

AGNEL CLARION



2022-23

—ARHUM GANDHI

HSC TOPPERS 2022



RAYA CHAKRAVARTY
VAIBHAV CHAND
HARSH POWAR
NISARGA KALE

96.33%
94.14%
93.50%
93.33%

KARAN AGARWAL
DARIUS SOARES
SHRUTI SONKHIA

95.33%
93.83%
93.50%

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YASHVI POOJARY
HIYA DESAI
RADHA RASAM

98.40%
98.60%
100%

SAKSHI GAWDE
HARSHA KOLI
OM WAVHAL

94.40%
93.80%
92.80%

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

- Arhum Gandhi & Deeya Jain

Hello fellow Agnelites,

After a long sabbatical of 2 years, we are back with the latest edition of the Agnel Clarion!!

Recently the entire world has gone online, and we too have followed suit by publishing an E-Clarion. As usual, the Clarion is stacked with all the yearly dose of motivation, sprinkled with tons of creativity, innovation and humour. We are sure that the positive attitude, hard work, sustained efforts and unique perspectives exhibited by our young writers will stir the minds of the readers.

From articles like **मी देशाचा, देश माझा** glorifying the 75 years of independence, the big

‘ऑनलाईन की ऑफलाईन’ debate, to the mysteries of space technology and an insight into a crossword expert’s life, there is something for everyone’s palate. The stress and chaos of life can sometimes be tiring, a playlist to help with this has also been included for all the music lovers.

The herculean task of weaving together the pieces of artistry would not have been possible without the cooperation of fellow editors, support of teachers and enthusiastic participation of students.

We hope you enjoy flipping/scrolling through the pages as Agnelites make HISTORY! Happy reading :)



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FROM THE DESK OF OUR MANAGING DIRECTOR, FR S. ALMEIDA.....



December is here and the spirit of Christmas is in the air. Individually and collectively, we are all preparing to ring out year 2022 and ring in the new 2023 with hearts full of hope. Pope John Paul II had said, "Let us remember the past with gratitude, live the present with enthusiasm and look forward to the future with confidence."

The past year was like a transition from life during the pandemic to life after the pandemic. Accepting all that it brought to us with gratitude, when we look at the present with enthusiasm, what we see before us in school now,

are the active and joyous preparations for the Annual Sports Day and the release of the 40th edition of 'Agnel Clarion', our own school magazine! It is heartening to see things getting back to normalcy after a gap of two academic years!

This edition of the Clarion seems to be a mixed bag of reflections, emotions and opinions. While our little ones are talking of themselves, their uniqueness, their dreams and their dear ones, the pre-teens and teens have expanded their vision to share their thoughts about rising from the pandemic and saving planet earth. Our budding journalists and reporters have shared success stories of our ex-students and interesting information through interviews, surveys and reviews! New editors, new artists and writers, teachers- all working in unison to bring out their creative best. Indeed a praiseworthy effort put in by the entire team!

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make."(Jane Goodall- primatologist and anthropologist)

The Covid-19 pandemic has compelled us to reassess and realign our relationship with the environment and the natural world. We are all aware that our very existence is under threat and together we have to pro-actively join the fight against climate change.(Every individual needs to feel this responsibility. I am happy to share that our school children of Std V to IX (around 1600) have already taken a small proactive step towards this mission by enthusiastically participating in the Planeteers workshop organised by the Paani Foundation team. The children not only became aware of the history of planet earth and what wealth it offers to humankind but also learnt of the harmful impact of climate change and water scarcity. This call to fight against climate change and save planet earth should reach everywhere through each one of us. Let us strive to be the change we want to see in the world around us.

Our ex-students Suma Shirur and Mangesh Ghogre, have done not only the Agnel Family but also this whole country proud by their extraordinary achievements but we have to remember that "Success doesn't just happen. You have to be intentional about it, and that takes discipline." Years of focussed hard work and persistence have helped them reach this height and they are indeed a source of inspiration to all of us.

Coming back to where I began, Christmas is all about peace, self-giving, and love. We approach what God is when we spread kindness, goodwill and compassion around us. Let us believe in the supreme truth- 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' ("The World Is One Family".) and strive to be caring individuals who understand the interconnectedness and interdependence in our environment of which we are also a part.

"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together; all things connect."—Chief Seattle

ON AIR WITH 'CROSSWORD MAN' MANGESH GHOGRE !

- Deeya Jain IXB, Sahil Vaidya IXD



Could you give us a brief introduction about yourself?

- I am Mangesh Ghogre. I was in Agnells for two years (1995-1997). After passing out I completed Mechanical Engineering from VJTI and pursued an MBA from NMIMS. I am currently an investment banker and construct Crosswords. My specialty as an investment banker is IPOs for companies such as Zomato, Fabindia etc.

How did you get into crosswords in the first place?

- I started solving crosswords in 1997 when I was in my first year of engineering. As you all know all engineers want to attempt either GRE

or GMAT to go abroad. Both these exams have a vocabulary section. A lot of people then told me that solving Times of India's crosswords will help me in improving my vocabulary. That's how my journey started.

Coming back to visit your college must have stirred up some old reminiscences. If you could have given your past self some treasured advice, what would it be?

- I sometimes think that I should've taken crosswords more seriously during college. I did not devote as much time to crosswords because for me it was leisure. A hobby. Yet the impact on people has been tremendous and I wonder if I'd started earlier then I would've had a much bigger outcome. Perhaps I hadn't taken it so seriously as no one encouraged me then. In fact, I would hide the fact that I can successfully solve any crossword. I was thrown out of the class on multiple occasions for solving crossword while the lecturers were teaching. I would advise my younger self to take this passion seriously and consider it as a career option.

A very hearty congratulation on being a recipient of the Einstein Visa! How do you plan on using this privilege?

- This visa type is reserved for those individuals who have reached the top of their field. It

gives you permanent residence which means essentially you can do whatever you want except vote. These privileges are applicable to my family as well. I plan on going there and establishing my presence amongst all newspapers. This would help me spread awareness about Indian topics in the US. For example, I created a crossword on Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary for the Wall Street Journal. This would be my opportunity to familiarise the Americans with Indian culture and vice versa.

A lot of Indian talent migrates abroad for better opportunities. A specific strategy by the US. What is your opinion on the current Brain Drain crisis in India?

- From my perspective, I've already promoted India in the US sitting here. For a lot of the crosswords, I use a by-line 'Mangesh Mumbaikar Ghogre' because I want people to know that this crossword is made in Mumbai. Because that one crossword is published in other 300 newspapers, having a lot of reach. I think working in the US will give me better opportunities to promote both me as well as my country.

On average how much time does it take you to construct / solve a crossword?

- I can make one in 2 years or I can make one in 6 months. The creative process is like writing poetry. The theme or the idea can pop in your mind anytime, in the bathroom or while driving literally anywhere. The most time-consuming activity is getting the theme. The acceptance rate is very low so I believe in com-

ing up with better quality ideas rather than sending 10 average ones.

What helped you bridge the gap between Indian lingo and American lingo?

- I had to learn their lingo. When I started, there wasn't any Netflix or Google. The only way to learn their slangs was to see the solution in the next day's newspaper. So, I created a diary where I would note the clue and the answer every day. Just like my own dictionary. I did that for 3-4 years. For example, back then I did not know 'PBJ' means peanut butter and jelly. I learnt it while solving the crosswords. That's why sometimes I feel jealous with the kind of exposure your generation has.

Could you give us a clue to decipher?

- Clue: I'm sick today (3 letter word)

Solution : Lie

If you are such an excellent cruciverbalist then why did you deviate to the path of investment banking?

- It didn't pay very well. And I'd always perceived it as a hobby or pastime. In fact, the moment where it hit me that 'wow-this could be a career too' was when the US Consulate General in Mumbai noticed my 4th of July crossword and invited me. He even autographed my crossword saying this is a great example of 'US-India Dosti'. That's when I thought that I could even make a career out of this.

How did you get recognition from reputed newspapers like New York Times, Los Angeles

Time, Wall Street Journal etc. even though you reside in Mumbai? Did they approach you or did you approach them?

- It's a very democratic process. Even you (students) can make a crossword and send it to them.

Now you can just email, just use a system, make a pdf and that's it- done. Earlier I had to courier it. My courier expenses were more than the actual fee I got paid for the crossword. My ultimate dream is - when the US President visits the Prime Minister of India, he would gift him my work – an American crossword made by an Indian. How cool would that be!

With the decline of subscriptions in the print industry the number of people solving crosswords has reduced drastically. How does this affect you and your future endeavours?

- Crossword as a community likes to be in sync with what's happening in society. Because you can only make a good crossword if it has something contemporary. You need to keep track of what is trending. As soon as they realised that newspapers are declining and apps are catching on the same newspapers made their apps. One funny fact is that even I had made an app. It would take your feed from various social media apps like Facebook, Twitter etc. and it would create a personalised crossword based on your feed. For example, the clue would be XYZ visited this restaurant (6 letter word). It would essentially make the mentioned person feel valued. Staying relevant is the key for grabbing the attention of the readers.

Following your passion for crossword and being a successful investment banker must occupy majority of your time. How do you maintain a good work- family life balance?

- Constructing a crossword has no time limit or deadlines. I can take my very own sweet time without any pressure. So, there is no need to maintain a balance. Nobody's on top of my head asking - "Next crossword kab aa raha hai?" I don't need to finish by a certain time unlike my career in finance. This is like my distraction, sort of my 'me-time'.

How does solving crossword help you in other aspects of your life?

- Other than the obvious- vocabulary, it made me feel more confident about myself. When your name comes in the newspaper you suddenly feel the sense of responsibility. Like I'm in public domain. It makes you unconsciously feel good about yourself.

What message would you like to give to the youth of our country?

- The game changer right now, is that a lot of education is happening outside of school. All of you have so much information available at your fingertips. I feel you all should put it to the best use. Don't let someone else define your race but rather make your own race.

We were delighted to conduct this interview and thank Mr. Mangesh Ghogre for his efficient co-operation and witty answers.

COLOURS

- Anuja Nathuram Kokare, IX E

What does not have any colour?
Right from rubies to the flowers,
Colour of confidence to fear.
Just look around how beautiful it is, dear.

The colours in the palette with different
shades
'Painted my wings beautifully' the butterfly
said.
And when you look around to see the view,
Saw how the shades were merged prettily,
did you?

The colours you see, mixed so easily,
On the birds who are flying being free.



Or on the flowers singing in the morning
breeze,
Which bloomed in the garden across the
bridge.

THE MOON IN THE NIGHT SKY

- Aditi Kale, IXA

At the nightfall whilst the world sleeps;
In the sky dark, full of scattered stars,
The crescent peeps.

Some see the darkness of the night;
Whereas, some, see the twinkling stars,
Why grasp the gloom when you have the
joyous sight?

Out of all the bleak thoughts that bother
you;
Seek the thought of that one act,
That joyed a soul, even for a minute or two.

Even the moon knows his fate;
To fade away as the fortnight passes,
But hey! Here he is, ageless and clear on the
sixteenth date...

IN TEENDOM

- Siya Dadarkar, IXA

The teenage years can be described as the most exhilarating years of life. But going through teen hood is harder than you can imagine. We are constantly dealing with changes at every level, be it individual or societal. It can be a phase of regret, confusion, fear, rebellion, and overall pure bliss!!

Being a teenager means spending too much time in adjusting with others. Fighting with our parents (at times), crying over trivial things and making memories that last a lifetime. It is a phase where we start feeling insecure about our appearance. It can be the feeling of awkwardness towards body image, braces, acne prone skin and everything and anything under the sky. Some face problem making new friends, talking to new people and constantly having the overwhelming feeling of being left out. Over usage of social media is one of the underlying causes of loneliness among teens. The new media gives unrealistic pictures of happiness and life. We get influenced by pictures on social media displaying different lifestyles, clothing, makeup etc. We start comparing ourselves, doubting if we can be enough and perfect like the people on social media. This not only misleads teenagers but also becomes the cause of serious mental health problems.

Like pros and cons there are also many positive moments in teen hood. Teen hood is not always bad as it is thought to be. There are so many first-time opportunities like hanging out with best friends, going out for movies and having night out with friends where our parents are a little more liberal than they used

to be when we were children. We start taking up responsibilities and start preparing for our future.

Teenage life is all about making mistakes from which we learn to be a better person. It is about failing so we can succeed in the future. It makes us realize that all choices have consequences and all good times come from bad ones. It tells us that everyday is a new day, a new beginning for us to fulfil our dreams. It reminds us that it is okay to be impulsive and to make mistakes so we don't suffer by the same mistakes in the future. We neglect the fact that true beauty lies in self-confidence. We all need to remember this that we are talented, self-sufficient, powerful and amazing. Stop doubting yourself, let go all your worries and overthinking, surrender to the infinite possibilities.



MASTERING THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

- Pratyush Sawant, IXB

Public speaking is very much like swimming. To learn how to swim, you must first overcome the fear of water. How? By getting into the pool as often as possible and trying frequently. The first times you may swallow water, but once you gain self-belief, picking up techniques is not difficult. The same with being on stage! You first need to build up your trust & lose your fear. This comes only with practice.

Speak Clearly & with poise

Don't swallow words or go soft at the end of a sentence. Make sure you are heard, so speak loudly enunciating the words clearly.

Let the sentence be short

We often lose ourselves in long-winding sentences. Speaking shorter sentences also reduces the chances of speaking incorrect grammar.

Well begun is half done

Your start is important. You could begin with a joke, but don't over do it.

Modulate your voice

Don't speak in the same tone. Your speech should have high and lows. To stress on a topic sometimes drop your voice off and sometimes be forceful.

Be Relaxed

Feeling nervous is natural. It shows that you care about doing well. 5 minutes before you go on to the stage, sit down alone comfortably. Practice Deep breathing for a minute. Relax your facial muscles.

Make Eye Contact

Making eye contact is utmost important when you speak to the audience. Select three to four spots towards the back and speak looking towards them. Occasionally look around the room.

Content / Idea

Remember! The one who fails to prepare is preparing for failure. So, prepare, prepare & prepare!

Try Humour

Humour is the most wonderful tool that any good speaker can use. A little humour not only relaxes you, but also warms the audience towards you.

Think Positive

When you visualise yourself successful, you will be successful.

Enjoy Yourself

This is the final tip. If you do not enjoy & believe in what you speak, then how will you expect your audience to be attentive?

SPACE PARADOXES

- Geet Kothari, IXB

- Anuja Kokare, IXE

The nature of space, is a mystery to most. The discoveries made by astronauts and space research centres around the world since the mid- twentieth century have enabled the population to have more knowledge of the planets, stars and resources that lie beyond Earth. Still, there are many mysteries of space that no astronomer can yet explain, and there are many more theoretical elements of the cosmos which no one knows exist. Here are two of the most interesting ones:

- **WHITE HOLES**

White holes are completely theoretical mathematical concepts. Now, if white holes did exist, which is a mystery for now, they would behave like reverse black-holes. Instead of pulling material inward, a white hole would blast material out into space. This is something that theory suggests should not exist, but may in fact exist anyway. Such an object is the black -holes theoretical opposite. Even if white holes were created back at the beginning of the universe, they would have collapsed long ago, since our universe is already filled with stray matter (particles or objects which have escaped from a proper oriented place).

- **MULTIVERSE THEORY:**

Multiverse Theory suggests that our universe, with all its hundreds of billions of galaxies and countless stars, spanning tens of billions of light years, may not be the only one. Instead

there may be an entirely different universe, distantly separated from ours - and another and another. Indeed, there may be an infinity of universes, all with their own laws of physics, their own collection of stars and galaxies (if stars and galaxies can exist in those universes) and maybe their own intelligent civilizations. It could be that our universe is just one member of a much grander, much larger multitude of universes: a multiverse.

Perhaps the most mind-bending implication of the multiverse is the existence of doppelgangers. If there really are infinity of universes but only a finite number of ways to arrange particles in any individual universe, then the same patterns are bound to be repeated, eventually. That would mean that at some incredible (but finite) distance, there would be an exact copy of you reading an exact copy of this article. And because there would be an infinite number of universes, there would be an infinite number of these exact scenarios all happening simultaneously. Theory even suggests, that every scenario you can imagine in your mind has occurred in an alternate universe.

To conclude, it's necessary to mention that the interest of scientists in astronomical hypotheses never ceases and that there are many blank spots on the "Universe Map".

SPARK OF LIFE

- Alina Jadhav, IXB

What is life without a goal?
Like a balloon with a hole.
To live without taste, food to just swallow
A magnificent evergreen tree, but the trunk
is hollow.

Life's a firecracker, ambition is the spark
Lights up the path and frees us from the dark.
To have a dream of opening the success door
To fall and get up to say, 'I have something to
live for...'

Know your heart and devote to the right
dream
"This is my spark!" hear your soul scream.
To want nothing less but more,
To take your stand, and pessimism you ignore.

So disregard the lazy snore
And bring out your potential from the core.
Life is long but too short to do nothing
Let's find our passion and begin something

To dream to make dreams reality
Drown the deleterious apathy,
In the river of your true capacity.
Then you'll be coloured with strokes of
serendipity.

To live for yourself and more,
To run and fall at the end of the day,
To have energy to get up and say,
'I have ambition to live for...'

VALUE AND CHERISH THE JOY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS...

- Ashlin Varghese, VIIID

'A coin has two sides' as the saying goes the pandemic has created unprecedented havoc and emotional turmoil to many people around the world. But looking at the bright side it has also taught each person the importance of belongingness and value for time. We all had a lot of free time in hand. Frankly speaking, I had wasted much time in being lethargic but once the realization set in, of the frittering of time, I looked towards my family and learnt that spending quality time is imperative for everyone. This pandemic has taught me many valuable

things. Sharing with you two of the most important messages, I gained.

1. Value for time and its utility – Knowing that I had a lot of time in hand I decided to browse through online courses that could come in handy like coding and learning new languages.
2. Gregariousness – I learnt to be friendly with my neighbors, played indoor games and cherished sharing this companionship with them just like my family.

MY ROLE MODELS (TOGETHER WE WILL BE HEARD)

- Yukta Rajiwade, IXC

Women, throughout history, have not been as privileged as men. There is still some discrimination; maybe not everyone sees it but the patriarchy still exists. A lady has to face more obstacles in her way than a man. Despite gender biases, women have tried to pull themselves up and have reached their goals in life. Here is an example of such great women who successfully cracked the glass ceiling.

Draupadi Murmu The President of India proves to be a source of inspiration not only for tribal women but also for all Indian citizens. She utilized the tragedies of her past as a source of strength. She has lost many close ones and dealt with the misfortunes with courage. She was active in social work and has promoted women's empowerment along with the educational and social upliftment of the tribal community. Despite facing numerous challenges and struggles in her personal life, she has developed the political strength necessary to wield the most prestigious position, that of India's President.



Dr. Ritu Karidhal Srivastava is an Indian scientist working with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). Right from her childhood, she had a passion for science. She had realized that science was more than just a subject to her. Her dedication helped her reach her goal. Her family has always been supportive and motivated her to reach success. Ritu Karidhal has worked for ISRO since 1997. She played a key role in the development of India's Mars Orbiter Mission, Mangalyaan. The

Mars orbit mission was a great success. She even supervised the Chandrayaan 2 mission as the mission director. Karidhal was appointed by the country's Minister for Women and Equalities Liz Truss to a newly formed Gender Equality Advisory Council (GEAC). Ritu Karidhal in an interview advised young girls to pursue their passion without worrying about the patriarchy and to never give up on their dreams.



Falguni Nayar is an Indian billionaire businesswoman, who is the founder and CEO of the beauty and lifestyle retail company Nykaa. She is a graduate in B.Com from Sydenham College of Commerce and Economics and a postgraduate from the Indian Institute of Management



Ahmedabad. Falguni Nayar founded Nykaa in 2012 with the vision of building a multi-brand omnichannel beauty-focused retail business.

Nykaa founder Falguni Nayar is now India's richest self-made woman, as per the IIFL Wealth Hurun India rich list 2022.

Women have come so far and have made their mark. There is still a long way to go. I believe an equal playing field for everyone is important to make the world a better place to live in.

CARETAKERS OF OUR PLANET : A SCIENTIFIC APPROACH

- Archisman Mitra, VIIB

Circling the Earth in my orbital spaceship, I marveled at the beauty of our planet. People of the world, let us safeguard and enhance this beauty-not destroy it.

How true were those words when the renowned astronaut who became the first man to travel to space, uttered them while peeping out through the tiny window of his spacecraft to observe his beautiful Mother Earth.

We, Homo Sapiens (Scientific name of humans) have proven to be the most intelligent, intellectual, and creative among all other species. We have set up factories, built cities and developed cars for transportation and what not. We are so developed that we are not able to even recognize what harm are we doing to our “Blue Planet.” We humans have made so many new inventions to make our life easy and luxurious. But if we see closely, we will realize that these inventions emit tons of garbage, harmful gases and dirty water into the surrounding air, water and land every single day.

Starting from the Stone Age, man continued by Galileo Galilei, Isaac Newton, Alfa Edison, Michael Faraday, Nicola Tesla, Charles Babbage, Albert Einstein till Stephen Hawking

had worked hard to make inventions for the progress of mankind. But they did not know that their inventions would be misused by mankind itself. The luxury of man is turning into a danger for our planet. But none of us is trying to avoid it. We shall take few measures to stop it right now.

Every day, tons of Carbon di-Oxide and other harmful gases are emitted by car’s exhaust into the atmosphere. We are lucky that some companies are now manufacturing electric cars with zero emissions. We shall switch to these cars. We should recycle things as much as possible. We should convince the Government to build more Solar Power Plants, Hydroelectric Power Plants and Atomic Power Plants in our vicinity. We should donate our trash to Waste to Energy (WTE) Department to produce energy from waste. We should segregate dry waste from wet waste and deposit them in separate bins. We should keep a limit on the use of appliances like refrigerators and air conditioners. We should try our level best to keep our beautiful planet safe by keeping it clean and green.

We can now save our Earth, If we all pitch in. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

THE PANDEMIC CALAMITY : A NEW PERSPECTIVE TOWARDS LIFE...

- Ayaan Ajin, VIIC

An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward.

So, when life is dragging you back with difficulties,

It means you are heading for a launch into something great.

- Paulo Coelho

Anything out of the ordinary is always a difficult change to adjust to, and the pandemic was a rough patch, not only for people in India but in fact the whole world. It changed our lives. But more importantly it also changed some people's perspective towards life.

We first heard about the pandemic in Nov 2019, but didn't fear it then. We started getting scared when cases started rising around the month June-July 2020. In a few days, cases skyrocketed to about a million. Slowly and steadily, it rose to reach a million cases on average per day. This was the Pandemic and the lockdown at its peak.

Covid was classified into phases respectively: The first Phase was the beginning of the virus and second was the most dangerous of the three, this was because we witnessed the greatest number of deaths. The third phase which was also called a 'NO SHOW' on TV. Although we were drowned with negativity, there were more positive learning for life.

Due to the pandemic, a lot of families became closer to each other. Prior to the pandemic, many of us hardly found time at home, but due to the lockdown restrictions, there was no escape from home. It was a good bonding experience with our family. We got to hear a lot of stories, but the most I have learnt is the importance of adjustment. Our parents got to know a lot of things about us, learn and understand us too.

The planet too benefited during this time. Earth really went through a rough patch before the pandemic due to pollution and deforestation. Scientists figured out that if we did not have a lockdown, our earth would have been destroyed way before the geologists' expectations. That is why it is said that everything on this earth happens for a reason. No matter how harsh the reason looks like, it will benefit future generations for sure. This benefit has come at a great cost and we all must remember those who lost their lives in this process.

In the wonderful words of Robert Tew, **"The struggle you are in today is developing the strength you need tomorrow."**

CHILDREN, GUARDIANS OF OUR PLANET...

- Mitali Shah, VIIIIC

Someone rightly stated that **“we do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.”** These lines have a deep meaning. This Sunday I was reading the newspaper and I came across an interesting article. A team of 120 engineers, researchers, and scientists went to clean the debris and waste at the beaches with their kids. When the interviewer questioned them, why did they bring such small kids to clean the waste, a man said that we talk so much about leaving a better planet to our kids, that we forget to leave better kids to our planet.

I was extremely impressed with those kids doing such a splendid job to save mother earth, but I flipped the page that more than 93% of kids urge their parents to bring firecrackers for the festive season. I was amazed to see this drastic change in the children of the same generation.

An idea struck my mind. I started to pen to down about how this generation take steps to save the planet. First and most important thing is that we should adopt eco-friendly practices for sustainable development. Eco-friendly simply means earth friendly. We can take baby steps and achieve milestones. Let's apply the 3 R strategy which is- Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

Reduce: We should only shop as per our requirements and avoid the temptation of

excessive shopping.

Reuse: Use a milk jar to water the plants, so it reduces landfill space taken by plastics.

Recycle: We can recycle plastic material, so we get a new item of the same material.

Also, children can get connected to foundations like **“Abhay Maya foundation”** for one-day camp and go for cleaning of forts, environment conservation drives tree plantation drives, and much more.

Children can contribute on large scale to the plantation of trees. Planting trees is an essential factor in saving our mother nature. Rather than giving gifts on birthdays, we can give saplings of various medicinal plants or flower saplings.

There are enormous ways of protecting mother nature. These were just a few ways. This is high time that we should realize the importance of our nature.

Rather than just waking up on Earth Day and posting pictures on social media we should incorporate and inculcate habits that will benefit nature and the planet.

Once again, I urge to this generation to take scrupulous actions to protect and nurture the planet so it can be a better place to live in and the last message, I want to give to every citizen is that to keep our forests green, keep our oceans blue, for the planet needs you.

AN OVERCOMER'S TESTIMONY: A VICTORIOUS RISE...

- Mrigaya Gotmare, VIIC

In India it all started in March 2020(or at least that was the time when my school closed). I was in 4th standard at that time and I thought that it would be a minor illness like cough and cold. Few days later my friends started wearing masks to school and I used to wonder if they were stupid to wear a mask for such a small disease. My school closed when exams were going to begin. I thought school might begin in another 15 days or so. Upon searching Google, I got to know that this disease was very dangerous. It could kill you in 12-15 days if you didn't have proper medication.

The number of patients started increasing everyday – from hundreds to thousands and from thousands to lakhs. Thousands of people got infected by corona, thousands of them died and thousands of people lost their jobs and families.

We all had been sitting at home all-day and due to that we understood the value of spending time with our family. I used to play carom, cards and Business with my family. We used to crack jokes and watch movies together. I also learned cooking. While helping mom, I learnt some new recipes.

In September 2020, my mother got infected by corona and was admitted in the hospital (CIDCO, Covid centre Vashi). Thankfully, her

condition was not that serious and only had mild fever and joint pain. After 1 year in May 2021, my father and I got infected by corona and were admitted in the same hospital. I still don't know that how did I have corona because neither did I have cough or cold nor fever. My father's condition was very serious and he was put on saline, had to wear an oxygen mask and took 5-6 injections every day.

Doctors and scientists were trying their level best to come up with a solution/medicine for this illness. After 6 months or so the doctors finally came up with a vaccine that would prevent us from getting infected by covid-19. Unfortunately, the first vaccine was only for adults (which meant the adults would get to go out and here we kids would sit at home only, which was not fair!). Fortunately, 2-3 months later the doctors came up with another vaccine, this time for kids and I got vaccinated in the school itself.

By now everything outside had opened including vegetable market and grocery shops. We could go out after whole 2 years. Slogans had been made to thank the doctors, scientists, policemen and other workers who risked their own life so we could be safe from Covid-19. I am very proud and happy that people are still there who are willing to risk their life for others.

JUST BE YOURSELF!!!

- Simrah Zaman, VIIIE

A student's life is very difficult. A student is always burdened with the family's pressure. A student's family always expects him/her to bring good grades, be a civilized and organized person and in the future be the family's background. Besides that, a student is also worried that he/she should always be perfect so that he/she can be popular.

A student always thinks about how to impress people, how to be popular, how to make more friends etc. But a student does not understand that all this fame that he/she will be getting will be fake and unnecessary. But how does one know which is the right path? Following the family's background and being how the family wants one to be or being what the people want so that one gets fame and popularity? I'll leave that to you. But I personally believe that the best and the right path is to be 'yourself'. Be what you are. Do what you like. Enjoy yourself. Even though people may judge you or think that you're a senseless person.

I know students can go the wrong way and make multiple mistakes, but it would be good to accept those mistakes, learn from them and be alert the next time. Have confidence to rise from your difficult times and move on. In my opinion, don't go by what people say or what your family says. Just be 'you'. If you know that what you are doing is right and you have the confidence to tell people that you're not wrong by being yourself, no one can overpower you.

Many students will make mistakes in choosing what's good for them, but they'll learn eventually. Being yourself may even cause people to think much. People may even revolt or say that you're wrong just because you're different. But one should not get affected by these things. People will like you or hate you for what you are. But hey, you are what you are. This is your personality. This is 'YOU'. And one should not care what others say. If you know what you are doing is right, you have dedication and confidence then you can be unstoppable.

Just follow your heart and it will tell you what's right. Because the heart though on the left, is always right.

DREAMS

- Sanvi Jangade, IXB

I can be, what I dream to be

Dreams are not what you see while sleeping
But what you see when you are wide awake
Because this dream is not fake

Dreams are what give purpose to life
Which can take us to a great height

When the struggles are so strong
And the road I am taking feels so wrong
Why do I keep holding on so long?

'Cause I know I have to believe
For something great to achieve

I have the courage to dream
Even after how impossible it may seem

As time passes it makes us stronger
The dream that we wish to conquer

Don't let go off your dreams
Cause if your dreams die
You will not be able to fly any high

I can be what I dream to be

THE ARTSY NATURE

- Waluscha D'Souza, VIII B



The universe found a palette
And beaten it with several hues
Life was the gift created
But was merely taken for granted

EARTH was its name
UNIVERSE was its creator
NATURE was its mother
And humans were its consumers

The moon reminded there is darkness
around us
But it should be not within us

Somewhere the skies are lilac blue and ash gray
As sea rises into raindrops to deliver kisses
on land made of dirt

The white whispered peaking from the
mountain
Hold on hold on flowers growing on the
valley green
For you must withstand the mighty winds
the storm brings''
While the trees swayed back and forth to
the beat of the gale

There is a hidden rapture in the
undiscovered forest
There is puzzling mystery hidden within the
sea
The chaos unraveling in the depth of every
canyon
The slow trail of gauzy clouds leaves a fresh
beauty

The nature is a vault full of lovely paintings
But we humans choose to shut our eyes.

THE VALUE OF FAMILY

- Aastha Umale, VI E

The value of a family no one can compare
They will always be with you
In joy or despair
They will help you in pressure And make
studies leisure
They'll always love you As you should too



OUR NATURE, OUR PLANET

- Kyna Soni, VID

Sun bright,
Rivers with might

Life long,
Flowers sing a song

Trees tall,
Listen to their call

Let's pledge to improve our city,
Because we all are nature's beauty.

We have been dispensed with food and
home where everyone lives,
With greedy lust, people destroy the nature
that the earth happily gives.

We children will be the guardian on every
city.

Be it New Delhi, Paris or Rome,
Earth is the place we all call home.

So please plant a tree instead of industry,
Or all this beauty of earth will soon become
history!

Ayesha Shaibaz
Class VIII

WHEN I WAS A CHILD

- Mitali Shah, VIIC

When I was a child,
Days used to be carefree,
Roaming around the house,
Was all that I did.

When I was a child,
I used to be happy in little things
The joy of eating till the last bite of ice-
cream,
Used to matter for me.

When I was a child,
I would love to get drenched in the rains,
Believe me! The happiest part was to get
sick the other day,
Because hot pipping Maggie used to be
served on my plate.

When I was a child,
I used to enjoy each moment,
Each day,
And every day,
But When I was a child.

HARDWORK & SACRIFICE

- Nandini Sharma, VIIIB

The dream you have been looking for is not
just a dream,
It is going to be your happiness;
It is going to be a pride for you.
Oh! My friend if you will not dream then
forget about your joyful life you are thinking
about;
But when you will try to achieve your dream,
it will be a challenge for you.
Right from the beginning you will have to be
motivated;
Right from the beginning you will have to
think and work for your parents, society, and
yourself.
so that all get the best in life, you could offer.
While learning things from the one who has
succeeded, do not only understand the
solution, but understand the problems one
has gone through.

THE GOLDEN WORDS I ONLY WANT TO SAY IS:

**“WHAT YOU ARE THINKING OF IS NOT EASY.
YOU WILL HAVE TO PASS THE TOUGHEST TEST
FROM GOD. ‘HARD WORK’ ‘SACRIFICE’ GIVES
YOU THE BEST PRICE THAT IS ‘HAPPINESS’.**

GUARDIANS OF OUR WORLD

- Pranavi Mithbavkar, VIA

We, the children of the world
Have been chosen for a task
For we have encountered everything
From the virus to online schools

We were sent into the world
For a significant purpose
To be the guardians of our
Beloved mother earth

We shall be the guardian angels
For the future generations
And turn the bare deserts
Into lively teeming forests

We, the children of the world
Whoever we are, wherever we may be



We shall live up to our duties
And do what is right.

LET'S SAVE OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Abhijeet Ghule, VIIM

Search a solution,
To stop pollution.

Make our environment
Healthy, clean, and green.

Plant more trees
To make earth pollution free.

Let's make our earth best
By polluting less and less.

We need to get this enlightenment,
To take care of environment.

Never pollute the water and air,
Don't throw garbage here and there.

Not to cut trees never, ever,
Search a solution,
To stop pollution.

THE DEMISE OF DOOM

- Abhijeet Ulhas Deshmukh, VIF

It is nearly the end of the CORONA race,
We humans pick up pace.
We shall beat COVID
Like a bomb just exploded

At first, life seemed like a lie,
Expectations began to die.
Everyone began to perish
There was nothing left to cherish...

But then, hopes began to SOAR
Hearts began to ROAR
The end was in SIGHT
Just then life started its FLIGHT

The chaos in these years,



From weeps to cheers
Humanity shall boom
For the Demise of Doom

GUARDIANS OF OUR MOTHER EARTH

- Neron Pinto, VIF

O Earth, our Mother Earth,
Caretaker of us after our birth.
Her awesome love is like a dove,
She is a great gift from God above.

As children, how can we take care of her?
Let's not keep our vision towards her blur.
Reducing number of trees is such a pity,
So, save and take care of our biodiversity.

Please stop fracking to save earth's crust,
Build eco-friendly devices to gain our
Mother Earth's trust.
Let's go electric to stop extract of fuel,
We should not be to our earth so cruel.

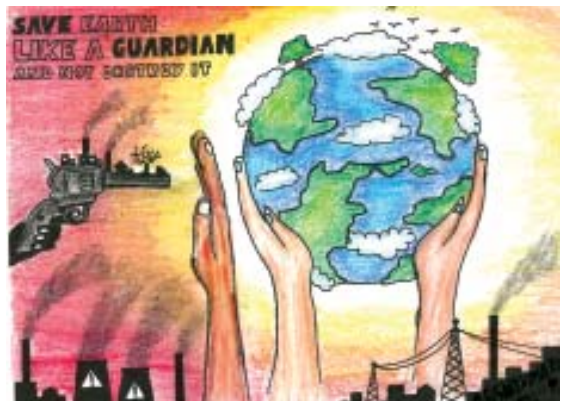
We must stop this great issue of pollution,
Environment friendly vehicles are a great
solution.

Plastic is a harm to our earths land,
Hence, recycle plastic, glass and can.

Remember water is a great gift,
So please just use a little bit.

Global warming is spreading at a great
speed,
To save the Ozone layer is our earths plead.

The Earth is ours to enjoy,
For every little girl and boy.
Our Mother Earth loves and takes our care,
Can this message with others be shared?



OUR STUDENT YEARS

- Inaaya Qureshi, VIID

The sound of rain pouring,
And a new school year beginning.
A list of items to be bought,
And something precious than gold is sought.
First day of school,
And the emotion roller coaster begins.
The excitement is real,
But why nervous I feel.

Made a lot of friends that are to be trusted,
But a best friend is a must.
The door of knowledge opens,
For all subjects are to be learnt.
The exams are near,
As another page of school life is turned.
Passing with A's and B's
Is a child's dream.

School life is nothing without a teacher,
Each one having a unique feature.
They are the pillars of education for they stand tall,
And guide our steps so we don't fall.

While we move on to be great,
And to be handsomely paid.
They'll still be in the same class,
With a smile on their face,
Ready to welcome the new students,
And teach them to be great.

Alas! The year came to an end,
Everyone waving a goodbye,
As a tear sheds from their eye.
Eventually everyone accepts the truth,
And the summer fun is to begin,
As the students enjoy their youth.

LIFE

- Swapnil Dhabolkar, VIIC

Have you ever apologized to your pillow for
all the tears?
Without speaking to anyone, all these
years?
The weight you were carrying of all the
pain...
In the end you realized, there was nothing
to gain...

Ever realize there are bundles of sleepless
nights
For that one person whom you are ready to
fight
Someone who taught you to smile
Is now away, more than a mile...

As little kids, we made a lot of fuss
But growing up, there's just emptiness
around us
Between life and death you ought to
choose,
But wait, There's nothing left to lose!

Felt like losing our mind
Yeah, we stopped being kind...
It's not your mistake,
Its just that the others were fake!

We appreciated the rain
For hiding our tears and pain
We wanted happiness,
But got sadness
Because we didn't know this thing called
as... **Life**

REASSURING WORDS...

- Zoe Fernandes, VIIIID

Shall I compare thee to a rainy day?
A rainy day when harsh winds scare the
baby buds of October.

Further past our thinly curtained windows,
Winds blow high,
Rainbows hide beneath heavy dark clouds

The crumbling moon fades in the distance
Just as quickly as it emerges,
Promising us like every dark cloud;
Every dark night too shall pass.

If even one may find solace in the sweet
truth

That behind every dark cloud shines a
rainbow,
Then these words shall not go in vain.

So as long you and I can breathe in fresh,
clean air,
So long as we can smile smiles of happiness



May we stay the masters of our fate,
the captains of our souls,
and radiate positivity and love with each
blessed moment gifted to us.

THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF EVERY TUNNEL...

- Pavitra Rajesh, VIIC

The corona virus caused countless damages to the world, but it also created some benefits. The world is now more mysterious, more enigmatic place with all those masked people! As if faces disappeared, only eyes remained! As if tongues disappeared, only eyes speak telepathically! We the people have become aliens on earth! We are witnessing the rise of a smart world.

The era is of digital transformation, growth of online education system and healthcare reformation. When the world is facing adverse impacts and the situations were made tough for all of us human there was something beautiful too. The air quality index showed a positive change. The roads were left free of traffic harmful gas emissions stopped. In turn we were able to breathe fresh air. We gave the environment the required break to heal and recover itself and it did!!!

COVID-19 pandemic has shown a light on poverty and inequality. Providing a universal income to everyone would ease the living conditions of most vulnerable people. The post pandemic stage is unfolding of a new human race, the ideologies of the people is different from what it was before the pandemic. People are now ready to make sacrifices on a personal level for the betterment of society.

There is light at the end of every tunnel. The light at the end of this deadly one is the emergence of new solidarity. I believe the rest of the world will follow the example of those countries that have selflessly lent a hand to this battle. Their case will make us push ourselves even further and soon we shall catch sight of this new world gleaming like never before!!!

LIFESTYLE

- *Sharmistha Mukherjee, VIII E*

Are we living our lives the way we want,
Where the thought of being gadgets - free
haunt.
Where speaking to others gives you daunt.
Where feelings like stress and anxiety
dangle,
And life is unsafe in every angle.
Where one doesn't get chances to pursue,
From where birds of joy flew.
Where the positivity is absent even on a
day new,
And leaves shed tears as morning dew.

Where our lives can be much better,
By not getting addicted to Instagram and
Twitter.
We youngsters can pursue what we long,
And birds chirping the twilight song.
The world can be a better place,
Where gratitude is never misplaced.



Where no decision is taken in hurry and
haste,
Where life can be peaceful.
And not a race.
So, to turn it into a forbidden place,
Our flaws are the ones we should learn to
embrace!!

A PRAYER FOR FARMERS

- *Rida Kazi, VIII D*

Farmer - the one who selflessly cares...
Forgotten are those farmers,
Who once were so respected.

Unseemly rains even once when come,
All the hard work goes down the drain.
They do not helplessly drop their bundle;
But pick up the pieces and start over again.

Whatever the weather they never stop
their service;
The pains they bear even God knows they
don't deserve this.
He must forcefully ignore when his family
sheds tears,
The illness of his baby might be one of his
greatest fears.

His devotion to the soil is more compelling
than any other bond;

With worm as his best friend and his plough
his magic wand.
We should understand that he could also
have a desire;

He keeps ploughing till the end of the day,
Even when his mind is blown up or his heart
is on fire.

His sons are ashamed to see this father
today,
Never would we want to become like you
they say.

Many bolster this farmer, as a part of their
family,
But many get disgusted and disown with
brutality.

I pray to God with one last thought,
May they have the courage to put up with
the life they've got.

ESCAPE REALITY WITH MUSIC

- Richa Pradhan, XB

The day I was dreading was finally here. My best friend was moving to Australia. So I plugged in my headphones, and decided to turn on my favourite playlist to make me feel better. The lyrics of 'Spring Day' by BTS, "DÅhÎ@Ç ä²ÜÂ ,Æ p-|Å, 'Å£µ 'Å`Ä³, 'Å£µ Ä-ÈÄ³, ÆÐÆ`Ö "Å ÆÅ<ÇÈ²L®" which translates to "The morning will come again, no darkness, no season can last forever" comforted me and felt like a warm hug from her.

Now, some might say, how do you understand what BTS is saying? It's because music has the power to break language barriers. There are more than 7,100 languages spoken in the world and yet music manages to transcend them all. At times when we feel alone, when we feel no one understands us, we tend to resonate with the lyrics of our favourite songs.

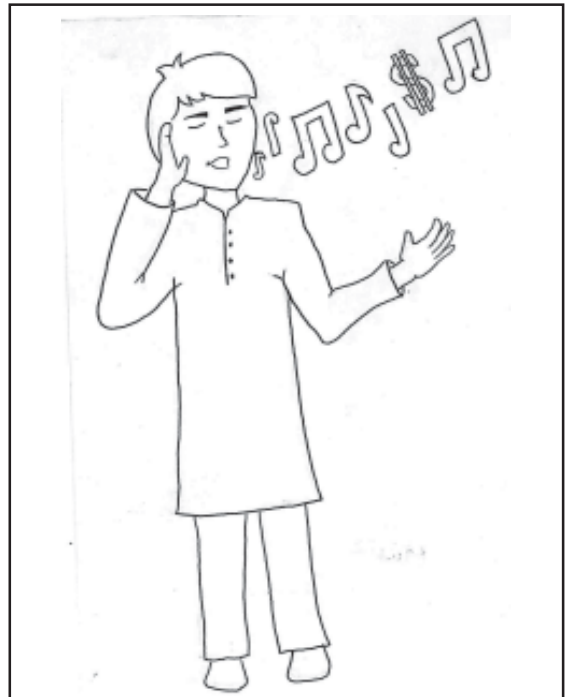
Music is something I listen to when I'm feeling over the moon, under the weather and everything in between. There's no doubt that most of us are very good singers, especially in the bathroom. Speaking of myself, I absolutely love to dance to music. I'm pretty sure all of us have our own little concert in our bedrooms when we're alone.

Music can elevate a dance performance. "See the music, hear the dance". I personally experienced this during my Arangetram. The day I rehearsed with the musicians, I couldn't stop smiling as the musical ensemble energised me and elevated my performance. It motivated me and made me look forward to my Arangetram.

Music adds another dimension to movies and TV shows; they complement and enhance each other and engage all our senses.

Background music evokes emotions. It helps the movie come to life. A very popular example of this would be the movie 'Jaws'. Here, the music director John Williams uses only two music notes 'E and F' in the theme song. The theme song was used every time the shark was to show up on screen. These two notes alone have the power to make the movie all the more scary and suspenseful.

I find it fascinating how a lot of the times, when we hear only the first few notes of a song in public or even on shuffle on our playlist, we immediately know what the song is! It's almost as if we form a personal connection with the songs we listen to. With the right music, you either forget everything or remember everything. So do we escape reality with music or do we experience reality with music?



HEART MATTERS

- Prajin Mukherjee

Cardiac arrests are at an all-time high. Even the young population is falling prey to it. Prajin Mukherjee gets up close and candid with renowned Interventional Cardiologist, Dr Vijay K. Verma, of MGM Hospital, Vashi.

1. *These days the younger population of India seems to be suffering from a variety of heart related problems. What are the main factors behind them?*

Unhealthy lifestyle - we're following the West, having a lot of junk food which contains a lot of fat and we are not exercising enough. Though the younger generation goes for walks and all that, they suffer from stress. Smoking and alcohol consumption have also increased.

2. *What role does anxiety and stress play in the health of the young population?*

That is very difficult to quantify. There is no way to confirm how stress and anxiety do influence physical health. Everyone suffers from stress. But the levels of anxiety that two different people suffer from are different. It depends on how one manages stress and that again depends on the way one has been brought up and the person's personality.

3. *The urban population seems to suffer from health problems more than the rural population. Why?*

Who has a healthier lifestyle? We or the rural population? I come to the hospital sitting in an air-conditioned car, I sit throughout the day in air-conditioned rooms. People living in the rural

population work in the fields and farms. So, naturally they have a healthier lifestyle.

4. *People self-diagnose and buy medicines over the counter. How does this affect their health?*

How does it affect health? It delays you. You do not go to the doctor immediately to find out what exactly is wrong with you. When you go to a chemist, you name a particular disease and he gives you something for that (what they call OTC products). He does not bother to find out the underlying cause. He gives you symptomatic treatment. But, if you go to the doctor early, the diagnosis would be proper and the treatment would probably make a difference.

5. *Adults need to have regular health checkups after a particular age. Will it become necessary for children to also have regular checkups?*

General checkups have become a fad. Nowadays, every hospital has a general checkup package to attract patients and show them their facilities so that, tomorrow, if you need a hospital, you think of them.

But I am not sure whether regular health checkups are really beneficial because when you go for a particular package, the tests mentioned in the package may not be what you need. Sometimes, a test may show something which is unexpected but this unexpected test result can also create unnecessary tension. So, rather than

going for random checkups, it is better to get evaluated by a doctor and then decide what tests are necessary for you.

6. *As per a report, it is said that Indians have the highest coronary artery disease mortality rate. What measures can be taken to take proper care of our heart and keep it healthy?*

Indians have the highest coronary artery disease mortality rate because of our racial difference. As a race, we tend to have smaller coronary arteries, we are highly prone to diabetes and higher cholesterol levels. So we must take note of our weight. Our obesity levels must be lower compared to the West. While in the West, obesity is a BMI greater than 30, in India any person having a BMI over 25 must be considered as obese. So we must exercise regularly, have a suitable diet and must control our diabetes and blood pressure.

7. *Would you say that there is a lack of awareness amongst Indians about the importance of keeping our hearts healthy?*

Definitely, but why only us? All over the world, it is the same situation.

8. *Many kids these days go to gyms. What is the ideal age for doing so?*

What do you mean 'ideal age'? Children whose parents are athletes or who are athletes themselves go to gyms. So do others. Basically, a gym is a place to train your body and keep yourself fit. So, going to the gym is absolutely alright. If we have suddenly started to have a large number of deaths in the gym (that we read of in newspapers), it is because the gym wants to show that they are making a difference and so, the trainers push patrons. How much can a body be pushed? I believe,

only the body can tell you. One should stop when one is tired. There is always another day. Don't unnecessarily push your body; if your stress level increases, your injury level too increases. And of course, if you have a health problem, it can further complicate matters.

9. *Many people believe that non-vegetarians are more prone to have high cholesterol. How correct is this?*

Not necessarily. If I eat a lot of paneer and a lot of butter, even as a vegetarian, I am prone to high cholesterol. If I have lean meat, chicken, eggs and fish, it may not contribute to cholesterol. In fact, fish is known to be healthy. Yes, red meat is known to contribute to higher cholesterol. However so many people consume red meat regularly - most of the West consume red meat, but not all suffer from higher cholesterol. Your genes also make a difference.

One mistake we all make is thinking that cholesterol is something we get from outside. Cholesterol is made inside our body. You may have a lean diet but your cholesterol level may still be high if your body is producing high amounts of cholesterol. On the other hand, if your body is already producing high amounts of cholesterol and on top of that you eat food containing high level of cholesterol, then your cholesterol will obviously be higher. So your activity level, your body's tendency to form cholesterol and how much cholesterol you eat, all of these together determine your cholesterol level. So, there is no clear indication that non-vegetarian food causes heart diseases.

AAJ DABBE MEIN KYA HAIN??

- Shreesh Abhang, Alina Jadhav



Food isn't just a meal. It is a source of energy and health. It is something we live off. Food provides us with a vivid variety of nutrients and calories to survive. Food is also a symbol of diverse emotions like hunger, love and care towards someone. It can be a way of finding solace or a way to express stress. Food is not just a meal we have when we are hungry but also when we are looking for comfort or stress reduction. The importance of food is *quite obvious and necessary*. A healthy diet can give you the energy to think, work, play, etc.; it also provides us with the longevity of life.

Q1. WHO MAKES YOUR TIFFIN?

In the opinion of the writers more recognition must be given to the creators of our daily 'dabba'. Not only must we appreciate their efforts of spending some extra time of their day to pack our tiffins but also appreciate their patience while we give our harsh

criticism/complaints. While *Padmaja Miss* from the high school faculty said, "Since the past 34 years I have made my own Tiffin. Sometimes I wish that I had Aladdin's lamp, I would ask the genie only to make my tiffin. Forget about the luxuries of the world." With a similar opinion *Gracia Mathew* from Std 9 explained that in her household, Gracia and her sister assemble their own tiffin to shed the load of chores from their working mother. *Saumya Hindocha* from 10A said that he had absolutely no idea about who makes his tiffin and how much time it takes since he's busy catching those extra 10 minutes of sleep in the morning. *Yashas Bugde* from 9E quoted, "My mother comes to school to give me my hot tiffin which is like a trophy after sweating hard after playing football the entire morning."

Q2. WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD FOR TIFFIN?

During this interview, we came across favourite dishes from multiple cuisines. Be it the soft and pillowy idlis and crispy dosas paired with sambar and innumerable chutneys from Southern India, the stuffed Aloo parathas lathered with butter from the North, the simplest kanda poha and spicy misal from Maharashtra or even the chinese; we realised that each dabba was special and altered to cater each one's taste buds. The most unique answer was from *Smit Sutar* from 9E who claimed that 'Java-chip Frappuccino and chicken croissant' was his favourite meal

that he shared enthusiastically with *Kahekasha Jha*, *Nirmeet Salvi*, *Aarohi* and many more from his grade. Being an extreme 'foodie', *Hiren Mahtani* from 9B elaborated that leftovers from dinner was his go-to tiffin. "Eating last night's fridge cold pizza is like taking the staircase to heaven especially if it's from Dominos!" Staying true to his Punjabi roots *Bikram Singh* from 10D opted for his grandmother's parathas and a simple lassi.

Q3. DO YOU ENJOY SHARING YOUR TIFFIN?

Moving ahead we asked them, if they liked sharing *their tiffin*. *Mihir Thakur* from 9B answered, "Sharing tiffin in school is like a ritual for me." A hilarious incident was shared by *Bikram Singh* from 10D which accused *Nirmit Dhokne* from 10D and a few other backbenchers of stealing his tiffin and finishing it without leaving any crumbs without his knowledge while the class was on. Leaving all the interview!s in a laugh, he declined to give further details or else he'd get himself into trouble. Speaking like a future businessman *Tanush Kulkarni* from 10E said, "There's this thing called mutual sharing. My willingness to share depends on what the other person has to offer. In the stock market of food, each item holds a different value and you need to be good at bargaining." Taking the more spiritual route *Aditya Mandhare* from 9A said that his mother has told him that sharing/giving food to others is 'bhagwaan ka kaam'

Q4. WOULD YOU EVER SWAP YOUR TIFFIN FOR A VADA PAV?

For this question, we got varied answers. *Geet Kothari* from 9B said that he wouldn't prefer

Vada Pav as it is not nutritious and as tasty as home-made food. Another student - *Hiren Mahtani* quoted, "What's more better than a spicy Vada Pav for making your day better than what it actually was, and nobody can ever deny the fact that a Vada Pav is such a dish that is always on everyone's comfort food list. On second thoughts, if there is an aromatic dish awaiting in your tiffin no one would prefer Vada Pav (including me)."

The conclusion drawn from our interviews was that although each and every person had a different dabba, the one common point amongst all- was their love for food and willingness to share that was fuelled by the curiosity to try something new every day.



THE DANCING PRODIGY

- Interviewer - Arhum Gandhi

- Interviewee - Shubhankar



First and foremost, I congratulate Shubhankar for his awe-inspiring Odissi dance performance which left the entire school agape on Teacher's day celebration. It also left the audience inquisitive about his passion, I said. Feeling honored to be interviewed he sat down to share his experiences.

Shubhankar practices the Odissi dance, originating in the temples of Orissa. After giving him a little heads up about the interview, I asked him, when did he fall in love with this dance form? He recounted, "At the age of 4 during Navratri festival, I had visited with my family Durga Puja pandal. There we saw the performance of male Odissi dancers. My parents were very impressed and decided to teach me this form of classical dance. In the beginning, I hesitated as I was the only boy amongst the girls, but gradually I developed interest."

Bemused by his pull towards Odissi, I asked him about his motivation. He smiled and replied, "Hands down, the credit goes to my mother. She is living her childhood dream through me." "Vaibhav Anekar - a bharatanatyam dancer and Lingaraj Pradhan - an Odissi dancer are my idols and inspiration to pursue dancing and Guru Nivedita Mukherjee is my guide through this journey."

Would you be willing to switch dance forms?

To which he said, "Actually after seeing all the other dance forms, I prefer Odissi even more as it isn't as technical as the others. It is just expressions + actions + storyline."

Don't you get nervous before a performance?

And to my question he replied with a straight up, "No no, not at all! I am just excited, looking forward to it, memorizing and listening to the song backstage."

Speaking of pre-performance preparation, how do you feel about wearing all that makeup? was my next question. Shaking his head laughing he exclaimed, "I simply hate it. Mostly because it is really stubborn to get it off." Hearing the names of the cosmetics from him shall be interesting, I say. After much persuasion and giggling he replies, "Um.. My mother helps in all of that. Starting with the

base (a.k.a pancake), some skin powder, eyeliner, eyebrow highlighter and a tilak to complete the package.”

Are there any additional headgears associated with Odissi? I asked. “There are headgears for women but not for men. But we do have other ornaments such as armlets, necklaces etc.” he replied.

Do you prefer group performances or solo? And to this question came a prompt reply, “Always solo over group...chiefly due to the fact that group performances require a lot of coordination and communication amongst the dancers.”

Choreography in general requires a lot of experience. I asked him, who choreographs your performances and is there room for improvisation? “I am still a rookie, my teacher Guru Nivedita helps in all the choreography.” Came a humble reply.

Historically Odissi was performed predominantly by women. I am sure this question sounded quite repetitive to him, but I was curious to know how does it feel to perform this art form as a male? What could be the reason for this dis-proportion? I ask. “I AM UNIQUE.” he laughs. “Rarer the person, more is its value. Boys are a minority in many of the traditional dance forms. A good example for this is that I was selected in 2019 from all over India and I was the only male

dancer among the 10 selected.” “But when we take a broader look at the diverse history of Odissi you would be surprised to know that during the pre-independence period male community kept the Odissi dance form alive. They were known as ‘gatipuas’. “The major cause for the scarcity of traditional male dancers is that parents refrain from enrolling children in traditional dances, many opt for the western ones.”

I then asked if he had ever been demotivated or picked on by anyone? “Surprisingly, no one has ever discouraged me...UNTIL NOW...” he chuckles, putting emphasis on the last two words.

I enquired, what was the largest crowd that he performed for? “Around 1000 or even more I guess, it was when I performed in an auditorium. One of a kind experience, even for me.”

Staggered by this, I ask, Were there any performances/competitions during the lockdown? Pondering a little, he recounts, “Yeah, I performed on facebook live on the Death Anniversary of Guru Kelucharan. There is even a video of me posted on youtube. By the way I haven’t told this to any of my friends. It has about 126 views and 27 subs. Well, now the cat is surely out of the bag”

Even after being rather a novice, he has had tons of performances, competitions where he has received a plethora of awards. I asked

him, Which all places has Odissi taken him to? Whether he has ever performed internationally? “Yeah, I have been to Kerala, Odisha, and many other places. You won’t believe it, I had even received an international opportunity. But sadly, I missed it as I was too young to travel solo, then. I am open to any opportunity that comes my way now.”

Many people fail to balance their passion and career together. **Would you like to pursue Odissi as your career?** I ask. Contemplating his life choices, he replies, “I will continue my zeal for Odissi. But before that I will focus on my education, do engineering, get into IIT Bhubaneswar, where I can cherish Odissi side by side.” he laughs at his own wits.

Listening to his crystal-clear plan, I ask, overall, what do you wish to achieve? “World recognition. There is always room for improvement, I want to excel in all aspects of Odissi. Many professional dancers become teachers to pass on their knowledge.”

Dance is a form of expression that brings people together, he added.

I asked him, what is your final goal that you seek to achieve so as to revolutionaries Odissi? He replies enthusiastically, “You know every way of communication has a language. Similarly, I hope to invent a ‘Language for

Odissi’ which can convey all the actions and expressions like the musical notations.”

Countless students lose their vigour towards their passions as they wrongly consider the 10th grade and upcoming exams being a barrier between them. **How do you put in equal efforts in studies along with training and performing this dance form, especially being in 10th?** I asked. “Dance is a fantastic way to escape stress. Dance helps me to perform better in my academics. Even though my practice is not as often as it used to be, I still put in my efforts every weekend.”

Such interviews with our fellow students help us to take a deeper look at their lifestyle, journey and ambitions. And most importantly we should never lose an opportunity to learn from anyone, no matter who they are. So, get inspired and inspire others!



IF I HAD A MAGIC WAND

- Varad Patil, IIIA

Imagine if God appeared before you and gave you a magic wand. What would have you done with it? Oh! That will be so exciting. Let me think! Umm suddenly I got the power to ask for my favorite nerf toys which I love to play with. I will ask for a big football ground where I and my friends can play anytime. I will also make homes for street children. I will cure the diseases of this world. Oh! If only I had a magic wand.

A GREAT DAY WITH MY FRIEND

- Geyansh Jain, IIIC

With my best friend I used to go to school every day. Then he shifted to another country. He came back after a long time to meet me. We both made a full day plan with our parents. The next morning we woke up, got ready and left for an outing. First we had our breakfast in a restaurant. Then we went to a mall for shopping, I gifted him sports shoes. Then we went for lunch. Then our parents bought movie tickets, we went to watch the movie. When the movie ended after that we went for dinner and came back home. I and my friend talked to each other till midnight. The next day my friend left again for his country.

IF I HAD A MAGIC CARPET

- Johan Sunil Thomas, IIIB

What a lovely idea to have a magic carpet! If I had a magic carpet, I would sit on it and take a tour of the whole world. How amazing it would be to fly on the magic carpet and see all the beautiful places around the world! No visa, no ticket and free entry to any country. Wow!

My first destination would be Alaska, where I can see the colourful Northern lights, and also enjoy the scenic beauty and the wildlife of Alaska, without the fear of being caught by the animals, as I would be flying on my magic carpet. Next, I would like to fly to the North Pole and see Santa's house. I would like to fly to every country to see their native animals like the Kangaroo in Australia, Panda in China, and Penguins and Polar Bears in Antarctica etc.

How I wish I really had a magic carpet.

A TRIP I WILL NEVER FORGET

- Aaradhya Sachin Gavhane, IIID

My Diwali holidays started on 20th Oct. We planned to go to Kerala. We travelled by plane. Then we landed at Kochi. From there we went to Munnar to see waterfall and we also visited Spices Garden and heard the uses of the various spices. On the second day we visited Tea Factory and learnt to make tea powder. Then we went for an Elephant ride and then we went for a wild safari in an open jeep. On the third day we stayed in a Houseboat. There we enjoyed authentic Kerala food on a banana leaf.. Next day we visited Kanyakumari rock memorial and the mammoth statue of the Tamil poet and then we enjoyed ourselves on a beach. There we had lots of fun.

MY FAVOURITE PASTIME

- Monisha Mukherjee, IIIE

My favourite pastime is to stay with my family.

I like to stay with my family because my small sister always plays with me.

And my father watches TV with me.

Also I like to help my mother.

My grandmother tells me very interesting stories.

My grandfather does gardening and I help him in planting new saplings.

MY BUDDY AND ME

- Prisha Hemchand Mhatre, VF

Friendship is the purest thing in life. We make many friends in our life's journey but I am the luckiest person to have a buddy like my friend.

We both are good friends. We have been friends since we got admission in school. We also share similar hobbies. We love to dance, sing and play together. Our parents are also friends. My buddy and me visit each other often. When any emergency arises, we help each other.

We respect each other a lot. She is very kind to the downtrodden and the poor people. This quality of hers impresses me the most. We also do our part in helping poor children. We love to study as we both have dreams to become doctors when we grow up.

I am very grateful to have such a wonderful friend.

THE FIRST BOOK I READ

- Shivansh Kidav, IIIF

Books are a great source of information and knowledge for the readers. Reading books is considered a good habit. I have read many books. But the first book I read is my favourite book. The name of the book is –The secret diamond robbery written by Geronimo Stilton. This is an adventure story. The 4 main characters are Geronimo, Thea, Tran and Benjamin. I read this story book again and again, during my bed time, every day. There are beautiful pictures in it. These pictures make the story more interesting and appealing. It enhances my imagination. I love this story book very much.

MOTHER NATURE

- Sancia Saju Kottackal, VE

A big salute to our Mother Nature,
For taking care of all the creature.
So cool, calm and full of life,
Makes us forget all our strife.

Trees give us everything we cannot buy,
Cutting them down will make us cry.
Disasters are increasing day by day,
Are'n't we escaping, rather finding a way?

Let's do something before its too late,
Save Mother Nature, Save our Fate!!

A BOOK WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO READ AGAIN AND AGAIN

- Gauri Dhole, IVA

We all have many books which we love to read. I have one such book which I enjoy reading a lot and I would like to read again and again. The title of the book is 'Grandma's bag of stories' by Sudha Murty.

In this book, a grandmother named Krishnaa is telling stories to her grandchildren. These stories teach us about culture and values of life. I really liked the story of 'Kavery and the thief' a lot. It's about how an old lady named Kaveri made a thief plough her field, rebuild her house and taught him a lesson. There is

another funny story – five spoons of salt. In this story, the five members of a family added a spoon of salt to Sambhar each, thinking that they were the first to put salt in Sambhar. This made that Sambhar salty, such a fun.

In this book, the author has shared her own life experience. The stories help us to create bonds of love with one another and develop relations. I really liked this book because it is for me and related to me. I really like reading this book again and again. Thank you, Sudha Murtyji, for such a lovely gift.

IF I WAS IN-CHARGE OF MY CLASS FOR ONE DAY

- Arjun Deshmukh, IVB

If I was given charge of my class for one day, it would be one of the best days of school for my friends.

Firstly, I would start with a games period. It would be a fun day. It would be a no-homework day. All the studies would be completed in the class and I would not give any homework. I would also have a chance to choose the monitors for the day. I would send the children to the library to enjoy reading

books. Then, I would take the children to the playground. They would be allowed to play games of their choice. Then, there would be a period of performance like dance, singing and story- telling. This would be entertaining for the students.

To end the fun day, I would take a meditation session. The students would be relaxed after the 'om' chanting. This is what I would do if I was in-charge of my class for one day.

MY EXPERIENCE OF WITNESSING A LIVE MATCH

- Akshata Bisht, IVC

It is so nice to see a live match. I like many sports like badminton, football, cricket etc. But my favourite sport is football. Football is a very popular sport and whenever it is telecast on television, I get overjoyed. But when I watched this game from the stadium I felt as if I was playing on the field with the players.

I was very lucky that I was able to see the Under 17 Women's Football World Cup. As we reached the stadium all the classes occupied the gallery. Many of our parents also had

,bought tickets from our school to see the match. The match was between two countries, Spain and China. The women's team of Spain were in blue and the Chinese were in red. Apart from the children of our school there were many other schools in the stadium. Everyone was cheering for the teams as a goal was hit. At the end China lost the match and Spain won by one goal.

The memories of the match are still fresh in my mind. I found the match very interesting and the experience was amazing.

MEETING A FICTIONAL CHARACTER FROM A BOOK

- Madhav Nair, IVD

A fictional character that I would love to meet is Geronimo Stilton's favourite nephew, Benjamin Stilton. Geronimo likes to call him Ben or Benji. Benjamin appears quite often in Geronimo's exciting adventures.

Benjamin is always writing notes while going on adventures alongside Geronimo, Trap his other uncle and Thea his aunt. People call him a near genius with computers and electronics. He also loves sports and skateboarding. He is a polite, kindhearted 9-year-old. He looks up to his uncle as his idol and wants to be just like him, a well-known journalist and writer

for the most famous newspaper in 'new mouse city', the 'Rodent's Gazette'

I would imagine us meeting in a book. We were being chased by a monster of some sort. We'd hide behind a rock and the monster would get lost and run away. I'd say, "I think the coast is clear" to Benjamin. We would go out of the cave and go back to our school and our friends. Then night would come. We would eat our dinner and say goodnight and goodbye to each other.

I hope my wish comes true and I could really meet Benjamin in real life...

IF I HAD A MAGIC PEN

- Yash Satish, IVE

If “If s and buts” were pots and pans, the world would be a very jolly place to live. Given that I now have a chance, let me take you to an imaginary world where we all desire to live in. The magical pen’s power is that whatever I write, draw and wish will come true.

It pains me when I see animals who cannot express their feelings are being troubled. I will use my magic pen to write about them and see the magic that they are treated with love and care. I would wish that my magical pen eradicates poverty from the world. If I would

write a sentence on nutrition and feel the joy when all the needy children get enough nutritious food to eat. I would draw a picture with my magic pen so that plastic pollution does not remain, as it adversely affects the environment. I would draw a picture with my magic pen which would end all war and peace would prevail at the end.

I wish that everyone gets a magic pen so that they can express their voice through words and see them become true.

I am longing for this magic pen.

THE HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE

- Zenaida Pereira, IVF

Life brings in a mixture of happy and sad days. One such happy moment was when my dad bought me a cat. On a Saturday morning my dad had gone down to buy breakfast. He saw a stray cat shivering in the rains and was moved with compassion for him. Instead of buying breakfast he bought the cat home. I was shocked and at the same time happy to see the cat. But my happiness was short-lived since dad told me that the cat was going to stay in our house for one or two days only. After two days I bid goodbye to him and went to school with a heavy heart. However, when I returned in the evening, I found him to be still at home. Much to my surprise I was told

that it had captured a special place in my mom’s heart.

What happened to be just temporary happiness became permanent. Since we decided to keep him forever. This was the happiest day of my life because I love cats and now, I owned one. We named our cat ‘Simba’ because it resembles like a lion cub. He has been with us for more than a year and I can proudly say none of my days have been gloomy or sad. Recently we celebrated his first birthday. I can bet he can impress anyone with his cuteness. You are most welcome to meet my little brother anytime.

REDUCING MY CARBON FOOTPRINT

- Hiranmayi Santosh Chatufale, VA

Carbon footprint means the amount of carbon-dioxide entering in the atmosphere as a result of our actions.

People, products and entire industries have carbon footprints. Our personal footprints include emissions from various sources- travelling, the food we eat, the products we buy and everything that we throw. The larger our footprint the heavier the strain on the environment. It results in climate change, global warming, acid rain and melting of glaciers and polar ice.

To reduce my carbon footprint, I can take a few steps:

1. Minimum consumption of electrical appliances like mobile phones, laptops and computers.
2. We should switch off lights and fans before leaving the room.
3. Instead of online shopping, we should go to the shop and buy things.
4. We should save paper.
5. We should use electric cars.
6. We should prevent food wastage.
7. We shouldn't use plastic bags and instead use cloth or paper bags.
8. Reduce, Reuse and Recycle- these principles will help to reduce our carbon footprints.
9. We should use stairs instead of the lift.
10. We should minimize our necessities and understand the difference between our needs and greed

HAR GHAR TIRANGA CELEBRATIONS

- Juan Jitesh, VD

Har Ghar Tiranga marks the glorious heritage of Independent India. A campaign that encouraged people to hoist the flag to honour India's 75th year of Independence. The national flag is our symbol of pride. India got independence in the year 1947 and the government decided to pay homage to the freedom fighters and their families.

Har Ghar Tiranga aims to hoist a flag in every house and develop a sense of patriotism. Chairman of societies hoisted the flag in the garden and the buildings were lit in tri-colour. Sweets were also distributed. The flag flying high in every house made me feel proud of our country. Har Ghar Tiranga helped me to build a personal connect with the flag.

IF MY PET WAS A PERSON

- Aarya Gangawane, VB

I have a dog named Cookie, and last night I had a weird dream about him. What if my pet was a person? Instead of taking him on a walk with his leash, I would take him out for shopping, visit an amusement park and go camping.

I could take him out for lunch and have a game night, where we play different sorts of indoor games. It felt like a totally different experience even though he had a little trouble adjusting to life as a person. Some things never change, like how he always supports

me and is always there for me when I am sad. One day when we went on a road trip, I asked him if he wanted to go get ice-cream and he wasn't there!

I looked everywhere but he seemed lost. I sat down took a sip of water and a deep breath, and just as I stood up, I heard someone calling my name. It grew louder and louder. As I opened my eyes, I saw my mom waking me up with my dog by her side wagging his tail. I heaved a sigh relief and said what a crazy dream!

IF I HAD THE POWER TO CREATE MY OWN DAY

- Ananya Temkar, VC

While watching Doraemon cartoons, I always desired to have some superpower to enjoy and create my own day. To live the best life with my family and fulfill all my wishes.

The first thing I would do would be to switch off the electronic gadgets and the Wi-Fi connection. I would have my entire family enjoying, chit-chatting, and dining together with me. I would quickly prepare breakfast for my family so that my mom can get some extra time to rest. I would wish to have all positive news in the newspaper so that dad starts his day on a positive happy note. My family loves to travel, so after breakfast, I would wish to travel to the heaven of the earth that is to Kashmir by a helicopter. I would enjoy the breathtaking view of the magnificent

meadows, the pine trees and snow-capped peaks. I would enjoy the amazing adventure of snowboarding followed by lunch. I would relish the different Kashmiri delicacies like Rogan Josh, Dum Aloo, and Gushtaba. We would enjoy the ride on a houseboat and Shikara across the great Dal Lake. As we sip a steaming cup of Kahwah/Noon chai, we would enjoy the stunning sunset view of Dal Lake.

Before we return back home, I would love to halt at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan for a night desert camp. I would enjoy the pleasant aura of the isolated desert and sleep under the canopy of stars. The campfire along with the cultural folk dance on the sand dunes would be an added bonus.

WORLD MYTHOLOGIES AT A GLANCE

- Mathew Manimala, XB



A wise man once said-‘People may forget facts, but they remember stories.’ And what can be more compelling than sacred tales of gods and supernatural beings, paradisiacal worlds as well as high-stake, catastrophic wars passed down through generations in various cultures as an answer to their origins, AKA ‘mythologies’?

As Indians, we are familiar with the stories of the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, the great epics that are integral to our culture and life. Similarly, there are mythologies in other cultures that have shaped their life and thoughts. Here are a few prominent ones-

Greek Mythology:

Titans, heroes, Gods and demigods and bloody battles lie at the core of Greek mythology. The Greek trinity includes Zeus (God of the Sky and King of Gods residing on Olympus), Poseidon (God of the Seas) and Hades (King

of the underworld) who’s actually pretty chill and not as evil as you would think. The Labours of Hercules, the Trojan War, Pandora’s Box and Perseus (No, not Percy Jackson) vs Medusa are all enthralling stories from Greek mythology.

Names of Greek gods continue to be a favourite and are widely used in naming planets (Uranus), the moon (Selena), elements in the periodic table (Iridium) and company names (Nike, Amazon), psychological or sociological ideas (Hermes and Athena) and even the name ‘Europe’ (Europa) - all are named after Greek gods and goddesses.

Egyptian Mythology:

As with all things Egypt, their myths begin with a pyramid (Called Ben-Ben) and the birth of the Sun God Ra. A major portion of this mythology deals with the family struggle between Seth and his brother Osiris and later between Seth and his nephew Horus for the rule over Egypt. The Egyptian gods were mainly portrayed as having human bodies and animal heads. Horus (falcon-headed), Isis (cow-headed), Ra (weirdly again, falcon-headed), Anubis (Jackal) and so on.

Here are two interesting facts:

(1) After death, Anubis (God of the Afterlife) takes each person’s heart and weighs it on a scale with the feather of truth on the other end and if found heavier, is granted life eternal; if not, then the heart is eaten by Ammit.

(2) A solar eclipse was seen to happen when the sun god Ra was swallowed by the serpent Apophis during his daily visits to the underworld (He doesn't die of course, as he always manages to escape).

Norse Mythology:

From Muspelheim to Jotunheim and Asgard to Midgard, the Norse universe consists of 9 worlds formed from the body of the giant-Ymir, connected and hanging on the Yggdrasil tree (you got to appreciate the Vikings' creativity). Fellow Marvel fans would be familiar with names like Odin -the All-Father who carved his eye out and threw himself on a spear in pursuit of wisdom; Thor –the god of thunder who wields the mighty hammer Mjolnir and Loki-The God of Mischief.

The days of the week (except Sunday) have all been named after Norse Gods. Norse mythology too has its fair share of iconic storylines such as the death of Balder, the invincible brother of Thor, by an arrow made of mistletoe. Their prophecy of 'Ragnarok', the doom of Gods, men and the end of the current era, has been influential in the development of many games, movies and series.



Celtic Mythology:

Ever heard of Leprechauns, Banshees or goblins (the guys from Gringotts)? They're all famous creatures from Celtic mythology. Tribes from parts of Germany, France, Great Britain and Ireland constituted the powerful Celts who were eventually driven out by the



Romans led by Julius Caesar. Their pantheon included gods like Dagda, Brigit, Arawn and Lugus whom they believed traversed the earth and fought over the control of land and fertility in Ireland. Their entrancing stories of heroism and magic have become popular in modern art and literature. The tales of King Arthur and his sword (Excalibur), Merlin the Wizard, The Salmon of Knowledge and the tragic tale of Tristan and Isolde (in many ways, a Celtic Romeo and Juliet story) are notable Celtic Legends.

EVERY CHILD IS SPECIAL I AM WELCOME TO BE ME

Our life is the result of a series of choices. So, when choosing a stream after SSC, many of us are not sure, what is 'me' and how welcome is 'me'? This dilemma is even more evident amongst those who love Humanities. In this article, we witness the journey of three of our alumni who chose 'the road less travelled'.

Abhishek Krishnamurthy:

When I was faced with the difficult task of choosing a stream in the midst of submissions, Scouts & Guides camps and the ominous 'Prelims' during my High School years – I thought to myself, "Could I really go against the grain and opt for Humanities in my 11th, 12th and Undergraduate, without attracting the surprised attention of passers-by and well-wishers?" This conundrum is not uncommon for most readers, who I am sure find themselves in the exact same situation at this important juncture.

If there is one piece of advice I could offer nearly eight years after choosing this path, I would say - 'go for it.' But I am aware that it is not as simple as it seems to be. I, too, raised a number of eyebrows when my teachers and parents told their colleagues that I am opting for Humanities in Xavier's, which was usually met with "Why doesn't he take Science and

try aiming for an IIT?"

My journey to and through Humanities is not mine alone. The unwavering support and unbridled encouragement offered by my family members and teachers alike played a big part in this seemingly 'unconventional' decision. This Stream offers the most scope for personal and professional growth. It is also important to note here that this does not mean that one is opting for the 'softer option'; the journey to doing well in any field requires immense hard work, dedication and a thirst for learning, as does Humanities.

Having graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Xavier's in the fateful year of 2020, I put on my mask and decided to pursue my Master's in Public Policy from National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. Perhaps it would also be important to note that this was just one among the several other career options that had become available to us after the completion of our BA degrees, which include - journalism, corporate consulting, research & policy analysis, teaching, UPSC preparations, statistics & data analysis, higher studies in every subject available for our undergraduates, advertising and mass communication, content writing and creation,

business start-ups, sales and marketing...the list goes on.

It is during my Master's that I realised that the only way to champion this Stream is to keep reading, keep asking, keep discussing and keep deciding. Small stints of working in the environmental, education, health and corporate sectors with research institutes, think tanks and consultancy firms prepared me for the 'outside world. During my Master's, I was fortunate enough to get placed at a multinational consulting firm. Now, as a government & public sector consultant with the firm, I have the opportunity to work on a multitude of projects in the Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WaSH) space with central & state governments and other clients. But it would be wrong of me to say that this journey of mine through Humanities has reached its purpose. If anything, this is only the beginning.

Gaurav Kadam:

After completing my SSC from Fr. Agnel, I wanted to pursue Humanities but my parents were of the opinion that I should take up Commerce as it was considered to be a much more 'safer' option. So I did my HSC from R.A.Podar Jr. College. But one subject which stayed with me the whole time was Economics. I found it interesting and that interest increased with time. Hence, I made up my mind to pursue B.A. (Economics) and

secured admission in St. Xavier's college, Mumbai.

After that I did my Master's in economics from Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune. I would also like to mention here that after the initial resistance, my parents wholeheartedly supported me in everything I did.

After my Master's, I was faced with the choice of securing a job (in either private or public sector) or pursuing PhD to become a Professor in a University. I opted to join the public sector. Jobs in public sector does not necessarily mean cracking the UPSC or State Public Service Commission exams alone. There is a plethora of options besides that, which one can pursue. I personally wanted to work in the Banking and Insurance sector and appeared for several exams, like, IBPS PO, SBI PO, RBI Officer, etc. There were many obstacles along the way and just like many other aspirants, I too did not achieve success in my first attempt. But today, while writing this, I can proudly say that I have become an RBI Grade B Officer.

Ameeta Maliekkal:

I completed my 10th and passed the board exams with 96.8%. I was pretty certain that science was not my cup of tea and thereby was left to choose either Arts or Commerce. I loved Mathematics, numbers to be specific (geometry gave me nightmares even though my mom is a geometry teacher), and decided

to take up Commerce. Fast forward to preparing for my 12th board exams, I was surrounded by peers who were dead set on becoming CAs. While I did love numbers, I hated Accounts and often thought that maybe becoming a CA is not what will make me happy. The forms for CA entry exam were at home and well, I decided I won't walk this conventional path and try my luck in Arts since I loved the little bit of Economics I had been exposed to. I passed my 12th board exams with 91.3% and applied for Xavier's. I was shortlisted in the second merit list and decided to take admission.

I opted for Economics, Business Studies and Statistics as my major papers in Xavier's for Bachelor in Arts course. Contradictory to the belief that Economics has zero logic or mathematics involved, our papers were filled with mathematics. Thus it was the perfect fit for me – it blended two things I loved; mathematics and humanities. Being an Arts student in Xavier's provided me the opportunity to interact with students pursuing psychology, sociology, literature, and political science, to name a few. It was interesting to see how the same topic had different takes and approaches from a student of sociology vs a student of economics vs a student of political science. Those three years were the most intellectually stimulating to date.

I graduated from Xavier's with a Bachelor of

Arts in Economics & Statistics in 2019. I was placed through campus in a management consultancy firm called Kearney as a Business Analyst. And guess what? Most of my colleagues are engineers from IIT. I landed a job that most engineers would pine for, through a course, I was passionate about. My work revolves around finding creative solutions for our clients. I have done projects across industries in social as well as corporate space. Be it creating a strategy for an NGO in the child welfare space in the social sector or developing a market view on the parcel industry or creating a distribution strategy for a leading multinational beverage player to helping a chain of hospitals in India with their operations - I have done projects that many would do after their MBA.

I am glad I switched to Arts as it helped me develop an understanding from different aspects; social, economic and political. I met folks who took up Arts not because they were less intelligent and didn't score enough in their 10th board but who were passionate about their subjects. They went on to do their Masters and many are working with the government today to shape policies that affect you and me.

I hope sharing my journey gave you some insights on the Humanities courses and I urge all of you to choose streams and courses that you like because that's where you will thrive.

खरंच काय दिवस होते ते.....

- निमिषा शिंदे . (७/अ)

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मिळायचा एक वेगळाच आनंद .
जणू काही होता तो एक वेगळाच छंद!

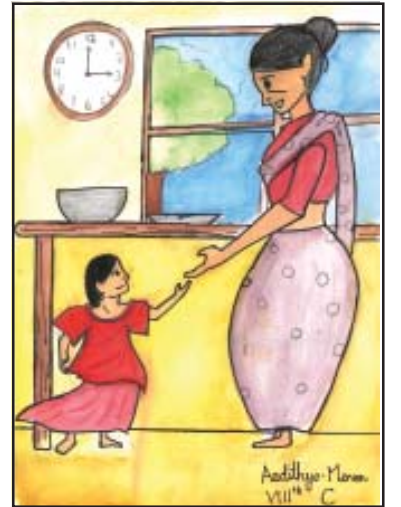
मित्र-भैत्रिणी होते भरपूर,
गप्पा मारताना यायचा आनंदाचा पूर .
खरंच काय दिवस होते ते.....
शालेत मुलामुलीसोबत खेळताना थकले मी आई,
शाळा सुटल्यावर तुला वघायची झाली होती घाई .
लहानपणी वाटायचे मोठया वर्गाचे कौतुक,
मोठया वर्गात गेल्यावर होते सगळ्यांची अडवणूक .
खरंच काय दिवस होते ते.....

आई.....

- अभिजीत घुले (७/म)

आई ही माय असते .
दुधावरची साय असते .
बाहेरून कठोर असते; पण
आतून मात्र मऊ असते .
सगळ्यांच्या आधी ती उठते आणि
सगळ्यांच्या नंतर ती झोपते .
मर मर कष्ट करून पोट
सगळ्यांच ती भरते .
रागावते पण ती, समजावूनही सांगते .
ती कोणाची शत्रू नसते . ना कोणाची वैरी .
सगळ्यांसाठी तिची माया एकच असते .
जी घरासाठी आपले सर्वस्व पणाला लावते .
आपल्या अनेक अवताराने,
ती घर मनापासून जपते .
आई तुझा आशीर्वाद

लाभो माझ्या आयुष्याला,
तुझ्या आशीर्वादाने
जिंकून मी जगाला .





सुखाचा गारवा

- श्रुती मेहता (सातवी / इ)

वेदनेनंतरची माझी पहिली हाक आहेस तू .
 अन् माझा प्रगाढ विश्वास तू
 दयाच्या स्पंदनातील माझा
 प्रत्येक श्वास तू !
 जीवनातील माझ्या सुखाची वाग तू
 कधीमधी रागात, सूर्याची आग तू .
 अंधारालाही दूर करणारा प्रकाश तू .
 माझी मायेची धरती अन् छायेचं आकाश तू . . !
 मायेच्या पावसाचा ओलावा तू .
 जीवनी सुखाचा गारवा तू .
 आई , दूधरूपी अमृताचा गोडवा तू .
 अन् शेवटच्या क्षणापर्यंतचा कुशीतील विसावा तू . ! !
 आई, माझा प्रत्येक श्वास तू !

कोणत्या शब्दांत सांगू आई ,
 तू माझ्यासाठी काय आहेस ?
 भुकेल्या जिवाचा, मायेचा घास आहेस तू .

माझी आजी

- दल्लश्री जाधव (८/अ)

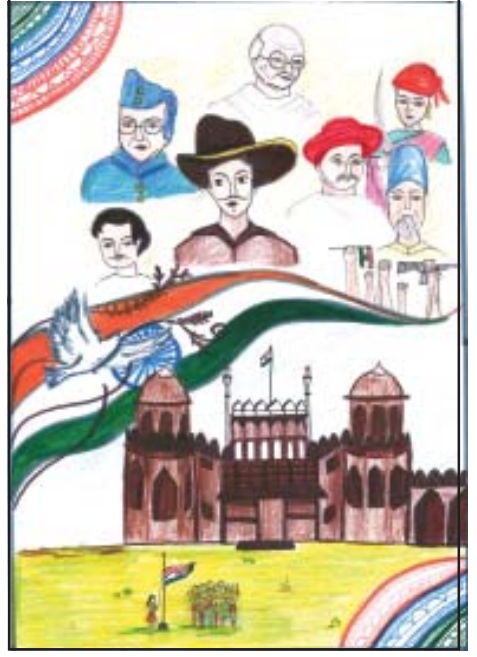
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 जणू मायेची दुसरी प्रचिती .
 तिच्या प्रेमाचा लळा,
 जणू अमृताचा घडा .
 तिच्या हातभाराने सर्व कामे सुरळीत चालती,
 जणू सर्वांची तिच सावली .
 सर्वाना गोंजारताना तिचे स्वप्न मात्र अधुरे राहिले,
 जणू सर्वांमध्ये तिने स्वतःला पाहिले .
 तिच्या कुरवाळल्याने झोप अशी गोड लागे,
 जणू गारव्यात मायेची ती ऊव लागे .



अमर ते स्वातंत्र्य वीर.....!

- केतन पाटील . (७/अ)

ते लढले ह्या देशासाठी,
ह्या देशाच्या स्वातंत्र्यासाठी,
लढता लढता प्राप्त हुतात्म्य
अमर ते स्वातंत्र्यवीर .
दग्ध पेटवली ज्वाला त्यांनी,
देशभक्तीची मनोमनी .
ना व्यर्थ त्यांचे बलिदान गेले,
ह्या देशाला स्वातंत्र्य प्राप्त झाले .
शिकवूनी गेले खूप काही ते .
प्रेरणा घ्यावी जरा तरी,
आठवण त्यांची सदा ठेवावी,
हीच आपुली साद खरी .



जरी ओरडत असाल मला
तरी वाईट वाटत नाही कारण.....
तुमच्यासारखी माया जगात कोणी करत नाही .

बाबा

- मिताली शहा (८/क)

जरी मारत असाल मला
तरी वाईट वाटत नाही,कारण.....
मी सर्वोत्तम बनावं,असा विचार कोणी करत नाही .
जरी माझ्यासमोर तुमच्या डोळ्यांत
अश्रू येत नसतील तरी,वाईट वाटतं नाही कारण.....
मी चुकते तेव्हा तुमच्या इतकं कोणाला रडू येत नाही .
जरी कधी चुकीच्या वेण्या बांधत असाल
तरी वाईट वाटतं नाही कारण.....
तुमच्यासारखा चविष्ट खाऊ आईसुद्धा बनवत नाही .
बाबा,जसे तुम्ही होता,तसे तुम्ही आहात,
नेहमी तसेच रहा,कारण.....
तुमच्यासारखी माऊली,
मी आजपर्यंत बघितली नाही .

ओळखा पाहू मी कोण ? :

राघव जैसवाल (६/ ब)

अशी कोणती गोष्ट आहे; जी लहानपणात चार पायांवर, चालते ?
तारुण्यात दोन पायांवर आणि म्हातारपणी तीन पायांवर उत्तर : माणूस .

लाडकी बहीण

- अदविका रोकडे (सहावी/ ब)

मोठाले डोळे, इवलेसे नाक
अंगणात आली माझ्या
परी एक खास



आई बाबांची लाडोवा
रागात फुगवते गालांचा फुगा
ताई ताई करत घरभर फिरते

लाडात येऊन कुशीत विलगते
बाबांवर चालते तिची
हुकूमत भारी

आईचा आवाज येताच
लपून बसते स्वारी
अशी ही माझी परी
तिच्या असण्यातच आहे, गमंत सारी .

सुट्टी

अविनाश गवस (६/ ब)

परीक्षा संपली, पुस्तके मिटली,
उन्हाळ्याची सुट्टी आरंभ झाली .
आईबाबांवरोवर फिरायला जाऊ,
खाऊन पिऊन मजामस्ती करू .

गावाला आमच्या आगगाडी नेई,
आंबा, फणस, काजू तर सही रे सही .
लंगडी आणि सुरपारंब्या,
सोबतीला आहे गिल्ली आणि दांडा .
जूनच्या सुरुवातीला पाऊस झाला सुरू,
सुट्ट्या संपल्या चला शाळेत जाऊ .



माझी उन्हाळ्याची सुट्टी

- सांची महेश दाऊरकर (६/क)

उन्हाळ्याच्या सुट्टीत जाते मी फिरायला .
कधी कधी जाते मी नौकाविहार करायला .

संध्याकाळी हिरव्यागार वागेत जाते मी खेळायला .
खेळता खेळता वाटतो थकवा,
तेव्हा जाते मी घरी जेवायला .

उशीरा उठते मी कारण असतात सुट्ट्या
जेव्हा जातो खरेदीला,यादया असतात खूपच मोठ्या .
भावंडांसोबत जाते मी,मामाच्या गावी राहायला .
मज्जा येते खूप मित्रांसोबत फिरायला .
सुट्टी माझ्या उन्हाळ्याची अशी मी घालवते,
सगळीकडे फिरून मी मज्जा खूप करते .

आरोग्य धनसंपदा !

- इहिता पवार (६/फ)

प्रामुख्याने शरीर आणि मन या दोन गोष्टींवर आपले आरोग्य अवलंबून असते .ज्याचे शरीर निरोगी आणि मन खंबीर असेल ती व्यक्ती कुठल्याही आजाराला बळी पडत नाही .आरोग्य ही आयुष्यातील सर्वात मोठी संपत्ती आहे .माणूस प्रथम संपत्ती मिळविण्यासाठी आपल्या आरोग्याकडे दुर्लक्ष करतो आणि नंतर आरोग्य मिळविण्यासाठी संपत्ती खर्च करतो .तर मग अशा संपत्तीचा उपयोग काय? पैसा, सोने, चांदी, बंगले, कार या गोष्टीने माणूस श्रीमंत होतो .परंतु निरोगी राहून त्याचा उपभोग घेणे ही खऱ्या अर्थाने श्रीमंतीची लक्षणे आहेत .शरीर आणि मन ह्या दोन गोष्टी एकमेकांशी संबंधित आहेत .शरीर स्वस्थ नसेल तर चिडचिड होत

राहते .मन स्वस्थ नसेल तर कामात लक्ष राहत नाही .उत्साह राहत नाही .या दोघांचा परिणाम आरोग्यावर होतो .त्यासाठी आरोग्य राखणे ही आपली जबाबदारी आहे .

शरीर उत्तम ठेवण्यासाठी शारीरिक व्यायाम करा .मन स्वस्थ ठेवण्यासाठी ध्यान धारणा करा,चांगले छंद जोपासा .प्रदूषण टाळण्याचा प्रयत्न करा .जंक फूड खाणे टाळा .नियमित सकस आहार घ्या .फिरायला जा .

मोबाईलवरून लक्ष कमी करा आणि प्रत्यक्ष संवाद वाढवा .एकंदरीत वातावरण प्रसन्न राहिल ह्याची काळजी घ्या .खरोखरच आरोग्य राखणे हीच आपल्या सुंदर आणि समाधानी आयुष्याची गुरुकिल्ली आहे .

अविस्मरणीय महाबलेश्वर

आर्या पवार (८ / क)

दोन वर्षांपूर्वी मी माझ्या परिवारासोबत 'महाबलेश्वर' या गिरीस्थानावर गेले होते. पावसाळ्याचे दिवस होते. तिकडचे वातावरण अतिशय सुंदर होते. सगळीकडे थंड वारा वाहत होता. शहरांसारखी गजबज नसल्यामुळे आम्हाला तिकडे आराम करायला मिळत होता.

आम्ही गाडीने प्रवास करत होतो, त्यामुळे आम्ही त्या वातावरणात निसर्ग पाहू शकलो. ढगाळलेल्या आकाशात सप्तरंगी इंद्रधनुष्य पाहायला मिळाले. चहुकडे हिरवीगार झाडे, ओसंडून वाहणाऱ्या नद्या, थंडगार सुटलेला वारा हे सगळेच गाडीतल्या प्रवासाला स्वर्गीय करणारे होते.

तिकडे पोहोचल्यावर आम्ही एका उंच टेकडीवर गेलो होतो. तिकडून आम्हाला संपूर्ण महाबलेश्वर दिसत होते. आम्ही थोडा वेळ तिकडेच घालवला. जवळच्या एका शंकराच्या मंदिरातही आम्ही जाऊन आलो. हे मंदिर अगदी निसर्गाच्या कुशीत आहे. परत आल्यावर पाहिले, तर टेकडीवर ढग उतरलेले आम्हाल दिसले.

आम्ही तिकडून निघायचे ठरवले. रस्ता अगदी अरुंद होता. त्यात वातावरणही ढगाळ झाले होते. अशा वातावरणात गाडी चालवणे कठीण होते. बऱ्याच गाड्या असल्यामुळे टेकडीवर ट्रॅफिक लागले होते. ह्या परिस्थितीत आमच्या गाडीचा टायर खचला व अगदी टेकडीच्या कड्यावर जाऊन अडकला. छोटीशी चूक आणि जीव जायची वेळ आली होती. आजूबाजूच्या लोकांच्या मदतीने

गाडी वर काढली. जीव मुठीत घेऊन काढलेले क्षण अजूनही अगदी स्पष्ट डोळ्यांसमोर दिसतात.

असं म्हणतात; की प्रत्येक प्रवासामागे एक गोष्ट दडलेली असते. जर प्रवासच केला नाही, तर ही गोष्ट कधी कळणारच नाही. हा महाबलेश्वरचा अनुभव खूप काही शिकवून गेला. काही आनंदाचे क्षण आणि काही साहसाचे. हा अनुभव अगदी अविस्मरणीय होता.



माझी सहल .

- प्रिया विलास राणे (७वी/ड)

सहल म्हटली की मला खूप आनंद होतो. माझ्या अंगात नवीन जोम व उत्साह संचारतो, या वर्षी तर जास्तच कारण आमच्या शाळेची सहल दोन वर्षांनंतर जाणार होती. आमच्या शाळेची सहल सूरज वॉटर पार्क येथे जाणार होती. मला सहलीची खूप आतुरता लागली होती. कधी एकदा सहलीचा दिवस उजाडतो असे झाले होते. आम्ही सर्व विद्यार्थी सकाळी ७ वाजता सर्व तयारीनिशी शाळेच्या मैदानावर जमलो. थोड्या वेळाने आमची बस सूरज वॉटर पार्कला जाण्यास रवाना झाली. वसमध्ये गाण्याच्या भेंड्या चालू होत्या. दोन ते अडीच तासांच्या प्रवासानंतर आम्ही सूरज वॉटर

पार्कला पोचलो. पार्क पाहताच मला फार आनंद झाला. सूरज वॉटर पार्कमध्ये डेम्स होल, लेझी रिव्हर, लूप होल अशा अनेक गोष्टी होत्या. डेम्स होल ही एक गडद दंडगोलाकार पाण्याची स्लाईड होती आणि अमेझोनिया ही एक सर्वात मोठी स्लाईड तर थरारक अनुभव देणारी होती. शिक्षकांनी आमची खूप छायाचित्रे काढली.

दुपारच्या जेवणात आम्ही पावभाजी, चायनिज राईस व न्यूडल्सचा आस्वाद घेतला. त्यानंतर इतर राईड्सचा आम्ही अनुभव घेतला. संध्याकाळी ४ वाजता आम्ही तेथून बाहेर पडलो. ही सहल मी कधीच विसरणार नाही.



चला माझ्याबरोबर थेट अडई धवधब्याला.....

- मिताली शहा . (८वी/क)

रविवारी सकाळी मी,माझी आई ,माझे बाबा आणि माझी खास मैत्रीण विधी पनवेलच्या अडई धवधब्याची मजा घ्यायला गेलो .वातावरण मस्त थंडगार होतं .आम्ही गाडीत जाताना खूप गाणी गायली आणि मजामस्ती केली .अडई धवधब्याचा रस्ता एकदम उंच डोंगरावर होता .आम्ही तिथे खूप फोटो काढले .खूप भिजलो आणि धवधब्याची मजा लुटली .आईने आमचा आवडता नाश्ता म्हणजे इडली चटणी आणली होती .खेळून झाल्यावर

आम्हाला सडकून भूक लागली आणि आम्ही नाश्यावर मस्त ताव मारला .विधीसोबतची ही सहल अविस्मरणीय होती .तुम्हाला पण जर पावसाळ्यात निसर्गाच्या सान्निध्यात मोकळे आकाश,हिरवं रान,मोठेमोठे डोंगर आणि निसर्गरम्य वातावरणाचा आनंद लुटायचा असेल तर नक्कीच अडई धवधब्याला भेट द्यायलाच हवी .घरी परतताना मी आणि विधीने गरम गरम समोसा आणि जिलेवीचा आस्वाद घेतला .

निसर्ग फोटोग्राफी

- अनन्या आमले . (६वी/फ)

जंगल सफारीला जायचे या गोष्टीनेच मी खूप आनंदीत झाले होते .म्हणून तर रात्री उशीरा झोपूनही मी पघालूनही पहाटे ४ वाजता उठून तयार झाले .पहाट खूपच ताजी तवानी करणारी होती .स्वेटर घालूनही वाजणारी थंडी,सर्व दूर धुके ,सूर्याची कोवळी किरणे, हिरवेगार जंगल सर्वच खूप सुखावणारे होते .एका ओपन जीपमधून मी सफारीला निघाले .आमच्या जीपच्या अवतीभवती सिंह,सिंहीणी वावरत होत्या .त्यांना एवढ्या जवळून पाहण्याचा अनुभव खूप रोमांचकारक होता .इतरही खूप पाणी,पक्षी पाहिले .एक बिबट्या एका दगडावर रुबावात बसला होता .सांबर,हरिण व हुपो नावाचा पक्षी या सर्वांना पाहणे ही एक पर्वणीच होती .मी सर्व प्राण्यांचे छान फोटो काढले .आयुष्यभर लक्षात राहिल अशी होती माझी जंगल सफारी आणि निसर्ग फोटोग्राफी...!



आपले विद्यार्थी जीवन.....

- मृगया गोतमारे . (७वी/क)

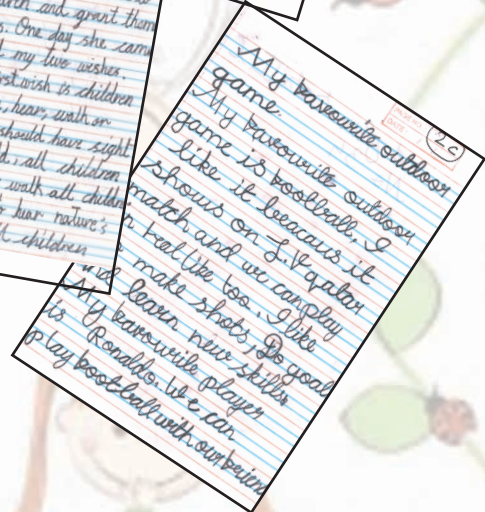
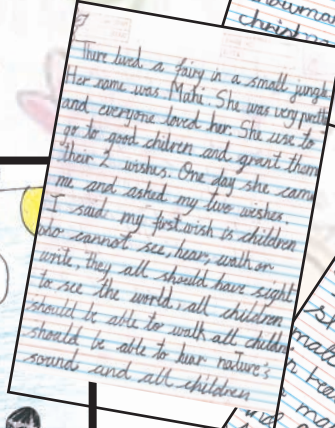
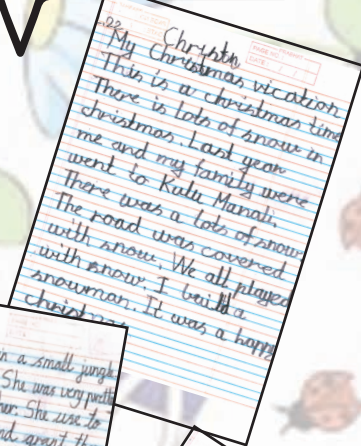
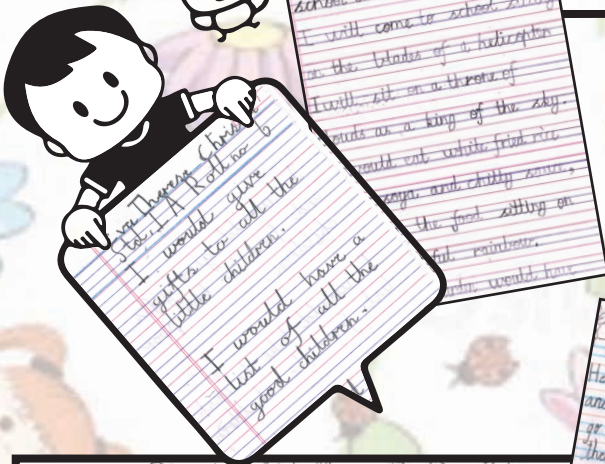
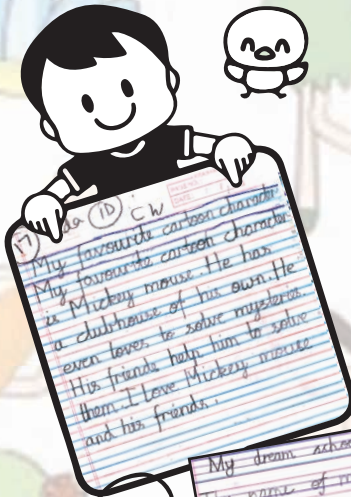
विद्यार्थी जीवन हा माणसाच्या आयुष्यातील संस्मरणीय भाग असतो . विद्यार्थी जीवनाचा हा भाग आपल्या आयुष्याचा पाया तयार करतो .विद्यार्थी जीवन आपल्याला नियमांचे पालन व अभ्यास शिकण्यास मदत करते .शाळा कॉलेजात जाण्यासाठी आपल्याला लवकर उठावे लागते .आई सतत आपल्याला उशीर करू नका याची आठवण करून देत असते . विद्यार्थी जीवनात अनेक रोमांचक क्षण येत असतात .आपण कधी आपला गृहपाठ करायला विसरतो आणि शिक्षकांनी विचारल्यावर आपण वही शोधण्याचे नाटक करतो .परिक्षा जवळ आल्यावर मजा काही काळ थांबते .पण काही काळापुरती . विद्यार्थी जीवनातील रोमांचक गोष्टींपैकी एक म्हणजे मित्रांसोबत सहलीला जाणे .तुम्ही आनंद घेता व खूप मजा करता .तुमच्या मित्रांच्या गुणांवददल उत्सुकता व त्यांनी तुमच्यापेक्षा जास्त गुण मिळविले तर मत्सर निर्माण होणे .यासारख्या गोष्टींमध्ये विद्यार्थी जीवनाचे सार दडलेले आहे .खेळाचा तास,पोहण्याचा तास व त्याहुनी अधिक प्रिय संगणकाचा तास आणि तेथील ए .सी .

मधले थंडगार वातावरण!

विद्यार्थी जीवन हा प्रत्येकाच्या आयुष्यातील अविभाज्य भाग आहे .विद्यार्थी म्हणून आपण कसे आहोत यावर विद्यार्थ्यांचे व देशाचे भवितव्य अवलंबून असते .त्यामुळे योग्य मार्गदर्शन मिळणे आवश्यक आहे . विद्यार्थी जीवन आपल्या जीवनाचा पाया तयार करते .त्यामुळे तुमचा पाया मजबूत असेल तर इमारतही मजबूत होईल .पाया कमकुवत असेल तर मजबूत इमारत उभी राहू शकत नाही .विद्यार्थी जीवन आपल्याला मानवी गुण आत्मसात करण्यास मदत करते .विद्यार्थी जीवन मिळणे किती भाग्यवान आहे हे लोकांना कळत नाही .विद्यार्थी जीवन नेहमीच आनंदाने भरलेले नसते .पण जीवनाच्या मार्गा वर पुढे जाण्यासाठी आवश्यक असणारा प्रामाणिकपणा,संयम,चिकाटी यासारखे गुण विद्यार्थीदशेत प्राप्त होणे आवश्यक असते .अशाप्रकारे विद्यार्थी जीवनात आपण केवळ पुस्तकातून शिकत नाही तर आपले भावनिक,शारीरिक आणि सामाजिक गुणदेखील वाढीस लागतात .



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Asst. House Captain Aditya Bhattacharya
Discipline Captain Samarth Kale
Dramatics Captain Siddhesh Kale
Sports Captain Sifat Kaur

House Captain Nathan D'Cunha
Asst. House Captain Adneyaya Patil
Discipline Captain Aditi Bangare
Dramatics Captain Siddharth Chatterjee
Sports Captain Neerja Padhye

House Captain Abhinaya Gowda
Asst. House Captain Rudra Deo Patil
Discipline Captain Arnav Borhade
Dramatics Captain Siddhi Mullick
Sports Captain Jai Gaikwad

House Captain Jay Mav
Asst. House Captain Yukta Rajiwade
Discipline Captain Nidhi Goswami
Dramatics Captain Varad Gawde
Sports Captain Pratyush Sawant

Sporting Highlights



Under 19 Boys Team Divisional 2nd Runners up



Under 17 Boys Team Divisional Runners up



Under 17 Girls Team Divisional Runners up



Under 14 Boys Team Divisional Winners



Under 14 Girls Team Divisional Winners



Basket Ball Girls U19 - Winners of DSO



Basket Ball Boys U17 - Winners of DSO



Hockey Boys U17 Div level at DSO and Nehru Cup



Hockey Girls U17 State level at DSO and Nehru Cup



Football Boys U-17 4th place at State-Subroto cup



Football Boys U-19 State winners DSO



Football Girls U-19 District winners Qualifies for Div



Football Boys U-14 - 3rd place at State level



Agnel Swimming Champs



Winners of Wushu - District Level



Agnels Chess Team



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Jr, College Picnic to Imagica and Snow World



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माझी पहिली कमाई

क्षितिजा देवपूरकर (आठवी / ड)

आपल्या सर्वांच्या आयुष्यात चांगल्या - वाईट घटना या सतत घडत असतात . पण यातून बाहेर कसे पडायचे हे आपणांस चांगल्यापैकी ठाऊक असायला हवे . उदाहरणच दयायचे झाले तर दोन वर्षाआधीचा लॉकडाऊनचा काळ बघा . कधी वाटले तरी होते का असे काही होईल ? नाही ना . मला पण वाटले नव्हते . जसे लॉकडाऊन सुरू झाले तसे पहिले तीन - चार आठवडे मजा आली ; पण नंतर माझा वेळच जायचा नाही . मग मला माझ्या आईने कॅलिग्राफीचा नाद लावला . कॅलिग्राफीबद्दल सांगायचे झाले ; तर ही कॅलिग्राफी काही महागड्या पेनाची नाही ; तर साध्या दहा रूपयाच्या पेनाने होणारी कला आहे . मला वाटलेले की माझ्यासारखे अजून किती लोक असतील ज्यांना काहीतरी शिकायचे असेल पण बाहेर पडता येत नसेल . मी या नवीन छंदात अगदी रमून

गेले होते . मला वाटले की ही कला माझ्यापुरती न ठेवता दुस-यांना पण शिकवावी मग मी प्रथम ही कला माझ्या बहिणीला शिकवली . माझ्या मनात आले की आपण ऑनलाइन क्लास घ्यायला हवे . मग काय ! मी लगेच ऑनलाइन क्लासची तारीख ठरवलीदेखिल . पहिल्यांदा तर माझ्याकडे फक्त १० विद्यार्थी होते . पण बघता बघता माझ्याकडे कसे १०० विद्यार्थी झाले हे कळलेच नाही . माझ्या क्लासचे हे वैशिष्ट्य होते ; की मी सात वर्षांपासून ते सत्तर वर्षांपर्यंतच्या विद्यार्थ्यांना शिकवले . मी फक्त भारतातील नाही तर दुर्बई व जपान इथल्या पण विद्यार्थ्यांना शिकवले . मला यातून खूप काही शिकायला मिळाले . पण सर्वात महत्त्वाची गोष्ट म्हणजे 'जे नाही त्याची खंत करू नका, जे आहे त्याच्यात करून दाखवा .'

मला पडलेले स्वप्न

- शर्वरी पाटिल (६/फ)

एकदा मी शाळेतून घरी येत होते . वाटेत अडखळून पडले . हातापायांवरील धूळ झाडत उठले आणि मला धक्काच बसला . मी अचानक गुडघ्याएवढी झाले होते . घरी आले; तर दाराची कडी किती उंच होती! मी उड्या मारून मारून कडी वाजवली . आईने दार उघडले . आईसुद्धा खूप उंच दिसत होती . माझ्याकडे बघून खो-खो हसू लागली . घरातले सगळे माझ्याभोवती जमले

व मोठमोठ्याने हसत सुटले . मी हादरूनच गेले होते . मला खुर्चीवर बसता येईना . खाटेवर जाण्यासाठी स्टुलचा आधार घ्यावा लागला . न्हाणीघरात गेले; तर नळाला हात पोहोचेना . शर्ट घातला; तर तो पायापर्यंत आला . मी मोठमोठ्याने रडू लागले . बघते तर काय! सगळे जमले होते आणि मला झोपेतून जागे करत होते . काय भयंकर स्वप्न होते तर.....!

प्यारे बच्चे

दीक्षा सनस छठी 'स'

बच्चे दिल के सच्चे,
सबको प्यारे लगते |
हँसते-मुस्कुराते बच्चे,
अपनी ही दुनिया में खोए रहते |
दौड़-भाग, उछल-कूद करते बच्चे,
सबको प्यारे लगते बच्चे |
तोतली बोली बोलकर,
सबको अपना बना लेते बच्चे |
ना किसी से वैर रखते,
सबके साथ मिल जाते बच्चे |
बच्चे दिल के सच्चे,
प्यारे-प्यारे लगते बच्चे |



अभिजित धुले सातवी 'म'

बारिश

अनिष्का भडंगे छठी 'स'

रिमझिम-रिमझिम बरसा पानी,
देखो आ गई जोर की बारिश,
काले-काले बादल गरजे,
छम-छम पानी वह बरसाए |
कड़-कड़ बिजली चमक रही है,
चारों ओर हरियाली बसी है,
सर-सर बूँदें बरस रही हैं,
भर गए हैं सारे रास्ते |

भीड़ लगी है सभी जगह,
मैं भी आऊँ, तुम भी आओ,
बारिश में सब खेलो-नहाओ |

कागज की नाव बनाकर,
तालाब में हम सब तैराएँ,
आओ हम सब बारिश में,
अपने बचपन का आनंद उठाएँ |



हर्षल हिरवे छठी 'ड'

सूरज प्यारा चंदा प्यारा

मुग्धा चक्काण छठी 'स'

सूरज प्यारा, चंदा प्यारा,
हम सबको प्यारे फूल,
सारी दुनिया को महका दें,
ये न्यारे-न्यारे फूल |

तितली जैसे रंग-विरंगे,
राहों में जगमग करते हैं,
जहाँ प्यार है, जहाँ खुशी है,
वहीं बिखर जाते हैं, वहीं गिरल जाते हैं,
ये धरती के सारे प्यारे फूल |



जान्हवी जाधव आठवी 'म'

हम बच्चे, मन के सच्चे

अवनिश गवस छठी 'ब'

हम बच्चे, मन के सच्चे,
थोड़े कच्चे, थोड़े पक्के,
मन हमारा चंचल तितली,
एक जगह पर पलभर न ठहरे |

स्कूल हमारा हमको प्यारा,
बचपन का यह विश्व हमारा,
मित्रों के संग दोस्ती-यारी,
यहाँ सीखे हम दुनियादारी |

खेलकूद में रुचि हमें है,
कागज पर बनी आकृतियों में,
सात रंगों की खुशी बसी है |

नहीं कोई भय, नहीं कोई डर,
जब तक है अध्ययन का संग,
परीक्षाएँ जैसे आती हैं,
बच्चों की मेहनत रंग लाती है |



केशव राज सातवी 'म'

हमें है प्यारा बचपन हमारा,
हमें नहीं है बड़ा होना,
हम बच्चे, मन के सच्चे,
थोड़े कच्चे, थोड़े पक्के |

पृथ्वी की देखभाल

- मृगया गोतमारे सातवी 'क'

हमारा गृह पृथ्वी सौर मंडल का एकमात्र ऐसा गृह है जिस पर जीवन है, लेकिन दिन-ब-दिन पृथ्वी की स्थिति जीवों के लिए प्रतिकूल होती जा रही है हमें अपनी धरती को बचाने और उसे पहले की तरह पुनः प्राप्त करने की जरूरत है | हमारे छोटे-छोटे प्रयास ही बड़े बदलाव ला सकते हैं

मैंने, नीचे हमारी पृथ्वी से संबंधित कुछ समस्याएँ दी हैं और हम बच्चे उन्हें कैसे सुधार सकते हैं ?

१ . प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण : प्लास्टिक प्रदूषण एक ऐसी समस्या है जो अब हमारे प्रकृति में चारों ओर पाया जा रहा है |

समस्या - समुद्र के अंदर, समुद्र तटों पर, झीलों, नदियों और पहाड़ों पर भी प्लास्टिक की बोतलें, थैलियाँ, कंटेनर सभी छोटे-बड़े वन्य जीवों के साथ-साथ मनुष्यों के लिए भी खतरा बनते जा रहे हैं

उपाय -

§ प्लास्टिक के स्ट्रॉ, बोतल और प्लास्टिक की सभी वस्तुओं का प्रयोग पूरी तरह बंद करें |

§ वापस प्रयोग कर सके ऐसी वस्तुओं का प्रयोग करे | जैसे- नारियल और बाँस से बनी वस्तुएँ |

२ . वायु प्रदूषण : वातावरण में हानिकारक पदार्थों की उपस्थिति के कारण वायु प्रदूषण होता है |

समस्या - यह मनुष्यों और अन्य जीवित प्राणियों के स्वास्थ्य के लिए हानिकारक है |

उपाय -

§ प्रयास करें कि निजी वाहनों का उपयोग कम से कम करें | जहाँ तक संभव हो पैदल चलें या साइकिल चलाएँ |

§ कारखानों से निकलने वाले धुएँ को नियंत्रित करें और कारखानों के आसपास अधिक से अधिक वृक्ष लगाएँ |

३ . जल प्रदूषण : जल प्रदूषण तब होता है जब प्लास्टिक और अन्य विषैले पदार्थ पानी में मिल जाते हैं |

समस्या - प्रदूषित जल का उपयोग कर हम मनुष्य कोलेरा, डायरिया, टायफॉइड जैसी कई अन्य घातक बीमारियों का शिकार हो जाते हैं |

उपाय -

§ प्लास्टिक का उपयोग पूरी तरह बंद करें |

§ नाले, नदियों और समुद्रों में कचरा और प्रदूषित जल न डालें |

ये तो कुछ समस्याएँ हैं, लेकिन दुनिया भर में ऐसी बहुत सारी समस्याएँ हैं जो हम मनुष्यों के कारण होती हैं | हमें इसे रोकना होगा ताकि हम और हमारी आने वाली पीढ़ी अच्छे से जीवन जी सके |

बदलाव का आरंभ हमें स्वयं से करना होगा | अगर हमने पहला कदम उठाया तो ही दूसरे हमारा साथ देंगे |



- अभिजित धुल सातवी 'क'

हँसो और हँसाओ!

मृगया गोतमारे ७वी 'क'

पप्पू जलेबी बेच रहा था, लेकिन कह रहा था, 'आलू ले लो आलू.....')

राहगीर - लेकिन ये तो जलेबी है |

पप्पू - चुप हो जा वरना मक्खियाँ आ जाएँगी |

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यमराज (औरत से) - चलो, मैं तुम्हें लेने आया हूँ |

औरत - बस दो मिनट दे दो |

यमराज - दो मिनट में ऐसा क्या कर लोगी... ?

औरत - फेसबुक पर स्टेटस डालना है, 'यमलोक जा रही हूँ !'



गौरी पाटिल ७वी 'ब'

**“हँसकर जीना दस्तूर है जिंदगी का,
यही किस्सा मशहूर है जिंदगी का,
बीते हुए पल कभी लौटकर नहीं आते,
यही सबसे बड़ा कसूर है जिंदगी का ।”**

कभी-कभी जिंदगी की दौड़-धूप में कुछ घटनाएँ आपके साथ घट जाती हैं जो आपके मन में अमिट रूप से अंकित हो जाती हैं | ऐसी ही मेरे जीवन की एक यादगार घटना आपके साथ साझा करना चाहूँगी |

सुबह-सुबह दरवाजे की घंटी बजी | मैं दरवाजे तक पहुँची

दरवाजा खोला तो देखा कि कल वाले वही रद्दी बेचने वाले चाचा थे | सोचा, कि आज क्या लेने आए हैं ? मैंने तो बुलाया ही नहीं था | दरवाजा खोलते ही उन्होंने पाँच सौ का नोट आगे किया | मेरे चेहरे पर प्रश्नचिह्न देखकर वह बोले - 'बिटिया आपने जो कल रद्दी दी थी, उसमें से मिला | दुकान जा रहा था तो सोचा देता चलूँ | आश्चर्य चकित होकर मैं बोली, 'रख भी तो सकते थे लौटाने क्यों आए ? कल तो एक रुपए के लिए झिंक-झिंक कर रहे थे कि रद्दी दस नहीं नौ रुपए किलो ही लूँगा ' वे हँसकर बोले, 'मैं तो अपने हक के लिए झगड़ रहा था | किसी और का पैसा रखना मेरे ईमान में नहीं | वैसे भी ये पाँच सौ रुपए जीवन भर तो काम नहीं आते न ' वे रुपए और मुस्कुराहट देकर चले गए और मैं दरवाजे पर अवाक-सी खड़ी रह गई | गरीबी, ईमानदारी और आदर्शों का इतना गहरा समन्वय मैंने आज तक प्रत्यक्ष रूप में नहीं देखा था |

मेरा परिवार

सरमिष्ठा असित मुखर्जी आठवीं 'इ'

दुनिया में आए अकेले, दुनिया से जाएँगे अकेले,
दुनिया में लोग मिलते हजार हैं,
पर उन सभी से ज्यादा प्यारा मुझे मेरा परिवार है |

कभी बनकर परिवार तो कभी बनकर दोस्त,
मेरे जीवन के सारे कार्य किए आसान है,
पर उन सब कार्यों से ज्यादा प्यारा मुझे मेरा परिवार है |

मेरा ज्ञान, मेरी शिक्षा ने बढ़ाया मेरा आत्मसम्मान है,
आत्मनिर्भर बनाकर मुझे दी मेरी एक अलग पहचान है,
धन या दौलत से नहीं,

केवल प्रेम से चुकाया जा सकता
यह ऋण है, ऐसे सभी परिवारों को मेरा आदरणीय प्रणाम
है |



एनाबल आठवीं 'ब'

मेरी माँ

नीरज मनोहर पाटील आठवीं 'ब'

घुटनों पर रेंगते-रेंगते, कब पैरों पर खड़ा हुआ ?
माँ तेरी ममता में डूबकर,
न जाने कब बड़ा हुआ ?
बड़े ही जतन से पाला तुमने,
हर एक मुश्किल को टाला तुमने |
अपने लाल की किलकारी सुनकर,
सब दुःख-दर्द भूलकर,
हर कष्ट सहती परछाई बनकर |
माँ बिना जीवन है अधूरा, खाली-खाली, सूना-सूना |
चाहे मैं कितना भी बड़ा हो जाऊँ माँ,
तुम्हारे लिए मैं आज भी बच्चा हूँ |



रचना हुल छठी 'इ'



हाय ! मेरा मोबाइल खो गया !!

अक्षया बी.रातुरी आठवीं 'ड'

insta, twitter, whatsapp, messenger और न जाने क्या-क्या चीजें खोजे लगी | सच मानिए, उस दिन मुझे पहली बार पता चला कि मैं मोबाइल की गुलाम हो गई हूँ जो कि माँ और पिताजी अक्सर कहते थे लेकिन गुलाम होने का असल अर्थ मुझे आज पता चला |

अब जब इतना महँगा मोबाइल खो गया था तो मैंने फैसला कर लिया कि मैं उसकी याद में शांति बनाए रखूँगी | पूरा दिन माँ के साथ गुजारा | बहुत-सी बातें की और पहली बार पता चला, मैं बचपन में कितनी बातूनी थी | पापा भी बड़े शांत-शांत और अपने से लगे वरना रोज मोबाइल के कारण तू-तू, मैं-मैं हो ही जाती थी | रविवार की सुबह ऐसे लगा कि सिर्फ मोबाइल ही नहीं है साथ बाकि सब कुछ है | सच में परिवार क्या होता है, अब जाना वरना मेरी दुनिया और परिवार मात्र मेरा मोबाइल ही था |

शनिवार की सुबह जब मैं उठी और अपने तकिये के पास हाथ घुमाकर देखा तो जीवन रेखा अर्थात् lifeline माने जाने वाला मेरा मोबाइल खो गया था | वाप रे ! सोच कर ही डर लगने लगा था मुझे, मानो मेरी साँसे चलना बंद हो जाएँगी | नहीं-नहीं इसका कतई यह मतलब नहीं है कि मेरे मोबाइल में ऊटपटांग चीजें हैं, बल्कि सच मानिए बिना मोबाइल के जीना अर्थात् शरीर में जीवनसत्व की कमियों के बिना जीना | अब आगे क्या होगा ? यह सोच-सोच कर मैं घबराने लगी | सबसे पहले पापा का ख्याल आया - इतना महँगा मोबाइल खो दिया तुमने ? तुम्हें पता है कितना महँगा लिया था, पैसे क्या पेड़ पर उगते हैं |” बिना मोबाइल के मेरी दयनीय अवस्था माँ से न देखी गई इसलिए बेचारी घर में पड़ा हुआ पुराना मोबाइल थमाकर बोली “नए मोबाइल के बारे में सोचना भी मत | अगली बार ले लेगें लेकिन वो अगली बार आएगा कब भगवान ही जाने | क्या करूँ ? कहाँ जाऊँ ? किसे फोन करूँ ? और फोन करूँ भी तो कैसे ? नंबर किसे याद है ? इस कमबख्त मोबाइल ने मानो मेरी बुद्धि और दिमाग पर ताला लगा दिया | मेरे आँखों के इर्दगिर्द

सोमवार की सुबह जब मैं स्कूल जाने की तैयारी कर रही थी तब पापा ने चुपके से मोबाइल टेबल पर रखी और बोले “ बेटा, मोबाइल नहीं खोया था बल्कि तुम खो गई थी, आज का हर युवा खो गया है | तुम्हें वापस लाने के लिए मोबाइल खो जाना जरूरी था | बेटी समय के साथ चलना जरूरी होता है लेकिन आधुनिकता के नाम पर मोबाइल जैसे उपकरणों का गुलाम होना अच्छी बात नहीं है | मुझे मेरी गलती समझ में आ गई | सारी बोलने के बजाए पापा को गले लगा लिया और मैंने फैसला कर लिया की मोबाइल का उपयोग आज से सीमित करूँगी | आज मैं बहुत खुश थी महँगा मोबाइल और प्यार करने वाला परिवार सब मेरे पास है |

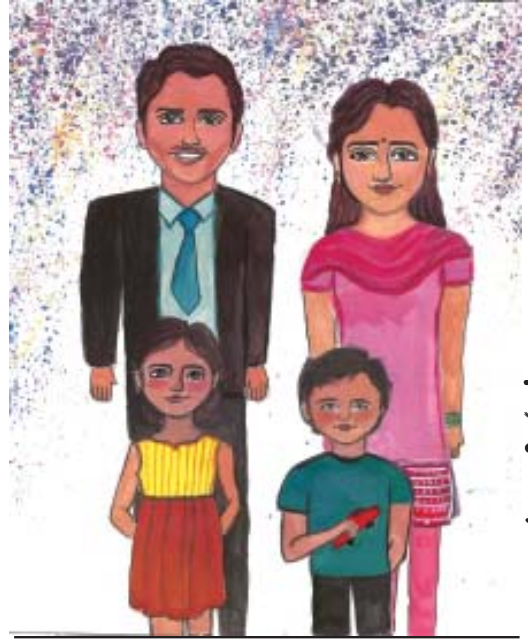
परिवार

रिदा काजी आठवीं 'ड'

परिवार से बड़ा कोई धन नहीं, पिता से बड़ा कोई सलाहकार नहीं, माँ की छाँव से बड़ी कोई दुनिया नहीं, भाई से अच्छा कोई भागीदार नहीं, बहन से बड़ा कोई शुभचिंतक नहीं, इसलिए परिवार से बड़ा कोई नहीं |

इस दुनिया में अधिकांश लोगों को कोरोना महामारी के दौरान इस शब्द का अर्थ पता चला | अपनों को खोने के बाद उनके न होने की अहमियत समझ में आती है | इस महामारी के दौरान जिन सबसे साहसी लोगों का उल्लेख किया गया वे डॉक्टर थे | जिन्होंने अपने या अपने परिवार के बारे में सोचे बिना लाखों लोगों की जान बचाई और कुछ ने तो अपनी जान भी गँवा दी |

परिवार में हर एक व्यक्ति का अपना स्थान और उसका महत्व होता है | इस महामारी में बहुत से लोगों ने अपने परिवार के अलग-अलग रिश्तों को खोया और साथ ही उनके महत्व को भी समझा | जैसे - दादा-दादी को खोने का अर्थ है - परिवार में एक मार्गदर्शक और ज्ञान की रोशनी खोना | पिता को खोने का मतलब है - समर्थन और देखभाल खोना | माँ को खोने का मतलब है - सब कुछ खोना | बहन को खोने का अर्थ है - दिल के उस हिस्से को खोना जो सारे राज रखता हो | पति को खोने



स्वरा सावंत छठी 'फ'

का मतलब है - अकेले ही माता-पिता दोनों की भूमिका निभाना | बेटे को खोने का मतलब - आर्शीवाद खोना और बेटे को खोने का अर्थ है - परिवार के आँखों का तारा खोना |

लेकिन असल मुद्दा यह है कि इस महामारी के कारण लोगों ने परिवार की अहमियत को समझा कि जीवन में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण है - परिवार, क्योंकि परिवार के बिना जीवन की कल्पना भी नहीं की जा सकती |

विश्वास

तन्वी रातांबे आठवीं 'म'

मैं निर्धनता हूँ, तुम मुझे मिटाना चाहते हो! या कुछ करके दिखाना चाहते हो,
पर तुम मुझे प्रिय हो, मैं तुमसे प्रेम करती हूँ, इसलिए फटे-पुराने कपड़े पहनते हो |
मैं तुम्हारा नसीब हूँ, इसलिए तुम्हारे करीब हूँ |
लेकिन तुम चाहो तो कीचड़ में कमल खिला सकते हो |
धरती-आकाश को मिला सकते हो,
मुझको समझो, श्रम को अपनाओ, मैं तुम्हारी पाठशाला हूँ |
पढ़-लिखकर विश्वास करो कर्म में, जागो, उठो, जमाने को हिला दो,
इस दुनिया से अज्ञान के साथ मुझे भी मिटा दो |
देखो विश्वास बुला रहा है, उगता सूरज तुम्हें राह दिखा रहा है |



शिवाली मेहरा सातवीं 'ड'

जीवन का हिस्सा

क्षतिजा देवपुरकर आठवीं 'ड'

यह कविता उन लोगों को समर्पित है जिन्होंने
अपनों को किसी भी कारणवश खोया है |

ए मेरे प्यारे, खुशी तो जीवन का हिस्सा है,

यह कविता खुशी देने वालों का किस्सा है |

थे जब तुम, हम पसीना बहाते थे,
अब नहीं हो तुम, तो हम आँसू बहाते हैं |

जिंदा थे जब तुम तो मुस्कुराना सिखाया,
मरते समय भी कठोर हो जाना सिखाया |

माना तुम्हारी आँखों की चली गई रोशनी,
पर रोशन मंजिल का रास्ता तूने ही दिखाया |

ए मेरे प्यारे, खुशी तो जीवन का हिस्सा है,
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रचना हुले छठी 'ड'

यदि मैं एक दिन के लिए प्रधानाचार्या होती तो . . .

निवेदिता सिन्हा आठवीं 'ब'

अगर एक शिशु को जन्म देकर पालना, इस सृष्टि का सबसे बड़ा कार्य है, तो शिशु को ज्ञान देने वाले विद्यालयों को संचालित करना इस सृष्टि का एक महान कार्य है | एक छात्रा होने के नाते मेरा ज्ञान और अनुभव इस कार्य को समझने के लिए अपर्याप्त है और इसी अनुभव को समझने के लिए यदि मैं **एक दिन के लिए प्रधानाचार्या बनूँ तो** सर्वप्रथम स्वयं के आचरण और अनुशासन से आदर्श प्रस्तुत करने का प्रयास करूँगी|

साधारणतः एक **प्रधानाचार्या या प्रधानाचार्य** अपने आचरण और अनुशासन से समाज के सभी वर्गों को प्रभावित करता है, लेकिन यदि मैं **एक दिन के लिए प्रधानाचार्या बनी** तो अपने विद्यालय में छात्र-छात्राओं के लिए यह निम्न मुख्य कार्य अवश्य करना चाहूँगी |

पहला कार्य : दिन का आरंभ खेलों से हो, यानी कि पहला कालांश खेल का हो | जरा सोचिए, अगर हम बच्चों को मैदान में खिलाकर थोड़ा थका दे तो बाकी के दिन आपको अनुशासनहीनता की कोई समस्या ही नहीं होगी और शांत कक्षा में पढ़ाने का अनुभव शिक्षकों को कितना आनंद देगा!

दूसरा कार्य : कक्षा का उचित तरह से संचालन के लिए

मैं कुछ नियम तय करूँगी क्योंकि हम विषयों की शिक्षा तो दे रहे हैं लेकिन जीवन के लिए आवश्यक अच्छे संस्कार देना भूल रहे हैं | इसलिए हर कक्षा में कुछ नियम होंगे जिसे पालन करना अनिवार्य होगा | जैसे - सुविचार लिखना, कक्षा को पूरी तरह साफ-सुथरा रखना, सुसज्जित रखना, घर जाते समय बोतल के द्वारा पानी को गमले में डालते हुए जाना, बच्चों द्वारा विद्यालय के यूनिफार्म नियम का कड़ाई से पालन करना आदि |

तीसरा कार्य : जीवन का सबसे महत्वपूर्ण कार्य है कि हमें घर के सभी कार्य जैसे - अपने कमरे की साफ-सफाई, खाना बनाना, बर्तन, कपड़े की सफाई आदि कार्यों में भी बच्चे सक्षम बने | इसके लिए दो महीने में एक बार छठी से दसवी तक के अभिभावकों से मिलकर बच्चों की समयसारिणी के बारे में पूरी जानकारी लूँगी |

शिक्षकों तथा अन्य कर्मचारियों के बिना विद्यालय का संचालन करना असंभव है | उनके बीच कभी भी कोई मतभेद न हो इसलिए मैं विद्यालय को एक परिवार की तरह संचालित करूँगी | खैर गंभीरता से यदि विचार किया जाए तो एक **प्रधानाचार्या या प्रधानाचार्य** का कार्य अत्यंत महत्वपूर्ण होता है |

नाम एक रूप अनेक

ईश्वरी शिंदे आठवीं 'ब'

कोई कहता यशोदा, कोई कहता कुंती, कोई कहता सखी,
पर वो तो मेरी प्रिय लाडली माँ ही है |

माँ वह गुरु है जो मुझे मीठी बोली के स्वर सिखाती है,
वह तो वैज्ञानिक भी है जिसे मेरी मुस्कान का सूत्र पता है

मुसीबतों में मेरी सखी, बीमारी में मेरी डॉक्टर,
खुशी के वक्त खुशी का कारण, ऐसी है मेरी प्रिय लाडली
माँ |

कभी डाँटती, कभी रुलाती | इसका कारण कोई न जाने,
हर सलाह, हर सीख कैसे देती ? कोई न जाने,

मेरा जीवन मेरी माँ को समर्पित, वही कहलाती मेरी जननी|

कोई कहता यशोदा, कोई कहता कुंती, कोई कहता सखी,
पर वो तो मेरी प्रिय लाडली माँ ही है |



विहा फिरके छठी 'अ'

HAVING A BLAST IN GOD'S OWN COUNTRY!

- Arhum Gandhi, IXB

The Agnells Tour of Kerala-2022 was probably the most anticipated event of the year among students as well as teachers. After two years of being locked up in our homes attending online school and missing out on our scarcely numbered school trips. From the students of grade 8 who were excited for their first independent adventure with their friends to the ones of grade 9 who were on their last, this trip was destined to be memorable from all aspects.

With their luggage packed and well-wishes received, the young travellers boarded the train to Ernakulam. The day-long train ride was the perfect time to revel in our companions. The next day after playing, clicking pictures and overall enjoying in the train we reached Ernakulam to embark upon our winding bus ride to the lush hills of Munnar. The next morning, we woke up to the stupefying picturesque view of the tea farms rolling along the hills of this hill station. The shopping spree alongside the Mattupetty dam, while we strolled from shop to shop, comparing prices and bargaining was followed by a detailed look at the farming, production and essence of the tea making process at the Kanan Devan Tea Factory. Now well-informed and amazed by the huge factory we headed back to Kochi away from the aromatic land of spices and tea leaves. I am sure that every group of roommates will have a different story to tell about their incredible time at the hotels. We drifted in the backwaters enjoying the scenic beauty, while also contemplating the devastation caused by pollution. All of us sat in the double-decker boats enjoying the pleasant winds, clicking tons of pictures and enthralled by the web of backwaters of Alleppey. Relishing the coconut water alongside the banks, and enjoying with teachers we returned to the hotel. That evening was spent relaxing in the pool and a hearty dinner. Nothing could ever match the enthusiasm of the DJ parties, with everyone dancing with renewed energy, vibing to every beat from the booming

speakers. The day on the Cherai beach was insanely cool both for the ones who were drenched and even for the ones who weren't. Walking on the golden blanket, with the endless expanse of the Arabian sea, it was an ideal destination for some gorgeous pictures with friends and teachers. But something even more enthralling was planned for later that evening at the hotel. Skilled Kathakali artists prepared for their performance, explaining everything from their remarkable make-up and face painting to their 30-50 kg costumes leaving the audience awe-struck. They further captivated us by depicting the details of the Kathakali dance form, performing interactive plays which further revealed to us the artists' insane mastery of the dance form. Our last day in Kerala was spent diving through the diverse traditions and culture of Kochi. The extraordinary artefacts in the Folklore Museum, to the age-old Pardesi Synagogue narrated the magnificent history of Kerala. We did hordes of shopping in the aesthetic streets of Jew town flooded with antiques, spices, memoirs, perfumes and tons more. After visiting the huge Chinese fishing nets by the evening, we waved back at Kerala as we headed back home. And before we knew it the trip was coming to an end.

"Time flies when you're having fun" And that we surely did.

It was astonishing how the incredible days of the trip had flashed by, leaving us with just a web of unforgettable memories that we had stitched together to cherish for a lifetime.



LET'S BE CLOWNS

- Janhavi Chaudhary, XIIC

Why be a clown?
Who'd like to be a clown?

Just to fall down
And make a joke out of yourself!

No....
But what about all the laughter that's generated?

Because.....when we're laughing,
Do we think...
A sorrow, could ever sink!

Laugh...
and the world feels like a dream!

Our mood lightens up.....
Everything's more bright...
And things turn out just right!

When we're laughing,
Victory seems to be in our hand...
And love just floods every grain of sand!

Life in general is just so fine,
And can be made even more divine.....

Being a clown, is a small thing to do.....
And you know,
For that, God is going to love you too!



That's the power of laughter,
That's the glory in it!

Life's going to have ups and downs.....
So, in life's ring...
Let's be the clowns!

And, laugh at ourselves to make folks smile.....
On the dullest day, the darkest mile...
In ring of life,
Let's be the clowns...laugh and sing through
ups and downs!



PEACE

- Aaryaa Kale, XIIC

Then,
you're supposed to think of the good times
that will follow....

So, today.... I stand on the road alone,
ready to face the storm!

Wondering, when the rain shall go....
And time.... will heal my broken heart...

I will move on, go far away from this
(But never forget it)

And slowly, the greenery of happiness,
Will grow once again.....

All I need now, is patience
All I want now is peace!

Out of nowhere came the dark clouds,
overcasting on my bright days!

The silent skies killed me at first,
But then, I heard the thunder near me....

Frightened, I stood alone on an empty street,
Afraid, praying, it all passes soon this time!

But then I remembered.....
my father had once said, "Time slows down
when you're not
ready to face it!"

SCARS OF THE PAST

- Gayatri Patel, XIIB

Dark deep scars embedded on the soul,
Almost negligible on the body like a mole,
Mocking at me from where I stand,

Into a deep pit hole; of slumber is what I wish
for,
But instead, had a dream scaring me to the
core,

Silence is the only way,
I do not know how to break and get away
Waiting for light to shine all the way!



A BETTER INDIA

- Sabreen Qureshi, XIIB

We got indepen-dence in the year 1947,
And the dream of Swaraj came true!
We got rid of the British rule,
Our future would be to build a better and
stronger India.

But a greater task was to eliminate narrow
mindedness,
and open doors for success.

Girls needed to be educated for the
betterment of the society.....

They must play their important role in
development and progress.

In workplaces for the women there must be
equal wages,
Widows, women, the girlchild, respect in all
the places.



That's what a woman wants,
rather than gender discrimination and taunts.

Child labour should be prohibited,
attending school is very important.
If everyone follows the right path,
Youth will lead India on the golden path!

IT'S ALRIGHT...

- Sayali Nangre, XIIIB

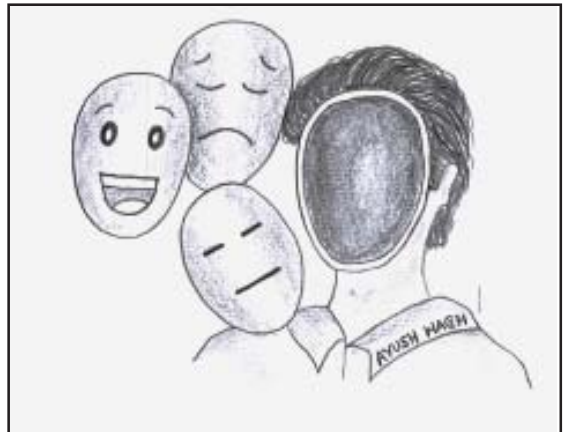
I Working hard and trying everyday,
Is this really for your sake?
Every evening you look tired and frail,
It's alright if you want to take a break.

Working hard is important I won't deny,
But putting your happiness on the line?
In front of a mirror, look in your eye,

Tell yourself that you are doing alright.

You strive every day and night to earn,
But do you remember when you smiled last?
Everyday....you get something new to learn,
Sometimes it brings out the inner child in you.

If you feel like crying it's okay to cry,
Won't hiding it... hurt you more?



Learn to live, laugh and love before you die,
These moments of life will help you soar!

I WANT TO FLY...

- Samidha Bhoir, XIIC

I want to fly...
High...so high in the sky!
Barriers are like toys...
Challenges are joy!
I will not be afraid anymore...
I will succeed and make it sure!
Working hard, is now my intention...
Victory will be my introduction!
I am ready to fly ...
Now,
Oh! so high over the stars of the sky.



A FRIEND

- Ishita Poonja, XIIC

I found a friend,
It wasn't the mythical red ribbon of Yue Lao
that bound us together!
Nor the blood in our veins.....
The root that unified us,
wasn't derived from a tree in our backyard!
It didn't happen in a day.....
This bond of ours wasn't genetically
entangled either,
She was this once in a lifetime maybe
person.....
Who was instantly different from others!
Friendship is said to be a peculiar seed.....
No matter the season,
the weather, the situation,
it stays and so did she.....
It wasn't a coincidence.....
maybe just sheer luck
that I had found her.

I don't know what I believe in anymore,
Coz, fate sounds too good to be true!
Whatever it is,
it made me believe in this strange world
again,
It makes me happy and calms me from
within!





HANDBOOK TO WINNING

- *Tanishq Dutta, XIIC*

Life! behold
challenges galore,
But we shall win, we
shall soar.
Keeping heart, is of
essence,
Mind's presence and
fears' absence.
People change, so
does the weather;
People leave, so does
the sunshine.

Yet, the world doesn't feel blue,
It moves on and so should you.

Why fear being alone, miss being together,
when you have yourself and the divine!
The heights seem unscalable,
The depths seem unfathomable,
Self-belief, will make you capable

And handwork, to make you unbreakable.

Why seek comfort, why resort to saying.....
Alas!
Reach for the stars, for blisses you must
amass!
Time marches forward unwavering,
Walk with it, and have it all.....
Stall, and watch your life tapering.....

Every man has the same time
One euphoric, on one misery may befall
One deep pocketed, one deals with a dime
These advices, invisible in plain sight.....

Trust this and save yourself the plight
Start when the holy bells begin to ring
For this is your HANDBOOK TO WIN!

FREE TIME

- *Bhavani A Nihalani, XID*

Free time is something a person gets after completing all his chores and tasks for the day. It is during this time that a person can build upon his shortfalls and learn new things to polish his strengths. We all know due to the COVID-19 outbreak, a complete lockdown declared during the year of 2020. In 2020, I was in the 8th grade and was about to appear for my final exams when the lockdown was declared. There was a lot of uncertainty during this period because no official notice had come from the authorities as to where and when were we supposed to appear our final exams, or would we be promoted directly to a higher grade?

After a few days, an official statement from the government, gave some clarity. It informed us that all the students would be promoted to their respective higher grades. But again, suddenly the whole education system was going to adapt the online mode of studying, a complete change from what we had done all of our lives as students. It was a period of uncertainty.

During this period, I had a lot of free time. So, I decided to start studying my 9th standard syllabus. But soon I got bored of it and instead, went online to start searching for courses of my interest. But this online exposure had its negative fallout as I got introduced to the world of social media and started spending a lot of time on it. This resulted in me drifting apart from my friends and family.

When I realised this, it was still not too late for me to change the situation. So, I started watching videos that would help me develop important life skills. I also started practising yoga. This helped me in keeping myself calm and controlling my anxiety. I learned a very important lesson, that time once wasted can never be regained but if used wisely can do wonders. There is always a better alternative available, we only have to look for it and make it a part of our lives.



A BEAUTIFUL SUGGESTION

- Pooja Yadav, XIIC

In this huge world,
I am but a helpless child!
Why are people in this world so cruel?
I have to be strong.

Is somebody going to help me.... I wonder!
I wish I had a friend forever.... someone
who'd care... someone with whom I could
share!

Think before you do anything!
Work on yourself,
It's okay sometimes to think about
yourself....
You are God's Child.
Eventually.....Everything will be fine!



MY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

- Sarah Gomes, XIIB

I wish someone would've warned me,
Someone would've let me know,
At least.... the slightest hint....
How terrible it is to grow!m

How excruciating it is to know you're in this
alone.....
How heart breaking it is to know...
you are'nt dependent on someone
anymore!

A lot of questions haunt me.....
Will I ever prove myself to my family.....
Who, I'm reminded of each day!

Or, will I sum up to be....
as inconsequential as a single strand of hair!
Will I ever satisfy the ones, who I'll be
responsible for?

Or, will I be regarded as someone who
didn't live up to the family name?

I wish! there was a way I could reassure
myself of my talent.....
But there seems to be none....
Until then, all I could do.....
All I could ever do
Is better myself till I make it through!



***“THE QUESTIONS ARE COMPLICATED
AND THE ANSWERS ARE SIMPLE”***

By Rushaan Acharya XIID



LESSONS FROM A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT!

- Mital Verat, XIID

This night is full of silence,
Reminding me of my resilience!
I neither want to look back.....
Nor want to look ahead,
Just want to close my eyes.....
And live in the moment!

I want to feel this cold wind
Touching my soul deep within,
Reminding me that.....
Life has some beautiful insights,
Just remember to be kind!

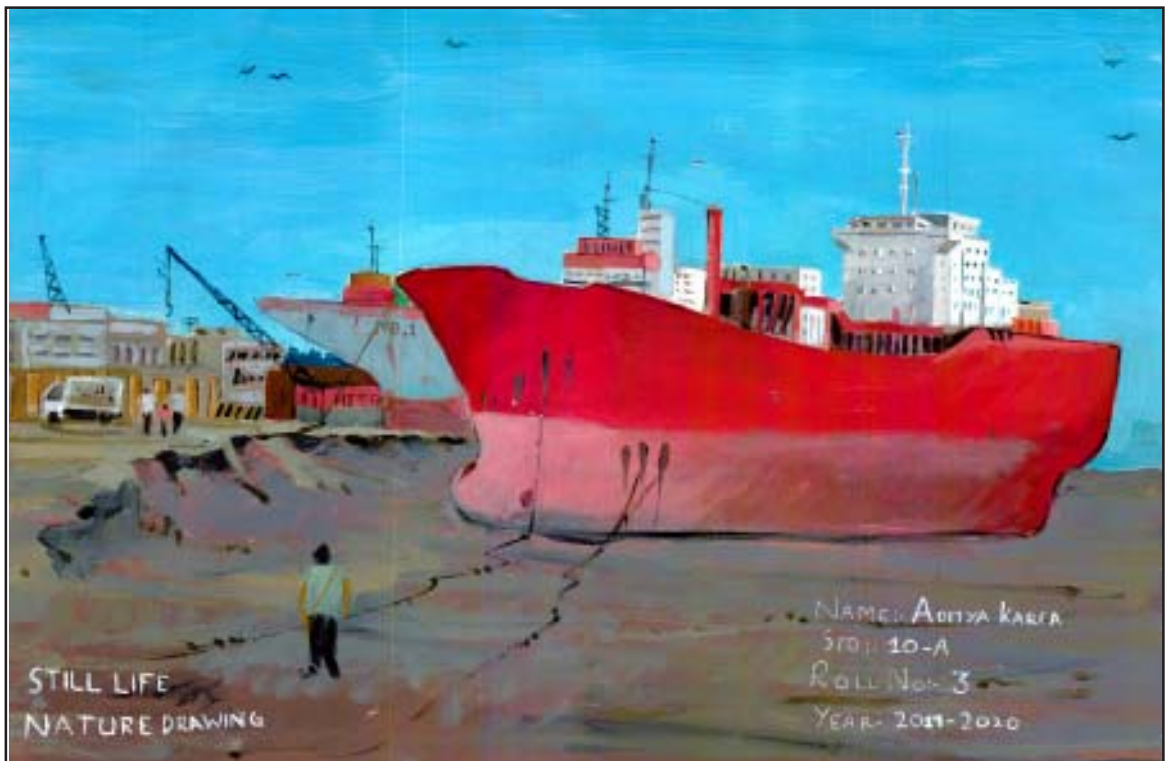
"A BEAUTIFUL MORNING IN THE MIDST OF NATURE!"

Photograph by Aditya Karfa, XIIA



"SHIP BREAKING YARD"

A Painting by Aditya Karfa, XIIA



“RADHA & KRISHNA”

Image by Ritesh, XIIB



“PRETTY COLOURS OF NATURE”

Image by Saloni Parab, XIE



बचपन

-कल्याणी पोद्दार IX B

बचपन का हर किस्सा निराला है,
मानो या ना मानो, बचपन का वह दौर ही सबसे प्यारा है।

अच्छा तो यह बताओ, आपको बचपन की कितनी बातें याद हैं ?

मैं अपना बताऊँ तो मुझे अपने बचपन की छोटी-बड़ी,
अच्छी-बुरी हर बात याद है।

चाहे नए दोस्त बनाना हो,
या किसी अजनबी को देख मुस्कुराना।
चाहे वह खेलते समय गमले को टूट जाना हो।
या बिना किसी वजह मम्मी से रूठ जाना हो।

बचपन का हर किस्सा निराला है,
मानो या ना मानो, वह बचपन का दौर ही सबसे प्यारा है।

साईकिल चलाते वक्त गिर जाना,
और घर आकर, रो-रोकर घर सिर पर उठाना।
पापा के चॉकलेट देते ही चुप हो जाना,
और वह मम्मी की गोद में सिर रख के सो जाना।

एक बार ये दौर चला गया,

तो इन लम्हों को आप दुबारा नहीं जी पाओगे।

एक बार जिंदगी की भाग-दौड़ का हिस्सा बन गए,
तो खुद के साथ वक्त कहाँ बिता पाओगे।

हर बच्चा यही सोचता है कि, काश हम तुरंत बड़े हो जाएँ।

और हर बड़ा यही सोचता है कि यार
काश! ...हम फिर अपने बचपन में लौट जाएँ।



हम सब एक हैं

-वेदांत वायल X B

न मंदिर में है।
न मस्जिद में है।
न गुरुद्वारे में है।
न घंटाघर में है।
भगवान तो हमारे दिल में है।
चाहे उसे राम कहें।
चाहे उसे रहीम कहें।
चाहे उसे नानक कहें।
चाहे उसे येशू कहें।
भगवान सबका एक है।

न केवल हिंदू से है।
न केवल मुसलमान से है।
न सिख से है।
न केवल इसाई से है।
हमें तो मोहब्बत सबसे है।
फिर क्यों लड़ते हैं, मंदिर के लिए।
फिर क्यों झगड़ते हैं, मस्जिद के लिए।
जब भगवान सबका एक है।
जब भगवान सबका एक है।

शाम

-उज्जमा सुर्वे X. E

सुबह की चादर फिसलने लगी,
सूरज की किरणें भी ढलने लगीं ।

चारों दिशाएँ जली बलितियाँ,
स्कूल-दफ्तरों की हुड़ छुट्टियाँ ।

पक्षी एक संग हो कर घर को चले,
फूल पते भी सुकून से ढले ।

चाँद फलक पर सजने लगा,
आकाश का रंग बदलने लगा ।

मंदिर की घंटी हो या मसजिद की अज़ान,
सबका है यही पैगाम,



हुई शाम,
चलो घर,
करो आराम !

हँसो और हँसाओ!

रज़ा IX D

१. रमेश : मम्मी मैं पढ़ते पढ़ते टीवी देख लूँ क्या ?
मम्मी : हाँ ! हाँ ! बेटा देख ले बस चलाना मत ।

२. छोटू : पापा मुझे बाजा दिला दो ।
पापा : नहीं, तुम सबको तंग करोगे ।
छोटू : नहीं करूँगा पापा, जब सब सो जाएँगे तभी बजाऊँगा ।

३. सोनू : बचपन में माँ की बात सुनी होती तो आज ये दिन ना देखने पड़ते ।
मोनू : क्या कहती थी तुम्हारी माँ ?
सोनू : जब बात ही नहीं सुनी तो मुझे क्या पता क्या कहती थी ?

४. पत्नी ने उँगली के इशारे से पति को बुलाया
पति : बोलो क्या काम है ?
पत्नी : कुछ नहीं बस अपनी उँगली की ताकत चेक कर रही थी ।

५. टीचर : होमवर्क क्यों नहीं किया ?
चिंटू : मैम, मैं जब पढ़ने बैठा तो लाइट चली गई ।
टीचर : तो लाइट आने के बाद क्यों नहीं की पढ़ाई ?
चिंटू : बाद में मैं इस डर से पढ़ने नहीं बैठा कि मेरी वजह से फिर से लाइट न चली जाए ।

६. राजू : तू सब लोगों से इतने सारे पैसे उधार क्यों लेता रहता है ?
पप्पू : ताकि वो लोग अपने पैसे के लिए मेरी लंबी उम्र की दुआ करते रहें ।

७. राजू : आटा देना अंकल !
दुकानदार : हमारे पास पतंजलि का है बेटा ।
राजू : मुझे आशीर्वाद चाहिए...
दुकानदार : सदा सुखी रहो बेटा !

८. टीचर : वाक्य को अंग्रेजी में ट्रांसलेट करो
वसंत ने मुझे मुक्का मारा
संजु : वसंतपंचमी

९. टीचर : बताओ १००० किलो = एक टन , तो
३००० किलो कितना होगा ?
पप्पू : जी सर टन, टन, टन.
१०. टीचर : न्यूटन का नियम बताओ ।

प्रकृति

अफराज उपाध्ये IX C

मैं ही देता हूँ तुम्हें साँस,
क्या तुम्हें है इसका आभास ?

पशु-पक्षी को घर दिया मैंने,
तुमने तो सिर्फ दर्द दिया हमें ।

नदी से मैं पानी देता,

किंतु पेपर के लिए न जाने कितनी बार मैं मरता ।

स्टूडेंट : सर पूरी लाइन तो याद नहीं बस लास्ट का
याद है ।

टिचर : चलो लास्ट का ही सुनाओ ।

स्टूडेंट : और इसे ही न्यूटन का नियम कहते हैं ।

अपनी किरणों से प्रकाश मैं
देता,
सौर मंडल को खुशहाल मैं
बनाता ।
पर क्यों मेरी कदर ही नहीं ?
क्या जीवन मेरे अंदर भी नहीं ?
मैं ही देता हूँ तुम्हें खाना,
याद करना एक बार, फिर मुझे
डुकराना ।



शिक्षक

स्नेहा नायडू IX E

जीवन में जो राह दिखाए,
सही तरह से चलना सिखाए ।
माता - पिता से पहले स्थान उसका आए,
जीवन में आदर पाए ।

सीखी कर्तव्यनिष्ठा जिससे,
कभी रहा न दूर मैं जिससे,
वह मेरा पथदर्शक है ।
पथ प्रदर्शक मेरे मन को भाता
वह मेरा शिक्षक कहलाता ।

कभी है शांत, कभी है धीर,
स्वभाव से सदा गंभीर ।
मन में दबी रहे यह इच्छा,
काश ! मैं उस जैसा बन पाता,
जो मेरा शिक्षक है कहलाता ।



बूझो तो जाने

सनविका पाटिल IX D

- १) आँखों में उँगली डालो तो वह मुँह खोल देती है आखिर कौन है ?
- २) बढ़ती रहती है लेकिन कभी कम नहीं होती कौन है ?
- ३) एक आँख है पर देख नहीं सकती वह कौन है ?
- ४) आकार तो है लेकिन भार कुछ भी नहीं कौन है ?
- ५) ठंड में भी पिघलती है कौन है ?
- ६) हमेशा काटते रहते हैं मगर कभी उसके टुकड़े नहीं कर सकते वह क्या है ?
- ७) कौन सा फल है जो कच्चा होने पर भी खट्टा है पकने पर खट्टा लगता है ?
- ८) वह क्या है जो है तो सोने की मगर सोने से बहुत सस्ती है ?
- ९) वह कौन है जो कितना भी बूढ़ा हो मगर वह जवान रहता है ?
- १०) कौन -सी चीज है, जो लड़की का नाम और शृंगार भी है ?



बाल (०४)

पेन्सिल (१)

चमड़ा (२)

अनामक (७)

सोना (३)

मोमबत्ती (५)

अक्षर (२)

इंसि (६)

सम (८)

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बाली

यही है जिंदगी

अवनी नागर IX A

क्या जिंदगी यही है ?
सब कुछ तो पास है पर कुछ भी नहीं है।
चाहते कुछ और, सोचते कुछ और,

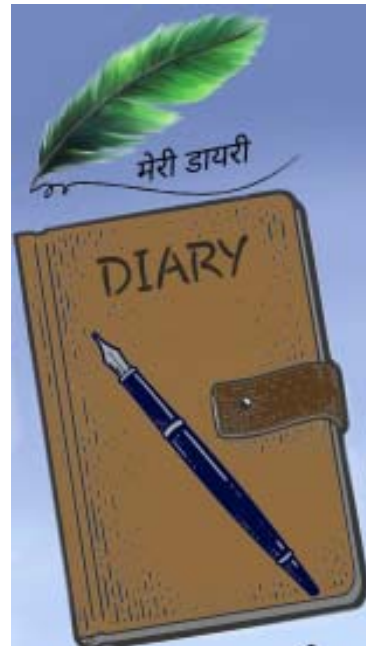
होता कुछ और, करते कुछ और।
इसी बात से हो जाते हैं उदास,
कोसते हैं ईश्वर और नसीब को,
सँवारना चाहिए मन को,
पर हम सँवारते हैं अपने चेहरे।

जीना खुद के लिए चाहिए,
पर जीते हैं बाकी सब के लिए।
रिश्ते रह गए बस नाम के, दुनिया में,
अपनापन अब कहीं नहीं रहा है।
जीवन बस एक दो पल का खेल है,
आज बचपन और कल बुढ़ापा,
आज सुख और कल दुख,
पर जीवन हँस कर जी लो,
जीवन का असली मतलब पता चल जाएगा।

मेरी डायरी

अंबर जैन IX A

इसके हर पन्ने में मेरा सफर बखूबी समाया है,
इसने मेरे साथ बहुत लंबा रिश्ता निभाया है।
ना वो कभी ऊबी मुझसे,
ना मैं कभी रूठा उससे,
यूँ उसने मेरे हर ख्याल को अपने भीतर समाया है।
इसने मेरे साथ बहुत लंबा रिश्ता निभाया है।
उसने कभी मेरा लिखा कोई शब्द डिलीट नहीं होने दिया,
ना ही खुद को अपडेट करने के बहाने कोई बैकप कभी
लिया,
जो - जब - जैसा मैंने लिखा,
उसने वह सब वैसा का वैसा संजो कर,
हमेशा के लिए अपने पास रख लिया।
यूँ ही हमारा रिश्ता लंबा होता चला गया।
इसने मेरे साथ बहुत लंबा रिश्ता निभाया है।
हर पन्ने पर मेरा सफर बखूबी समाया है...



उन्नति या अवनति ?

सिध्दी मुलिक IX A

आप सब जानते हैं, केंद्रीय पर्यावरण, वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय ने ७२,००० करोड़ रुपये की मेगा परियोजना के लिए ग्रेट निकोबार द्वीप में १३०.७५ वर्ग किमी जंगल के डायवर्जन के लिए सैद्धांतिक (चरण १) मंजूरी दी है जिसमें एक ट्रांसशिपमेंट पोर्ट शामिल है, एक हवाई अड्डा, एक बिजली संयंत्र और एक ग्रीनफील्ड टाउनशिप है। इन सब की वजह से निकोबार द्वीप और हमारे देश की उन्नति होगी। मंत्रालय के अधिकारिक दस्तावेज में कहा गया है कि यह द्वीप दुनिया में सबसे अच्छी तरह से संरक्षित उष्णकटिबंधीय जंगलों का घर है, जहाँ वनस्पतियों की लगभग ६५० प्रजातियाँ और जीवों की ३३० प्रजातियाँ पाई जाती हैं। क्या किसी ने उनके बारे में सोचा है? उनका घर नहीं होगा तो वे क्या करेंगे? जो ८.५ लाख पेड़ कटने जा रहे हैं उनका क्या होगा?



ग्रेट निकोबार द्वीप की यह परियोजना तो एक उदाहरण है। दुनियाभर में विकास के नाम पर, उन्नति के नाम पर जंगल काटे जा रहे हैं। इस वजह से धरती का तापमान बढ़ रहा है। प्रदूषण जैसी और उससे अधिक गंभीर समस्याएँ खड़ी हो रही हैं। हम कल के भावी नागरिक हैं अगर हमने अभी ठोस कदम नहीं उठाए तो इस उन्नति की वजह से धरती नष्ट हो जाएगी। आज हमारे पास समय है और साधन है। हमें इस उन्नति को अवनति होने से रोकना होगा।

आत्मनिर्भर भारत

शौनक जोशी IX B

विश्वभर में भारत का नाम सम्मान के साथ लिया जाता है। कुशल राजनीति, कुशल अर्थव्यवस्था एवं शिक्षा व्यवस्था, कामयाब तथा बहादुर संरक्षण के सभी दल और प्रतिदिन बढ़ते हुए विकास के कारण दुनिया के नक्शे पर अपना अलग स्थान बनाए बैठा है, जो हैं बिलकुल आत्मनिर्भर - आत्मनिर्भर भारत।

स्वतंत्रता आंदोलन के दौरान भारत को आत्मनिर्भर बनाने का लक्ष्य था। भारतीयों ने इस एक सक्षम भारत ने इस सपने को का निर्माण पूरा करने किया। “स्वदेशी” इस शब्द का अर्थ जनता समझने लगी और उसे साकार करने जुट गई।

१२ मई २०२० को प्रधानमंत्री मोदी जी ने लोकप्रिय रूप से “आत्मनिर्भर भारत” इस वाक्यांश का इस्तेमाल किया। उन्होंने कहा, विश्व की आज की स्थिति हमें सिखाती है कि इसका एक ही मार्ग है “आत्मनिर्भर भारत”। हमारे शास्त्रों के अनुसार - “एषः पंथा” यानि यही रास्ता है। इसके तहत देश के नागरिकों को रोजगार के लिए अवसर प्रदान हो इसलिए सरकार की



ओर से करोड़ों की सहायता दी गई।

लघु उद्योग, कुटीर उद्योग गुणवत्ता के साथ ही चलाने होंगे। यह था पहला कदम “आत्मनिर्भर भारत” के प्रति खुश किस्मती से विश्वभर में भारत हमेशा ही संसाधनों से परिपूर्ण देश रहा है। कोरोना महामारी में जिन समस्याओं का हम सामना कर रहे हैं, उन्हें दूर करके, स्वयं के हुनर के माध्यम से अपने परिवार को, समान को तथा अपने भारत को स्वयं के योगदान से युगों युगों तक तरक्की की ओर ले जाते हुए आत्मनिर्भर भारत बनाए रखेंगे।

कला की प्रशंसा

एक नई कलाकार, सिध्दी येवले IX A

“कला” शब्द की व्यापकता इतनी है कि उसे आज तक कोई भी पूरी तरह से समझ नहीं पाया। चित्रकला, हस्तकला, शिल्पकला, नाट्यकला, पाककला नृत्यकला, गायनकला, व्यवसाय कला कई प्रकार की कलाएँ होती हैं। विद्यालयीन जीवन में दी गई कला की शिक्षा एक अनिवार्य पृष्ठभूमि तैयार करती है जिससे विद्यार्थी अपने बाद के जीवन में भी कोई विशेष शिक्षा प्राप्त किए बगैर अपने भावी जीवन में किसी भी व्यवसाय का चुनाव कर सकते हैं।

कला शिक्षा मनुष्य के शारीरिक, मानसिक, नैतिक एवं संवेदनात्मक विकास में योगदान देती है। कला, मनुष्य और समाज के लिए महत्वपूर्ण है। कला मनुष्य की योग्यता और भावनात्मक विकास में होती है। कला व्यक्तित्व का परिष्कार करती है। कला एक जागरूक और संवेदनशील समाज के विकास में बहुत बड़ा योगदान देती है। कला की प्रशंसा एक कलाकार का मनोबल बढ़ाती है। कला अपनी कलाकृतियों को उत्कृष्ट बनाने हेतु हमेशा प्रयासरत रहने को प्रेरित करती है।

कला की परिभाषा दें तो भारतीय परंपरा के अनुसार कला उन सारी क्रियाओं को कहते हैं जिनमें विशेष कौशल अपेक्षित हो।

कला मनुष्य के जीवन में कई तरह के बदलाव समय-समय पर कराती है।

- कला, सीखने की परिस्थितियों निर्मित करती है।
- कला, सीखने की क्षमता को सजीव बनाती है।
- कला, सीखने के लिए मनुष्य को संगठित करती है।

- कला, मनुष्य की नैसर्गिक क्षमता का विकास करती है।
- कला, व्यक्तित्व के विकास में बहुत योगदान देती है।
- कला, की शिक्षा द्वारा उपचार कार्य संभव है।
- कला, सौंदर्यात्मक विकास को भी बढ़ाती है।
- कला, मूल्यांकन एवं निर्णय की शक्ति को विकसित करती है।
- कला, जीवन को पूर्णता से जीने में सहायता करती है।
- कला, जीवन के रचनात्मक पहलू को भी समृद्ध बनाती हैं।
- कला मनुष्य की आर्थिक क्षमता का भी विकास करती है।

किसीने बिल्कुल सही कहा है कि, “एक कलाकार को उसकी मेहनत के लिए पैसे नहीं मिलते बल्कि उसकी दूरदृष्टि और कला के कौशल के लिए मिलते हैं।

कला उन लोगों के लिए भी विशेष उपयोगी है जो अपने अवकाश के समय को सुंदरता से व्यतीत करके आत्म संतोष प्राप्त करते हैं।



माँ के आँचल को कह अलविदा,
उसने देश की ममता का बोझ उठाया है ।
खुशियों को त्याग,
उसने चुनौतियों को स्वीकारा है।

आसान जिंदगी को छोड़,
उसने खतरों से लड़ना जाना है।
हर साँस को कर अपने वतन के नाम,
उसने अपना हर वादा निभाया है।

हम सब की खातिर,
उसने अपनी रातों को बेचैनी से काटा है।
घर से आकर दूर,
उसने युद्ध-भूमि को ही अपना घर माना है।

हर समस्या का जो समाधान है,
वही तो हमारा जवान है।

परम धर्म

सुधांशु वाघमोड IX A



मानवता

सुरधा अय्यर X E

मुनष्य भले ही एक दूसरे से पृथक हो,
डॉक्टर हो, वैज्ञानिक हो अथवा कृषक हो ।
एक ऐसा नाता जो हम सबको जोड़ता है,
भेदभाव की सारी विचारधाराओं को तोड़ता है।

वह नाता है इंसानियत का ।
ये हमारे हाथों में है,
कि हम किसे अपनाते हैं।

इसी विचार पर निर्भर,
मानव की धर्म-जातियाँ हैं।

अतः तुरंत तय करें,
इंसानियत की जय करें।
इस पवित्र धर्म का,
हृदय में संचय करें ।

दोस्ती

वैष्णवी गुप्ता X E

सोचा था कि तुमसे मिल कर किस्मत की लकीरें बदल
जाएँगी,
लेकिन क्या पता था कि तुम ही बदल जाओगे।

अभी भी मैं सोचती हूँ कि कब हमें अकल आएगी,
वो दिन कब आएगा जब हमारी गलत फहमियाँ मिट जाएँगी।

क्या समय था वो जब हम साथ मिलकर शहर का चक्कर
काटते थे,
हम एक दूसरे से बात कर; आपस में प्यार बाँटते थे।

क्या शामें भी हमारी उफ! ये सुहानी,
शायद ये ही थी हमारी अधूरी कहानी ।

वारा पावसासंग बोलतो

अनुजा नथुराम कोकरे IX E

उधाण वारे नभात आले,
पक्षी पावसाने चिंब झाले
पक्षी जाई फांदी शोधते,
कारण त्यांचे पिल्लू रडते
मधुर वाऱ्यात शेत नाचे,
बळीराजाचे मन भरून साचे



झाड होऊनी लवचिक डोलते,
ऐका वारा पावसासंग बोलतो
मज आहे छंद पावसात नाचायचा,
नाही कथा कविता वाचायचा
पाऊस जाता पक्षी पंख उघडतो
ऐका वारा पावसासंग बोलतो

आला पाऊस.....

स्वराली वैभव काळे X C

आला आला पाऊस आला,
खेळायला जाऊ चला,
इकडे तिकडे फक्त चिखल
त्यात चालवूया आपण सायकल
सायकल मळली , कपडे मळले,
ते बघून बाबा खूप ओरडले
खाऊया भजी आणि गरमागरम वडे,
बाहेर जाऊ फिरु हिरवळ सगळीकडे

फिरुया आपण पावसाळ्यात धबधबे,
धबधब्याजवळ बसून खाऊ एकमकांचे डबे
केसं भिजले, थंडी वाजली,
आजाराची नाही काळजी
पाऊस गेला, मजा गेली,
आता परत कधी येणार पाऊस
असा विचार येतो मनात दरवेळी

फळांची नावे शोधा (फळांची संख्या २१)

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कधी असा कुणी स्वप्नात तरी विचार केला होता का , की गोंधळ, कोलाहल धावपळ, गडबड, आरडाओरडा - - - यांनी गजबजलेले हे जग अचानक निष्प्राण झाल्यासारखे शांत, स्थिर होईल ? सगळीकडे स्मशानशांतता पसरेल ? शाळा, बागा - - - ओस पडतील ? पण - - - हे असे अभूतपूर्व घडले. एका अतिसक्ष्म जीवाणूने अवाढव्य पृथ्वीवरील जीवनाला घराघरांमध्ये कोंडून ठेवले होते. पण थांबेल ते जीवन कसले ? मग शिक्षणाचा तरी अपवाद कसा ? शिक्षण तर अव्याहत अखंड चालणारी प्रक्रिया आणि चळचळ आहे , ही प्रक्रिया कधीच, कोणत्याही कारणाने कायमची थांबू शकत नाही. माणसाने परिस्थितीवर मात करण्याचे तंत्र जन्मापासून अवलंबले आहे, त्यामुळे लॉकडाऊन सुरु होताच शिक्षण प्रक्रिया पुनश्च प्रवाही राहण्यासाठी सर्व पातळ्यांवर गांधियनि प्रयत्न सुरु झाले. मुळातच शिक्षण सर्वव्यापी, सर्वसमावेश प्रक्रिया आहे. त्यामुळे शिक्षण न थांबवता ते तळागाळा पर्यंत पोहचण्यासाठी नवीन पद्धतीचा म्हणजेच ऑनलाईन शिक्षण पद्धतीचा मार्ग पुढे आला. घराघरांतील मुले संगणक, भ्रमणध्वनी, दूरदर्शन, दृक्श्राव्य माध्यमातून शिक्षणप्रक्रियेत सहभागी झाली. शिक्षण आणि विद्यार्थी यांच्यातील महत्त्वाचा दुआ अथवा सेतू म्हणजे शिक्षक. लॉकडाऊन मध्ये फक्त शाळा बंद होती. पण शिक्षण, शिक्षक आणि विद्यार्थी यांच्यातील बंध मात्र तसेच अतूट घट्ट होते. लॉकडाऊन मध्ये फक्त शिक्षणाचे माध्यम बदलले होते. पण ज्ञान, माहिती मनोरंजनचा प्रवास अव्याहत चालूच होता, परीक्षा निकाल विविध स्पर्धा सगळे कसे व्यवस्थित सुरु होते. आणि - - - नेहमीप्रमाणे माणसाने या अभूतपूर्व संकटावर मात केली जीवन पुन्हा पूर्ववत झाले. शाळा पुन्हा मुलांच्या कलकलाटाने गजबजून गेल्या. या सगळ्यात अत्यंत

कौतुकास्पद गोष्ट म्हणजे मुलांनी ऑनलाईन आणि ऑफलाईन या दोन्ही पद्धती विद्यार्थींनी सहजगत्या तत्परतेने स्वीकारल्या. दोन्ही शिक्षणपद्धतींचा अनुभव त्यांनी घेतला. हा विचार मनात ठेवून मुलांना कोणती शिक्षण पद्धत जास्त आवडली हे जाणून घेण्याचा आम्ही केलेला हा प्रयत्न. काही मुलांच्या मतांचा विचार करता चालू शिक्षणपद्धतीवर पुनश्च विचार करण्याची गरज आहे हे जाणवते.

इ १०वी क मधील स्वराली वैभव काळे या विद्यार्थिनीच्या मते ऑफलाईन मुळे रोज मित्र-मैत्रिणी भेटतात. खूप गप्पा मारता येतात , धमाल करता येते. वर्गात बसून शिकताना तिथेच शंकानिसरण होते. गृहपाठ वेळेवर पूर्ण करता येतो.

इ. १० वी ब मधील सई टिके या विद्यार्थिनीला सुद्धा ऑफलाईन शिक्षण योग्य वाटते. वर्गात मित्र-मैत्रिणींसमवेत शिक्षण घेण्याची मजा काही औरच असते. मधल्या सुट्टीत मैत्रिणीबरोबर डबा खाणे, सहलीला जाणे, स्नेहसंमेलनात भाग घेणेया गोष्टींचा आनंद घेता येतो. ऑनलाईनमुळे या गोष्टींपासून वंचित रहावे लागत होते.

इ. ९ वी क मधील रेहांश मोरे म्हणतो तो घरी बसून नुसता कंटाळला होता. अगदी चातकासारखी शाळा सुरु होण्याची वाट पहात होता. पुन्हा कधीही ऑनलाईन शिक्षणाची वेळ येऊ नये हीच त्याची इच्छा आहे.

इ. ११ वी ब मधील सानिका सौरभ देशमुख या विद्यार्थिनीच्या मते ऑफलाईन शिक्षणामुळे मिळणाऱ्या आनंदाची तुलना करता येत नाही. निव्वळ मित्र - मैत्रिणी भेटतात म्हणून ऑफलाईन पाहिजे असं नसून ऑनलाईनमुळे लिखाणाची सवय मोडली होती या गोष्टीचा त्रास परीक्षेवेळी झाला. म्हणून वाटते शिक्षण ऑफलाईनच असावे.

इ. ११ वी क मधील व्यंकट राजेशला ऑफलाईन शिक्षण आवडते. त्यानिमित्ताने घराबाहेर जाता येते. मैदानावर मित्रांबरोबर खेळता येते. बऱ्याच शालेय कार्यक्रमांमध्ये भाग घेता येतो.

इ. ९ वी ड मधल्या अपूर्वा मंता या विद्यार्थिनीला शाळेत जाणे, वर्गात बसून शिकणे जास्त आवडते. वर्गातील इतर मित्र - मैत्रिणींबरोबर हसत - खेळत शिकताना मजा येते.

इ. ११ वी इ मधील जंडन राँडीक्सला ऑफलाईन शाळा आवडते. मधल्या सुट्टीत मित्रांबरोबर गप्पा मारण्याचा आनंद काही वेगळाच असतो.

पण या सगळ्यांकडून वेगळे मत इ. ९ वी ड मधील अलोना एलिझाबेथ मर्सी हीचे आहे. तिला ऑनलाईन शिक्षण पद्धत योग्य वाटते. ऑनलाईनमुळे शाळेत जाण्या - येण्याचा वेळ वाचतो. अभ्यासासाठी भरपूर वेळ मिळतो. ऑनलाईन पद्धतीने घरबसल्या शिक्षण होतेच, अभ्यासात खंड पडत नाही. पुस्तकी ज्ञानाबरोबर संगणक हाताळण्याचे सखोल ज्ञान मिळते.

असेच मत इ. ९ वी इ मधील श्रीश हिरे यांने व्यक्त केले आहे. ऑफलाईन म्हणजे शाळेत जाणे , वाहतूक व्यवस्थेवर ताण पडतो, वाहतूक कोंडी ही मोठी समस्या आहे. वाहतूक इंधनाचा खर्च वाढतो. पण ऑनलाईनमुळे शिक्षणही होते आणि वाहतूक कोंडी सारखे प्रश्न मिटतात.

इ. ११ वी ब मधील अर्णव बोन्हाडे या विद्यार्थ्याला टेक्नाॅजीचा जास्तीत जास्त फायदा करून घेता आला पाहिजे असे वाटते. त्यामुळे मुलांना स्वयं - अध्ययनाची सवय लागेल.

इ. १२ वी मधील आरोह तांबोळीच्या मते शाळेत जाणे - येणे यासाठी लागणारा वेळ ऑनलाईनमुळे वाचतो. उरलेल्या वेळेचा उपयोग छंद जपण्यासाठी किंवा स्वयंअध्ययनासाठी वापरता येतो.

थोडक्यात मुलांनी ऑनलाईन / ऑफलाईन या दोन्ही शिक्षण पद्धतीचा प्रत्यक्ष अनुभव घेतला आहे. त्यामुळे त्यांची मते अधिक बोलकी वाटतात.

मन

प्रत्युंश सावंत IX.B

मन हे माझे कुठे रमतच नाही ;
 कधी घेते क्षितिजावर झेप तर
 कधी धरणीला बिलगून बसते
 म्हणावे तरी काय या मनाला
 मन हे माझे कुठे रमतच नाही ;
 कधी वाऱ्याच्या झोताला मागे टाकते, तर
 कधी त्या वादळात गुरफडून बसते
 मनाच नक्की म्हणण तरी काय आहे
 मन हे माझे कुठे रमतच नाही ...
 कधी बेभान होवून सैरावैरा वाटेल तेथे पळते
 तर कधी एकांतीला सोबती बनवून दडून बसते
 मनाला सांगायचे तरी काय ?
 मन हे माझे कुठे रमतच नाही ;
 कोणी समजून घेईल या माझ्या मनाच्या भावना
 देईल का कोणी याला आधार ?

येईल का याला स्थिरता, रमेल का हे
 कोणाच्या तरी सानिध्यात ?
 मन हे माझे कुठे रमतच नाही
 अपेक्षा याच्या काहीच नाही
 मागणेही याचे काहीच नाहीत
 अशा या माझ्या मनाला मिळेल का कुठे आसरा ?
 मन हे माझे कुठे रमतच नाही



देश माझा, मी देशाचा

सिद्धेश काळे IX.C

या वर्षी आपण आपल्या देशाचा ७५ वा गौरवशाली स्वातंत्र्यदिन सोहळा साजरा केला. या ७५ वर्षात देशाने सर्वच क्षेत्रात विजयाची, यशाची, समृद्धीची, सामर्थ्याची उत्तुंग भरारी घेतली आहे. भारताची यशोगाथा चिरायू होवो !

पंच्याहत्तराव्या स्वातंत्र्यदिन सोहळ्याचे औचित्य साधून मुलांनी आपले विचार निबंध, भाषण स्पर्धामधून उत्स्फूर्तपणे व्यक्त केले. त्यातील काही अंश या लेखाद्वारे आपल्यापुढे मांडत आहेत.

बलसागर भारत होवो
विश्वात शोभून राहो
हे कंकण करी बांधिले
जनसेवे जीवन दिधले
राष्ट्रार्थ प्राण हे उरले
मी सिद्ध मरायाला हो
बलसागर भारत होवो....

माझ्या स्वप्नातील भारत स्वाभाविकपणे तीच प्राचीन भारत भूमी आहे, जी शांतता, समृद्धी आणि अफाट ज्ञानाने परिपूर्ण आहे. भारतीय संस्कृती बहुशाखीय वटवृक्षासारखी आहे. भारतातील भाषा, जाती, धर्म, परंपरा यांच्या शाखा मिळून हा वृक्ष विकसित झाला आहे माझी भारतीय संस्कृती ही अतिप्राचीन संस्कृती आहे. माझ्या या प्राचीन संस्कृतीचा मला मनापासून अभिमान आहे. ही माझी बहुमोल संस्कृती कायम टिकून रहावी यासाठी मला प्रयत्न करायचे आहे. कारण प्रत्येक देशाची संस्कृती हा त्या देशाचा आरसा असतो.

माझ्या या भारत भूमीच्या कानाकोपऱ्यात अनेक थोर संत जन्मास आले आणि जनमाणसाला जगण्याचं सार देवून गेले. अहो ! हि भारतभूमी देणाऱ्यांची भूमी आहे. वाघालाही लाजवेल असे शौर्य, हती ही थोजेल असे बळ चित्ता ही मागे सरेल अशी चपळता आणि सर्व राजे जिथे नतमस्तक झाले, असे महावीर महाप्रतापी राजे या माझ्या भारतभूमीत जन्मास आले आजही फक्त हर हर महादेव अशी गर्जना केली तरी अंगातील रक्त सळसळ करायला लागतं. कारण माझा शिवाजी राजा या देशाला एक वेगळी संस्कृती देवून गेला आहे. हि संस्कृती जपणाऱ्या गड किल्ल्यांचे मला सर्वंधन करायचे आहे.

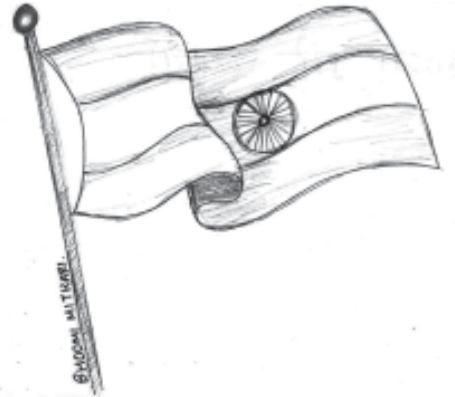
माझा भारत देश शांतता प्रिय देश आहे. शांतता नष्ट करणाऱ्या आणि लोकांमध्ये अशांतता आणि निराशा निर्माण करणाऱ्या समस्यांपासून मला माझा भारतदेश मुक्त पहायचा आहे. एक असा देश मला निर्माण करायचा आहे. जिथे सर्वासाठी मोफत आणि सक्तीचे प्राथमिक शिक्षण असेल जिथे सर्व पुरुष, स्त्रिया आणि मुले शिक्षित असतील कोणीही निरक्षर राहणार नाही.

शिक्षणाच्या प्रसारामुळे वाढत्या लोकसंख्येवर नियंत्रण स्वाभाविकपणे येईलच ! प्रत्येकाने एक किंवा दोन मुलांचे सुखी कुटुंब असेल, ज्यांना चांगले पोषण दिले जाईल, योग्यरित्या कपडे घातले जातील आणि त्यांना नियमित शाळेत पाठवले जाईल. सर्व लोक शिक्षित असतील अशा भारतराष्ट्राचे माझे स्वप्न आहे, कारण जेव्हा माझे देशवासी शिक्षित असतील होतील. तेव्हाच माझा देश प्रगत होईल.

सामाजिक सौहार्दाचे रक्षण केले जाईल. आजची लाजिरवाणी दुष्कृत्ये दूर होतील जिथे महिलांना सन्मान आणि सभ्यतेची वागणूक दिली जाईल. प्रत्येक माऊली जिथे स्वतःला सुरक्षित समजेल असा भारत मला निर्माण करायचा आहे.

आज आपण सर्वांनी ७५ व्या अमृतमोहोत्सवी भारत भूमीत पदार्पण केले आहे. या मोहोत्सवाचे औचित्य साधून मी, परम वैभवम् नेतुमे तत्सराष्ट्रम्“ अशी शपथ घेतो. अर्थात माझ्या देशाला मी परम वैभवाकडे नेण्याचा प्रयत्न करेन अशी शपथ घेतो.

जन्म हिंद जय महाराष्ट्र.



नतमस्तक मी त्या सर्वांसाठी ज्यांनी भारत देश घडविला. भारत अनेक राज्य, अनेक भाषा, भारत अनेक एक दिशा, भारत एक संकल्प, भारत एक धैर्य. या अमृत महोत्सवी प्रसंगी आपल्या लाडक्या तिरंग्याला मानवंदना देऊया आणि भारत मातेचे स्मरण करूया.

या देशाने जेव्हा स्वातंत्र्य मिळवले तेव्हा त्याची फार मोठी किंमत मोजली आहे. शेकडो नव्हे हजारो लोकांनी आपल्या प्राणांचे बलिदान दिले. तेव्हा देशाला स्वातंत्र्याचे पहाड दिसले. अनेक प्रांत हजारो भाषा, हजारो जाती, कुठे आभाळाला भिडणारे डोंगर, कुठे खोल दऱ्या, कुठे समृद्ध जंगल, कुठे वाळवंट कुठे मैलामैल पसरलेला समुद्र किनारा. या सगळ्या विविधता कायम ठेवून भारत देश या सम्मन सूत्राने हा देश उभारायला पिढ्या खर्ची पडल्या. त्यांनी सर्वस्व देशासाठी झोकून दिले.

स्वातंत्र्य दिनाचा अमृत महोत्सव साजरा करून राष्ट्र प्रेम व्यक्त करायच्या बरोबरच देशात निर्माण झालेली अर्थव्यवस्था लोकांसाठी काय करते? यावर सतत डोळे उघडून लक्ष घालायला हवे लोकांसाठी पुरेसे अन्न, वस्त्र, उत्तम शिक्षण, वाहतूक व्यवस्था, आरोग्य व्यवस्था उपलब्ध आहे काय हे पाहायला हवे आणि आपण जागृतीने मतदान करतोय का? निवडून दिलेला प्रतिनिधी योग्य आहे का? हे पाहायला हवे, लोकशाहीत लोकांचे हे कर्तव्य आहे. राष्ट्र म्हणजे केवळ भूगोल नव्हे, त्यातील माणसे ही देखील महत्वाची आहे कारण देशाची ओळख असते देशातील माणसे! आपल्या हितासोबत दुसऱ्यांच्या हिताचे विचार करणे म्हणजेच देशाला प्रगतीपथावर नेणे.

जय हिंद जय भारत

युक्ता राजिवडे IX.B

जय भारत देशा तुझ्या चरणी
कोटी कोटी माझे नमन असो ।
नाम तुझे विश्वात साऱ्या
नित्य नित्य हे उच्च वसो: ।।

भारताला स्वातंत्र्य मिळाल्या पासून म्हणजेच १९४७ ते

२०१२ या काळात भारताने अनेक चढउतार, आनंद-दुःख, यश-अपयश, प्रगती-अधोगती याचा अनुभव घेतला आहे. या ७५ वर्षात भारताचा विकास देखील मोठ्या प्रमाणात झाला आहे.

अनेक संकटांना तोंड देत देत आज भारत प्रगतीपथावर पोहोचला आहे. या ७५ वर्षात भारताने शेती उत्पादन, क्रीडा क्षेत्र, संरक्षण क्षेत्र या सगळ्या क्षेत्रात भारताने प्रगती केली आहे. क्रिकेट या खेळातही भारताचे नाव अग्रस्थानी आहे. सेनादलात सुद्धा सैनिकांनी मोठमोठ्या कामगिरी करून आपले बलिदान दिले आहे.

खेड्यांमध्ये सुद्धा शिक्षण पोहचवले जात आहे. गोरगरिबांना मूलभूत गरजा पुरवल्या जात आहे. उद्योग क्षेत्रात सुद्धा नवनवे टप्पे पूर्ण करत आहेत. अजूनही खूप मोठा पल्ला आपल्याला गाठायचा आहे. सुरुवात तर झाली आहेच, तर मग चला एक देशभक्त नागरिक व चांगला माणूस म्हणून आपण या गौरवशाली भारताचा भाग बनूया व ७५ वर्षांच्या स्वतंत्र देशाला अभिमानास्पद वाटेल तेच काम करायचे असा निश्चय करूया.

विसरून जाऊ सर्व निराशा

स्वप्न उद्याचे फुलवुया ।

इतिहासातून धडा घेऊनी

भविष्य आपले घडवूया ।।

बानी कौर चोप्रा IX.C

माझ्या स्वप्नातला भारत हा झोपेत पडलेल्या स्वप्नातला भारत नसून, मी जागेपणी भारतासाठी पाहिलेल्या स्वप्नातला भारत आहे. इंग्रजांनी केलेल्या अत्याचारांमधून जनतेला मुक्त करण्यासाठी, गुलामीच्या साखळ दंडातून मुक्त करण्यासाठी अनेक स्वातंत्र्य सैनिकांना सर्वस्वाचे बलिदान करायला लागले. त्यांच्या त्यागाची फलश्रुती स्वातंत्र्य प्राप्तीत झाली. १५ ऑगस्ट आणि २६ जानेवारी हे राष्ट्रीय सण असले, की अवघा भारत तिरंग्याच्या रंगात रंगून जातो. TV वरील सर्व वाहिन्या, रेडिओ तसेच सर्व वसाहती मध्ये देशभक्तीपर गाणी सुरू असतात,

पण हळूहळू जसा स्वातंत्र्यदिन ओसरतो तसे देश भक्तीचे जाज्वल्य सुद्धा ओसरू लागते, खरं आहे ना ? वर्तमानपत्र, TV वर स्त्रियांवर होणारे अत्याचार, भ्रष्टाचार अशाच काही बातम्या खरमरीतपणे मांडल्या जातात आणि मग काय स्वतःच्याच राष्ट्रीय संपतीची नासधूस करण्यात आपलेच लोक अग्रेसर असतात, समजात फूट पडू लागते.

मला वाटते प्रत्येक नागरिकाने स्वातंत्र्याचे उद्दिष्ट लक्षात ठेऊन स्वातंत्र्याचा गैरवापर टाळावा, प्रत्येकाच्या मनाचा आदर होऊ द्यायला हवे. वर्ण, जात, लिंग, धर्म यांचा भेदभाव न करता आदर करावा, निसर्गाचाही आदर करावा.

अधिकार तर न मागताही मिळतात. पण कर्तव्याची जाण

असायला हवी. स्वतः च्या चुका शोधायला शिकलं पाहिजे, भारतीय मुलं इतर देशांमध्ये जाऊन राहत आहेत. तेव्हा आता आत्मपरिक्षणाची वेळ आली आहे, आणि त्याचे उत्तरही आपल्याकडेच आहे. भारत देश समृद्ध होताच पण देशाला कायमस्वरूपी समृद्ध ठेवणे हे आमच्याच हातात आहे. देशभक्ती म्हणजे नुसताच झेंडा फडकवणे नव्हे, तर त्याचा मान ठेऊन माणसाला मानसासारखे वागवणे असा होतो. राष्ट्राची वैशिष्ट्ये म्हणजे विविधते मध्ये एकता टिकवून भारताची मान कायम कशी ताठ राहीन यासाठी प्रयत्नशील रहावे लागेल - तेव्हाच खऱ्या अर्थाने भारत देश महान“ ही उक्ती सार्थ ठरेल. जय हिंद !

संगणकासमोरची शाळा

रेहाना मोर IX C

ऑनलाईन होती शाळा,
झाला संगळा घोटाळा
संगणकासमोर बसून राहण्याचा
लागला संगळ्यांना चाळा
खेळण्यात जाई दिवस सारा,

परीक्षत मग झाला घोटाळा
घरी बसून आला कंटाळा
पहा बरं कधी सुरु होणार
शाळा ?

शाळा

अपुर्वा मन्ता IX D

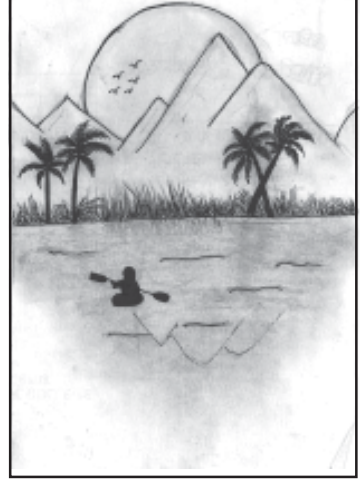
सकाळच्या झोपची लागते वाट
दप्तर घेऊन चालतो पायी ताठ
जर केली वर्गात मस्ती
तर मग वाटते शिक्षकांची धास्ती
सुटीची पाहतो आम्ही वाट

याच विचारात विसरतो शिकलेला पाठ
डबा सर्वानी खावा मिळून
रिसेस संपते हसून खेळून
शाळा संपताच होतो कल्ला
असे करून, कसा गाठावा दूरचा पल्ला ?

सुखाचा सागर

कौशिका संजीव धरत IX.M

समुद्र पाहून येती मनात विचार
काय असेल रहस्य याचे
कसे समजणार ? ||१||
भरती - आहोटी होते चंद्राच्या कलांवर
शंखशिपले मजेत खेळती काठांवर
विविध मत्स्य जीवन जगती
किती आनंदात
शास्त्रज्ञही दंग सागराच्या अभ्यासात
किती सुंदर चित्रकला विधात्याची
नमन त्याला सुखाच्या सागरावर
नौका डोलते जीवनाची



शाळा आनंदाची

कल्याणी संजीव धरत IX.M

माझी शाळा
लहानाचे झालो मोठे
अजूनही आठवते स्वतःचे रूप छोटे
जन्मा घातले ती प्राणप्रिय आई
तवसमान घडवणारी शाळा जणू मोठी आई
गुरुजनांनी आम्हां शिस्तीतून घडविले
उंच भरारी घेण्यास आभाळ दिले
नमन करतो मी तोडक्या शब्दांत
राहील आजन्म माझी शाळा स्मरणात



खरा तो एकची धर्म

मधुरा थोरात IX.M

मित्रांनो आपल्याला हे ठाऊक आहे. की जेवढे धर्म तेवढेच त्यांचे देव अगदी मनोभावे प्रत्येकजण आपल्या दैवताची उपासना करतो.

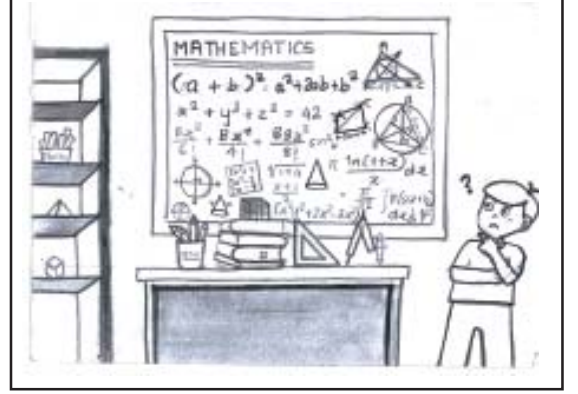
पण तुम्हाला ठाऊक आहे जेव्हा आपल्यावर नैसर्गिक आपत्ती येते जसे मुंबई ने पावसात थैमान घातले होते. २६ जुलै पुरामुळे जनजीवन विस्कळीत झाले त्यावेळी संकटातून वाचण्यासाठी मदतीचा हात पुढे करणारे लोक कधीही हा कुठल्या धर्माचा हे पाहत नव्हते काणी पाण्याची बोटल देत होते, कोण बिस्कटचे पुढे देत होत कोणी राहण्याची, कपड्यांची व्यवस्था करत होत तर कोणी अन्न धान्यांची मदत करत होत ते माणुसकीचं धर्म पाळत होते तोच खरा मानवता धर्म आहे. नंतर कोरोना काळात जे लोकांचे हाल झाले त्याचेदेखील उदाहरण आपल्यापुढेच आहे. तेव्हाही भरपूर लोकांनी तू कोणत्या धर्माचा हे न पाहता मदत केलीच. स्वामी विवेकानंद, संत गाडगे बाबा, डॉ. प्रकाश बाबा आमटे, मदर तेरेसा, सिंधुताई सपकाळ अशी कितीतरी संतांची समाज सेवकांची नावे घेता येतील. ज्यांनी पैश्यांपेक्षा गोरगरीबांची सेवा करण्यास अधिक महत्त्व दिले. गरिबांना, दिनदुबळ्यांना मदत करणं हीच ईश्वर सेवा हे व्रत त्यांनी पाळलं. खरा धर्म तर तोच आहे खरा तिथे माणुसकीचा वाहतो प्रेमळ

झरा. देव मंदिरात दगडी मूर्तीत नाही तर तो असतो आपल्या मनातल्या गाभारऱ्यात अंतकरणाला समाधान मिळावं म्हणून आपण जेव्हा निरपेक्ष भावनेनं दुसऱ्याची मदत करतो; तेव्हा आपल्याला त्यांच्या डोळ्यात कृतज्ञ भाव दिसतो ओठावर हसू दिसतं आनंदी असा चेहरा दिसतो. तेच ईश्वराला भेटल्यासारखं सुख असतं तीच पूजा असते. हे कधीतरी तुम्ही आम्ही अनुभवलेलं असेलच हो ना ? बघा कधी एखादी अंध व्यक्ती रस्ता ओलांडताना धावत जाऊन त्याला मदत केलीय ट्रेन व बसमध्ये एखादया वृद्ध व्यक्तीला पाहून आपली सीट लगेच ऊठून त्यांना दिलीय एखादया भाजीवाल्या आजीची जड टोपली उचलायला हात लावून मदत केलीय किती वेगळं समाधान मिळतं हो ना ? मनुष्य कुठल्या जातीचा असा शिक्का न मारता केवळ मनुष्य मानव धर्म पाळणं हे लक्षण म्हणजे आपण खऱ्या अर्थाने माणूस म्हणून जगण्यासाठी लायक झालोय याचं प्रमाण आहे. नाहीतर जनांवर सुद्धा आपल्याला खूपदा शिकवून जातात आपण तर माणूस आहोत. हीच माझी प्रार्थना अन हेच माझे मागणे माणसाने माणसाची माणसासारखे वागणे.

धन्यवाद.

गणिताशी मैत्री

अंकानी सजलेलं,
हवं हवंस वाटलेलं
जीवनात वापरलेलं,
पण मुलांनी नाकारलेलं.
मुले बिचारी गोंधळलेली,
पण अंकाशी जोडलेली
अंक दिसतास किती,
मुलांना वाटू लागते भीती
गणित करताना मन विचलित होई,
बघताच क्षणी चक्कर येई
गुरुच्या ज्ञानाने आशीर्वादाने,
हुशार बनली मठ मुले



कसं बोलू मी या जगाशी,
काय आहेस गणिता, तू माझ्यासाठी
पहावे गणित, करावे गणित
त्याची तालीम मात्र करावी नियमित

हसा चकट फू



मिहिर ठाकूर IX B

१. मुलगा : आई जेवण चांगलं झालं नाही, काय टाकलंय याच्या मध्ये ?
आई : तुझी बुद्धी.
बाबा : तरीच
२. शिक्षिका : मुलांनो, आज काही अभ्यास होणार नाही.
मुले : का बरं शिक्षिका ?
शिक्षिका : कारण आपण दुसऱ्या वर्गाच्या बरेच पुढे आहोत.
मुले : कसं काय ?



- शिक्षिका : बोलण्यात
३. रामू : आज मी काही नाही बोलणार .
गंजू : का रे ?
रामू : कारण शिक्षिका म्हणाला होत्या, अबोल प्राण्यांवर दया करा."
४. शिक्षक : जगातील सगळ्यात मोठी नदी कोणती ?
विद्यार्थी : माझ्या नाकातील छिद्र, सतत वाहतच असते.
५. रमेश : तीन पाय त्रिगुणी , एक पाय गगणी मी कोण ?
सुरेश : सुसु करणारा कुत्रा

SUITS : SUITS EVERYONE

- Sahil Vaidya, IXA

If you're bored and looking to be entertained on Friday night or a long weekend and don't know what to watch with so many new recommendations available online, then SUITS is the series for you. It is one of those shows which is highly binge-worthy and one just can't stop watching it because of its plot.

SUITS is an American legal drama series written and created by Aaron Kosh. It consists of 9 seasons with about 15 episodes per season. It first premiered on June 23, 2011. Throughout its run, it was nominated for the People's Choice Award for "Favorite Cable TV Drama" and "Favorite Dramedy." One of the main reasons that I enjoyed watching this series is because of the first episode, that is, the "Pilot" episode which was very engaging as well as thrilling. The show is based on a successful law firm in New York managed by Jessica Pearson (Gina Torres) and her two high-class senior partners Louis Litt (Rick Hoffman) and Harvey Specter (Gabriel Macht). It also includes other main characters such as Michael Ross (Patrick J. Adams), Rachel Zane (Meghan Markle), and Donna Paulsen (Sarah Rafferty).

The show starts with the life of a young college dropout Michael who is extremely bright and has a photogenic memory but due to his tragic past, cannot pursue his dream of becoming a lawyer. He takes up several small jobs to make ends meet. During one of these jobs, he accidentally interacts with Harvey Spectre,

who was then entrusted with the responsibility of hiring an associate for his law firm. Michael later uses his eidetic memory and legal knowledge to convince Harvey to hire him as an associate so that he can fulfill his dream of becoming a lawyer. While interviewing Michael, Harvey learns about his past and points out that even though he would like to hire him, he couldn't as he's a college dropout and has never attended Harvard Law School or any law school.

However, after the interview, Harvey was highly impressed by Michael's knowledge and decided to hire him as an associate if only he promised to hide his qualification and leave no

trace of his past life. The basic premise of the story proceeds with Harvey and Michael trying to keep Michael's identity a secret from other lawyers while taking on difficult cases and trying to find solutions in the most unconventional ways. One of the main reasons I also liked the show was the dialogues, which are clever, bright, clichéd, and witty, giving the show a humorous outline.

It is certainly a show that would be preferred to be watched by teenagers as well as seniors. With many new shows available on various online and other OTT platforms, I guarantee you that you won't be disappointed with the show and would enjoy watching it.

STRESS, STRESS, GO AWAY

- Ishanya Mishra, XB

As a tenth grader, now well into the year, I can confidently say that- YES, it is as difficult as our teachers in lower classes had warned it would be. Well, more stressful than difficult, if I am being completely honest. The pressure that is weighing down our already sinking boat is immense! And the source of this pressure is not one, there are infinite ones! Parents, teachers, friends, extremely distant relatives you haven't spoken to in years - everyone! This looming cloud of stress is ever-present.

Every person has experienced the difficulties of being a teenager, albeit with varied experiences. However, we all know that during this stage of being stuck between adolescence and adulthood, even trivial issues feel like world-ending catastrophes. According to the dictionary, 'stress' is defined as 'a feeling of emotional or physical tension'. It can come from any event or thought that makes you feel frustrated, angry or nervous. Stress is your body's reaction to a challenge or demand.

One of the most common causes of stress in teenagers is the endless stream of exams we have to give regularly. The only logical way to avoid the stress of exams is to have a clear plan and goal in mind. The key to this plan is consistency! If we are consistent, we'll never have to worry about last-minute hurdles.

Are we all this perfect though? Even if we are consistent enough, there may still be that one subject, one factor that is our weakness. Be it in academics or life, we all have our Achilles heel. So, how do we manage stress? Each of my friends has different ways. One of the most

common practices is to listen to our favourite music! Upbeat music can make you feel more optimistic about life. A slower tempo can quiet your mind and relax your muscles, making you feel calm as the tension seeps out of your body. Be it classical, jazz, hip-hop, k-pop or just some plain old Taylor Swift, we all have our personal favourites that can lift our moods swiftly.

When you're just tired of staring at the bland words of textbooks all day, and need a pop of colour in your life? Painting is the perfect escape! Creating something from the secret crevasse of our imagination without the binding of rules is the only prerequisite. Escaping into a fantasy world may also help in getting your mind off of the mundane problems of daily life. Watching a movie, reading a good book, or maybe even writing something for fun, like a poem or a story can also achieve it.

Some of us are avid sports fans and watching our favourite game is just what is needed to help us relax. There are so many to choose from like, cricket, football and even Formula 1. The thrill of watching our favourite teams compete is exhilarating!

Even though sometimes we may be disasters in the kitchen, just being in there and helping out, amidst the wafting aroma of spices can help take your mind off things and relax. The satisfaction of cooking or baking something yourself is immeasurable.

During the hectic schedule of our daily lives, one way to de-stress is to simply go outside! Even for half an hour, go out and just take a walk. Spending time with your family and sib-

lings are essential. When you're feeling stressed just go talk to someone you trust. Talk about it and share your feelings and thoughts, no matter what.

Another unconventional way to de-stress, which is fairly new to everyone's lives, is social media! Social media is simple and admittedly, quite distracting. Everything is just one click or swipe away! There is so much to see and observe, even learn at times. It is a great platform for us to connect with people from all around the world and learn about so many different things. We can watch short videos in

the form of reels and shorts just to entertain ourselves for short periods. But of course, social media is something which should be handled with care; as Hippocrates said, "Everything in excess is opposed to nature."

These are the various ways that teenagers, like me, try to deal with stress. However, even though we may not always be able to, we should try our best to remain calm during any situation and face roadblocks like any other challenge! In the end, everything in life passes and in the long run, today's issues will seem trivial.

ARE WE REALLY HAPPY...?

- Shreemayi Jain, IXC

The term HAPPINESS; means a tide of joyful emotions that should flow through us each day. Everyone has a different opinion about happiness. Money or branded clothes and shoes might bring happiness to some, but after all, its materialistic happiness which won't bring you actual joy. These things won't last forever. Once, people run out of these things, wouldn't they start feeling blue? Now, can we honestly say that we are happy and satisfied with what we have. I couldn't, until I found what made me feel euphoric!

So, as students, we find happiness when the teacher is absent and we get a games period or when the teacher appreciates us in front of the whole class even when we haven't done anything special. I, myself have been the kind of person who found negativity in every little thing which made me always feel low. But then, I explored and realised that I find happiness through music. Some may find it through

art, dance or even writing. It depends on each one of us. Music made me feel happy from the inside out. When you start accepting yourself the way you are, you will become a joyful soul. So, do what YOU love to do!

Trust me, everyone faces ups and downs in their life but don't let that be the reason for your unhappiness. If you get hurt, you wash it off, get up and get going. Don't do things to please someone, do things that bring joy to YOU. Follow your heart and be YOURSELF! Start being in the present, instead of thinking about what has happened or what might. Being yourself will get you where you want to go. However long and dark the tunnel is, at the end you see the light and that is your way out. Always look for the clear blue sky even if it is all gloomy and dark. Life is too short to dwell in sadness and each morning is a new beginning. So, start enjoying every little thing that passes by and do what makes you feel EUPHORIC!

TUNES FOR EVERY MOOD

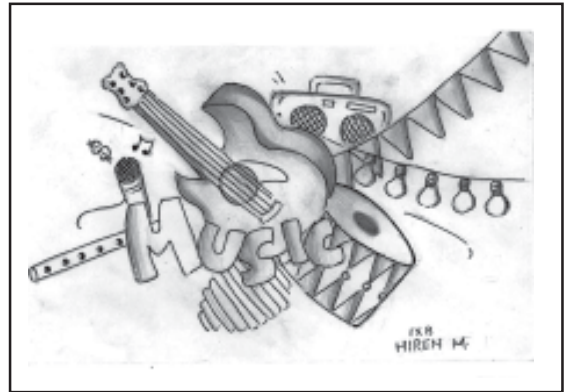
- Mihir Thakur, IXB



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How to use?

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- 4) Tap the camera
- 5) Tap scan
- 6) Point your camera at the Spotify code above



KINDNESS!

- Mital Verat, XIID

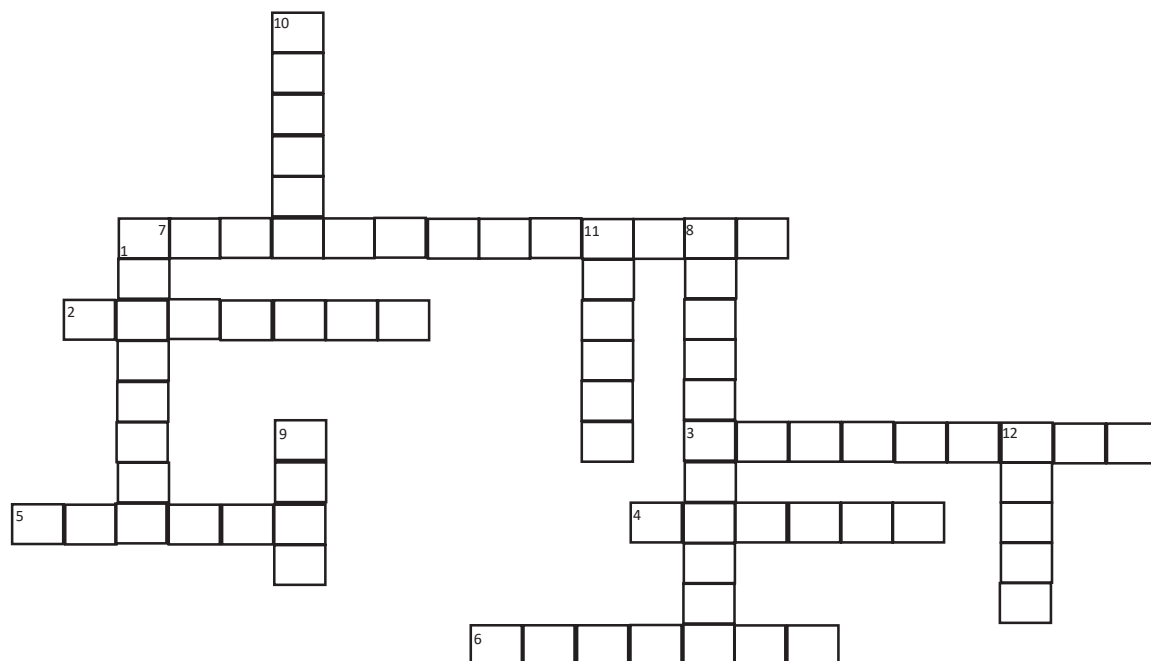
This night is full of silence,
Reminding me of my resilience!
I neither want to look back.....
Nor want to look ahead,
Just want to close my eyes.....
And live in the moment!

I want to feel this cold wind
Touching my soul deep within,
Reminding me that.....
Life has some beautiful insights,
Just remember to be kind!

CROSSWORD

- Saksham Shah, IXB

The FIFA World Cup is a festival where football enthusiasts from all over the world tune in to celebrate the beautiful game. No matter what nationality or ethnicity, every fan enjoys and appreciates the exciting show put forth by some of the world's best. Every player puts all his passion to bring glory to his nation, giving us several iconic moments throughout the rich history of the tournament. From star teams sinking to the underdogs rising victorious, it's a rollercoaster of emotions that enthralls the viewers and participants alike.



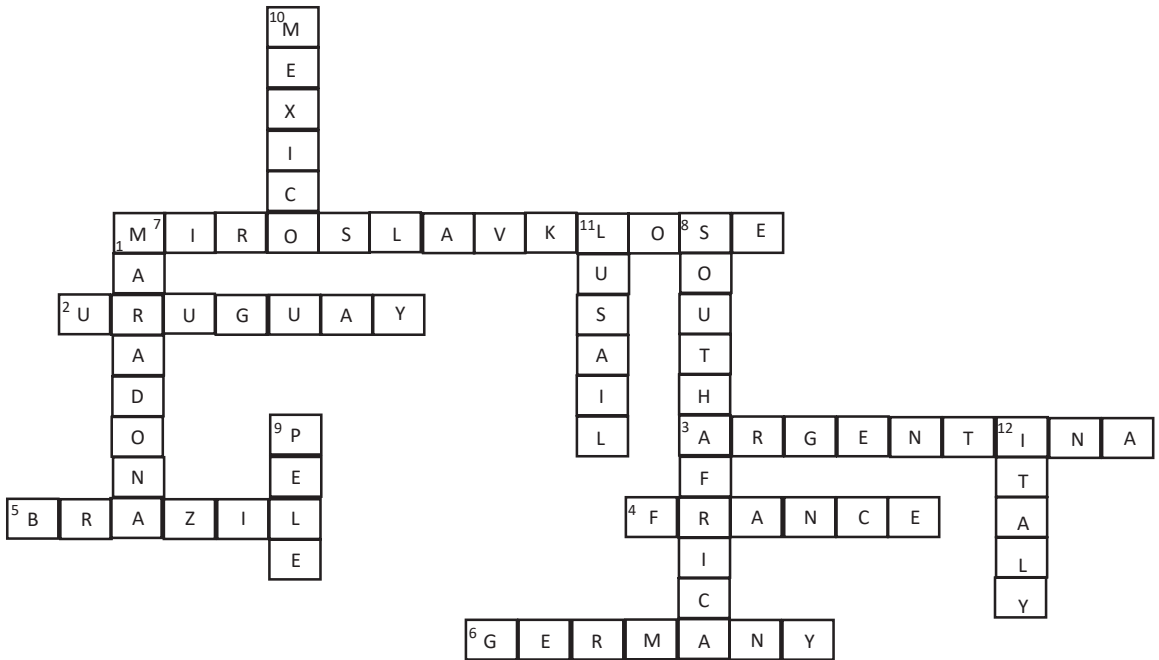
ACROSS:

- 1) This player has scored maximum goals in the world cup
- 2) This team is the winner of the first edition of FIFA world cup (1930)
- 3) This team is runner ups of the first edition of FIFA world cup (1930) and lost 4-2
- 4) This team is the champions of the Russian edition of FIFA world cup played in 2018
- 5) This nation has won the world cup for maximum times
- 6) This nation won their 4th title after defeating Argentina in Brazil edition of FIFA world cup

DOWN:

- 7) This player is famous for winning the match which was given the phrase 'Hand of god'
- 8) This African nation was the host of 2010 world cup
- 9) This is the only player in the world to win 4 world cups
- 10) This nation has recorded maximum loses (27) in the history of FIFA world cup till now
- 11) This is the stadium with maximum capacity in Qatar available for the world cup
- 12) This is the first Team to win consecutive FIFA world cups (1934, 1938)

ANSWERS



THE MAZE WITHIN

- Avneet Kaur Singh Juneja, XC

Puffy eyes in dark nights,
Filled with horror of what may come
With tomorrow's light.

Choices made for me my whole life,
And now I'm afraid, I don't know what's right.

Looking forward to leave and grow,

But my mind troubles me more and more.

Dejected I stood in this trouble,
Some avoided some stood by.
(Felt good to know I'm not an outcast,
Just because I can't make the right choice).
After all, that makes us human, right?

THE THREAD THAT BINDS US

- Amruta Anasane, XA

Last two months
With you, my dear.
Then we'll be strangers again.
Promises made

Won't be remembered.
The wish to reunite
Will eventually fade away.
Immature little beings,
Eager for a farewell,
Do not know what they'd miss
When they leave this place –
The memories, the laughs,
The cries, the scoffs,
The songs in the recess,
The fights in the zero periods.

Now that it has all come to an end,
And it's time to go our separate ways,
And make a life for which we always prayed,
Your sweetness, your bitterness,
I'll miss it all.
But still I hope, one day,
When we're old and mature,
I'll see you sitting in a coffee shop,

And we'll chat for hours,
Catch up with each other,
Exchange our numbers,
Be our young selves, seamlessly,
No awkwardness, no hesitation,
Just pure emotion,
My dear mate.

DOES THE SHADE OF YOUR SKIN REALLY MATTER ?

- Rishi Chawla, XIC

The global social attitudes study claims that the most racially intolerant populations are all in the developing world, with Bangladesh, Jordan and India in the top five. This may come as a big surprise to many readers as there have been downright cases of violence due to racial intolerance in many developed countries like the USA and UK. So how come only developing countries are taking the blame for racism?

In India, people with a darker complexion are often looked down upon. It may not be a conscious decision but a result of the conditioning within us as children. This, most often is, not deliberately passed on to us by our elders. But the subtle action of our elders, may lead to having such a mindset.

One of the largest cosmetic companies in India, had a whole marketing scheme, that a person with a darker complexion will be unsuccessful no matter how hard they try but if they use the fairness cream, the person's complexion would become lighter and suddenly success will come knocking at the door. What a terrible way to market a product! The harm done by such advertisements will not reveal itself immediately, but will be devastating down the line as it can lead to a superiority complex in cases of people with fairer skin.

Thankfully, public opinion forced the company to not only change the advertisement but also the name of the cosmetic cream. Indeed, a major step forward! We often hear children teasing a child with darker complexion by calling him/ her by a hurtful name/adjective. If everyone is not corrected and taught to be inclusive towards Each other, irrespective of their race, caste, gender, etc., it can lead to a deeprooted racism and division in the social fabric.

Thus, whenever we see a kid teasing someone because of the colour of their skin or for any other reason, we must not be mute spectators, but stand up against the wrong.



GET NOVELLAS BACK IN VOGUE!

- Harsh Nagarkoti, XIID

Do you find it challenging to complete reading a book? While reading a book, do you ever lose interest? Perhaps you are seldom able to register a book's plot? Then clear some room on your shelf because you are covered by this category of books! Novellas are a type of literary work that stand out for their concise length and a simple, straightforward plot. Novellas are applaudable for their short length which could be read in just a few sittings. Be it while commuting to school or to your work place, on a weekend or on a lazy sunday afternoon, novellas are a saviour.

Typically, many students and adults fret about their hectic schedules and work load. Some get overwhelmed at the thought of reading a novel because they feel novels have twisty, pointless plots which can easily be eliminated from their everyday chores. But, here I have a secret to share, Novels are a wonderful companions and friends that keep you game fully engaged. Here are 4 novellas, that I highly recommend you to try reading, if you still have not read them :

1) **Metamorphosis by Franz Kafka**

**allegorical *riveting *absurd*

"As Gregor Samsa awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed into a gigantic insect," this

first line stands remarkably, opening doors to a new genre of "absurdism". If you are keen on finding new styles of literature and something unique, then this novella is just for you. The story unravels the struggles of the protagonist who finds himself in a highly uncomfortable new physical condition which eventually alters his actions and reactions as well.

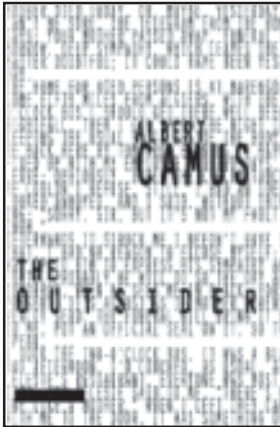


2) **The Stranger by Albert Camus**

**psychological enthralling *mildly gore
questioning

Another book from the genre of absurdism. The Stranger, finding reason for every humanly action is one of the core psychology of us evolved apes. But what happens when our actions are a of sheer vacuum? Meursault, the protagonist finds himself in an absurd, irrational and

ludicrous murder of a man resulting a very rational sentence in the court for the accused. This book invokes readers' to ponder upon our relation regarding the worldly affairs and thinking before taking any rash step.



3) Animal Farm by George Orwell

**satirical *rebellion *socio-political*

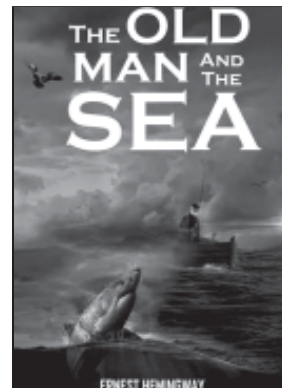
Running a farm is not a walk in a park. But little did the farmers know about this. In a world full of clever animals, the pigs take the lead to find justice and start a rebellion against the exploitation and injustice served upon them by humans. But, the greed for power of the Pigs does not end and thus this a beautiful description of what happens when revolution goes astray.



4) The Old Man And The Sea by Ernest Hemingway

**Lauded *Classic *Simple language*

This critically acclaimed and bestseller novella tells the epic battle of an old man named Santiago who, despite every time returning home with nought, refuses to give up on his dream of catching a fish. Santiago is seen to despises the idea of "luck." Watch out for the old man's attitude of never giving up, great self-esteem, and someone who neither boasts nor surrenders in the novella, which is exemplary for all of us.





REMINISCENCE

- Ishaan Vivrekar, XIIC

December 12th 2022 was a remarkable day in my life, a day full of excitement, inner joy and a sense of contentment, as it was this day that I had been waiting for since two and half years. I was all excited and waiting for this day because, I had been told, I was to return back to my school, the building where I had made so many memories before the Pandemic, Fr. Agnel Multipurpose school.

This was the place, which had always been very close to my heart and soul. How could I ever forget the warmth, kindness, love, affection and knowledge that I had received from this institution, right from my being a toddler in the Nursery, till being a young adult now, in the twelfth grade. My joy knew no bounds at that moment, I could feel palpitations increase within me, as we neared the school building.

This was the place where I met my favourite teachers; Rupa Teacher, Neena Miss, Vijaya Miss, Kavita Miss and all the best class teachers who groomed, mentored, sharpened my skills. They loved me wholeheartedly and accepted me with my challenges.

When my beloved mother, walked me towards the main gate of the school I could see my current class teacher, waiting to welcome me with open arms. Ahh! what a sigh of relief, I saw my class teacher in person for the first time, a moment that I had been waiting from the eleventh class. I would listen to her when the online classes were going on, and today, the voice was a person standing before me. It was indeed a great pleasure to see her and all my subject teachers, who came down specially to meet me on the ground floor. I met Nisha Miss, whom I remembered for her smile and warmth, which had appealed to me a lot. And Lo! I was back in the same zone of comfort again, where I gained so much.

The next day, when I came back to the College

building was the 14th of December. I was told I would be introduced to my class mates, whom I was eagerly waiting to meet. My class teacher, held me, as standing on my own is challenging due to my medical condition and introduced me to the class elegantly. I had missed out on my class life all these days, I did not know how to express joy that went on in my mind, as I saw and met each one of them, a whole lot of thoughts overwhelmed me. I felt as though I was on trip down the memory lane, each one of them had grown up as had I, but the love and care in their eyes had not dimmed for me despite my returning back to the class after almost three years. Another exciting incident on that happening day was when I met Kulvinder Miss, the Coordinator for Junior College. She had called me up earlier when I was in eleventh grade, congratulating me for the hard work I was putting in academics, and she motivated me to take up my twelfth-class work on a serious note, so that I get some kind of accolades to the school. Indeed this day was a superb one for me. I left for home happily.

On the 16th, I was extremely happy to meet all my subject teachers again, who talked to me enthusiastically, it seemed as though they were waiting to meet me, as much as I was. What a pleasure it was to go back to Fr.Agnel again.

I wish, I could go to College regularly and be with my class mates, have fun and laugh with them.

Whatever Knowledge, skills I have achieved till now have been due to this wonderful institute, which has supported me along with my parents and have given me equal opportunities in spite of the challenges that I face in my daily life.

I wish to be associated with Fr Agnells institute the whole of my life, in some way or the other, to gain knowledge or to serve the community. I feel blessed to be a part of this family. I returned home with renewed energy and a sense of satisfaction.

The Pandemic and the isolation period finally came to end for me in December 2022!

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अब्राहम लिंकनस्य अध्यापकं प्रति पत्रम् ।

प्रिय अध्यापक,

मम पुत्रः अद्य विद्यालयं गन्तुम् अन्वते । नुतनानुभवः एव सर्वं तस्य कृते विलक्षणं भविष्यति ।

अतं अहं कामये । यत् तेन सह सदैव विभर्तव्यम् ।

प्रायेण अस्मिन् जीवने युद्धः, शोकः बाधाः च भवन्ति ।

इदं साहसं यत् जीवनस्य सफलतायाः कृते सीमोलङ्घनं कर्तुं प्रवेशयति ।

तदर्थं एतत् जीवनं यापयितुं विश्वासः, स्नेहः, तथा च धैर्यं एतेषाम् अपेक्षा विद्यते ।

अतः अनुशिक्षयतु ; यत् सर्वे जनाः न्यायप्रियाः सत्यनिष्ठाः च न सन्ति ।

इदं कदाचित् मम पुत्रः यथासमयं पठिष्यति एव ।

परंतु बोधयतु मम पुत्रं, यत् प्रत्येकः दुर्जनः साधुतुल्योऽपि पुरुषोत्तमोऽपि भवति । स्वार्थी

राजनितीज्ञः विद्यते तथा स्वात्मानं समर्पितं क्रियमानाः नेतारः अपि भवन्ति ।

बोधयतु तं यत् केचन शत्रवः सन्ति तथैव सम्यक् मित्राणि अपि ।

अहं जानामि सर्वं सत्वरं प्रबोधयितुं न शक्यम् । यदा एतत् शक्यं तदा प्रबोधयतु ।

यत् परिश्रमेण प्राप्यमानम् एकं रुप्यकं महत् विद्यते । न तु अप्रयासेण एवमेव प्राप्तं धनम् ।

यदि पराजितः भवति तथापि तद् स्वीकरणीयः । तथा विजयः अपि धैर्येण स्वीकरणीयः । नाम

जयाजयः समं कृत्वा कथयतु तस्मै । मा बिभेषि दुर्जनेभ्यः दुर्जनान् पराभुतं कर्तुं शक्यम् अस्ति

यदि शक्यं तर्हि क्रोधात् असूयात् च दुरीकरोतु ।

यावत् शक्यं तावत् अनुशिक्षयतु । जानाम्यहम् अधिकं याचे । यावत् शक्यं तावत् करोतु ।

नुनम् एषः मम पुत्रः अतीव सरलः अस्ति ।

MEHAK GOWDA - 9th B

SOHAM WADKAR - 10th M

A TRIBUTE TO OUR DEAR REGO SIR

- Anvi Balgi & Sharmistha Mukherjee, VIII E

Rego Sir
you have always been an inspiration
to play with all our skill and dedication,
You made us self - confident full of
energy, enthusiasm, and belief.
Being around you was a joy and relief,
Thank you for the symbol of guidance
You have been.
And led us the right path all the experience
And ups and downs of life you have seen.
The place in this heart which was dedicated
to you can never be filled,
It is impossible to match the charm and
goodness of a person so skilled.
We bow our heads in your demise and
wish you peace up there

and offer you our sincerest prayer,
That may Lord give satisfaction, calmness
and peace to your eternal soul,
To make this person go through a peaceful
Journey, whose heart was made of pure gold,
Tears wet our eyes and pinch our hearts
And shatter us like a pyramid of cards
We shall overcome this great loss
in the course of time.
And remember you for your every good
deed,
for that support which has helped us indeed
and standing beside us in whatever
situation it be,
To relieve and revive your soul in the heav-
ens
is all that we pray to thee.... Amen.



Remembering their Rego Sir with love....

*Diya Shetty from Class - 8C describes him, "A very funny
and a fatherly figure, "He was a very good coach and a great inspiration."*

*Riddhi Mishra from Class - 8C said, "He was a very affectionate person
and he had a great sense of humor."*

*Nivedita Sinha from Class- 8B said, "He was a very loving person and an
excellent coach."*

*Aaditya Gupta from Class - 8E says, "For me Rego Sir was a very fatherly
figure and he always made me laugh. If I was sad, he always made me
happy."*

REGO SIR YOU WILL BE EVER REMEMBERED, MISSED AND LOVED.

Born: 24.06.1974

Died: 28.11.2022

SHINING STARS



Suma Shirur, Olympian, ex-student of Agnells and Head Coach Shooting at the Fr Agnells Sports Centre, Vashi was conferred the Dronacharya award, the highest honour for sports coaching in the country for the year 2022. She received the award at the hands of Draupadi Murmu, the President of India



AGNELITE BAGS GOLD AND SILVER AT ATHLETICS NATIONALS

Saif Farooq Chafekar, student of Std. X Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School and Jr. College won a Silver medal in 80m hurdles boys under 16. at the National Athletics Championship 2022 at Guwahati, Assam. He also won a gold medal as a part of the medley relay team for Maharashtra clocking 10.62 seconds to win the Silver medal

Saif, manages his academics and sports efficiently as he trains under the watchful eyes of Agnel athletics coach Shrinivas Gupta.



State Level Champs - Bharat Ko Jano Quiz

Daksh Shah and Vedant Woyal, students of Std.X did the school proud by winning the first three levels of the BHARAT KO JANO inter-school quiz competition 2022(Senior Group), organised by Bharat Vikas Parishad. T



National Winners of Bharat Vikas Singing Competition





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