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“Excellence is an attitude”

FIS @ 10



(Ms. Jayanti Prabhakar, Principal)

I've worn many hats at FIS; founder principal, teacher, student, artist, mother, friend and colleague. I've loved every day of every year here. What a joy it has been to see this great institution grow from being a hesitant yet brave toddler to a confident, energetic and enthusiastic ten year old!

We've grown by leaps and bounds every year, adding, adapting and changing with the times. Each year we examine our systems, throw out what doesn't work and keep what works, striving to better ourselves every step of the way. We love a good challenge and meet it head on without fear. We push ourselves beyond the boundaries of the familiar and constantly test unknown waters. We push our children to do more, be more and achieve more with each passing year. We love our positive environment and our team spirit. It warms my heart to see our teachers and children working together to showcase our annual event each year-whether it is the remarkable Country Fest, the colourful FIS Circus-Vircus or the fantastic Night at the Museum that we put up last year.

Our culture and positive attitude, our thinking and our commitment can be seen in the confidence of our teachers as they aim higher; it can be seen in the smiles of our pre-primary kids, the enthusiasm of our seniors and the love and loyalty of our alumni. All of us, without exception, have grown, learnt, evolved and matured over the years, thanks to the atmosphere of freedom that permeates the school.

Every year we try to add something new to our repertoire; one year we added the thinking skills curriculum, then the next year it was enhancing the learning of the English language with reading, conversation and the creative writing modules. This year we are looking at improving researching skills in our youngsters. All of this adds to what makes the FIS student a confident, aware and mature person, ready to take on the world. Our alumni are already out there in the real world gathering accolades for themselves and for their alma mater FIS.

This year's magazine encapsulates some of our key achievements along the way. Looking back, I feel proud to see that we have in actual fact come a long way and are on the right track. The vision is intact. Thank you one and all.
We have arrived. God bless, FIS!

FIS EDITORIAL TEAM



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FIS@10 - A SPECIAL FEATURE

Growth is never by mere chance; it is the result of forces working together.

~James Cash Penney

We @ FIS have experienced phenomenal growth over the past decade. There is nothing like a visual experience to bring home the difference that FIS has undergone over the last ten years.

We present to you, '**FIS—Then and Now**'.

Then and now



Then and now



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Milestones

2006-2007

Freedom International School established
17 teachers and 23 children
Strength grows to 65 by March 2007

2007-2008

School extends up to Class VII
Saturday Hobby Classes introduced
Fully functional Science Labs
Our First Inspection conducted and affiliation granted!

2008-2009

The four houses Canary, Flamingo, Pelican and Toucan established
The Tender Loving Care Centre set up (Daycare)

2009-2010

Children's Movement for Civic Awareness (CMCA) launched
Counsellor on Board
First FIS Newsletter released
Elections for the School Cabinet initiated

2010-2011

Life Skills Programme extended to the senior section
Newspaper in Education (NIE) initiated
First Class X batch
Clubs established

2011-2012

Thinking skills programme introduced.
First batch of Class X graduates. Excellent results!
Our school uniform gets a new look!
Overnight Trips introduced

2012-2013

GRIPS books introduced
First school magazine released



2013-2014

Alumni Association established.

Discipline Cup introduced

The Junior Cabinet instated

Class of 2014 achieves a perfect score of 10! (All of them!)

iPad in Education introduced - teachers empowered

Western Music, Western Dance options offered

Students on Editorial Board of School Magazine

2014-2015

Curriculum Development Cell established

Senior Visual Arts Lab added

State of the art Computer Lab inaugurated

School magazine goes digital

Inspection for upgradation up to XII conducted

FIS was a Guest Editor for The Times of India Student Edition

Friday folder introduced to Primary and Secondary

2015-2016

Student Strength reaches 1300

CBSE Affiliation up to XII granted!

School upgraded to Senior Secondary Level - XII

Achieved a perfect score (33/33) for our Evidence sent to the CBSE

First In House Pre Primary Sing Along CD released

'FIS AMONG THE TOP 20 CBSE SCHOOLS IN BANGALORE IN 2015' -Brainfeed

FIS @ 10 Teacher Speak



FIS HAS TALENT!

This is a very special year for us. FIS has completed 10 successful years and continues to get the best of students and faculty which provide a strong base for any institution. As a start up school we have seen many ups and downs but because of our FIS family's unity and support we have sailed through every storm. We have been recognised as one of the best

CBSE schools in Bangalore but having said that our journey has just begun, our benchmarks have been raised even higher. With the guidance of our principal I am confident of achieving every goal in every field of education.

FIS is very fortunate to have a mentor, leader and a friend like Mrs. Jayanti Prabhakar, the principal. I thank her from the bottom of my heart. In the same way, I am very proud of having all of you as our team. I appreciate your work and dedication and congratulate you.

I am thankful to all our parents who have showed such faith and confidence in us. And last but the most important are our children; it's been wonderful to have you around! You have made FIS what it is today. All the best for a really bright future! For you, we will make sure we provide only the best, now and always.

~Sushama Rajesh Rao
Director Administration, FIS
Secretary, Veera Soudha Trust



The FIS culture has gently seeped into me through all the years that I've been associated with the institution. A culture that gives you the freedom to explore

various paths in order to achieve the best results. A culture that breeds creativity, that allows you to voice your thoughts and to personalize your pedagogy. A culture where the best outcomes are shared and propagated. We dwell in an atmosphere that is purely collaborative as well as stimulating. Each of us is pushed to outdo ourselves resulting in outstanding outcomes. This unique culture, a hallmark of FIS, has gained momentum due to the untiring, relentless efforts of the visionary—the Founder Principal who has an astonishing ability to transform each of us into powerful repertoires who can unleash our wares as the occasion demands!

~Clara David
Vice Principal



As is nature's way all things begin small- a seed sprouts to grow into a big firm tree, FIS too began with a small batch of children and has today established itself on the

map of upcoming good schools in Bangalore. The climate of the school has helped us teachers too to grow not just in numbers but also in experience and maturity. We have always been encouraged to constantly modify, adapt, update, create newer and newer methods to guide, to enthrall and to transform learning for our children. At FIS learning has never been restricted to the classroom, in fact be it an Annual day or a Sports Day or even a celebration the children and teachers walk away richer and better informed than we were. We may not have been as successful as we hoped in all our attempts but that has never stopped us from trying different approaches. Congratulations FIS on completion of a successful decade and wishes for many more to come!

~Sneha Rai
Primary Coordinator



The past ten years of my association with FIS have been the most happening years for me. Every year has thrown new challenges at us and we have been successful as a team. The systems are in place, the staff is amply supported and the students are achieving success in every field. I am proud to be a part of a school which has been providing an enriching educational experience to everyone who is a part of FIS. FIS has arrived! God bless our FIS family!

~Parvathi A.A.
Preprimary Coordinator



When I look back at the odyssey of FIS, it fills my heart with fond memories and blissful moments. With dynamic Jayanti Madam, our Principal, holding each

one's hand at every juncture, exuding warmth, traversing the path became an easy task and has enabled the family of FIS to achieve significant milestones.

~Malati Porje



Education at FIS is about actively combining challenging and enriching experiences with academic rigor and creative opportunities. It provides quality and

innovative education and all the students are challenged to reach their full potential in an atmosphere which promotes learning, success and achievement as well as fair and equal opportunities.

~Chitra Srinivas



The work culture and the value system advocated by the Principal and the management is amazingly positive and motivating. The school's endeavour to

continuously adapt to the changing times and requirements, the emphasis laid on the all-round development of the children, dynamic curriculum—I have been continuously challenged to keep pace with all these changes. The institution has grown in leaps and bounds and I am indeed proud to be a part of this growth. Cheers FIS!

~Shipra Bhat



ಬೋಧನೆ ಒಂದು ಜೀವನ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆಯ ಮಾರ್ಗ ಎಂದು ಅಲೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾಗ, ಕಂಡಿತು ಒಂದು ಪುಟ್ಟಗಿಡ. ಅಲ್ಲೊಂದು ಮಾತೃ ಹೃದಯ! ಪ್ರೀತಿ-ಮಮತೆಯಿಂದ ಕೈ ಹಿಡಿದು ನಡೆಸಿತು. ಬೋಧನೆಯ ಅರ್ಥ ತಿಳಿಸಿತು. ಬೋಧನೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಕಲೆ,

ಸಂಗೀತ, ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯಗಳ ಸಂಗಮ, ಜ್ಞಾನ-ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ, ಪಾಂಡಿತ್ಯದ ಆಗರ, ಕಲಿವು-ನಲಿವು, ಸೃಜನಶೀಲತೆ, ಕ್ರಿಯಾಶೀಲತೆ, ಪ್ರಗತಿಶೀಲತೆ, ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾವಂತಿಕೆ, ಸಂಘಟನೆ ಹೀಗೆ ಹಲವು ಕೌಶಲ್ಯಗಳಿಂದ ಕೂಡಿದ ಜೀವನದ ರಸಮಯ ಕ್ಷಣಗಳು ಎಂದು ಅರಿತೆ. ಈ ರೀತಿ ನೆರೆಳು ನೀಡಿ, ಉಸಿರು ನೀಡಿ, ಬದುಕು ಕಲಿಸಿದ ಗಿಡ, ಈಗ ಹೆಮ್ಮರವಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದು ಇಂದು ಅನೇಕ ಪರಿಮಳ ಸೂಸುವ ಹೂವು, ಕಾಯಿ ಹಾಗೂ ರಸಭರಿತ ಹಣ್ಣುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಮಾಜಕ್ಕೆ ನೀಡುತ್ತಿದೆ. ನನ್ನಂತಹ ಅನೇಕರು ಅದರಡಿ ತಂಗಿ, ದಣಿವಾರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರೆರೆದು ಬೆಳೆಸಿ, ಪ್ರೋಷಿಸಿದ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನಾನು ಚಿರಋಣಿ.

~Narayanaswamy G.



A year and a half ago, as I set foot for the first time in this tan-coloured building, I experienced its vast nippy corridors and the zest of its charge d'affaires Ms. Jayanti Prabhakar. Steel bars were jutting out of the building as if the school was still growing. I

felt then, as I do now that it has indeed grown on me. I take great pleasure and pride as I recall the plethora of activities which I have been a part of. Its superb abundance of activities is testimony to the fact that this institution has a mind and a heart as well. On the verge of entering an auspiciously numbered eleventh year, I wish this great institution all the very best. May it achieve many a summit, may it climb many a milestone. Hail Freedom!

~Kiranpreet Kaur Cheema



It is with pure nostalgia that I look back on my sojourn at FIS. It has given me ample opportunity to grow from a grade I teacher to a grade 10 teacher within a

period of 8 years. I see with pride our school building rise up from a single-storeyed structure to a sprawling one and our children merging with flying colours. FIS gives equal exposure to academics, arts and sports and it is a centre where children and teachers with all talents can bloom. FIS has been a great learning experience for me.

~Sandhya Nambiar



My years in FIS have been fulfilling as I was encouraged to go beyond my known space which was teaching mathematics . We were given the opportunity to

explore various ways of integrating math and activity. We put together a curriculum and handmade all the games connected with the crucial concepts that the children really enjoyed, giving us a great sense of satisfaction. I am proud of being a part of FIS.

~Pushpa Narayanan



FIS is a great place, which helps students as well as teachers explore, discover and navigate themselves to become their very best version! A journey in the making, to be cherished and relished!

~Shanthi Anand



FIS has taught me to be more organized, to be more creative, to be more helpful, to be more practical and to be more confident. It is a place to learn...not just for the kids, but also for the teachers and for everyone who comes in.

~R. Nallathai



We have grown. Nothing has stopped us in the last decade and nothing can stop us now. I am proud to be a part of this enjoyable and enriching journey. Cheers!

~R. Mahalakshmi



As a teacher I learnt to value each and every one, to respond to the challenges, to channelize every child's interest into an effective and productive path. Thanks

to FIS, for a judicious blend of scholastic and co-scholastic education. I wish FIS all the best in all the future initiatives.

~Vijaya Malar S.



Six years ago, I joined FIS and so far it has been an incredible journey. Not only have I grown as a teacher but also as an individual. Every day is a new learning experience. At

FIS we are given freedom to explore new and innovative methods of teaching. Quality is given preference over quantity. This is just a beginning. I wish FIS touches many more milestones and lights up the future of our children and country.

~Kavita Bangani



My search for a school where teachers are respected, appreciated and encouraged, got over when I became part of FIS. I am fortunate to be a part of the FIS family.

~Suvarna Kulkarni



The institution has observed a positive growth in terms of education, extracurricular activities, student-teacher relationships.

With this has come an increasingly beautiful change in the idealistic values of the student and development of the children's capability.

~Sujatha Malatheswara



I had a wonderful first year in FIS. A positive and friendly work environment makes it a great place to learn and grow. It's a pleasure to be a part of the FIS family.

~Sonali Routh



मैं यहाँ आठ सालों से बच्चों को ज्ञान देने के साथ-साथ ज्ञान अर्जन करती आ रही हूँ । मैं हर रोज यहाँ सकारात्मक बदलाव होते हुए देखती आ रही हूँ इसी कारण यह स्कूल बेंगलोर रूपी आकाश में सूर्य की तरह

प्रकाशमान है ।

~Rajbala Singh



In a span of 10 years, FIS has made significant progress. Today, this school has evolved as an abode of holistic education. In the words of Henry Ford, 'Coming together is a beginning,

keeping together is progress, and working together is success.' I feel truly blessed to be a part of the FIS team.

~Asha Ravi



FIS has grown immensely in the last few years, not only in terms of infrastructure, but also the progressive education it provides to its children. In tune with its mission and vision, every FISian

dares to dream to reach the acme of success. As a teacher, I reinvent myself every day to raise my bar in order to provide the best to my students. Long Live, FIS!

~Sukanya R



It is now my fifth year in FIS and for me, it has opened doors to a new world that I was so passionate about. A teacher has to be an administrator par excellence, an artist and

more than anything an innovator. Putting on all these hats with equal flair is our leader and this makes us take that extra step to go beyond expectations. Congratulations to all on the successful completion of ten years of FIS.

~Sowmya Nair



I have served for a year in this esteemed and reputed institute. However, from what I have heard and experienced myself in the last few months, we at

FIS have attained a lot of laurels in scholastic, sports and other areas. Our bold, strong and suave fighter in the form of our Principal ma'am, Ms. Jayanti Prabhakar, has led us through exciting and rocky waters of growth, change and transition. Wishing FIS a glorious ten years!

~Shampa Sen



It has been my pleasure being associated with this prestigious institution for the past three years. This school has helped me recognize my potential as a facilitator

of our young, blossoming minds. The work atmosphere is encouraging and we have been provided with a plethora of opportunities to learn and grow. FIS is an ideal place to work at. Three cheers to FIS @10!

~Vinaya Nyayapathi



Life in FIS is a lot of fun & frolic, and is fast-paced too. It's a growing organization to be reckoned with. I have had an enriching experience here at FIS where the teachers and

students never cease to amaze me with their efforts and performance. Abundant support and encouragement by the leadership and management is the driving force behind our FIS Family.

~Ranjeeta



My journey in FIS has honed my skills and has given me the ability to deal with stress in a positive way. It has been a pleasure to be associated with this organization.

~Pradeepa



I feel fortunate to be a part of the FIS family. At FIS I have explored my hidden talents. It has been a beautiful journey.

~Tina Gomez

"Education is the most powerful weapon to change the world." - Nelson Mandela. We at FIS have given the most creative learning environment for education of young and aspiring minds. Wishing you a glorious TEN years FIS! A stellar performance! May our tribe grow!

~Geetha Reddy





FIS is my school of happiness. Bright, airy, full of positive vibes, there isn't a dull moment here. Wishing FIS great going on completing its terrific ten!
~Nipun Dutta



I have been working and learning here for six years. I see a drastic change in myself from the day I joined FIS. I am glad to be working at FIS.
~Veenashri



My journey in FIS started in the year 2006. It has been a journey of ten fruitful years in which I have learnt a lot. I have been guided in each and every way to grow as a teacher. This is indeed a place to learn and grow. I thank each and every one in FIS.
~Yashoda M.



FIS is my second home. I can't think of a life without FIS. Here, I can nurture and hone my skills. I learnt a lot from everyone at FIS, and I try applying this in my day to day life. It's indeed a pleasure to see children growing from babies to teens! Love you all!
~Veena K.B.



It gives me immense pleasure to be a part of the FIS family. My journey in FIS has made me more responsible, determined and has helped me in upgrading my standards of teaching. It's a place filled with enthusiasm, opportunities, bonding and togetherness.
~Ruchika



I have been a part of FIS for 6 years. We have been working as a team to achieve our goals. Each and every teacher has contributed in making FIS proud. I have been given a lot of opportunities to show my creativity. I am really fortunate to be a part of FIS @10.
~Shashi



I am so happy to be a part of FIS. FIS has not only helped me to grow as a teacher, but also as an individual. The continuous support, love and guidance given makes me feel blessed.
~Zainab Fathima



To mark our 10th anniversary, we commissioned a short presentation for our annual day detailing how our school has grown and changed over the decade. That is when I realized how fantastic FIS is. I am really proud to be a part of FIS.
~Vidya Suraj



FIS is not only a place to work but also a place to learn and grow professionally. We are part of a team where work is fun. It provides us with various opportunities to hone our skills and become better individuals.
~Nydille Reddy



At FIS, I have grown younger, smarter and more energetic. I love the team spirit, the hard working and talented teachers here. I have crossed a milestone and have many more miles to go.
~Rekha Aravind



This is my seventh year at FIS. It has been a wonderful journey teaching, learning and growing. FIS rocks!

~Padmashree Basak



At FIS, there is a lot of scope for learning and upgrading skills. Working at FIS has made me more confident. Here, it is less 'me' and more 'we'. Thanks to FIS. ~Sindhu



The job as a librarian in FIS has given me immense happiness and satisfaction. Every day I see the children growing in all aspects and I feel proud of my little contribution in

their life. It has been a tremendous journey from the beginning, when the school was just a seedling to its present day growth as a young robust tree.

~J. Anusuya



My tenth year in FIS..... Oh God! How time flies! My babies from Class 1 (2007- 2008) are in Class 10 now. I have seen them grow before my eyes. Each one has blossomed out to be so brilliant and smart. I

will be so proud to see them graduate this year :) Wishing FIS the very best in the years to come!

~Jacqueline Lobo John



FIS is a place where we have been continuously growing as teachers, colleagues and friends. We are no longer what we were at the time of joining. We are now much more confident and evolved.

~Uma Sharma



The growth of FIS over the past 10 years has been phenomenal. We have grown along with FIS. Wherever we go, we shine as teachers, because of what we have learnt at FIS. I will be grateful to FIS

throughout my life.

~Chetana V.



My experience at FIS is really great. My colleagues are positive and approachable, which makes me look forward to coming to work every day. FIS is a fun place to be and I

feel at home here.

~Fahima Taj



Teaching school students with my experience as a college lecturer was a big challenge for me. After joining FIS, I understood that each and every day is a learning experience.

I know I will earn the confidence to take up any role in my future assignments and will be a perfectionist.

~Reshma Velloth



ಪ್ರೀಡಮ್ ಇಂಟರ್‌ನ್ಯಾಷನಲ್ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಜ್ಞಾನ ದೇಗುಲವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಶಿಕ್ಷಣದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಪಠ್ಯೇತರ ಚಟುವಟಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು, ಉತ್ತಮ ಸಂಸ್ಕಾರ ಹಾಗೂ ಮಾನವೀಯ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡುವ ಉತ್ತಮ ವಾಹಿನಿಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಇಂದಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳೇ ಮುಂದಿನ ನಾಗರಿಕರು ಆಗುವುದರಿಂದ ಅವರ ಗಮನ ನೀಡಿ, ಭಾರತದ ಉತ್ತಮ ಕಾರ್ಯವೂ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದಿದೆ.

ಸರ್ವಾಂಗೀಣ ಬೆಳವಣಿಗೆಗೆ ನಾಗರಿಕರನ್ನಾಗಿ ಸುವ

~Manjula G.



ಪ್ರೀಡಮ್ ಇಂಟರ್‌ನ್ಯಾಷನಲ್ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಉತ್ತಮ ಮೌಲ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುವ ಗುರಿಯನ್ನು ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಂಡ, ನಮ್ಮ ಶಾಲೆಯ ಆಡಳಿತ ಮಂಡಳಿಯು, ನವೀನ ಶೈಲಿಯ ಬೋಧನಾಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ, ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಡಗಿರುವ ಕೌಶಲ್ಯವನ್ನು ಹೊರ ತೆಗೆದು, ಅವರ ಮುಂದಿನ ಭವಿಷ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಧೈರ್ಯ, ಜ್ಞಾನ, ಚಾತುರ್ಯ, ಸಮಯಪ್ರಜ್ಞೆ, ಹೊಂದಾಣಿಕೆ ಮನೋಭಾವಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ತನ್ನ ಕಾರ್ಯವನ್ನು ಅಚ್ಚುಕಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಾ, ಅವರು ಉತ್ತಮ ನಾಗರಿಕ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಾಗಲು ಶ್ರಮಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ.

~H.N. Vanamala

TEN GLORIOUS YEARS @FIS

Ten glorious years have flown past!

To be part of a dynamic group of thinkers, movers and shakers

To be amongst tiny happy feet and tall sprightly youngsters.

Some make you feel thrilled, satisfied with the work accomplished for the day,

Some others want more.....making you burn the midnight oil,

Or be up long before the sun's first ray!

Get up! Pack your stuff! It's time to toil!

Bright eyes, shy smiles, questioning countenances greet you every morning

"Is ma'am really giving us a test today without a warning?"

Occasionally, tender hearts open up, sharing their inner doubts and feelings

Seeking assurance or a firm hand to pick them up when they falter in their dealings.

It's been a roller coaster ride filled with moments of joy, grit, pride and success

Not to forget all the fears and tears!

Ten years have flown...ten glorious years!

~Clara David

Vice Principal

FIS STUDENTS BRING GLORY !



**IF YOU ARE
PERSISTENT,
YOU WILL GET IT.**

**IF YOU ARE
CONSISTENT,
YOU WILL KEEP IT.**

FIS students win awards in External Competitions!

We, at FIS are exposed to a lot of external competitions. These help us to build our confidence, knowledge and hone our leadership skills.

These students have emerged as winners from our school for the year 2015-16 in the **Spell Bee Competition organized by Spell Bee International.**

International Level Result winners from FIS announced in June 2015 for the year (2014-15)

S.No	Group	Name	Class	Mark
1	1	Karshin D	02	90
2	3	Nivedha Balamurugan	04	77



Nivedha B has emerged as the State Level Topper in the International Spell Bee Competition in the Group IV category by obtaining 100 % marks. Her performance has been consistent and fantastic. Keep it up, Nivedha !!

Komal Srivatsav Sajja is a child prodigy in chess. He has won numerous awards from various organizations at the State level as well as the National Level. Some of his noteworthy achievements in the year 2015-16 are:

- Secured the first place in TISB Inter School Chess tournament in 2015.
- Runner-up in Karnataka State U-11 Chess Championship.
- Won the first place in Kottayam Kerala out of 525 players across India.
- Reached an International Fide Rating of 1516.



NATIONAL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION-2016

S.No	Name	Class	Rank	Achievement & Awards
1	AJAY BESTRAPALLI	6 A	Class Third Ranker	Medal & Appreciation Certificate
2	VISHNU SUDHAN	6 D	Class Second Ranker	Medal & Appreciation Certificate
3	ASHWIN KOCHUVILA	7 D	Class Third Ranker	Medal & Appreciation Certificate
4	ANKUR R	7 D	Class Second Ranker	Medal & Appreciation Certificate
5	IPSHITA RAJ	8 A	Class Topper	Medal & Appreciation Certificate
6	SUSHYAM	9 B	Class Second Ranker	Medal & Appreciation Certificate

OLYMPIAD SECOND LEVEL RESULTS-2016

S.No	Student Name	Class	Exam	International Rank	Awards and Gifts
1	SOHAN SRIDHAR	4 A	NCO	135	Gift worth Rs 1000/- + Merit Certificate
2	SRIJAN GHOSH	4 D	NCO	3	Rs.10,000+ International Bronze Medal+ Merit Certificate
3	ADIT PRABHU	4 D	NSO	128	Gift worth Rs 1000/- + Merit Certificate
4	SOHAN SRIDHAR	4 A	IMO	1	Gift Worth Rs.1000/- + International Gold Medal+ Merit Certificate
5	SRIJAN GHOSH	4 D	IMO	23	Gift worth Rs 1000/- + Merit Certificate
6	HARSH GUNDA	5 C	IMO	22	Gift worth Rs 1000/- + Merit Certificate
7	ABHAY BESTRAPALLI	6 D	IMO	56	Gift worth Rs 1000/- + Merit Certificate
8	AVI GUPTA	9 B	IMO	123	Gift worth Rs 1000/- + Merit Certificate

Our students won many prizes in the painting competition organized by **Nanna Preethiya Educational Foundation.**

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	RIDDHI SARIN	4C	First
2	ANUSHRI	3A	Second
3	ATREYI SARKAR	4C	Third
4	AHANA VIJAY	6D	Third
5	MADHUMITA M	6D	Consolation
6	ANURAG DAS	5B	Consolation
7	CHANDAN KUMAR	9A	Consolation
8	GAYATHRI BRAHMANDAM	9B	Consolation
9	IPSHITA RAJ	8A	Consolation

FIS won the overall championship for the whole event.

VOLKSFIESTA BY DEENS ACADEMY - MINUTE WALTZ- AS A TEAM

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	NIRANJAN K	9B	Third
2	SHASWAT V	9B	

VOLKSFIESTA BY DEENS ACADEMY - LIMERICO- AS A TEAM

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	SAMHITHA LOKESH	7C	Second
2	IPSHITA RAJ	8A	

Painting competition held by the Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum-"**ENERGY OF AN ATOM-FOR PEACE OR DESTRUCTION**"

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	SHAHITHYA R	9A	Consolation

Nazariya National level painting competition (Sub Junior Category)

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	OM VIJAY	1C	Third

Letter Writing Competition by the Indian Postal Department

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	ACHINTYA MATHUR	5B	Third

Achintya was awarded a certificate, Rs. 500 cash, an Aero India 2015 Post Card, an Indian Ocean and Rajendra Chola 2015 stamp, and a 2014 FIFA WORLD CUP First Day cover with brochure.



PRESIDENCY CHALLENGE

Siddharth A of Class 5 'A' made it to the top 8 finalists of the WORDSMITH word challenge held at PRESIDENCY SCHOOL. Siddharth fought it out in the last eight with some of the elite schools of Bangalore. He was awarded a trophy and a certificate for his commendable effort. FIS is proud of you, Siddharth!

People's First Leadership Academy Speech Contest (Senior Category)

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	LAVANYA REDDY	8B	First
2	VIDHI SARIN	8A	Budding Star Title

People's First Leadership Academy Speech (Junior Category)

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	SRIKAR KONURU	6A	Second
2	TANMAY GUPTA	5A	Budding Star Title

Parliamentary Debate held by Amaatra Academy

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	LAVANYA REDDY	8B	Third
2	ANIRUDH ROWJEE	8B	
3	JAYANT P	8A	

"THINK AND LEARN CHALLENGE" - by TIMES NIE and BYJU'S

S.No	Student Name	Class	Gift
1	SANJANA SANJAY	7B	Won a Tablet

TIMES NIE COLOUR SPLASH

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	HARSHINI P RAJAN	5D	Consolation

DOODLE FOR GOOGLE Competition

Samhitha Lokesh of Class 7C was among the top 12 participants . She won a chrome book laptop.

SCIENCE UTSAV - Science Quiz

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	ABHAY B	6D	First
2	SNEH SANJAY	6D	
3	SWASTIK T	6D	

The team won Rs. 15000 with certificates and medals.

PUNE MUN (UNHRC) - MODEL UNITED NATIONS

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	ANIRUDH ROWJEE	8B	Second
2	JAYANT P	8B	Third

TENVIC INTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT (UNDER 16 BOYS)

S.No	Student Name	Class	Position
1	MEHUL GOENKA	10	FIRST
2	VISHAL REDDY	10	
3	GNANESH K V	10	
4	SUDEEP D	9 B	
5	SHASWAT V	9 B	
6	SUSHYAM S	9 B	

The team was awarded medals, certificates, and a trophy.



EVENTS

**AT A
GLANCE...**

INTERNAL EVENTS IN FIS

There are a host of events that take place in FIS all through the year. The year kicks off with the **Independence Day** celebrations where each house gets to showcase a skit based on a particular theme. Patriotic fervor is the flavor of the day with the national flag unfurled and the national anthem sung with great pride and enthusiasm.

The next event is the **Teacher's Day** celebrations where children put up beautiful programmes for the teachers and make them feel very special.

Hindi Diwas is a day which is eagerly looked forward to, as every individual strives to speak in Hindi on that day. The festival of Onam is celebrated in our school with a lot of enthusiasm. We have the Attapookalam competition where children decorate beautiful floral carpets.

Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations is a feast to the eyes with the culture of Karnataka showcased by the children fantastically.

Subsequent to the Rajyotsava celebrations is the **Children's day** wherein the teachers put up a show for their dear children and make it a memorable day for them.

On **Heritage Day**, children exhibit the folk dances of various states in their colourful attire. **Thyagaraja Aaradhane** is a musical rendition of Thyagaraja Krithis and Deekshithar Keethanas sung in praise of the Saint Thyagaraja. The atmosphere is splendid with the songs sung in unison by the children and the teachers.

Field Day is an eagerly awaited event of the year with every house sweating it out for the Best House Sports trophy. Athletics and field events are the order of the day. Children get to demonstrate their skills in shot put, tug-of-war, basket ball and flat races.

Another well-carved out event of the year is the **Graduation Day**. We bid goodbye to our tenth graders in a very solemn ceremony.

The next event of the year is the **Investiture Ceremony**. Elections are held and the school cabinet is selected using the secret ballot process. The new cabinet members assume office in the Investiture Ceremony.

Last but not the least, the **Science Fair** and the **Art Exhibition** are the final events of the year before the close of the academic session. Last year, the school took up different themes related to Science like Space, Genetics, Pollution, Rocks and Minerals, Food, Electricity etc. The Art Exhibition was a show with a plethora of colours and different kinds of art work presented.

The honour, the glory and the legacy of the INDEPENDENCE DAY carried forward by our students...





Today, we will make your day!



HAPPY CHILDREN'S DAY!



HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY!



Ma'am, we love you and we will stick with you. The students perform for their dear teachers.



**HINDI DIWAS
CELEBRATIONS — A day
when everyone strives to
speak the national
language!**



**ONAM— The day when King
Mahabali returns...**





KANNADA RAJYOTSAVA— Celebrating the birth of Karnataka!





CELEBRATING INDIA'S RICH HERITAGE..



THYAGARAJA AARADHANE - Music for the soul

We are definitely having a FIELD DAY !





FIS INVESTITURE CEREMONY— A new cabinet is in place



PROUD OF OUR OUTGOING STUDENTS—THE CLASS OF 2016!

SCIENCE FAIR—A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

*FIS Science fair was one of a kind,
Experiments, activities and games of the mind.*

*Rocks and minerals, we whizzed past too soon,
The travel to space and the stars kept us over the moon.*

*The students shared facts on air pressure,
Our weight and BMI too were measured.*

*Solutions were found to the problem of pollution,
Enlightened by relativity, gravity and theories of evolution.*

*A rap on the periodic table and a tap on the magic square,
Agricultural know-how and emergency medical care.*

*Blood group was found and clones produced,
Waste was managed with Refuse, Recycle and Reduce.*

*Force and Energy, dynamo and motor,
You could also sight an eclipse and a rare crater.*

*Our young scientists with acids and test tubes,
Nimble with card tricks, darts and Rubix cubes.*

*The Science fair was best of its kind,
FIS Students oozing with confidence, you will find.*

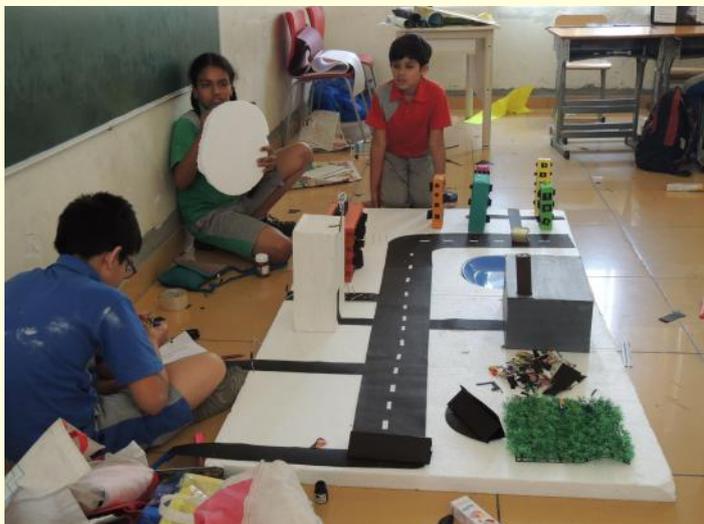
*Every aspect of Science minutely explored,
Left the parents and audience totally floored!!*

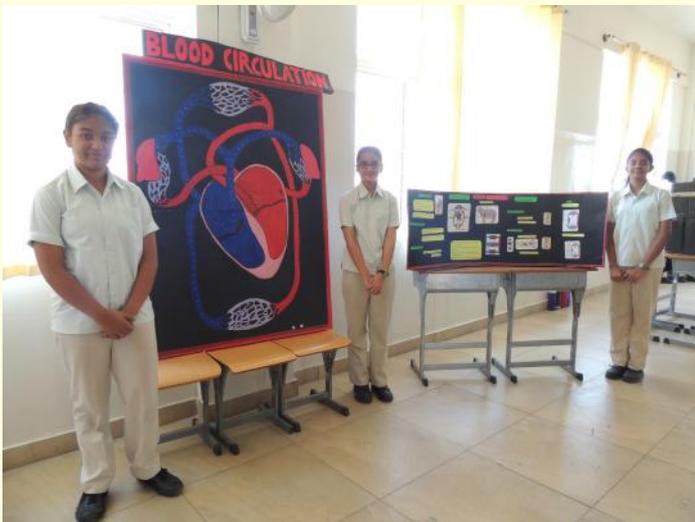
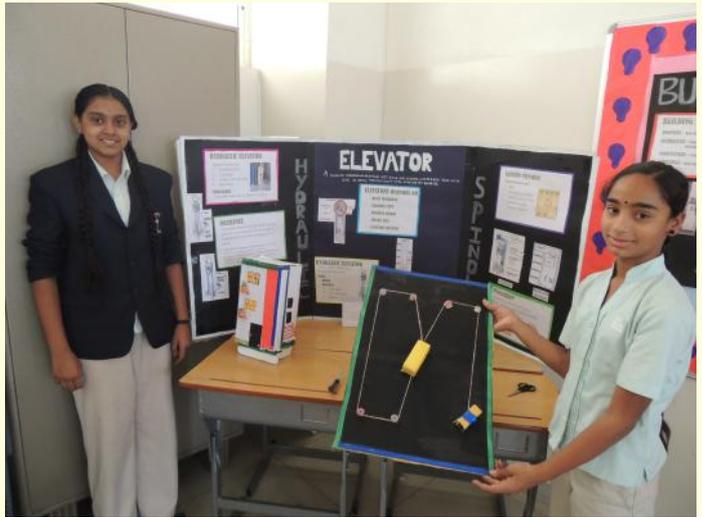
~Sukanya

Class Teacher - 4 'D'

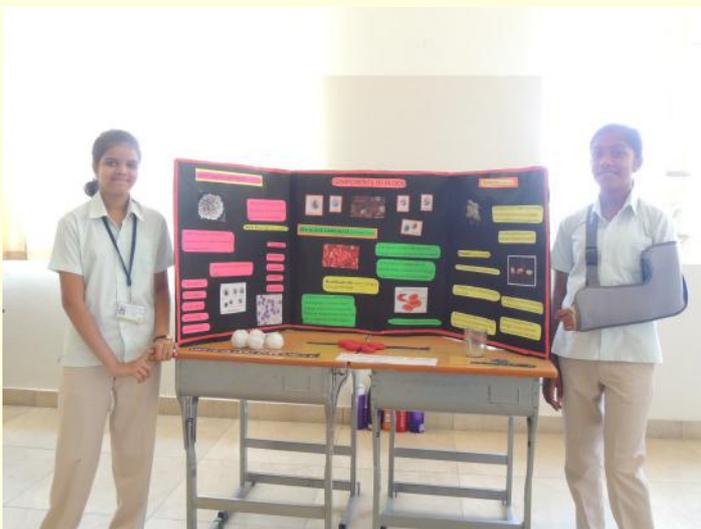


Preparing for the big day - the first-ever FIS SCIENCE FAIR!





SCIENCE FAIR - Our budding scientists putting their best foot forward..





THE ART EXHIBITION—A kaleidoscope of colours!



Our Informative Soft boards

Every level has an external soft board in which the classes depict different topics. The classes portray different themes ranging from nature to morals and values, burning topics like global warming and earthquakes to sheer creativity shown through drawings or block prints or vegetable dyes etc. Every soft board is very unique and informative and a careful thought process goes in show casing the articles in an attractive manner to grab the attention of the viewers.



Our little tots promise to mother Earth



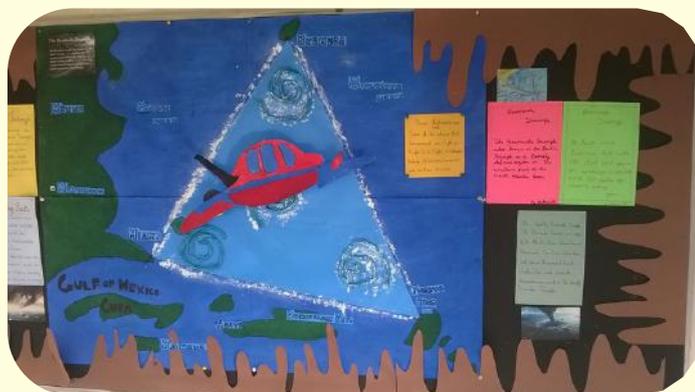
Our first graders know how important trees are.



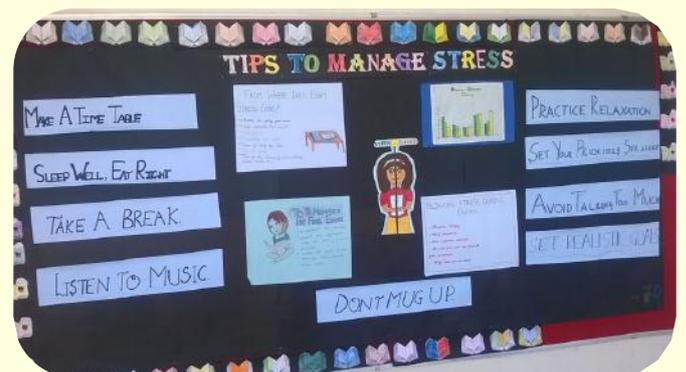
Fourth graders discover shapes using tangrams



Young learners have identified their role models



Class V trying to unearth the secrets of the Bermuda triangle.



Children have identified ways to be stress free

INTERNAL COMPETITIONS IN FIS

The Inter House competitions held at FIS are a learning and highly motivating experience for children. The vision of FIS is the overall development of the child. Keeping this in mind, various events are conducted throughout the year. The events are so calendarised that the competitions are scheduled every month at different levels and ensure maximum participation from the children.

The competitions range from Spell Bee and Quiz to Outlive and Ace Solutions which test the child's knowledge and aptitude. Public speaking skills are demonstrated through Debate, Just A Minute (JAM) and Weave a Story. Their creativity is unleashed through Photo Op, Movie Making, Creative Commentary, Poster Making and Cartooning. Music flows through our Choral Recitations and Choir Singing.

To imbibe the culture of working together we have various team building competitions like Minute to Win it, Skit and Mad Ads. Their culinary skills are tested through Cooking without Fire and we add colour with our Flower Rangoli Competitions. We showcase the latest fad of being a radio artist through our Radio Fridays.

Through these competitions, we strive to bring out the best in every child. The talents are tapped, the competitive drive invoked but at the same time we ensure that we have one FIS team spirit.

~R.Mahalakshmi
Class Teacher—UKG



**SPELL BEE— We have
a way with words**



**JAM—A minute to voice
your thoughts**





COOKING WITHOUT FIRE — Young chefs in the making



**MUN 'Model United Nations'
- FIS Delegates !**



**WEAVE A STORY—Unravel your
imagination..**



**FLOWER RANGOLI— A connect
with nature**



**ACE SOLUTIONS — Thinking
out of the box!**



A minute is enough to win!



MAD Ads— The future advertising graduates..



OUTLIVE— An idea to cope with any situation..



CHOIR SINGING — WE ALL CROON TOGETHER !



CHORAL RECITATION - Actions, expressions, voice modulation—we have it all!



CMCA— A YOUNG CITIZEN'S FORUM

It was the first day of our CMCA (Children's Movement for Civic Awareness) class. We gathered around for the huge "square-table" conference (as we like to call it!) and waited... finally, somebody shouted: "Ma'am is coming!" and we scurried back to our seats. The teachers arrived and that's when this amazing journey began in June 2015.

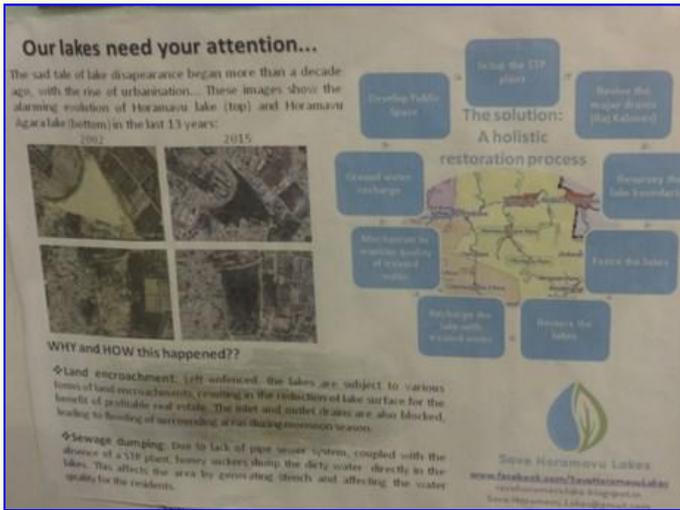
In our first few classes, we talked animatedly about changes that need to be implemented. We discussed and debated about the fields in which India was shining and those in which a great deal of improvement was required.

We had to be initiated into the CMCA programme for the year 2015-16. We thought of a few names for our civic clubs, trying to come up with an even better name than the previous class! After the names were made official, we learnt that our CMCA assembly for our initiation was just around the corner. The preparations were in full swing. Everyone was willing to contribute. We made individual posters for our civic clubs and also presented a skit. Our pride knew no bounds on hearing the applause and cheers after the show.



We went on a field trip to Kanteerava Stadium where a special programme for the Environment Day was being held. After listening to some motivational speeches by the hosts of the show, we visited various stalls that were put up.

All the themes were related to saving the environment. In these stalls various topics ranging from the restoration of important lakes in Bangalore to the concept of veganism were discussed. There was also a stall put up by the CMCA which talked about the waste segregation method of '2 Bin, 1 Bag'. We learnt about this method with a fun activity which all of us eagerly attempted. Many other schools also attended the programme.



OUR CMCA KIDS LEARNING ABOUT CIVIC AWARENESS



We all listened carefully as the people spoke passionately about their cause. We learnt all about active citizenship and also our involvement as active citizens ourselves. We were given a list of helpline numbers of the various offices and organizations, whom we could contact for various things, from leaky sewer lines to the poor stray dogs on the street. We called up one of the helpline numbers from our class to bring to their notice a problem on one of the nearby roads. The man on the phone initially seemed confused when some of us spoke to him, but then ma'am took over! We learnt to express ourselves clearly that day!

The BBMP (Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Paalike) elections were coming up. We made sure that every child in FIS wrote letters to their parents, telling them of the importance of making their own decisions and voting for the right candidate. We all made sure that our parents voted responsibly. We campaigned about it in one of the school assemblies too.



We learnt about the 4Cs (Concern, Confront, Co-operate and Co-exist) and how important it is in active citizenship. We also had discussions regarding important issues such as gender discrimination and equal rights for the differently-abled. We put up skits in class showing how it was necessary to co-operate with the authorities. We started to realize that we were living in a bubble, completely unaware of the difficulties of those in need. The sessions were an eye opener indeed!

We put up several stalls on Parent-Teacher Meets to spread awareness about various issues. For the first term, we put up two stalls, one based upon the need to segregate and how to go about it and the second one was about the right way to dispose off electronic waste which, if not disposed properly, could lead to many problems caused by the harmful chemicals released by them.

The second term stall was based on the plastic ban in HSR Layout, where we sold eco-friendly bags that the residents could use instead of plastic ones.



Finally, we ended the session by going on two field trips. Our first trip was around HSR Layout creating awareness about the need for waste segregation. We went around Sector 4, RWA and were led by Mrs. Vijayalakshmi, the head of Sector 4 and some residents. Most of the residents were already aware of waste segregation. However, some of them were not doing it in the right manner while some of them were confused about the different categories of waste(wet, dry and reject). We cleared their doubts and also spoke to some van-drivers and garbage collectors on how to go about collecting waste from homes. They were told not to collect waste in plastic bags and not to demand money from the residents for doing their jobs. Most of them were keen to listen to us school children.

The other field trip was to a self- sustainable community called Rainbow Drive, where the residents were involved in rain water harvesting, waste segregation and even making compost, all on their own! We were given a guided tour and we learnt the importance of conserving and using simple natural resources such as water, to its full potential.



Overall, being a member of the CMCA was a wonderful learning experience that all of us will cherish as we continue to be active citizens. We thank all the teachers and the CMCA for the valuable lessons we have learnt.

~Samhita Lokesh

7 - 'C'

STUDENTS TO DIPLOMATS

MODEL UN CONFERENCES – AND WHY ARE THEY CHANGING THE TEENAGERS OF TODAY ?

On a Friday morning, when most people are waiting for the lunch break at their workplace, 25-odd High School students, are seated in a classroom. All of them dressed in impeccably smart western formals, looking like they mean business. Each one of them has a placard in front of them, all of them with the names of different countries inscribed on them. None of them have any particular relation to one another, except for the fact that they are all excellent diplomats. The atmosphere is one of energy, and undeniable intelligence. Nobody knows, that over the next three days, they are about to change the world.

The door opens a crack, and then fully, to accommodate a slightly older person, who has this look of joy that can't be hidden. Although sudden, this is a welcome interruption. The new entry takes a deep breath, and opens his mouth – but the students seated know what he's going to say. They just wait, kept in suspense, like the calm before a storm.

“DELEGATES, THERE'S BEEN A CRISIS!” shouts the new entry.

That's all it takes. That's all. Like a clap of thunder on a cloudy night, the silence in the room is suddenly destroyed by the clapping of hands on tables, as the students welcome this supposed “Crisis”.

Welcome to the world of MUNning.

MUN, which stands for Model United Nations, is an academic simulation of the United Na-

tions. Here, students can prove their mettle to other students. A MUN is a mix of many competitions – Debate, Quiz, and Public Speaking, to name a few. One of the most competitive events in a student's lifetime, attending a MUN can mean a lot, and can basically change a student's life.



A MUN Conference generally consists of a few common Committees, such as the General Assembly 1 – Disarmament and International Security Committee (GA1 – DISEC), Economic and Financial Council (ECOFIN), United Nations Security Council (UNSC) are only a few of the common committees a delegate can attend.

The way a MUN works is fascinating. A student is allotted a country and a committee (usually based on their preferences), and has an “agenda” based on which delegates choose their committees sometimes. For example, the Security Council could have an agenda like this – “Prevention of An Arms Race In Outer Space”, and the ECOFIN could have an agenda like “Promotion of sustained economic growth and the sustainable development of small island developing states”. Students, now Delegates, have to follow a specific manner of behaviour in their committee, in which they will discuss the agenda at hand, and solve any problems related to it.

Even though MUNning may have its intricacies, it is surely the most ‘fun’ hobby that one can have. It also instantly improves one’s public speaking and oratorical skills, as well as gives one’s confidence and self-esteem a boost. Knowing that they have the power to represent a nation in front of an international community is a thrill like no other. MUNning is definitely fun.

~**Anirudh Rowjee**

8 ‘B’



FIS ANNUAL DAY—A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

The Freedom Fest 2015 was an evening to remember. With the theme of 'Night at the Museum', there was magic at play. The event was named so because FIS was performing its first ever Theatrical Production titled the same.

The plot follows a bunch of students from FIS, who visit the Natural History Museum in Bangalore, and learn of an ancient amulet from the Indus Valley Civilization, which has the power to bring objects to life. Due to its power, the museum comes alive every night. When a student forgets his bag at the museum, he takes along a few of his friends to retrieve it after closing hours. Once they enter the museum, the statues of which have been brought back to life, they find themselves embroiled in a story filled with magic, might and power.

Along the way, they meet the likes of Cleopatra, Neil Armstrong, Gandhi, Nehru, Alexander the Great and even a Mummy! Finally, everyone forgives each other, which makes for a fitting end that imparts the value of peace and learning from your past mistakes.

The Stage was set very well. It had two storeys, two video walls and a podium. With impressive lighting and quality sound, we made sure we could be heard. This was just perfect for all of our brilliantly choreographed dances. The dancers consisted of dinosaurs, Roman soldiers, Sufi singers, Hitler's soldiers and even cavemen. The audience was quite floored by the dance of Hitler's soldiers, which consisted of Guns and LED lights on the dancers' costumes. As the bass-heavy opening notes of *Seven Nation Army* played loudly over the speakers, the Gun-toting Nazis had begun their march. They were soon joined by the LED Squad, who grooved to the beats of *Turn Down For What*. It was a sellout performance and all dancers were heavily applauded.

Other facilities were very good backstage support, convenient access to food stalls, lots of space and easy movement around the whole place, all of which ensured that even the students had as much of a good time as the parents did. The stalls were also open for until an hour after the program, so that students could visit the stalls with their parents after they had been collected from school.

Freedom Fest 2015 was a guaranteed success, judging from the positive feedback received from parents. Volunteers from the CMCA (Children's Movement for Civic Awareness) walked around during the intervals on both days, to collect the waste that people might otherwise throw on the ground or throw away without segregation into random waste-bins.

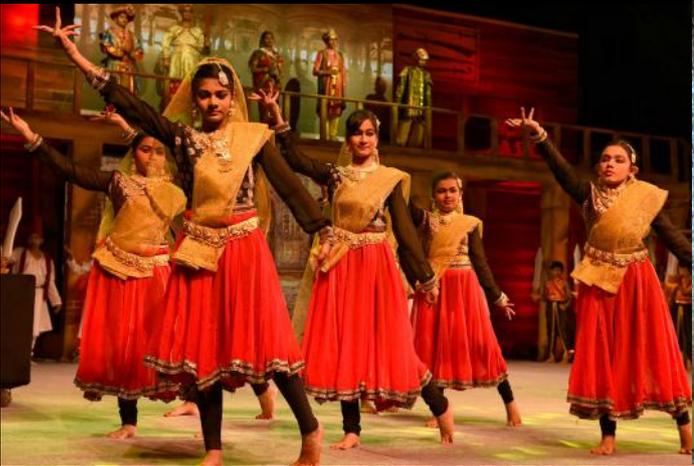
~Anirudh Rowjee, 8 'B'



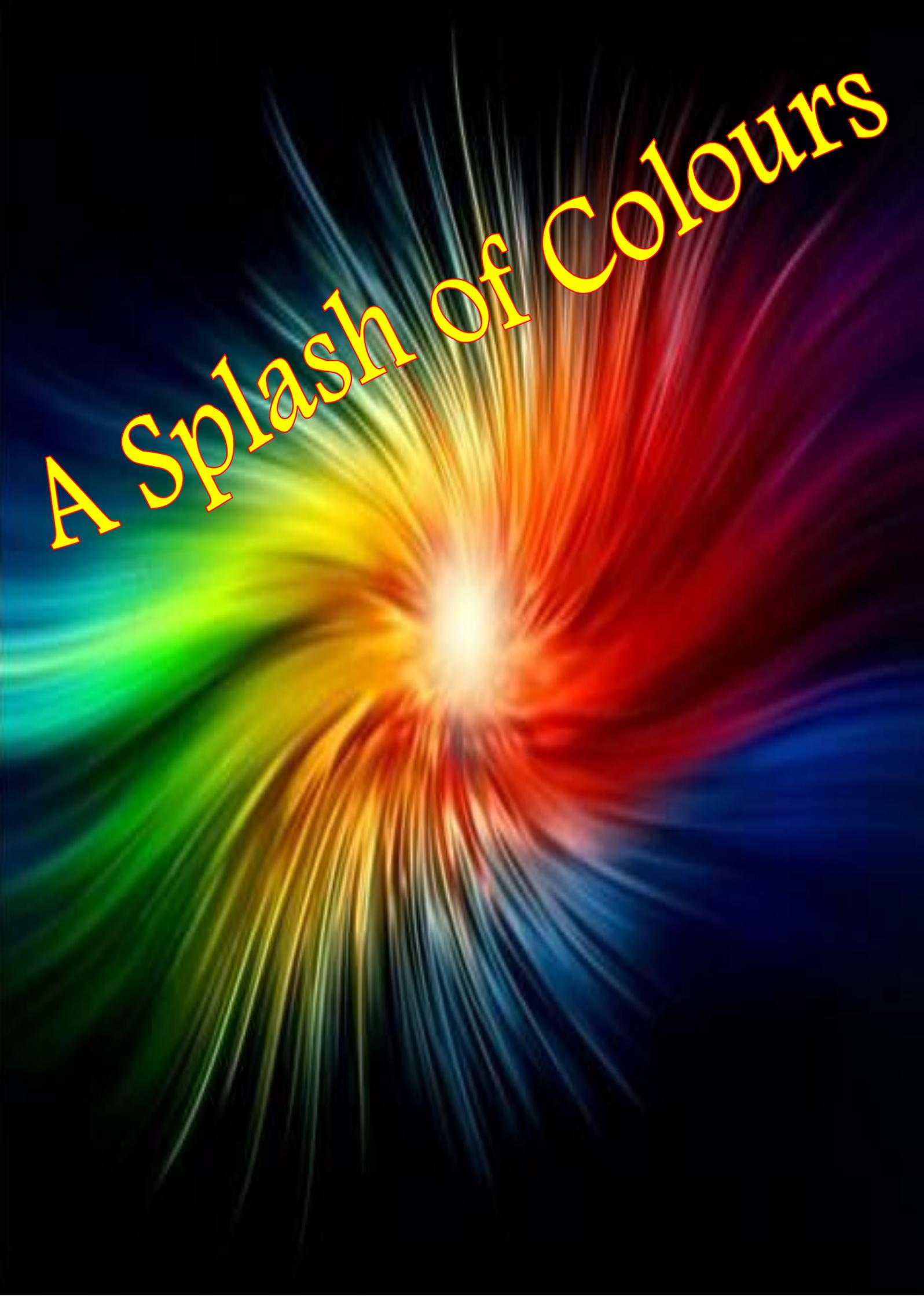
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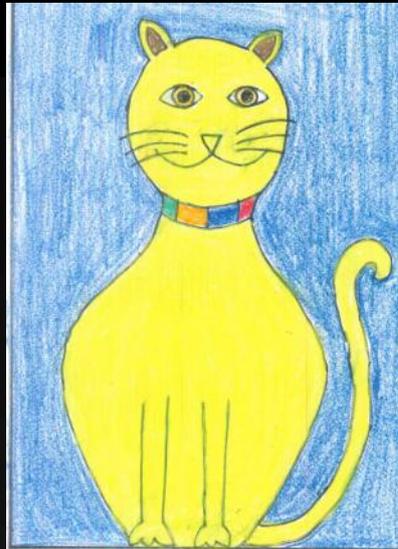
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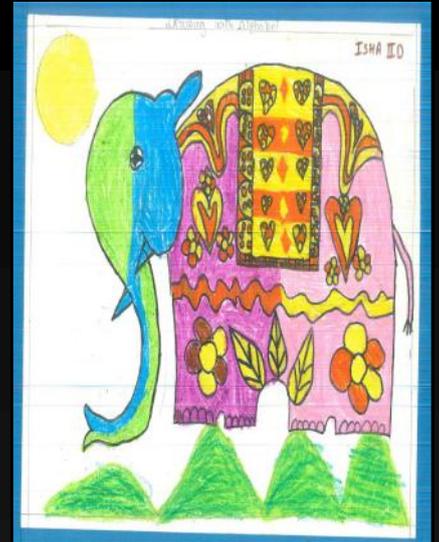
A Splash of Colours



ANVITHA B.R. 1 'D'



AHMED SAMEER, 1 'B'



ISHA, 2 'D'



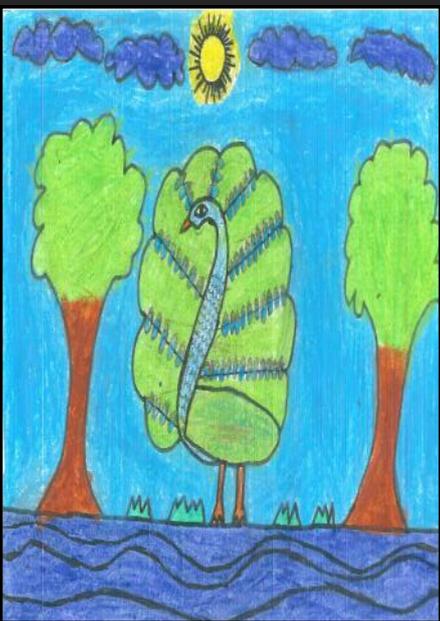
ATHIRA, 1 'C'



HARISH G.H., 1 'B'



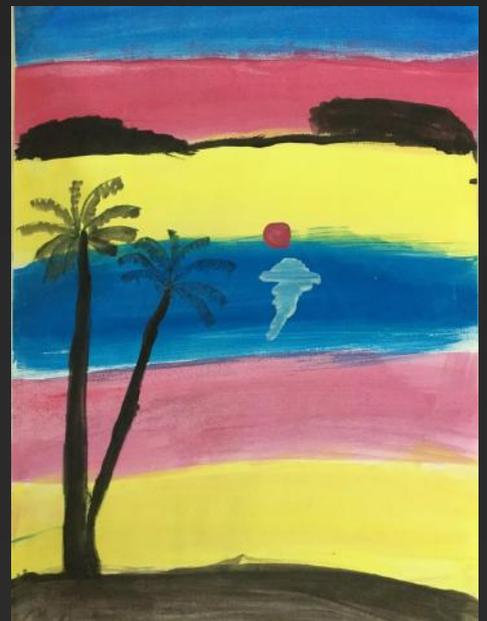
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ADITHYA SANTHOSH, 1 'B'



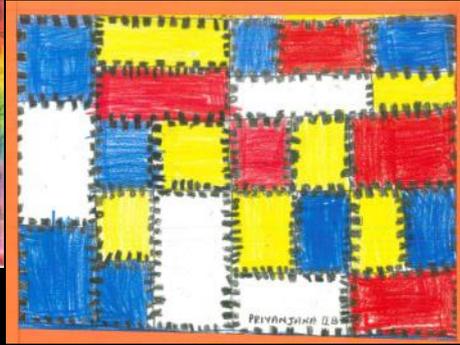
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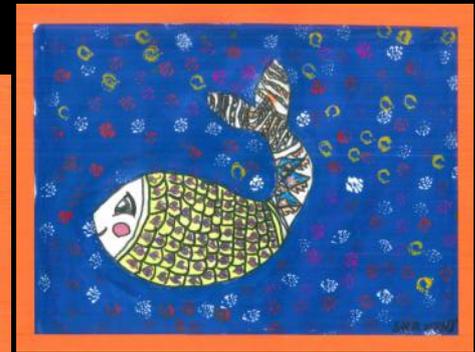
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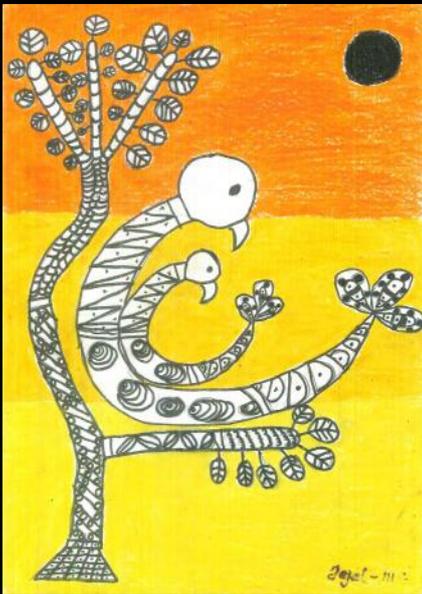
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PRIYANJANA, 2 'B'



SHRUTHI, 4 'C'



TEJAL, 3 'C'



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TIA, 4 'C'



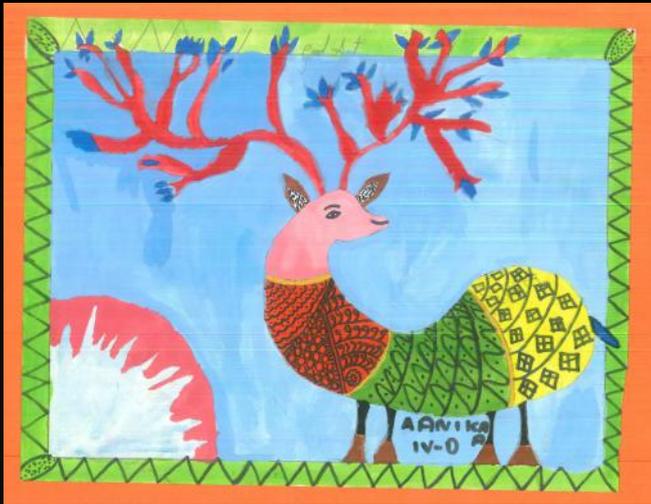
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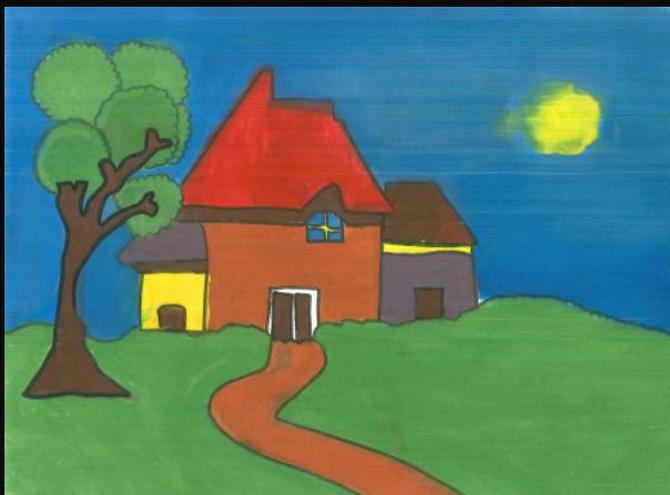
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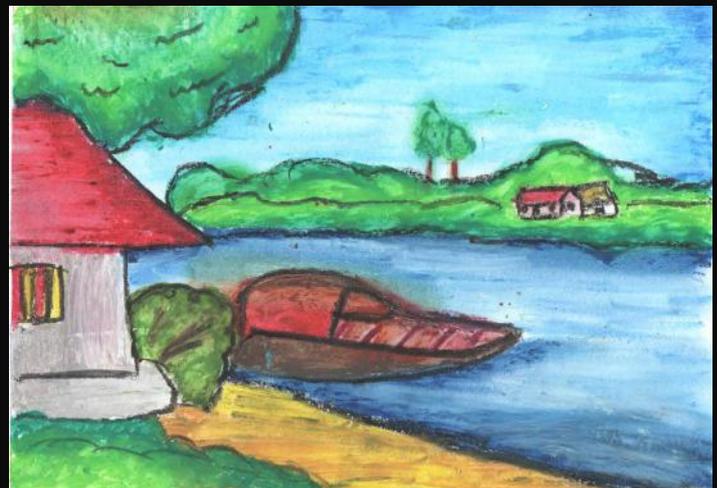
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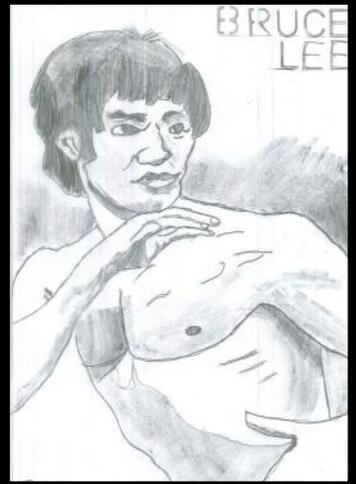
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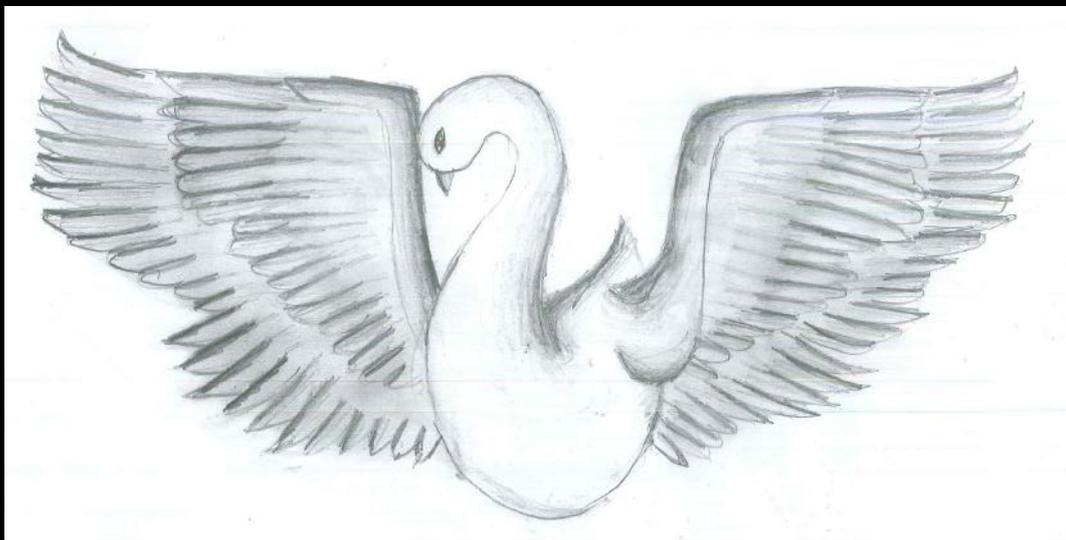
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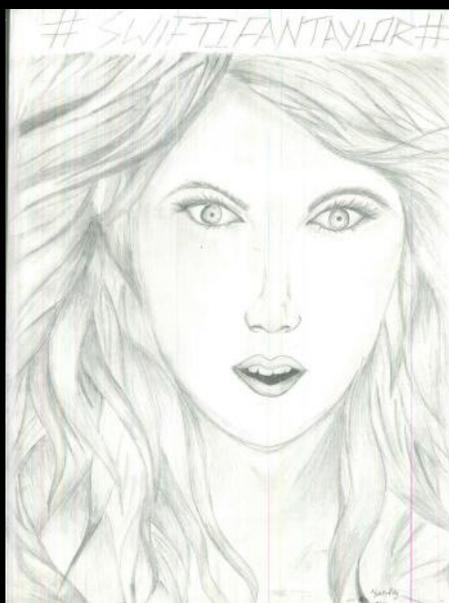
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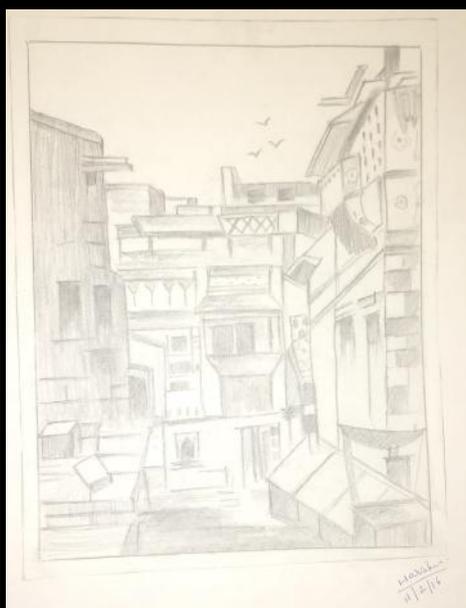
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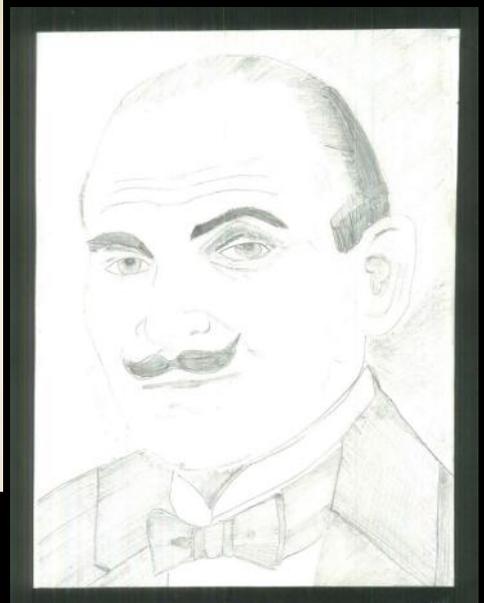
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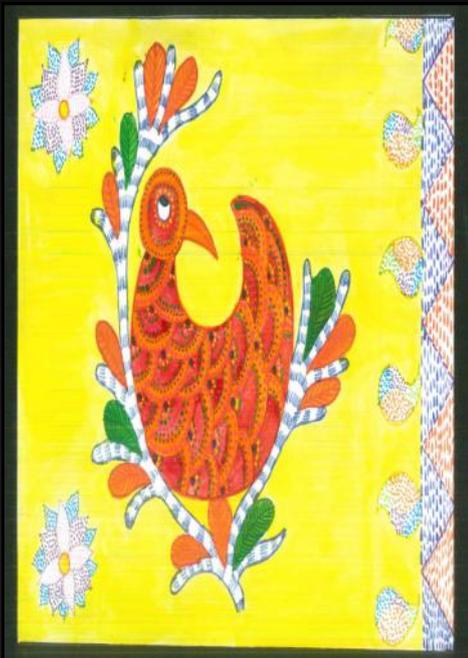
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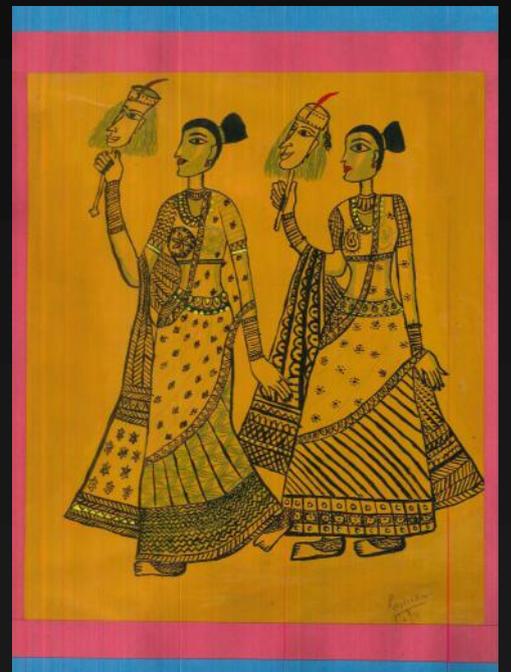
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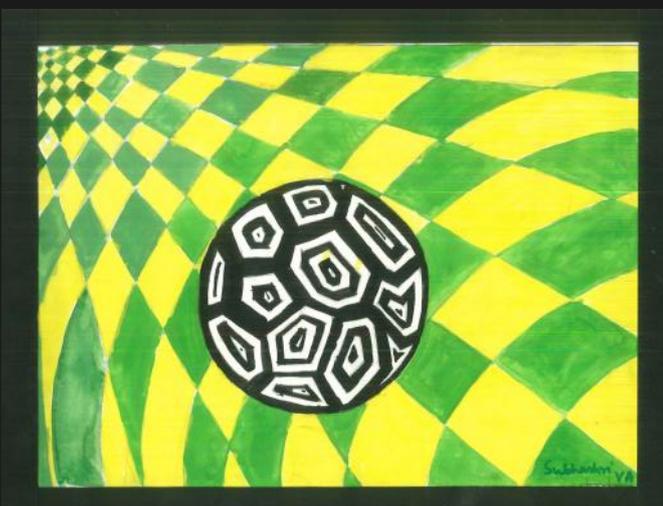
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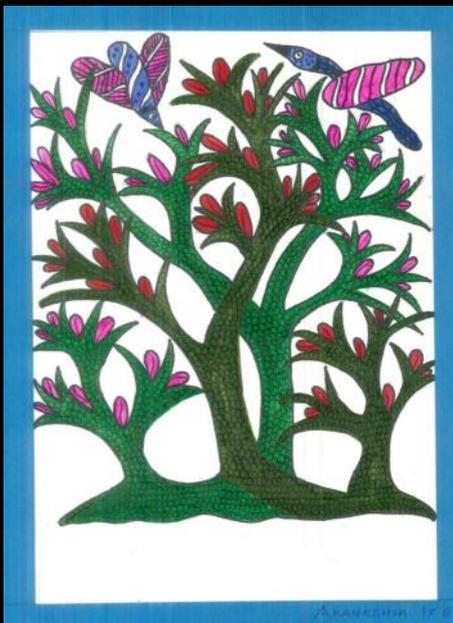
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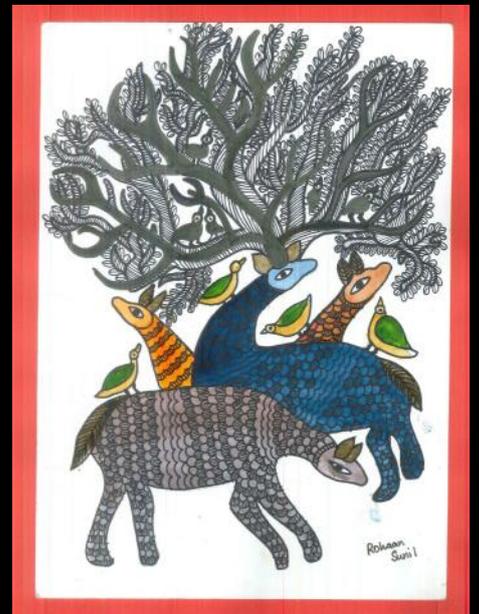
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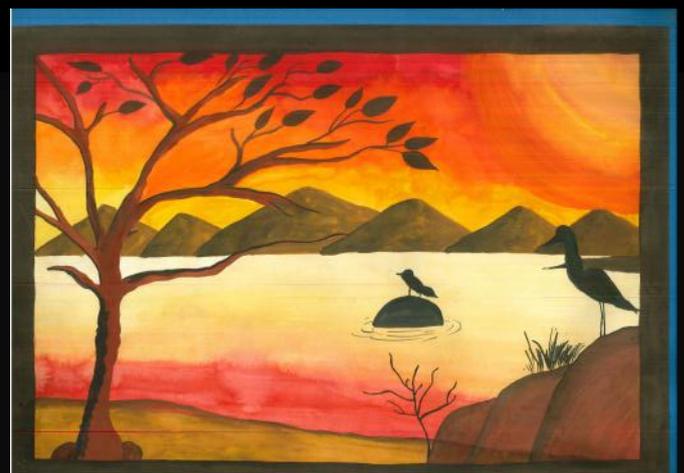
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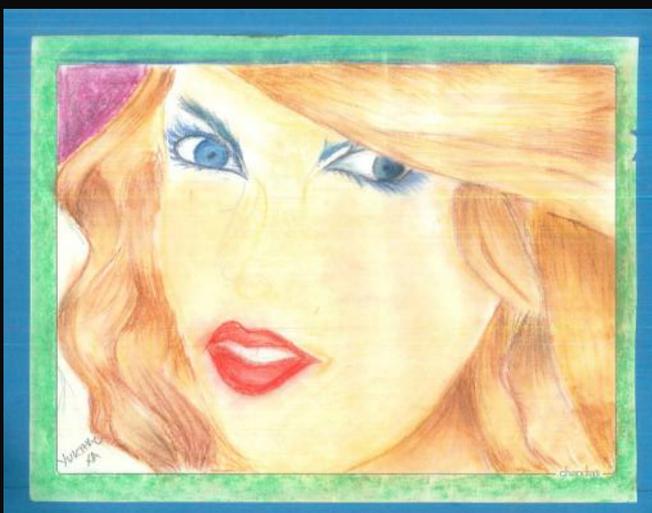
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THE POWER OF A TEACHER'S WORDS

A teacher takes
a *Hand*, opens
a *Mind* and
touches a *Heart*



OF COMIC STRIPS AND CONSERVATION !

As children, we were fascinated by Mr. Dagwood Bumstead and his typical middle class American lifestyle. The comic strips featuring his fantastic multilayered sandwich, the many times his boss Mr. Dithers gave him the 'boot treatment', his unmissable collision with the postman Mr. Beasley every time he is rushing out of the house, his interactions with his wife Blondie after whom the comic strip is named, his kids and the family dog Daisy, his neighbour Herb the 'borrower' and the neighbourhood kid Elmo are simply hilarious.

The conversations that take place among Dagwood's car pool members was something we'd look out for, where each of the members takes turns to drive to their office. It was our first exposure to the concept of car pooling which created quite an impression on us as kids as car pooling to work decades ago in Bengaluru, was non-existent ! The office goers did not have cars, only the boss did and nobody dared to car pool with the boss!

My own experiences as a carpooler remains as a treasured memory in the archives of the journey of my life. The journey to and fro, a much awaited part of the day, was usually quite eventful! The situations at home and the work place were dissected, judged, sympathised with or simply laughed at. Opinions were taken and advice (both serious and playful) freely flowed on things like our dressing sense, food, how to manage the kids' study/food habits, remedies for our own little aches and pains or simply about what to cook for dinner! Adventures and getaways were planned! Politics, movies, menus or simply the maddening traffic on the road.....the topic for the day could be anything! Our professional growth also gained momentum as lots of inputs and ideas on the work front emerged and took shape.

In the present scenario, car pooling has become a necessity the world over. Big cars with lone occupants are no longer looked upon with awe but as an eyesore to the public during the peak hours as vehicles pile up bumper to bumper.

Lots of inputs and ideas on the ways to conserve our resources and protect the fast degrading air around us should emerge and take shape in the various establishments. The metro is a fine way of mass transit in the major cities. The Volvo buses in Bengaluru are drawing in the masses too.

Not to forget the main objective, we must, as a set of scrupulous and scientific thinkers set an example for the others in the society to propel themselves towards conservation; a tiny step which may lead to a giant revolution.

**~Clara David
Vice Principal**



WHAT I LEARNT IN THE TEACHING PROFESSION

When I started my first job in a playschool as a teacher, I never expected to become a teacher. I didn't possess the qualities that a teacher should have. Over the years, I have fallen in love with this profession which has taken my understanding of it to a higher level. Initially, I knew I had knowledge that would be greatly useful to students but I had no idea how to express it. Gradually, I learnt that great teaching often has less to do with wisdom and skills, but more to do with our attitude towards our students, our subject and our work.

As a teacher I have learnt that.....

Without loving what you do, it is impossible to be really good at what you do. If you don't adore the subject, then how can you expect your students to do the same? Thus I learnt to be **passionate** about what I was doing. I learnt to be **creative by** incorporating colour and exciting printables into my lesson and by making up games as I went along. Being a teacher means being committed. **Flexibility** is a requirement. Teaching is all about **integrity**. So there should be no hesitation in learning by trial and error. You cannot possibly hope to teach effectively without a **connection** with your students. A solid and trustworthy connection needs to be built between a teacher and a student for learning to happen.

~**Rekha Arvind**

Class teacher—LKG

STUDENTS IN FIS!

I see them run,
I see them play,
I see them have so much fun,
I see them all through the day !

Most of them do their work,
All of it, in a way of their own,
When questioned, answers are blurted,
Each one, in a different tone !

I feel they are a lucky lot,
Unlike others, where they do slog,
As their teachers want, whatever they allot,
If they don't do it, all would be agog !

They have so much freedom here,
Our dear students in FIS,
They have a wonderful atmosphere,
An all round development, it assists.

I see teachers on their feet,
All through the day, in and out,
Even when their lunch, they eat,
With books and papers, very devout !

It's good to be a student in FIS,
To study 'n learn 'n never call it quits,
Each one taken care of, none amiss,
Once out of school, lots to reminisce !

~**Jacqueline Lobo John**

Class Teacher – 6 'B'

BREAK TIME LEARNING TIME!!!

BREAK, BREAK, BREAK!!!

I need a break from this routine!

Everybody needs a break, be it adults or children. It is a getaway from our monotonous and scheduled life.

During vacations, people plan long trips with their family. Children visit their grandparents, relatives and have fun, thus learning social skills. Adults can pursue their long pending hobbies, learn various skills, explore new destinations and spend quality time with their family members.

Breaks in school are always welcome. Not only the students but the teachers also look forward to the breaks. This period is the best time for learning. During the school breaks (short breaks & lunch breaks) children and teachers interact with each other and discover new things, not just limited to academics but anything in general. The children interact and play with each other and develop new skills.

Breaks are a means to refresh our mind and body. We feel rejuvenated and start with renewed vigour, enthusiasm and energy. Give yourself a break , it is very important in life!!!

~Kavita Bangani

Class Teacher— 2 'B'

"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers. *-Charles W.*

What's the most important trait you'd like to develop in yourself? Intelligence is top on our list. We all want to be bright and smart going to the right schools...but we

must remember we have the power to boost our learning potential simply by making books an integral part of our lives. Reading not only gives us pleasure, it also enriches our mind, helps us to communicate better, focus and concentrate, kindles imagination, increases knowledge, reduces stress, improves memory, and builds the overall personality of an individual. Reading exposes us to the world of the imagination, showing us nothing is impossible in this world. By reading, we can also explore different facets of the things we know. Books are also our best friends. They never deceive or desert us in our hour of need. The advantages we get from reading books remain with us throughout our lives.

We have, however, to be very careful in our selection of books. Today, we find countless writers writing a number of books — good, bad and indifferent. Due to the great number of books available for reading it has become very difficult to choose what books to read and what to reject. The selection of proper books has now become a matter of priority and a necessity to the reader. Reading is the first step that helps us to climb up and achieve great things in this world.

~R. Mahalakshmi

Class Teacher—UKG

LARGE NUMBERS WITH A DECK OF CARDS !!

It was a lazy Sunday afternoon. Mohit was in his room talking to his elder brother.

Mohit : I want to do something that nobody has ever done till date. I want to create something that is very unique.

Rohit was amused by his little brother's intention. He looked up from the book he was reading.

Rohit : That should not be too difficult.

Mohit: I am sure it is ! I don't think I could do something like that without a lot of practice.

Rohit: I think I can help you!

He went to the cupboard and came back with a pack of playing cards.

Mohit: Now what? Are we going to play cards?

Rohit: Yes, we will play cards... but before that, let me show you how to do something that nobody has ever done before.

Mohit: Really , with a pack of cards?

Rohit: Yes, now take this set of cards and shuffle them.

Mohit: Yes. Look! I have shuffled them.

Rohit: Now what you have is a unique arrangement of cards that nobody may have got.

Mohit : How is that ?

Rohit: A pack of cards has 52 cards in it and there are 52 factorial (52!) ways of arranging the cards. This is because there are 52 ways of choosing the first card, 51 ways of choosing the second card, 50 ways of choosing the third card and so on. That is, $52 \times 51 \times 50 \times 49 \times \dots \times 2 \times 1$ which is a very large number.

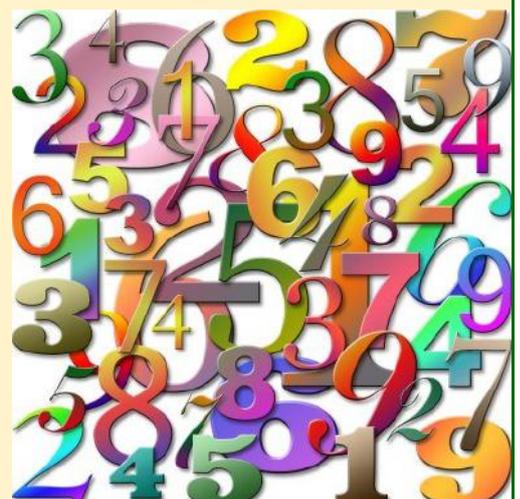
Mohit: How big can this number be ?

Rohit: It is 8.065817×10^{67} . The number of stars in the universe is only about 10^{23} . So you can imagine how big this number is. If the entire population on Earth shuffles a deck of cards randomly a billion times a year for a billion years, the chances of getting the same arrangement twice is unlikely.

Mohit: Oh ! WOW.. that's really interesting and amazing ... that means I really did something that no one has done before..

~Sowmya Nair

Class Teacher - 4 'B'



TOWARDS ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

Swami Vivekananda says, "Education is the manifestation of the perfection already in Man". To achieve thorough excellence in education, budding minds must walk on a rough road that brings out the perfection in them. Exercise to the mind, body and soul are needed to attain this state. While doing so, the inherent potential in an individual is brought out, expressed. Thus, when every individual learner is groomed and perfected, there is growth in different areas of a child's life. This leads to a large number of competent citizens becoming specialized in a particular field. Their future becomes safe, focused and predictable. To me, the first step towards achieving excellence in education is in making it entirely pupil-centered. It enables him/her to see a bright, welcoming and promising future instead of a dark, bleak, hollow or closed end.

Observe the large number of teenage deaths or the countless mistakes made at the crossroads of their life. We must try ruminating on the possible extent to which education is reaching today's youth. Would spiritual education be an answer? Would yoga and meditation come in handy? Would hours with nature silence their minds? The answer is yes, they would, but not to the fullest extent. How well he/she is comfortable in practising them, is left to the child. The child must be allowed to work in his/her comfort zone. When he/she is allowed to do so, the child will start living in a free world, as expressed in Tagore's poem, "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high... Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake."

Education prepares individuals to face challenges in life. Although they have to often navigate rough terrain, it readies them for the real world. As Aristotle once said, "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." Similarly, the journey of the learner never ends. The learner is tested, disciplined, taught and nurtured. The process is continuous. Mahatma Gandhi is sure to have observed this while quoting, "Education is a life-long process". Be it trying to make an individual perfect, or readying him to face challenges in the newer world; education does it all. If schools and colleges can render such education, then excellence wouldn't just be an ideal but a reality.

~Suneetha B.B

Class Teacher— 8 'B'

TRAITS OF FIS

Just as a sapling grows into a tree,
I have seen my school grow up free.

Nurtured with love, knowledge and quest,
FIS has always delivered the best.

Each individual here is treasured,
With pride and respect that can't be measured.

We have grown in every aspect manifold
With victory in every sector to behold

Be it in the field of art and sports,
FIS has shown talent of all sorts.

We believe in the individual's development as a whole
And do every bit to achieve our goal.

Our strength is in freedom and not in stress,
And with this, we will be blessed with hundred years of success..

~Aakshi Kapoor
Class Teacher—5 'B'

ENCHANTING KASHMIR

Have you ever experienced that ecstatic feeling when your childhood dream comes true ? Well I did . After years of wanting to visit 'Heaven on Earth', I could finally make it to this place. A trip to Kashmir was on the cards right from the famous Roja movie days but my family was very apprehensive about taking us due to the tension prevailing there. We finally booked our tickets for Kashmir. Movies have shown and described the splendour of Kashmir in many ways. It is one of the most breathtaking and magnificent places and is worth a visit at least once in a lifetime.

We visited Srinagar, Pahalgam and Gulmarg and as expected, the places did not disappoint.

Gulmarg was snow-capped and the Gulmarg gondola ride to the Affarwat Peak which is 14000 ft above sea level was truly exhilarating. The snow bike ride over the snow clad slopes of the PirPanjal range was thrilling. Pahalgam treated us to magnificent views of meadows with trees which made us feel what the famous Mughal King Jahangir said was absolutely true. "If there is heaven on earth then it's here , it's here, it's here Jannat-e-Kashmir".

Srinagar's Dal lake, houseboats, shikara and the Mughal gardens are a treat to the eyes. Beautifully laid paths amidst green beauty, gurgling fountains and vibrant blossoms make the Mughal gardens all the more captivating for its visitors. The floating shops give us an opportunity to buy eatables and trinkets during the ride. The drive to Pahalgam from Srinagar was picturesque with saffron fields and blooming apple orchards. The locals charmed us with their politeness and friendly nature. If you happen to have a conversation with the Kashmiris, you would surely get overwhelmed by their simplicity, love and hospitality. We could spot neither a cinema theatre nor a shopping mall. The people are desperately dependent on tourism to make their ends meet.

Kashmir did not disappoint the shopaholic in me either. There were objects to suit every pocket. Kashmiri handicrafts may be expensive but are definitely worth an investment. The papier-mâché items were quite eye catching. The jewellery boxes , mirror frames, intricately carved walnut wood furniture, accessories and Kashmiri shawls made for exquisite souvenirs.

The cuisine of Kashmir has a unique flavour and aroma that makes it hard to resist. You are better off if you are a non vegetarian as the Kashmiri wazwan is comprised of several dishes made of meat. The fragrance of spices like saunf and saffron sets the Kashmiri meals apart. Being a vegetarian, I grabbed the opportunity to taste a few vegetarian delicacies such as paneer chaman and dum aloo. The traditional Kashmiri Kehwah is the most refreshing beverage I have had in recent times.

In a nutshell, Kashmir is all about pristine views, snow clad mountains, a simple life, friendly locals, lip-smacking food and memories that last for a lifetime. I can't wait to go back again some day.

~Vinaya

Class teacher—Nursery



THE CHEMISTRY BEHIND FIREWORKS

Fireworks are small explosive devices designed to produce a loud noise and light. It was first invented in China (7th century) and is now used all over the world. Fireworks are also called crackers and used for cultural and religious purposes.

There are different types of fire works like sparkles, aerial shells, firecrackers and so on.

Firecrackers:

A firecracker consists of gunpowder wrapped in paper, with a fuse. Gun powder consists of 75% KNO₃ (potassium nitrate), 15% charcoal and 10% sulphur. When heat is supplied they react with each other. Charcoal is the fuel. KNO₃ is the oxidiser and S moderates the reaction.

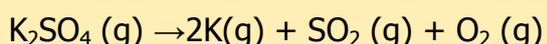


The pressure from the nitrogen gas and carbon dioxide gas causes the wrapper to explode producing a loud bang.

Sparkles:

Sparkles consist of Aluminium, Iron, Zinc, steel or Magnesium flakes which are used to create bright, shimmering sparks.

A simple sparkle consists of Potassium Chlorate (KClO₄) and dextrin (low-molecular weight carbohydrate), mixed with water to coat a stick, and then dipped in Aluminium flakes. The metal flakes heat up until they are incandescent (light produced from heat) and shine brightly at high temperature. Fuel and oxidisers are added in specific proportions so that sparkles burn slowly rather than explode. Other chemicals are also added to impart colours.



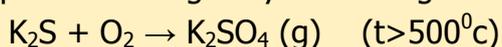
Rockets and Aerial shells:

Most of the rockets and aerial shells are launched and exploded using gunpowder. It works like 2 stage rockets.

Rocket and Aerial shells containing gun powder are lit with a fuse. Gunpowder used vary slightly in the percentage composition to propel the firework into the air rather than explode.

There is hole at the bottom of the firework so that the expanding nitrogen gas and carbon dioxide gases launch the firework into the sky.

The packing of the components determines the shape of the rockets and aerial shells. Potassium sulphide gas is liberated during burning of firecrackers, rockets and aerial shells producing sulphur dioxide gas by combining with oxygen gas in the atmosphere.





Harmful effects of Sulphur dioxide and Nitrogen dioxide gases.

Burning fireworks during festivals, religious processions, and cultural events gives out more amount of sulphur dioxide gas to the atmosphere which causes cough, asthma, chronic bronchitis and many other breathing problems. Even nitrogen dioxide gas causes irritation in the lungs, influenza.

When fireworks burst and sparks enter the eyes a person may lose his or her eyesight. It also causes severe burns on the skin. So always be very careful while lighting firecrackers and minimise its use.

Child labour has historically been a part of the fireworks industry in India, especially Sivakasi. A majority of these children work in the unorganised sector, where small sheds and hazardous working conditions are still prevalent.

How children are affected due to long exposure to the chemicals:-

Harmful effects of gunpowder

Lung damage from toxic smoke, mild through to catastrophic burns, loss of sight, loss of hearing, loss of limbs, loss of life.

Harmful effects of Potassium Chlorate

* Contact can cause eye and skin irritation and burns.

* Breathing Potassium Chlorate can irritate the nose, throat and lungs causing sneezing, coughing and sore throat.

- High levels can interfere with the ability of the blood to carry oxygen causing headache, weakness, dizziness and a blue colour to the skin. Higher levels can cause trouble breathing, collapse and even death.
- Repeated exposure may affect the kidneys and nervous system.
- Many lose their lives in the factories manufacturing firecrackers due to explosions. Different health problems are caused by firecrackers like hearing loss, high blood pressure, nausea and mental impairment or even heart attacks.



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कुछ यादें

में यादों की किताब खोलूँ तो ,
कुछ दोस्त बहुत याद आते हैं
में गुज़रे पल की सोचूँ तो,
कुछ यादें बहुत याद आती हैं ।
न जाने कौन सी नगरी में,
आबाद हो हम जाकर ।
कुछ बातें थीं फूलों जैसी
कुछ लहजे खुशबू जैसे थे,
में ज़हन - ए- चमन में टहलूँ तो,
कुछ दोस्त बहुत याद आते हैं ।
सबकी राहें बदल जाएगी,
एक नए सिरे में ढल जाएगी ।
किसी को नौकरी से फुरसत नहीं ,
किसी को दोस्तों की ज़रूरत नहीं ।
सारे यार गुम हो जाएँगे
में इस पल की सोचूँ तो,
कुछ दोस्त बहुत याद आएँगे ।

धीरे - धीरे समय कट जाता है
जीवन यादों की किताब बन जाता है,
कभी पुरानी यादें बहुत तड़पाती हैं
और कभी यादों के सहारे उम्र कट जाती है ।

किनारों पे सागर के ख़ज़ाने नहीं आते,
फिर जीवन में दोस्त पुराने नहीं आते ।
जी लो इन पलों को हस के दोस्तों
फिर लौट के दोस्ती के ज़माने नहीं आते
हँसना और हँसाना कोशिश है मेरी,
हर कोई खुश रहे यही चाहत है मेरी ।
भले ही मुझे कोई याद करे या ना करे,
हर अपने को याद करना आदत है मेरी

~ प्रीति अरोरा
हिन्दी अध्यापिका

माँ की याद

किससे कंहू माँ तेरी बहुत याद आती है
कभी परछाई और कभी आँसू बनकर बह जाती है
करता है सिमट कर तेरी बाहों में तोड़ दूँ दुनिया के
सारे बंधन

पर कभी तेरी कही बात याद आ जाती है
करती थी ना बड़ा दुलार बिठाकर अपनी बांहों में
आज वही पुकार याद आ जाती है

किससे कंहू माँ तेरी बहुत याद आती है
कभी ना, कभी हाँ करती थी नखरे
आज वही फटकार नज़र आती है

किससे कंहू माँ तेरी बहुत याद आती है

क्यों ये दुनिया करती है सितम

क्यों तेरी जैसी कोई गोद नहीं

क्यों हर कोई मतलबी यहाँ

क्यों इनमे कोई मोह नहीं

~सृचा

हिन्दी अध्यापिका



OUR TINY THOUGHTS...



LITTLE THOUGHTS FROM LITTLE MINDS !!

JORDAN: During snack break he said, “Ma’am, susu”. The teachers corrected him. Later he said, “Ma’am, water coming. I drank water and now water is coming”.

~NUR A

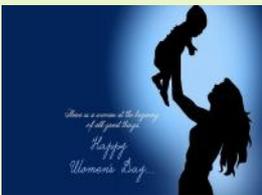


RIDHI: While conducting the topic Healthy and Junk food, Ridhi said, “My father forces me to have ice-cream everyday. He doesn't listen to me ma’am, that is why I cannot talk loudly as my throat hurts”.

~NUR C

ADVAITH: He is fascinated by superheroes and Spiderman is one of his favourites. Whenever teachers come forward to help him he says, “I am a Spiderman, I can do it on my own”.

~NUR B



RAGHAVAN: When the teachers were discussing about Women’s day and told the children to respect women, Raghavan said, “When will the boys’ day come ma’am? Will the girls help us?”

~NUR D

ARYAN: He is very fond of Lord Hanuman. He often talks about him and says, “Mein hanuman hu, mein pahaad ma chadtha hu” “ma’am I have milk everyday so that I can become Hanuman.”

~NUR C



KRISH: During the practice sessions for Annual Day, Krish said, “Ma’am I am not tired because I am Salman Khan. He is very strong and never gets tired.”

~NUR A

SAMMITH: When the teacher was explaining about Means of Transport Sammith said “If you have to travel to Delhi it will take 2hrs in a superfast bullet train and 1 day if you travel in Shatabdi Express”.

~NUR B



KAUSTHUB: During freeplay when the teacher asked him, “Kausthub, why are you making such weird sounds?” He said “We are in a spaceship ma’am. All of us are astronauts and are walking in space”.

~NUR D

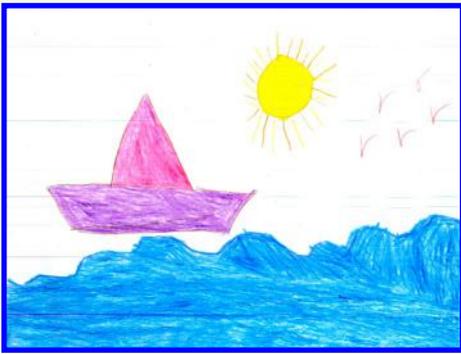
TAMISH: When the teachers told him to walk in a line while going to the library, he said “Ma’am, I will get pigmentation”. (That part of the corridor was exposed to sun light).

~NUR A



While revising the Words of the Week, we asked the children to form a sentence using the word ‘vanish’. Dewansh said, “I kept the chocolates in a box and papa said they vanished.”

~NUR B



Ananya, Nur-A



Diya, Nur-D



Kevin, Nur-C



Durga, Nur- D



Kaushik Varma, Nur-B



Krish, Nur-A



Naman, Nur-D



Saanvi S, Nur-A



Sammith, Nur-B



Sovan, Nur-C



Arush Reddy, Nur-B



Pranav, Nur-B



Babies Day Out



Budding Singers



Creative Minds at Work



Cycling to Glory



Fun with Grandparents



Every Child is an Artist



Junior Master Chef



Let's Hop



Little Explorers



Red Day



We know how to Count



Wonders with Patterns

WE DOTE ON THEIR ANECDOTES !!



ISHAAN feels hungry often and has a good appetite. One day he was late to School. While entering the class, he was worried, and asked with great concern - 'Ma'am, is the snack break over?'

~LKG A



PURVI complained to her parents that her teachers don't allow her to talk. In her words - 'There is no time to talk in the class, and I want a separate period for talking.'

~LKG D



ANVI RAJVANSH - While playing in the sandpit, she came to us and said, 'Ma'am, I know the name of the dinosaur whose painting is there on the wall - it is TYRANNOSAURUS REX, the king of the tyrant lizards.'

~LKG A



KUSHAL - He made a beautiful beach scene in his Special Book. He named it - 'the dolphin alarm'. He said - The fishermen have spread a big net to catch fish. A dolphin is going towards the net. A lady comes running and puts a special alarm inside the water to warn the dolphins not to swim towards the net.

~LKG A



VAIBHAV SHRESHTI got Marie biscuits and banana for snacks. He took a banana and a biscuit, held them up in the air and said : 'Ma'am, this (biscuit) is the sun and this (banana) is the crescent moon'.

~LKG B



SARAH narrated the story 'The pigeon and the ant'. The moral of the story, according to her : 'Make friends, ask for help, BUT DON'T LOSE HOPE.'

~LKG B



DHYUTI - While talking about the season winter, she said : 'I love to play in the snow, make a snowman and take a selfie with him.'

~LKG B



VISMAYI was particular about mentioning the beginning sound of anything her mother would get from the shop, be it a bun, a cookie or anything else. A very curious child, she once enquired : 'How is it that we ride a bicycle, but drive a car???'

~LKG A



PRISHA was writing in her GRIPS book when Sai Manushri corrected her, she said : 'Will you stop being a teacher? I know what I am doing. You are not my teacher.'

~LKG C

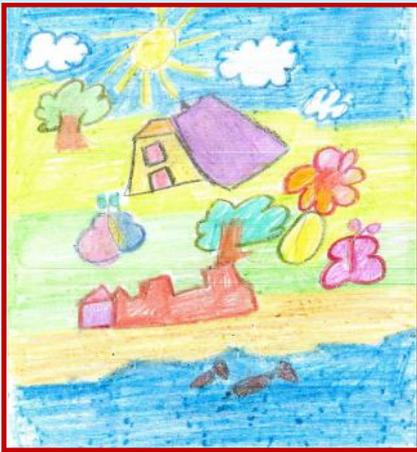
NEEL - One day, we were teaching the children to write the cursive letter 'u'. We asked the children to give words that start with the letter 'u'. Sometime later, we narrated a story in which there is a word 'unfurl'. Neel immediately said 'Ma'am, unfurl also starts with 'u'.'

~LKG C



ANIKA - One day when we were narrating a story. One particular page had a beautiful picture which was beautiful. It had hills, green grass and beautiful flowers. We expressed a desire to be there, to which the children said 'No Ma'am, you cannot stay there.' When we asked, why, Anika said 'Ma'am, you cannot jump into the book.'

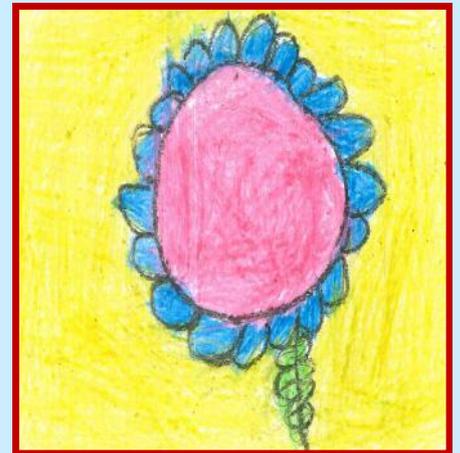
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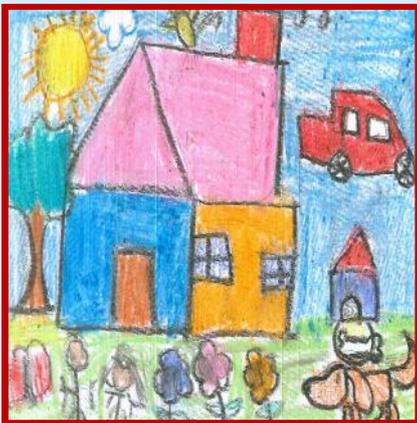
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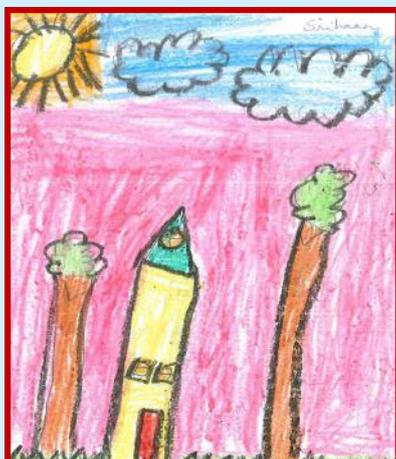
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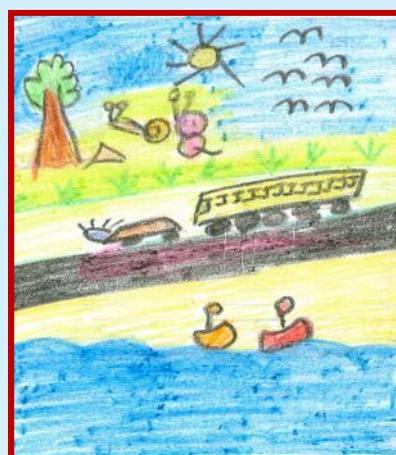
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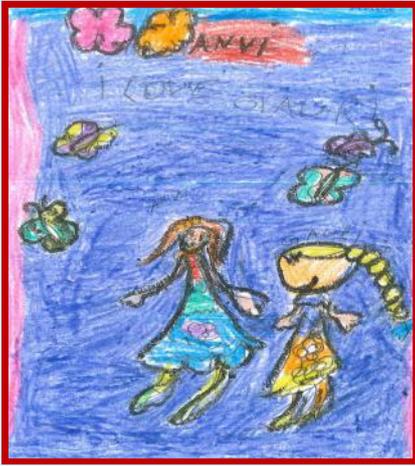
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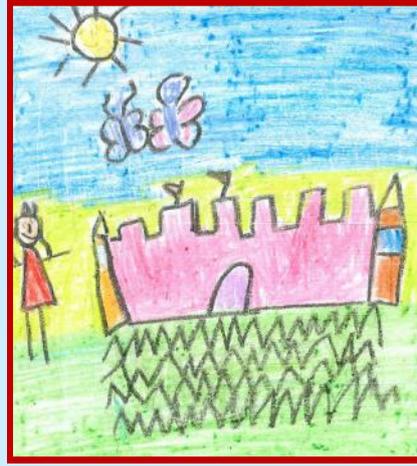
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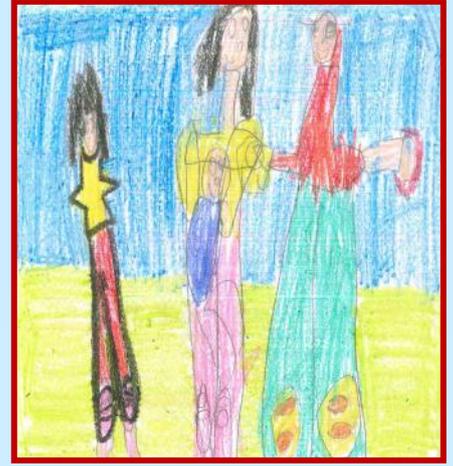
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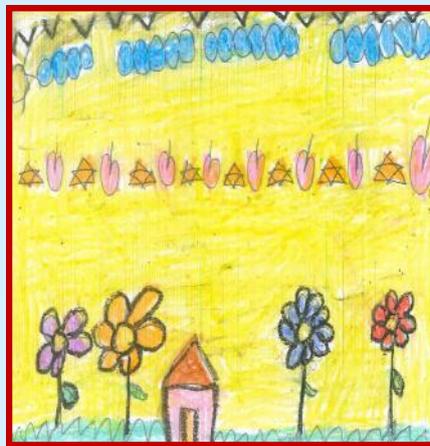
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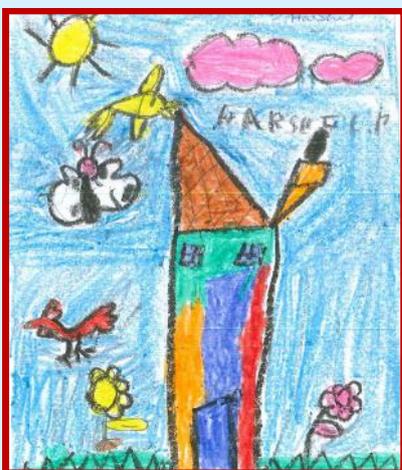
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HARSHIL
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NAVANSHI
LKG D



We go well together - like the colours black and white



Children express themselves through their art work



Dramatizing a song in the Assembly



We don many hats - The Hat Day



Decked up in the Christmas colours



Shaking a leg in the Assembly



We are tied up - Field Day



Reading time is DEAR to us - Drop Everything and Read



A mélange of colours - Children make colourful flower rangoli



A FRUITFUL day



Amidst Nature - Field Trip to Lal Bagh



Children peeling, cutting, grating vegetables to make bhel puri on the 'We can cook' Day

The things children say



When children were asked what they would ask GOD when they met him Anirudh looked very earnestly at us and said “Ma’am, I will ask GOD to make my grandmother’s back and legs healthy and strong so that she can play with me.”

~ UKG - A



After our class photo session Aditi wanted to know when she would get the photo. When explained that Don uncle had to make copies for the entire class, the teachers and aunty she had a shocked and worried look on her face. Innocently she asked “Ma’am... Wouldn’t his hands pain to take so many copies? Wouldn’t he need help? Will he have someone to help him do this work?”

~ UKG - A



“Ma’am I am very hungry... the rats are playing football in my tummy.”

~Greeshma - UKG - B

“I want to share a joke.... When the policeman shot a chor, fire didn’t come one paper came out ...on it was written ‘dishkyoon’ ”

~Abhayashree - UKG - B



One day Anirudh said “Ma’am, my father does not go to office because he has an office table at home” meaning his father works from home. ~ UKG - C

The teacher asked the class to make sentences with the word ‘party’. One child said, “I am going to a birthday party.” Akshara made the sentence, “I want to go to the Congress party.”

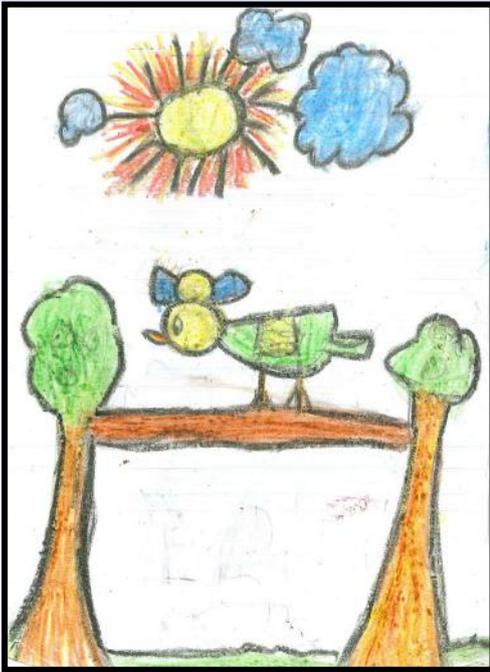
~ UKG -C



When asked about the Himalayan Mountain range, Manvi replied that she has the Himalaya shampoo at home. ~ UKG - D



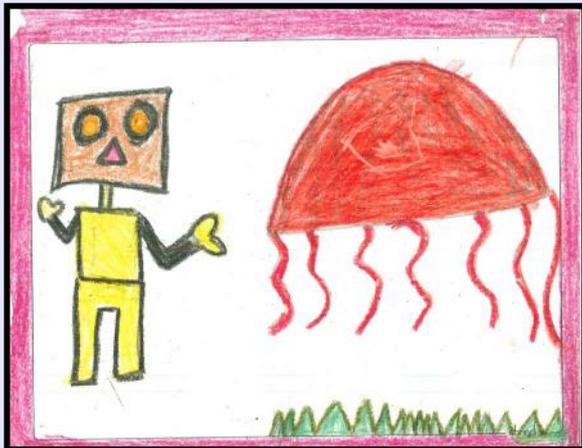
When we went on a field trip to Lal Bagh, Cherrith on looking at a tall tree said, “ Ma’am this is a Burj Khalifa tree.” ~ UKG - D



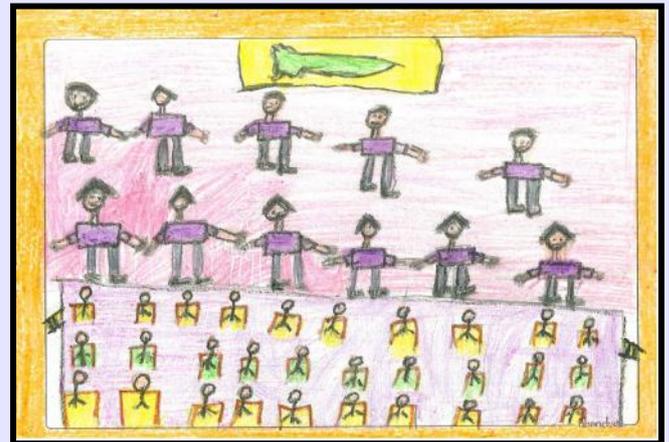
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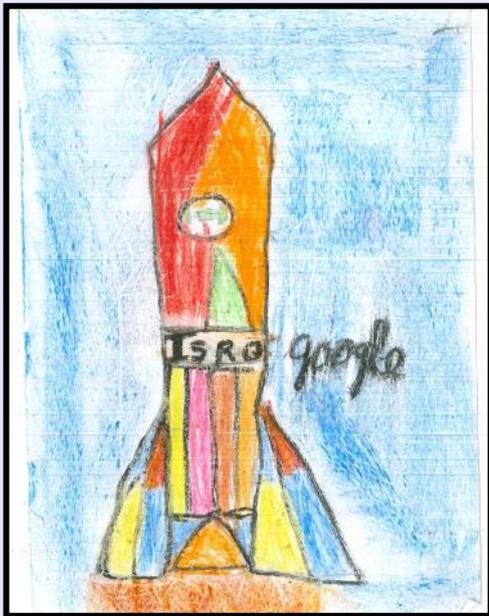
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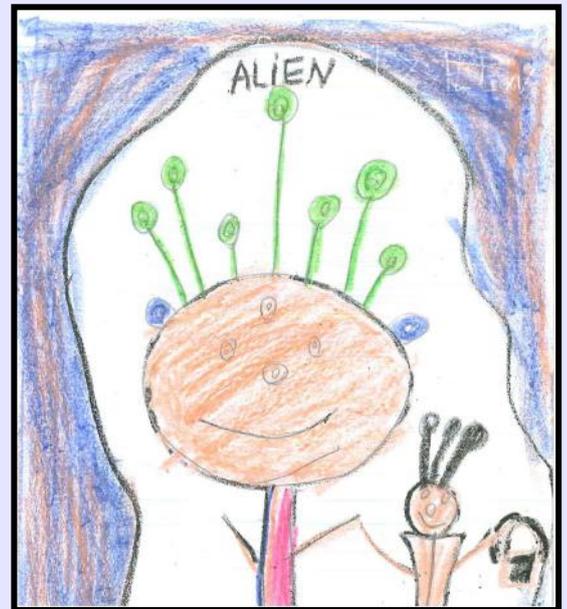
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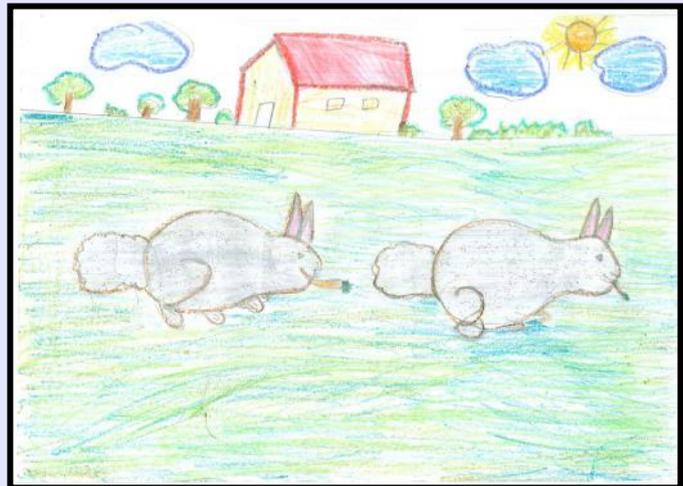
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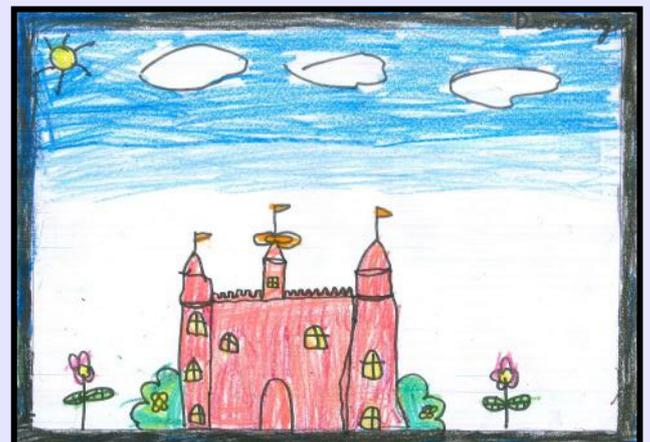
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Srushti Manjunath - UKG D



Purvika S. Reddy - UKG D



Abhayasree S—UKG B



Fun in the Sun



Dressed up as fruits and vegetables



Flying High at HAL



Enjoying lemon and spoon race



Surprise ! Yellow and Blue makes Green



Looking at the stripes of a squirrel



Healthy Snack time



**Creativity at its best -
Vegetable printing**



Painting the model of the Earth



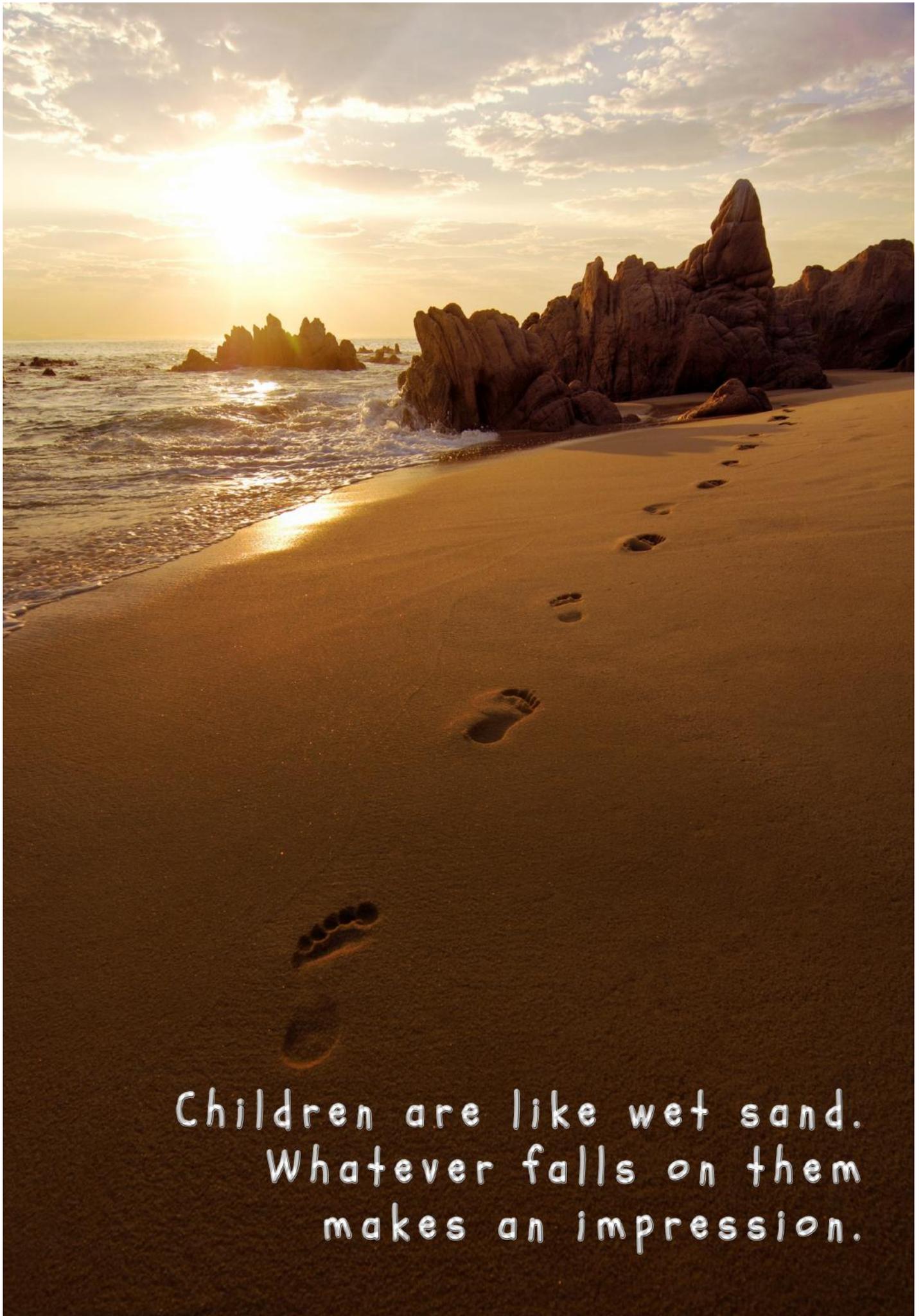
**Show and tell about healthy
habits**



Get Set Go



Game of Snakes and Ladders



Children are like wet sand.
Whatever falls on them
makes an impression.

THE PIGEON'S NEST

Once, I saw a pair of pigeons setting up camp in the corner of my room's window sill. The twosome were getting various types of straws and sticks to build their nest. I was very happy to see their effort. Many a time, my mother cleaned the area but they kept coming back. They became more and more adamant and finally built their nest and laid two eggs.



After almost 15 days, the eggs hatched and 2 pink chicks came out. I started giving them bread crumbs and grains. I also kept a bowl of water for them to drink from my window's grill. Now, the chicks have grown up and their feathers have turned a little yellow. They have black beaks. I continue to give them food and water and check on them after coming back from school. I am waiting for them to become big and start fluttering their wings.

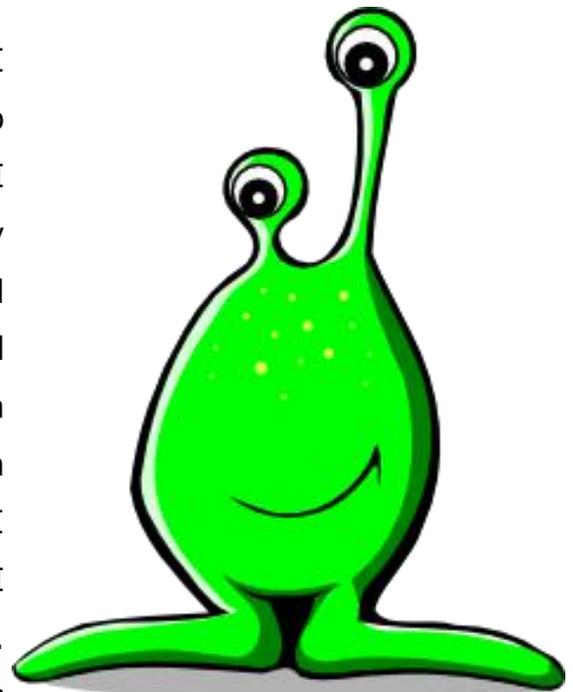
I know one day, they will fly away and make me feel sad. But, I am happy that I saw them grow.

~Advika Sharma

1 'C'

VISIT TO SPACE

Once I went to space and landed on the moon. There I met aliens. They became my good friends. I went to their planet with them. I had idli-vada with me and I asked them if they would like to taste Indian food. They agreed and ate breakfast with me. They liked the food very much and asked for more. So, I thought I should start a hotel to give them Indian food daily. I opened a hotel and then I invited them to come to my hotel for a party. Many aliens came and they enjoyed the food. I was having great fun with my friends when suddenly I heard my father's voice. He was asking me to wake up. I opened my eyes and found myself on the bed. It was a nice dream :)



~Anarva

1 'C'

MY TOY STORY

My Toy Story is about my favourite toys. I like to play with my toys after coming back from school and I enjoy playing with them. Now I will describe each of my toys to you.

The toy I like the most is my white teddy bear with a blue shirt. I have named her '**TEDDU**'. I miss her very much when I leave her alone at home and when I go to school. I believe that she also misses me very much and keeps waiting for me to return from school. When I am back home, I pick her up and sit along with her and have snacks. I always keep her with me when I am playing with other toys. I also carry her with me when I go outstation. So she is my all time favourite.

The toys I like the second most are my Barbie dolls. I have a big collection of Barbie dolls. I dress them in different dresses and weave a story around them. I never get bored and can play with the dolls for a long time with my sister.

Then, I also like to solve 200 piece picture puzzles. My sister, my cousins and I sit together and solve the puzzles and have fun. I also take a snap of it after I solve it. It increases my knowledge. My other interests are jewellery making and quilling art. Blowing bubbles is my favourite pastime.

I love my toys very much and I have lots of plans to play with them and spend my summer holidays happily. I am looking forward to adding many more toys to my toy family.

~**Manogna.S**

1 'A'



CLASS PROMISE

I promise to treat my classroom
And my friends with respect.

I promise to solve problems
And always try my best.

I promise to tell the truth
And take responsibility.

I promise never to give up
And be the best person I can be.

I promise to participate
And have fun with what we do.

I promise I will learn a lot
And help others learn lots too!

~Ojal Netrika

1 'A'



JAKE THE MONSTER

There was a big monster called Jake. He used to trouble everyone. One day he sat under a tree. People came and shoed him away. 'Go away from here. We don't want you here', the people said. Then the people started throwing mangoes, tomatoes and mushrooms at him. He then learnt a lesson and didn't trouble anyone again. Everyone became friends with him.



~Tanmay Jain

1 'A'

MY FAVOURITE CARTOON

My favourite cartoon is Shin chan. I like it because it is very funny. Many characters are there in this cartoon. Shin Chan's mother's name is Misae Nohara, his father's name is Hiroshi Nohara and his sister's name is Himawari. Shin Chan's pet dog's name is Shiro. Shin Chan's family is a middle class family who is always troubled due to Shin Chan's activities. Shin Chan's mother loves makeup and sales. She always keeps searching for sales to get some nice dresses for herself. Shin Chan's younger sister is just like Shin Chan. She loves shining things like necklaces, diamonds etc. She loves to break things and trouble Shin Chan. Shin Chan thinks his family loves her more than him. His dog always wants to go out but Shin Chan never takes him because he is very lazy. When I watch Shin Chan I always laugh and that is why I like it.



~Anjali Awasthi

1 'A'

THE POOR BOY

There was a boy who was poor. He saw a sadhu baba and asked for money. The sadhu baba said that there is a cave in the mountains and the cave is full of money. The sadhu baba said there is a flower, the flower has a key in it to open the cave. The boy started looking for the flower. He found the flower and the key and then he found the cave as well. The boy used the key to open the cave. Once the cave was opened there was a lot of money and gold inside the cave. The boy was not greedy so he filled the money in a small bag and went back home. The boy gave the money to his parents and they were very happy.

~Shivansh Mahajan

1 'D'



MY FRIEND DOGGY, THE BAD LION AND ME

One day, I saw a Dog sitting in a park. It had got badly hurt on its leg. I went home and got a bandage and got some food for it. After it finished eating, it started wagging its tail and started playing. I asked my mother, if I could keep this dog at home as my pet. Mom said, yes of course!



My friends loved it a lot, except Bunty. My friends, Doggy & I had many races and my Doggy won all the races. As soon as we reached home, doggy smelt the aroma and started barking for food. One day a ferocious bad lion came to my house. My mother & I got unconscious. Doggy shoed away the lion. Doggy licked us and we woke up. We gave doggy a big hug and a star. I told this to my friends and my friends asked what the doggy's name would be? Oh! I said, I thought doggy's name would be Doggy. Okay, I will name the doggy Rocky. Bunty laughed with his gang. Rocky & I took a running challenge and Rocky won. Now Bunty started playing with Rocky.

One day Rocky and I went for a walk in a jungle. The ferocious bad lion's team surrounded us suddenly! Rocky and I defeated his team first and then Rocky scratched the lion's eye. I took a sharp needle and I poked him in the other eye and the lion fell into a puddle.

~Om Vijay

1 'C'

MY DUBAI TRIP

On the 9th of November 2015 I travelled to Dubai to see my sister perform her Dance at the Karnataka Sangha , Sharjah.

I enjoyed my trip a lot by shopping and visiting my cousins. I visited the tallest building in the world BURJ KHALIFA and it was awesome seeing the whole of Dubai from the 125th floor .I also visited the Hotel Atlantis and took a joy ride on the mono rail viewing the palm Jumeirah. It was a treat to the eyes. On the last day I saw my sister's dance performance in Sharjah and rushed to take the flight back as I had to report to school. It was sad that my short trip was coming to an end and I had to get back to school. I hope I can make another trip in the future as Dubai is a beautiful place to see.

~Lakshmisree Satish

1 'C'

MY VISIT TO THAILAND

I visited Thailand in the month of February 2016. It was my first time on an aeroplane and I enjoyed the LCD TV in each seat. We landed in Bangkok city the next morning and reached Pattaya by road.

In Pattaya, we visited the Sriracha tiger zoo in the evening where we saw the tiger and the elephant shows. The next day we reached Coral island, where my dad tried parasailing and I went by the speed boat and played on the beach. On day three, we went to Gems Gallery where we were educated on how the gems were processed. We reached Bangkok that evening and that night we had dinner on the Chao phraya river cruise.



The second day in Bangkok was spent at the Safari World. I saw the Bengal tigers, Indian Pea Fowl, deer, Flamingos, Himalayan Bears, colorful parrots, giraffes, camels and zebras followed by the orangutan (chimpanzee), sea-lion, dolphin and cow boy stunt shows. I also took snaps with the chimpanzee. That evening we went shopping and bought gifts for my relatives and I also bought a jumping car for myself.

On the third day, we went to the Dream World Adventure Park, where I had fun trying out the water sports, watching a 4D short film, an alien show and enjoying the snow city.

We returned to India the next day, tired but full of what we had seen.

~Likhith C

1 'A'

THE LAZY CAT

Once I went to my granny's house
 There I saw a mouse
 It was very fat
 I tried to catch it with my hat
 But it was so fast
 That I had to let it pass
 Then I saw something crazy
 I saw a black cat who was lazy
 I thought the cat would catch it
 But he didn't even try a bit.



~Aditya Nadkarni

1 'A'

MARLEY & HER CREATIVE PROJECT

Once upon a time, there lived a girl in California who was just six years old. Her name was Marley. She was pretty and cute. She had a wonderful family.

Now she studies in Westmore Middle School in Grade I. Her class teacher's name is Ms. Daisy.

Once Marley and her class were given a project and were told to submit it after a week. But on the day of submission, she forgot about the project and her teacher told her, "Tomorrow is the last day and if you don't get your project, your parents will not see your project. Do you want that? Bring it tomorrow". "Yes," she said.

When Marley reached home, she forgot what the project was all about. She told her mother that she did not remember the topic of the project. Her mother told her not to be worried. She called her class teacher to find out what the topic was. But Marley's class teacher did not pick up the phone. Marley started crying. Her mother wiped her tears and said, "Don't cry, we will make something creative and good." Marley said, "But if it is not related to the project?" "Don't worry, everything will be all right", said her mother. They made a creative project together.

The next day, Marley showed the project to her teacher. Her teacher was surprised and said, "Marley, you have got a perfect project and it is very pretty to look at too". Marley was very happy. She told her mother "Thank you for the project you helped me with". "Why?" asked her mother. Marley told her what her teacher had said about the project. Her mother was very happy and said, "I told you everything would be all right."

At last the project day arrived. Marley's parents went inside her class. They could not find Marley's project anywhere. When they came out of the classroom, they saw the Principal holding Marley's project and showing it to some parents. They were surprised! When Marley reached home, her parents had a surprise for her. Marley was thrilled! She thanked her parents for the wonderful surprise. From then onwards, Marley's family was the happiest family ever.



~Aahana Mohanty

I D

SAVE WATER!!!!

We all have to save water. Water is important to human beings, plants, animals and birds.

Without water, we cannot survive. We must protect the different sources of water like lakes, rivers, wells, dams, and rain. The best way of protecting the source of water is by not wasting water on a daily basis, not dirtying the water and by having rain water harvesting in every house.



Everybody should make an effort to save water. I have a

huge garden at home. We use water daily to water the plants. We do not throw or waste water that is used to wash utensils or clothes. We use it to water plants. My Grandfather has made rain water harvesting too. So we use rain water during rainy season for the plants.

So, friends, let us help each other in saving water and the Earth. Together We Do Better!!!!

~Aditya.B.Shrikanth

1 'A'

THE STORY OF TWO POOR FAMILIES

Once upon a time there lived a poor family. They had no food to eat. One day they went out to search for food. Suddenly they met another poor family on the way. Both the families became friends. They were searching for food. They found a treasure map. They thought of following the map. First they had to cross a river. Then they went into the forest and found many animals over there. The animals were friendly. They went up the mountains. Then they crossed a very strong river with the help of a bridge. Finally they found the treasure.



They opened the box of treasure and found a pot. They opened the pot and saw a lot of food and money. They became very happy indeed.

~Sharanya Das

1 'C'

NAMMA BENGALURU

Bangalore so hot,
Bangalore so cold.
My mother says this was not the Bangalore
she had known before.

Smoke in the air,
My heart despairs.
What can I do
I have no clue.

Walk some way
instead of driving all day.
A tree, each one,
Plant one.
Bin the trash.
Let there be no garbage stash.
Namma Bengaluru City
will once again pride itself on being
'The Garden City'

~Aarin Dsouza

1 'D'



THE REAL MAGIC POT

One day my mother brought a pot home. I was busy playing with my toys when I saw her carrying this pot. I stopped playing and ran to her and asked her, "What is this Amma?" She told me, "This is a magic pot dear". A MAGIC POT! I was so happy and asked her, "What magic does it do, Amma?" She said if you put any kitchen waste in this pot, it will do magic and give you manure. I could not wait to see how this magic worked. So, everyday, I started putting all the kitchen waste in this pot like the chilies and some green leaves that I leave in my plate after every meal. Once the pot was full, we waited for a few days and when I opened the pot, I saw the waste had become manure!!! I was so happy that now I could give healthy food to my plants in our garden.

Seeing the waste becoming manure, I told my mother, "Amma, this is a real magic pot".

~Anusha Pyati

1 'B'



MY TRIP TO NATHU-LA PASS

I had gone to Sikkim a few months ago with my family. It is a very beautiful place. My favorite spot was the Nathu-la pass. The Nathu-la pass is the border between India and China. We woke up very early in the morning because Nathu-la is very far from Gangtok. We drove on steep roads, and the landscape was beautiful. Nathu-la pass is a famous tourist spot in Sikkim, and only Indians are allowed to visit the pass due to security reasons. Tourists are supposed to get a special pass and that pass is supposed to be signed by army officials. On our way up to Nathu-la, we stopped at an army camp, where one army man gave me chocolates. Nathu-la pass is at a very high altitude, almost 14450 feet! It was an exciting drive up to Nathu-la. Due to the high altitude, it was very very cold there. There was a lot of snow and many army men stood there guarding our Indian border. The army men spoke to us and also shook hands with me. There was a small food stall in Nathu-la, where I had the most delicious momos I have ever eaten! They were hot and yummy! On our way down, we stopped near Tsomgo Lake, a very beautiful lake, in Sikkim. We had lunch in a special army camp, after which we went back home. I loved my trip to Nathu-la pass!



~**Priyanjana Prabhu**

2 'B'

MY GRANDFATHER

My grandfather is special
 He is many things to me
 He is my playmate when he plays with me
 He is my friend when he solves puzzles and riddles with me
 He is my parent when he helps me with homework
 He is a teacher when he teaches me art
 There is nobody like my grandfather
 I love him a lot.



~**Ananya Arun**

2 'B'

MY WORLD

Protect me so much since I was a baby,
Spend sleepless nights to put me to sleep,
Watch me crawl, walk and run,
Treasure each moment of mine,
Enjoy each day to watch me grow,
Shelter me always by their love and care,
Fulfill each and every wish of mine,
Don't want to see my long face,
Explain patiently whatever I ask,
Jump in joy when my first tooth falls,
Support and guide me in everything,
Lift me to reach the stars,
Correct me when I commit mistakes,
Comfort me when I am down,
Teach me always to be kind and generous,
Mould me gentle yet so strong and confident,
Their world always spins around me,
I am their prince, life and world,
All the things I learn from them will stay with me even when I grow old,
They are my majestic king and adorable queen,
Nothing to be compared in value to their endless love,
My first best friends always, and I love them for ever,
" MY DEAR MOM AND DAD."



~D Karshin
2 'C'

THE ROBBERS OF NEVER LAND

Once upon a time there was an island called Neverland where four naughty robbers lived. They would often rob the people living in the island making their life difficult. They would break into their houses, destroy temples and even kill people for money and jewellery. People in the island grew tired of them.

One day two boys from a nearby island heard about them and their activities. They decided to teach the robbers a lesson.

The robbers lived in a secret house in the forest where they would hide all the money and the jewellery robbed by them. The boys searched out the secret house of the robbers and made a plan. One night when the robbers were out, the boys quietly came to the house and broke the door lock. They took out all the money and the jewellery and gave it back to the people of Neverland. After that they gathered all the men and hid in the forest waiting for the robbers to come. The moment the robbers came near the secret house in the forest all the men ran towards the robbers and chained them. The two men and the people then handed the robbers over to the police.



~Adarsh Manjunatha
2 'A'

MY TRIP TO TAMILNADU

This summer holiday, we decided to go to important places in Tamil Nadu like Madurai, Rameswaram and Kodaikanal. We booked our train tickets and went to the station by taxi. We waited for one hour for the train to come. We reached the station and slept in the berth allotted to us. Our parents slept in the higher berths and we occupied the middle berths. Next morning, we reached Madurai. We took an auto to The Astoria Hotel. After breakfast we went to the Meenakshi Temple. The Temple is very big and we could see only a part of it. This is a 400-year-old temple. This has 14 'Gopurams' which are 50 Metres high. On the way back to the hotel, we had 'Jigarthanda' juice, a very famous and popular drink in Madurai. This juice is famous because of its cooling properties against the temperature of Madurai.

Next day we set off for Rameswaram in a hired car. We reached Rameswaram by about 12 noon. On the way to Rameswaram, we stopped at the 'Pamban Bridge' and saw a train moving over the bridge. This is a unique bridge which splits into two to give way for ships sailing under it. We checked into Daivik Hotel in Rameswaram and had our lunch. In the afternoon, we took a jeep and went to Danushkodi along the beach. The beach was very calm without any big waves and we collected shells in the sand. We also bought shells from a shop in the beach. Danushkodi is a ruined town which was ravaged by cyclone five decades ago. It has become a tourist place because of its history. After visiting Danushkodi, we went back to the hotel, played for some time and retired to bed. Next day morning, we went to the famous Rameswaram Temple which has the longest corridors in the world. We could visit only part of the temple. We saw an elephant and got its blessings by offering a coin. In the evening we went to a water park and enjoyed a ride in a jet ski. We also rode in a glass bottom motor boat; through which we saw amazing corals.



The next morning we proceeded to Kodaikanal by the same car. On the way to Kodaikanal, we stopped at Madurai for lunch. We reached Kodaikanal by 4 PM. We checked into the Kodai Resort Hotel. We enjoyed the nice cool weather after the hot summer of Madurai and Rameswaram. We visited Coaker's Walk. We saw buildings through a telescope. We went shopping around the lake and bought home-made chocolates and spices.

The next day, we went to five tourist spots around Kodaikanal. Most of them were amazing viewpoints.

We finished our sightseeing and the taxi dropped us at Madurai Airport. We boarded a flight to Bangalore and reached home in the night.

We had a very enjoyable and informative trip to Tamil Nadu.

~Ved Srikanth
2 'A'

MY CHILDHOOD MEMORIES



Of all the picture collections which I have with me, the dearest of the collection is the collage of my childhood memories which is put up at the entrance of my house. The collage reminds me of how I looked when I was born in Manipal Hospital , the time I started to crawl, the good times going around in the stroller, balancing and taking baby steps, wearing different types of dresses (frocks, skirt , jeans & tops, silk lehenga & blouse , chudidhar , saree etc.), the celebrations during the occasion of my first head tonsure, my ear piercing ceremony and first birthday celebrations with family members, friends and neighbors, the good times spent with my parents, grandparents and the visit to Tirupathi, Mysore, Coorg, Cubbon Park in my favorite Santro car and the best of all is the picture of my first school Euro kids where I began my schooling. I am very glad that I am continuing my journey with Freedom International School which is very dear to me and has blessed me with the best of teachers, friends, games and academics. When I grow up, I will have a big collage of my accomplishments in my school reminding me about the good times I had as a student.

~**Tanushree S**
2 'C'

WORLD SO GREEN

Mama Papa has money
Mama Papa will buy us seeds
Dig the soil, put the seeds
Sun will come and give it heat
Water it, water it
Grow, grow, grow...
And the plant will grow
One Year, Two years, Three years,
Four years, Five years, Six years
Become a tree
Give a fruit and let me eat
I will take the seed
Dig the soil, put the seeds
Sun will come and give it heat
Water it, water it
Grow, grow, grow...
Then the World will be so green.

~**Ananya**
2 'C'

WE ADMIRE YOU ALWAYS.....

We admire the way.....
You motivate and inspire us,
You teach us to explore,
You bring out our talents to the front,
You give us confidence to win,
You make us smart and wise,
You melt away our doubts with a smile,
You are energetic throughout the day,
You are strict as well as caring,
You assess us as a person,
Really.....
Your role in our lives is priceless,
We respect and admire you always.....

"MY DEAR TEACHER."

~**D. Karshin**
2 'C'

CREATE MAGIC

It had become a routine for us to take an auto to school everyday. Sometimes we used to get one near our house, but most of the time we had to walk a little distance to get there. But every time after we reached the school, my mother would take the money from her purse and ask me to pay and say "THANK YOU. With a sleepy nod, I used to do that everyday. One day, I asked my mother the reason why she made me do it. The next day she asked me to observe the driver's face after I said "THANK YOU." I noticed a big ,happy smile on his face which I had failed to observe before.



My mother then said, "See the magic". I was totally confused. She then told me that he helped us to reach the school safe. When someone helps us, we say, THANK YOU, a good-mannered, sincere expression, which would create a happy and a heartfelt smile on their faces. It would be remembered by them always as their help was appreciated. After hearing that I was pleased, because by a simple word I had made someone happy, which is really "MAGIC." I then started creating magic by using that magical word.

~**Karshin D**

2 'C'

DOGS....

Dogs are as fluffy as cotton however some dogs are not so fluffy. I like both kinds. Dogs are non-vegetarians and love to eat bones (yum or yuck!).

They are the most loyal animals and man's best friend. Dogs are one of the first animals to be tamed



by humans. Dogs have very sharp hearing; hence they make good guards and help to protect us. They are the first animals that come to know about dangers around us. They have a very good sense of smell so they are used to track people like robbers. Dogs are very playful, and make good pets. We should not tease or throw stones them; instead we should treat them well. If we tease them or provoke them, they can hurt us. We should love them and they will love us back.

Some of the dog breeds are German Shepherds, Shih Tzus, Dalmatians, Cocker Spaniels, Pugs and Bulldogs. In my opinion, keeping dogs in the house is good.

~**S Devika**

2 'D'

MY SUMMER VACATION IN UK



My mother, brother and I left for UK this summer for a vacation and also to join my father. All three of us travelled abroad for the first time with mixed feelings. We landed at Birmingham airport on 30th April at around 8.30 in the night in the freezing cold. It was so cold that we started shivering. We

stayed in Hinckley which is a market town in southwest Leicestershire, England. It is a lovely place with many parks and many shopping centres. The city is so clean and free from pollution. I enjoyed my stay in Hinckley. It was a memorable trip for me.

~**Jathin Gowda T L**

2 'C'

MY TRIP TO GOA

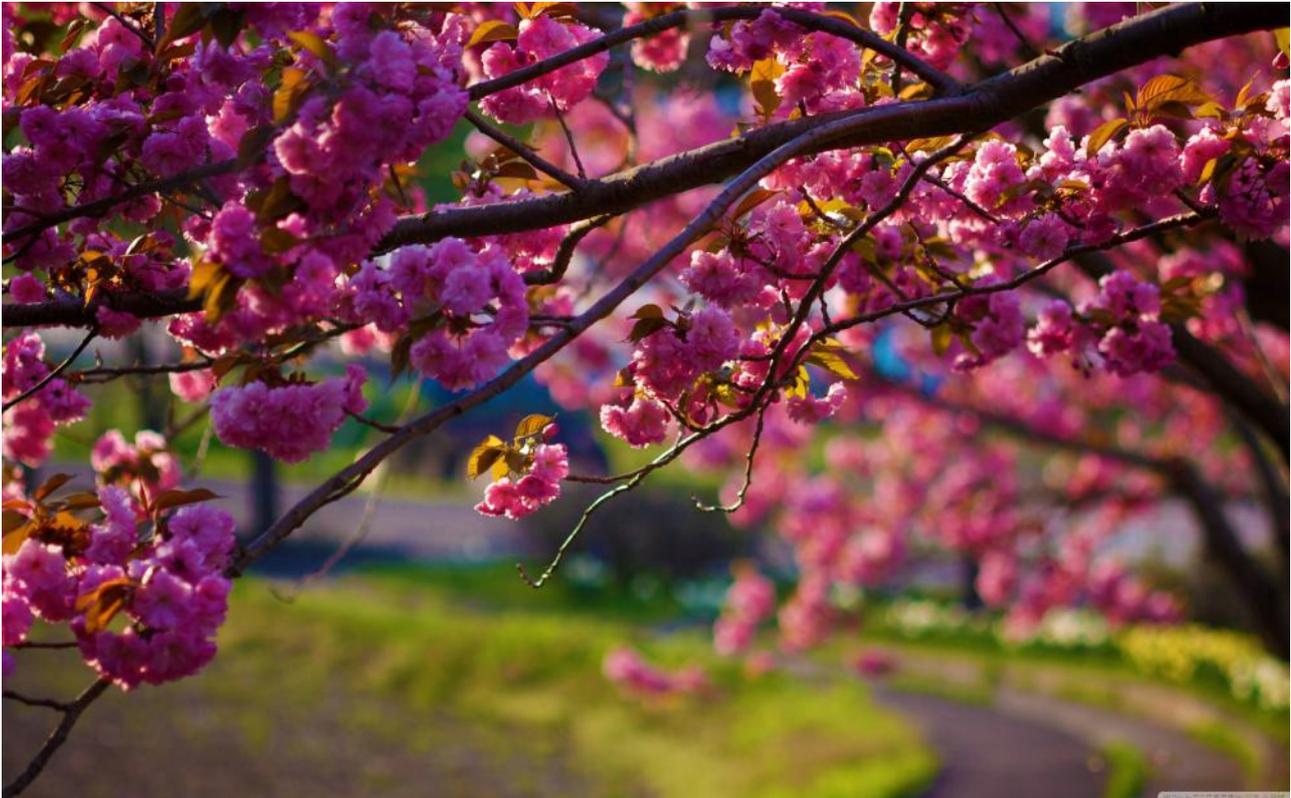
I went to Goa by bus. It was an entire night's journey. When I woke up in the morning, I was in Goa!. There I stayed at the Royal Haati Mahal Hotel for 3 days. I visited many beaches and other famous places in Goa. Let me name a few, I visited Paradise Beach, Palolem Beach, Benaullim and Dona Paula beaches and Jantar Mantar on the first day. In the evening, we visited the Cavellossim beach on foot from our hotel as the beach was located at a walkable distance from our place of stay. It was so wonderful and refreshing to be at the beach in the evening . The next day, we visited Sahakari Spice farm. It was an amazing experience to be part of the farm tour. I saw many rare varieties of spices and fruits in the farm. We also visited Miramar and Dona Paula beaches in the evening.



On the last day of our trip, we visited old Goa. We visited the "Basilica of Bom Jesus" church famously known as St. Francis Church. There, I saw the mortals of St. Francis Xavier beautifully kept in a well decorated box. We also went to the state museum and did some shopping in the Panaji market. Goa is a place of beaches, churches and foreigners. Goans speak "Konkani" and Portuguese. We came back home and discussed about Goa. It was the best trip ever!!!

~**A.P.Deepasri**

2 'B'



A DAY DURING THE PLEASANT SPRING...

It was a pleasant evening in the spring. My final exams had just got over and I was relaxing with a feeling that holidays had started. Sitting at home and watching T.V, I was eager to play but not having company was discouraging me. Yet, I got up and planned to do something with my own batteries and toy motors. As I continued with my game, I heard the door bell ringing. My mom opened the door and I was surprised to see my dear friend with his mom. I was happy to see him.

Now, I had someone to play with me, but we were strictly instructed not to go out and play as it was cloudy, windy and the clouds were expected to pour heavy rain at any time. So we played some indoor games. Suddenly, my mom heard the sound of stones falling in the terrace ground and opened the door. We all rushed to the terrace and were surprised to see small balls of irregular lumps of ice scattered all over the terrace and we could see some more falling from the sky. We started collecting the pellets of ice to keep in the fridge, without thinking about getting drenched in the rain. But the moment we took them in our hands, they started melting. In the meantime, our mothers started taking videos of us on their mobiles.

Later, my mother explained to me that those chunks of ice are called "HAILSTONES" which are formed when drops of water freeze together in the cold upper regions of the thunderstorm clouds. That was the first time my mother too had seen such rain. I really salute mother nature who sometimes is a "GOOD SCIENCE TEACHER".

~Karshin.D

2 'C'

MY FIRST FLIGHT

When I first saw a plane flying from my terrace, I thought it was a toy. I was eager to know how a flight looks and how it flies up in the air among the clouds. I was waiting for my chance to go in the aeroplane up so high and wanted to touch the cotton like clouds.



The day came finally and I was so excited. But...it was not a toy, it was a giant bird which landed in the airport firmly. It was the same as a train or a big bus but the windows were not open. The air hostess asked us to tighten our seat belts and our flight took off. The buildings of Bangalore started becoming smaller and smaller. I wanted to scream 'hurry!!!'. Once we reached the clouds, it felt as if the aeroplane was standing still though it was moving very fast. It took 2 hours for us to reach Hyderabad. I loved this journey from Bangalore to Hyderabad.

~Advitha Rao M

2 'C'

I WONDER HOW.....

Butterflies and birds fly so high without fear,
 Ants work throughout the day without getting tired,
 Bats hang upside down, always, without getting dizzy,
 Spiders move in their web without getting trapped,
 Honey bees build their hives on the top of the buildings,
 Monkeys swing from tree to tree without getting getting hurt,
 Frogs and lizards have a sticky tongue to catch their prey,
 Dogs and cats always sleep without getting bored,
 Palm trees grow so tall and grasses are so short,
 We see all these wonderful things with our small eyes,

" GOD ALMIGHTY IS GREAT!"



~Karshin D

2 'C'

MY PET OCTOPUS

I want to share with all of you a few things about my pet octopus whom I call "ChiChi". He is very tiny and cute, as big as my mother's hand." Chichi" plays with me whenever I come back from school. He makes me laugh a lot and is very naughty some times. He tickles me with his hands/legs, I don't know which one. He allows me to put make up on him and sleeps in very odd ways. He pats me when I am sad, and laughs with me when I laugh. There is one secret about him, do you want to know?.....

My pet "ChiChi" is my mother's lovely little hand!!

~Priyanjana

2 'B'

MY HAPPIEST DAY EVER.....

It was holidays for me, as my great annual day show had just got over. I got up and went about doing my usual morning chores. My mother gave me a tasty breakfast. For sometime I watched my favourite programmes on television. My mom was busy in the kitchen preparing lunch. As it was boring for me, I asked her to give me some work by which I could make her happy. Immediately my mom asked me to go and prepare for the Olympiads. I said a big NO, and told her that I wanted to help her and make her happy.

As she was chopping the vegetables, I asked her if I helped her in doing some kitchen chores whether she would pay me some pocket money. My mom liked the idea. To my surprise, she gave me a knife, a few vegetables and asked me to chop. I was so happy to hear that. Later, we both were surprised when I chopped vegetables perfectly. My mother took a few snaps of it and sent to my uncle and aunt. They immediately appreciated me for my wonderful work.

Finally, I reminded my mother about the money. I was dumbstruck when my mother gave me a one thousand rupee note. She told me since that was my first 'job', she paid so much. That was my happiest day ever as I earned money, learned the art of chopping and above all, I helped my mother and made her happy.

~Karshin D

2 'C'

FOUR O' CLOCK FRIDAY



At four `o clock on Friday

I came home, all tired and upset...

On Monday, my friends threw my ball out of the window.

On Tuesday ,my friends tore my Math notebook.

On Wednesday, my friends broke my chair.

On Thursday, my friends ate my lunch.

Today's Friday, I am free from all troubles.

But I am very upset

Because I will see my friends only after two days

And there is no fun without friends!

~Devang Jayakrishnan

3 `C`

MY FIRST VISIT TO A DENTIST

I was munching cookies. Crunch! Crunch! Crunch! I yelled aaaaah! That was the time when my tooth started to shake, Tink! Tink! Tink! My mother said "Let's go to the dentist". I was very scared and started biting my nails. Kich!Kich!Kich! When I was going to the dentist I saw a cow saying "Moooooooooooo".Then I saw a dog saying "Bow! Bow! "Finally I reached the dentist. He sprayed some water in my mouth shhh! shhh! shhh! Then he told me to spit it out. I gargled the water. Glug! Glug! Glug! Then I spat it out. Spit! And finally my tooth came out. Plunk! I was very happy. Yay! Then when I went home another tooth started to shake. I yelled, "Oh no!"

~Navneeth Reddy

3 `A`



MY HOLIDAY TO SOUTH AFRICA

I went to South Africa for my Dussehra vacation. I landed in the beautiful city of Cape Town. There I stayed in a hotel called Rockwell. I went in a double – decker red tour bus which took me to the Table Top Mountain. From there I took a cable car to go to the top of the mountain. Then I went to the V&A Waterfront. There I went on the giant wheel. From Cape Town I drove to Knysna. In Knysna I went to an ostrich farm. There I stood on five ostrich eggs. I also went to a penguin park and saw many penguins roaming freely and eating from everybody's hands.

After that I went to a zoo. In the zoo I saw cheetah, lemurs, lions , crocodiles , leopards etc. Next, I went to a cave. There I saw water formations. Then I went to see penguins. In my hotel there were two cats. From Knysna I went to Port Elizabeth Airport. From Port Elizabeth I took a flight to Johannesburg. Then from Johannesburg I went to Sun City. From Sun City I drove to Mabula. In Mabula I stayed in a hotel called the Mabula Game Reserve. Over there I went on a safari. The safari was early in the morning and evening. We saw a lot of wild animals like zebras, hippos, warthogs, elephants etc. The guide on the safari also carried a gun with him to protect us from any animal attacks. A herd of elephants came really close to us and I felt scared. But our guide drove away.

Then I went back to Johannesburg and stayed in a hotel called Radisson. I spent the last day swimming in the pool. In the evening I checked out of the hotel and took a flight back to Bangalore. I had a wonderful trip which I will cherish for a long time.

-Saiesha Shetty

3 `C`



A GRANDMOTHER JUST LIKE YOU

I just want to let you know
 You mean the world to me
 Only a heart as dear as yours
 Would give so unselfishly.

The many things you've done
 All the time you were there
 Which helped me know
 How much you really care!

Even though I might not say
 I appreciate all you do
 Richly blessed is how I feel
 Having a grandmother just like you.

-Samhita

3 'D'

THE SKY SO BRIGHT

Who lights the sky so bright ?

Is it the birds that chirp in their flight?

Whose help does the sky take?

Is it a magician's spell? No that's all fake!

Is it the fragrance of the flowers that grew?

Or could it be the fairy of light too...

No it's the sun... the sun? Yes, the sun!

Now go outside and have some fun.

Listen to the songs that birds there sing

Or go to the park and swing on the swings.

Get your share of fun, the day is not yet gone

For elsewhere it's still night as they await the dawn.

~Archita Agrawal,

3 'A'



MY WALKING LUNCH BOX

The lunch box jumped up and down on the table. There was no doubt about it. Something inside my lunch box was alive. Then I remembered my mother saying that she will give me a veg sandwich to eat in school. So maybe the veg sandwich was walking. I was really surprised. Then I ran to my mother and asked, "What is this, mother? You have given me a sandwich that can walk." My mother said, "No, no. I have not given you a sandwich which can walk." Then I said, "If you want, I'll show you the proof. Come with me." She came with me and I showed her the lunch box that can walk. She looked a little surprised. She said "You can take this lunch box to school". When I went to school, my friends asked, "Why is your lunch bag shaking?" Then I showed them the lunch box which can walk. Then one of my friends said, "Wow!! Your lunch box can walk." Then all of my friends said together, "We too wish that we could get a lunch box which could walk".



~Srihari M Nair

3 'D'

FEW AMAZING FACTS

- If you spell out the numbers in order, the first time you get to the letter "a" is at one-thousand.
- On the day of his assassination, Martin Luther King Jr. had a pillow-fight in his motel room.
- Every year the Netherlands sends 20,000 tulip bulbs to Canada to thank them for their aid in the Second World War.
- Every year, millions of trees grow thanks to squirrels forgetting where they buried their nuts.
- Penguins only have one mate their entire life and "propose" by giving their mate a pebble.
- A monkey was once tried and convicted for smoking a cigarette in South Bend, Indiana.
- Costa Rica is statistically the happiest nation on Earth.

~Compiled by Thomas Mathew

3 'A'

MY FLOATING HOUSE

One day I woke up and looked out of the window. To my surprise, I saw that my house was floating high up in the sky. I quickly ran out to the door and I looked down. It looked very scary, but I thought for a while and understood that they were trees and houses. I ran to my washbasin to brush my teeth. Then I ran to my verandah to touch the clouds. I took a cloud inside my house and went into the kitchen. My mother was preparing my breakfast. I hid the cloud behind me.

Suddenly I told her to turn around and scared her by throwing it on her face. She looked very surprised and asked me where I had got that cloud from. "Oh! Mother, did you not notice the extraordinary thing happening to our house? Our house is floating in the sky!" My mother said, "Oh really! It is my dream to live near the clouds." Then I said, "Now I think we have to live in the sky and I love doing that!"



~**Srihari M Nair**

3 'D'

MY HOLIDAY TO DANDELI

I went to Dandeli during Holi. My father put our luggage inside the car and we started our journey. After 8 hours we reached Dandeli. The name of the hotel was Magenta resort. The resort was in the middle of a forest. When I reached I was surprised, the resort was magnificent! There were water rides, zip lines and kayaking. I rushed to my room, wore my swimsuit and went on the water rides. It was awesome! Next I went on the zip line. It was thrilling. It went very fast. Then when it was night we went to sit next to the bon fire and ate our dinner. The next morning we went to see ducks and rabbits. They were cute. We then went to a crocodile park. There were many enormous crocodiles. I was astonished by the size of their teeth. Then we went to see Syntheri rocks. There were bee hives on the rocks. I was feeling nice! Then we went to Uluvi temple and went for White Water Rafting. There we went rafting on large slopes. I was afraid! Then we came back and ate dinner. The next day we did archery, gun shooting and lake crossing on the rope. I felt great! Then we played indoor games. Then we did running race and other fun games. Later, we went shopping. After some time we ate dinner. The next day, I went for a nature walk where I saw peacocks, giant squirrels and parrots. I felt lovely! Then we packed our bags and left for Bangalore. I was sad. But I enjoyed myself a lot.



-**Saiesha Shetty**

3 'C'

THE JOURNEY THROUGH OUTER SPACE

One day I woke up and looked out from the window. To my surprise, I saw that my house was floating high up in the sky. I quickly ran to my door and I was shocked. I ran to my mother and said, "Mom! Our house is floating in the sky!" My mother and father heard that and said, "What did you say?" I replied, "Our house is floating in the sky." They both said together, "Are you dreaming?" I replied, "No, I am not". They ran to the door. They got a great shock. They both said in a shivering voice, "Our house is in the air!" We all got scared and fainted. After a while we got up. When we looked down, we were in outer space! My mom said, "Where are we?" She almost fainted when she heard we are still in outer space. What shall we do now? Suddenly our house started shaking and crashed on some strange planet. "Now where are we?" I cried. Suddenly we heard someone talk to us. It was a funny sort of alien. It had a pink body. Three hands, three legs, four tiny eyes and a large mouth. We were wondering why it has such a large mouth. The alien said, "You are on Hacabaca planet." We all said together, "Is there oxygen and water on this planet?" The alien said, "Yes! There is oxygen and water on this planet." Then we came out of our house. It was half broken. We asked if he could fix our house. He said, "Yes" and in the blink of an eye, he fixed our house. Then a group of aliens came and were talking in some other language. It went like this, "Ha baca manu so ca luma". The funny alien said, "They don't know English. I am the only alien on this planet who knows English because I have come to Earth". "What? You have come to our planet!" we asked. "Yes! My name is Ninacamu and I am your guide. I will take you for a tour of this planet." We said, "You called us all the way from Earth to this Hacabaca planet, Very funny!" Ninacamu said, "When you finish your tour, you can go back to your planet". We all said, "OK! Now let's start our tour". "Yes! Here we go", said Ninacamu. Suddenly, we started walking automatically and we had good fun. He took us to the space station, we bought many gadgets there. Ninacamu gave us an alien camera and said, "I have taken photos, keep it with you and thank you for coming to Hacabaca planet". Then they sent us off safe and sound to Earth.

~Palak

3 'A'

PIZZA FACTS

My friends and I like pizza very much. Hence, I thought of writing some facts about pizza.

- 1) Pizza originated in Naples, Italy.
- 2) The word pizza was originally spelt as "pitsa"
- 3) The world's largest pizza was 131 feet in diameter and weighed 51,000 kilograms and 257 pounds.
- 4) In 1889 Raffaele Esposito, the most famous pizza maker in Italy created a pizza pie for Queen Margherita with tomato, basil and cheese to resemble the Italian flag.
- 5) The popular pizza Margherita owes its name to Italy's Queen Margherita, who in 1889 visited the pizzeria Brandi in Naples.
- 6) Outside of Italy, Argentina may well be the second best place for pizzas.
- 7) The introduction of tomatoes in pizzas happened in the early 19th century, as before that tomatoes were considered as poisonous and were grown only for decoration.
- 8) The first pizza ordered by computer was in 1974.
- 9) A famous pizza maker can make 14 pizzas in 2 minutes and 35 seconds.
- 10) The longest pizza delivery was from Cape Town, South Arica to Sydney, Australia.

~Compiled by Pranav Sinha

3 'B'



OUR ANNUAL DAY

It may be a sunny day.

It may be a cloudy day

But there is nothing like our annual day

It may be a big stage

It may be a small stage

But it will be fun any way

Good or bad, bad or good, parents will not have a bad time

Excitement and nerves when we perform

Curiosity awaits the parents on annual day

ANNUAL DAY!!!!!! ANNUAL DAY!!!!!! Such a great day

~Samarth and Adhit
3 'A'

SAVE WILDLIFE

There was a time, when I was excited to go for a trip to the Bannerghatta zoo, as I could see a lot of wild animals there. But nowadays, I feel scared because wild animals can visit our neighborhood anytime.

This was caused due to a recent incident in Bangalore, where a leopard was captured in one of the schools. The leopard attacked two people and after ten hours of struggle, it was caught. I started wondering why the leopard had started coming to our neighborhood areas, in spite of having their homes in the forest.

I thought over it for a while and realized that we have destroyed forests and occupied their homes. They have nowhere to go in search of food, water and shelter. Therefore, they depend on our neighborhood. So for them to live in the forests peacefully, we should avoid destroying the forests and save them, as they play a major role in our life cycle.



~Aditya Sai Kiran

3 'D'

BHEEMA – THE MIGHTY PANDAVA

Bheema was the strongest among the Pandavas and also the fittest. He used to eat a lot. The villains, the Kauravas, could not match up to his strength. One day, Drona, the teacher of the Kshathriyas, asked Duryodhana, the evil Kaurava prince, to catch Bheema and bring him to his palace. Hearing this Duryodhana set off to catch Bheema. Meanwhile Drona thought, "Let us have a war instead of bringing Bheema here". Drona boarded his chariot and went in search of Duryodhana. When he stopped to drink water, he heard the sound of beating.



DHAM !!!DUM !!! DHAM !!! DUM !!!

Drona wondered what was happening. Drona saw Duryodhana flying up in the air. When he fell down, Drona asked, "Is it an idol who beat you ? " Duryodhana said, " No ! It's Bheema himself.....". Drona was astonished to hear this. He said, "Let me go and check whether it's Bheema or any immortal". "Go and check for yourself", said Duryodhana. "Is he telling the truth?" thought Drona. Drona went and saw Bheema snoring loudly under a tree.

"BHEEMA !!" shouted Drona, "Why aren't you getting ready for war?" Bheema replied, "How much should I fight in the battle field? Just think about it, teacher Drona". When Drona closed his eyes and thought, Bheema ran back to his camp and told Yudhisthira, Arjuna, Nakula and Sahadeva that he had fooled the Kauravas. Then, the war started. The Pandavas Yudhisthira, Arjuna, Nakula, Sahadeva and Bheema won the battle and the Kauravas lost the battle. The Pandavas went back to their camps and lived there safely without any trouble.

~Shreyas Seshan

3 'D'

I LOVE SPORTS

I love sports, to the core,
Football, cricket and some more.
Don't sit idle eating buns,
Get out there and get some runs.
Don't be lazy, pick up your bat,
Be sporty, be fit, burn some fat.
Play some games, make some friends,
Have some fun with your friends!

~Yashas Goel, 3 'D'



THE ADVENTURE IN THE WOODS

One day, as my family and I were going for a long drive, we saw a forest in the distance. I got very excited and forced my father to take us there. He agreed and so we set off. Soon, we faced our first hurdle as our car got stuck in the mud. With great difficulty, we somehow managed to get the car out and continued on our journey. We were having a lot of fun until a tiger suddenly appeared out of the dense forest. All of us got really scared and my father started driving in the opposite direction. The tiger finally got tired and stopped chasing us. That's when we realized the worst part, we were now lost in the middle of a dense forest. Thankfully, we had a tent in our car. We set up a camp in the forest and decided to spend the night there. It was pretty scary but fun too. The next morning, a few forest officials spotted us when they were patrolling in the forest. That's when I heard someone calling my name. I got up and realized this was just a dream and nothing more!!



-Aastha Akolkar

3 'D'

IF DREAMS COULD COME TRUE

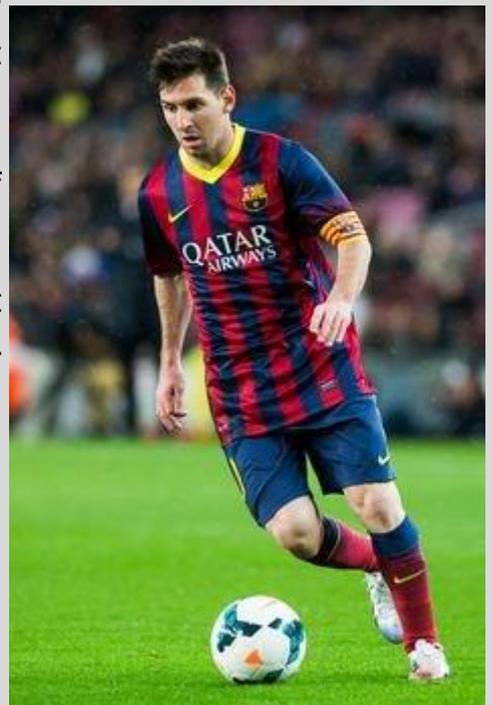
Like any other kid, I also dream quite often but my dreams are always the same. I dream of meeting my idol. You must be wondering who my idol is.

I am passionate about playing football and I am a big fan of "Lionel Messi". Messi is the best of all the football players in the world. Whenever I watch him play for FC Barcelona, I get motivated to do more vigorous training, to become a better player. I am fortunate to have "Nedu Sir" as my football coach, whose valuable inputs help me improve day by day.

I hope my dream of meeting my icon comes true some day!

~Shaurya Shrivastava

3 'D'



DINOSAURS

Millions of years ago, long before there were any people, there were dinosaurs. Dinosaurs were one of the several kinds of prehistoric reptiles that lived during the Mesozoic Era, the "Age of Reptiles".

The largest dinosaurs were over 100 feet (30 m) long and up to 50 feet (15 m) tall (like *Argentinosaurus*, *Seismosaurus*, *Ultrasaurus*, *Brachiosaurus*, and *Supersaurus*). The smallest dinosaurs, like *Compsognathus*, were about the size of a chicken. Most dinosaurs were in-between.

There were lots of different kinds of dinosaurs that lived at different times.

- Some walked on two legs (they were bipedal), some walked on four (they were quadrupedal). Some could do both.
- Some were speedy (like *Velociraptor*), and some were slow and lumbering (like *Ankylosaurus*).
- Some were armor-plated, some had horns, crests, spikes, or frills.
- Some had thick, bumpy skin, and some even had primitive feathers.

The dinosaurs dominated the Earth for over 165 million years during the Mesozoic Era, but mysteriously became extinct 65 million years ago, at the end of the Cretaceous period, which was a time of high volcanic and tectonic activity. There are a lot of theories about why the extinction occurred. The most widely accepted theory is that an asteroid impact caused major climactic changes to which the dinosaurs couldn't adapt.

~Aarush.Sai.Nukala

3 'D'



BARE NECESSITIES

All of you may have heard about the song "Bare Necessities" from the famous book-turned movie "Jungle Book" by Rudyard Kipling.

To me, it is more than just a song. It is a message telling me that we shouldn't be tense about anything and that we should enjoy life to the fullest. Well, it's not necessary to have all the fancy things in life, the simple bare necessities can get you through anything. We just don't have that mindset because we are not happy having outdated things in our hands even though they are still functional. And when we see others with new fancy things, even though they have the same function as our basic pencils and erasers, we get jealous.

We should always remember that we, as humans, will tend to always go for the more attractive and better looking products even though there are more durable and better ones right next to it. We are naïve in that manner. When we lose few marks in our tests and we get unhappy, we should remember that there is always another day to improve our performance and strive to do better. Remember these lines-

'Look for the bare necessities, forget about your worries and your strife!'

So, live it up! Always remember, another opportunity is sure to come along and most importantly, all you need are your BARE NECESSITIES.

-Rohan Macaden

4 'C'



WICKED WEREWOLVES

Outside the house, the wind was howling, while inside the house, the old woman's fire was nearly out. I knew I had made a mistake. My friends and I had bet a thousand rupees. I had to spend a night in the haunted house over the hill. The old lady living there was rumoured to be a werewolf. I wish I had valued my life over money. The house was lit by oil-lamps except the room which I was in. The room was getting dimmer by the second. There was silence and the whole room became dark. The ground opened below me and I fell. The last thing I remembered seeing before slamming onto a cold stone floor were a pair of bright yellow eyes. Oh no!! It was a full moon's night! How could I be so stupid? I felt a prickly feeling on the back of my neck. I took my phone out and shone it at the back of my neck. Aahh!! I saw a pair of sharp pincers disappear into my hair. I brushed it off. A spider the size of a large plate was sitting on my hand. I shook my hand and it scurried off. I was sweating a lot. I heard a rasping voice behind me and the stench of rotting meat filled the room. "Ha, Ha !! Did you think you could escape from me? Coming into this house is like walking into the jaws of death. Now, I will rip your throat out!", growled the voice. I turned around to find myself facing a hideous wolf. It was wearing the old lady's spectacles. Oh no!! It was the werewolf (old lady). "I'm too young to die!", I wailed. The werewolf ignored me. For the first time, I looked around the room. Random parts of a human body lay scattered around. I screamed. Suddenly, everything went pitch black. I felt sharp teeth sink into my arm. A queer feeling ran from my head to my toes. I had become a werewolf. I looked at my finger nails. They were rapidly turning into long, curved claws. My teeth were razor-sharp. The next thing I knew, I was out of the house. Now, don't freak out. I'm almost normal. I usually go into hiding on full moon nights. But don't come near me during those days. I'm dangerous. I could hurt you.

~Nivedha Balamurugan

4 'D'



A TRIP TO TRANSYLVANIA

I headed out eagerly to find the teleporter, hoping to be the first one to get in. My heart leapt with joy when I saw it was still available.

“Time to take this for a test”, I thought.

In a moment’s time, I was at the controls typing the coordinates. ‘Tanzania’, I typed. A robotic female voice announced “Destination set – Transylvania”. Transylvania! I wanted Tanzania, not Transylvania!

However, it was too late. I was already in the dark, shady woods of Transylvania. I cautiously stepped forward when suddenly “Krrraack!!”, a pale monster sprang up from the ground! Terrified, I let out a scream!

But on closer inspection, I realized it was a scarecrow put there to shock intruders. I walked on, slightly embarrassed.

After a while, I came across a strange blue-coloured monkey. He was setting his dinner table. I saw that he was eyeing me with suspicion. He might have been worried that I was going to ask for a portion of his food. I was not feeling hungry, so I walked on.

Suddenly, I heard a strange noise. As I walked closer to the source of it, I saw that it was a bear playing a guitar. He was wearing a suit and formal pants. “Hello there!” it said. “Would you like me to play one of your favourite songs?” “No, thank you, I am in a bit of a hurry,” I said, not wanting to hurt his feelings.

I walked forward and all of a sudden, I was falling off a steep cliff. I wanted to scream but no sound came out. I closed my eyes.

And when I opened them, I found myself back in my laboratory. The teleporter was nowhere in sight.

~Ritwik Vishwanathan

4 ‘C’



POLLUTION

The country is full of pollution
 Vehicles are not being checked for emission
 Living in a polluted city
 Oh! What a pity!

Throwing garbage here and there
 Polluting the city everywhere
 Water, air and soil
 Are sure to get spoilt.

Industries release smoke into the air
 Polluting the city is not at all fair,
 Carbon- dioxide will trap all the heat
 We will do nothing but burn our feet.

Here comes the effect of Global Warming
 Our way it is storming
 Only God knows what the future holds
 Everywhere only rumors are told.

~**Aarushi B**

4 'C'



PEACOCK

A cute little beak
 Using it to peck
 At the insects it wants to eat
 All around its feet

It's twinkling its eyes
 So sharp and nice
 Looking around for safety
 And a prey very tasty

Its long cute legs
 And laying some eggs
 Its wonderful walk
 And cute bird talk
 Its short sharp nails
 And elegant tails
 Sitting on the branch
 With the leaves that crunch

Our national bird
 Sometimes as white as curd
 Usually very colorful
 Did you guess what it is? You guessed
 right! It is the beautiful **PEACOCK.**

~**Aarushi B , 4 'C'**



THE MURDER

On 12th September Jay and Viru found out that the Lord had been murdered at his own house. Jay and Viru rushed to the scene of the crime. They saw that no one was allowed to leave or enter that house. But as they were detectives, they entered.

On seeing the sight, they were aghast. The lord was stabbed right through his heart. They questioned all the servants. They were surprised to see that all of them were sad except one whose name was Vijay. They started to look for footprints or a way through which the man might have come in. They found an unguarded gate and a few footprints near that. They followed the footprints which led them to a huge castle. They entered the castle. Inside there was no sign of life. They rushed out and saw a piece of paper lying outside. It said "I have gone. Catch me if you can." This got Viru fuming. He decided to search for more clues. When they went back to the Lord's house, Vijay was missing. Jay said, "Quick! To the garden." When they reached the garden, they saw Vijay's lifeless body on the sand. He was clutching a paper in his hand which said "Good bye." Jay said, "I knew it." They returned to the Lord's house.

Jay and Viru called everyone at the Lord's house. They explained that the servant Vijay was extremely poor. He was in need of money urgently. He decided to kill the Lord and steal the money. Vijay actually never went out for any real reason except to confuse them. While Jay and Viru were away Vijay decided to kill himself to avoid being caught and tortured. Jay and Viru were heroes of the day and everyone was happy again. Jay and Viru have solved many cases since then.

~Srijan Ghosh

4 'D'



PEACE

All around the world today,
There is only war,
Read the papers everyday,
Everyone is at war.

Little children want peace and fun,
They only want love all around,
Not people pointing a gun,
Not bloodshed all around.

Please Oh God let there be peace,
Let there be smiles and festivities,
We, the children hold the keys,
For a better future with only peace.

~ **Dhyeya Aneesh**

4 'D'

PRESSURE COOKER CITIES

Nowadays city life has become a pressure cooker, where life is lived under pressure. Cities have grown abruptly without proper grounds, parks and footpaths. People are always under pressure because they have to walk on the roads, children have no grounds for playing and old ones do not have parks for a peaceful life. The main reason for life being a pressure



cooker is people don't follow the rules. People just don't stop at signals even though there is a red light and they horn at the people who are crossing the road at the correct signal. Life has become very noisy, bad and is not peaceful at all. There is smoke like the steam of the pressure cooker and noise like the sound of this pressure cooker. So to get out of this 'pressure cooker' life we have to follow all the rules set by the government to lead a safe and peaceful life.

~ **Tanmayi. M. Guda**

4 'B'

SPACE

Space is a mystery
 With no recorded history
 It has things very peculiar
 With which no one is familiar

There lies the Milky Way
 Our home, where we stay
 The third planet from the sun
 Is where we have our fun

Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Mars
 In the night sky, look like stars
 The last two planets, Uranus and Neptune
 Have a blue and icy hue

Space is an extreme nothingness
 With stars in quantity no less
 But we might never find where this nothingness lies
 In spite of a million tries

~Aarushi B

4 'C'

SWEET SHADE

Sweet is the shade of the coconut glade.
 And the scent of the mango grove,
 And sweet are the sands at the full moon.
 Like the sound of the voices we love,
 But sweeter,
 And the dance of the wild foam's glee
 Where the low sky mates with the sea.

~Riddhi Sarin,

4 'C'

ROSE GARDEN

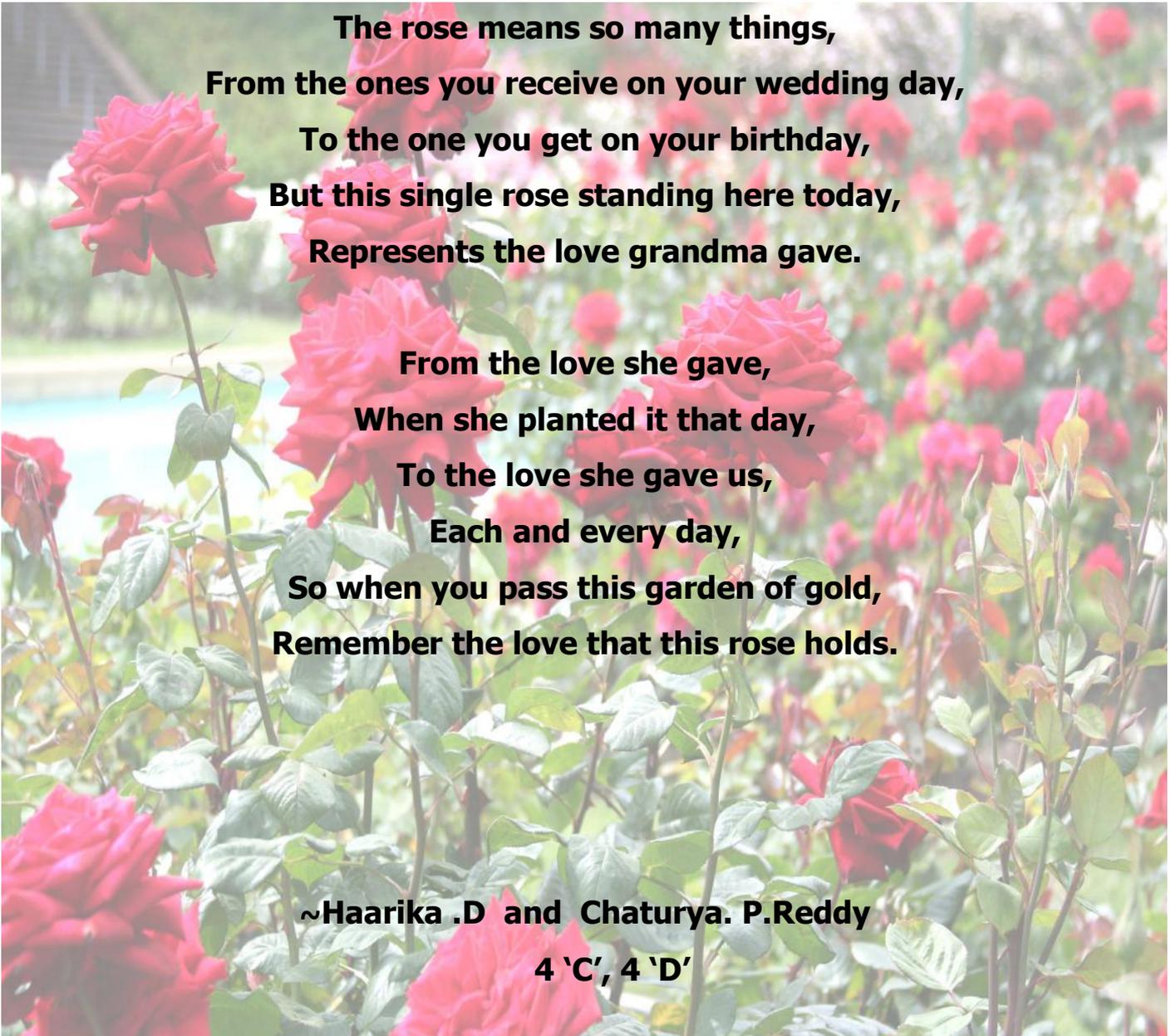
**I walk through the garden,
On this warm summer's day,
To smell the flowers,
That grandma raised.**

**In the middle,
Of this garden of gold,
Stood this one,
Single red stemmed rose,**

**The rose means so many things,
From the ones you receive on your wedding day,
To the one you get on your birthday,
But this single rose standing here today,
Represents the love grandma gave.**

**From the love she gave,
When she planted it that day,
To the love she gave us,
Each and every day,
So when you pass this garden of gold,
Remember the love that this rose holds.**

**~Haarika .D and Chaturya. P.Reddy
4 'C', 4 'D'**



MY FIRST DIVE

I learned how to dive
When I was about five
Oh! How I remember
It was the month of September

One day in my swimming class
I felt the cool breeze pass
My tutor said that we shall dive
And I thought – will I die?

I asked the tutor for a visit to the loo
Oh! How happy I was! He agreed too!
But he told me – when you come back,
You shall dive, facing front or back

In the loo, I wished
That I could run
I needed help
But there was none

When I reached the pool
I asked the tutor to help me
He agreed to jump into the pool
To hold and support me.

I then closed my eyes and dived
And opened them to see my tutor glad
He told me that I had dived well
But I did so without knowing that I had

~**Karan R Kini**
5 'C'



THE BANYAN TREE

The green banyan tree,
In the midst of the woods,
Was the oldest tree,
Standing tall with widened hood!

So beautiful were its leaves,
Green, Photo-synthesizing life,
So wide a shade providing relief,
Ending all bodily strife!

But some souls so sick
One day just had a pick,
They created a lot of trouble,
Greed of making quick profit double.

Why had God played a trick?
Why it was mercilessly killed?
Why did they cut that tree?
The only tree,
That I had planted
Was just cut out of greed?

I wish it was immortal,
As it still resides in my memory,
And in my Heart, I resolve
To plant 10 new trees,
To protect those trees.
With a hope in my heart,
That people realize their mistakes
If not for others, but for their own sake
And protect the trees.
Give up greed - that's just fake!

~**Shlok Upadhyay**
5 'C'

MY GRANDMOTHER'S BAKERY



It was a fine Friday morning when my family, along with my grandparents and I were bidding adieu to my aunt and taking a trip to Bhilai. We were going to Bhilai to meet my paternal grandparents.

My grandmother, Alka is an excellent cook and professional baker. They own a bakery in Bhilai. After a long drive, we reached their house.

As I stepped in, the aroma of the freshly baked pies and cakes was heavenly. I took a look at the breakfast table and fell in love with it. There was vegetable pie, jam cookies, homemade bread and tarts for breakfast. I felt a magnetic force pulling me towards the jam cookies and vegetable pie that my grandmother had made for me with so much love.

The next morning I was very happy and excited to stand beside my grandmother and see her bake some fresh crunchy biscuits, loaves of bread and pastries. Seeing her I learnt that it is important to be accurate in measurements when baking. Concentration and patience is the key to good baking. The machinery was professional and truly industrial. There were different kinds of icing bags, some were thick, some were small, some were thin and some were big. There was a two tier cake iced with chocolate cream and a whole lot of vibrant colours.

After a few hours it was time to take the bread, puffs and pastries to the bakery which is named 'Cakes and Bakes'. We filled the stock up for the next day. For me it was a firsthand experience as a seller. All the vegetable puffs, pies, pastries, cakes, biscuits, jam cookies and tarts sold like hot cakes.

It was a wonderful experience spending those 2-3 days with my loving grandparents. It was an experience that I will always cherish and an art that I would like to learn from her.

Devansh Mathur

5 'C'



AFTER THE EXAM

"Yippee!" I said,
 With glee.
 I went to play,
 For it was a holiday.
 The exams were finished,
 Boredom set in
 Then shouted my mother,
 Beside her was my brother.
 "Get ready for school" , she said,
 "And don't make excuses to go to bed."
 I let out a grunt,
 While my brother was in front.
 "Okay mum!" I said,
 But it was a lie.
 I didn't want to go to school,
 As it was not at all cool.
 In school it was an interesting day,
 There were many experiments related to
 hay.
 "Yippee!" again I said,
 As the school closed before home time.

- **Achintya Mathur**

5 'B'



GOOD SPORTS ALWAYS

Sports is the best
 It makes me forget the rest
 Sometimes it is good
 Sometimes it is bad

 We have to tie our shoe laces
 Before we have our races
 We have many games to play
 'On Wednesdays', teachers say.

The kicking game football
 The shooting game basketball
 The batting game cricket
 This makes the most racket.

~**Eesha K**

5 'B'

A DREAM

I got up as soon as I heard my mother screaming and shouting. After I brushed my teeth, I ran to the balcony and saw a huge dragon breathing fire into our neighbour's house. I waved at the dragon to get his attention. I was scared and I had a knife in case it came to me. The dragon stared at me and flew towards me. I closed my eyes. When I opened them again, I saw that the dragon had bent his head. I realized it wanted to give me a ride. The dragon started flying and suddenly I felt that someone had attached a seat belt across my stomach. To my utter surprise, I saw my sister sitting beside me. It started raining suddenly, but only on my face. I woke up with a start only to see that I was sleeping in an airplane and my mom was trying to wake me up. I started laughing and woke up to reality.

~Sukruti

5 'B'



THE CREATURE WHO ATE MY T-T-TEACHER

Once my friends and I, along with my science teacher went to a weird place called a museum. It had many things. Many white things of different shapes were used to make various formations.

In the centre of the museum was a big creature. There were many duplicates of it, but this was the biggest of all. It was moving. The teacher was standing beside me. The creature came to our side.

I wanted to ask my teacher what it is called. So I turned my back to the teacher and wondered what I should ask because my grammar is very bad. Creature this called what? No. What called this creature? No. What is this called creature? Never. What is this creature called? Yes! Finally, I got it.

When I turned to ask this to my teacher, I saw nothing but a duplicate of the biggest creature a few paces away. I thought when the big creature turned to our side, it ate my teacher.

But after sometime, my teacher came out of the small creature. I let go a sigh of relief.

I was stupid to think that A Creature Ate My TEACHER.

~Achintya Mathur

5 'B'

TUMBLE TOWN

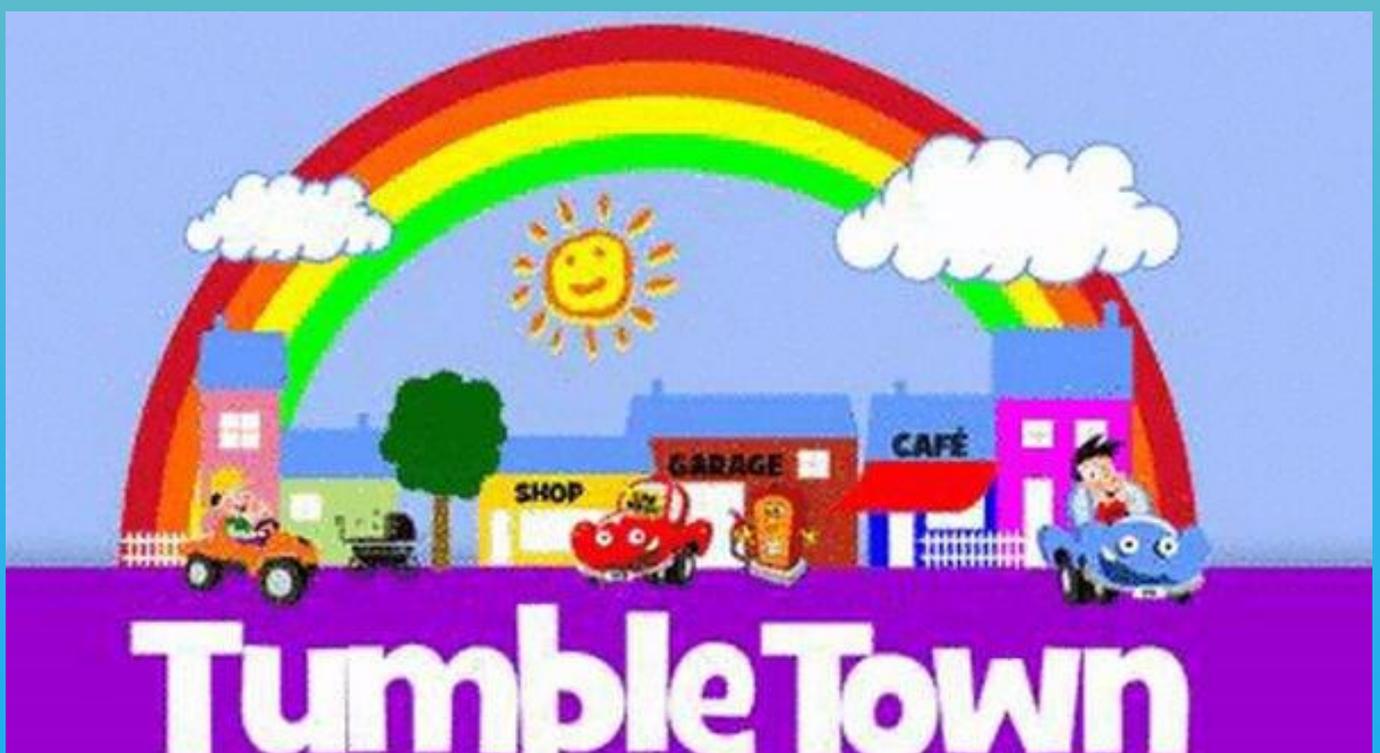
Little George Tumblet lived in Tumble town,
Where everything just tumbles down-red and blue and brown!
Hello Mr. Roman sir, Hello Mrs. Greek,
Inside this crazy town you must take a peek!

Without cars and without bikes all that is done is a tumble,
Be there a stone or a worm all you can do is mumble!
In this humble tumble town lived old Mrs. Peach,
One day she started tumbling till she reached the beach!

Down she tumbled down and down and down and
down and down,
Until the poor tumbling lady almost broke her crown!
Poor old Mrs. Peach broke her tumbly bones,
And then came her various groans and moans and
moans,

Tumble town seems dangerous yet sounds fun too ,
All the colors seen here are red and green and blue!
Should I go to Tumble town or should I not,
All I got was a puzzled look from a tiny tot!!!!

~Nangai N.
6 'A'



MY JOURNEY WITH MY PET

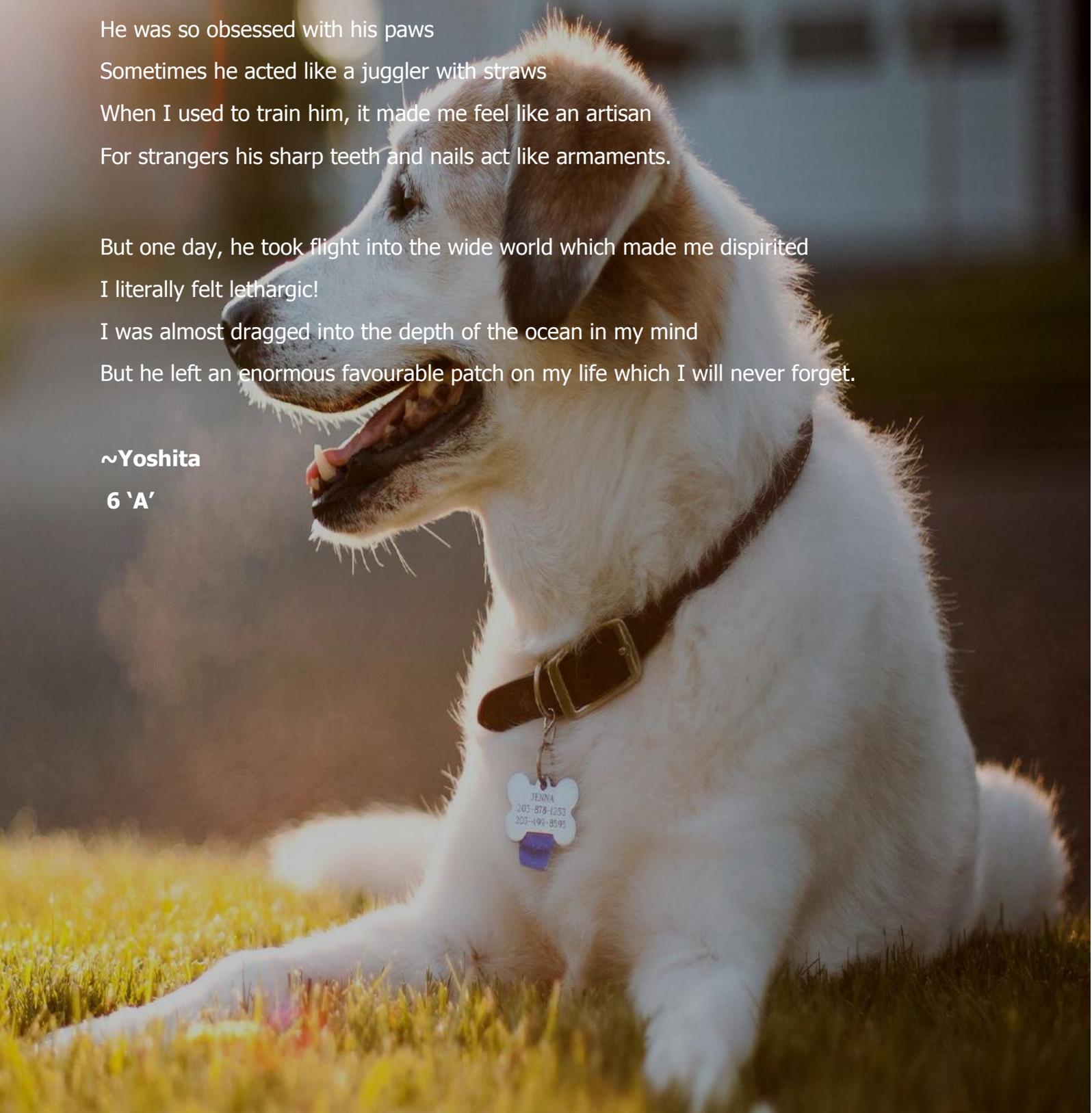
My pet dog was a charm
His barking used to be a morning alarm
On weekends he used to show his laziness
When I did some bossiness.

He was so obsessed with his paws
Sometimes he acted like a juggler with straws
When I used to train him, it made me feel like an artisan
For strangers his sharp teeth and nails act like armaments.

But one day, he took flight into the wide world which made me dispirited
I literally felt lethargic!
I was almost dragged into the depth of the ocean in my mind
But he left an enormous favourable patch on my life which I will never forget.

~Yoshita

6 'A'



FLOWERS

They bloom in spring
And shed in autumn
Can you guess what they are?
They are flowers!

They are red,
They are blue
But not at all green.
They all are so beautiful
Just like a dream.

Oh their pleasant smell
It makes me think that
I am in heaven.

They are so beautiful,
With a stigma and style
Seeing them I experience pure bliss
Let their beauty remain as it is...

~Riddhi Shridhar

6 'C'



WHEN I WAS ALL ALONE

When I was all alone,
My friend came up to me,
And said " I'm always there for you....
But you're never there for me"
I said "I know, I know.....
I'm sorry, I'm sorry"
But alas now I'm all alone
All alone, all alone ,all alone

~Anagha

6 'A'

I WISH TO BE A TREE

I wish to be a tree
 I would make the air clean
 I would always be green
 But would this life fit me?

The answer might be no
 I would have to put up with the
 crows
 My trunk's colour would always be
 brown

I might also be cut down
 And how would I move without my toes?

The answer might be yes
 I would not have to deal with stress
 I would bear sweet fruits
 And have deep roots
 My mom would not tell me to clean my mess.

So finally when the choice comes
 Normal life always triumphs
 As I can make a change
 In places within my range
 And I also wouldn't want to miss
 math sums.

~Sashank Sivakumar

6 'D'



LET ME LIVE MY LIFE

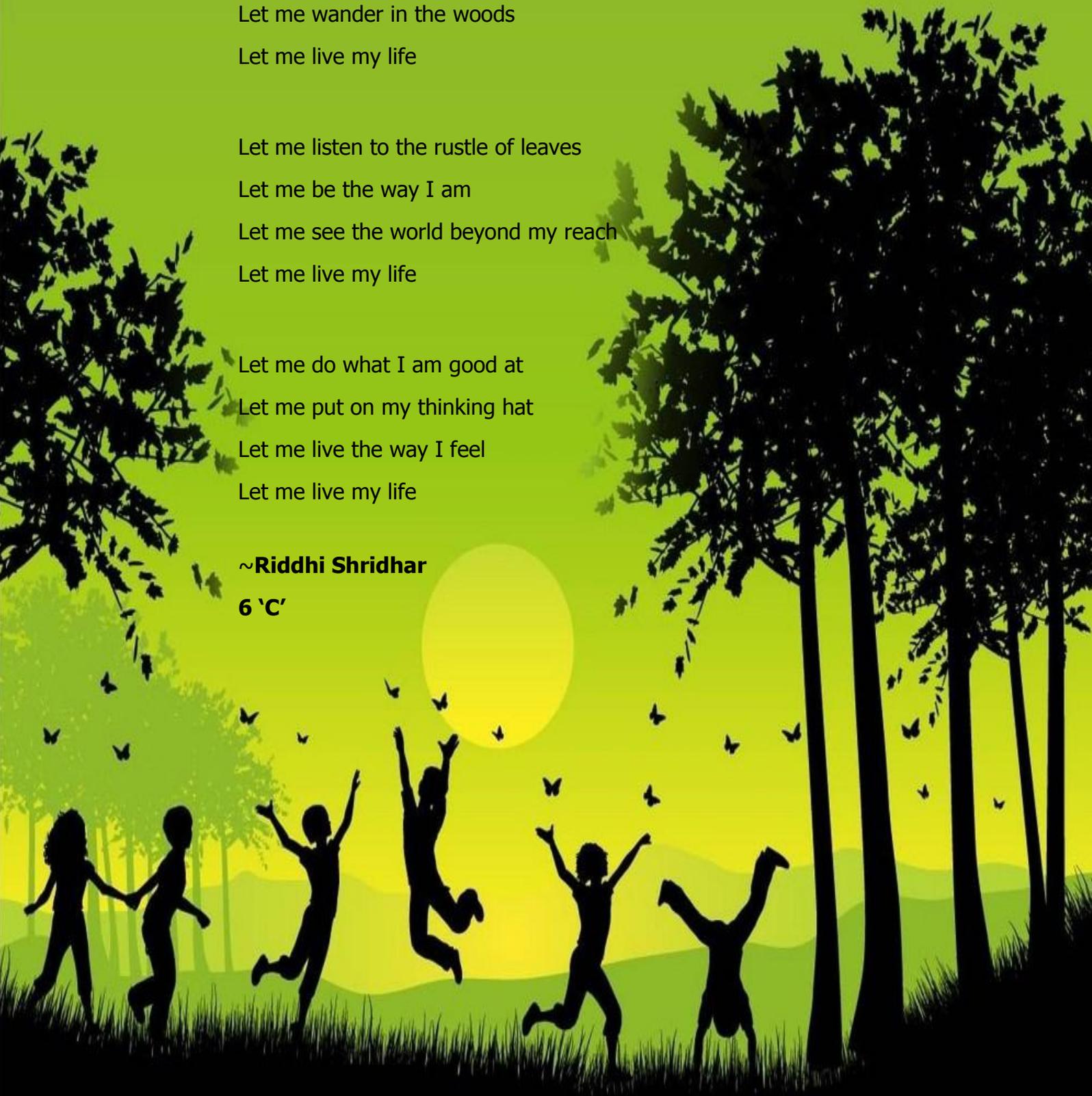
Let me see the world outside
Let me listen to the birds that sing
Let me wander in the woods
Let me live my life

Let me listen to the rustle of leaves
Let me be the way I am
Let me see the world beyond my reach
Let me live my life

Let me do what I am good at
Let me put on my thinking hat
Let me live the way I feel
Let me live my life

~**Riddhi Shridhar**

6 'C'



CRIME FORBIDDEN. HIDDEN AWAY IN THE DARK

A gloomy evening it was, a no moon night. I can't wait to tell you my name, but I am known as Chilli, detective Chilli, 14yrs old. Yes, so though I, detective Chilli do not believe in ghosts I was suddenly feeling really aware of this gloomy atmosphere, late at night coming from my friends home. Now beside me, stood the great abandoned mansion of the late businessman Ching Huan. Many people believe it's haunted by his ghost, but I? I don't know...And just as I was pondering over the fact whether or not ghosts existed, thunder rumbled loudly and suddenly I heard a loud squeal from the mansion. I got scared out of my life and ran and didn't stop till I reached home. Once I got to bed, I lay down still wondering what that noise had been, what animal it came from, did it actually belong to an animal, and was it from the ghost? I had too many unanswered questions, and as I reflected upon that event I drifted off into a peaceful, long sleep. The next morning, I awoke with a start on the ice cold marble floor of my room. I must have sleep walked. I recounted the events of the previous night to my father at breakfast as my mother commented on the latest news and my grandmom was absorbed in her knitting, with my brother running around.

Then after I finished my story, my father said, "so Chilli, looks like you have another mystery up your sleeve huh?" "Daddy, oughtn't I to investigate tonight in the mansion? You know, my blood curdles to think someone could be using the place as a hideout, scaring people away." "You're right, I guess you could investigate, but be careful dear." "Yes daddy." Later that night I set out for the mansion dreading what was lying ahead of me...I could now hear only my slow, trembling, careful footsteps. I finally reached the doorstep of the mansion, and when I looked behind, I saw my father standing there and wishing me luck. The moon and stars were shining brightly, and I was grateful for the light.

The mansion was just as huge from the inside. Lo and behold, in front of me was a large grandfather clock ticking, tick-tock, tick-tock....sweat dripping down my forehead...finally I reached the top of the staircase and I walked to the closest room door. I pushed it slightly and it opened with a creak. Inside the room...was...nothing. I moved on to the next room, found nothing, then to the next and the next until I finally came to the last room. Sweat was dripping down my forehead and finally, I pushed the door open. I didn't see what was inside, I got in and locked the door scared out of my life believing there was nothing inside this room also. But in front of me stood a humongous white figure, and the face was a skull...I backed towards the door too scared to scream, too scared to move! And then I looked down startled when it started towards me.

That's when I saw two feet sticking out. This wasn't a ghost, it was a man, a plain living person! I stamped that white cloth as it all came down and there was none other than Ching Huan's wife! She stood surprised, staring at me. I came out of my fright and asked, "Why would you do such a thing Miss Huan? Why??" And that's when I lunged at her legs, pulled them and she fell, banged her head and fainted. I poked my head out of the room window and called my father and told him to phone the police.

Later the next morning, daddy asked me, "Chilli, why did you tell me to call the police and why did you get Miss Huan arrested?" To this I said, "Daddy, after I tied up her legs, I walked over to the table and that's when I saw a chit of paper on it. And guess what was written there...it said "murder, I murdered Ching Huan"-By Violet Chan.

But Chilli, Violet Chan wasn't her name!!

THE JOURNEY!

I wish I knew you longer.
Now that you're going away,
I only wish I was stronger
And asked you to stay.

Always ending up in a fight,
But we know we love each other.
Feelings rising up like a kite,
Scared of what's going to happen further!

What we have might come to an end
What we feel might die within us,
This journey left us at a bend,
Where there is no one but only us!

This journey gave a lot to me
Memories to cherish and moments to seize.
And I know you'll be just fine without me,
And in these memories I'll freeze.

~Dhruv Mehta

7 'A'

WONDERED WHY?

Ever looked at the sky and wondered
Why do clouds fade away?
Ever questioned the wind
Why it blows?
Ever felt the raindrops,
Hit you hard when they fall?
Ever sat on a tree and,
Spoke to yourself?
Ever tried to understand
Why birds chirp?
If only I had answers to these
Would I be satisfied?
If only I could find meaning to life
Would I live?
If only I knew it was too late
Would I have still been a part of
'YOU'?.....

~Dhruv Mehta

7 'A'

MY TRIP TO THREE GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

My name is Surya. This is a report about what I felt when I had gone to three Government schools to identify their pressing needs and to help them out. We, being in private schools get most of the things we need, but if you see the situation of the children in Government schools you will understand their lack of basic amenities.

Here is my beautiful journey...

School-1

Agara Government High School – This school has a strength of about 800 students. All of these children had to share only two toilets, a few taps here and there and only one drinking water can. Their infrastructure wasn't in the best condition either. There were not enough tables and chairs for the children. According to me, this school needs HELP!

School-2

Government High School, Jakkasandra - This school has about 200 to 300 students. The students didn't have a playground to play in. Two classes were combined and were made to sit in one room. Their school was not in a very bad condition but had proper infrastructure and four washrooms. I think this school needs only a drum to store water.

School-3

Primary High School, Iblur - The moment I entered this school I understood it needed no help. It had a good infrastructure. They had six washrooms and four water filters. As the Rotary Club has adopted it, it is in a good condition.

As this beautiful journey of mine ends here, I think school-1 should be HELPED as after finishing their primary education the students will go to Agara Government high school as it has eighth, ninth and tenth standards. My journey was an eye-opener and I will definitely appreciate what I have in the future.

~Surya.N
7 'B'



MOVIE REVIEW—NEERJA

'Neerja' is a movie everyone should watch. It is based on a real life story about a heroic figure, Neerja Bhanot. She was so many things ranging from an airhostess to an Ashok Chakra award winner. This is her story.

It's not only about how she fought with the terrorists from Karachi, but about the courage she had and what she thought about life. It's not easy to save 350 lives in a plane with dangerous terrorists, which is exactly what she did.

I was touched by the scene when the cabin crew which included Neerja, opened the slider to the ground and while everyone thought of getting out, Neerja was worried about the people on the plane who were alive and could not come out. The scene of saving the three children, or hiding the American passports portrayed her courage and intelligence.

I liked the movie as it talks about life. We think life is about earning, spending, laughing and crying but it's much more.

Neerja's mother, Rama Bhanot says that she is not that sad that her daughter died but happy that she saved about 330 people.

The last words of Neerja as she was a Rajesh Khanna fan were, "Pushpa, I hate tears!".

R.I.P. Neerja Bhanot

~**Sanghamitra Sanjeev**

7 'B'

MY LIFE AS A BIRD

I am the one, who flies in the sky,
I am the one who flies very high.
A little hummingbird, I am,
I live in the forests near a dam.

I can fly forwards,
I can fly backwards.
I love to drink the nectar of flowers,
Even for long hours.

My body has shades of blue,
And tinges of orange too.
People take pictures of me,
And put it on T.V.

I feel very proud,
When people clap and say aloud,
What a lovely bird,
I wish I could be her.

~Tanvi Jain

7 'B'

NATURE

The leafy trees,
Are lush and green,
The plants are swaying in the
breeze,
Dancing rhythmically.

The endless sky,
Is filled with glittering stars,
The birds are flying high,
Over the clouds.

The sea looks calm,
But the waves crash against the
shore,
Letting go of their anger,
On the ocean floor.

Right now,
I am sitting with my knees bent to
my chest,
Under a tree,
Enjoying nature at its best.

~Sanjana. S

7 'B'

MY AMBITION

My ambition in life is to become a scientist in the field of Chemistry. Even though this is the first year that I have studied Chemistry, I am still keen to learn more about Chemistry as it has been interesting from the beginning of the year. In this academic year, our Chemistry teacher is Lavanya ma'am and she is my role model. She teaches Chemistry in such a way that everyone can easily understand it. She is the teacher who has changed my vision of science and specifically in the field of Chemistry. Just to give an example of how my interest grew for Chemistry, "Building blocks of matter" is the first chapter I have been studying from 3rd standard and in each year I got to learn more and more interesting details. In 3rd standard we learnt that an atom is the smallest particle and there are three states of matter, solids, liquids and gases. In 7th standard, we have gone deeper into the chapter and studied about elements, compounds, mixtures etc. She also taught us valencies, atomicities and many other interesting things. She encouraged us saying that any subject is easy to learn when we put in our best effort and concentration. While my ambition is to become a scientist in the field of Chemistry, my next preference is to become a doctor which is also quite well connected to science. I will put my best efforts and concentration to become a scientist in Chemistry.

~Abhirup M.V.N.S

7`C'



WHAT IS HOPE?

What is hope?

Hope is going down a slope
And knowing that there is someone to catch you
If you fall.

What is hope?

Hope is knowing you can mope
And knowing that there is someone to feed you
If it gets too much.

What is hope?

Hope is holding on to that rope
And knowing that there is someone to pull you
If you start to slip.

What is hope?

Hope is when you slip on soap
And knowing that there is someone to help you
If you break a bone.

~Ipshita Raj

8 'A'

I NEED THOSE MARKS!!

Exam time usually means 'hell' for students. Busy study schedules, crammed with revision, really terrorize students. While writing the exam, we give it our best. When receiving results, we experience fear and anxiety. But the feeling of joy that we get upon seeing good results is irreplaceable. Let us say, you've written a 90 mark paper and you've got your results. How would you feel upon getting 89.5 out of 90? What would your first thoughts be?



Personally, I feel anguish, and a 'not-again' feeling, because I do come close to a perfect score on numerous occasions. We end up doing the hard things but a silly mistake just takes away the full marks that most of us feel we rightly deserve. "So close, yet so far." This is usually how we feel. Other students, who may have got worse marks, would wonder what makes you feel upset. "For crying out loud, you've gotten 89.5!!", "How did you do that?!", "What's wrong with you?", "Nerd!" All this is stuff that we hear, but they don't know the feeling. While you may have topped, getting full marks is truly a marvellous milestone. But what we can do is try again and again until we succeed.

~Advaith Prakash

8 'A'



BEAUTIFUL BAKING!!!

"If we are what we eat, well then I am awfully sweet."

-Unknown

I have a sweet tooth, and I would do anything for desserts. I have a tremendous love for baking, and when I mean tremendous love for baking, I don't mean to say, I only love to 'bake', I love to eat what I bake as well.

The first time I attempted to bake, my mother offered to help me out. But I told her, " Mom, I don't need your help anymore. I am a baker now, and bakers know what to do best. So, would you please leave the kitchen?" I pushed her out of the kitchen before she could say anything. I was in the fifth grade then, and I looked into the cookbook and said, "Okay, so mix in the flour, add eggs.....All this seems so easy, I don't understand why people struggle so much with this cake..." ,and I was finally ready with a mixture that looked nowhere close to a cake batter. But since I knew nothing about cakes and baking, I poured the entire soggy mixture into the cake pan and put it into the oven for 30 minutes. I proudly walked out of the kitchen and told my parents, "Tonight's dinner will be accompanied by the most wonderful dessert you have ever tasted, a dessert that your mouth will relish forever". And as I spoke, my mother ran into the kitchen, only to get the biggest shock of her life. The kitchen looked like a garbage dump, and the spoons were scattered all over the place, and sugar was spilt everywhere. She shouted at me so loud, but I remained cool and said," You should wait, the cake will be worth the pain I have taken". I was so excited that I pushed myself into a state of mere oblivion, and only later did I realize that I had put something into the oven, I entered the kitchen and saw smoke pouring out of the oven. I opened the oven, only to find an overflowing mess with a cake pan in the center. And the taste.....I'd rather not describe it.



It has been four years now, and I have certainly become better at baking, I can assure you that. But one thing that remains unchanged is the fact that the preparation of all my desserts turns the kitchen upside down, but the end results turn out to be lovely. I love baking, because baking is a fun and a delicious form of science. The end result looks nowhere close to what you prepared i.e. you can't really imagine that a few simple things mixed together in a bowl can leave you with a wonderful looking sweet treat! All the magic happens in the oven, and when you take your perfectly baked dessert out, trust me, that feeling is amazing. I resort to baking as my favourite pastime in the kitchen, and occasions are just an excuse for me to whip up some dessert. I could go on and on about baking, but then this article would never end. Maybe it's time for me to go on yet another exciting baking adventure, because baking and I were just meant to be. As for all of you, do try your hands at this beautiful thing someday, and remember all good things come to those who bake!!!

~Thushara Prabhu

8 'B'

THE CORRUPTION ANTHEM

Corruption is our anthem, corruption is our scheme
 A ray of money in the stinking democracy beam,
 Come with me to my corrupt team
 And overflowing with money you will seem.

This is the anthem of the Club of the Corrupt Minister
 Their intentions are dark, methods sinister
 To steal all your money like a burning blister
 They will not leave your credit card, nor the jewellery
 of your sister.

We are in all places, everywhere
 A special friendship with some we share
 When did we say that life was fair
 We're on the winning side, why should we care?

We do not believe in freedom
 We are the rulers of a kingdom
 Where we are the masters, you are dumb
 Servants, and for your money we lunge.

We are politics' bad side
 We are the reason your parents chide
 You, when you say you want to join politics, they say
 the tide,
 Is too rough for you to ride
 And they are right, for us it is a source of pride
 To tell you that you will sink when we collide.



~Ipshita Raj

8 'A'

NIE

Imagine a world where we wouldn't have any idea about what is happening around us, a world where we wouldn't know about the ISIS attacks in Syria and Iraq or a world where we wouldn't know the plight of Americans if Donald Trump becomes the president or a world where we wouldn't know about the Paris attacks, a world without newspapers.

We get newspapers at home everyday, however not all of us find time in our "busy" schedules to read them. Despite not reading the newspapers at home we are still aware of everything around us. How is this possible? Where does all the information come from? When do we find out about everything? What is our secret weapon? All of these questions have one simple answer; it's all thanks to the NIE (newspaper in education). It is the student edition of the Times of India newspaper.

The NIE has 8 pages, each consisting of different types of information. The NIE's composition ranges from news around the world all the way to a page for expressing yourself along with an array of puzzles in the junkyard. It includes all national news, international news, sports news and even news about the number of schools that have subscribed to the newspaper. It also has an entire section dedicated to young sportsmen. The NIE moulds and shapes the minds of young readers through the extravagant book reviews, movie reviews, columns about recurring events and tips and tricks about reducing stress. It is actually education through the newspaper.

~Lavanya.V.Reddy
8 'B'



THE SUPERIOR RACE

We humans pride ourselves since the
beginning of time

That we are better than animals, who
cover themselves in grime.

That we are more intelligent, smarter

We have developed things that are faster

Than the quickest cheetah or horse

We have developed the code of Morse

But we also have murderers, serial killers

People who kill others for a handful of
'chillar'

We have rapists and child murderers

People who for money betray their own
sisters and brothers.

Are animals like this?

Do they murder fish

And other animals for sport?

Do they make a court

With hierarchy, kings, queens, royalty

People with no sense of loyalty?

Do they betray their own kin

Again and again do they sin?

So how can we say we are superior

When we are so clearly morally inferior

Listen to my words, please see

Into your heart, take this plea.

~Ipshita Raj

8 'A'

TIGRESS

Oh tigress, how you roam

The expanse of the forest, your home

Your coat of orange and black

The beauty of it makes my heart crack

When I see you, O majesty

Only your eyes I see

Cunning, human-like, deceiving

Always alert, always perceiving

When I see your shadow

My heart starts to thunder so

From fear and awe

Your fur my hands itch to draw

People are scared of you

But no one sees that you are terrified too

Frightened for your baby cubs

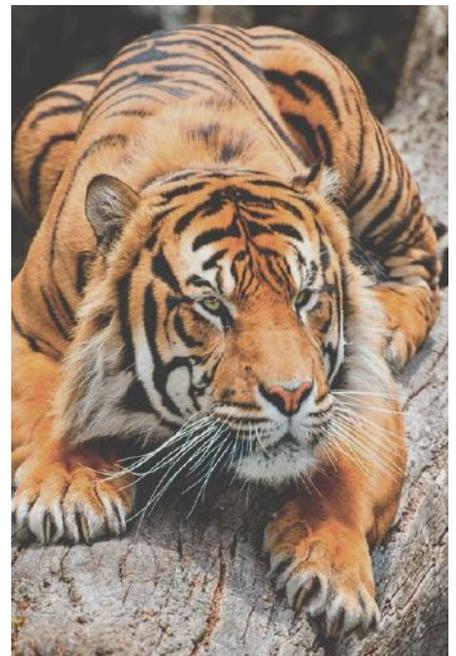
You steal across the dark green shrubs

O tigress, how I love you so

But I am your only foe.

~Ipshita Raj

8 'A'



REAL ME....

I saw her in the mirror,
I asked her who she was,
The reply I got was, 'I'm you, but I'm better'
Then, I wondered 'if she is me, then how is she better?'

I saw her again but this time on the water,
Same smile did she have,
I asked her again 'who are you?'
The reply was, 'I'm you but more confident and stronger.'
Then I wondered, 'if she is me then how is she more confident and stronger?'

I told my mother and she said,
'Yes she is you but better,
Yes she is you but more confident,
Yes she is you but stronger,
Become like her, find the real you!'

Then, I did find the real me,
Then, I did become stronger,
Then I did become more confident,
Then I did forget my past and I did move on,
Now I'm the real me
Now I'm like her!

I saw her again,
I did tell her that I know who she is,
I did tell her that now I'm better, confident, and stronger like her!
'THANKS!' I told her.
Same smile did we have, and now I finally found the REAL ME.....!

~Trusha Jain
8 'A'

LITTLE THOUGHTS OF MINE

Hey I'm in a village,
I hear no sound of a WhatsApp message!

Man oh man the clean & cool breeze,
Not even once did it make me sneeze

The sight of bicycles here look peculiar,
Farmer – the future seer

Day and night it's just work,
Looking at them I look like a jerk

The environment so serene,
The air is clean and the rest is green

The houses are made of mud & stone,
Nobody here feels alone

Mangoes, oranges, bananas and grapes,
Rivers, streams, ponds and lakes

Cows are the main source of milk,
It's strange the shops don't have Dairy Milk Silk

There are no tall buildings or rich MNCs here
Hence there are no terrorist attacks to fear

Tucked away in some huge state
How can anyone here feel hate?

The trees are lush, tall and green
Pollution thus gives no danger to your spleen

To break the silence here nobody would dare
They're all enjoying too much to care

These are little thoughts of mine,
Life in a village would be JUST FINE.

~Shreyas Kaundinya,
8 'B'



A LETTER TO A MOTHER...

One year old, so small and trembling
 You held me close, enveloping,
 The tiny sprig you took me to be
 At the blink of an eye, I was three.
 Merrily I played,
 Flicking my braid.
 One wrong step, I was down,
 The sight was none but a water town.
 You were beside me that instant,
 You still took me to be an infant.
 Cleaning the wound ever so lightly,
 I smiled, so very brightly.
 The next thing you know,
 I was four.
 School was a breeze,
 You had trouble feeding me peas.
 The clock ticked and ticked
 Oh my god, I was six.
 I knew the art of dressing up,
 I tried on bits of your makeup.
 Lipstick and brushes flew everywhere,
 Smiling, you came over and fixed my hair.
 Years past by, nine came by.
 Friends I was with, most of the time.
 Soon, I was ten,
 You were so happy then.
 But now I looked with pique
 At you and your little tricks.

As I became twelve,
 I hid things to myself.
 You were now a foe more than a friend,
 And our likes were different, they did not
 blend.
 Thirteen hit hard, we rarely talked
 I threw away my frocks, you were shocked.
 I dressed displeasingly,
 You tried advising me, repeatedly.
 I grew day by day,
 With that grew my foul play.
 I did miserably at school,
 And lost my pals, they were just molecules,
 I assumed, and cried,
 Harder fell the tears each time.
 You cried on the inside,
 Watching me lose all my pride.
 And I failed to see,
 How much pain you were in, courtesy me.
 And how much you did,
 For me, still your little kid.
 Now I know how much you love mee
 And mommy,
 The thing is you fail to see,
 How much you really mean to...

ME!!!

~Krishnapriya

8 'A'

COLOURS

Colours of every shade, every hue
Some colours are revolting, others are simply beautiful
Warm colours, like red, or colours that are cool
So many colours, it's simply wonderful!

Life without colours is impossible
A preposterous idea, completely implausible
We take these things for granted
Only the blind know the problem that is not wanted.
Blue, magenta, orange, red
Or even the browns we see in our bread
Evil is black, purity is white
Jealousy is green, red is spite
Colours represent so many things
Like the murky brown of poverty or the purple of kings
Blue and red make purple, yellow and blue green
So many shades that the world has not yet seen.
Soft colours for the young, bold colours for the rest
Red, black and white are the colours of that test
All colours I do love
And I can never, ever seem to have enough!

~Ipshita Raj

8 'A'

A TERRIBLE DAY AT SCHOOL...

I walked in at 8:45, and when they were about to close the gate
 In my mind I said "Oh God! I'm late!"
 I wondered where my friends were, as I ran through the deserted corridor
 Hoping that the teacher hadn't started with her class, about the subject I adore.

Then I finally stood at the door, and said " May I come in?"
 Everyone looked at me as if coming late was a sin
 I was the last one to enter the room
 The teacher stared at me with a look of gloom, giving me a deep sense of doom.

The class had already started, and I missed out on my favorite topic
 That was the only subject I loved, the only subject I waited for,
 I cursed myself deep in my mind
 As I thought I left my book at home, because it was something I couldn't find.

Finally, I was done with the first class of the day,
 So happy that teacher didn't realize I didn't have my book, I successfully kept all troubles at bay
 Wait, but my happiness didn't last long
 The history class had started, my life felt like a boring, sad song
 I stared blankly at the textbook, wondering when the time would pass
 I asked myself, "Why am I never late to this class?"

Throughout the day, I yawned about ten thousand times
 I was really missing those days when all we did was recite rhymes.
 I looked at my watch, it was 3:15.
 Time went by slowly, and I looked at my watch again, it was 3:16
 I was extremely frustrated, because one minute felt like a million years
 I felt extremely sad; I almost burst into tears.

To my relief the bell was rung, loud
 I desperately ran down stairs, through the crowd,
 Wondering how I'm going to complete homework of the subject I hate
 I sat in the back of the car, and thought, " Why is all this a part of my fate?
 Because I knew tomorrow I'd wake up again, to say "Oh God, I'm late!"

~Thushara P Hari
 8 'B'



DON'T THINK I'M LUCKY...

What can I do
To show you
That my life is in tatters
But for some that is just not what matters
"How many marks did you get?"
"On that test, were our expectations met?"
"How terrific! first in her class
Now that is a girl who will lead the mass."
These are the things people say
Never "Are you feeling well?" or "Are you okay?"
Lots of hopes, lots of dreams
Have started coming apart at more than just the seams
People say that I am lucky, blessed
That I have enough brains to ace that test
When I say that my life is a mess
I am about to explode to the point of excess
They don't believe me
They say, "Our lives, can't you see?"
"Our parents compare us to you."
Well, I am compared too
It is nothing new.
I just want to say that everyone has their monsters
Counting the bad things you will surely go bonkers
When I show you the reality of me
You will get frightened and flee
But guess what, that is just a portion
The every day deadly concoction
That I take
So throw your jealousy in the lake
Who knows, you might just see
That you are a hundred times better off than me?

~Ipshita Raj

8 'A'

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A COIN

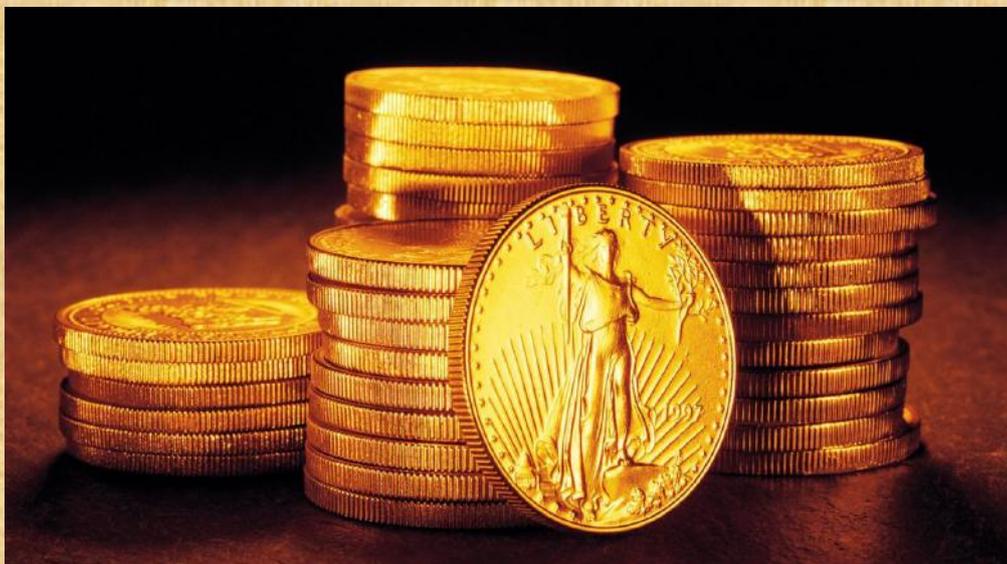
I had no life earlier. I was a metal. Some more metals like copper, zinc, chromium and iron were mixed and made into an alloy. The Mint gave me a new shape, life and name. I am a one-rupee coin frequently shuffled. Exchanged and juggled by people in India. I have two faces; one which has the 'number one' inscribed on it and the other side has the 'Ashoka stamp' shown. I am the favourite coin people use just to add one or minus one.

I joined the heap of my older brothers who were minted earlier. My younger brothers who were minted later joined me after a while. All of us were glittering and shining, waiting without knowing our future. I was packed and sent to the Reserve Bank of India. There I was lying in the drawer waiting for somebody to pick me.

At last I was taken out and given to a man. I was lying in the purse of a wealthy banker who regularly visited a temple. When he came out of the temple he offered me as a part of alms to a poor beggar. Oh My God! It was a total contrast, from a soft little purse to a shapeless dirty bowl! When the poor beggar had a collection he paid me to the street food vendor. I was with him for a few days, among some old and young coins. Soon, I was in the soft hands of a little school boy who came to buy a snack. In his pocket, I traveled to his school, attended his classes and enjoyed the games he played with his classmates. I wished I was a little child. When he was back from school he forgot to pick me. I was dipped in soap water when his shorts were put for wash. It was pretty cold there and I kept praying for someone to let me out. The maid of the house found me while washing. She immediately packed me inside her sari, knotted and tucked and continued her chores. I was choking inside. Later she put me along with her savings in a little tin. Her son played with the tin and shaking and tossing me inside, finally dropped it. I was thrown out into the courtyard when the lid came out.

In the courtyard, I was lying unnoticed for a while and was found by another maid while sweeping. After finishing her chores, she carried me to the temple nearby. She prayed and put me inside the 'hundi'. There I was among many other friends listening to bells and songs. That night, the priest opened the 'hundi' and took us out. He deposited us in the bank. There I realized I have grown a little dull lying in the darkness of the drawer after passing through so many hands waiting for the next adventure.

~D.Bandavya Lalitha
8 'A'



I AM A DEMIGOD!

Aloha! I am Ananyaa Maheshwari, a half blood. I am still waiting for a Satyr to come and find me. Well, just to clarify, a demigod is a human whose one parent is human and the other a Greek God. I am the daughter of Hades-the God of the underworld, who is a part of the big 3. I go to Camp Half Blood every summer. Like my brother, I have the power to shadow travel and I can sense death too. The world of the Greeks has a lot of different gods who are related to my dad Hades. I have different cousins like Apollo, Athena, Hercules, Artemis and Hermes. My favourite cousin is Apollo-The Sun God because he is really cool!! The world of Greeks has a lot of prophecies, which are told by the oracle. There have been a lot of wars due to the arrival of the old Gods like Kronos-the titan of time. The main person who is there in all the quests and mentioned in all the prophecies is our very own superhero – Percy Jackson. I am still waiting for the day when I get to go on a quest and have my name written in the history of Greek mythology. If you want more information about my world –which is the Greek world you can read the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan.

~Ananyaa.M
8 'B'

HATE

Hate may be a very strong word,
But what it does to you is even more absurd,
It poisons the mind,
Leaving everything positive sidelined.
It makes you feel things,
That you didn't even know were real,
It ruins all the built fences,
And war, it thus commences,
The actions it makes you do,
Leads to nothing but hullabaloo,
It will flaunt and taunt,
Much like a sumptuous meal in a restaurant,
It may have the upper hand,
But it is up to you to take the right stand,
Drowning in self-pity and regret,
Is what hate enforces in order to forget,
Hate may be a very strong word,
But what it does to you is even more absurd.

~Lavanya.V.Reddy
8 'B'

MY DREAM JOB!

My ultimate dream job is to become a Formula 1 racer. In the field of racing my role model is Michael Schumacher, a seven time world champion. He is the one who has inspired me to choose this profession. But on expressing my desire to become a racer, most people say it is against my gender. Another typical example of a gender stereotype. Now, you must be wondering about why I chose F1 racing. I have also been surprised by the speed of the beastly car. The focus required to control this wild bull is indeed commendable. Also the determination an individual must have to become successful in this career is immense. It might seem like a mammoth task but I think hard-work and persistence is the key.

Formula1 racing has been titled the most expensive career in the world. It is not a middle class man's career. The money one earns from this sport can make one a millionaire. But the fame you will achieve from this career is invaluable. This is the most amazing part of being a racer.

As we all know speed thrills but kills. This sport is dangerous and risky. Only daring people can survive in this field. The movie RUSH portrays the rivalry between Niki Lauda and James Hunt. It is common to have to arch rivals in this profession but getting over the grudge they hold against you is a challenge. I might not be able to become an F1 racer but I would love to earn just enough money to start my own F1 team named Friden!

~Shivaneer Ravi

8 'A'

DETERMINATION IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS...

Determination is the ability to strive for something no matter how difficult it may be to achieve. In our day-to-day lives we all face difficulties and situations where we break down and feel that the situation cannot be handled and it is 'impossible'. A small voice in our heads that says 'I can and I will' helps us to be determined. This creates an ability within us to fight against all the odds. We try to do everything possible to reach our goals but in addition to that a sense of determination will always keep us going strong. With determination comes strong will, optimism and a good set of priorities. It is a very powerful characteristic that has a true impact on our lives.

You can only achieve something when you are totally determined. You cannot reach your full potential unless you give your very best at all times and work past every difficulty which will arise along life's path. Determination will give you an extra nudge in the right direction to achieve your goal. All great achievers in life have made it where they are today only due to hard work and determination. They have worked day and night just to accomplish their goals and to discover something new for the world.

Nothing is impossible if we have a strong will and are determined. The proverb- 'When there is a will, there is a way' says it all. Determination has always been the key to success.

~Rishika Gupta

X



TIME TRAVELLING- THE DREAM OF THE FUTURE

Travelling in time is something everyone dreams of. But is it really possible? Can we use the laws of physics to become masters of time itself? Scientists say that time travel to the past may not be possible because of what are known as paradoxes.

The most famous paradox is the Grandfather's paradox or the Mad Scientist paradox. Now let us imagine that a scientist has managed to enlarge a wormhole that stretches one minute into the past. He sees himself as he was one minute ago through the wormhole. But what if this scientist shoots himself, that is, his one-minute older self, through the wormhole? He is dead now. So who fired the shot? This creates a paradox which violates a fundamental rule – that causes happen before effects. Therefore, time travel to the past can result in a lot of confusion. Stephen Hawking, a famous physicist, tells us a few ways in which time travel to the future can be possible-the first one being-black holes. This idea was first proposed by Albert Einstein over 100 years ago. He realized that there should be places where time slows down, and others where time speeds up. He was absolutely right. Time itself runs faster in space than it does down below. And the reason for this extraordinary effect is the mass of the Earth. Einstein realized that matter drags on time and slows it down. The heavier the object, the more it drags on time. And this startling reality is what opens the door to the possibility of time travel to the future.

Right in the center of the Milky Way, 26,000 light years from us, lies the heaviest object in the galaxy. It is a supermassive black hole containing the mass of four million suns crushed down into a single point by its own gravity. The closer you get to the black hole, the stronger the gravity. A black hole like this one has a dramatic effect on time, slowing it down far more than anything else in the galaxy. That makes it a natural time machine. Imagine how a spaceship might be able to take advantage of this phenomenon, by orbiting it. If a space agency were controlling the mission from Earth they'd observe that each full orbit took 16 minutes. But for the people on board, time would be slowed down. And here the effect would be far more extreme than the gravitational pull of Earth. The crew's time would be slowed down by half. For every 16-minute orbit, they'd only experience eight minutes of time. If they circled the black hole for 10 earth years, they would only experience five years in the spaceship. So when they return to earth, everyone and everything will be five years older than them. But this is practically impossible as black holes can be very dangerous and it is difficult to escape from its strong gravitational force.

Fortunately there is another way to travel in time. And this represents our last and best hope of building a real time machine. You just have to travel very, very fast. Much faster even than the speed required to avoid being sucked into a black hole. There's a cosmic speed limit, 186,000 miles per second, also known as the speed of light. Nothing can exceed that speed. It's one of the best established principles in science. Believe it or not, travelling at near the speed of light transports you to the future.

In CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, there is a deep underground circular tunnel 16 miles long, in which there is a stream of trillions of tiny particles. When the power is turned on they accelerate from zero to 60,000mph in a fraction of a second. Increase the power and the particles go faster and faster, until they're whizzing around the tunnel 11,000 times a second, which is almost the speed of light. When that happens, they too start to travel in time. We know this because of some extremely short-lived particles, called pi-mesons. Ordinarily, they disintegrate after just 25 billionths of a second. But when they are accelerated to near-light speed they last 30 times longer.

It really is that simple. If we want to travel into the future, we just need to go really fast. And to do that we'd need a big spaceship, a truly enormous machine. The ship would have to be big enough to carry a huge amount of fuel, enough to accelerate it to nearly the speed of light. Getting to just beneath the cosmic speed limit would require six whole years at full power. The initial acceleration would be gentle because the ship would be so big and heavy. But gradually it would pick up speed and soon would be covering massive distances and four years after launch, the ship would begin to travel in time. For every hour of time on the ship, two would pass on Earth. After another two years of full thrust the ship would reach its top speed, 99 per cent of the speed of light. At this speed, a single day on board is a whole year of Earth time. Our ship would be truly flying into the future.

The slowing of time can take us to a lot of places. It just needs practicality. Ultimately, we must use our understanding of physics to become true voyagers through the fourth dimension.

Source: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/home/moslive/article-1269288/STEPHEN-HAWKING-How-build-time-machine.html>

~Sanjana

X A

Journey through FIS

The passage of time destroys things. But, I'll never forget the values I've learnt at FIS. As a child, I remember how reserved we were. We grew up from nascent beings to ambitious and mature individuals.

Now , as a young graduate, I look back at those lively days, clipping each and every moment into my memory. My teachers have been a great support system for me- whether it was hard times or bright days. They are like the moon and the twinkling stars that brighten up the night sky.

Of course, I'll never forget my friends. They are the spark that lightened up my life from ambient darkness to a life filled with variegated colours.

Life ain't no cup of tea. No matter what path we choose, we will always come across difficulties. All that we can do is to work hard and strive forward to achieve our goal. One cannot be compelled to do so, it should always come from the heart. Further, we should have an assertive attitude towards it. Success is not a destiny, it's a journey!

I have certainly suffered through this journey, but the undeterred motivation from my teachers has brought me to the pinnacle of my life – where I stand proudly, ready to pass out with flying colours.

I'm equally nervous and excited at this turning point of my life. I'm aware of the ups and downs I'll face through my life. But.... I have prepared myself to go through all these situations with a confident heart.

The man and the hour have met, and we – the batch of 2015-16 are ready to soar high into the sky.

P.S.,

"These are the days that never die!"

~Rashika

X



Screaming Thoughts

They make me feel special
and then leave me all destroyed
never knew this could happen
my thoughts make me paranoid

There are so many emotions,
that are locked inside
And I have deep scars
that I need to hide

I'm neither scared of the darkness
nor afraid of the scary plots
I fear the silent silences
and my own screaming thoughts.

If I fall down seven
I get up eight
I'm no more fragile
Let's get this straight

I've grown a lot stronger
no longer do I break
I'm the best author
I write my own fate

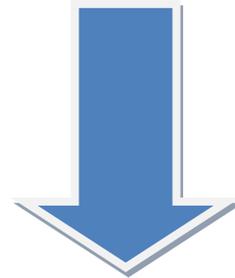
I'm neither scared of the darkness
nor afraid of the scary plots
I fear the silent silences
and my own screaming thoughts

I'm no more the *silver coating*
behind their mirror
I don't reflect them anymore
I'm not a river

I'm now the silver bullet
that brings fear and terror
revenge that knows no rein
I'll not repeat my error

I'm neither scared of the darkness
nor afraid of the scary plots
I *no more* fear the silent silences
or my own screaming thoughts

~Ishmeet Kaur
XI



बाल मज़दूरी

बच्चे ही हैं भविष्य हमारा,
वही हैं हमारे जीवन का तारा।
रोशनी लाते हैं सिर्फ वही जीवन में,
जीवन में कुछ सबक सिखाते हैं वे।

उनसे इतना काम क्यों करवाएँ,
सड़क-सड़क पर क्यों नचवाएँ,
कारखाने भी हैं मुसीबतों से भरे
फिर भी वे काम करने से नहीं करते मना ।

चलो हम सब मिलकर हाथ बढ़ाएँ,
बाल मजदूरी को कम करवाएँ,
अगर हम रख सकते हैं सदा हमारे बचपन की यादों को,
दूसरे क्यों उठाएँ मुसीबतों के पहाड़ों को।

हम भी तो एक समय में बच्चे थे
पर कभी न की इतनी मेहनत हम सबने ,
चलो नई पीढ़ी आरंभ करें,
बाल मजदूरी को दूर करें ॥

~प्रार्थना
6-बी



हफ़ते का दुख

एक हफ़ते में सात दिन होते हैं। लेकिन हफ़ते में छुट्टियाँ सिर्फ़ दो दिन और कभी कभी सिर्फ़ एक। हमारी छुट्टियाँ सही प्रतिशत में बाँटी जानी चाहिए। हमें भी थकान होती है भाई। पाठशाला और दफ़तर हफ़ते में पाँच या छह दिन। यह बहुत थकाने वाला काम है। हमको अपने परिवार के साथ वक़्त बिताने की आवश्यकता होती है, इसलिए मैं कहती हूँ कि हफ़ते में तीन शनिवार होने चाहिए।

~अहाना विजय

6-डी

प्यारा बचपन

फिर आज हमें याद आया है बचपन,
मधुर, सुहाना, प्यारा बचपन।

हँसते, गाते, दोस्त बनाते, करते सबसे मेल।

लुका-छुपी, चोर-पुलिस, यह थे अपने खेल॥

माँ की उँगली थाम के चलना,

रात में लोरी सुनकर सोना।

बारिश की बूँदों में भीगता बचपन,

मधुर, सुहाना प्यारा बचपन।

फिर आज हमें याद आया है बचपन।

~अचिंत्य माथुर

5-बी



फूल और बच्चे

फूल बहुत ही खूबसूरत होते हैं। वह अलग-अलग किस्म और रंगों के भी होते हैं। फूल बहुत खुशबू फैलाते हैं। वह सबको पसन्द आते हैं और लोगों को सुहाते हैं। फूल जैसे मोगरा, गुलाब आदि घर में बहुत अच्छे दिखते हैं, घर को खुशबूदार बनाते हैं और घर में चार-चाँद लगा देते हैं। ललनाएँ फूलों को अपने बालों में लगाती हैं और फूलों की मालाएँ बनाती हैं। फूलों से लोगों का स्वागत किया जाता है और पकवान के साथ लोग भगवान को फूल भी चढ़ाते हैं। फूलों से हमें गुलाबजल, तेल, आदि उत्पाद मिलते हैं, जिसका हम हर रोज़ उपयोग करते हैं। कुछ फूल हमारे सेहत के लिए भी अच्छे होते हैं। बच्चे मन के सच्चे! बच्चे बहुत ही भोले होते हैं। वह कभी झूठ नहीं बोलते और इसलिए उन्हें लगता है कि कोई और भी झूठ नहीं बोलता। इसी भोलेपन का फ़ायदा उठाते हुए कुछ लोग बच्चों को अगवा करते हैं और उनको छोड़ने के लिए रुपए माँगते हैं। बच्चे ही देश का भविष्य होते हैं। बच्चों से ही घरों में रौनक होती है। बच्चों की पढ़ाई देश के लिए बहुत महत्त्वपूर्ण होती है क्योंकि अगर बच्चे अच्छे से पढ़ाई करेंगे तभी वह बड़े होकर देश की तरक्की में हाथ बँटा पाएँगे। बच्चों में कुछ ऐसे गुण होने चाहिए। जैसे फूल खुशबू फैलाते हैं वैसे ही बच्चों को अच्छी विचारधारा फैलानी चाहिए। जैसे फूलों के विभिन्न प्रकार के गुण होते हैं वैसे ही बच्चों के भी अलग-अलग गुण होते हैं। जैसे फूल सबको पसंद आते हैं वैसे ही बच्चे भी सबका मन जीत लेते हैं।

~तन्मय गुप्ता

5-ए



माँ, क्या मैं इतनी बुरी हूँ?

माँ, क्या मैं इतनी बुरी हूँ?
क्या मैं आपको रुलाती हूँ?

मुझे बुरा लगता है,
जब आप रोती हो।



मुझे माफ करना
सदा मुसकराना
यही काफी है।
माँ, क्यों मैं इतनी बुरी हूँ?

~लास्या
6-डी

मेरे पापा

मेरे पापा मुझे बहुत पसंद है। वह मेरी बहुत मदद करते हैं। वह हमारे परिवार की रीड़ की हड्डी हैं। वह हमारे परिवार के लिए बहुत मेहनत करके पैसा कमाते हैं। अगर वे नहीं होते तो पता नहीं हमारे परिवार का क्या हाल होता। अगर मैं एक पौधा हूँ तो मेरे पापा हैं मिट्टी, पानी और सूरज की किरणें। वह मेरी देखभाल करते हैं। वह बहुत अच्छे हैं जब मैं उनसे कुछ कहना चाहती हूँ तब वह मेरी बात भी सुनते हैं अगर वह बात सही हो।



~मधुमिता
6-डी

मेरा लक्ष्य

हर किसी का कोई-न-कोई लक्ष्य अवश्य होता है। लक्ष्य उसे कहते हैं जो हम बड़े होकर प्राप्त करना चाहते हैं। अगर किसी ने मुझसे पूछा, मेरा लक्ष्य क्या है, तो मैं कहूँगा कि मेरा लक्ष्य है एक कंपनी का CEO बनना। मैं मेरी खुद की कंपनी खोलना चाहता हूँ। जब मैं छोटा था, तब मेरे कई लक्ष्य थे, जैसे:- एक क्रिकेट का खिलाड़ी बनना। पर जब मैं बड़ा हुआ तो मैंने देखा कि कई लोग अपनी खुद की कंपनी खोलकर मशहूर हो रहे थे। पर मैं कंपनी मशहूर होने के लिये या नाम कमाने के लिये नहीं खोलना चाहता हूँ बल्कि लोगों की मदद



करने के लिए खोलना चाहता हूँ जिससे गरीब लोगों को भी इंटरनेट की सुविधा मिले। इसके माध्यम से उनको भी जानकारी मिलेगी।

~विष्णु
6-डी

होली

होली रंगों का त्योहार है। यह सबके जीवन में उमंग और खुशियाँ भर देती है। होली एक ऐसा त्योहार है जो हमारे जीवन से सुख-दुख मिटाकर खुशियों के रंग भर देती है। यह त्योहार गरमी के आरंभ और ठंड के अंत होने के समय पर मनाया जाता है। होली के त्योहार में आम के वृक्ष मंजरियों से भर जाते हैं। होली में जल की बहुत बरबादी होती है और आज कल रंगों में बहुत केमिकल्स भी मिलाए जाते हैं जिससे लोगों को बीमारी हो रही है। हम होली की पूर्व रात्रि में एक मैदान में जाकर होलिका दहन की पूजा करते हैं। और अगले दिन



सुबह हम सब पानी और रंगों के साथ होली खेलते हैं।

~सनराज यल
6- बी

मेरी प्यारी नेहा मैम

मेरी प्यारी नेहा मैम, माना कि मैं दुख देता हूँ और थकान भी देता हूँ दो सालों से कष्ट दे रहा हूँ। आपको लगता होगा कि मुझे आपको दुख देना अच्छा लगता है लेकिन मुझे किसी भी अध्यापिका जी को दुख देने से सख्त नफ़रत है माना कि मैं आपको मेरी पुस्तक के कारण दुख देता हूँ पर क्या करूँ। मेरा आलस मुझे मेरा काम नहीं करने देता है। मैं अपनी पूरी कोशिश करूँगा कि आगे से आपको कोई शिकायत का मौका न दूँ।



~सानिध्या

6-डी

मेरी छुट्टी

मेरी छुट्टी बहुत बेकार थी। हम सब बेंगलूरु में ही रहे। खेलने के लिए कोई नहीं था। मैं बहुत बोर हो रहा था। घर में भी कुछ खेलने के लिए नहीं था। मैं रोज़ तैरने जाता था। यही एक चीज़ थी जो खेलने के बराबर थी। जब मैं तैरने नहीं जाता था तो मैं एक किताब पढ़ता था। मुझे बहुत दुख हो रहा था। सब कहीं-न-कहीं गए थे। सिर्फ़ मैं ही था जो रह गया। फिर एक दिन मैं अपने परिवार के साथ घूमने गया। हम लोग बहुत जगह गए। वही एक दिन था जब मुझे खुशी हुई। हमने बहुत सारी चीज़े खरीदीं। मैं घर में उन चीज़ों के साथ बहुत खेला। कुछ दिनों तक मैं बहुत खुश था। फिर मुझे स्कूल जाना पड़ा।



~शशांक

6-डी

मेरी माँ

अगर मैं एक पौधा हूँ तो मेरी माँ सूरज हैं। उनके बिना मैं जीवित नहीं रह पाऊँगी। माँ मेरी आँखें हैं जिसके बिना मैं यह सुंदर जीवन देख न पाऊँगी। वह मेरी रीढ़ की हड्डी है जिसके बिना मैं खड़ी नहीं हो पाऊँगी। इसलिए मेरी सुंदर माँ सबसे प्यारी है।

~अनुमिता
6-डी



रक्तदान का महत्त्व

रक्तदान जीवनदान है। रक्तदान करने से हम बहुत सारे जीवन बचा सकते हैं। क्या आप लोगों को पता है कि एक कार दुर्घटना में बहुत खून निकल जाता है। आदमी जिसका रक्त बहुत अच्छा हो, वो रक्तदान कर सकते हैं।

~तेजस्विनी
6-डी



सत्संगति

सभी लोग अच्छी संगति चाहते हैं। कुसंगति लोगों को गलत दिशा में ले जाती है। अच्छी सोच वाले लोग भी अगर बुरी या कुसंगति में रहें तो वह भी बुरे बन जाते हैं और गलत सोचने लगते हैं, गलत काम करने लगते हैं, गलत हरकतें करने लगते हैं, आदि। इसलिए हमें अपनी संगति का खास ध्यान रखना चाहिए। अगर हम सत्संगति में रहेंगे तो हमारे दोस्त-

- १) हमें गलत दिशा में जाने से रोकेंगे। कभी-कभी जब हमारे माता-पिता हमें डाँटते हैं तो हमें लगता है कि वह हमें क्यों डाँट रहे हैं। उस समय हमारे दोस्तों की बात हम पर सबसे ज्यादा प्रभाव करती है।
- २) वह हमें गलत काम, हरकत करने से रोकेंगे।
- ३) वह हमें अच्छी सलाह देते हैं।
- ४) वह अच्छे काम, हरकत में हमारी मदद करते हैं।

सत्संगति हमारे लिए बहुत फ़ायदेमंद होती है। एक बार मेरा दोस्त कुसंगति में था। तो वह बहुत बुरा बन गया। उसके सारे अध्यापक और अध्यापिकाएँ उसे बहुत डाँटते थे। तो उसे बहुत बुरा लगता था। फिर उसके माता-पिता ने उसे कहा कि उसे अपनी संगति बदलनी चाहिए। बड़ी मुश्किल से उसने अपनी संगति बदली और वह सत्संगति में अच्छा हो गया। अभी उसे डाँट बिलकुल नहीं पड़ती। उल्टा उसकी अध्यापिकाएँ उसकी तारीफ़ करती हैं। इस कहानी से हमें सत्संगति की महत्त्वपूर्णता समझ में आती है।

~तन्मय गुप्ता

5-ए



सूरज

सूरज बहुत बड़ा है।
धूप से भरा है।
हमको धूप देता है।
फ़सल को उगाता है।
कपड़ों को सुखाता है।
पीले रंग का है।
आग जैसा गरम है।
धरती को उसकी ज़रूरत है।
पेड़ों पर फ़ल उगाता है।
बहुत तेज़ जलता है।
हमको विटमिन डी देता है।
सूरज बहुत चमकता है।
धूप का राजा है।

~श्रोतसविनी दास

4-ए

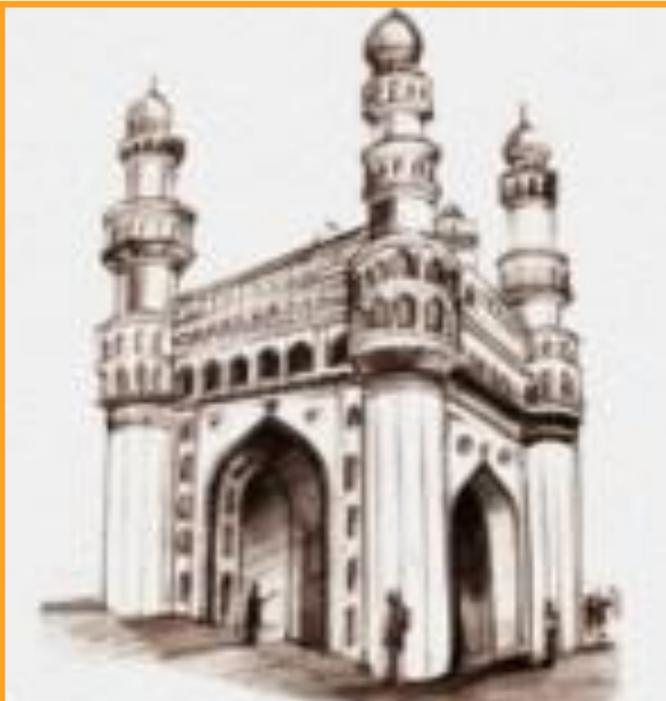


हैदराबाद की सैर

कुछ ही महीने पहले मैं अपने माता-पिता के साथ हैदराबाद घूमने गया था। वहाँ हमने एक पूरा दिन रामोजी फ़िल्म सिटी में बिताया। वहाँ हमने फ़िल्मी दुनिया के बारे में बहुत सारी अनोखे और मजेदार चीज़ें देखीं। हम नेहरू पार्क गए जहाँ बहुत सारे जानवर और पक्षी देखने को मिले। हम एक अजीब तरह की कार म्यूज़ियम में गए जहाँ भारत के इतिहास के बारे में बहुत जानकारी प्राप्त की। चार मीनार भी काफी बड़ा और शानदार था। एक शाम हम स्नो सिटी गये थे जहाँ हमने बहुत मस्ती की। वहीं पर हम एक आइनोवले भूलभुलैया से भी गुज़रे थे और बड़ा ही डरावना भूतघर का भी अनुभव लिया। लेकिन सबसे ज़्यादा मज़ा मुझे गोलकोंडा फ़ोर्ट की अनगिनत सीड़ियाँ चढ़ने में आया। किले के ऊपर से नीचे का दृश्य बड़ा सुहाना था। हैदराबाद की यह सैर मुझे हमेशा याद रहेगी।

~धीरज

4-बी



हंसिनी



हंसिनी जल की रानी है ।

सबसे सुन्दर पंछी है ।

रंग-बिरंगी नहीम है पर-
सफ़ेद रंग की परी है ।

बड़े-बड़े पंख फैलाती,

आसमान में उड़ जाती ।

कितनी मनमोहक हो तुम,

कितनी प्यारी लगती हो तुम ।

~अमृता अभिलाष

3 बी

भगवान

भगवान है बड़े अच्छे,

उनको पसंद हैं बच्चे

उनकी शक्तियाँ हैं कमाल

उनसे वह कर देते हैं धमाल

अगर हम उन्हें करें प्रणाम

वह देंगे हमें वरदान ।

~अथर्व व्यास

4 डी

ಅಮ್ಮ

ಅಮ್ಮ ಅಮ್ಮ ಅಮ್ಮ, ನನ್ನಯ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯ ಅಮ್ಮ
ತಪ್ಪು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಬುದ್ಧಿ ಹೇಳಮ್ಮ
ಒಪ್ಪು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಮುದ್ದಾಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕೊಡಮ್ಮ
ನಾ ನಿನ್ನಯ ಮುದ್ದಿನ ಮಗಳಮ್ಮ
ಎಂದೆಂದಿಗೂ ನೀ ನನ್ನ ದೇವರಮ್ಮ

– ಅಕ್ಷಯ

೫ನೇ ತರಗತಿ 'ಬಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಮಮತೆಯ ಮೂರುತಿ

ಮಮತೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ತಾಯಿಯ ಪ್ರೀತಿ
ತಾಯಿಯೇ ಮಮತೆಯ ಮೂರುತಿ
ತಾಯಿ ಇಲ್ಲದರೆ ಮಮತೆಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲ ಕೀರುತಿ

ಮಮತೆ ತುಂಬಿದ ತಾಯಿಯ ಹೃದಯ
ಕೊಡುವುದು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಅಭಯ
ಮಮತೆಯಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಭಯ

ದೇವರಿಗೆ ಇರುವುದು ಭಕ್ತನ ಮೇಲೆ ಮಮತೆ
ಆ ಮಮತೆಗೆ ಇಲ್ಲ ದೇವರ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಅಳತೆ
ಆ ಮಮತೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೆಲವರಿಗಿದೆ ಕೊರತೆ

ಎಲ್ಲರಲಿ ಬೆಳಗಬೇಕಿದೆ ಮಮತೆಯ ಕಾಂತಿ
ವಿಶ್ವದಲಿ ನೆಲೆಸಬೇಕಿದೆ ಅದರಿಂದ ಶಾಂತಿ
ತೊಲಗಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಂದ ಭೇದ – ಭಾವಗಳ ಭ್ರಾಂತಿ

~ನಿಶ್ಚಲ ಸತೀಶ್

೯ನೇ ಬಿ. ವಿಭಾಗ

ಮಮತೆ

ಮಾತೆಯ ಮಮತೆಯು ಗೆಲ್ಲುವುದು
ಕಂದನನ್ನು
ಮಾತಿನ ಮಮತೆಯು ಗೆಲ್ಲುವುದು ಹಲವು
ಹೃದಯಗಳನ್ನು
ಮಮತೆಯ ರೂಪಗಳು ಹಲವಾರು
ಬಣ್ಣಿಸಲು ಸಾಲದು ಮಮತೆಯ ಕಾರುಬಾರು
ಮಮತೆಯ ಕರೆಗೆ ಬಗ್ಗದವರಿಗೆ ಕ್ಷಮೆಯ ನೀ
ನೀಡು
ಮಮತಾಮಯಿ ಜಗನ್ಮಾತೆ ನೀ ನನ್ನ
ಕಾಪಾಡು.

~ರಿಹಾ ಎ. ರಾವ್

೯ನೇ ಎ. ವಿಭಾಗ

ಮಾನವೀಯತೆ

ಮಾನವನ ಮಾನವೀಯತೆ ಕಳೆದುಹೋಯಿತೆ?

ಈಗಿನ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಯವಾಯಿತೆ?

ಒಬ್ಬೊಬ್ಬರ ಅತಿಯಾಸೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಳುಗಿ ಹೋಯಿತೆ?

ನಮ್ಮ ಅಹಂಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಟ್ಟು ಹೋಯಿತೆ?

ಈ ಜಗತ್ತು ಬಹುದೊಡ್ಡ ಶಾಂತಿಧಾಮ
ಬೇಕಾಗಿರುವುದು ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಒಂದೇ ಧರ್ಮ
ಆ ಧರ್ಮದಲ್ಲಿರಬೇಕಿದೆ ಮಾನವೀಯತೆ
ಕಾಡುತ್ತಿರಬೇಕಿದೆ ನಮಗೆ ಇತರರ ಚಿಂತೆ

ಮಾನವ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಪ್ರಾಣಿ

ಒಬ್ಬನೇ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಇವನಿಗೇ ಹಾನಿ

ಉಳಿದು ಬೆಳೆಯಬೇಕು ನಮ್ಮಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನವೀಯತೆ

ಅದರಿಂದ ಮಾನವನಿಗೆ ಸಿಗುವುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಘನತೆ

~ ಸಾಗರಿಕ

೯ನೇ ಬಿ. ವಿಭಾಗ



ರಜೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮರೆಯಲಾಗದ ದಿನಗಳು

ನಾನು ಮಡಿಕೇರಿಯ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕೇಳಿದ್ದೆ, ಆದರೆ ನೋಡಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಬಾರಿಯ ರಜೆಗೆ ಮಡಿಕೇರಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದೆ. ನಾವು ಏಪ್ರಿಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಡಿಕೇರಿಗೆ ಹೋದೆವು. ಮಡಿಕೇರಿ ನೋಡಲು ಸುಂದರವಾಗಿದ್ದು, ನಾವು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಎರಡು ದಿನ ಇದ್ದೆವು. ಮೊದಲನೆಯ ದಿನ ರಾಜ ಸೀಟ್ ಮತ್ತು ಅಬ್ಬಿ ಫ್ಲಾಲ್ಸ್‌ಗೆ ಹೋದೆವು. ಆಡಲು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರು ಇರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಎರಡನೆಯ ದಿನ ತಲಕಾವೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಭಾಗಮಂಡಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದೆವು. 'ತಲಕಾವೇರಿ' ಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾವೇರಿ ನದಿ ಉಗಮ ಸ್ಥಳವನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದೆವು. ಭಾಗಮಂಡಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂರು ನದಿಗಳು ಒಂದಾಗಿ ಹರಿಯುವುದನ್ನೂ ನೋಡಿದೆವು. ಈ ರಜೆ ನನಗೊಂದು ಮರೆಯಲಾಗದ ಅನುಭವವಾಗಿದೆ.

-ಆಯುಷ್.ಎ

ಓನೇ 'ಬಿ' ತರಗತಿ



ರೆಕ್ಕೆ ಇರುವ ಬೂಟುಗಳು!

ಒಂದು ಊರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಗೌರಿ ಎಂಬ ಹುಡುಗಿ ಇದ್ದಳು. ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಹಾರುವುದು ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಅವಳು ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಶಾಲೆಯಿಂದ ಮನೆಗೆ ಬರುವಾಗ ಒಂದು ಜೊತೆ ರೆಕ್ಕೆ ಇರುವ ಬೂಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಕಂಡಳು. ಅವಳು ಅವನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡಾಗ ಆಕಾಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾರುತ್ತಾ, ತೇಲುತ್ತಾ ಖುಷಿಪಟ್ಟಳು. ಅವಳು ಅವನ್ನು ಶಾಲೆಗೂ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋದಳು. ಇದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದ ಗೆಳೆಯರು ಆ ಬೂಟುಗಳನ್ನು ತಾವೂ ಹಾಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಆಸೆಪಟ್ಟರು. ಆದರೆ ಗೌರಿ ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬೂಟುಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಬಿಡಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಅವರು ಗೌರಿಯ ಜೊತೆಗಿನ ಸ್ನೇಹವನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟರು. ಇದನ್ನು ಕಂಡ ಗೌರಿ ಬೇಜಾರು ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋದಳು. ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋದಾಗ ಅವಳ ಅಮ್ಮ ಅವಳಿಗೆ ಸಮಾಧಾನ ಮಾಡಿ "ಗೆಳೆಯರು ನಿನ್ನ ಬೂಟುಗಳಿಗಿಂತ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಅಲ್ಲವೆ?" ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿ ಹೇಳಿದಳು. ಆಗ ಗೌರಿ ಬೂಟುಗಳನ್ನು ತನ್ನ ಗೆಳೆಯರಿಗೂ ಧರಿಸಲು ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಅವರ ಜೊತೆ ಪುನಃ ಸ್ನೇಹದಿಂದಿದ್ದಳು.

-ವೈಷ್ಣವಿ

ಓನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜಾಲತಾಣಗಳು

ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜಾಲತಾಣಗಳು ಈ ನಡುವೆ ಬಹಳ ಜನಪ್ರಿಯವಾಗಿವೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ನಮಗೆ ಹಲವಾರು ಲಾಭಗಳಿವೆ. ಇದರ ಮೂಲಕ ನಾವು ನಮ್ಮ ಹಳೆಯ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು, ಬಂಧುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ನಮಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದವರ ಜೊತೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಸಂಪರ್ಕದಲ್ಲಿರಬಹುದು. ಏನಾದರೂ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಅದು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜಾಲತಾಣದ ಮೂಲಕ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ವೇಗವಾಗಿ ಹರಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಉದಾಹರಣೆಗೆ: ಯಾರಿಗಾದರೂ ರಕ್ತ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ, ರಕ್ತ ದಾನಿಗಳ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಅಥವಾ ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದರೆ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ.

ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜಾಲತಾಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ವಿಚಾರಧಾರೆಗಳು, ವಿಮರ್ಶೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಡುತ್ತವೆ. ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜಾಲತಾಣದ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಮುಖದ ಪರಿಚಯ ಮಾಡುವುದಾದರೆ, ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಯುವಕ-ಯುವತಿಯರು ಇದನ್ನು ದುರ್ಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಅವಘಡಗಳು ಸಂಭವಿಸಿವೆ. ಇತ್ತೀಚಿನ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ವಂಚನೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣಗಳು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಂದುವರೆದಿವೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಹಲವಾರು ಜನರ ಖಾಸಗಿ ಜೀವನ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಜಾಲತಾಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿತ್ತರಗೊಂಡು, ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಮುಜುಗರವನ್ನುಂಟುಮಾಡುತ್ತವೆ. ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಅನುಕೂಲ ಮತ್ತು ಅನನುಕೂಲಗಳು ಎರಡೂ ಇರುವಾಗ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ವಿಚಾರಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಮರ್ಶೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಅದರ ಉಪಯೋಗ ಪಡೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

-ಧನ್ಯಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್

೭ನೇ ಸಿ. ವಿಭಾಗ



ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಗೌರವ

‘ ನಗುವು ಸಹಜದ ಧರ್ಮ ’ ಎಂಬಂತೆ ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಜನರನ್ನು ನಗಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಾಸ್ಯ ನಮ್ಮ ಸುತ್ತ ಮುತ್ತಲಿನ ವಾತಾವರಣವನ್ನು ನಗುವಿನಿಂದ ತುಂಬಿಸುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಮಾಡುವವರು ಎಂದರೆ ನನಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಇಷ್ಟ. ನಾವು ಬೇಸರದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದಾಗ, ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಮಾಡುವವರು ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದರೆ ಜೀವನ ಬಹಳ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

‘ ಇದಿರ ಹಳಿಯಲುಬೇಡ ’ ಎಂಬ ಬಸವಣ್ಣನವರ ವಚನದಂತೆ ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಮಾಡುವ ಜನರು ಇತರರ ಗೌರವವನ್ನು ಮನದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಅವರು ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ, ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಭಾವನೆಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯೋಚನೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಹಾಸ್ಯಗಾರರ ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಬೇರೆಯವರಿಗೆ ನೋವನ್ನು ಉಂಟುಮಾಡಬಾರದು. ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನು ನಗಿಸಬೇಕೇ ಹೊರತು ನೋಯಿಸಬಾರದು. ಹಾಸ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಗೌರವ ಒಂದೇ ನಾಣ್ಯದ ಎರಡು ಮುಖಗಳಿದ್ದಂತೆ. ಅವು ಎರಡೂ ಇದ್ದರೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಬದುಕು ಚಂದ.

~ ಖುಷಿ ಸೀಳಿನ್

8ನೇ ‘ಎ’ ವಿಭಾಗ



ಮಾವಿನ ಹಣ್ಣು

ತಿನ್ನುತ, ತಿನ್ನುತ ಇರುತಿರಲು
ಸ್ವಾದವು ಸವಿಯುತ ಮೈ ಮರೆತಿರಲು
ಇನ್ನು ಬೇಕು ಬೇಕು ಎನುತಿರಲು
ಇದುವೇ ಹಣ್ಣುಗಳ ರಾಜ!
ಇದಕೆ ಯಾವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಸಾಟಿ ನಿಜ.



~ ಹರಿಪ್ರಿಯ

8ನೇ ‘ಡಿ’ ವಿಭಾಗ

ಜೀವಜಲ

ಜೀವಜಲ....? ಯಾವುದು ಜೀವಜಲ? ಬೇರೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಗ್ರಹಗಳು, ನಕ್ಷತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳದ ಅಂಶ -ನೀರು. ಇದುವೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವ ಜಲ. ಇದನ್ನು ಜೀವಜಲವೆಂದು ಕರೆಯುವ ಕಾರಣವೇನೆಂದರೆ ನೀರಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಬದುಕು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ. ಭೂಲೋಕದಲ್ಲಿ, ಜೀವ ಹುಟ್ಟಿರುವುದೇ ಈ ಜೀವಜಲದಿಂದ. ಮಾನವರು, ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳು, ಗಿಡ-ಮರಗಳು, ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳು, ಮೀನುಗಳು-ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಜೀವವಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳಿಗೆ ನೀರು ಬಹಳ ಮುಖ್ಯ. ಆದರೆ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಇದೆ. ಅದು ನೀರಿನ ಕೊರತೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಭೂಮಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಕ್ಕಾಲು ಭಾಗ ನೀರು ತುಂಬಿದೆ. ಇಷ್ಟು ನೀರು ಸಾಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೇ? ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದರೆ, ಈ ಮುಕ್ಕಾಲು ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಶೇಕಡ ೦.೦೦೧ ರಷ್ಟು ಮಾತ್ರ ನಮಗೆ ಬಳಕೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಬೇರೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ನೀರು ಸಮುದ್ರ, ನದಿ, ಇಂತಹ ಮೂಲಗಳಲ್ಲಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ನಮಗೆ ಸಮುದ್ರದ ನೀರನ್ನು ಬಳಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವಜಲ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಹತ್ತು ವರ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಕಡಿಮೆಯಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದರೆ, ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಗೆ ನೀರಿನ ಅಭಾವಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾನವರೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕಾರಣರಾಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸುಮ್ಮನೆ ಅಜಾಗೃತಿಯಿಂದ ನೀರನ್ನು ಪೋಲು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಸ್ನಾನ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ನೀರನ್ನು ಹಾಗೆ ಬಿಡುವುದು, ಎಲ್ಲೆಂದರಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರನ್ನು ಚೆಲ್ಲುವುದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದಲ್ಲ. ಈ ನಮ್ಮ ಕೆಟ್ಟ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸಕ್ಕೆ ದೇವರು ನಮಗೆ ತಕ್ಕ ಪಾಠವನ್ನು ಕಲಿಸುತ್ತಾನೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಈ ಜೀವಜಲದ ಕೊರತೆಗೆ ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಕಾರಣವೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನದಿಗಳು, ಸಮುದ್ರಗಳ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ. ಜನರು ಬೇಡದ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಈ ನದಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಕೆರೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿಸಾಕಿ ಅವುಗಳ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಜನರು ಅರ್ಥ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಈ ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವ ಜಲದ ಪ್ರಾಮುಖ್ಯತೆಯನ್ನು ಜನರಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು. ನೀರಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದರೆ ಅದರಿಂದಾಗುವ ಪರಿಣಾಮಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಬೇಕು. ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಂದುಗೂಡಿ ಈ ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವಜಲವನ್ನು ಕಾಪಾಡಲು ಹೋರಾಡಬೇಕು.

-ಚಂದನ್ ಕುಮಾರ್, ೯ನೇ. ಎ. ವಿಭಾಗ



ಕನ್ನಡ ನುಡಿ

ಕನ್ನಡ ನುಡಿಯು ಕಿವಿಗೆ ಇಂಪು
ಕನ್ನಡ ಬರಹ ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ ತಂಪು
ಹರಡಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಭಾಷೆಯ ಕಂಪು
ಕನ್ನಡ ನಾಡಲಿ ಬಾಳು ಸೊಂಪು

ಪಂಪ ರನ್ನರ ಕಾವ್ಯಗಳ ನುಡಿಯು
ಬಸವ ಅಕ್ಕರ ತತ್ವಗಳ ನುಡಿಯು
ದಾಸ ಶರಣರ ಭಕ್ತಿಯ ನುಡಿಯು
ಜನಪದ ಸಾರದ ಶಕ್ತಿಯ ನುಡಿಯು
ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರ ಜೀವನಾಡಿಯು

ಸಾಹಿತ್ಯವ ಶ್ರೀಮಂತಗೊಳಿಸುವ
ನಾಡ ಜನರನ್ನು ಉತ್ತುಂಗ ಶೃಂಗಕ್ಕೆರಿಸಿದ
ಓಜ ತೇಜ ಸತ್ವಶೀಲ ವಿಚಾರದ
ಆಗರವಾಗಿಹ ಚೆಲುವಿನ ನುಡಿಯು
ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರ ಜೀವನಾಡಿಯು

-ದ್ವಿತಿ , ೭ನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ನಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಎಂಥ ಅದ್ಭುತ ನಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ!
ಕವಿಗಳ ನಾಡು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ
ವೀರ ಶೂರರ ಕೊಡಗಿನ ನಾಡು,
ಗಂಧದ ಮರಗಳ ಸುಂದರ ಕಾಡು
ಉದ್ಯಾನ ನಗರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
ದಸರದ ನಾಡು ಮೈಸೂರು
ಶಿಲ್ಪಿಗಳ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿ ಹಂಪಿ, ಬೇಲೂರು
ಸಮುದ್ರದ ತೀರದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಮಂಗಳೂರು
ಎಂಥ ಅದ್ಭುತ ನಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ!
ಕವಿಗಳ ನಾಡು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ



-ಭೂಮಿಕಾ. ಹೆಚ್. ಎಮ್., ೭ನೇ ಡಿ. ವಿಭಾಗ

ಏಳನೇ ತರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು

ನಾನು ಆರನೇ ತರಗತಿಯಿಂದ ಏಳನೇ ತರಗತಿಗೆ ಬರುವಾಗ, ನನ್ನ ಮನಸ್ಸಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಳಷ್ಟು ಭಾವನೆಗಳಿದ್ದವು. ಬೇರೆಯವರಿಗಿದ್ದ ಏಳನೇ ತರಗತಿಯ ಮೇಲಿನ ಅನಿಸಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದ್ದೆ. ರಜೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ಕಡೆ ಖುಷಿ ಇದ್ದರೆ, ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಕಡೆ ನನ್ನ ತರಗತಿಯ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರ ಚಿಂತೆ. ಹೀಗೆಯೇ ನನ್ನ ರಜೆಯನ್ನು ಕನಸು ಕಾಣುತ್ತಾ ಕಳೆದೆ. ನನ್ನ ಕೆಲವು ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರು, ಸಂಬಂಧಿಕರು “ಹೇಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಏಳನೇ ತರಗತಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಲೇಬೇಕಲ್ಲ? ಯಾಕಿಷ್ಟು ಯೋಚಿಸುತ್ತೀಯಾ?” ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು.

ಬೇಗನೆ ಆ ದಿನ ಬಂತು. ಕೊನೆಗೂ ಏಳನೇ ತರಗತಿಗೆ ಕಾಲಿಟ್ಟೆ. ನನ್ನ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರೂ ನನ್ನ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದ್ದರು. ಇದು ನನಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಸಂತೋಷದ ವಿಷಯವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಹೊಸ ತರಗತಿಗೆ ಕಾಲಿಡುವ ಖುಷಿಯ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರನ್ನು ನೋಡುವ ಹಾಗೂ ಪರಿಚಯ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ತವಕ ಕೂಡ ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ತುಂಬಿತ್ತು. ಆಟ-ಪಾಠ, ನಗು-ಅಳು ಹೀಗೆ ವರ್ಷ ಕಳೆಯುತ್ತಾ ಬಂದಿತ್ತು. ಡಿಸೆಂಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕೋತ್ಸವ ಅದ್ದೂರಿಯಾಗಿ ನಡೆದಿತ್ತು. ನಂತರ ನಮ್ಮ ತರಗತಿಯವರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಸೇರಿ ಶಾಲೆಯಿಂದ ದೆಹಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಬೇಲೂರು, ಹಳೇಬೀಡಿನ ಪ್ರವಾಸಕ್ಕೂ ಹೋಗಿಬಂದೆವು. ಈ ಮಧ್ಯೆ ನಾಲ್ಕು ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗಳು ಮುಗಿದದ್ದು, ಅಂಕಗಳು ಮೇಲೆ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಆಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದದ್ದು, ಮರೆಯಲಾಗದ ಅನುಭವಗಳು. ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗಳು ಮುಗಿದ ಮೇಲೆ, ನಮ್ಮ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ಉತ್ಸವವೂ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಅರ್ಥಗರ್ಭಿತವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ನೋಡುನೋಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಂತೆಯೇ ಏಳನೇ ತರಗತಿಯು ಮುಗಿದೇ ಹೋಯಿತು. ನಿಜ! ಸಮಯ ಬೇಗನೆ ಜಾರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈಗ ನಾನು ಹೇಳಬಹುದು, ಏಳನೆಯ ತರಗತಿಯು ಬಹಳ ಸಂತೋಷವಾದ ವಿವಿಧ ಭಾವನೆಗಳಿಂದ, ನೆನಪುಗಳಿಂದ ಹಾಗೂ ಏಳು-ಬೀಳುಗಳಿಂದ ತುಂಬಿದ್ದ ಒಂದು ಉತ್ತಮ ತರಗತಿಯಾಗಿತ್ತು ಎಂದು.

~ಆಕಾಂಕ್ಷಾ

2ನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಗುರುಗಳು

ಇವರು ನಮ್ಮ ಗುರುಗಳು
ನಮಗಾಗಿ ದುಡಿಯುವರು
ನಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನ ಬೆಳಗಲು
ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನ ತೇಯುವರು
ದಡ್ಡರಿರಲಿ ಜಾಣರಿರಲಿ
ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಒಂದೇ ಇವರಿಗೆ
ಬೆವರು ಸುರಿಸಿ ಸಹನೆಯಿಂದ
ವಿದ್ಯೆ ಕಲಿಸಿ ಕೊಡುವರು.

~ ಮಂಜರಿ

4ನೇ 'ಬಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ನನ್ನ ತಮ್ಮ

ನನ್ನ ತಮ್ಮ ಬಲು ತುಂಟ
 ಅವನ ನಗು ನನಗೆ ಇಷ್ಟ
 ಹಾಡುವುದವನಿಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಇಷ್ಟ
 ಊಟ ತಿನ್ನಲು ಪಡುವನು ಕಷ್ಟ
 ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆಲ್ಲ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯ ಬಂಟ

– ಅನನ್ಯ

ಓನೇ 'ಸಿ' ತರಗತಿ

ತಂಗಿ

ನನ್ನ ತಂಗಿ ಬಲು ಚೂಟಿ
 ಅವಳು ಮಾತಿನಲ್ಲಿ ತುಂಬಾ ಘಾಟಿ
 ಅವಳ ಆಟ ಜಿಂಕೆಯ ಓಟ
 ಅವಳ ಕುಣಿತ, ನವಿಲಿನ ಮಾಟ

ಮಗುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ದುಂಡು ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ
 ಈಗಾಗಿದ್ದಾಳೆ ಸೂಜಿ ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ
 ಅವಳ ಕೆನ್ನೆ ಜಾಮೂಸಿನ ಹಾಗೆ
 ನಗುವಂತೂ ಪೂರ್ಣ ಚಂದಿರನ ಹಾಗೆ

ಅವಳ ನುಡಿ ಬೆಲ್ಲದ ಅಚ್ಚು
 ಅವಳು ನನ್ನ ಅಜ್ಜಿಯ ಪಡಿಯಚ್ಚು
 ಅವಳ ತುಂಟಾಟ, ಬಿಡದ ಹಟ
 ಮನೆಯವರಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಸಹಿಸದ ಗೋಳಾಟ



~ರಕ್ಷಿತಾ ಬಿ. ಆರ್.

ಓನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಮಗು

ಮಗುವನ್ನು ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಪಡುವರು ಇಷ್ಟ
ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಮಗುವಿಲ್ಲದ ಮನೆಯಲಿ ನಗುವಿರಲು ಕಷ್ಟ

ಮಗುವಿನೊಂದಿಗೆ ನೋವು
ಮಾಯವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ
ಅದರ ಆಟ-ಪಾಠ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ
ಲವಲವಿಕೆ ತರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಮನೆಗೊಂದು ಮಗುವಿರಬೇಕು
ಆ ಮಗುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಗುವಿರಬೇಕು
ಆ ನಗುವು ಶಾಶ್ವತವಾಗಿರಬೇಕು
ಆ ನಗುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವೂ ಒಂದಾಗಬೇಕು
ಮಗುವಿನಲ್ಲೇ ನಗು ನಗುವಿನಲ್ಲೇ ಮಗು.



-ವರ್ಷಿತಾ ಹೆಚ್. ಎಸ್
೨ನೇ ಸಿ. ವಿಭಾಗ

ಪುಟ್ಟ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆಗಳು

ಎಷ್ಟೋ ವಸಂತಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ
ಅಸ್ಪಷ್ಟ ಗುರಿಗಳ ಮುಂದೆ
ಪುಟ್ಟ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆಗಳು

ಚಂದ್ರನ ಬೆಳಕಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ತುತ್ತು
ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಕಡೆ ತಿರುಗುತ್ತೆ ಒಂದು ಸುತ್ತು
ಆ ದಿನಗಳು ಮತ್ತೇ ಬರಬೇಕು
ನಾನು ಮತ್ತೆ ಮತ್ತೆ ಆಡಬೇಕು

ಮಳೆ ನೀರಲಿ ಕಳೆದ ಶಬ್ದಗಳು
ಯಾರು ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ಹಾಡುವ ಕೋಗಿಲೆಯಂತೆ
ಅಪ್ಪಟ ತಿಳಿಯಾದ ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆಯಂತೆ

-ಚಂದ್ರಿಕ
೨ನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ

ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ, ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ, ಓ ನನ್ನ ಬಿಳಿ ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ,
ದುಂಡು ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ, ಸೂಜಿ ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ, ಜಾಜಿ ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ.
ನಿನ್ನ ಪರಿಮಳದ ಮುಂದೆ ಬೇರೆ ಹೂವುಗಳೆಲ್ಲ ಸೊನ್ನೆ,
ಹಾಗಾಗಿ ನೀ ಸದಾ ಸೆಳೆಯುವೆ ನನ್ನನ್ನೇ
ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿದರೆ ದುಂಡು ಮಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಚೆನ್ನ
ಶಿವನಿಗೆ ಪ್ರಿಯವಾದೆ ನೀನೆಷ್ಟು ಧನ್ಯ?
ನಿನ್ನ ಮುಗ್ಧ ಚೆಲುವು ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಮೋಹಿಸಿದೆ
ಮುಡಿದಾಗ ನಿನ್ನ ನಾನು ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗಿಂತ ಕಂಗೊಳಿಸಿದೆ



~ರಕ್ಷಿತಾ ಬಿ. ಆರ್.
ಒನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಮಳೆ

ಆಗಸದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಡಿತ್ತು ಕಪ್ಪುವೋಡ
ಸುಯ್ಯನೆ ಬೀಸೋ ಗಾಳಿಗೆ
ತೂಗಿತ್ತು ಮರ-ಗಿಡ
ಕಾಡು-ಮೇಡುಗಳ
ಮೀಯಿಸುತ್ತ ಧಳ ಧಳ
ಜುಳು-ಜುಳು ಬಳಸಿ
ಹರಿಯಿತು ಬೆಟ್ಟ-ಗುಡ್ಡಗಳ
ಹೊಳೆಯನು ಕೂಡಿ
ಹೊಲವನು ನೋಡಿ
ಚೇತನ ತಂದಿತ್ತು
ಜಗದಲಿ ಜಡವನು ಕಳೆದು
ಮಳೆಯು ಚೆಲುವನು ಚೆಲ್ಲಿತ್ತು.



~ಮಂಥನಾ ಹೆಗಡೆ
ಒನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಪಂಚ



ಇದುವೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಪಂಚ....

ಮರೆವೆವು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ದ್ವೇಷ
ನಮಗಿರಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಭಾಷೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರೀತಿ,
ಇರಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲರಲ್ಲೂ ಆತ್ಮೀಯ ಮಾತು
ಹೋಗಲಿ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ಅಹಂಕಾರದ ಮಾತು,
ಇದುವೇ ನಮ್ಮಯ ಒಲುಮೆಯ ಪ್ರಪಂಚ.

-ಪ್ರೇರಣ .ಎಸ್, ಜನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳು

ಯಾಕೆ ಕೇಳುತ್ತೀರಿ ? ಈ ನಮ್ಮ
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ರಸ್ತೆಯ ಸ್ಥಿತಿ?
ಎಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿದರು ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳು,
ಯಾಕೆ? ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಗಳ ಮುಂದೆಯೇ
ಇದಾವಲ್ಲ ಗುಂಡಿಗಳು!!!
ಯಾರಾದರೂ ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಬಿದ್ದರೆ ಸ್ವಾಹ!
ವಾಹನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಚರಿಸಿದರೆ- ನಮೋ ನಮಃ!
ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರ?
ನಿದ್ರೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಂತ್ರಿ ಪರಿವಾರ?
ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ಸುತ್ತ ಕಸ-ಕಡ್ಡಿ
ಸ್ವಚ್ಛಗೊಳಿಸಿರಿ ಅದನ್ನು ದಯಮಾಡಿ.
ವಾಸನೆಯನ್ನು ತಾಳಲಾರೆವು
ನಮ್ಮ ರಸ್ತೆಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ಉಗುಳುತ್ತಾರೆ
ಮತ್ತೆ ದೇವರನ್ನು ಆರೋಗ್ಯಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಬೇಡುತ್ತಾರೆ!
ಬಾಯಿ ತೆರೆದಿರುವ ಒಳ ಚರಂಡಿಗಳು !!
ಇವುಗಳಲ್ಲೇನಾದರು ಅಪ್ಪಿ-ತಪ್ಪಿ ಬಿದ್ದರೆ . .
ಸ್ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಸಿಗುವುದು ನೇರ ದಾರಿ!
ನಮಗೆ ಯಾಕೆ ಬೇಕು ಈ ಕಷ್ಟಗಳು?
ಏನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರ?
ಪೊರಕೆಯನ್ನು ಹಿಡಿದು ಮೋದಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು
ನಮ್ಮ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತದ ಕನಸು ' ನನಸಾಗಲಿ' ಎಂದರು.



-ಚಂದನ್ ಕುಮಾರ್, ೯ನೇ. ಎ. ವಿಭಾಗ

ಸಂಪಿಗೆ ಮರ

ಓ ಮರ ಸಂಪಿಗೆ ಮರ
ಮನೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಇರುವ ಮರ
ಎಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿರುವೆ ನೀ ಈ ತರ?

ಯಾರು ಮಾಯ ಮಾಡಿದರು ನಿನ್ನ?
ವಾಪಸ್ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಇನ್ನ?
ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದರೆ ಯಾಕೆ ಹೇಳುವೆಯಾ?

ಕೋಪ ಬಂದಾಗ ಕುಳಿತಿದ್ದೆ
ನಿನ್ನ ಕೆಳಗೆ
ಅತ್ತಾಗ ಅದು ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು ನಿನ್ನ ಎಲೆಗೆ
ಈಗ ನಾನು ಯಾರ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಹೋಗಲಿ?

ನಿನ್ನ ಬುಡದಲ್ಲಿತ್ತು ತೂತು
ಅದು ಕಣ್ಣು ಹಾಗೆ ಕಾಣುತ್ತಿತ್ತು
ನನ್ನ ನೋಡಿದಾಗ ಅದು ಹೊಳೆಯುತ್ತಿತ್ತು

ಮರ ಮರ ಓ ಮರ
ಮನೆಯ ಮುಂದೆ ಇರುವ ಸಂಪಿಗೆ ಮರ
ಎಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿರುವೆ ನೀ ಈ ತರ?

-ಸಿರಿ ಶ್ರೀಧರ್
೫ನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಮರ

ಈಶ್ವರನ ಉಡುಗೊರೆ ಈ ಮರ,
ವಾತಾವರಣಕ್ಕೆ ಸೊಗಸು ಈ ಮರ,
ಮನುಷ್ಯರ ಉಸಿರು ಈ ಮರ,
ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ಕಡಿಯಬೇಡಿ.
ಮರವನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸಿ...
ಹಸಿರನ್ನು ಉಳಿಸಿ...

-ದಿಶಾ ಕೆ.ಎನ್
೭ನೇ 'ಬಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ನಮ್ಮ ಯೋಧರು

ಹಿಮಗಿರಿಯ ಚಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ
ಕಾರ್ಗಿಲ್ ಕದನದಲ್ಲಿ
ಶತ್ರುಗಳ ಸದೆಬಡಿದ
ಓ ನಮ್ಮ ಸೈನಿಕರೆ,
ನೀವೆಷ್ಟು ಧನ್ಯರು!

ಶತ್ರುಗಳ ಹೊಡೆದೋಡಿಸಿ
ದೇಶವನ್ನು ಕಾಯುತ್ತಿರುವ
ಓ ನಮ್ಮ ಸೈನಿಕರೆ,
ನೀವೆಷ್ಟು ಧನ್ಯರು!

ಊಟ-ನಿದ್ರೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ
ಹಗಲು-ರಾತ್ರಿ ಎನ್ನದೆ
ಯುದ್ಧ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸೈನಿಕರೆ,
ನೀವೆಷ್ಟು ಧನ್ಯರು!

ಪೋಷಕರ ಪ್ರೀತಿ ನೆನೆದು
ಮಡದಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ತೊರೆದು
ಭಾರತೀಯರನ್ನು ಸದಾ ರಕ್ಷಿಸುವ
ಓ ನಮ್ಮ ಯೋಧರೆ,
ನೀವೆಷ್ಟು ಧನ್ಯರು!

- ಈಶಾನ್.ಎಸ್.ರೆಡ್ಡಿ
6ನೇ 'ಬಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಸುಂದರ ಭಾರತ

ಭಾರತ ದೇಶ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸುಂದರ
ಎಲ್ಲೆಡೆ ಹಸಿರಿದೆ ನಿರಂತರ
ಗಂಗೆ, ತುಂಗೇ, ಕೃಷ್ಣೆ, ಕಾವೇರಿ
ನದಿಗಳ ನೀರು ಹರಿಯಲಿ ನಿರಂತರ

ಹಿಮಾಲಯದ ಅಂದ ಚಂದ
ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನದ ಮರಳಿನ ಅನುಭವ ಚಂದ
ಸಹ್ಯಾದ್ರಿಯ ಎತ್ತರಕೆ ನಿಂತಿದೆ
ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ, ಪೂರ್ವ ಘಟ್ಟದ ಅಂದ ಎಲ್ಲೆಡೆ
ಹರಡಿದೆ

ಭಾರತದ ನೆಲ ಚಂದ
ಅದರ ನೀರು ಇನ್ನೂ ಅಂದ
ನೋಡಲೆರಡು ಕಣ್ಣು ಸಾಲದು
ಅಂದ ಹೊಗಳಲು ಪದಗಳು ಸಾಲದು

~ ಮಿಷಿ ಸೀಳಿನ್
8ನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಅಂಡಮಾನ್

ಅಂಡಮಾನ್‌ಗೆ ಹೋದೆನು ರಜೆಯಲಿ
ತೇಲಿ ಹೋದೆನು ದ್ವೀಪಗಳ ಲೋಕದಲಿ
ಉರಿಯುವ ದೀಪಗಳಂತೆ ತೋರಿದವು
ಸುಂದರ ತೋಟಗಳಂತೆ ಅವು ಕಂಡವು

ಕಾಡುಗಳು ಹಸಿರ ಸೀರೆಗಳಂತೆ
ನೆಲೆಸಿದ ಮನೆಗಳು ಒಡವೆಗಳಂತೆ
ಕಡಲಿನ ಸುಂದರ ನಗರದಲಿ
ನಲಿಯುತ ಸಾಗಿದವು ಹಡಗಿನಲಿ

ಮರಳಿದೆನು ಒಲ್ಲದ ಮನಸಲಿ
ನೆನೆದೆನು ದ್ವೀಪವ ವಿಮಾನದಲಿ
ಅಂಡಮಾನ್ ನೋಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ
ಕಾಯುವೆನು ಮುಂದಿನ ರಜೆಗಾಗಿ

-ಶ್ರೀಯಾ ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್
ಳನೇ. ಬಿ. ವಿಭಾಗ

ಒಂದು ಎರಡು

ಒಂದು ಎರಡು
ಆಟಕೆ ಹೊರಡು
ಮೂರು ನಾಲ್ಕು
ಚೌಕಲಿ ಚೌಕು
ಐದು ಆರು
ಜಠ್ರಂತ ಜಾರು
ಏಳು ಎಂಟು
ಬೇಗ ಬೇಗ ಕುಂಟು
ಒಂಬತ್ತು ಹತ್ತು
ನೆಲದ ಮೇಲೆ ಸುತ್ತು
ಒಂದರಿಂದ ಹತ್ತು ಹೀಗಿತ್ತು
ಆಟದ ಸಮಯ ಮುಗಿದಿತ್ತು

ಹಾರಿಕ

ಳನೇ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಕಾವೇರಿಯ ಕೂಗು

ನಾನು ನಿಮ್ಮ ವೈರಿಯೇ? ನನ್ನ ಮೇಲೆ ಅಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಕೋಪವೇ? ನಾನು ನಿಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರಿಗೂ ನೀರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಇದೇ ನೀವು ಕೊಡುವ ಕೊಡುಗೆಯೇ? ಕೆಲವು ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ನಾನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛವಾಗಿ ಹರಿದು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಈಗ ನನಗೆ ಹರಿಯಲು ತುಂಬಾ ಅಡೆ-ತಡೆಗಳು. ನನ್ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿರುವ ಪ್ಲಾಸ್ಟಿಕ್ ಚೀಲಗಳು ಇತರ ಕಸ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಹಾಳು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಈಗಲೇ ನನ್ನ ಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಹೀಗೆ ಇದ್ದರೆ ನಾನು ಮುಂದೆ ಜೀವನದಿಯಾಗಿ ಹರಿಯುವುದು ತುಂಬಾ ಕಷ್ಟ. ನನ್ನನ್ನು ತಮಿಳುನಾಡು ಮತ್ತು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಗಳು ಬಳಸಲು ಕಿತ್ತಾಡುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಆದರೆ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಉಳಿಸಲು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅವುಗಳಿಗೆ ಮನಸ್ಸಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಅಮ್ಮನಂತೆ. ನನ್ನ ಮಕ್ಕಳಾಗಿ ನೀವು ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಜೀವಿಯ ಜೀವನಕ್ಕೆ ನನ್ನ ಅಗತ್ಯತೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಇದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೆ ಹಲವಾರು ಉಪಯೋಗಗಳೂ ಇವೆ. ನಾನಿಲ್ಲದೆ ನೀವಿಲ್ಲ. ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನ ನಿಮ್ಮ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿದೆ. ನನ್ನನ್ನು ನೀವು ಹಾಳು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ಪೀಳಿಗೆಗೆ ನಾನು ಉಳಿಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

“ ನನ್ನನ್ನು ಉಳಿಸಿ, ನೀವೂ ಉಳಿಯಿರಿ, ನನ್ನ ಕೂಗು ಕೇಳಿರಿ.”

-ವರ್ಷ. ಆರ್

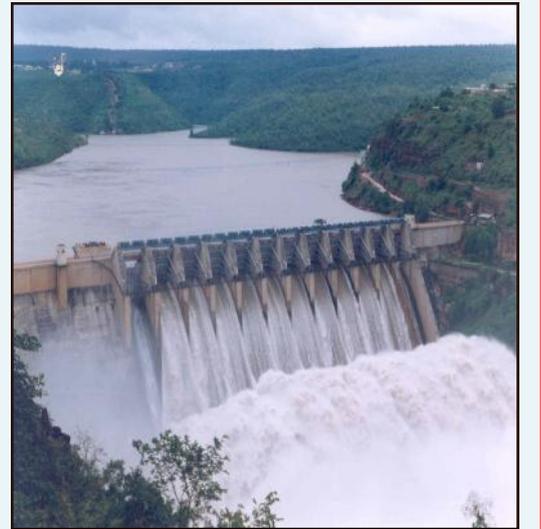
೭ನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ನೀರಿಗಾಗಿ ಕಣ್ಣೀರು

ಬತ್ತಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಜೀವಜಲ
ಹನಿ ಹನಿ ನೀರಿಗಾಗಿ ಕೋಲಾಹಲ
ಕೆರೆ, ತೊರೆ, ಬಾವಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರಿಲ್ಲ
ಪ್ರಾಣಿ ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿಲ್ಲ
ಬೆಳೆ ಬೆಳೆಯಲು ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಮಳೆಯಿಲ್ಲ

ಮಳೆ, ಬೆಳೆ ಇಲ್ಲದೆ ರೈತರು
ಪ್ರಾಣ ಬಿಡುತ್ತಿರುವರು
ಮಾನವನ ಆಸೆಗೆ ಮಿತ್ತಿಯಿಲ್ಲ
ಅವನ ಆಸೆಗೆ ಪರಿಸರ ನಾಶವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆಯಲ್ಲ?
ಇನ್ನಾದರೂ ನಾವು ತಿಳಿಯಬೇಕಲ್ಲ!

-ರಿಶಿತಾ, ೯ನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ





ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜಕುಮಾರ

ನೀನೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯ ರಾಜಕುಮಾರ
ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾತೆಯ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ವರಪುತ್ರ
ಬಂಗಾರದ ಮನುಷ್ಯ, ದೇವತಾಪುರುಷ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರತ್ನನಾಗಿ ನಮಗಾದೆ ಆದರ್ಶ

ಗೋಕಾಕ್ ಚಳುವಳಿಯ ಹೋರಾಟಗಾರ
ಏಳು ಬೀಳುಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೆದರದ ರಣಧೀರ
ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿ, ಡಾಕ್ಟರೇಟ್, ದಾದಾ ಸಾಹೇಬ್ ಫಾಲ್ಕೆ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕರತ್ನ, ರಾಜ್ಯಪ್ರಶಸ್ತಿಗೆ ನೀನಾದೆ ಆಯ್ಕೆ

ಗಾನಗಂಧರ್ವ, ನಟಸಾರ್ವಭೌಮ
ಸರಳತೆಗೆ, ವಿನಯಕ್ಕೆ ನಿನಗಾರಿಲ್ಲ ಸಮ
ಹಲವು ಸಿನಿಮಾಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮೆರೆದ ಧೀಮಂತ
ನೀನೇ ಕನ್ನಡಿಗರಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಗುಣವಂತ

ನೀನೇ ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯ ರಾಜಕುಮಾರ
ಕನ್ನಡ ಮಾತೆಯ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ವರಪುತ್ರ

~ನಿರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಕೆ
ಓನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಸೆಲ್ಫೀ (ಸ್ವಂತಿಕೆ)

ಕೂದಲು ಉದ್ದ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು,
ಹೊಸ ಉಡುಪುಗಳನ್ನು ಧರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು,
ಆ ಒಂದು ಕ್ಷಣಕ್ಕೆ,
ಒಂದು ವರುಷ ಕಾದನು.

ಕೈಯನ್ನು ಮೇಲೆ ಎತ್ತಿ,
ಬೆರಳು ಬಟನ್ ಮೇಲೆ ಇಟ್ಟು,
ತರಹೇವಾರಿ ಪೋಸು ಕೊಡುತ್ತ,
ತೆಗೆದನು ಬಹಳ ಸೆಲ್ಫೀ

ಆ ಕೋಲಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಫೋನ್ ಹಾಕಿ,
ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡ ಒಂದು ಸ್ವಂತಿಕೆ,
ಅವನ ಬಾಯಿ ಮೇಲೆ-ಕೆಳಗೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು,
ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡ ಅವನ ಚಿತ್ರವ.



ಅಪ್ಪನ ಜೊತೆ, ಅಮ್ಮನ ಜೊತೆ,
ಅಕ್ಕನ ಜೊತೆ, ತಮ್ಮನ ಜೊತೆ,
ಗೆಳೆಯನ ಜೊತೆ, ಗೆಳತಿಯ ಜೊತೆ,
ಒಂದು ಸೆಲ್ಫೀಯನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದನು.

ಸೆಲ್ಫೀ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೈ ನೋವಾಯಿತು,
ಅದಕೆ ಅವನು ತಂದ ಒಂದು ಕೋಲನು,
ಅದು ಬಹಳ ವಿಶೇಷವಾದುದು,
ಅದು ಒಂದು ಬ್ಲೂಟೂತ್ ಕೋಲು.

ದಿನವಿಡೀ ಸೆಲ್ಫೀ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾ,
ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಬೆಟ್ಟಕ್ಕೇರಿದ,
ಇಳಿಜಾರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಿಂತು
ಸ್ವಂತಿಕೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿರುವಾಗ,
ಆಯ ತಪ್ಪಿ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಬಿದ್ದನಾಗ.

- ಪ್ರೀತಮ್.ಎಚ್
೯ನೇ. ಎ. ವಿಭಾಗ

ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ

ಒಂದು ಊರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬ ಶ್ರೀಮಂತನಿದ್ದ. ಅವನಿಗೆ ಮೂವರು ಗಂಡು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರು ತುಂಬಾ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಓದುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಊರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹತ್ತನೇ ತರಗತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಅಂಕ ಗಳಿಸಿದರು. ಆಗ ಅವರ ಅಪ್ಪ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ ಕೊಡಿಸಲು ಅವರನ್ನು ಪೇಟೆಯ ಒಂದು ದೊಡ್ಡ ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ ಕಳಿಸಿದರು. ಹೋಗಿ ಬರಲು ಒಂದು ಕಾರು ಕೊಡಿಸಿದರು. ಆದರೆ ಅವರು ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ ಹೋಗದೆ ಸಿನಿಮಾ, ಶಿಕಾರಿ ಎಂದು ಕಾಲ ಕಳೆಯುತ್ತಾ ಪರಿಶ್ರಮದಿಂದ ಓದುವುದನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟರು. ತರಗತಿಗೂ ಸರಿಯಾಗಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಬಂದಾಗಲೂ ಯೋಚಿಸಲಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾವು ಹೇಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಉತ್ತಮ ಅಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಓದುವುದರ ಅವಶ್ಯಕತೆ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಯಾರೂ ಓದಲು ಮುಂದಾಗಲೇ ಇಲ್ಲ. ಸಾಲದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ದಿನದಂದು ಒಂದು ಗಂಟೆ ತಡವಾಗಿ ಕಾಲೇಜಿಗೆ ಹೋದರು. ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರು 'ನೀವು ಏಕೆ ತಡವಾಗಿ ಬಂದಿರಿ?' ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದರು. ಆಗ ಅವರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬನು, ನಯ ವಿನಯವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ' ಕಾರಿನ ಟೈರ್ ಪಂಕ್ಚರ್ ಆಗಿತ್ತು' ಎಂದು ಉದಾಸೀನವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ. ಆಗ ಪ್ರಾಂಶುಪಾಲರು, ' ಸರಿ ಹಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ನಾಳೆ ಬೇಗ, ಬಂದು ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆ ಬರೆಯಿರಿ' ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದರು. ಆಗ ಅವರಿಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ತಪ್ಪಿನ ಅರಿವಾಗಿ, ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಕ್ಷಮೆ ಕೇಳಿದರು. ನಂತರ ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಓದಲು ಶುರು ಮಾಡಿ ಉತ್ತಮ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳೆನಿಸಿಕೊಂಡರು.

-ನಂದಿತ, ೫ನೇ ಎ ವಿಭಾಗ

ಹಾಸ್ಯದ ಹೊನಲು

ಒಬ್ಬ ಬಾಲಕನು
ಗುಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ "ದೇವರೇ...
ಮಾಸ್ಕೋವನ್ನು ಚೈನಾದ
ರಾಜಧಾನಿಯಾಗಿ ಮಾಡು"
ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸತೊಡಗಿದನು.
ಅದನ್ನು ಕೇಳಿದ
ಪೂಜಾರಿಯು, "ಏಕೆ"?
ಎಂದು ಕೇಳಿದನು.
"ನನ್ನ ಉತ್ತರ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ
ಹಾಗೇ ಬರೆದು ಬಂದಿದ್ದೀನಲ್ಲಾ
ಅದಕ್ಕೆ" ಎಂದನು ಬಾಲಕನು.

-ಮಂಜರಿ

೫ನೇ ' ಬಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಪರಿಸರ

ನಾವು ವಾಸಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಭೂಮಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅದರ ಮೇಲಿರುವ ಮರ, ಗಿಡ, ಬಳ್ಳಿಗಳು, ಪಶು-ಪಕ್ಷಿ, ಉರಗ-ಕೀಟಗಳು, ನದಿ, ಸರೋವರ, ಸಮುದ್ರಗಳು, ಗಾಳಿ, ಆಕಾಶ ಈ ಎಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಪರಿಸರವೆಂದು ಕರೆಯುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಪರಿಸರ ನಮಗೆ ದೇವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ವರ. ಪರಿಸರವಿದ್ದರೆ ಮಾನವ. ಪರಿಸರವಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಮಾನವ ಸಂಕುಲ ಇರುವುದು ಅಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗಿರುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ನಮಗೆ ದಿನನಿತ್ಯದ ಆಹಾರ, ನಾವು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುವ ಕಾಗದ, ಗೃಹೋಪಯೋಗದ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು, ಪೀಠೋಪಕರಣಗಳು, ಇವೆಲ್ಲವಕ್ಕೂ ಪರಿಸರವೇ ಮೂಲ.

ಈ ಪರಿಸರದ ಸಹಜಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ಅಪಾಯವುಂಟು ಮಾಡುವ ಹಾನಿಕಾರಕ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸುವುದರಿಂದ ಪರಿಸರಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ಉಂಟಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ತಾನೇ ಪರಿಸರದ ಒಡೆಯನೆಂದು ಮನುಷ್ಯ ತಿಳಿದಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಸ್ವಾರ್ಥಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕೈಗೊಂಡ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಂದ ಪರಿಸರಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾನಿಯುಂಟು ಮಾಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಜೀವಿಗಳ ನಾಶಕ್ಕೂ ಸ್ವಯಂ ವಿನಾಶಕ್ಕೂ ಕಾರಣನಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾನೆ. ಪರಿಸರ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯದ ವಿಧಗಳೆಂದರೆ, ಜಲಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ, ವಾಯುಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ, ಶಬ್ದಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ, ಮಣ್ಣಿನ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ - ಹೀಗೆ ನಾನಾ ರೀತಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಮಲಿನಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಕೆರೆ-ಕಟ್ಟಿಗಳು, ನದಿ-ಸರೋವರಗಳು ನೀರಿನ ಸೆಲೆಗಳಾಗಿವೆ. ಇವು ನಗರಗಳ ಕೊಳಚೆ, ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ನೀರಿನಿಂದ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಮೀನು, ಮೊದಲಾದ ಜಲಜೀವಿಗಳು ಈ ನೀರನ್ನು ಕುಡಿದು ಸಾಯುತ್ತವೆ. ಬಗೆ ಬಗೆಯ ವಾಹನ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳು ಹೊಗೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊಮ್ಮುತ್ತಿವೆ. ನಾವು ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸುವ ಏರ್‌ಕಂಡೀಷನರ್, ರೆಫ್ರಿಜರೇಟರುಗಳು, ಓಜೋನ್ ಪದರಗಳನ್ನು ಭೇದಿಸುತ್ತಿವೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ಹಿಮಪರ್ವತಗಳು ಕರಗತೊಡಗಿವೆ. ಇಂತಹ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯಗಳಿಂದ ಹಲವಾರು ರೋಗಗಳು ಬರುತ್ತಿವೆ.

ಪರಿಸರ ನಮ್ಮ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಆಸೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈಡೇರಿಸುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಪರಿಸರವು ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳಿಗೆ, ಆದಿವಾಸಿಗಳಿಗೆ, ಎಷ್ಟೋ ವರ್ಷಗಳಿಂದ, ಆಶ್ರಯವನ್ನು ನೀಡುತ್ತಾ ಬರುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಪರಿಸರದಲ್ಲಿ ದೊರೆಯುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವಸ್ತುಗಳು ನಮಗೆ ಜೀವನದ ಮೂಲವಾಗಿವೆ. ಇಂತಹ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯವಾದ ಪರಿಸರವನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಬೇಕು. ಜಲಾಶಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೊಳೆ ಸೇರದಂತೆ ಎಚ್ಚರ ವಹಿಸಬೇಕು. ಹಾನಿಕಾರಕ ಇಂಧನಗಳ ಬಳಕೆ, ವಾಹನಗಳ ಬಳಕೆ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆಗಳ ಕೊಳೆ, ಹೊಗೆಯನ್ನು ಶುದ್ಧೀಕರಿಸಿ ಹೊರಗೆ ಬಿಡಬೇಕು. ಕಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸಬೇಕು. ಅಂತರ್ಜಲ ಬಳಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕಡಿತಗೊಳಿಸಿ, ಅದರ ಮರುಪೂರಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಶ್ರಮಿಸಬೇಕು. ಮನುಷ್ಯ ಎಚ್ಚೆತ್ತುಕೊಂಡು ಪರಿಸರ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯವನ್ನು ತಡೆಗಟ್ಟುವ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲೇಬೇಕು. ಆ ಮೂಲಕ ತಾನೂ ಬದುಕಿ, ಪರಿಸರದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಜೀವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಉಳಿಯುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು.

ಪರಿಸರ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಯೇ ಜೀವಗಳ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ. ಪರಿಸರ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ವಿಶ್ವ ವಿನಾಶದ ಮೂಲ. ಜೀವಿಗಳ ಅಳಿವು ಅಥವಾ ಉಳಿವು - ಈ ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮನುಷ್ಯನ ಮುಂದಿದೆ.

-ಪ್ರಜ್ಞಾ ಭಾರ್ಗವ

೯ನೇ ಎ. ವಿಭಾಗ

ನನ್ನ ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರವಾಸ

2015ರ ಅಕ್ಟೋಬರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ನನ್ನ ತಂಗಿ, ತಾಯಿ-ತಂದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಜ್ಜಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋಗಿದ್ದೆ. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಿಂದ ನಾವೆಲ್ಲ ಜೈಪುರಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಮಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋದೆವು.

ಅಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಕ್ಯಾಂಬೇ ರೆಸಾರ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಉಳಿದುಕೊಂಡೆವು. ಮೊದಲಿಗೆ ಸಿಟಿ ಪ್ಯಾಲೇಸ್, ಅಮೀರ ಕೋಟೆ ನೋಡಿದೆವು. ನಂತರ ಜಂತರ್ ಮಂತರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಗಡಿಯಾರವಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಸೂರ್ಯನ ಪ್ರಕಾಶದಿಂದ ಸಮಯವನ್ನು ತಿಳಿದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ರೀತಿಯನ್ನು ವಿವರಿಸಿದರು. ಎರಡನೇ ದಿನ ನಾವೆಲ್ಲಾ ಉದಯಪುರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದೆವು. ಇದನ್ನು 'ಬಿಳಿ ನಗರ' ಎಂದು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಂತರ ಮಹಾರಾಣಾ ಪ್ರತಾಪರ ಜನ್ಮಸ್ಥಳ ಕುಂಬಳಗಡಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದೆವು. ಇದರ ಕೋಟೆ ನೋಡಲು ನಯನ ಮನೋಹರವಾಗಿದೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಜೋಧಪುರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದೆವು. ಇದನ್ನು 'ನೀಲಿ ನಗರ'ವೆಂದು ಕರೆಯಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಪುನಃ ಜೈಪುರಕ್ಕೆ ಹಿಂದಿರುಗಿದೆವು. ಮಾರನೆಯ ದಿನ ಮಿರ್ಜಾ ಇಸ್ಮಾಯಿಲ್ ರಸ್ತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಜವೇರಿ ಬಜಾರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲವು ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಿದೆವು. ನಂತರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿಗೆ ಬಂದು ತಲುಪಿದೆವು. ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆ ಎಂಟು ದಿನಗಳ ಆ ಪ್ರವಾಸ ನಮ್ಮ ನೆನಪಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಶಾಶ್ವತವಾಗಿ ಉಳಿದುಕೊಂಡಿದೆ.

~ಪರಿಧಿ ಎಸ್., ೬ನೇ ಬಿ. ತರಗತಿ

ನನ್ನ ಗುಜರಾತ್ ಪ್ರವಾಸ

ನಾವು ಹದಿನೈದು ದಿನಗಳ ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಪ್ರವಾಸದ ಯೋಜನೆ ಮಾಡಿದೆವು. ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ವಿಮಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುಜರಾತಿಗೆ ಹೋದೆವು. ನಾನು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋದ ನಂತರ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಚಳಿಯ ಅನುಭವವಾಯಿತು. ಅಹಮದಾಬಾದಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ಸಾಬರಮತಿ ಆಶ್ರಮ ಮತ್ತು ಅಕ್ಷರಧಾಮ ನೋಡಿದೆವು. ಮರುದಿನ ನನ್ನ ಚಿಕ್ಕಪ್ಪನ ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋದೆವು.

ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ನಾವು ಎಲ್ಲರೊಡನೆ ದ್ವಾರಕ, ನಾಗೇಶ ಮತ್ತು ಸೋಮನಾಥ ಜ್ಯೋತಿರ್ಲಿಂಗಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದೆವು. ಮುಂದೆ ನಾವು ಜುನಾಗಡದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋಟೆ ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರಾಣಿ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಲಯಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದೆವು. ಗಿರ್ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿತ ಉದ್ಯಾನವನಕ್ಕೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿದೆವು. ಭುರ್ಜ ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನ್ನಡಿಯ ಅರಮನೆ ಹಾಗೂ ದೇವಿಗುಡಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದೆವು. ಕಛ್ ಮರುಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದೆವು. ಹೀಗಿತ್ತು ನನ್ನ ಗುಜರಾತಿನ ಪ್ರವಾಸ.

-ವಿಹಾನ್, ೬ನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ

ನಾವು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆಯನ್ನು ಪಾಲಿಸಬೇಕು. ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ರಸ್ತೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ, ಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಅಂಗಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಇರಬೇಕು. ಸ್ವಚ್ಛತೆ ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ನೋಣಗಳು, ಕ್ರಿಮಿಕೀಟಗಳು ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತುಂಬುತ್ತವೆ. ಅದರಿಂದ ನಾವು ತುಂಬಾ ಕಾಯಿಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಗಾಗಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅನೇಕ ಸಾವು ನೋವುಗಳಿಗೂ ತುತ್ತಾಗಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅದಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ, ನೀರು ನಿಂತ ಗುಂಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸದಿದ್ದರೆ ಬರುವ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಗಳನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

-ಖ್ಯಾತಿ, ೪ನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ನಾವೇಕೆ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು?

ಸುಂದರ ದೇಶವಿದು ಭಾರತ
ಹಸಿರಿನ ಬೀಡು ವನಗಳ ನಾಡು||
ಆದರಿಂದು ಕಾಡುತಿದೆ ಭಯವೊಂದು,
ಆಗುವುದೇ ಇದು ಕಸಗಳ ಬೀಡೆಂದು

ಓದಿರುವೆವು ನಾವೆಲ್ಲ ಕಸ ವಿಂಗಡಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು
ಜೈವಿಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಜೈವಿಕ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯಗಳೆಂದು||
ಆದರಿಂದು ಬಹು ಜನರಿಗೆ ಇದು ಬರಿ ಓದು,
ನಾವೇಕೆ ಪಾಲಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಇದನಿಂದು?



ಕಾಣುತ್ತಿರುವೆವು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತದ ಕನಸು
ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಮಾಡಿ ಕಸ ವಿಂಗಡಿಸುವ ಮನಸ್ಸು
ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವೆವು ನಾವು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತದ ಅಭಿಯಾನದಲ್ಲಿ
ನಾವು ಒಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸಬಾರದೇಕೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ?

-ವಿಹಾನ್, ೬ನೇ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ನನ್ನ ಬಿಳಿಯ ಚಂದಿರ

ನನ್ನ ಬಿಳಿಯ ಚಂದಿರ ಕೈಗೆ ಎಟುಕುವನೆ?
ಕರೆದಾಗ ಜೊತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬರುವನೆ?
ಅವನನು ನೋಡಿ ಉಣ್ಣುವೆನಮ್ಮ
ಹಾಡುತ ಆಡುತ ನಲಿಯುವೆನಮ್ಮ
ಹೇಳೆ ನನ್ನಮ್ಮ ನೀ ಹೇಳೆ
ಮುದ್ದಿನ ಅಮ್ಮ.. .. ನೀ ಹೇಳೆ

ಚಂದಿರನು ಭೂಮಿಗೆ ಇಳಿದು ಬಂದರೆ
ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ನಾ ಕರೆದು ತರುವೆನು
ಗುರುಗಳು ಹೇಳುವ ಪಾಠವನು
ಅವನಿಗೂ ನಾ ಕಲಿಸುವೆನು
ಹೇಳೆ ನನ್ನಮ್ಮ ನೀ ಹೇಳೆ
ನನ್ನ ಮುದ್ದಿನ ಅಮ್ಮ.. .. ನೀ ಹೇಳೆ

-ನಿರೀಕ್ಷ

೬ನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

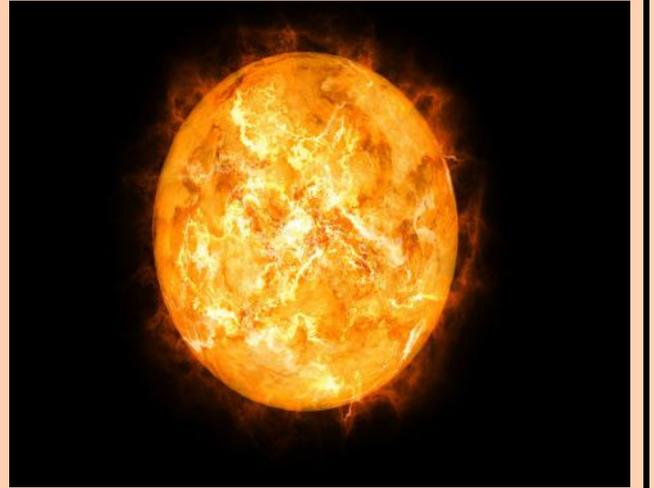
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ಬೆಳಕು ಕೊಡುವ ಸೂರ್ಯ
ನಿತ್ಯ ನಿನಗೆ ಇದೇ ಕಾರ್ಯ
ನಿನ್ನಿಂದ ನಮಗೆ ಧೈರ್ಯ
ನೀನಿಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ನಮಗೆಲ್ಲ ಅಧೈರ್ಯ

ಪೂರ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಟ್ಟುವೆ
ಪಶ್ಚಿಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಮುಳುಗುವೆ
ನೀನು ಹುಟ್ಟುವಾಗ ಸುಂದರ
ಮುಳುಗುವಾಗಲಂತೂ ಅತೀ ಸುಂದರ

~ಹರ್ಷ್.ಜಿ

೫ನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಪ್ರಾಣಿ ದಯೆ

ಒಂದು ದಿನ ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಎಂಬ ಹುಡುಗಿಯು ಸಂಜೆ ಗೆಳತಿಯರೊಡನೆ ಆಡಲು ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದಳು. ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೆಲದ ಮೇಲೆ ಬಿದ್ದಿರುವ ಗುಬ್ಬಿಚ್ಚಿಯನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದಳು. ದಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಜನರು, ಅದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿದರೂ, ನೋಡದ ಹಾಗೆ ಹೋಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಅದನ್ನು ಕಂಡು ಅವಳಿಗೆ ತುಂಬಾ ಬೇಸರವಾಯಿತು. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ, ಅವಳ ಗೆಳತಿಯರೊಂದಿಗೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಮನೆಗೆ ಎತ್ತಿಕೊಂಡು ಹೋದಳು. ಅದನ್ನು ಅವಳ ತಂದೆ, ತಾಯಿಗೆ ತೋರಿಸಿದಳು. ಅವರು ಅದರ ಮೇಲೆ ದಯೆ ತೋರಿಸಿ, ಪಶು ವೈದ್ಯರ ಹತ್ತಿರ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋದರು. ವೈದ್ಯರು ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಔಷಧಿ ನೀಡಿದರು. ನಂತರ ಅವಳು ಗುಬ್ಬಿಚ್ಚಿಯನ್ನು ಮನೆಗೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡು ಹೋಗಿ ಒಂದು ವಾರಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಔಷಧಿ ನೀಡಿ ಆರೈಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದಳು. ಗುಬ್ಬಿಚ್ಚಿ ಚೇತರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿತು. ಲಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ಗುಬ್ಬಿಚ್ಚಿಯನ್ನು ತನ್ನ ಬಳಿಯೇ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳಬಯಸಿದಳು. ಆಗ ಅವಳ ತಂದೆ, "ಹಾಗೆ ಮಾಡುವುದು ತಪ್ಪು, ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬಂಧನದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಡಬಾರದು" ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಅವಳು ಪಕ್ಷಿಯನ್ನು ಸ್ವತಂತ್ರವಾಗಿ ಹಾರಲು ಬಿಟ್ಟಳು. ಪಕ್ಷಿಯು ಅವಳ ಕಡೆಗೆ ಒಮ್ಮೆ ತಿರುಗಿನೋಡಿ ಹಾರಿ ಹೋಯಿತು.

ನೀತಿ- ' ಪ್ರಾಣಿ ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ದಯೆ ತೋರಿಸಿ.'

-ವಿಭಾ

ಇನ್ನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ನವಿಲು

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ಹವ್ಯಾಸಗಳು

ಮನುಷ್ಯನು ಆರೋಗ್ಯವಾಗಿರಬೇಕಾದರೆ ಅವನ ದೇಹ ಮತ್ತು ಮನಸ್ಸುಗಳು ಸದಾ ಕ್ರಿಯಾಶೀಲವಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗಿದಾಗ, ಇಲ್ಲಸಲ್ಲದ ಯೋಚನೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಚಿಂತೆಯನ್ನು ದೂರಮಾಡಿ ಮನಸ್ಸು ಲವಲವಿಕೆಯಿಂದಿರುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಬಹುದು. ವೈಜ್ಞಾನಿಕ ಆವಿಷ್ಕಾರಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಜ್ಞಾನಗಳಿಂದ ಮನುಷ್ಯನಿಗೆ ದೈಹಿಕ ಶ್ರಮ ಕಡಿಮೆಯಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ದುಷ್ಟ ಯೋಚನೆ, ಯೋಜನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೊಡಗುವ ಸಾಧ್ಯತೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇದನ್ನು ತಡೆಹಿಡಿಯಲು ಕೆಲವು ಹವ್ಯಾಸಗಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ಹವ್ಯಾಸಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯವೂ ಇವೆ, ಕೆಟ್ಟವೂ ಇವೆ. ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಹವ್ಯಾಸಗಳಿಂದ ಮನುಷ್ಯ ಉತ್ತಮ ನಾಗರಿಕನಾಗುತ್ತಾನೆ. ಅವನ ನೆಮ್ಮದಿ, ಆರೋಗ್ಯ, ಸಂಪತ್ತು ಅಧಿಕವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಕೆಟ್ಟ ಹವ್ಯಾಸಗಳು ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ ಸಂತಸವನ್ನಿತ್ತರೂ, ಅವನ ಅವನತಿಗೆ ಕಾರಣವಾಗುತ್ತವೆ. ಅದರಿಂದಾಗಿ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಹವ್ಯಾಸಗಳನ್ನು ಆಯ್ಕೆ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದದ್ದು ಅತ್ಯವಶ್ಯ.

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ಜನೇ ತರಗತಿ 'ಬಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ಕಲೆ

ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ನಡೆಯುವುದು ಬಯಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ. ಹೀಗಾಗಿ ಇದಕ್ಕೆ 'ಬಯಲಾಟ' ಎಂದು ಹೆಸರಾಗಿದೆ. ಬಯಲಾಟ ನಡೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳಕ್ಕೆ 'ರಂಗಸ್ಥಳ' ಎನ್ನುವರು. ನಾಲ್ಕು ಕಂಬಗಳ ಸುಮಾರು 15 ಆಡಿಗಳಷ್ಟು ಚಪ್ಪೆಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದನ್ನು ಸಿದ್ಧಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ತಳಿರು-ತೋರಣ, ಚಪ್ಪರದಿಂದ ಇದನ್ನು ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಿಂದೆ ಕೈದೀಪ, ಗ್ಯಾಸ್‌ಲೈಟಿನ ಬೆಳಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಟ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ಈಗ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ದೀಪಗಳ ಅನುಕೂಲತೆಯಿದೆ. ರಂಗಸ್ಥಳದ ಹಿಂಬದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಮ್ಮೇಳದವರಿಗೆ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಏರ್ಪಾಟು ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ 'ಅಡಿಮಂಚ' ಕಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಇದರ ಬಲಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರೇಕ್ಷಕರು ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ರಂಗಸ್ಥಳದ ಪಕ್ಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಣ್ಣ ಹಚ್ಚುವ 'ಚೌಕಿ' ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆಟದ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಕ್ಕೆ ಮೊದಲು ನಟರು ವೇಷಭೂಷಣದಿಂದ ಸಜ್ಜಾಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಬಯಲಾಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಡುವವರಿಗೆ 'ಭಾಗವತರು' ಎಂದು ಹೆಸರಿದೆ. ಇವರು ಬಯಲಾಟದ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರಾಗಿಯೂ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನಟರು ಆಡಿ ತೋರಿಸುವ ಕಥಾಭಾಗವನ್ನು 'ಪ್ರಸಂಗ' ಎನ್ನುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಬಯಲಾಟದ ತಂಡದವರಿಗೆ 'ಮೇಳದವರು' ಎಂದು ಹೆಸರಿದೆ. ಮೃದಂಗ ಅಥವಾ ಮದ್ದಳೆ, ಶೃತಿ, ತಾಳ ಮತ್ತು ಚಂಡೆ ಇವು ಹಿಮ್ಮೇಳದ ವಾದ್ಯಗಳು.

ವೇಷಧಾರಿಗಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಪಾತ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ತಕ್ಕಂತೆ ಕುಣಿಯುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಸಂಭಾಷಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಭಾಗವತರು ಹಾಡಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ಕಥೆಯನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಬಯಲಾಟ ಇಡೀ ರಾತ್ರಿ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಕ್ಷಗಾನ ಆಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಸುಮಾರು 500 ಪ್ರಸಂಗಗಳಿವೆ ಎಂದು ಅಂದಾಜು ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ನೂರರಷ್ಟು ಪ್ರಸಂಗಗಳು ಪುಸ್ತಕ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿವೆ. ಕೆಲವೊಂದು ಪ್ರಸಂಗಗಳು ಓಲೆಗರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಾಗದದಲ್ಲಿ ಲಿಖಿತ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿವೆ. ಮತ್ತೆ ಕೆಲವು ಪರಂಪರೆಯಾಗಿ ಬಂದು ಹಾಡುವವರ ಬಾಯಿಯಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಉಳಿದಿವೆ. ಕೆಲವು ಭಾಗವತರು 30-40 ಪ್ರಸಂಗಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಡಬಲ್ಲರು.

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