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Young people are known for new ideas and for standing up for what is right. These ideas and a strong stance, when applied, can change lives of millions of people. We know that the youth are no longer silent spectators in India. Their presence has steadily increased in debates and discussions on several important national and global issues.

Two of the key factors that I feel have been integral to the Goenkan success story have been application and dedication. Every facet of this growth has been the realization of a dream! We have the power to think, to create, to imagine, to plan. Despite the challenges of the past two years, we have

the greatest power and that is the power to choose. Wherever we are today, we are there because we choose to be there!

In my message to the Founder School at Vasant Kunj, I am filled with nostalgia and pride. What started as a dynamic, courageous step in the field of education has become a giant stride across the length and breadth of our nation.

Ever since its inception, the motto of the school has been to make meaningful contributions to an economy that is increasingly becoming a significant entity in the global arena. Goenkans leave the portals of our school with a winning attitude: well equipped to face the challenges of an uncertain future.

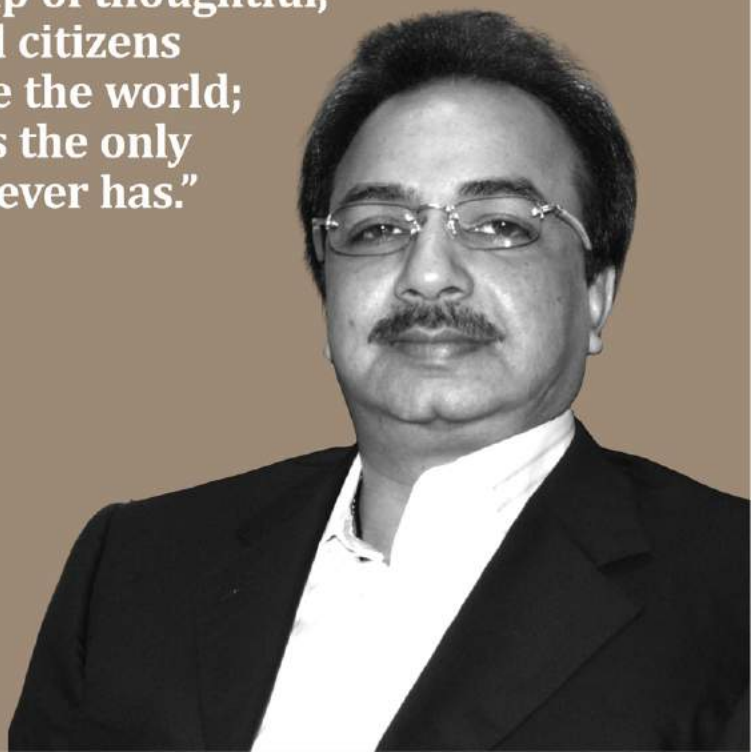
The yearbook is a forum for young minds to express themselves and describe their interactions with reality! The school provides a platform that inspires a new league of thinkers to spread their wings.

With all good wishes for a bright future ahead and warm regards to my staff and students.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

Chairman
Shri Anjani Kumar Goenka
GD Goenka Group



“Unity is strength...when there is framework & collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”

Mattie Stepanek



Mrs. Renu Goenka

Vice Chairperson
GD Goenka Group

Our school at Vasant Kunj, has gained a firm foothold as the founder school of the GD Goenka group. With new expansions and unprecedented growth in our arena, my journey as an educator has been a rewarding one. We are an ideal school where discipline and values are given top priority, visionary leaders are carved out and students are provided a platform to manifest their highest potential. The yearbook is the medium through which a glimpse into our school life can be attained. Education means making linkages between lots of like-minded people. In my view, dramatic changes open the door for dynamic improvements.

The pandemic has had its challenges, but we have empowered our students and the school has had a chance to recharge, renew and revamp goals and strategies. At Goenka, we celebrate the wonder and awe of childhood as a trace of God. Our aim is to enhance children's feelings of self worth and appreciation of their own and other people's ethnicity and language in a multicultural society. It has been a definite approach to negotiate between children, teachers and parents in order to achieve perfection and excellence. In our vision, each student is a citizen of the world. It is a privilege to see young Goenkans navigate themselves so beautifully across an ocean of information and wealth of knowledge. This message of diversity and its inherent unity is a special one for us in these turbulent times of change! Our success in life is determined by the choices we make. I urge all Goenkans to develop talents and skills in such a way that exciting new portals open up. I trust your abilities and I look forward to the fulfilment of your dreams. Best wishes and blessings to all.

Vice Chairperson's Message

Principal's Message



"Digital technology helped us cope, connect, comfort and console in Covid."

Prime Minister Modi's words are the essence of how educationists across the world have revamped their road map for schools to function in the online mode. At GD Goenka Public School, Vasant Kunj the response to Covid has been innovative and dynamic. With a redefinition, refinement, reimagining and reinventing of our educational goals, new frontiers of schooling have emerged. The transition to online learning was seamless and though our students missed the face to face interaction and engagement, we made sure that there was no loss in their academics.

2020-21 started with panic but now there is hope on the anvil. This resilience will grow and evolve as we have learnt to use opportunity in adversity. The integrated technology, revised curriculum, guidelines from DOE and CBSE, adaptation of NEP 2020, AI aided tools, creative enhancement, learning-centred instruction, Google classroom licensed teaching, interactive methodologies and specialised guided design have provided leverage to our teaching-learning process.

At our school, learning has become more collaborative, contextual and active. A brilliant change in pedagogy has enabled how the online environment serves the instructional objectives of our curriculum. A range of interactive methodologies have been introduced to cover the

entire range of classes from Nursery till Grade 12. The pattern of communication has expanded in all dimensions. Academic growth is balanced with cultural activities, workshops, webinars, sports and fitness modules, assembly, intra-mural competitions, virtual tours, movie shows, MUN events, Ted Talks, story-telling sessions, gaming, quizzes, assessment, coding classes and myriad other activities.

The constant communication between teachers, students and parents has provided the leverage for a unique bond of progressive

learning in these trying times of the pandemic. The school management has provided the best digital resources, trained experts and mentors and a host of unlimited opportunities to expand, evolve, improvise and innovate to truly uphold the Goenkan ethos of excellence in education.

Our priority is for impactful engagement and multi-dimensional involvement of students in a dynamic new digital

matrix. The inter-disciplinary, project based, blended learning nurtures the emotional health and social awareness of the students.

At GD Goenka, we have aspired to integrate technology with the human sentiment and we hope to keep pace and lead with innovative interface in teaching, assessment and online learning.

Ms. Meenakshi Bhakuni
Principal, GD Goenka Public School

The Great Digital Pivot in Education !

Student Editorial

Our final year at G D Goenka is almost at an end and, as we look back on the years spent in this wonderful institution, we are filled with overwhelming emotions of gratitude and pride. Amongst the innumerable opportunities that we got to learn and lead, our experience in the Editorial Club has been one of the truly enriching ones. We joined this club with the intention of getting together with other creative minds who would be interested in giving expression to their ideas during these challenging times. The club soon became an outlet for journalists, photographers and artists to share their work on various topics. Besides gaining knowledge on a wide range of issues, we were able to learn how to work efficiently in teams and bring out the best by combining different ideas. Although challenging at times, it was also fascinating to learn about different perspectives. Managing the club during the pandemic was not an easy task. Everyone had to attend to their

duties and could only devote a fraction of their time to the club. We often had to change deadlines and take tough calls on what to omit and what to include. It wasn't always smooth sailing but we always worked it out as a team should. The immense satisfaction of a job well done is unparalleled and to see the fruit of our labour in the form of this e-magazine gives us a joy and a sense of accomplishment that can only be felt. 'Voices', our school magazine, belongs to all of us and is an expression of the creativity and confidence that is the hallmark of every Goenkan. We hope in the coming years, 'Voices' continues to grow and reinvent itself in the best possible ways and more students get a chance to become a part of this special experience.

Nishtha Jain & Saumya Anand





It is rightly said by someone, behind every ending there is a hidden beginning. As we walk out of these school gates for the last time as Class 12 students, I want all of you to remind yourselves that you are special and are destined to do wonderful things in life so do whatever your heart desires and enjoy living life. Believe in yourself, it'll make your life brighter. Because life is a story and you are the writer.

Saanvi Sood
School Captain

A Walk to Remember

Dear Nicholas Sparks,

I remember walking into the airport bookstore and choosing a book that would keep me engaged all through the flight. It was a challenge. There were so many books to choose from! As I brushed my fingers against all the hardback covers trying to find the perfect one, I saw a book that caught my eye. I read the name out loud: 'A Walk To Remember'. Flipping through the pages, I found myself intrigued by the suspense of the tragedy and the emotions I had felt just by reading a few pages. I had never read this genre before. Little did I know it would change my life altogether.

When I started reading it, a rush of emotions engulfed me. The beautiful way in which the story revolves around all forms of love - friends, lovers, family; the warmth and laughter, the tenderness and tragedy - all of these strong emotions compressed into 200 pages. I loved the way the story started with Landon Carter narrating in flashback, but nothing could beat the way the story got its title (don't worry, I won't ruin it for you). The book was so captivating and the characters so mesmerizing that I found myself smiling when

the characters smiled, crying when the characters cried and most importantly understanding all the characters' emotions. This is how captivating this

masterpiece is ! When the book says, "It was, I remembered thinking, the most difficult walk anyone ever had to take. In every way, a walk to remember". I felt a chill run through my body. My heart was heavy but at the same time it was smiling as Jamie Sullivan and Landon Carter got their 'happily ever after' moment . Well, at least for some time. No matter how many times I read the book I find myself

reading with the same zest and passion. It never bores me and keeps me enraptured throughout. This epic love story wasn't just about love and fantasy, it portrayed the difficulties and realities of life and how everyone fought through them. Probably the saddest part of this book was ... well, I guess you'll have to read to find out! Happy reading !

Devina Saxena 10D



Disconnect to *connect*

"Am I getting enough likes?"

"Oh no, one person unfollowed me! What do they think of me?"

Am I not that pretty?"

These are a few instances of an inner monologue inside most of us. Don't worry; you are not the only one. Estimates show that over 210 million people suffer from social media addiction all over the globe. These are just signs that you need a break from social media. Social media can have many benefits, but with them come a lot of drawbacks. It is the root cause of depression, anxiety and insecurity due to the constant comparison of ourselves with others. It has become such a massive part of our lives that we can not imagine a single day going by without checking into social media. It is impossible to cut off our social media engagement immediately, but we can take small steps to take a light break from it.

1. Turn off notifications on all social media apps. This step is simple yet effective. It is a natural reflex to be tempted to see what's happening online when we see or hear a buzz from our device. However, by switching off notifications, you are less inclined to check the app.
2. Make use of the "Screen Time" feature or Screen Time limiting apps. There is a feature for all IOS and Android users that allows you to track the time you spend on various apps and even set a limit on specific apps. Start by keeping an hour limit on each social media app. This step will help you control the urge to open the apps. You got this!
3. Fix a specific time of the day to check social media. Just like you have a particular time fixed to eat meals, watch TV etc., similarly set a time to check social media. For the rest of the day, try out new hobbies, watch your favourite movie, read a book, listen to music or spend time and catch up with your family members. This is your chance to be more productive!
4. Prioritise your mental health and self-care. Significantly during these challenging times, your mental health is affected dramatically. Instead of wasting time on social media, improve the quality of your life by spending time with nature or meditating. Listen to your needs and do something which will boost your happiness. After all, you deserve it.
5. Focus on your bigger life goals. Eliminate your distractions by setting bigger goals for your life and achieving them. Focus on your passions and grow in life. In this generation, where people are hyper-active on social media, we don't realise when we start considering our virtual life as real life. So let us strike the right balance between the real and the virtual world - take a light break from social media to connect with your real friends.



Das Leben Heute

Über MEET kriegen wir Noten,
Und es wimmelt von Verboten,
So bedrückend diese Qual
Denn wir haben keine wahl
Quarantäne hin und her,
Alle wollen sie nicht mehr
Der Lockdown ist noch dran -
Ziehen Mundschutz stetig an.
Lockdown, Lockdown,
das Leben komplett neu bauen
Hey, Kumpel gib mir keine Hand,
halt Mindestabstand!
Die Kantine um das Eck
Ist geschlossen, ach du Schreck!
Lassen Menschen irritieren
Sich eindringen und mutieren

Mit Corona infizieren -
Viren, Viren, Viren, Viren!
"Nicht darüber diskutieren
Hände schnell desinfizieren"!
Das Corona da und dort,
Setzt die Regel breiter fort,
Und in jedem kleinen Ort,
Wird getrieben keinen Sport.
Neue Schließung immer wieder
Wirft die großen Pläne nieder.
Wünschen wir sehr schnelle Öffnung
Und verlieren nicht die Hoffnung
Lockdown, Lockdown,
das Leben komplett neu bauen
Hey, Kumpel gib mir keine Hand,
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Mudit Kapoor 9 D

Life Today

We get grades via Meet.
And there is a crawling of prohibitions.
So depressing this torture
Because we have no choice.
Quarantine back and forth,
We don't want them anymore
Lockdown is still on -
Putting on face masks constantly.
Lockdown, Lockdown,
rebuilding life completely
Hey buddy don't give me a hand,
Keep a minimum distance!
The canteen around the corner
It's closed! Oh you scary thing!
You know how to irritate
Penetrate and mutate.

Infecting with Corona -
Viruses, viruses, viruses, viruses!
Don't argue about it
Sanitize your hands quickly"!
Corona here and there,
Continues the rule wider,
And in every little place,
New closure again and again
Throw down the big plans.
We wish you a very fast opening
And don't lose hope
lockdown, lockdown,
rebuilding life completely
Hey buddy don't give me a hand,
Keep a minimum distance!
The canteen around the corner
It's closed! Oh you scary thing!
You know how to irritate
Penetrate and mutate.

Infecting with Corona -
Virus, virus, virus, virus.
Disinfect your hands quickly!
Don't argue about it
Sanitize your hands quickly"!

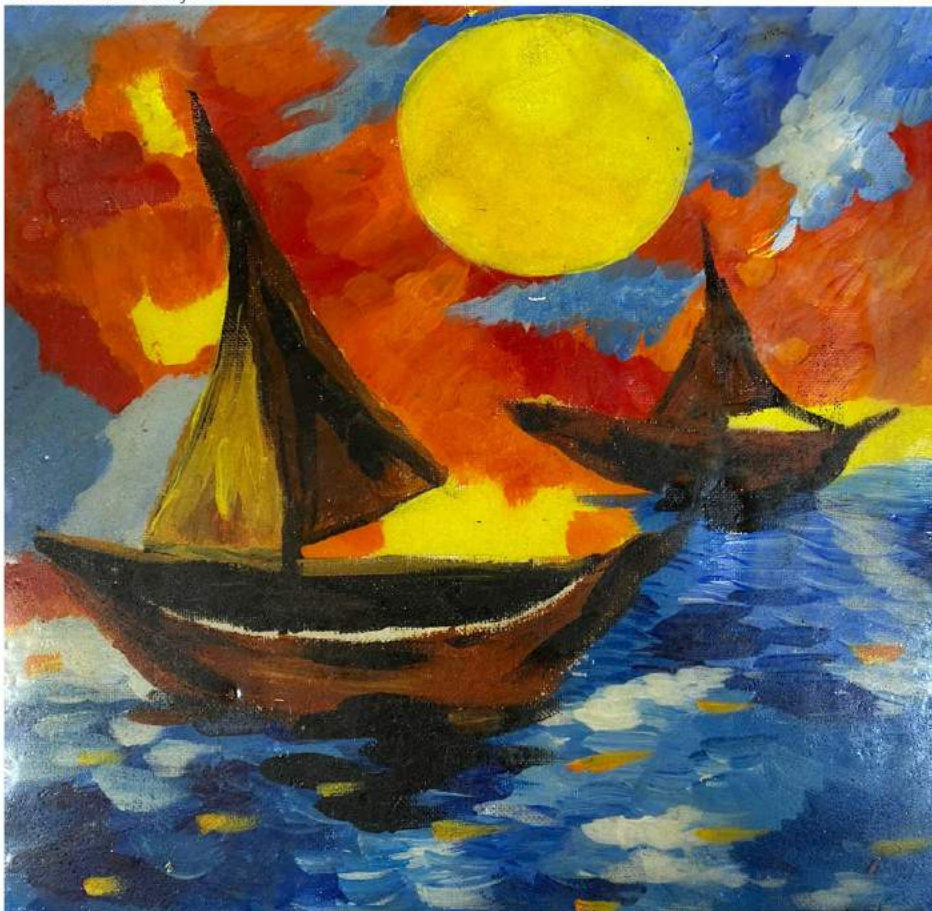
Mudit Kapoor 9 D



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Twisha Bhattacharya



Change is a choice

Change is a choice. Change begins at home. Change begins with oneself. Change begins at the end of your comfort zone. Change cannot be forced unless there is a willingness to do so.

My past self was a girl without a purpose. I would always believe that whatever I did was always right. I gave my all into doing whatever I was told to do - the only thing poor about me was my attitude towards life. Then, suddenly, I was thrown into the world of competition. It was only when I saw the kind of people I was competing with that I started to realize that I need to begin changing my lifestyle. Trusting the popular saying, 'Change is the only constant', I began contemplating my actions, attitude and behaviour and learnt about self-awareness.

So, what is self-awareness? Self-awareness is the ability to take an honest look at your life, without attachment to it. Self-awareness is the most powerful tool to attaining maturity. It encourages you to realise, choose and change. When I began to realize that I'm not always right, that I need to constantly put in hard work to get what I want, my perspective towards life changed. I began analyzing my shortcomings and started working on them, which was supported by self-management. Through self-management, I began evaluating my days, prioritizing my tasks and planning my time using to-do lists. When I became aware of my position in life and what I wanted to achieve, my self-motivation kicked in. I like to define it as the force within me which pushes me to achieve and fulfil my goals. It is the force that makes me feel guilty if I do not do anything on a particular day. This is how I have become aware of my actions and how it affects me; how it has helped me achieve a healthier lifestyle, a constant academic performance, and an efficient work ethic. Of course, doing this has not made me perfect. I am still working on myself but, ever since I adopted this consciously, I can feel the changes in my life. My present self is definitely an improvement over the past me. As to what I'd like to change in myself, I hope I can figure out a way to focus for long periods of time without getting distracted and living a more organised life with minimal procrastination. To whoever's reading this, this is a sign for you to start thinking about what you desire and start creating the change you seek by making a few new conscious choices today.

Yashanish Saywan 11B



Change is a Choice

High School - the beginning or the end?

School marks a significant portion of our early life and high school is the last stop on this beautiful journey. So, should we consider this the end of a chapter of our life or the beginning of a new one? If we read the Gita, it says that after finishing education you come to the end of your childhood. However, if we were to ask people who have finished their schooling, they are most likely to say that the time after school is the beginning of a journey. The journey of the transition from being a child to becoming an adult. So should we consider high school as the closing of the door of our childhood and opening of a passageway to adulthood? Or do we have a little more time? Whatever the answer to this question might be, it does not change the important fact that it is one of the most significant times in our life.

This period of our life defines us in many ways. It is a rite of passage not only for students but parents and teachers as well, who have helped us reach this point. These four years are the most exhilarating and exciting period in our lives where the world is our

oyster and nothing seems impossible. But, every coin has two sides. This time also marks the end of comfort, security, and the safety and warmth that comes from knowing that our parents are there beyond the school fences. And within it is the laughter of friends and the presence of teachers and mentors. While change might be the only constant in life, it is a fickle friend to all; not always easy and comforting. But the beauty of life is that even though it goes on quite fast, it leaves behind a surfeit of memories and experiences from which we can draw wisdom and happiness, regardless of what stage of life we are at.

What we really need to know is that our endings and beginnings hold a special place in this world. When we embrace our goings and comings, we find they blend beautifully into this amazing process called life. So, high school - beginning or end? Both or none? It is, after all, a story worth treasuring. As someone once said, "The ending of one story is the beginning of many others."

Rabaneer Gujral 11 F

Online learning *vs* Offline learning

My online learning experience is a completely different one from what I'm used to in a physical classroom. I like to be in the present, surrounded by my classmates and teachers rather than in an online learning environment. I am not used to technology and am struggling to figure it out. In a physical classroom, my teacher used to help me in case I had any doubts. But in an online classroom I have to make use of all my resources and there is less interaction with my teachers. My lack of concentration takes a toll on my test results and increased screen time causes irritation to my eyes. I am trying my best to be a good distance learner. Sometimes the system crashes and poor internet connectivity interrupts understanding of the concepts. In the future, I would prefer a physical classroom over online learning. Hoping to get back to school to learn really soon!

Aassia Bhatia, 9 A



A Much-Needed Lesson

Ansh Kapoor 12A

2020 taught us a lesson of life - don't live with the hope that tomorrow you will survive.

The materialistic world in which we live is full of negativity, Each of us wants the other to be under our captivity.

Being isolated and confined within the four walls,

Our government got a tremendous idea to save the economy from downfalls.

Though Atma Nirbhar Bharat was a burden for local workers,

At least it led to development in all forms.

Now one thing that earlier we looked past,

Is that the bond of family is truly a must.

It made us realise that beneath the superficial layers and masks we wear,

Resides a compassionate heart full of love and care.

This time wildlife and environment got more attention,

As they were free from human intervention.

The pandemic indicated the necessity that we need to change for a cause, and don't expect from anyone any form of applause.

जो हुआ, अच्छा हुआ

जो हुआ, वह अच्छा हुआ,
जो तो था है, वह भी अच्छा ही हो रहा है,
और जो होगा, वह भी अच्छा ही होगा।

पहले मौला का घर है। यह हमें यह पहचान दिलाता है कि हमारे साथ जो भी घटित होता है, वह हमारे लिए
कभीतः फायदे की हो होता है एवं भविष्य में भी उसका परिणाम अच्छा ही होगा।

अक्सर बीजकाल की एक प्रसिद्ध कहानी से हमें यह और अधिक स्पष्ट हो जाता है। अक्सर की ईगल काट
जाने पर बीजकाल ने कहा- 'तो हुआ, अच्छा हुआ।' ऐसा कहने पर अक्सर ने उसे निष्काशित कर दिया।
आजो दिन जब अक्सर शिकार पर गया तो अतिवाधियों ने उसे पकड़ लिया। उसकी बलि बढ़ते समय
उम्मीने यह देखा कि अक्सर की ईगल काटी हुई है। इससे अक्सर की जान बच गयी क्योंकि वे खाँड़ों की तरह
की बलि नहीं बढ़ते थे। अतः सिद्ध हो गया कि जो हुआ, अच्छा हुआ।

हमारे जीवन में भी ऐसी अनेक घटनाएँ होती हैं, जिनमें हमें फिर अक्सर सर्वमान हो नज़र आता है क्योंकि
हम अपनी दुर्दृष्टि का प्रयोग नहीं करते।

२४ मार्च, 2020 वह ऐतिहासिक दिन था जब हर व्यक्ति के घरे में घरकरी लग गयी। जो जहाँ था, वह
वहाँ बस गया। उस दौरान हम राजधानी में, अपने परिवारों की हजेरी में थे। यहाँ मैं कुछ-कुछ मीठ के
कलेब से डेटा, प्रकृति का आनंद लेता। इस दौरान मैंने गैर की कटौत करके खुले घरे उठाया, आस
काटना जैसे बहुत से त्योहारों की। ४० दिन के भीतर यह घरा हो नहीं पाया। घर पर कैद होने का
एहसास मुझे एक क्षण के लिए भी नहीं हुआ। अतः जो हुआ अच्छा हुआ।

इसी प्रकार मुझे अपने जीवन की एक और घटना याद आती है। दोस्त हमारे जीवन का बहुत महत्वपूर्ण
अंग होते हैं। यदि बर्बाद होकर एक बहुत अच्छा गुरु या गुरु गुरु आपल आदम और सलतकामों के
कारण मुझे अपनी टोली में लीनी पड़ी। कुछ दिन मुझे बहुत बुरा लगा घटने
मुझे कभी ही अपनी माता की वह पहचान हुआ कि मैं किस प्रकार बुरी बर्ता में यह गया था। अब मैं अपने
जीवन में सचेत रहने लगा। जो हुआ अच्छा हुआ।

इन सब घटनाओं ने मुझे यह सीख मिली कि हमें अपनी सोच को संतुलित नहीं रखना चाहिए। अतः
अपने को ईश्वर के बरकत में समर्पित करते सब कुछ स्वीकार कर लेना चाहिए... क्योंकि जो होगा अच्छा ही
होगा।

दिव्यांश परानी
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A Much-Needed Lesson

Enigmatic Embezzlement

Enigmatic Embezzlement

*Intriguing, the Divine Comedy of Esse,
When the vitality of the avatar
The eternal entity has gone astray.
Intriguing, the adversity of Esse,
When the sentient of existence
The timeless and boundless is adrift.
The transient feelings (Love, Respect),
All vanish away,
Into (Darkness or Light ?)
Into a sigh of (Relief or Disgust ?)
The veracity yet unknown.
One can't abduct the humanly
ingredients,
To the life beyond,
And all that's left is
Uncanny trespassers who
Embezzle your mangoes
(The poem was inspired by an actual
incident - the death of a neighbour and
the subsequent plundering of the mango
tree she had carefully guarded when
alive.)*

Aayush Rai 12B

Effectuate Gender Parity

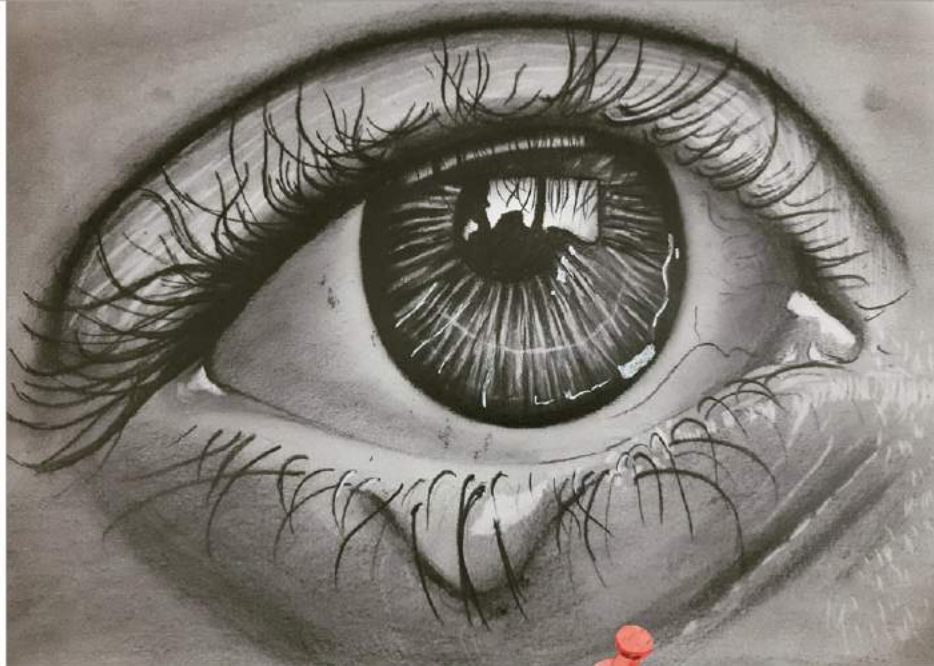
*Every country has flaws,
Gender inequality is a cause.
Some societies have changed, but
many have not.
The main hurdle is the stereotype
thought.
Everyone is talking about a woman's
right,
But what about her safety at night?
Providing her a job is not the solution,
What we need is a revolution.
Give her equal access and respect,
For which she is fighting in earnest.
Pay heed to her work and acknowledge
it,
We know that she will never give up
and quit.
Make her feel secure everywhere,
So that sinners will think twice before
they stare.*

Ansh Kapoor 12 A

Beauty

*It is sound to my flute,
All poetry to my heart.
It dwells in and out of me,
As I dwell in all the beings.
Ask a mirror, oh dear one!
It is in me, as I'm in it.*

Ritvik Gupta 9A



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creative **ART** work

Sweety Agarwal 12C





Endings are inevitable. Leaves fall, you close the book, you say goodbye. As we say goodbye to everything that was familiar, everything that was comfortable, everything that felt like home, we leave with friendships and memories that will last a lifetime and learnings that will help us succeed. We don't know what the future holds, but our lives are about to change completely. But, this isn't the end of the book, all we're doing is turning a page. We are bound now and forever, we all know it in our heart. Once a Goenkan, always a Goenkan.

Perna Maheshwari
School Captain

MA VILLE

J'habite à Delhi. C'est le capitale de l'Inde. Il est grand, beau et animé. Il y a beaucoup de monuments historiques à Delhi, Les gens ici sont gentils et sympathiques. La cuisine de Delhi est très délicieuse. Chaque année, nombre de touristes visitent Delhi. Selon moi, il y a une problème dans ma ville, c'est la problème de la pollution. Je veux trouver une solution à cette problème. J'aime ma ville de tout mon cœur.

Daivik Suri, 7-D

I live in Delhi. It is the capital of India. It is big, beautiful and lively. There are a lot of historical monuments in Delhi. The people here are nice and sympathetic. Delhi's cuisine is very delicious. Each year, a number of tourists visit Delhi. In my opinion, there is a problem in my city and that is pollution. I want to find a solution to this problem. I love my city with all my heart.



my city delhi





'Mean'ingful Success

A young boy named Jake from a poor family went to his school. He had no friends, everyone was unkind to him and made fun of the way he looked. Jake was very lonely as nobody liked him or even wanted to be near him. One day, he was passing by the cricket field and by mistake pushed someone. He was a rich boy, Terry, who was very popular in school. Terry became angry and started saying mean things to him. He said, "You are not going to go anywhere in your life, because you are worth nothing." Jake was very sad and could not say anything back as the other boy had a lot of friends who he knew would support him. But Jake just couldn't stay quiet, so he said, "We will meet after 20 years at this very place and date. Then we will see who is more successful." Terry agreed to do so.

After 20 years, Jake called Terry and told him that he wanted to meet, to which Terry replied, "Sure, where?" He gave him the address of a coffee shop. They both met and Terry said, "I need some help. My wife and I are going to have a baby but I am not doing well financially and need help to raise a child." Jake agreed to lend him some money as a way to thank him for what he had done for him years back. Upon hearing this, Terry could not stop himself from asking why he was thanking

him even though he had always been rude to him. To this, Jake replied, "It was your hurtful and mean words that gave me a purpose and will to prove myself. Without you, I wouldn't have been determined to be financially successful." Terry's eyes filled with tears as he realised his error in judgement and the impact that words can have on someone. He regretted saying all those things to Jake in school. From thereon, they both became great friends and Terry was always mindful of his words.



Vasundhara Jain 7C



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Karnik Gupta 5 D





Happy at The Beach

To the beach, I skipped and hopped excitedly,
When I reached, I saw a tropical umbrella party.
Big umbrellas on the sand,
Small umbrellas on drinks in the hands.

Children shaping soft wet sand,
Seashell crusted castles that look so grand!
The waves curling and turning into clouds,
Leaping higher, feeling ever so proud!

As the water tickled my toes,
I laughed happily, to play it was me they chose.
As the sun set, I heard the dolphins calling out to me,
To ride with them and meet the mermaids for tea.

Aanya Tyagi
6-C

Happy at the Beach



Books, Books; Oh, you are so wonderful!
With your bridge of knowledge,
You helped me cross the brook.
You helped me learn the glorious past,
Which was a blast-and-a-half.
You helped me understand the meaning
of life, And let me into your paradise.

You helped me learn the importance of
time,
And being punctual, discipline is
always prime.
You made me open magic doors of
wisdom,
And helped me dispel the darkness in
my inner kingdom.
You made me dive into the deepest
ocean,
And made me glide over the highest
cloud.
You made me plough the fields of hard

work,
And pushed me through the crowd.
You helped me learn the discoveries
and inventions of the world,
And unfurled the revolutions around
the world.
You told me about the various sports,
You told me about the biggest of the
hurls.

You are the best source
To quench our thirst for learning,
You act as a guiding star
And lead us through a mindful journey.

So all I want to say is that go to books
and imagination,
And live the wildest of your dreams
With adventures beyond your
expectations.

Vivaan Sethi, 6-E

THE MAGICAL WORLD OF BOOKS



Mother Earth

Global Warming isn't
hard to explain.

It leaves Mother Earth
crying in excruciating
pain.

This hurts our planet
in every single way.

The changes could
leave us all in sorrow
and dismay.

We need to stop it now
so the temperature
doesn't rise.

Otherwise, we'll see
all the creatures'
demise.

Changes in
temperature due to
the depleting ozone
layer,

We really don't need it
so show us that you
care.

Mother Nature can't
do it all so let's give
her a rest.

We all need to try and
do what is best.

Our Planet Earth is
precious and can't be
replaced.

We need to act now or
our home will be
erased.

Ahaana Shah, 8E

The first word spoken,
When in joy or broken.
She cares for her child even
before seeing,
That is the eternal bond of
being.

It's impossible to define,
Like the love of the Divine.
She endures all pain,
Relieving me from all
strains.

She stays strong
When I need someone to lean
on.

She is always there to teach
and guide.
She will forever stay by my
side.

She brightens my day,
With all the smiles she sends
my way.
Seeing her smile is always a
pleasure.
She will remain in my heart
forever and ever.

Something in her I see.
A love that knows no
boundary.
Nothing I would change in
her,
'Cause she is my dear
mother.

Advaita Nair, 8E



Vasundhara Jain 7C



Vasundhara Jain 7C



Hargun 7D



Tahira Arora 7C

A Day without Electricity

My parents have always talked about their interesting childhood when they didn't have television and gadgets to entertain themselves. I, somehow, failed to understand how one could experience life's best moments without them. One day, to make me understand the value of time and people and to look at things from a different perspective, my father cut off the power of our house. YES, he actually did that to make me live a day without electricity which means without my gadgets, television and everything that I love about today's era. To my surprise, I could not operate as I did not know how to keep myself occupied without my gadgets that run on electricity. It was so hot without the air conditioner! Perhaps my first day ever without a fan and an AC. My mother smiled and poured water onto the floor and gave me a newspaper to fan myself. Wow! It was cooler and breezier. Then to distract me, we all sat together and told stories to each other. We spent some time going through the family albums which I had earlier never cared to look at. In the evening, my mom took me out for a nature walk and I chased birds, fed them, and cycled. We spent some time on the terrace. That was a totally new experience for me as my mother laid the mattress on the floor and we sat on it under the sky. It was nice to read my favourite book under the blue canopy of the sky. Then I took a nap for a while and made paper aeroplanes and supersonic paper rockets and then spent an hour playing with them. It was much better than playing with a drone. My mother even took me to the garden where I watered the plants with a hosepipe and thoroughly enjoyed getting wet. When I started to get tired after a day full of adventure, I went ahead to rest for a while under the shade of a nearby tree. This experience made me realize that there are so many beautiful things around us to enjoy beyond the world of technology only if we open our hearts and minds to them.

Vivaan Sethi, 6E

संतुलित आहार (कविता)

कार्बोहाइड्रेट, प्रोटीन, वसा
मिलकर बनाते हैं संतुलित आहार,
सही मात्रा में इनको खाओ,
और शरीर को स्वस्थ बनाओ।

चावल, रोटी, सब्जी, दाल
मिलकर बनाते हैं पौष्टिक आहार,
सुन लो मित्रों मेरी बात
ये सब मित्रों, बर्बर पा कर दो त्याग।

नाश्ते में खाओ डाइजर कार्ब्स
मिलेगी ताकत दिन और रात।
रात में खाओ प्रोटीन कम,
संतुलित रहेगा मन और तन।

डेयरी प्रोडक्ट, चिकन और मीट
देते हैं बढिया प्रोटीन।
गहूँ से मिलता ताकतवर कार्ब्स,
विटामिन, मिनरल स्वास्थ्य का राज।

सब रंगों से भरी डक घाली,
रोम-प्रतिरोधक शक्ति बढ़ाती,
जीवन को है सुखमय बनाती।

ना खाने पर मिलेगी डाइट,
सुन लो मित्रों मेरी बात,
सदा ही खाना पौष्टिक आहार।

- विवान सेठी

6E

Why We Need Friends



मेरी प्यारी विडिया
मेरी नन्ही, नटपट विडिया
आयी कानी, आयी पानी
नीच झुकी कभी ना रहती पानी
हर हर से लानी घास और पत्ते
दागे और यूँ उडे
बग रही मैं अलग लोखना
नीकर, बाँकर हर निमा
सितनी है सफाई, कभी झुकी कभी
कभी ना खोती, कभी ना प्यारी
मेरी घर में आती, फिर उडे जाती
दुँडी और पानी
बैठा हूँ मैं उसे कभी पानी
है वह लड़ी खगली
मेरी प्यारी विडिया
मेरी नन्ही नटपट विडिया
आना कानी हर रोज

Why we need friends

We thought 2020 would be the best year,
But in reality it gave people tears.
Why, you may ask,
We couldn't meet our friends,
Not even in class!
We used to go to play and stay out all day,
But last year we just
played video games on repeat everyday.
We all wanted to share food in school,
And go swimming in the pool.
I know last year wasn't exactly the best,
But at least the earth got a year's rest!
Now, we finally realised why we need friends
Before it's too late let's put this pandemic to an end.

Daanish Hans, 6A

a beautiful GIFT FROM GOD

Nature !

It's the clean environment with flowers, trees, birds and greenery,
I can keep looking at it through my window for hours.

Oh! What beautiful scenery!

In the bright hot morning, the sun shining through the trees,
While taking a stroll in the garden, touching the flowers, oh how it feels!

Even the wind, dancing among the leaves,
With swinging energy, touches my skin, what a cool breeze!
Once upon a time, when I saw pretty looking snow-covered mountains, I got so engrossed.

Whenever I felt stressed, I found a peaceful place, lay under a tree and off I dozed. No one can forget the beauty of daisy, lotus, sunflower and rose, Imagine, one small seed slowly changes into a pretty flower, as it grows. Actually places like Delhi have a polluted environment, hence no visibility in reality. I got to thinking, how did Issac Newton see an apple fall down from a tree, and discover gravity. We even get to know many processes like photosynthesis and water cycle, thanks to science, click pictures of nature, thanks to Johann Zahn who invented a camera appliance.

When I went to the beach, the sound of the water was so soothing and relaxing, I fell in love. While doing my online classes on the terrace, I got lost in hearing the chirping birds. But today, global warming is not ready to stop, Grow trees so that we can control floods, even a tiny drop.

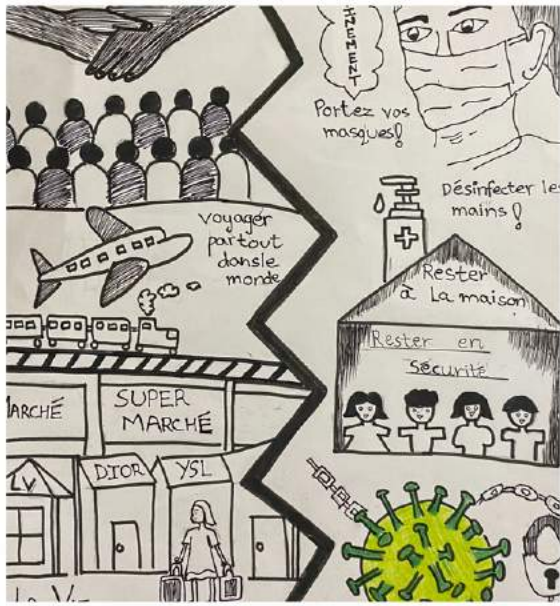
Even the peacocks enjoy the pitter patter rain, open their feathers and dance,

If we start taking more care, nature can become more peaceful and the best, there is a chance.

But do you know who invented nature? It is so odd,

Right? it's not a man made thing, but a beautiful gift from God.

Suvenaa Tayal, 6 D



Ashni Singhal 9C



Riddhi 7D



Vasundhara Jain 7C



Thank you, My Wonderful Teachers

Every year on 5th September we celebrate Teachers' Day in India. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan who was the second President of India, a scholar, and an excellent teacher. Once when some of his students and friends approached him and requested him to allow them to celebrate his birthday, he said, "Instead of celebrating my birthday separately, it would be my proud privilege if 5th September is observed as Teachers' Day, to pay respect to all the teachers in the world who shape the mind of the youth". However, around the world, 5th October is marked as International Teachers' Day. Teachers are like an ocean of knowledge and without knowledge, we would cease to exist on earth. Teachers impart good values to children and turn them into responsible citizens. As we all know, children carry what they are taught at a young age throughout life, they will use what they have learned to influence society. Today's youth will become tomorrow's leaders and teachers have access to educate the youth in their most impressionable years, whether that is in teaching preschool, teaching extracurriculars, sports, or modern technology with traditional values.

The teacher-student connection is invaluable as teachers always stay positive for their students, even when things may seem unfavourable (the present situation of Covid-19 is the best example of our teachers' dedication and responsibility towards their students' future.) My mother always tells me to respect my teachers, not because he or she is my teacher, but because the knowledge they are giving us is priceless. They have a passion for education and they believe in the importance of providing children with good role models. That is the reason, in ancient India, we referred to our teachers as 'guru'.

In Sanskrit, the word 'guru' is made of two roots - 'gu' and 'ru'. 'Gu' means darkness, and 'ru' means remover. Thus, 'guru' stands for the one who is the remover of darkness and shows us the path to enlightenment.

So, on this special day, I would like to extend

My heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers

For teaching us how to read and write,

For guiding us to distinguish between what is wrong and right,

For allowing us to dream and soar like a kite.

Thank you for being so outstanding, understanding, and caring.

You have proved that learning can be a joyful and pleasant experience,

No matter what the situation.

Aahana Agarwal, 6-D

My Wonderful Teachers

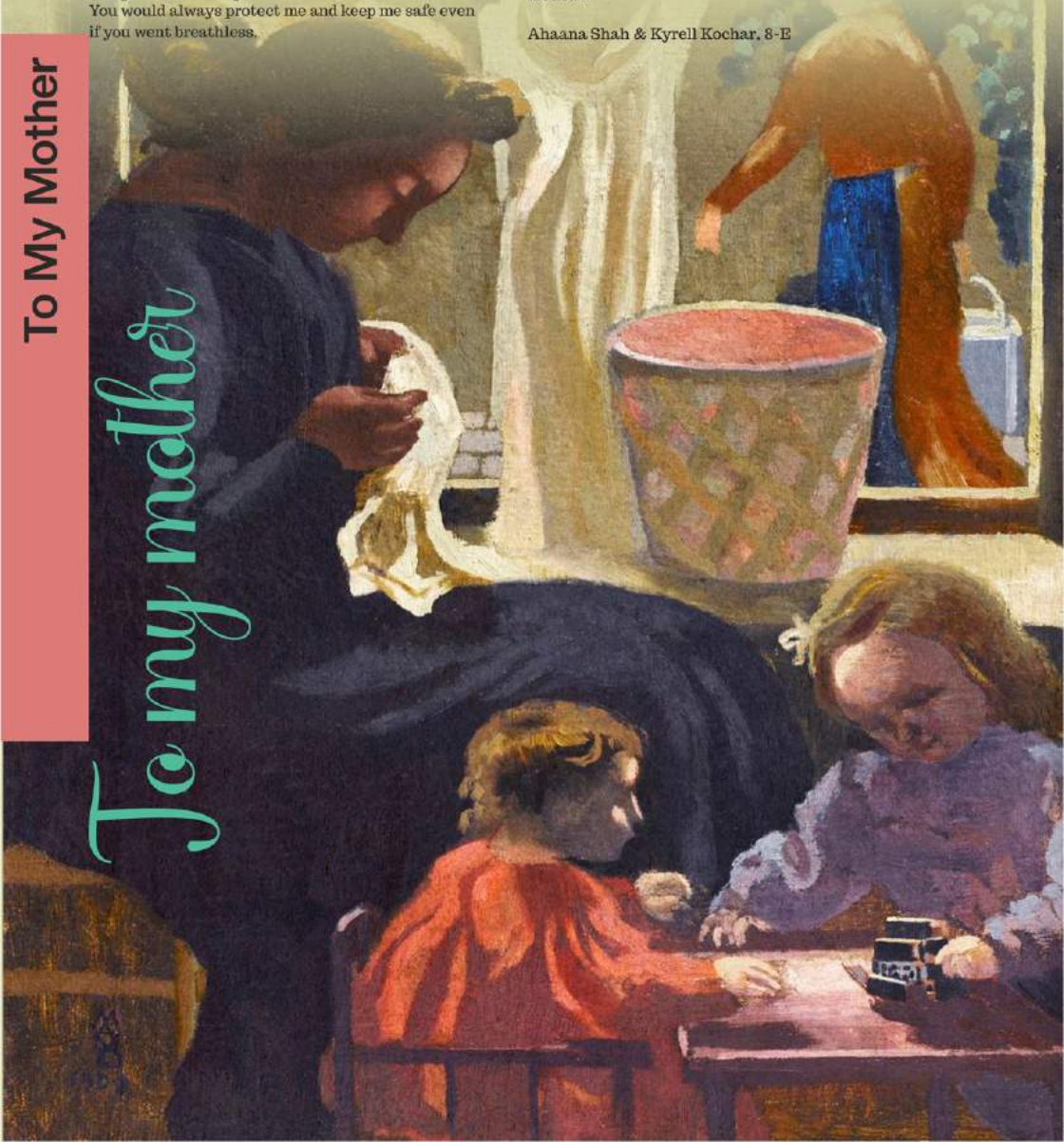
To My Mother

To my mother

You were there when I took my first breath.
You were there when I took my first step.
You were there through it all.
You were there to dry my tears as they would fall.
Now that I can take care of myself as I am older,
You are still there for me as you were when I was a toddler.
You left all your work behind in a flash,
Just because I got a little rash.
You knew I would get mad if I didn't win a silly little game of chess,
That's why you let me win, you truly are a goddess.
Whenever I was afraid, you would become my light
and guide me through the darkness.
You would always protect me and keep me safe even
if you went breathless.

When I am stressed out, just your presence can
keep me calm.
Ever since the day you first held me in your arms.
It amazes me how you can simultaneously be a
mother, a wife, a daughter and a friend
For us, you can truly reach to any extent.
You gave us everything, but demanded nothing in
return.
Even if I misbehaved, you would forgive me and
look at me with the same love and concern.
If I could have chosen, I would have picked no
other
Than you.... to be my lifelong friend and precious
mother.

Ahaana Shah & Kyrell Kochar, 8-E



DEUTSCHVERGNÜ GEN

JA UND NEIN
APFELWEIN
LORELEY IST AM RHEIN
EISBERG, GOLDBERG
UND EIN STEIN
FEIN, FEIN, FEIN IST CALVIN
KLEIN
DEUTSCH HAT KLASSE
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DEUTSCH HAT SCHALL
DEUTSCHVERGNÜGEN
ÜBERALL

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LUDWIGSHAFEN IST AM RHEIN
DUMMKOPF, KOHLKOPF,
MARZIPAN
PORSCHÉ, VW, AUTOBAHN

DEUTSCH HAT KLASSE
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German is a Pleasure

YES AND NO
APPLE CIDER
LORELEY IS ON THE RHINE
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AND A STONE
FINE, FINE, FINE IS CALVIN KLEIN
GERMAN HAS CLASS
GERMAN HAS STYLE
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GERMAN HAS RHYTHM
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LUDWIGSHAFEN IS ON THE
RHINE
FOOL, CABBAGE, CAKE

PORSCHÉ, VW, CARS

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NAISHA VERMA 6B

The Adventures of Household Chores

I had willingly and sincerely lent a hand in many tiny fragments of household work. These tiny fragments are the small jobs that add up to the overall cleanliness of the house. My mother has all the workload on her shoulders. Being a teacher herself, she has to take her classes as well. When all the work is done, we both are huffing and puffing and most importantly we are extremely sweaty. I also realized how tough and tedious it is to clean the whole house along with cooking meals for the family.

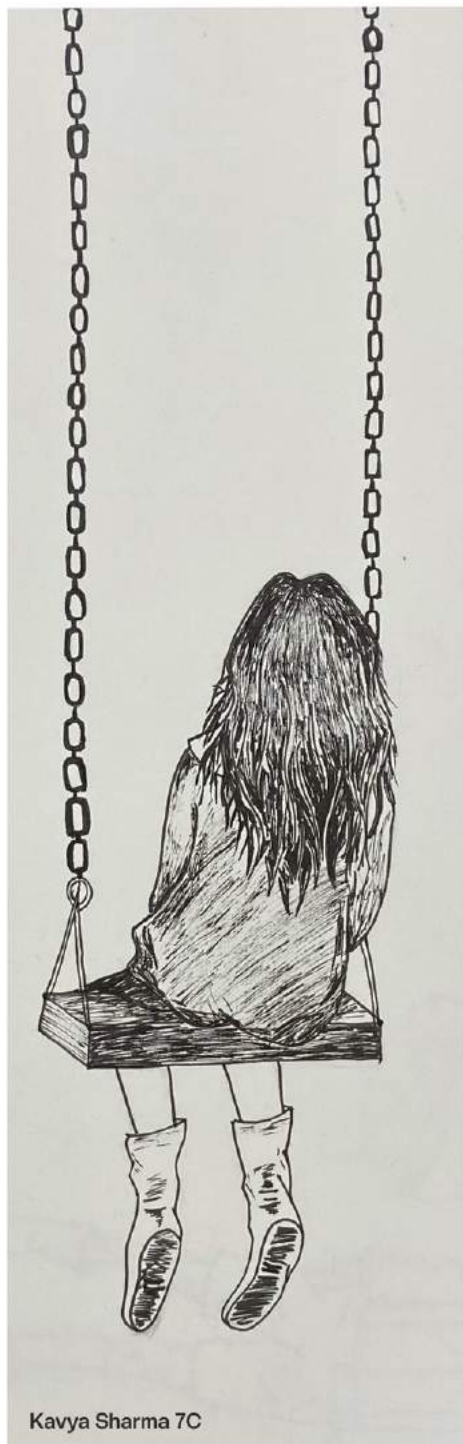
My first job is gardening. In our backyard, we keep some very rare plants and they are all my responsibility. I always devote special time and attention to them which gives me a lot of satisfaction and I am able to win the trust of my mother. It's beautiful to nurture life with your own hands, after all.

My second job is to get the dried clothes from the terrace every evening. One day, I had my hat in my hand as I was bringing the clothesline down by tugging on it. I was also running around and I accidentally let go of the bucket and it went tumbling down and hit one of the eccentric guards on the head and he fainted. They accused me of hitting one below the belt.

My next chore is to keep the dustbin liner down in the driveway. I have to hold a disgusting bag from the top and take it down. One day, I took a shortcut and threw it down the balcony but that didn't end well as it hit my Chachu's head and he was covered from head to toe in garbage. He let out a cry of rage and looked up. I, of course, hid and saved myself. But, he was suspicious of me and came up the stairs. I was caught and had to confess. Sometimes, I also sweep, dust and lay the table before the meals. Sometimes, I do it happily, but at other times it is out of obligation to help my mother. But the Covid lockdown is teaching us a lot of life skills besides studies. I hope you are also lending a helping hand to your parents and supporting each other in whatever way possible.

Vivaan Sethi, 6-E







A mother is a gift from God,
She indeed is the best reward.
She works day and night,
And she makes hay while the sun shines.
She guides me the right way,
She is the one who throws light on my day.
She works so hard for us,
And for her children, she can even jump under the bus.
She is the person who holds the family tight.
She guides us on what's wrong and right.
She takes care of us when we are sick.
She works even when she is terribly ill.
You always work hard, Mother
You can always take on anything even if it is double.
Even when you are tired,
For us, you can jump into the fire.
A kiss you give wipes away my tears.
And then you tell me to always be serious.
You always believe in me,
Even when I readily agree.
Thank you for your unconditional love,
You are an angel sent from heaven above.
Our memories together are filled with pleasure,
Mother, you are indeed a special treasure.

Aalia Khurana, 8A

my guardian
angel

FP

When I was a junior, I could not wait to graduate school and start living a somewhat adult life. But listening to the graduating class talk about how difficult it is and how they just wanted time to stop, sounded very bizarre. I now understand what they felt. From Mango Day, Ice-cream Day to MUN, Goenkan Grandeur and so many different activities and events that we participated in, our school experience has been truly enriching.

Saanvi Sood
School Captain



Halloween day

Gestalten spuken ums Haus
Ich traue mich nicht raus
Ich verstecke mich untem Bett,
Doch dort ist es gar nicht nett.
Eine spinne wohnt schon dort,
Ich suche einen andern Ort.
Eine Idee wäre der Schrank,
Doch ohne Luft werde ich krank.
Das Heulen hört nicht auf,
Ich lauf und lauf und lauf.
Ich weiss gar nicht mehr wohin,
Da fällt mir ein, heute ist ja
HALLOWEEN HALLOWEEN HALLOWEEN

Spooky figures surround the house
I don't dare go out
I hide under the bed
but it's not nice there
A spider already lives there, I'm looking for
another place
One idea would be the closet
but without air I get sick
The howling doesn't stop. I run and run and
run. I don't even know where to go
anymore. It occurs to me, today is Halloween
Halloween Halloween

Jashit Singla 5A



Soraiya 5 D



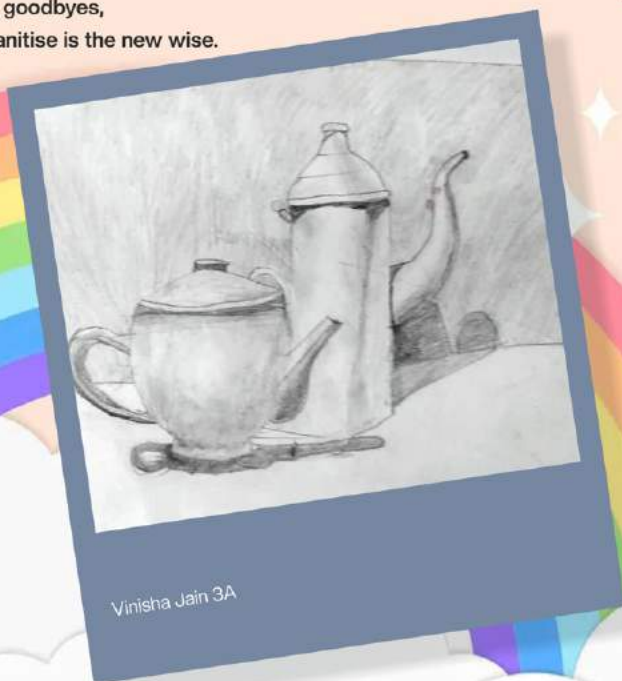


Where have those days gone?
When we had something to do,
Unlike today when we are just
Up and blue.

Time is moving at the same pace,
But we are lost in this strange maze.
I think nature taught us a lesson,
As it's not the birds, it's HUMANS who are in prison.

We had taken life for granted,
But God please show us mercy and re-plan all of it.
To eat, study, play we bid our goodbyes,
To wear masks, stay home, sanitise is the new wise.

Vivhan Goel, 4A



Vinisha Jain 3A



Aliaa Khurana 4 D



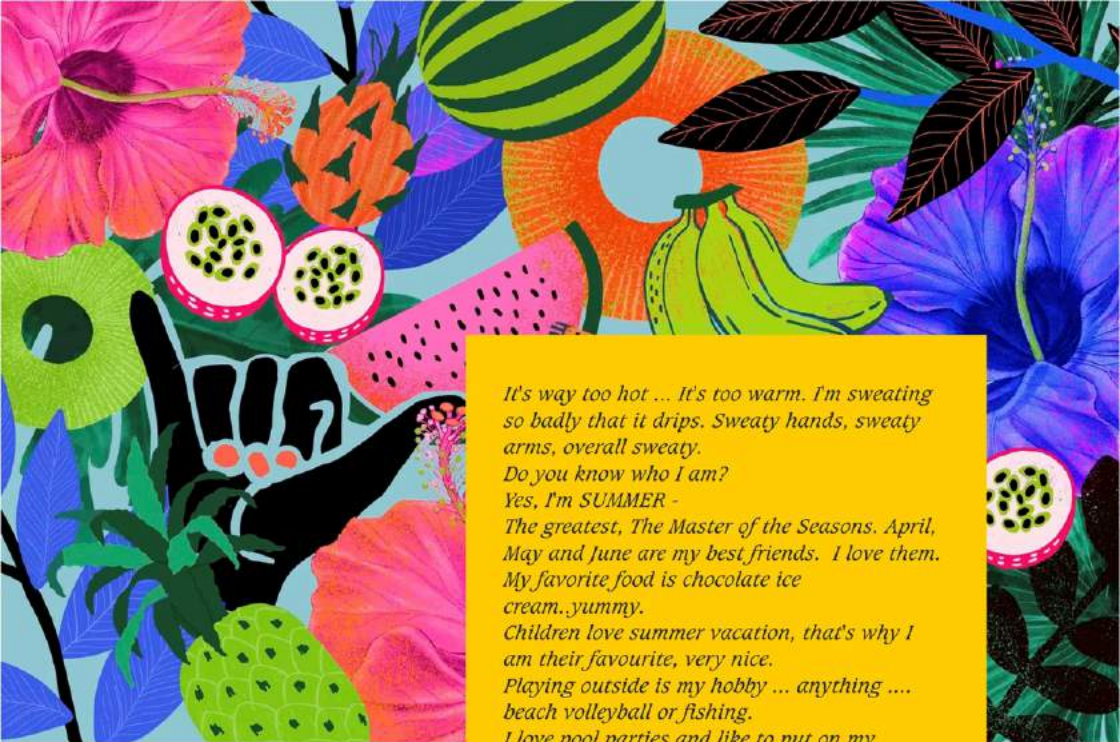
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Rudra Aggarwal 4 C





*It's way too hot ... It's too warm. I'm sweating
 so badly that it drips. Sweaty hands, sweaty
 arms, overall sweaty.
 Do you know who I am?
 Yes, I'm SUMMER -
 The greatest, The Master of the Seasons. April,
 May and June are my best friends. I love them.
 My favorite food is chocolate ice
 cream, yummy.
 Children love summer vacation, that's why I
 am their favourite, very nice.
 Playing outside is my hobby ... anything
 beach volleyball or fishing.
 I love pool parties and like to put on my
 favorite dress with hat and sunglasses.
 Would you like to party with me? We can also
 take beautiful selfies*

my favorite season summer

MEIN LIEBLINGS JAHRESZEIT - SOMMER

*Es ist viel zu heiß ... Es ist zu Warm. Ich schwitze so krass, dass es tropft.
 Hände schwitzen, arme schwitzen, überall schwitzen. Wissen Sie , Wer bin Ich ?
 Ja ich bin Sommer – Die größte , Der Meister der Jahreszeiten.*

*April , Mai und Juni sind meine beste Freunde. Ich liebe sie. Mein Lieblingsessen
 ist kaltes Eis und zwar Schokoladeneis. Leckerrrrr. Kinder lieben Sommerferien ,
 deshalb bin ich ihre Liebling. Super schön*

*Draußen spielen ist mein Hobby ... Egal etwas ... Strandvolleyball oder Fischen.
 Ich mache gern Pool Party und ziehe mich gern mein Lieblingskleid mit Hut und
 Sonnenbrille an.*

Möchten Sie mit mir Party machen- Wir können auch Schöne Selfies machen

Navya Kumar, 5A

creative ART work

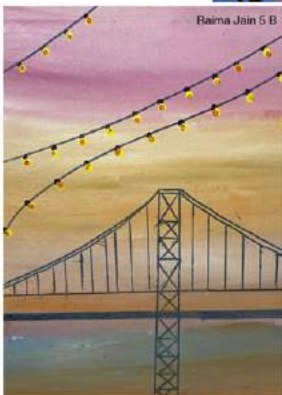
Arnav Singh 6D



Raima Jain 5B



Aarika Nagpal 3E



Raima Jain 5 B





Pranava Gupta 4-E

wanderlust

I love to wander and visit places,
To a rippling river or a lonely oasis.

My wanderlust takes me to mountains so high.
My wanderlust takes me to jungles,
Where animals pass by.

The desire to wander takes me down the highway.
The beauty of these surroundings takes away my
dismay.

For this there is never a cure,
There is never a remedy, I assure.
This is why I always want to move out,
This is what my wanderlust is about.

Kaira Kumar, 5-D

The Key to Strength

When God sent me to this beautiful
world,
I came all alone.
But when my parents held me in their
arms,
All my fears were gone.

With my loving grandparents, parents
and siblings by my side,
I have wonderfully grown into a young
man.

Family and friends are the trees of
strength,
When we ask for their help, they go to
any length.

In dark and happy times, they support
us with all their might.
Non-judgemental and ever-loving, they
are our guiding light.
And so it is correctly said, the biggest
blessing is
To have your loved ones in this
beautiful journey called life.

Kabir Chawla, 5-B



Rudra Aggarwal 4 C



Up to Class 2

pre

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Pre Primary Section

From friendships that started with shy waves to friends that turned into family - we know when we all leave school today, we will always have a place to look back to. A place that is not merely a building, it's a place synonymous with home.

Perna Maheshwari
School Captain

WHEN I GROW UP,
I Want To Be...



I can be
Anything



When I grow up I want to be a
kind and happy person.



I want to help everyone in every possible
way. Being a kind person spread Love and
help us to be successful because a
calm and happy mind can achieve alot
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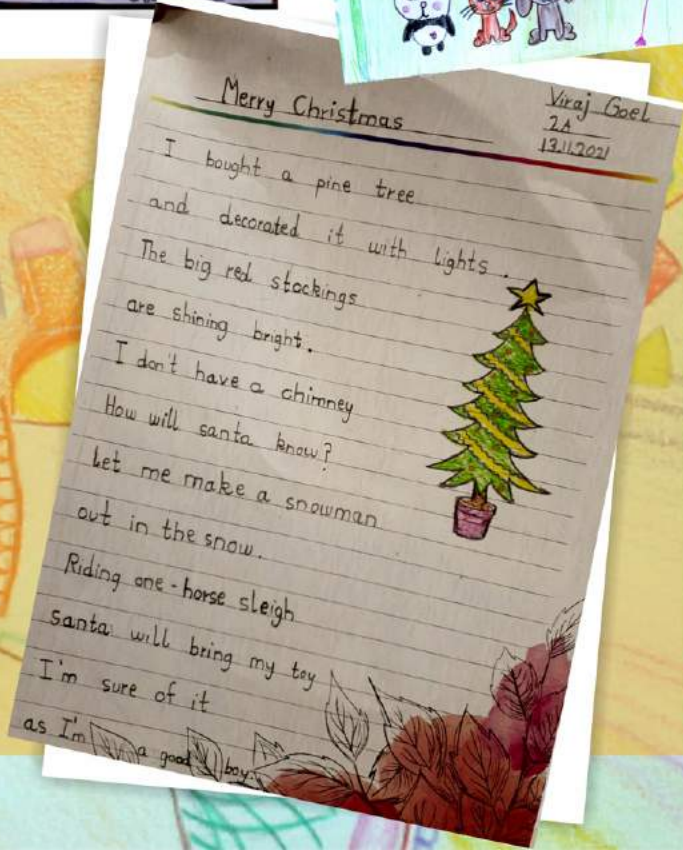
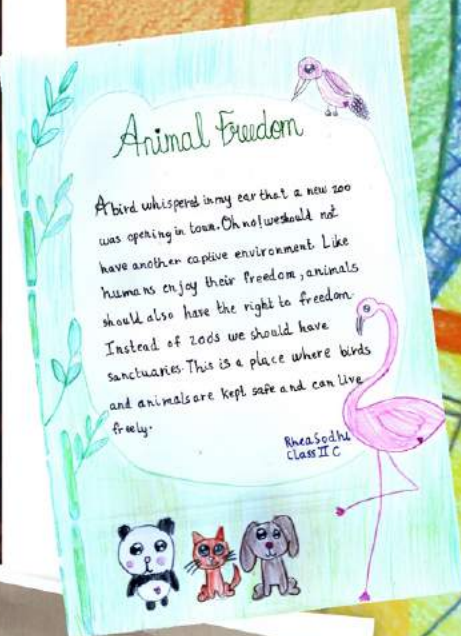


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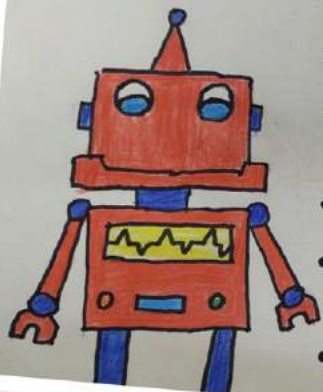
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What I will be



ROBOT SCIENTIST.

- I will make a lady **ROBOT** named **LUCY**.
- Lucy will be an android robot which look like humans.
- Lucy will do surgeries in hospitals.
- I will make a team of robot doctors who will perform various tasks in hospitals.
- To make a robot is my big dream.

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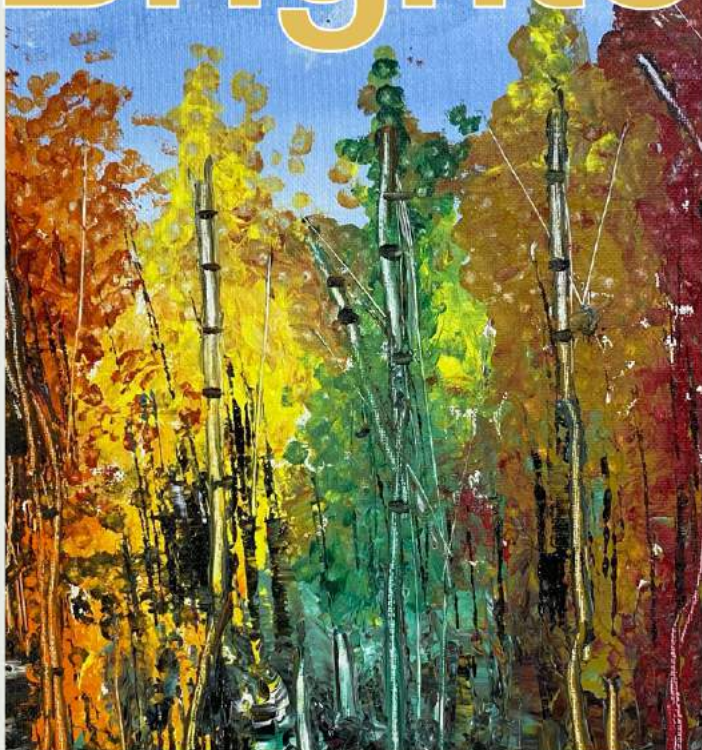
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