकडून खूप कॅंडी पैसे देऊन विकत घेईन व माझ्या मित्रासोबत खाईन आणि स्टेशनवर पोहचल्यावर झाडे, जादूची छडी विकत घेईन व तिकडच्या तलावातल्या बोटीत बसून हॉगवर्ट्सच्या प्रमुख दरवाज्या जवळ जाईन.

नंतर मी बोटीतून उतरून प्रोफेसर मेगॉनीकल कडे जाईन. प्रोफेसर मेगॉनीकल ज्या ज्या सूचना देतील त्या सर्व ऐकेन व

त्यानंतर मी दरवाज्यातून आत जाईन व प्रोफेसर क्वीरल कडे जाऊन त्यांची भेट घेईन. त्यांना विचारेन की, "तुम्ही कोणता विषय शिकवता ? तुम्ही हा विषय किती वर्षांपासून शिकवता ? मग ते त्या विषयाबद्दल सर्व माहिती देतील. त्यानंतर मी सर्व तिकडच्या मित्रांची भेट घेईन आणि नंतर मी हॉगवर्ट्स मधल्या सर्व प्रसिद्ध शिक्षकांकडे म्हणजेच प्रोफेसर स्नेवकडे जाऊन त्यांना विचारेन की "तुम्ही कोणत्या प्रकारची जादू शिकवता ? तुम्हाला सर्व भाषा येतात का ? मग प्रोफेसर स्नेव त्या विषयाबद्दल माहिती देतील व त्यानंतर मी जेवण करेन. जेवणानंतर मी लगेच लपून प्रोफेसर डंबलडोर यांच्याकडे जाईन. जर मी लगेच नाही गेलो तर तिकडचा वॉचमन मला पकडून टाकेल. त्यांच्याकडे पोहोचल्यावर मी त्यांची सर्व माहिती घेईन. माझी माहिती त्यांना देईन. खरेच मला हॉगवर्ट्स कडून पत्र मिळाले तर.....



हसताय ना ?

संकलक - पवन सुभाष कोरके, इयत्ता- ९वी म

- सर - बंडू सांग मला पाण्याचे रेणू सूत्र ?
बंडू - मला नाही माहिती सर.
सर - अरे ! बंडू H_2O म्हण आता.
बंडू - H,I,J,K,L,M,N,O सर !
हा हा हा !
- मास्तर - त्याला भांडी घासावी लागणार व त्याने भांडी घासली. यातील फरक काय रे गणू ?
गणू - पहिल्या वाक्यात तो अविवाहीत आणि दुसऱ्या

वाक्यात तो विवाहीत आहे.
हा हा हा !

- सोनू - अरे मोनू तू आरशात बघत अभ्यास का करतो ?
मोनू - याचे ३ फायदे असतात.
१. अभ्यासाची उजळणी होते.
२. अभ्यास करण्यासाठी सोबती मिळतो.
३. स्वतःवर लक्ष ठेवता येते.
हा हा हा !

भाषिक खेळ

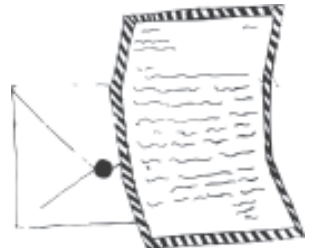
जरा डोके लढवा

संकलक - जान्हवी भोईर, इयत्ता - ९ वी म

- १) पंख आहे पण पक्षी नाही
जादू करते पण जादूगार नाही
प्रेमळ आहे, पण आई नाही
म्हटले तर आहे, म्हटले तर नाही
गोष्टींची पुस्तक वाचा तर खरी
स्वप्नात येईल मग तुमच्या घरी
ओळखा कोण ?
उत्तर - परी



- २) कधी आनंदाचं, कधी दुःखाचं
कधी अपेक्षित, कधी अनपेक्षित,
कधी गावातून, कधी शहरातून
कधी देशातून, कधी परदेशातून
गावोगाव चालू असतं याचं मिरवणं
तिकीट घेऊन ऐटीत लाल गाडीतून फिरणं,
फोनमुळे आता फारसं विचारत नाही कुणी,
ओळखा कोण ?
उत्तर - पत्र



माझ्या स्वातंत्र्याचा अर्थ

- इशा हेपतुला, ७वी इ

माझ्यासाठी स्वातंत्र्य हा स्वतःचा अधिकार आहे. मी न घाबरता मला जे वाटते ते व्यक्त करू शकते. मी कोणत्याही धर्माचे अनुसरण करू शकते. मला जे पाहिजे ते लिहू शकते. मी हव्या त्या गोष्टी किंवा मजेशीर कथा लिहू शकते. मला पात्र असलेली कोणतीही नोकरी माझ्याकडे असू शकते. मी जिथे इच्छिते तेथे राहू शकते. मी काहीही करू शकते, जो पर्यंत तो इतर कोणालाही त्रास देत नाही, स्वातंत्र्य जबाबदारीसह येते, याचा अर्थ असा पण आहे की, मी सक्तीने भाग पाडल्याशिवाय बऱ्याच गोष्टी करू शकते.

स्वातंत्र्य म्हणजे मी माझ्या चुकांतून शिकू शकते. मला स्वातंत्र्य नसते तर मला जे सांगितले त्याप्रमाणे करावे लागेल. यामुळे

मी चुका करणार नाही पण आयुष्याकडून काहीही शिकणार नाही. स्वातंत्र्याचा अर्थ असा आहे की, प्रत्येकास जीवन, स्वातंत्र्य आणि आनंद मिळविण्याच्या समान संधी कोणत्याही प्रकारचा भेदभाव न करता मिळतात. जर मला स्वातंत्र्य नसेल तर मी मुळात गुलाम होईल.

शेवटी, स्वातंत्र्याचा अर्थ असा आहे की, मी माझे स्वतःचे भविष्य निवडू शकते आणि मी जे काही स्वप्न पाहतो ते करू शकते. मी माझ्या स्वातंत्र्याचा अर्थ प्रतिबिंबित करणारा एक सुविचार सांगते. महात्मा गांधी यांनी दिलेला सुविचार म्हणतो, “स्वातंत्र्याचा रस्ता नाही, स्वातंत्र्य हा रस्ता आहे.”

कविता

पाऊस एक वरदान!

कवयित्री - मुक्ता मोहितकर, ८वी ड

काळे काळे मेघ,
क्षणात भरून आले!
ढगांचा गडगडाट,
विजांचा कडकडाट,
पानन पान हाले।
धो - धो पावसात, वारा गातो गाणी।
काळी काळी माती, चिंब चिंब भिजे।
मातीतून त्या बी रुजे,
कष्ट करी बळी राजा,
पीक येई भारी।
सुख देई सर्वा,
नाही कशाची पर्वा



हसा पाहू जरा !

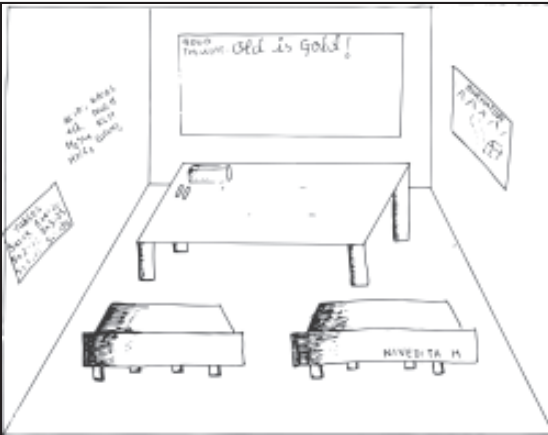
संकलक - श्रेयस जगताप, इयत्ता ९वी म

- नीता - बाई ती गौरी काही करत नाही. दिवसभर बसून नुसती व्यर्थ वेळ घालवते.
शिक्षिका - असो, पण तुला हे कसे माहीत ?
नीता - माझं सगळं लक्ष असते ना तिच्यावरच !
- मास्तर - सांगा पाण्यापेक्षा हलके काय आहे ?
बंडू - सर भजी
मास्तर - कसे काय ?
बंडू - सर तेल पाण्यावर तरंगते आणि भजी तेलावर.

मनोगत

मी वर्ग बोलतोय.....

आयुष्याचा बराचसा वेळ शिक्षणासाठी या ना त्या वर्गात बसून शिकण्यात जातो. वर्गाच्या चार भिंती दारे, खिडक्या, कपाटे, प्रोजेक्टर, कचरापेटी, खडूचा डबा, फळा, बाके, भिंतीवरचे तक्ते या साऱ्या गोष्टी वर्गात अभ्यासाचे वातावरण निर्माण करतात. मुले वर्गात येतात, बसतात, हसतात, रडतात, पळापळी करतात; वर्ग शांतपणे सर्व पाहत असतो. शिक्षकांचे शिकवणे, मुलांशी गप्पागोष्टी करणे, त्यांना समजावणे हे सर्व वर्ग वर्षानुवर्ष पाहत असतो त्याने जर बोलायचे ठरवले, तर हाच प्रश्न घेऊन इ. ९वी मधील नित्या भोईर आणि जान्हवी वाजे यांनी मुलांशी संवाद साधला...



इ. ५वी. अ मधील आर्या पवार म्हणते

एकदा मी माझ्या शिक्षिकेला मदत करायची म्हणून शाळेत जास्त वेळ थांबले होते. माझी मैत्रीण माझ्या बरोबर थांबली होती. पण दुसऱ्या वर्गात काही काम करत होती. मी एकटीच माझ्या वर्गात माझे काम करत होते. आणि हो! एक छानसे गाणे ही गुणगुणत होते, तेवढ्यात मला कोणीतरी हाक मारली असे वाटले मी झटकन मागे वळून बघितले तर कोणीच नव्हतं. “भासच झाला असेल” असे म्हणून मी परत आपले काम करू लागले. परत तोच आवाज। मी परत मागे वळून बघितले, तरीही कोणीच नव्हते. बरं आवाज ही ओळखीचा वाटला नाही. मी घाबरून कागद गोळा करून निघणार, तेवढ्यात तो आवाज म्हणाला, “अगं, आर्या घाबरू नको, मी बोलतोय, तुमचा नेहमीचा वर्ग, वर्ग!” पण तू बोलतोस कसा? मी विचारलं “मला ही वाटते कोणाशी तरी बोलावं, चार गोष्टी सांगायच्या, पण तुम्ही मुले तुमच्या अभ्यासात, खेळण्या आणि गप्पा मारण्यात इतके दंग असता की माझ्याकडे कोणाचं लक्षच जात नाही.

तुम्ही सगळे गेलात की मी एकटा पडतो. तुम्ही सुट्टीवर गेलात की मी तुमची आतुरतेने वाट पाहत असतो, वर्ग म्हणाला. हे सगळे ऐकून माझे तर डोळेच भरून आले! मी वर्गाला काही बोलणार एवढ्यात माझी मैत्रीण आली आणि म्हणाली, “अगं, चल कसला विचार करतेस एवढा? मी दोन मिनिटे तर सुन्नच पडले! काहीच कळत नव्हते. मी खरेच वर्गाशी बोलले की मला भास झाला होता ?

इ. ५वी तील आरुषी शिंदे म्हणते जर वर्ग बोलू लागला तर तो म्हणेल,

हो, खरच मी तुमचा वर्ग बोलतोय, घाबरून जाऊ नका. मला तुमच्याशी थोडं बोलायचे आहे. या वर्गातून खूप मुले व मुली शिकून गेले, मोठे झाले. मोठ्या पदव्या मिळवून चांगल्या नोकऱ्या व व्यवसाय करू लागले. तुमचे नातेवाईक सुध्दा या वर्गात शिकले असतील.

मी जसा आता आहे; तसा पुर्वी नव्हतो. पुर्वी वर्गात फक्त एक दिवा, काळा फळा, साधी बाके, जुन्या भिंती होत्या. आता नवीन फळा आला नवीन बाके, टेबल, कपाटे व दारे आली, प्रोजेक्टर व स्पिकर लावल्यावर डिजीटल झालो. पण मुले तुमच्यासारखीच दंगेखोर, शांत, हुशार, अबोल व बडबड करणारी होती. तुम्ही कसेही असा मी एवढच म्हणून की मोठे झाल्यावर चांगल्या नोकऱ्या व व्यवसाय करून माझं आणि आपल्या शाळेचं नाव मोठं करा, माझे आशीर्वाद तुमच्या सोबत आहेत.

५वी क मधील काव्या नायकोडी म्हणते, जर वर्ग बालू लागला तर म्हणेल,

मी आहे तुमचा वर्ग. माझ्याकडे तर येऊन शिकला आणि मोठे झाला ! मी तुम्हा सगळ्यांना लहानपणापासून ओळखतो. तुम्ही कसे अभ्यास करता, खेळता आणि शिक्षकांना त्रास देता हे सगळे मी पाहिले आहे. मला तर तुमचा मित्र व्हायचे आहे ; पण तुम्ही माझ्यावर कचरा फेकता, खडू फेकता, भिंतीवर लिहिता बाकड्यावर लिहिता, मला हे बघून खूप वाईट वाटते. मला खरेच तुमचा मित्र व्हायला आवडेल, पण हे दृश्य बदलायला हवे. मला स्वच्छ ठेवण्याची जबाबदारी तुमची आहे. कारण मी तुमचाच मित्र आहे. चलातर आपण वर्गाला स्वच्छ ठेवूया आणि आनंदाने शिकूया...

५वी ड मधील नेहा पाटील म्हणते, जर वर्ग बोलू लागला तर म्हणेल,

“ एका मुलांनो, मीच तुमचा वर्ग बोलतोय. माझं थोडं ऐकून घ्या, शाळा सुरू झाली की, तुम्ही मस्ती करता, वर्गात पळापळ करता, मला खूप छान वाटते. शिक्षक वर्गात आले की, शांत बसून त्यांचे शिकवणे ऐकता. तुम्ही तुमचा वर्गपाठ करता. छान छान चित्र काढून माझ्या भिंतीवर चिटकवता, मला खूप प्रसन्न वाटते. सगळी मुलं, मुली तुम्ही एकत्र बसून गाणी, गप्पा, गोष्टी करता मी खूप खुश होतो. शाळा सुटल्यावर तुम्ही आपआपल्या घरी निघून जाता. मग मात्र मला एकट वाटते. तुमच्या विरहाने मी व्याकूळ होतो आणि दुसऱ्या दिवसाची आतुरतेने वाट पाहतो.”

अरमान खान इ. ५वी ड मध्ये आहे तो म्हणतो जर वर्ग बोलू लागला तर तो म्हणेल,

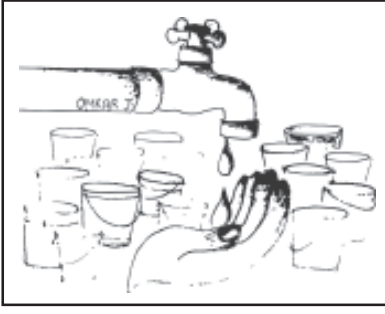
“ अरेरे! काय माझी अवस्था!” तुम्ही मला एकदम अव्यवस्थित व अस्वच्छ करून टाकले आहे. विसरलात वाटते मला सारे जण? अरे, मी तुमच्या जीवनातील अविभाज्य घटक, म्हणजेच तुमचा वर्ग बोलत आहे.

किती वर्षे झाली, किती मुले इथे येवून शिकली व शिक्षण पूर्ण करून आपल्या क्षेत्रात मार्गी लागली. पण वर्षानुवर्षे मी इथेच आहे. मला कुठे जाता येत नाही, कोणाशी बोलता येत नाही. दिवसा तुम्ही मुले व शिक्षक सर्वजण शाळेत येता, वर्गात बसून शिकतात. गप्पा मारता व बैठे खेळ खेळतात.

सकाळी सकाळी जेव्हा शिपाई येवून मला स्वच्छ करतात तेव्हा मी खूप सुंदर दिसतो पण जेव्हा तुम्ही येऊन मला अस्वच्छ करता तेव्हा मला खूप वाईट वाटते, आणि अचानक वर्गाचा आवाज बंद झाला.

५वी इ मधील शर्वरी म्हणते,

आज आम्ही ५वी “अ” वर्गातील वर्ष २००४ च्या बॅचची मुलं जमलो होतो. सर्व मुलं एवढ्या वर्षांनंतर भेटल्यामुळे आनंदात होती. जुन्या आठवणी एकमेकांना सांगत होतो. इतक्यात एक आवाज आला “कसे आहात सर्व” तुम्हाला पुन्हा पाहून मी एकदम खुश आहे. सर्वजण आवाक झाले कोण बोलतय? सर्वांना एकच प्रश्न पडला होता. तेवढ्यात पुन्हा आवाज आला. “मी वर्ग बोलतोय” सर्व जण अचंबित झाले आणि वर्ग बोलायला लागला. “मित्रांनो, पुष्कळ मुलं आली या शाळेत, शिक्षण घेऊन निघून गेली. प्रत्येकजण आप आपल्या विश्वात असतील. कोणी डॉक्टर कोणी इंजिनीअर झाले असतील पण मी मात्र प्रत्येकांचा आठवणीने ओतप्रोत भरलेला आहे”. आणि आमचे आभार मानून वर्गाचा आवाज बंद झाला.



कविता

पाणी बचत

- चिन्मयी ५वी ब

आजोबांनी नदीत पाणी पाहिले....
बाबांनी विहिरीत पाहिले.....
मी नळात पाहिले...
माझ्या मुलांनी बाटलीत पाहिले.....
पुढची पिढी कुठं बघेल... ?

हा विचार करा.....
पाणी वाचवा, देश वाचवा...
नका वाया घालवू पाणी, इंधन,
बचत करू देशाचे धन..

लेख

माझे गाव

- राधा रासम, ८वी ड

“हिरवी झाडी, पिवळा फुलांचा डोंगर, निळी सावळी दरी”
वरील काव्यपंक्ती माझ्या डोळ्यासमोर माझ्या गावाचे विहंगम
दृश्य आणतात. माझ्या गावाचे नाव आहे हरकूळ खुर्द. हे
गाव तालूका कणकवली, जिल्हा सिंधुदुर्ग, महाराष्ट्र येथे वसले.
सह्याद्रिच्या कुशीत वसलेले हे माझे गाव म्हणजे जणू
निसर्गसौंदर्याची मुक्त उधळणच होय ! शहराच्या धावपळीपासून
जर निवांत श्वास घ्यायचा असेल तर माझ्या गावाला भेट
द्यायला हवी.

माझ्या गावातील नंदिनी नदी ही सर्व गावकऱ्यांना शुद्ध पाणी
देते. नदीचे पाणी अडवून जवळ जवळ शंभर एकर परिसरात
मोठा तलाव आहे. ह्या तलावात भल्या पहाटे जर बोटींगला
गेले तर हरीण, गवा, चिता, मोर असे विविध पशु-पक्षी
आपल्याला पहायला मिळतात. ह्याचबरोबर माझ्या गावात
अनेक देवळ आहेत. सर्व गावकऱ्यांच्या पाठी खंबीरपणे उभी

असलेली पावणाई देवीचे देऊळ गावाच्या मध्यभागी आहे.
विद्येचे दैवत गणपतीचे श्रृंगेश्वर मंदिर खळाळत वाहणाऱ्या
धबधब्या जवळ आहे.

माझ्या गावी निसर्गाची केवळ उधळणच नव्हे, तर इथल्या
प्रत्येक माणसांमध्ये एकमेकांबद्दल ममत्व व जिवाळा आहे.
माझे कुटुंब जरी मुंबईत रहात असले तरीही वर्षातून ३/४
वेळा आम्ही गावी जातो. साधारणतः गणपती, दिवाळी - उन्हाळी
सुट्टी मध्ये गावी जाऊन पुन्हा मुंबईला परतताना एक अनोखी
उर्जा मिळते.

आमचे गाव कोकणातील एक महत्त्वाचे पर्यटन स्थळ म्हणून
विकसित करण्याचे काम गावकरी करीत आहेत. त्याच बरोबर
गावात अनेक लघुउद्योगही सुरू झाले आहेत.

माझे गाव माझ्यासाठी ‘The Best Holiday Destination’
आहे.



अभिव्यक्ती

परीक्षा आणि मी

शाळा म्हणजे मज्जा !

शाळा म्हणजे भरपूर मित्र - मैत्रीणी ! शाळा म्हणजे खाऊचा डबा आणि मधली सुट्टी ! आणि हो, शाळा म्हणजे परीक्षा सुध्दा ! कुणाला आवडतात या परीक्षा ?

परीक्षेविषयी असे अनेक प्रश्न प्राथमिक शाळेतील मुलांना पडतात. टाळता न येणाऱ्या या परीक्षांची उकल त्यांनी आपल्या परिने करण्याचा प्रयत्न केला आहे.

इ. ५ वी फ मधील तन्वी रातांबे लिहिते, वर्षभर जर अभ्यास केला असेल तर परीक्षा संकट वाटत नाही. परीक्षेतील गुण आपली अभ्यासातील प्रगती दाखवतात. तिच्याच वर्गातील भाविक घरात लिहितो, परीक्षा सोपी जावी असे वाटत असेल तर अभ्यासाला पर्याय नाही. स्कॉलरशिप, मॅट व जेईमो यासारख्या परीक्षांमुळे शाळेतील परीक्षा लिहिताना अवघड वाटत नाही.

राजवर्धन पाटील लिहितो त्याला परीक्षेचा अजिबात कंटाळा येत नाही. तो परीक्षेच्या आधी पूर्ण अभ्यास करतो, टि.व्ही. बघत नाही. झोपण्यापूर्वी तो पुन्हा अर्धातास, पाठ केलेले वाचतो. सकाळी लवकर उठून आईबाबांनी बनवलेला पेपर सोडवतो. असा पूर्ण अभ्यास करून गेल्यावर परीक्षेची मुळीच भीती वाटत नाही, परीक्षेनंतरची सुट्टी मजेत जाते कारण त्याला निकालाची भीती नसते आणि अपेक्षेप्रमाणे गुण मिळतातच.

इ. ५ वी फ मधील श्रेयस श्रीधर पाटील लिहितो, त्याला सगळ्यात जास्त गणिताच्या पेपरचे दडपण येते. भागाकार, बेरीज, वजाबाकी, ल.सा.वि व म.सा.वी ही नावंच छातीत धडकी भरवतात. पण पेपर समोर आला की भीती कुठल्या कुठे पळून जाते. आपण समजतो इतकं काही गणित अवघड नाही हे लक्षात येते.

५ व फ मधील दुर्गा पाटील लिहिते, परीक्षेची आणि माझी चांगली मैत्री आहे. परीक्षेतील प्रश्न मला कोडे सोडवल्यासारखे वाटतात. आणि मला कोडी सोडवण्याचा छंद आहे. परीक्षेची दुसरी गॅम्मत म्हणजे निकालानंतर आई - बाबा, आजी-आजोबांकडून मिळणारी बक्षिसे. शिक्षकांकडून मिळणारी शाबासकी ! म्हणून तर मला परीक्षा आवडतात. बक्षीस मिळविण्याचा सोपा मार्ग म्हणजे परीक्षा !

भाविक घरातची सुध्दा परीक्षेशी चांगली पक्की मैत्री आहे. ही मैत्री इतकी पक्की आहे की, त्याला शिष्यवृत्ती, मॅट, जेईमो यासारख्या परीक्षा द्यायला आवडतात. परीक्षेत पूर्ण गुण मिळाले की खूप आनंद होतो व पुन्हा पुन्हा वेगवेगळ्या परीक्षा द्याव्यात असे त्याला वाटते.

थोडक्यात काय ! परीक्षा म्हणजे संकट नव्हे. परीक्षेची चांगली तयारी असेल तर तिचे दडपणही येणार नाही व गुणही भरपूर मिळतात.



माऊली

कवी - पवन सुभाष कोरके, इयत्ता ९ वी म

॥ वासरांच्या पोटी दूध देतात गाई
असे सुंदर जग दाखवते माझी आई ॥
॥ इंद्रधनुष्य दिसतो अभ्रांवरती
आईने दाखवली मायेची ही धरती ॥
॥ आई मुलांसाठी करते उन्हात कष्ट
झोप येत नसेल तर सांगते गोष्ट ॥
॥ मुलाच्या जीवनासाठी खणते पाया

देते सागरासारखी माया ॥
॥आई असते देवाची माऊली
उन्हे आल्यावर देते पदराची सावली ॥
॥ आईच्या पोटी नसते फक्त मूल
तिच्यासाठी असते ते सोन्याचे फूल ॥

अभिव्यक्ती

हाहा:कार

‘वैश्विक तापमान बदल’ हा आज सर्व राष्ट्रांचा चिंतेचा विषय आहे. अँमेझॉनचे घनदाट जंगल असो अथवा आल्पसच्या बर्फाळ पर्वतरांगा असोत, तापमानातील बदल हा आज कळीचा मुद्दा आहे. कुठे मुसळधार धो-धो पाऊस तर कुठे अवर्षण, कुठे समुद्र पाण्याची पातळी ओलांडत आहे तर कुठे नद्यांची पात्रे कोरडी ठणठणीत!

या वर्षी आपल्याकडेही पावसाने धुमाकूळ घातला. तसा नेमेची येतो पावसाळा! हे जरी खरे असले, तरी त्याचे प्रमाण आणि जोश अनाकलनीयच ! मराठवाडा शेवटपर्यंत आकाशाकडे डोळे लावून होता तर उर्वरित महाराष्ट्र पाणी - पाणी झाला.

अति पाऊस म्हणजे संकटांना आमंत्रणच ! असा अवेळी आलेला पाऊस हाती आलेले पीक नष्ट करतोच त्याचबरोबर माणसाचीही दाणादाण उडवतो. पाऊस माणसाला नवा नाही; पण दरवर्षी

त्याचे रूप बदलत चालले आहे. एकेका नदीला महिनाभरात चार-चार वेळा पूर येतो. काही गावांचा इतर जगाशी चार-पाच दिवस संपर्क तुटतो. दरवर्षी पाण्याची पातळी वाढतच राहते, पुरामध्ये गाईगुरे, माणसे सर्व जनजीवन विस्कळीत होते, हाहा:कार उडतो. यामागची कारणे शोधण्याचा इ. ९वी म मधील नित्या भोईर आणि जान्हवी वाजे यांनी प्रयत्न केला वा विषयासंबंधी मुलांची मते त्यांनी जाणून घेतली.

इ. १२ वी इ. मधील धार्मिक पटोडिया यांच्या मते पावसावर कोणाचे नियंत्रण असूच शकत नाही. त्यामुळे पावसाळ्यापूर्वीच नदीचा गाळ काढणे, नाले सफाई इ. कामे पूर्ण झाली पाहिजेत त्याचबरोबर हवामान खात्याने अधिकाधिक अचूक अंदाज वर्तवले पाहिजेत. त्यामुळे होणारी हानी टाळता येईल.

याबाबत १२ वी अ मधील आदित्य कदम वाढत्या तापमानाला

जबाबदार धरतो; पण हे तापमान वाढते कशामुळे ? तर माणसांच्या स्वार्थामुळे, निष्काळजीपणामुळे! बेसुमार वृक्षतोड होत आहे. त्यामुळे पृथ्वीचे तापमान दिवसेंदिवस वाढतच आहे. पाण्याची पातळी वाढते या सर्वामुळे थोड्या पावसानेही सगळीकडे पाणी तुंबते.

इ. १ वी ड मधील लिना कदमच्या मते, पावसामुळे होणाऱ्या हाहाःकाराला वाढती लोकसंख्या सुध्दा कारणीभूत आहे. वाढत्या लोकसंख्येमुळे जागेचे, घरांचे प्रश्न निर्माण होतात. यातून मार्ग काढताना समुद्र मार्गे ढकलले जातात. देशात अनेक ठिकाणी असे भराव टाकल्यामुळे समुद्र, नद्या आकुंचन पावले आहेत.

भाविका वाघमोडे इ. १२ अ मध्ये शिकते. ती म्हणते, पाऊस १००/२०० वर्षांपूर्वी जसा हाता तसाच आज ही आहे. पण मुसळधार पावसामुळे निर्माण होणाऱ्या समस्या मात्र दरवर्षी नव्या आहेत. समुद्राचे पाणी वाढणे, गटारे नाले तुंबणे, नद्यांचे पाणी आठ-आठ दिवस न ओसरणे, रस्ते वाहून जाणे डोंगर कोसळणे हे सर्व पाहिले की वाटते पाऊस त्रासदायक नाही तर आपले नियोजन चुकीचे आहे.

इ. १२ वी ड मधील आदिती गावडे म्हणते दोष पावसाचा नाही. पाऊस तर वरदानच आहे. त्याचा थेंब न थेंब अमूल्य आहे तो मानवजातीवर उपकारच करतो. पण आपण विकासाच्या नावाखाली नद्या, समुद्र मार्गे हटवतो, जंगले सपाट करतो, साहजिकच याचा परिणाम पर्यावरणावर होतो. पाणी शोषून घेणारी मातीच दिसणं आजकल दुर्मीळ झाले आहे. त्यामुळे डांबरी रस्त्यांवर पाणी तुंबते आणि दोष मात्र पावसाला दिला जातो.

इ. १ वी क मधील प्रिया त्रिवेदी म्हणते, पावसाळ्यात जनजीवन

पूर्ण विस्कळीत होते. पण याचा पावसाशी काय संबंध ? आपण प्रचंड वृक्षतोड करतो, त्यामुळे जमिनीची धूप होते, झाडांची मुळे माती, पाणी अडवू शकत नाहीत. तसेच रस्त्यांची, नाल्यांची डागडूजी नियमित केली जात नाही, त्यामुळे पाणी तुंबते, त्याचबरोबर प्लास्टिकच्या पिशव्यांनी समस्या अधिक बिकट केली आहे. पाण्याचा योग्य निचरा करण्यात प्लॅस्टीकच्या पिशव्यांच्या ढिगांमुळे अडथळा येतो.

इ. १० वी इ. मधील अथर्व बल्लाळ म्हणतो, फक्त आपल्याच देशात नाही, तर जगभर सर्वत्र पाऊस पडतो. पण दरवर्षी आपल्याकडे “पावसाचा हाहाःकार” ही समस्या उग्र का बनते ?

याचे मुख्य कारण म्हणजे, पर्यावरणाकडे होत असलेले दुर्लक्ष ! राहण्यासाठी, उद्योगधंद्यांसाठी अधिकाधिक जागा उपलब्ध करण्याच्या हव्यासापोटी पाणी रोखून धरणारी जमीन कमी होत आहे.

इ. १० वी ब मधील सानिका सांगावे म्हणते, पाण्याचा निचरा होण्यासाठी मातीची धूप टाळली पाहिजे, नदीतील वाळूचा उपसा थांबवला पाहिजे.



दर्शना दिपक इ. १२ वी अ मध्ये शिकते ती म्हणते, सर्व नैसर्गिक आपत्तींच्या मुळाशी पर्यावरणाची अपरिमित हानी हे एकमेव कारण आहे. निसर्गाची काळजी घ्या, पर्यावरण जपा, प्लास्टीकचा वापर पूर्णटाळा, प्रदूषण थांबवा नैसर्गिक समस्या आपोआप कमी होतील.

थोडक्यात, पाऊस ही समस्या नाही; तो तर मानवाला लाभलेली अमूल्य देणगी आहे. सृष्टीचे चक्र सुरळीत चालण्यासाठी त्याचे योगदान वादातीत आहे. गरज आहे ती, आपण धडा घेण्याची. झालेल्या नुकसानीतून जर आपण काहीच शिकलो नाही, तर असा “हाहाःकार” अटळ आहे.

हास्यकट्टा

संकलक - ऋषिकेश जगताप, इयत्ता - ९वीं म

- (चंदूने गहू आणले. आणल्या आणल्या त्याला भावाने विचारले)
भाऊ - “कसे आणले गहू?”
चंदू - “पोत्यातून”
भाऊ - “तसं नाही रे, कितीला आणलेस?”
चंदू - “चार वाजता!”
भाऊ - “अरे, कुठल्या भावाने आणलेस?”
चंदू - “कुठल्याच भावाने नाही आणले, मी आणले!”
- (रात्रीची वेळ एका घरावर दरोडेखोर दरोडा टाकतात. घरातले म्हातारा- म्हातारी खूप घाबरलेले)
दरोडेखोर - काय गं म्हातारे, नाव काय तुझं?
म्हातारी - गंगुबाई.....
दरोडेखोर - ऑ? गंगुबाई? माझ्या आईचं नावही गंगुबाई होतं, त्यामुळे मी तुला साडून देतो; जीवदान देतो आणि तुझं रे (म्हातार्याला उद्देशून)
म्हातारा - ज्ञानेश्वर पण लाडानं मला सगळे “गंगुबाई” म्हणतात!
- एक वकील आणि एक शेतकरी एकत्र प्रवास करत होते
वकील - आपण एकमेकांना कोडी घालू, ज्याला येणार नाही त्याने १००० द्यायचे.
शेतकरी - आपण खूप शिकलेले आहात आणि मी अडाणी खेडूत आहे, मला उत्तर आले नाही तर मी १ रु. देईन तुम्ही मात्र दहाच रुपये द्यायचे.
वकील - ठीक आहे.
शेतकरी - अशी कोणती व्यक्ती आहे, जिला २ डोकी व ३ पाय आहेत?
वकील - (विचार करून) हरलो बुवा ! हे घे १० रुपये आता तूच सांग बघू उत्तर
शेतकरी - साहेब मला तरी कुठ येतंय ? हा घ्या १ रुपया.



फॅशनचे वेड

- श्रावणी नाईक, इयत्ता ८वी ड

कोणत्याही आवडीचा अतिरेक झाला की, तिची वेडात गणना होते. फॅशनचेही तेच आहे. “फॅशन” या इंग्रजी शब्दाचा साधा सरळ अर्थ “पध्दत” किंवा “चालरीत” असा आहे. जशी एखाद्याची बोलण्याची फॅशन, एखाद्या देशातील शिष्टाचारांची फॅशन तशी वेषभुषेची फॅशन! परंतु “फॅशन” या शब्दात कुठेतरी नखरा मिसळला गेला आहे. तोच आपल्याला फॅशन कशी असावी आणि कशी नसावी हा विचार करायला लावतो.

“फॅशन” हा शब्द जरी इंग्रजीतून आला असला, तरी नटण्याची वृत्ती माणसाच्या जन्माबरोबरच साऱ्या जगभर परसली आहे. अनेक वेळा उत्खननात सापडणाऱ्या वस्तूंत, अलंकारात आपल्याला फॅशनचे मूळ आठवते. जुन्या काळातही फॅशनचे खूप प्रकार होते. डोळ्यात काजळ घातले जाई, ओठ रंगविण्यासाठी विडा खात असत, तर त्वचेसाठी हळद - चंदनाचा उपयोग केला जाई. अतरेसुध्दा वापरली जात असत, याचा अर्थ असा की, त्या काळातही मनापासून फॅशन केली जाई.

नीटनेटकी राहणी, आकर्षक कपडे या गोष्टी माणसाच्या दर्शनी व्यक्तिमत्त्वाला उठावच आणत असतात. A thing of Beauty is Joy for Ever “हे एक सार्थ विधान आहे. आरोग्यसंपन्न शरीर, स्वच्छतेच्या सवयी, नियमित आहार विहार एवढे असले, तर फॅशनवाचूनही माणूस सुंदर व आकर्षक दिसतो. त्यामुळे फॅशन ही सौंदर्यात भर घालण्यासाठी आहे की विचित्र दिसण्यासाठी आहे, हेच कळत नाही.

फॅशन कालचक्रबरोबर सारखी फिरत असते, म्हणूनच ती सारखी बदलत असते. परंतु हे वर्तुळ फिरून फिरणार किती? तिथेही पुनरावृत्ती दिसतेच. स्त्री आणि पुरुष तरूण आणि तरूणी यांच्या फॅशनमध्ये निश्चितच वेगळेपणा हवा. शरीर नटवणे ही गोष्ट मुळीच वाईट नाही, पण त्याचबरोबर मनही सजवता आले पाहिजे. तनही सुंदर मनही सुंदर अशी व्यक्ति कोणाला आवडणार नाही? म्हणूनच शरीर सजवता “चातुर्य शृंगारे अंतर.....” हे रामदासांचे वचनही लक्षात ठेवावे.



मैं कौन हूँ?

मेरी कलम से

- दक्ष शाह, सातवीं ई

यह मत समझना की मैं कमजोर हूँ,
मैं तो एक शांत - सा शोर हूँ।
मैं लोगों को बाँधने वाली एक डोर हूँ,
लोग कहते हैं कि मैं दिलों का चोर हूँ।

कुछ तो यह भी कहते हैं कि मैं मस्तीखोर हूँ,
कुछ तो यह भी कहते हैं कि मैं एक सुंदर-सा मोर हूँ।



मैं हमेशा धर्म और सत्य की ओर हूँ,
मैं तो आपका प्यारा "माखन चोर हूँ" ।

सफलता कब मिलेगी?

- दक्ष शाह, सातवीं ई

जब मन में विश्वास हो,
जब उम्मीद भरी श्वास हो,
जब जीतने की आस हो,
तभी तो जीवन में सफलता हो।



गरमी की छुट्टियाँ।

-दिया जैन, छठी "अ"

सूरज चाचू जो सर पर आकर चमके,
तो गोलों की चुस्कियाँ, हम सबने ली जमके,
कभी खस, कालाखट्टा, संतरा या आम,
रंगों में डूबी रहती हम सबकी सुबह और शाम।

गलियों में शोर मचाना,
जीतना, हारना, फिर सबको मुस्कराकर गले लगाना,
ना हद कोई, न किसी का डर, संभाल के मामा,
उम्र पर ना जाना।

पता ना चलता कब शाम ढल जाती,

एक सुकून सा मिलना
जब माँ गले लगाती ।
याद आते हैं गर्मी के दिन
और खूबसूरत रातें,
और कहानियों में उलझी
मासूमियत सी बातें।





मेरी प्यारी माँ

- ग्रेसिया मॅथ्यू, छठी क(सी)

माँ बिना जीवन है
अधूरा,
खाली-खाली, सूना -
सूना।

माँ सूरज की पहली किरण हो तुम,
कड़ी धूप में घनी छाँव हो तुम।

बड़े ही जतन से पाला तुमने,
हर एक मुश्किल को टाला है तुमने।
उँगली पकड़ कर चलना सिखाया तुमने,
जब भी गिरे तो सँभलना सिखाया तुमने।

माँ बिना जीवन है अधूरा
खाली खाली, सूना-सूना।

अमृत की बूँदें

- दक्ष शाह, सातवीं ई.

आसमान से टपकी हैं,
अमृत की बूँदें।
महीने सिर्फ चार हैं,
फिर भी खुशियाँ हजार हैं।
फैलती है हरियाली
चारों तरफ,



कुछ जगहों में जमती,
है ठंडी - सी बरफ।
कभी - कभी आती है हमारी
शामत जब बरसतीं
है ये जैसे कयामत,
माँगती है हमसे बस थोड़ी सी मेहनत।

विद्यार्थी

- विल्बर एफ, ७वीं ई

जीवन है एक लंबा सफर;
रास्ता है यह संसार,
आगे चलते जाना है,
सब मुश्किलों को करके पार।
जब विद्यालय में बच्चे जाते हैं,
तब शिक्षक लेते विद्यार्थियों,
का नाम।

नाम बोलते - बोलते,
शिक्षक को जबानी हो जाते हैं याद उनके नाम।



बच्चे पढ़ते जी-जान लगाकर, एक से एक तरकीब लगाकर,
और सब सवालों का जवाब देते,
बड़े चाव से हँसते - हँसते।

बच्चे विद्यालय से घर आते हैं,
परीक्षा के लिए पढ़ाई में जुट जाते हैं,
जीवन के लक्ष्य तक पहुँचना,
बहुत ही कठिन है,
लेकिन दृढ़ता और परिश्रम से,
आखिर अपने लक्ष्य तक पहुँच जाते हैं।

हम नहीं कलियाँ

- मेहेक शेख, छठी क

हम नहीं कलियाँ,
हमारा सुंदर है संसार ।
खिलकर फूल सदा उपवन में,
कहते काँटों में मुसकाओ,
चहक-चहक पंखी डालों पर,
कहते प्यार का गीत सुनाओ,
कली - कली है इस गुलशन की,
प्यार लुटाने को तैयार ।
हम नहीं कलियाँ,
हमारा सुंदर है संसार ।

हम नहीं कलियाँ,
इस जीवन की सुंदर थाती,
सबसे मिलजुलकर हैं रहती,
मधुर तराने गाती;
राग - द्वेष से सदा दूर हम
भरा स्नेह है अपरंपार,
हम नहीं कलियाँ,
हमारा सुंदर संसार ।

चलो गगन की सैर करें हम,
नदियों में चल नाव चलाएँ;

सबका मन हर्षित कर दें हम,
इस जीवन को सफल बनाएँ;
हम नहीं कलियाँ,
हमारा सुंदर संसार ।

चहक-चहककर
फुदक- फुदककर,
मन को मुग्ध
बनाएँ,
तरह-तरह के
खेल देखकर,
पर्वत पर चढ़
जाएँ
खोल दिए हृदय
के द्वार,
सबको गले
लगाएँ ;
हम नहीं
कलियाँ,
हमारा सुंदर
संसार ।



मेरी माँ

- सानवी लहोटि, ९वीं अ

माँ ईश्वर की एक अनूठी कृति,
माँ प्रेम दया करुणा त्याग की ममतामई मूर्ति ।
माँ का प्यार-दुलार अथाह सागर से परे,
माँ की लोरी मधुर संगीत की अनुभूति ।
माँ का आँचल खुशियों का सागर,
माँ की सहनशीलता धरती की पराकाष्ठा ।
माँ करती अपनी सब खुशियाँ कुर्बान,
लाल की एक खुशनुमा किलकारी सुनने को,
सब कष्ट सहती परछाई बनकर ।

लाडले को दुःख, दर्द की धूप से बचाने को,
दर-दर भटकती लाखों मन्त्रों माँगती ।
अपने दुलारे की समृद्धि को,
अपने कलेजे का टुकड़ा सबसे प्यारा ।
दुर्लभ सीप का मोती,
इस धरा पर भगवान की साक्षात् प्रतिमूर्ति है मेरी माँ ।
हर उपमा से परे है मेरी माँ,
लाखों जीवन उस पर है कुर्बान ॥

मेरी नटखट बहना.....

- संदली , १०वीं सी

मेरी नटखट बहना,
तू साथ हमेशा रहना...
कितनी प्यारी है तू बहना...

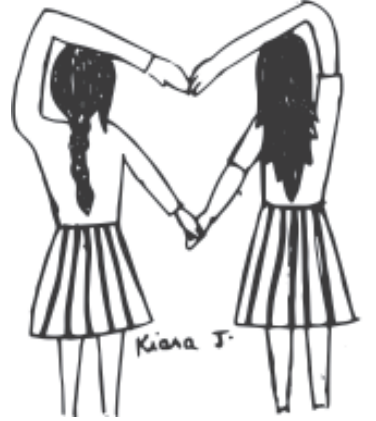
उछल-कूद करती रहती हमेशा,
यही है उसका रोज का पेशा,
बहन है या बँदरिया, कुछ समझ नहीं आता,
यही है वह जिससे परेशान रहे माता,
मेरी नटखट बहना,
तू साथ रहना हमेशा..

किताबों से खेले कुश्ती जो,
मेरी चंचल बहन है वो.
है वह मुझको जान से प्यारी,

हमारे घर की है वह राज दुलारी.

मेरी नटखट बहना,
तू साथ रहना
हमेशा...

तू जब हँसती है, तो
चाँद भी खिलजाता
है,
तूझको देख तारा भी
यही गुनगुनाता है,
मेरी नटखट बहना,
तू साथ रहना
हमेशा...



वे यादगार पल

- वैष्णवी माईणकर, दसवीं ई

दसवीं का साल
था बड़ा मजेदार ।
की है मस्ती और शरारत बहुत
और टीचर से डाँट भी खाई है बहुत ।
कैप के वो क्या दिन थे,
जब खाना हम खुद पकाते थे,
नाचते और गाते भी थे ।
उछलते-कूदते थे,
और मजा करते थे ।
दुःख तब होता था,
जब दो दिन में घर वापस
लौटना पड़ता था,
पर उन दो दिनों में,
बहुत मजा आता था ।

बहुत याद करेंगे वे पल,
जब रिसस में मिलकर,
क्लास में हुए हंगामे पर
चर्चा होती थी ।
कभी एक-दूसरे को फँसाया है,
तो कभी एक-दूसरे को बचाया ।
कभी किसी की गलती पर हँसे,
तो कभी किसी रोते हुए को हँसाया है ।
पहले लगता था कि
कब स्कूल से कॉलेज चले जाएँ,
पर स्कूल के आखरी दिन लगा,
कि स्कूल से दूर कभी न जाएँ ।
कुछ भी कहो दोस्तों
दसवीं में मजा तो बहुत आया ।

जीवन के काम, हमारे नाम !

- हर्ष सिंह नेगी, वीं अ

चम् चम् चमकते तारे,
छोटे-छोटे सब प्यारे ।
तितलियाँ उड़कर चली जाती हैं,
फूलों की सुगंध महकाती है ।
ऊपर आकाश,
नीचे पानी,
पता नहीं हमें,
क्या होगी कहानी ।
पर्वत, पेड़ हैं ऊँचे-ऊँचे,
कभी नहीं नीचे झुके ।
हम सबको भी ऐसे ही रहना है,
सबको यही राह दिखाना है ।
मछली कहती,



“मैं नदी में हूँ, रहती ।”
पानी बचाओ,
शोर मत मचाओ ।
मस्ती-मौज,
हमारी यही शक्ति ।
बनाना फ़ौज,
करना देशभक्ति ।
पृथ्वी है बड़ी,
उसमें जंग है छिड़ी,

मत खेलो लड़ाई का गेम,
करो एक-दूसरे से प्रेम ।
मत करो लड़ाई,
अच्छे भविष्य के लिए करो पढ़ाई ।

समुद्र और मेरे एहसास

- जय, नौवीं “डू”

समुद्र किनारे बैठा एक दिन,
अल्हड़ बचपन आया याद ।
बतियाते बूढ़ों की टोली,
मंद-मंद मुस्कुराती सहेलियों की अठखेली ।
गरम-गरम मूँगफली-चने की पुड़िया,
एक-एक दाने को खाती बुढ़िया ।
चाट की दुकान पर चटकारों की भीड़ सजी,
घोड़े गाड़ी पर बैठने की होड़ मची ।
लाल, पीली, नारंगी “सूरज” की मनमोहक आभा,
रैन बसेरे पक्षियों के जाने की आशा ।
धीरे-धीरे वक्त गुजरता,
एक-एक जाते हुए दिखता ।

तन्हाई है चारों तरफ,
शांत समुद्र की लहरों में ।
खोया मैं अपने अहसासों में,
लौट चला मैं अपने आशियाने में ।
समुद्र किनारे बैठा एक दिन.....



पिता

- सुगंध झा, ९वीं ड

पिता क्या होते हैं ?

पिता वो होते हैं जो भीषण गर्मी में,

आप के लिए ठंडी-ठंडी आइस्क्रीम बन जाए।

पिता वो होते जो तड़पती भूख में,

आपका मन पसंदीदा खाना बन जाए।

अगर जानना है पिता क्या होते हैं तो,

उसे जा के पूछो जिसके पिता उसके साथ नहीं रहते।

वो कहेगी कि जैसे बारिश में छाते के बिना हम भीग जाते हैं,

वैसे ही अगर जिंदगी में पिता न हो तो जिंदगी भीग जाती है।

पिता के हाथों में ऐसा जादू है जो,

मुश्किल से मुश्किल कठिनाइयों का आसान सा उपाय बता देता है।

अगर पिता साथ न हो तो जिंदगी इतनी सूनी लगती है,

जैसे फूलों के बिना बगीचा सूना लगता है।

तारों के बिना चाँदनी रात सूनी लगती है।

जितनी मुश्किल और कठिनाइयों से माँ गुजरती है,

उससे कहीं ज्यादा कठिनाइयों से पिता गुजरते हैं।

पिता को सिर्फ ए-टी-एम बैंक ना समझो,

एक बार माँग के तो देखो वो,

तुम्हारे लिए पूरा जहाँन खरीद सकते हैं।

लोग कहते हैं कि भगवान हर जगह नहीं हो सकता,

इस लिए उसने माँ बनाई।

लेकिन भगवान भी तो सारा काम,

अकेले नहीं कर सकते ना,

इसलिए उसने पिता बनाया।

पिता उन उम्मीद की किरणों की तरह होते हैं,

जो हमें हर पल हौसला देते हैं।

पिता उस पवन के झोंके की तरह होते हैं जो,

हमें कठिनाइयों से लड़ना सिखाते हैं

पिता उन बादलों की तरह होते हैं जो,

हमें हर मुश्किलों से बचाते



प्रिय वाचक,

बाल मन स्वभाव से ही सहज, सरल, सरस, जिज्ञासा, उत्साह से भरा, कल्पना के पंख लगाकर पूरी दुनिया की सैर करने वाला होता है। कक्षा पाँचवीं के विद्यार्थियों के इसी कोमल मन को चित्रित करते लेख- बारिश का एक दिन, मेरी स्वच्छ शाला, पानी की बचत, अखबार की उपयोगिता आदि आपके लिए प्रस्तुत हैं।

बारिश का एक दिन

एक दिन मैं पाठशाला से घर आ रही थी अचानक काले बादलों ने सूर्य को घेर लिया, चारों ओर अंधेरा छा गया। मुझे लगा कि जोर से बारिश होने वाली है और मेरी सोच सच थी जोर से बारिश होने लगी मैं भागती हुई एक दुकान के नीचे खड़ी हो गई बारिश तो रुकने का नाम ही नहीं ले रही थी फिर मैंने अपना छाता निकाला और बारिश का मजा लेते हुए निकल पड़ी।



- आर्या पवार, ५ अ

जून का महीना था। करीब दस दिनों से गरमी पड़ रही थी। पाठशाला अभी शुरू हुई थी। पंखे से गरम हवा चल रही थी। नदियों में पानी कम हो गया था। मछलियाँ और मेंढक गरमी से तड़प रहे थे। सारे छात्र कक्षा में पढ़ रहे थे अचानक

एक जोर का तूफान आया, बादल सफेद से काले हो गए। जोर की कड़कड़ाहट की आवाज सुनाई दी। खिड़की से बाहर देखा तो जोरदार बारिश शुरू हो गई थी। बारिश का यह दिन मैं कभी भूल नहीं पाया।

- नमन वर्मा, ५ ई

अखबार की उपयोगिता

अखबार के बारे में हम ऐसा कहें कि, यह हमारे सुबह की पहली जरूरत है, तो गलत नहीं होगा हमें हर क्षेत्र, विषय की जानकारी इसके माध्यम से ही मिलती है। यह हमें इस बात की जानकारी देता है कि समाज, देश और विदेश में क्या चल रहा है। इसका क्षेत्र बहुत व्यापक हो गया है यह लोगों को इंसाफ दिलाने के लिए सदैव तत्पर रहता है।



- श्रेया थोराट, ५ अ

हमारा जीवन विज्ञान की देन है। अखबार भी इसी विज्ञान की देन है। समाज तथा देश-विदेश की बातें और खबरों की जानकारी हमें अखबार में घर बैठे आसानी से मिलती है। दुनिया की सारी भाषाओं में अखबार छपते हैं। हमारे भारत

में हिंदी और अंग्रेजी के अलावा भारत में बोली जाने वाली सारी भाषाओं में अखबार छपता है।

- सिद्धी धामा, ५ क

अखबार की उपयोगिता

अखबार हमारे जीवन का एक महत्वपूर्ण अंग है परंतु डिजीटल विकास के कारण इसका महत्व कम हो गया है । देश-विदेश की खबरें भी हमें अखबार से ही मिलती हैं । अखबार हमारे लिए बहुत लाभदायक है । इसमें प्रकाशित होने वाली सूचना एवं विज्ञापनों से सभी को लाभ होता है अगर कहीं आपातकालीन घटना घट जाए तो उसकी भी पूरी जानकारी

अखबार ही हमें देता है । सरकार की तरफ से जारी की गई सूचनाओं का पता हमें अखबार के माध्यम से मिलता है छात्रों के लिए भी अखबार बहुत जरूरी है इसे रोज पढ़ने से नए-नए शब्दों का ज्ञान मिलता है । हमें अखबार पढ़ने की आदत डालनी चाहिए ।

- हमैरा चाफेकर, ५ ई

पानी की बचत

हम अक्सर कहते हैं कि जल ही जीवन है । इसका अर्थ यह है हम सब यह जानते हैं कि पानी हमारे जीवन में कितना महत्वपूर्ण है पानी प्रकृति की वह देन है जिसके बिना जीवन की कल्पना भी नहीं की जा सकती है । पानी सिर्फ पीने और खेतों के लिए ही इस्तेमाल नहीं होता बल्कि कारखाने बिजली के लिए भी पानी की आवश्यकता होती है हमारी धरती का ज्यादातर हिस्सा पानी से भरा है,मगर पीने के पानी की मात्रा

सीमित है जिसका उपयोग हम बड़ी ही लापरवाही से करते हैं ।

मानव अपने विकास की अंधाधुंध दौड़ में पर्यावरण का संतुलन बिगाड़ रहे हैं । वर्षा नहीं हो पाती जिस कारण से जल का स्तर गिरता जा रहा है । आज से ही पानी की एक -एक बूंद बचानी होगी ।

“स्वच्छ जल ही हमारा भविष्य है ।” इसलिए जल का संरक्षण करना होगा ।

- रिद्धी मिश्रा, ५ अ

मछली जल की रानी है ।
जीवन उसका पानी है ।
हाथ लगाओ डर जाएगी ।
बाहर निकालो मर जाएगी ।।

हम सबने यह कविता बचपन से ही सुनी है लेकिन क्या सिर्फ मछली के लिए पानी जीवन है ? बिल्कुल नहीं, हम सबके लिए पानी जीवन है । पृथ्वी का कोई भी जीव पानी के बिना

जीवित नहीं रह सकता, किंतु हम पानी का महत्व भूल गए हैं । हमें पानी बारिश के रूप में मिलता है । यह पानी नदी, तालाबों में जाकर मिलता है । परंतु हमने यह पानी दूषित करके पीने लायक नहीं रखा । हमने अपने स्वार्थ के लिए पेड़ों को काटना शुरू कर दिया, जिसकी वजह से बारिश भी कम हो गई । अब हमें अपना जीवन बचाना होगा । पानी बचाना होगा । पानी बचाना हमारा कर्तव्य है ।

- वरदा शिंदे, ५ ब

“ जल ही जीवन है ” यह सब हम सुनते आ रहे हैं, लेकिन मानता कौन है । पानी की एक-एक बूंद को बचाना आज की जरूरत है जल संरक्षण हमें घर में, घर के बाहर, बाग-बगीचों, खेत हर जगह करना चाहिए । नल तभी खोलना चाहिए जब पानी की जरूरत हो गाड़ी धोते समय पाइप की जगह बाल्टी या मग का प्रयोग करें । जहाँ कहीं भी नल या पाइप खराब या कट जाए तो उसे तुरंत ठीक करवाना चाहिए

वृक्ष हमें छाया, फल,लकड़ी, प्रदान करते हैं, जहाँ ज्यादा वृक्ष होते हैं वहाँ अच्छी बारिश होती है और पानी की कमी नहीं हो पाती इसलिए लगातार वृक्षारोपण करते रहना चाहिए । पानी की बर्बादी रोकने, वर्षा जल का संचयन करने तथा पानी को प्रदूषण से बचाने हेतु लगातार जागरूकता कार्यक्रम चलाते रहना चाहिए और यह प्रयास हम सबको मिलकर करना चाहिए ।

- आरव यादव, ५ ड

पानी की बचत

जल प्रकृति की अनोखी देन है जिसके बिना संपूर्ण जगत के जीवन की कल्पना नहीं की जा सकती। पेयजल की भारी मात्रा में गिरावट चिंता का विषय है जिसके प्रति जागरूक होना अति आवश्यक है हमें अधिक से अधिक पौधे लगाना चाहिए वनों की कटाई पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाना चाहिए। आज पृथ्वी पर ७१ % पानी है, इसमें केवल २% पानी ही हमारे पीने लायक शेष रह गया है यह अनुमान लगाया जा रहा है कि २०२५ तक पानी की बहुत गंभीर समस्या बन जाएगी। अगर आज हमने पानी की बचत की तो कल इस समस्या का समाधान हो सकता है। बूँद-बूँद जल से भरती है गागर, गागर से मिलकर बनता है सागर।

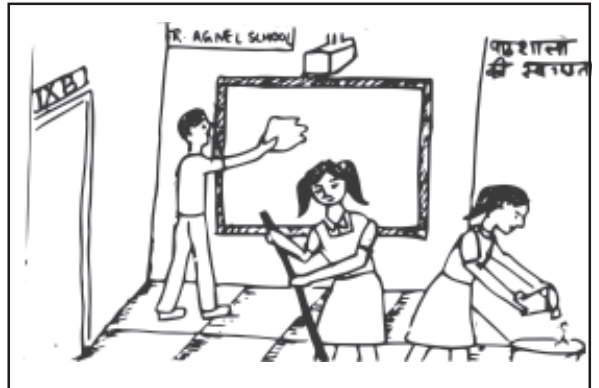


- तन्वी रातांबे, ५ फ

पाठशाला की स्वच्छता

- ईश्वरी शिंदे, ५ ड

दोस्तों हमारे जीवन में साफ-सफाई बहुत जरूरी है चाहे वह घर हो या हमारी पाठशाला। मैं अपने घर में कचरा कूड़ेदान में ही डालती हूँ। पाठशाला में साफ सफाई के लिए कर्मचारी होते हैं, जो हमारी कक्षा व शाला स्वच्छ करते हैं। हमारी कक्षा में दो कूड़ेदान हैं, सूखे कचरे के लिए नीले रंग का कूड़ेदान और गीले कचरे के लिए हरे रंग का कूड़ादान है। सभी छात्र कचरा कूड़ेदान में डालते हैं। मैं स्वच्छता के प्रति सजग रहती हूँ। जब हमारा क्राफ्ट का कालांश होता है तो कभी-कभी कचरा नीचे गिर जाता है, जिसे देखकर मुझे बहुत गुस्सा आता है और मैं अपने दोस्तों के साथ सारा कचरा कूड़ेदान में डाल देती हूँ यह कार्य करने में मुझे बहुत आनंद मिलता है। हमें सदैव हमारे विद्यालय को साफ सुथरा रखना चाहिए।



गजब के चुटकुले

१) टीचर - अगर रात में मच्छर काटे तो क्या करना चाहिए ?

बच्चा - चुपचाप खुजाकर सो जाना चाहिए, क्योंकि आप कोई रजनीकांत तो नहीं की मच्छर से सॉरी बुलवा लोगे।

२) महिला - मेरा वजन कैसे कम होगा ?

डॉक्टर - अपने गर्दन को दाएँ - बाएँ हिलाइए।

महिला - किस समय, डॉक्टर ?

डॉक्टर - जब तुम्हें खाना खाने को कोई पूछे।

३) टीचर - अरे, कभी तो बुक खोलकर देख लिया करो।

बच्चा - रोज तो खोलता हूँ मैं एक बुक।

टीचर - अच्छा। बताओ कौनसी ?

बच्चा - फेसबुक

- हिरैन महतानी, छठीं-ब

४) टीचर - बताओ, रोज बादाम खाने से क्या होगा ?

बच्चा - बादाम खत्म हो जाएँगे।

५) पिता - तुम्हारी परीक्षा कैसी थी ?

चिंटू - मैंने सिर्फ एक सवाल का गलत जवाब लिखा।

पिता - अरे वाह ! और बाकी सारे जवाब सही लिखे।

चिंटू - नहीं। मैंने बाकियों के जवाब ही नहीं लिखे।

- श्लोक सुखे, ६ठीं ब

६) आज आपका जो मन करता है, वह कीजिए

क्योंकि...

आज "मन डे" है।

७) छोटू - तेरे पापा कितने साल के हैं ?

मोटू - जितने का मैं हूँ।

छोटू - वह भला कैसे ?

मोटू - अरे। जिस दिन मैं पैदा हुआ, उसी दिन वे पापा बने।

८) मोटू - तुम्हारे यहाँ ठंड कैसी है ?

पतलू - JIO की तरह, बाहर जाओ तो लगती है,

अंदर आओ तो नहीं लगती।

- वेदांत वायल, ६ठीं ब



बूझो तो जानें

- ईश्वरी शिंदे, ५ ड

- १) ऐसा कौनसा खजाना है जिसे जितना ज्यादा लुटाया जाए, वह उतना ज्यादा बढ़ता जाता है?
- २) ऐसा कौनसा जानवर है जिसकी पूँछ पर पैसा होता है?
- ३) वह कौनसी चीज है, जिसे पानी पिलाते ही मर जाती है?

- वैष्णवी गुप्ता, ७वीं ब

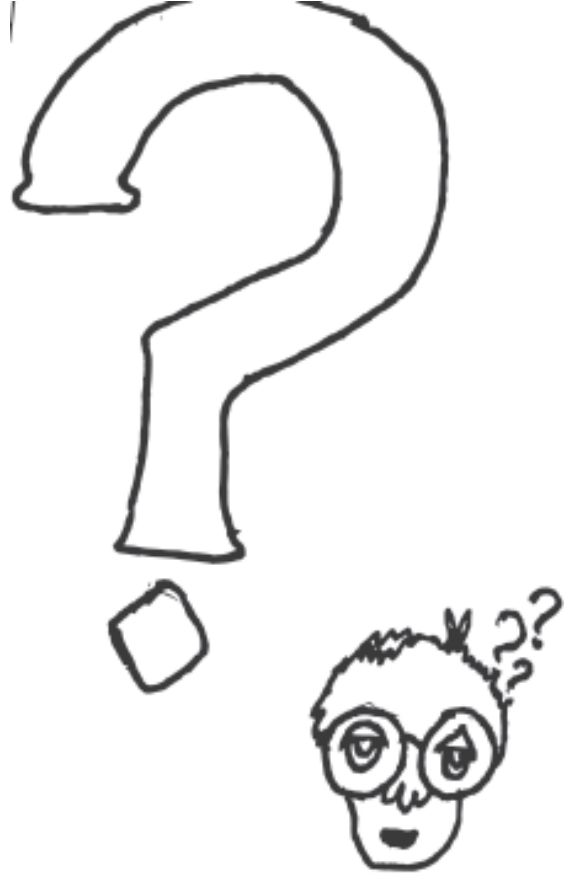
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संकेत

- १) प्रधानमंत्री
- २) रेलमंत्री
- ३) शिक्षामंत्री
- ४) लोकसभा
- ५) राज्यसभा

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- अक्षत सिंह, आठवीं ड

क्या आप जानते हैं?

वैष्णवी गुप्ता, सातवीं ब.

- १) अभी भी जमीन के अंदर इतना सोना है कि अगर धरती पर मौजूद सभी इंसानों में बाँटने लगे तो प्रत्येक इंसान के हिस्से में ४ किलो सोना आएगा।
- २) कहते हैं कि गर्म रंग जैसा पीला, केसरिया और लाल भूख बढ़ाते हैं। यही वजह है कि, कुछ इन रेस्टोरेंट इन रंगों से पेंट किए जाते हैं।
- ३) दुनिया में सिर्फ २% ही व्यक्ति ऐसे हैं जिनकी आँखों का रंग हरा है।
- ४) गोल्ड फिश अपनी आँखें कभी भी नहीं बंद करती।
- ५) दुनिया में सबसे ज्यादा प्रयोग किया जाने वाला पासवर्ड १ २ ३ ४ ५ ६ है।
- ६) शूतुरमुर्ग की आँखें उसके दिमाग से बड़ी होती है।
- ७) बिल्ली के हर कान में ३२ मसल्स होते हैं।
- ८) जब आसमान से बिजली गिरती है, तब तापमान ३०,००० डिग्री तक हो सकता है।



पृथ्वी के परिधान

- सिद्धार्थ छत्रे, दसवीं ई

आम तौर पर हम दिवाली में, जन्मदिन पर, गणेश चतुर्थी आदि त्यौहार के समय नए कपड़े खरीदते हैं। यह वस्त्र हमें बहुत प्रिय होते हैं। हम इसे बहुत संभालकर रखते हैं। लेकिन अगर कोई हमारे पसंदीदा वस्त्रों को मैला कर दे या खराब कर दे तो हमें कैसा लगेगा? हमें बहुत गुस्सा आएगा। ऐसी बात पर गुस्सा होना जायज है। पर यदि हमें कोई दुःख, परेशानी सहन नहीं होती तो दूसरों को भी वह सहन नहीं होगी। अब हम जो पृथ्वी के कपड़े अर्थात् पृथ्वी की परिस्थिति, वातावरण और पृथ्वी का नैसर्गिक नियंत्रण इतने सालों से खराब कर रहे हैं, तो पृथ्वी को गुस्सा नहीं आता? आप कहेंगे पृथ्वी मानव नहीं है, उसको गुस्सा कैसे आएगा? लेकिन हम हमेशा पृथ्वी शब्द के आगे “माँ” जोड़ते हैं। कोई अपनी माँ को परेशान कैसे कर सकता है?

हमने अपने स्वार्थ के लिए पृथ्वी के कपड़े मैले कर दिए हैं। सबको अपने निजी जीवन से मतलब है। हम अपने स्वार्थ में यह भूल रहे हैं कि पृथ्वी के कपड़ों के नीचे हमें जीवन प्राप्त हुआ है। हमने इस धरती माँ के हरे परिधान को प्रदूषण की मात्रा बढ़ाकर बदरंग परिधान में बदल दिया है। काल्पनिक

घटना में; विचार कीजिए कि पेड़ हमें इंटरनेट की सुविधा देते, तो आज हम बड़े-बड़े घरों और इमारत में न रहकर किसी पेड़ की डाली पर बंदर जैसे लटक रहे होते। अगर यह सत्य होता, तो शायद हमारी पृथ्वी आज बेहतर परिस्थिति में होती। आज औद्योगीकरण और शहरीकरण के कारण पृथ्वी को भारी मात्रा में नुकसान हो रहा है। पृथ्वी को कैसे और क्यों बचाना है यह तो हम जानते हैं। अभी भी वक्त हमारे हाथ में है। पृथ्वी को बचाना होगा, हमारे लिए नहीं तो हमारे आगे आनेवाली पीढ़ी के लिए.....।



अच्छा या बुरा !!

- दृष्टि अग्रवाल, दसवीं ब

वस्तुएँ अच्छी या बुरी नहीं होती, उनका उपयोग अच्छा या बुरा होता है। विवेकवान पुरुष वस्तु का उपयोग अच्छे कार्य के लिए करते हैं और विवेकहीन पुरुष उसी वस्तु का उपयोग बुरे कार्य के लिए करते हैं।

इस दुनिया में बुद्धि के तीन स्तरों पर मनुष्य जीवन जीते हैं और उसी के अनुसार कर्म करते हैं। माचिस की एक तीली से एक विवेकवान जहाँ मंदिर में दीप जलाकर पूजा करता है, वहीं अंधेरे में दिया जलाकर लोगों को गिरने से भी बचाता है। एक सामान्य बुद्धि वाला मनुष्य धुम्रपान के लिए उसका उपयोग करता है। माचिस की तीली का कोई गुण या दोष नहीं

है। अतः कोई भी वस्तु उपयोगी - अनुपयोगी नहीं है, हम अपनी बुद्धि के द्वारा उसे वैसा बना देते हैं। हर एक वस्तु, परिस्थिति या व्यक्ति में कुछ ना कुछ अच्छा या बुरा होता है। इस संसार में ऐसा कुछ भी नहीं है जो पूर्ण अच्छा हो या बुरा हो। यह हम पर निर्भर करता है कि हम उसका उपयोग कैसे करते हैं। विवेकहीन से विवेकवान बनने की यात्रा ही हमारी वास्तविक यात्रा है। जैसे-जैसे दृष्टि बदलेगी, वैसे -वैसे सृष्टि बदलेगी, वैसे - वैसे सृष्टि अपने आप ही बदलने लग जाएगी। बिना दृष्टि के बदले सृष्टि में बदलाव की इच्छा रखना अर्थहीन है।

मैं फ्री पीरियड बोल रहा हूँ...

- मनस्वी पाटील, दसवीं ई

बच्चों को मुझसे बड़ा प्यार है यार। इतना तो भारत के वर्ल्ड कप जीतने पर खुशी नहीं हुई थी, जितनी बच्चों को फ्री पीरियड का नाम सुनके होती है। मेरा एक एक मिनट बच्चा वैसे जीता है जैसे- “चक दे” वाले शाहरुख ने सत्तर मिनट का स्पीच दे दिया हो। इतनी गंभीरता से तो वर्ल्ड वॉर की फाइट भी नहीं हुई थी, जितनी मेरी क्लास में पेन फाइट होती है- और मैं हर बच्चे के लिए वो आनंद का अवसर हूँ जो पबजी खेल

भी नहीं दे सकता है। मेरे नाम के आगे फ्री लगा है, लेकिन मेरी कीमत कोई नहीं लगा सकता। मैं हूँ फ्री पीरियड जहाँ पेन फाइट, चायनीज विस्पर, दमशरआर्ट्स जैसी महान चीजें ऐसे होती हैं, जिसे सोचकर हम बादमें पेट पकड़ - पकड़ हँसते हैं।

दुबारा आएँगे..... जब तुम्हारी किस्मत में लिखा होगा, चलते हैं।



दोस्तों के प्रकार

- आयुषी मौर्या, १०वीं -सी



“दोस्ती में न कोई वार न कोई दिन होता है, ये तो वो एहसास है जिसमें बस यार

होता है।”

जिंदगी के हर पड़ाव पर हमें नये दोस्त मिलते हैं। कुछ व्यवहारिक होते हैं तो कुछ भावुक होते हैं, कुछ के साथ नाता टूट चुका है, तो कुछ के साथ नाता मजबूत हुआ है। पर एक बात तो है कि इन्होंने हमारे चेहरे पर कभी न कभी तो एक मुस्कुराहट लाई है, ऐसे कुछ दोस्तों के प्रकार इस तरह हैं-

- १) **हँसने की मशीन वाला दोस्त**-इनकी हँसी का क्या कहें। ये अपना दिल खोल के हँसते हैं। इनको हँसता हुआ देखकर मुर्दा आदमी भी जीवित हो जाए। इनको हँसता हुआ देखकर हम सब परेशानी भूल जाते हैं और इनकी यही बात बहुत निराली है।
- २) **हिम्मत देने वाला दोस्त**-जब हमारा दिन अच्छा नहीं गया हो या कुछ तकलीफ हो और हमें समझ में नहीं आ रहा कि क्या करें तो यह दोस्त हमेशा आपको सहायता देने के लिए तैयार है।

३) **बचपना वाला दोस्त**- ये दोस्त उम्र से तो बढ़ गए हैं पर दिमाग से ये अभी तक बच्चे ही हैं। ऐ दोस्त कभी यहाँ से वहाँ तो कभी वहाँ से यहाँ भटकते रहते हैं। इनकी बच्चे वाली हरकत हमें कभी परेशान कर सकती है, पर ये दोस्त हमें अपने बाल-स्वरूप से जोड़े रखते हैं।

४) **पहले मुझे एक सेल्फी लेने दो वाला दोस्त**- ऐसे दोस्त को अपना चेहरा बहुत पसंद होता है। अलग - अलग अंदाज में तस्वीर खिंचवाता है। ऐसी सौ तस्वीरें खींचने के बाद एक तस्वीर पसंद आती है। इसके साथ हमारा खाना ठंडा हो जाता है क्योंकि यह पंद्रह मिनट खाने की तस्वीर लेने में गँवाता है।

५) **भाड़ में जाए दुनियाँ वाला दोस्त**- इस दोस्त को सब जानते हैं। ये दोस्त हर पार्टी की जान होता है। इसके बिना पार्टी अधूरी लगती है। ये दोस्त पार्टी में अपने अच्छे और हाथ - पैर तोड़ने वाले डान्स स्टेप दिखाता है और दूसरों को सिखाता है।

इन सभी प्रकार के दोस्तों से कुछ न कुछ सीखने और आगे बढ़ने की प्रेरणा मिलती है।

हम क्या थे, क्या हो गए

- नव्या और मृणाल, ९वीं

जहाँ तक दृष्टि जाती है लोगों की भीड़ नजर आती है। यह देखकर कभी मानव के इतिहास के बारे में सोचा है आपने? अगर ध्यान से सोचेंगे तो एहसास होगा कि हमारा इतिहास बहुत ही समृद्ध और सांस्कृतिक है।

पहले हम इनसान अपना पेट पालने के लिए दिन - रात कड़ी मेहनत करते थे। तब श्रम ही हमारा जीवन होता था आज कल विज्ञान और मशीनों के कारण हम इनसान आलसी और सुस्त बनते जा रहे हैं। मशीनों ने हमारे काम इतने आसान बना दिए हैं कि हम धीरे धीरे श्रम के महत्व को भूलते जा रहे हैं इतना ही नहीं, हम इन्सानों ने अपने पौष्टिक और सात्विक भोजन को जंक फूड



जैसे फ्रेन्च फ्रइस, पिज्जा, बरगर आदि से बदल दिया है।

इसके कारण मनुष्य आलसी ही नहीं बल्कि अस्वस्थ भी बनता जा रहा है। कसरत नहीं करने के कारण हमारे द्वारा खाया खाने वाला जंक फूड सेहत के लिए और भी अधिक हानिकारक बन रहा है।

यह सब तो कहने वाली बातें हैं, लेकिन जब तक हम इन समस्याओं को सुलझाने के लिए कुछ करेंगे नहीं तब तक हमें

अपने बीते हुए कल का मूल्य नहीं मिलेगा। अगर हमें अपना जीवन पहले जैसा स्वस्थ बनाना हो और हमें कल सुधारना हो तो स्वस्थ और सुंदर जीवन की ओर एक कदम बढ़ाना चाहिए।

भारतीय मौसम विज्ञान विभाग (आई.एम.डी.)

- लक्ष्मण कामत, दसवीं ई,

हम सभी के जीवन में, मौसम विभाग की भूमिका महत्वपूर्ण है। हररोज की भाग-दौड़ वाले जीवन की खबर भारतीय मौसम विज्ञान विभाग के मूल्यवान शब्दों पर टिकी रहती है।

इस साल बारिश ने हम सबका जीवन हराम कर दिया। “वेनिस” और मुंबई में पानी से भरे घरों की तुलना की जा रही थी। इस सब के बीच में मौसम विभाग ने श्रेष्ठ तरीके से हमारी उम्मीदों पर पानी फेर दिया।

तो आओं दोस्तों, शुरूवात करते हैं। जैसा मैं, कहता हूँ, वैसा चित्र अपने मन में प्रकट करो भारतीय मौसम विज्ञान विभाग की ताकत बखूबी समझ आजाएगी।

शासन-प्रशासन की इज्जत करते हैं,
इसलिए निवेदन कर रहे हैं।
लेख के सभी पात्र अथवा घटनाएँ
काल्पनिक बिल्कुल नहीं हैं।
उद्देश ठेस पहुँचाना नहीं है।

उदाहरण - १

तो बात यह है, आपको जाना है, एक महत्वपूर्ण समारोह में जहाँ आपका आकर्षक दिखना अनिवार्य है। घर के बाहर अपने पैर रखने से पहले, “आई.एम.डी” ने प्यार से बताया.....

॥ बारिश को झेलना नहीं पड़ेगा
आज ॥

जा मुन्ना, जा!

पर ध्यान रहे। काल्पनिक जासूस, बारिश को यह संदेश पहुँचाते हैं, इन्द्रदेव आमंत्रित न होने पर क्रोधित हो जाते हैं और मौसम विभाग के साथ छोटी-सी मस्ती करने की कोशिश

करते हैं, और भारी बारिश प्रकट करवाते हैं। घर से निकलते ही, कुछ दूर चलते ही, प्रलय आ जाता है।

॥ और यह भविष्यवाणी फिर से गलत ॥

उदाहरण - २

भारी बारिश के कारण कुछ करने में मन ही नहीं लग रहा। “अरे वाह मुन्ना। आज तो ट्यूशन की छुट्टी ॥” ट्यूशन से संदेश आता है.....

॥ बहुत बारिश के कारण, आज छुट्टी ॥

जाओ सिमरन, अपना जीवन जियो।

कुछ समय पहले, मौसम विभाग ने भारी बारिश की भविष्यवाणी की थी, पर अचानक बारिश रुक जाती है। मौसम विभाग का तुरंत एक और संदेश प्राप्त होता है.....

अगले २८ घंटों में बारिश की एक भी बूँद नहीं गिरने की उम्मीद है
हम दुःखी हैं, शिक्षकों को परमानंद है.....

॥ और यह भविष्यवाणी, फिर से गलत ॥

उदाहरण - ३

कार्यालय में जाना है। समान दया, समान वेतन के लिए वह समान संघर्ष। आज मैं कार्यालय नहीं जाऊँगा। कहूँगा कि पानी इकट्ठा हो गया है, कहूँगा मेरा घर जलमग्न हो गया है। मौसम विभाग ने बहुत बारिश की भविष्यवाणी दी है। जैसे ही यह शब्द मुँह से निकलते हैं बारिश रुक जाती है। मौसम विभाग का तुरंत संदेश आता है

॥ बारिश को झेलना नहीं पड़ेगा
आज ॥

बॉस आपका खुले हाथों से स्वागत



करता है और आप दुर्भाग्य को शाप देते हैं।

मौसम विभाग और बारिश का नाता एक टीन-एजर और उसके अभिभावक के समान है।

“पढ़ाई कर” - “नहीं करूँगा”

“खाना खा” - “नहीं खाऊँगा”

अब यह एक मजाक बन गया है, मौसम विभाग का केवल एक व्यक्ति छत पर बैठा है जो मौसम देखकर भविष्यवाणी करता है। मौसम विभाग चक्रवातों की भविष्यवाणी सही देता है, पर बारिश को समझ नहीं पाया है। जब अन्य देशों का

पुर्वानुमान सही होता है, तो हम कहाँ गलत जा रहे हैं यह विचारणीय प्रश्न है।

जब मौसम विभाग का कहना है कि, बारिश होगी हम टोपी अथवा धूप का चश्मा लेते हैं, और हाईटाइड के समय हम अपना छाता निकालते हैं, यह हमारी जुगाडू प्रवृत्ति का सुनहरा उदाहरण है।

अंत में यह कहना चाहता हूँ, अपना छाता साथ ले चलो, क्या पता कब बारिश हमारे भाग्य को ठुकराए और कब हम पर मुस्कुराए !! :)

माँ

- वेदांत वायल, छठीं ब

माता मनुष्य के जीवन का गंगाजल है। जिस घर में माँ होती है वह घर छोटा होते हुए भी महल से बड़ा लगता है। जहाँ माँ नहीं वहाँ प्रेम नहीं। हर माँ अपने बच्चों को अच्छी आदतें सिखाती है। संसार में छत्रपति शिवाजी महाराज, नेपोलियन और वॉशिंगटन इनका उदाहरण हम दे सकते हैं। माँ की शिक्षा के कारण वे जगप्रसिद्ध हैं। इसलिए मैं यह कहना चाहता हूँ कि-

“माँ एक गुरु है।

माँ कल्पतरू है।”

माँ घर के सभी काम करती है। घर में यदि कोई बीमार हो जाए तो उनकी देखभाल माँ करती है। माँ, अपने बच्चों की पढ़ाई में मदद करती है। आजकल तो यह सब जिम्मेदारियाँ उठाकर माँ ऑफिस का काम भी करती है।

इसलिए मुझे माँ बहुत पसंद है। सबको अपनी माँ बहुत पसंद होती है। हमें अच्छा इंसान बनकर अपनी माँ का नाम रोशन करना चाहिए। इसलिए हर व्यक्ति को माँ का आदर करना चाहिए।

कुछ यादें

- प्रेया त्रिवेदा, नौवीं “क”

वे अनकही बातें,
रह जाती थीं अनसुनी।
उन बीते पलों की बातें,
बन जाती हैं बस यादें।
दिल चाहता है उस जिन्दगी के दौर को,
जिसे एक बार और हम।
दोस्तों की बस एक हँसी से,
भूल जाते थे हम सारे गम।
वह बेवजह इतराना,
वह बेवजह खिसियाना।

याद आएँगी ये सारी बातें,
जब गुजर जाएगा उम्र का दौर और थोड़ा।



शक्ति से युक्ति बड़ी

- ऋषि भौमिक, आठवीं ड

यह बात सन २०१६ की है। उस साल हमारे प्रिय प्रधानमंत्री-श्री नरेंद्र मोदी जी ने हमारे देश में विमुद्रीकरण किया था (demonetisation)। इस विमुद्रीकरण में प्रधानमंत्री जी ने ५०० और १००० रुपयों के नोटों को रद्द कर दिया था। यह उन्होंने इस लिए किया क्योंकि वह काले धन रखने वाले और प्रतिलिपि नोट बनाने वालों को सबक सिखाना चाहते थे। इस विमुद्रीकरण में अच्छे लोगों को थोड़ी तकलीफ हुई थी लेकिन बुरे कर्म करने वालों को अपने-अपने कर्मों की सजा भी मिली थी। यह कहानी एक व्यापारी की है- जिसका नाम सखाराम था। वह मुंबई का रहने वाला था। वह एक इलेक्ट्रॉनिक उपकरण के दुकान का मालिक था। वह बहुत ईमानदार और अच्छा व सच्चा व्यापारी था। वह सिर्फ सफेद धन का उपयोग करता था।

यह बात देश में होने वाले विमुद्रीकरण के दो दिन पहले की थी। सखाराम को उसके व्यापारी दोस्त ने एक प्रस्ताव रखना चाहा। उस व्यापारी का नाम आत्माराम था। आत्माराम के पास १०० नए टी.वी थे जो एक विदेशी कंपनी की थी जो उस वक्त तक भारत में उपलब्ध नहीं थे लेकिन मुंबई में इस कंपनी के टी.वी के लिए बहुत माँग थी। इस सौदे के लिए सखाराम को ५०,००,०००/- रुपए (पचास लाख) काले धन में देना था। इन टीवी को बेचकर होने वाले फायदे के लालच में आकर सखाराम ने सौदा स्वीकार कर लिया था। सखाराम ने अपने दोस्त को ५०,००,००० रु. देने के लिए ऋण ली थी। उस दोस्त का नाम राम था। उस दिन रात को प्रधानमंत्री जी ने विमुद्रीकरण को घोषणा की थी। दुर्भाग्य से राम ने जिन नोटों में ५०,००,०००/- रु. दिए थे वह सब रद्द किए गए ५०० और १००० में ही थे। बिना किसी वजह, बेचारा सखाराम फँस गया था। उसी रात, आत्माराम

को किसी अति-आवश्यक काम से विदेश जाना पड़ा। सखाराम ने राम को फोन करने की बहुत कोशिश की लेकिन वह नाकामयाब हुआ।

सखाराम घबराने लगा। तभी उसके पिताजी ने कहा कि, “धीर धरो, जबकि तुम्हारी कोई गलती नहीं है, तब तुम इतना क्यों घबरा रहे हो? वह अगले दिन राम के कंपनी के कार्यालय गया। जब सखाराम उधर पहुँचा, तब उस यह पता चला कि राम कार्यालय में आया ही नहीं था। तब उसने उधर काम करने वाले व्यक्ति से पूछा यदि वह राम से मिल सकता था। सखाराम आखिरकार राम से मिला और उसने राम को पैसे वापस देने की बात की। राम ने पैसे लेने से साफ मना कर दिया।

सखाराम संकट में पड़ गया। उसके दोस्तों ने उसे समझाया और बोला कि सब ठीक हो जाएगा। तभी सखाराम के दुकान में काम करने वाले व्यक्ति ने एक सुझाव दिया। वह सुझाव सुनकर सखाराम को थोड़ी उम्मीद मिली। सखाराम ने राम को अपने घर बुलाया और राम को कोर्ट जाने की धमकी देने लगा। तभी राम ने कहा, “तुम्हारे पास कोई प्रमाण है की मैंने तुम्हें वह पैसे दिए?” तभी सखाराम के दुकान में वही काम करने वाले व्यक्ति ने एक वीडियो दिखाया। यह साबित हो गया था कि वह पैसे राम के थे। राम ने यह वीडियो देखकर अपनी गलती मान ली। राम ने अपने पैसे वापस लिए। उसी वक्त आत्माराम का फोन आया और, “अगर तुम मुझे ५०,००,०००/- रु. सफेद धन में दोगे तो ही मैं स्वीकार करूँगा। इस घटना के बाद सखाराम के जीवन में खुशियाँ ही खुशियाँ थी।

सीख - हर समस्या का हल होता है। हमें धीरज रखना चाहिए।

प्रकृति का प्रकोप

- आरजी पाटील, छठी ब



हमारी पृथ्वी पर प्रतिदिन कोई न कोई प्राकृतिक घटना घटती है लेकिन कुछ घटनाएँ इतनी बड़ी होती हैं कि वह विनाश के रूप ले

लेती हैं। इन प्राकृतिक घटनाओं में से एक बाढ़ भी है।

वर्तमान समय में महाराष्ट्र में बेहद अजीब स्थिति है। कहीं पानी अधिक है, तो कहीं पानी की कमी से हमारा राज्य बेजार हुआ है। महाराष्ट्र में उस्मानाबाद जिले के ७०० से अधिक गाँवों में लगभग ५५० गाँवों में पानी की काफी किल्लत है।

एक तरफ ये और दूसरी तरफ बारिश से महाराष्ट्र पश्चिमी

हिस्से बाढ़ से जूझ रहे हैं। महाराष्ट्र के पाँच जिलों में बाढ़ का कहर अभी भी जारी है। सांगली, कोल्हापूर, सातारा, पुणे और सोलापूर बाढ़ की चपेट में हैं।

पृथ्वी पर समग्र जलवायु परिस्थितियों में एक बड़ा परिवर्तन आया है। “ग्लोबल वार्मिंग” को इस परिवर्तन का कारण माना जाता है। जहाँ कुछ क्षेत्रों में लोग अत्याधिक बाढ़ का अनुभव कर रहे हैं वहीं अन्य लोग सूखे का अनुभव कर रहे हैं।

हमें निश्चित रूप से बाढ़ और सूखे से निपटने के लिए अच्छी जल निकासी तथा जल संरक्षण व्यवस्था का निर्माण करना चाहिए। पर्यावरण संरक्षण और पर्यावरण प्रबंधन की आवश्यकता आज के समय के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है।



ममता की अटूट डोर....

- ममता की अटूट डोर से बँधी एक बेटा

मेरी छोटी सी दुनिया जिसमें माँ और पिता के अलावा कोई नहीं था। पलक झपकते ही यह दुनिया तहस-नहस हो जाएगी ऐसा कभी सोचा तक न

था। माँ, इतनी जल्दी मुझसे दूर हो जाएगी..... आज भी विश्वास नहीं होता है।

यादों की माला में भावुक शब्दों के कितने भी मोती पिरो लूँ लेकिन आप महसूस नहीं कर पाएँगे मेरे दिल के भीतर की गहराई में चुभनेवाले मेरे दर्द को। मैं तो सदा ईश्वर से प्रार्थना करती हूँ कि किसी के जीवन में ऐसा दिन न आए जैसा मैंने देखा है।

मैं तो बस इतना जानती हूँ कि मेरी माँ इसी दुनिया के किसी कोने में है, वह बहुत खुश है। मेरे खुश रहने के लिए इतना जानना भी काफी है। “माँ तो हमेशा अपने बच्चे का भला ही चाहती है।” इस बात पर मुझे तो पूरा यकीन है। मेरी भी माँ जहाँ भी है मेरा भला ही चाहती होगी। मेरे लिए दुआ ही

माँगती होगी..... है न ?

सुना है कि माँ बिना कहे जान लेती है कि बच्चा भूखा है, उदास है, खुश है, बेचैन है। लेकिन जब मैं माँ के साथ बिताए दिनों को याद करती हूँ तो याद आता है बस एक धुँधला सा चेहरा — और कुछ भी नहीं। न तो माँ की लोरी की धुन कानों में गूँजती है। न ही मेरी परवाह करने वाले प्रश्नों की बौछार — “बेटा खाना खा लिया न ? आज का दिन कैसा था ? आज इतना उदास क्यों है मेरी परी ?!”

सच कहती हूँ “माँ” ठीक उस समय ममता की अटूट डोर को तोड़कर चली गई जब उसकी सबसे ज्यादा जरूरत थी मुझे और मेरे पिता को भी।

माँ का आदर कीजिए। खुद को भाग्यशाली समझिए कि माँ एक ढाल बनकर हमेशा आपके साथ खड़ी है। यदि मेरी बात आपके मन को छू गई हो तो बस यँ ही घर जाकर माँ को धन्यवाद जरूर दीजिए। आज अपने दिल की बात आप से कहने का यही मेरा मकसद है।

ममता की अटूट डोर कभी टूटने न पाए ऐसी कोशिश करना।

हर सफल नारी के पीछे वह खुद है

- विधी ठक्कर, नौवीं "डू"

नमस्कार दोस्तों! जानती हूँ कि यह शीर्षक देखकर आपका विचार क्या होगा, आप यही सोच रहे होंगे कि नारीवाद के नाम पर लड़कियों को कितना फायदा हो रहा है और यह बिलकुल अस्वीकार्य है। यह तो बस एक ऐसा शब्द है जो एक दूसरे को सहारा देने का अपने लिए खड़े होने का सन्देश दे रहा है। हम लड़कियाँ एक दूसरे को सहारा देने के लिए डटी नहीं रहेंगी तो भला कैसे संभव होगा यह।

यदि देश की सारी बहनें, माँ, मौसी, चाची, मामी एक साथ जुड़कर नारी शक्ति को रोकेंगे तो देश की कोई शक्ति हमें नहीं रोक सकती। हम ही सबसे शक्तिशाली हैं। हम सबकी एकता ही देश में प्रगति ला सकती है।

अब आपने हमारे देश की सबसे बड़ी और जानी-मानी सर झुकाने वाली बात तो सुनी ही होगी। कोई कैसे इस बात से सहमत हो सकता है कि घर की नई जन्मी बेटी को तुकराना सही बात है? यदि बेटी नहीं तो भारत में कोई माँ नहीं और कोई माँ नहीं तो कोई लड़का भी नहीं। खैर यह तो शहरों में बंद हो ही चुका है पर अभी भी बहुत छोटे गाँव में इसका प्रमाण खत्म नहीं हुआ।

यदि मैं गलत नहीं हूँ तो रेलगाड़ी का महिला का डिब्बा बना ही था यह विचार करके की उन्हें किसी से भी हिचकिचाहट ना हो, है न? पर क्या फरक पड़ा? मर्द तो मर्द सही मगर हम औरतें कुछ कम नहीं हैं। कौनसा हमारा फूलों से स्वागत हो रहा है इस महिला डिब्ब में? वही बातें और वही घूर यहाँ भी हमें चुभती है। आज तक मैं रेलगाड़ी से निकलकर यह नहीं बोल पाई कि आज मुझे अचेतन महसूस नहीं हुआ।

काफी लोगों को मासिक सुनकर शर्म आती है और मुझे ऐसे लोगों के अस्तित्व पर। मासिक वही प्रक्रिया है जो एक

लड़की का शरीर शुद्ध करती है। इसमें शरमाना क्या? यदि आपको पता नहीं तो आज यह आपके लिए नई जानकारी होगी, एक मनुष्य के शरीर का खून तो आखिर उनके माँ का ९ महीने का मासिक खून ही है। जिस चीज से हम सर नीचा करते हैं, हम तो उसी से बनें हैं। क्या पता हम सब यह बात कब समझेंगे।

तो आशा है कि यह सब बातें जानकर आप भी इस दुनिया को रहने के लिए एक बेहतर जगह बनाए। अपने घरवालों से भी बात करें। यह मेरे कुछ शब्द पसंद नहीं पर समझ आने चाहिए। लड़की को ज्यादा मानकर लड़कों को नीचा न करे मगर दोनों को एक ही माने और भारत को और भी महान बनाएँ। यदि एक नारी सबके ताने सुनकर भी एक बड़े पद पर पहुँच सकती है तो मेरा भरोसा है कि कुछ भी नामुमकिन नहीं।



परिवर्तन की बयार

गतिशीलता एवं परिवर्तन जीवन की जीवंतता को सिद्ध करने के प्रमुख मापदंड है। जहाँ परिवर्तन को “सृष्टि” का एक नियम माना गया है वहीं गतिशीलता भी “जीवन” का एक नियम है। हमारे जन्म के पश्चात हमारी गतिशीलता ही हमारे जीवित होने को सत्यापित करती है और इस गतिशीलता के कारण हम अपने जीवन में नित नए परिवर्तन देखते हैं। विद्यालय में नर्सरी से लेकर नौवीं कक्षा तक इसी तरह बहुत गतिशील रहे हम और बहुत परिवर्तन हमने देखा। ८ वीं से ९ वीं कक्षा में आने के बाद मेरे सहपाठियों ने जो परिवर्तन अनुभव किया वह आप सबके संग साझा कर रही हूँ।

प्रश्न: माध्यमिक विद्यालय से उच्च विद्यालय में आने के बाद आपको क्या बदलाव नजर आता है ?



हम आठवीं कक्षा में थे, आराम से जिंदगी जी रहे थे। हमें पढ़ाई की कोई फिक्र नहीं थी। हमें अंक आसानी से मिल जाते थे। लेकिन यह सब नौवीं कक्षा में आकर मानो समाप्त हो गया। नौवीं कक्षा में केवल पढ़ाई होती है और सभी शिक्षक केवल पढ़ाई की बात करते हैं। हमें खेलने नहीं मिलता। नौवीं में आकर मुझे ऐसा लगता है कि मैं कहीं फँस गया हूँ। मुझे फिर से आठवीं कक्षा में जाना है।

- शरनम कुंदू, ९वीं ई

माध्यमिक विद्यालय से उच्च माध्यमिक विद्यालय आकर मुझे लगता है कि गेम्स पीरियड बढ़ गए हैं। माध्यमिक विद्यालय में महीने में २-३ बार गेम्स के लिए जा पाते थे। अब हफ्ते में ही २-३ बार गेम्स मिल जाता है। आठवीं कक्षा में शिक्षक लीडर्स चुनते थे, मगर नौवीं में हम लीडर्स चुनते हैं। यह सब मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगता है।

- नीरज, ९वीं ब

८ वीं कक्षा से ९ वीं कक्षा में आने के बाद हमें ऐसा लगा कि यहाँ पर ज्यादा सख्त नियम हैं। परंतु यहाँ आने के बाद बहुत मनोरंजन और मस्ती के साथ हमें पढ़ाई और अभ्यास भी करना पड़ता है। मगर मुझे उच्च विद्यालय बहुत पसंद है।

- सुजल शिंदे, ९वीं अ

माध्यमिक विद्यालय में मैंने बहुत मस्ती की। सारे शिक्षकों से मुझे लगाव हो गया था। मगर नौवीं में आकर जैसे कि वो अपनापन गायब हो गया हो। यहाँ के सभी शिक्षक हमारे लिए नए हैं। उच्च विद्यालय में आकर लग रहा है कि हम बड़े हो गए हैं और हमारी जिम्मेदारियाँ भी बढ़ गई हैं।

- रोशेल फर्नांडिस, ९वीं ब

नौवीं कक्षा में आने के बाद मैंने पढ़ाई का सच्चा मतलब समझा। यहाँ आकर सभी शिक्षक केवल दसवीं में होने वाले बोर्ड्स के बारे में ही बात करते हैं। मुझे यह समझ में आया कि पढ़ाई में अच्छे अंक लाना बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है। उच्च विद्यालय में अनुशासन बनाए रखना बहुत जरूरी है।

राशी पाटोळ, ९वीं ड

आयुर्वेदः अमृतानाम्।

मधुरा चाटुफळ, ११वीब

आयुर्वेद विश्वस्य प्राचीनतमा चिकित्सा प्रणालिः अस्ति । आयुर्वेदस्य इतिहासः वैदिककालात् एव आरभते । अतः सहस्रवर्षेभ्योऽपि प्राचीनः अयम् इतिहासः ।

“आयुर्वेदः” इति शब्दस्य अर्थः- आयुः (जीवनस्य) वेदः (विद्या) इति विद्यते । नाम आयुर्वेदः “जीवनस्य विद्या” इति ।

आयुर्वेदस्य परम्परा तु अतीव प्राचीना । तस्य ग्रन्थसम्पदा अद्वितीया अस्ति । आयुर्वेदस्य उल्लेखः अथर्ववेदे अस्ति ।

आयुर्वेदाचार्यः महर्षि-चरकः भारतीयः औषधी-विज्ञानस्य प्रवर्तकः इति बुधजनाः मन्यन्ते । चरकमहर्षिः आयुर्वेदस्य विशारद-रूपेण प्रसिद्धः । चरकसंहिता आयुर्वेदस्य प्रमुखासंहिता । चरकसंहितायां १७७ प्राणिजन्यद्रव्याणां ६४ खनिज -द्रव्याणां च उल्लेखः कृतः । अस्यां संहितायां स्थानानि सन्ति । मूलतः एषा अग्निवेशेन रचिता संहिता । तस्याः उपरी चरकमहर्षिणा प्रतिसंस्कारः कृतः । ततः “दृढबलनाम्ना” अपरेण वैद्येन सम्पूरणं कृतम् । एवम् अद्य चरकसंहिता त्रयाणां कर्तृत्वं विद्यते ।

आयुर्वेदस्य अद्वितीयः ग्रन्थः- चरकसंहिता इति बुधाः मन्यन्ते ।

चरकसंहितायां रोगाणां विषये विविधाः चिकित्साः निर्दिष्टाः ।

आयुर्वेदस्य अष्टशाखाः । शल्य-कायाचिकित्सा, कौमारभृत्य अगदतन्त्र, रसायनतन्त्र, वाजीकरणम् इति । इदानीं प्रत्येकम् अङ्गं विवेचयामः ।

आयुर्वेदेधातुनां, धातुपदार्थानाम् उपयोगं कृत्वा वैद्यैः भेषजानि निर्मितानि । आयुर्वेदे नैकाः आहारविषयकाः नियमाः निर्दिष्टाः । सुश्रुतेन लिखिता सुश्रुतसंहिता अपि आयुर्वेदस्य मूलभूता संहिता । जगति शल्य चिकित्साप्रसिद्धा । तस्याः जनकः नाम सुश्रुतः । अष्टाङ्गहृदयम् अपि आयुर्वेदस्य प्रख्यातः ग्रन्थः । यदि अपि चरकसंहिता आयुर्वेदस्य प्रमुखः आधारः, काश्यपसंहिता आयुर्वेदे अतीव उपयुक्ता अस्ति । प्रख्याता अस्ति ।

आयुर्वेदस्य जनकः भगवान् धन्वन्तरिः अतः वदन्ति विद्वज्जनाः ।

सत्यं च निरतं रोगं विधूतं, अन्वेषितं च सविधम् ।

आरोग्यमस्य गूढं निगूढम् ओषध्यरूपं

धन्वन्तरिं च सततं प्रणमामि नित्यम् !!

सुभाषित अन्त्याक्षरी

- सुभाषितानां सङ्कलनम्, द्वारा - ९ म

यथा चित्तं तथा वाचो यथा वाचस्तथा क्रियाः ।
चित्ते वाचि क्रियायां च साधुनामेकरूपता ॥

त - ते धन्यास्ते विवेकज्ञास्ते सभ्या इह भूतले ।
आगच्छन्ति गृहं येषां कार्यार्थं सुहृदो जनाः ॥

न - नाद्रव्ये निहिता काचित् क्रिया फलवती भवेत् ।
न व्यापारशतेनापि शुकवत् पाठ्यते बकः ॥

क - कराग्रे वसते लक्ष्मीः करमध्ये सरस्वती ।
करमूले तु गोविन्दः प्रभाते करदर्शनम् ॥

म - मा मनो मधुपो मेघो मद्यपो मर्कटो मरुत् ।
मक्षिका मत्कुणो मत्स्यो मकारा दश चञ्चलाः ॥

ल - लौकिकानां हि साधूनामर्थं वागनुवर्तते ।
ऋषीणां पुनराद्यानां वाचमर्थोऽनुधावति ॥

त - तदेव कर्म कुर्वीत येनात्मा संप्रसीदति ।
आत्मानं पीडयेद्यच्च तत् प्रयत्नेन वर्जयेत् ॥

त - तृणानि नोन्मूलयति प्रभज्जनो
मृदूनि नीचैः प्रणतानि सर्वशः ।

समुच्छित्तानेव तरुन् प्रबाधते
महान् महत्स्वेव करोति विक्रमम् ॥

म - मणिना वलयं वलयेन मणिः
मणिना वलयेन विभाति करः ।
कविना च विभुर्विभुना च कविः
कविना विभुना च विभाति सभा ॥

भ - भवन्ति नम्रास्तरवः फलगमै
नवाम्बुभिर्भूरि विलम्बिनो घनाः ।
अनुद्धताः सत्पुरुषाः समृद्धिभिः
स्वभाव एवैष परोपकारिणाम् ॥

म - मनुष्याणां सहस्रेषु कश्चिद् यतति सिद्ध्ये ।
यतताम् अपि सिद्धानां कश्चिन् मां वेत्ति तत्त्वतः ।

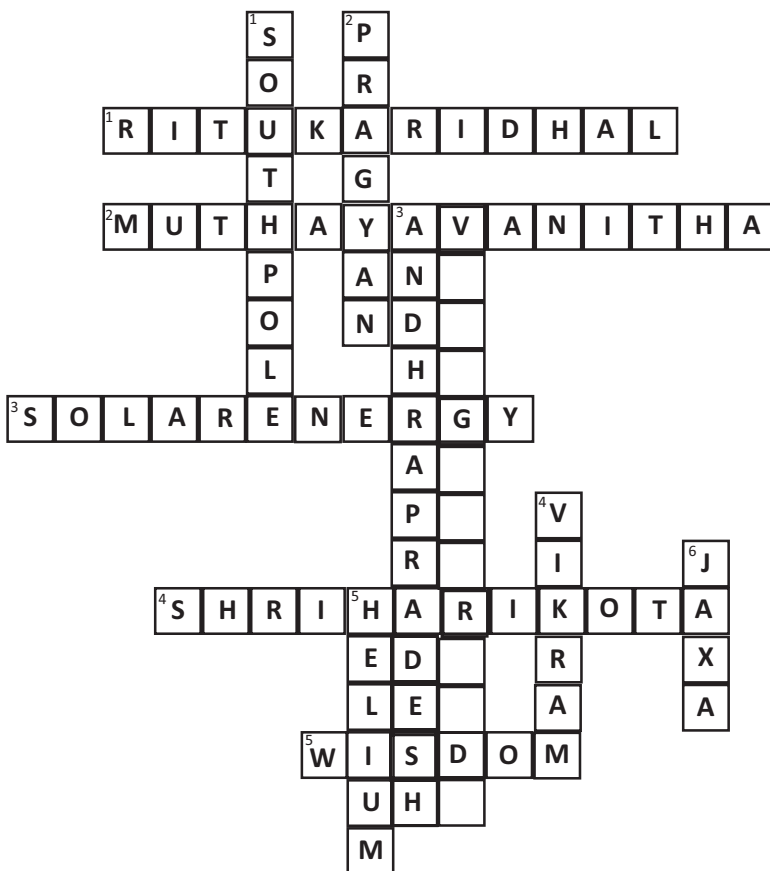
त - तं तथा कृपयाविष्टम् अश्रुपूर्णाकुले क्षणम् ।
विशीदन्तमिदं वाक्यमुवाच मधुसूदन ॥

नः - नष्टो मोहः स्मृतिर्लब्धा त्वत्प्रसादात् मयाच्युतः ।
स्थितोऽस्मि गतसन्देहः करिष्ये वचनं तव ॥

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