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From Principal's Desk

Every human being needs oxygen to survive in the world. Education is as important as oxygen which enables one to acquire knowledge, life skills and enables one to develop one's values and belief system.

Education is a life-long learning process. Education is the process of facilitating learning, or the acquisition of knowledge, skills, values, beliefs, and habits. According to Swami Vivekananda, "Education is the manifestation of the divine perfection, already existing in man".

To him education is not only collection of information, but something more meaningful. It is man-making, life-giving and character-building. Therefore, man-making relates to the harmonious development of the body, mind and soul. In the process of imparting meaningful education, New Horizon Public School provides numerous avenues to students to develop their overall personality.

The School Magazine is one of such very important tools to develop students' creativity, art, communication skills, etc. This is a biennial magazine published in October and April. Any student can contribute articles like poems, essays, creative write up, sketches, paintings, etc. to this magazine. This is your magazine read it and encourage others to read it.

I congratulate all the budding artists and writers who have contributed their articles to this magazine and opened their wings to fly high. I also congratulate the editorial team for all their efforts for making our education more meaningful through this magazine. Keep writing and bring others in the fold of writing. All the best! God Bless.

Dr. Nicholas Correa
Executive Director & Principal

Editorial

Welcome to the Second Issue of School Magazine which offers opportunity to students and staff to explore their writing skills and fathom scope of their success.

Expressing thoughts through articles and poems does not only help one to improve their power of expression but also add to articulation and presentation of facts and fiction acquired through readings.

It has been rightly observed by scholars that writing helps a learner to analyze, evaluate and critically think on any subject of human concern.

This magazine is hence a showcase of literary talents of our students and faculty. It's a conscious effort to portray the literary and aesthetic endeavour of our students and faculty at its best.

Thank you for the likes for our previous issues which gave us a strong viewership platform.

Once again Happy Viewing and Happy Reading too!!!!

Mrs. Seema Sharma

Vice Principal's Message

Creative expression is an art of sending a message for the purpose of entertainment for involving emotions and for self-expression of ideas thoughts and feelings.

Emotions are important for all humans .It makes the world go round and is very crucial for our existence.

The very act of writing and expressing thoughts and ideas into words is an art form in itself. This creative expression leads to capability of observing the world around us through the writer's eye. Thus expression helps in sensitizing people about the happiness around.

New Horizon Public School provides a platform for its students to express ideas and information through the school magazine hence profoundly enhancing their creative capabilities and honing their skills for future art form. The magazine with its plethora of expressions in myriad forms ,creatively conceptualized by its students and teachers will provide an insight into their intellect and will be a good read for all.

As it is rightly said that the power of a good read has the ability to transform lives forever, and is like conversing with the finest men. Today's 'finest reader' will be tomorrow's 'finest leader'.

Ms. Monalisa Basu

Message from HM & Co-ordinators

Greetings to you!!

Humans have yearned to let their thoughts to be heard, understood and agreed to. An ability to express ones thoughts clearly, confidently and convincingly is a skill. Mastering one such skill shapes ones personality and enhance self-confidence.

Our school provides a platform for our students to express, connect and mesmerize the readers through this School Magazine. Wish you all a Happy vacation and Happy reading Time.

Happy reading.

Mrs. Kuldeep Kaur, Ms. Sreekala S

Ms. Als Graceson, Ms. Ruby Verghese

My Precious Possession

- Harshita Nambiar VIII-E

My precious possession is my Piggy Bank. Yes! my cute little piggy bank. Do I hear laughter?! Well, you can laugh all you want. It doesn't change anything. My piggy bank is a adorable little pig with a large flat snout. The slit to put in money is not on its back but in its snout. The snout is hinged at one end and shuts on the other like a door. It has a numbered lock, with the combination hidden under its belly! So you see, it's a rather high security bank, ala James Bond! I had to search long & hard to get my piggy... about a hundred shops! Don't believe me? Ask my dad, who during the process discovered many by lanes & shops he never know existed. Oh yes! by

the way Flipkart & Amazon were not even born then!

So poor me had trouble my unwilling legs! I have had it ever since I can remember! I

am very possessive about it too! I have this strange feeling that my entire family eyes it with malicious intent of robbing it. Hence I have to guard it well.

I am very worried what my piggy has to go through, when I am in school & it is at the mercy of my family members. I have plans though. I am talking to Samsung to install a finger print scanner on it so only I can open.



ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

- Salomi Correa VIII-B

In today's world ; googling is a verb, facebook is a necessity and instagram fashion. All these internet moguls have one thing in common, which powers them. Natural intelligence, us who use them and A.I. which runs them.

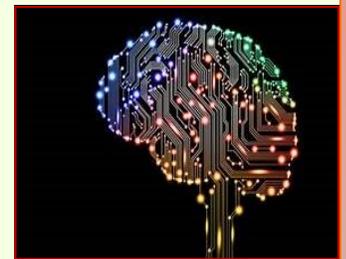
So what is A.I.? It is Artificial Intelligence. It's the intelligence displayed by a machine. A.I. is used to power data searches, image recognition, natural language processing and what net. These funky terms are implemented by us all actually. Heard of 'Hey Siri', 'Ok Google', 'Hey Alexa'....They are our constant companions in almost all of our mobile phones. A.I. can be used in surgeries, curing millions who are wrongly treated. A.I. could help solve some trivial problems so

that human brains could tinker on the untaught.

On the other hand, people can think of A.I. for losing their jobs. They can think of A.I. so

intelligent that it keeps improving itself that it will conquer power in no time.

This is the time, we are the people who can mould A.I. into a constructor rather than a de-structor. If we eliminate the negative notion about A.I., we are the threat ourselves. If we keep doing what we are doing, we are going to keep getting what we are getting. So why not to do the good and get the good.



Clean air soon to be found nowhere!

- Ankur Soni IX -E

Yes, you read it right. If the air contamination rates increase at the current levels then there will not be a single place on earth where one could get fresh and natural air. With increasing pollution and industrialization, and reports of overall air quality of the world being at its poorest ever, there is need of an immediate call to save our much lively Earth from being converted into a gas chamber, devoid of life.

Though it may sound exaggerating, every 9 out of 10 people in the world are at the highest risk of respiratory diseases such as asthma and bronchitis. And with about 60% of the affected population being children and adolescents, this world mega-threat poses an even bigger challenge.

The air pollution caused can only be restricted to its minimum at present, due to lack of availability of means to totally terminate it. This hazard can only be prevented by the earnest efforts of people all over the world. Nature has given us so much; now it's our time to redeem it.



BE 'YOU'

- Rochelle Ann Teddy VIII-A

Be true to yourself
Don't change for others
Let your heart dwell

Where its dreams are nurtured ti

Say what you think
Do what you feel

Don't ask for approval
Set right the doubters
Ignore the gossips
Pluck out the thorns
Follow your heart
There's a reason you were born

BE HAPPY.
BE BRIGHT.
BE YOU.

Parents

- Vini Gala IX-B

They held my fingers when I couldn't walk,
They understood me when I couldn't talk.
I can't see them in tears,
They can't see me in fear.
Superman is a big zero,
Because my dad's my only hero.
Mother is God's most beautiful creation,
Words are always less for her appreciation.
In every situation, when in need,

Their help is always
guaranteed.
They filled their lives
with sacrifices,
So that mine was suffice.
When you have mom's love and dad's care,
Don't you feel like a billionaire?

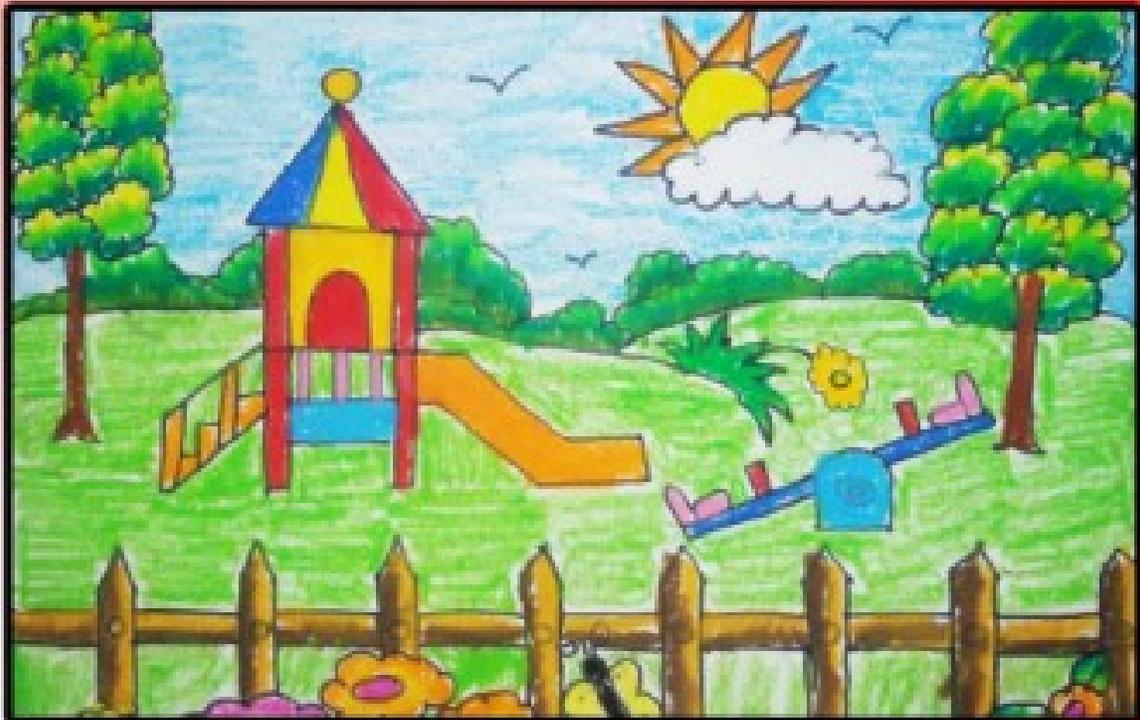




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SOCIAL MEDIA:THE ALARMING ELIXIR OF LIFE

- Shravya Atreya VIII-C



As it is rightly said, “Technology is a great servant but a dangerous master”, even social media used in a legitimate way can prove to be conducive.

We all very well know (we teenagers know better) how and in what way social media impacts our day to day life. From snap chatting all our memories, to posting each and every moment of our life on instagram, we never know how time flies by. As in any thing in life, every coin has two sides; but in this case, the one with disadvantages is heavier.

We are now connected to internet, like neurons in a giant brain. It is estimated that teens spend almost 80% of their time daily on social media platforms. Though it can't be denied that social media help to promote various activities such as women empowerment, gender equality, talent recognition etc., moreover, news of injustice happening in any part of the globe spreads like wildfire on social media platforms and helps people gain access to justice faster. Many people use social media as a tool to influence ideas, thinking, style, taste of people for the betterment of the society, but it can't be denied that some may misuse it just for

non-specific purposes like reacting to others views unnecessarily, body shaming, hate comments etc. These views offend individuals to great extent and there are instances where tender minds have succumbed to these and committed suicides. This is because teens constantly feel the pressure on social media platforms: to look good, have better happening lives than others, constantly being updated with the trend and all these lead a person to a life of worry, disturbance and depression. They compare their lives with others and feel theirs is not good enough, forgetting the fact that according to psychologists, people who show off their life as much happening are the ones who are the most insecure and unhappy.

It wouldn't be wrong if it is said that life was much easier when Apple and Blackberry were just fruits and children were given bat and balls to play rather than tabs and mobile phones. To conclude, I would like to say that if used in limited and right way, social media is a great platform to promote, preserve and protect our culture and dignity. But in wrong hands, these may turn into nightmares.

OUR CULTURE

- Anushka Mathew VIII-A

The ideas, customs and social behaviour of a particular society is called culture.

The culture of India refers to the thousands of distinct and unique lifestyles of India. Indian culture, often labelled as a blend of countless traditions, has been influenced by a history that is several millennia old. Our country, being the multi – cultural, multi – ethnic and multi – religious society, celebrates holidays and festivals of various religions. Throughout the year, it feels like a chain of festivals and each one is celebrated with the same zeal and enthusiasm across the country.

When it comes to language, India's has a perfect structure, more perfect than Greek and more abundant than Latin. Sanskrit has had a profound impact on the languages and literature of India. Our country is therefore rightly known as a country with a rich and diverse history which has always been our foundation. We should be proud to be an Indian and keep our head held high.



Joy:- A happiness spreading season

- Parth Surve IX-I

Joyfulness is the characteristic of feeling and expressing deep happiness and enthusiasm. As an attitude of the spirit, it can permeate even the most sorrowful situation. When we open ourselves to joy, we let in light and laughter, strength and grace. Joy celebrates beauty and goodness, inviting us to dance without demanding or expecting anything. Sometimes joy is quiet and hidden, and sometimes it bursts out in song and movement or in the act of creation. Joy is a cup overflowing that generously shares itself with all who are near. When we are joyful, we are exposed but unafraid, subconsciously offering the gifts of energy, hope, and inspiration.



The Joy of Giving Week (JGW) is a "festival of philanthropy that aims to become a part of the Indian ethos with the Week being celebrated every year covering Gandhi Jayanti by engaging people through "acts of giving" - money, time, resources and skills - spanning the corporate, NGO and government sectors, schools, colleges and the general public. Originally called "India Giving Week", the name "Joy of Giving Week" emerged from a set of choices provided by the ad agency, Euro RSCG India, which provided PR, creative and media services for the 'Joy of Giving Week'.

MAYBE A CHILD WILL BE HAPPY WITH HIS TOY,
BUT IN POOR,HUNGRY,HOMELESS MENS LIFE THERE IS NO JOY
YOU MIGHT NOT BE LIKING GIVING MUCH IN KEEN
BUT DON'T FORGET THEY ARE ALIKE US HUMAN BEING

How life has changed

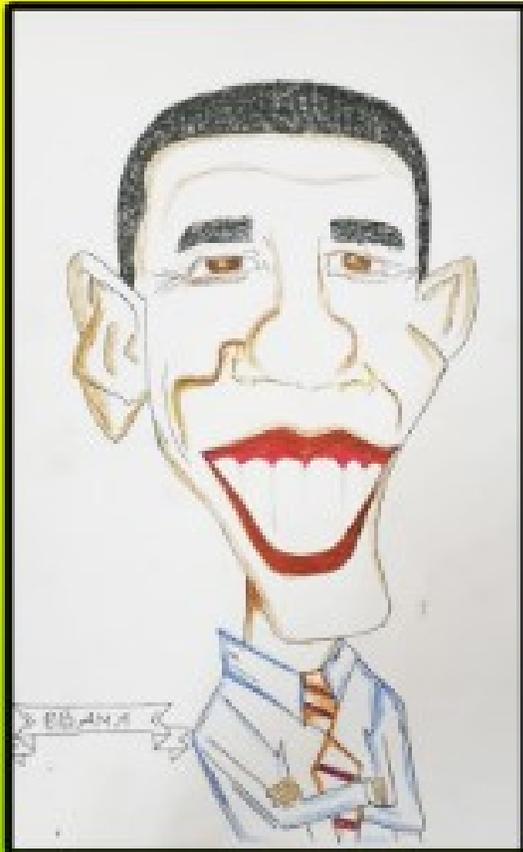
- Varada Pallatheri VIII-F

"I'm bored." "Mom, I have got no work to do!" These dialogues have become very common in almost every house now. Long back (not very long); the word bored was almost non-existent. Now, however, the feeling of being bored comes to one's mind quite frequently. Back in times, people used to read books while travelling, undertake social visits as a good time-pass. Children used to play outdoor games and move around in the fields. Plucking flowers and fruits were some of the favourite activities of children. Currently, there is a great influence of using electronic gadgets and communication methods, involving a signifi-

cant part of their daily life. People have turned these gadgets into a part of their life. These appliances have become something without which we cannot live. There was a time when mothers would yell at their children, who would be playing out, from inside the house, "Come inside, you have been out for a very long time!"

Nowadays, it is right the opposite. Mothers are still yelling at their children, although the reasons are a bit different. The children will be inside, playing video games or be stuck to mobiles, and their mothers will say, "You are always on your phone. Get up! Go out and play!"

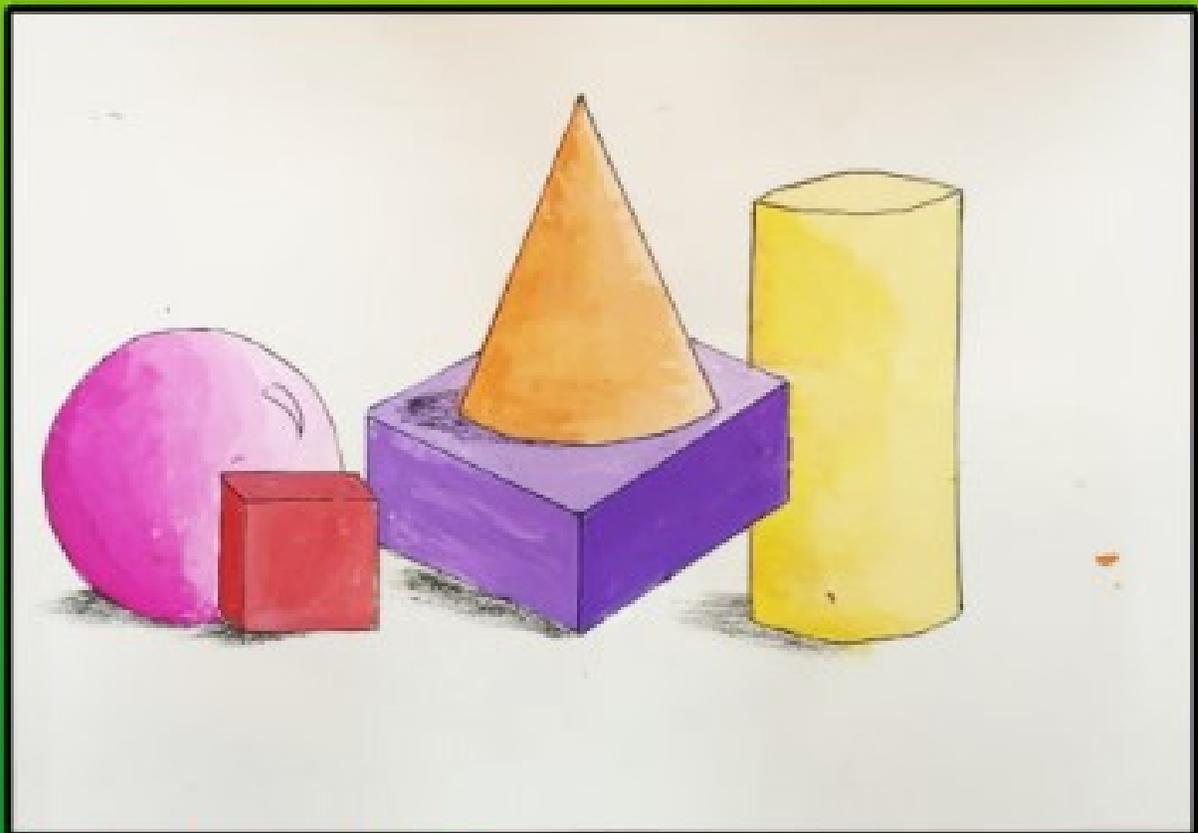
Is this how we want our world to be?



Vidhi G IX/A



Ashni K X/F



Naavya J VI/E

The mountains of the moon

- Sapna Salian IX-H



The Rwenzori Mountains in East Africa are cloaked in an almost permanent veil of clouds. But underneath the mist is a beautiful snowy wonderland. Henry Morton Stanley, an explorer, reached this mountain range which was previously unrecorded by Europeans in 1888. 'Peak after peak struggled from behind night- black clouds,' he wrote, 'until at last the snowy range, immense and beautiful.....drew all eyes and riveted attention.' Rwenzori which means 'rainmaker' in Bantu was applied to these ranges by Stanley as well.

They are less than 48 km away from the equator and are located at the border of Uganda and Democratic Republic of Congo with glaciers creeping down their valleys. The very rock of the mountain sparkles, for the granite beneath it is topped by mica schists which seem to emit an eerie glimmer. But the most wondrous sight here is the strange vegetation .

The lobelias here, which usually grows to the height of 10 inches, reach three times the height of a man and the groundsels grow to the height of telephone poles. These plants grow to such herculean sizes due to the absence of competition from true trees. Another factor is the acidic soil, rich in humus, which has also nurtured earthworms as long as a man's arm.

With such weird and peculiar sights it's almost no surprise that there are many superstitions and myths associated with these peaks. The local Banade people believed that the peaks were haunted by spirits that would drop rocks on trespassers. The local tribesmen won't even touch the chameleons which are one of the oldest denizens of the forest since it is considered to be an ill omen.

The other animals here are relatively normal compared to everything else. Sunbirds live off the nectar of the lobelia flowers and the colobus monkeys stay high above the ground on the branches and rarely come down. Elephants are also found here but only at the foothills where the run-off from the rains and glacier create many serene lakes with bananas growing wildly among ferns and creepers on the banks. All in all this is an explorer's dream destination where adventurous souls can satisfy their need for a quest ,away from the hustle and bustle of the cities.

What is it like to be free

-Tanisha Kumar IX -A

"What is it like to be free?"

To run along with the wind and swim in cool blue sea

Wondered the majestic creature sorrowfully,

"When will I get to be?"

He pushed the metal rods with all his might ,
He never stopped trying be it day or night.

His thunderous roar rumbled the ground
Awe-struck the visitors would cheer with glee and ecstasy.

But only caged animals were familiar with the emotion behind the sound,
Which was of despair and agony.

He yearned for the days of his past,

Open land; no bars wherever
his eyes cast,

It wasn't long did it last
Years past by while the creature grew old
Waiting for death to get it's hold
For it was the only way to get from this captivity
And all the misery
He was eagerly waiting for the day he'll finally be free.



Over-Dependency on Mobile phones and Computers

- Ayush Lonakadi VIII-C



Technology is a boon or a bane? I reckon that too much of dependency on technology is a boon for the bane to become a bane. Mobile phones and computers are just examples of the vast and ever-growing technology. They have provided us with so much of convenience and laziness that, that day is not far away when we won't have door-step delivery, rather, 'spoon-fed delivery'. From social media's pings to the order of playthings, we use them so often.

Dictionaries are primitive as the definitions of the words are found on internet as well. Study material is also online but people can't stick small notes or jot down important points on the computer for that specific page of the website. Websites are authenticity-deprived and they encourage rumors to spread like wildfire. It even affects the memory power, efficiency and the thirst to know things. People know that they can find an answer to every problem on computers or mobile phones. They know that they don't need to memorize all the contact numbers of their friends and relatives. They are just a finger-touch away.

To reduce the over-dependency we can, switch back to rough work for calculations and not a calculator, distance ourselves from such gadgets until it's important to use them, try to have a face-to-face conversation with people living nearby rather than contacting them via social media, spend some time with nature and start reading books as entertainment rather than gluing our eyes in the computer to watch a movie. Technology tantrums can enslave us. The outcomes of mobile phone and computer addiction are terrifying and they endanger the skills of the youth, in other words, they put the future

Mother

- Surabhi Manohar Khutal VIII-A

It is rightly said that even if you have all the riches in the universe but you don't have your mother then you are the richest beggar. A mother starts teaching her child from the day it starts growing in her womb, so a mother knows her child better than anyone else. A mother is such a person who understands her child just by an eye-contact.



A mother is the only person who works selflessly only for the betterment of her child without asking for anything in return, what we can give her is love and respect. A mother's biggest dream is to see her child achieve all his goals in life. Thus, we can say that a mother is the backbone of her child. We say that god cannot be with us everywhere so he made Mothers. We should respect our mother and care for

“COOL DOWN! EARTH”

- Shreya Chaudhari X-D

Global warming? We have a solution, stop pollution. There so many human fingerprints on the climate change. The nights are warming faster than the days; there is less oxygen, more fossil fuel in the air.

The earth is heated by terrestrial heat. The sun rays falling on the earth surface are reflected back in the space. The CO₂ present in the atmosphere traps some rays and heats the earth. But excess amount of greenhouse gases trap tremendous amount of heat and make the earth surface boil. When we can't tolerate the scorching heat of the summers we turn on the air conditioners for our comfort and they, in return emit chlorofluorocarbon and carbon dioxide in the air. They contribute to the green house effect.

These result in causing holes in the ozone layer present in the stratosphere. Ozone layer prevents harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun from entering the atmosphere which causes harm to plants and

skin problems in



humans. But when we pierce holes in it the UV rays hit us directly and cause destruction.

Somebody rightly said “prevention is better than cure” hence, we should take precautionary measure to stop the greenhouse effect. One of the major steps is to plant more trees. They would happily absorb all your CO₂. Then, you can use air conditioners, refrigerators, microwaves running with solar power. This will of course take some effort but in the end we will surely save our mother earth.

Life

- Vanshika Hariya VIII-D

Life is a journey
That turns to be curly
Each step is a test
To check your best
Life is like a puzzle
That will make you feel troubled
It is like flower
That blooms every hour
You never know what is next

Just try to give your best

It can be stressful
So always try to be cheerful
Don't care what the world says

Because you know the best way
Do right about what you think
And you will achieve what you will.



Water

- Shreya Chaudhari X-D

Water is really a mystery to me,
A solid? A liquid? A gas? It's all three
But its state doesn't really matter,
As it serves us with a splatter
It is called the water
Why are you polluting, making it shorter?
It's so slim it can pass through any space,
Nobody can match its pace

It is transparent
With hydrogen and oxygen
It takes the shape of anything you say,
Cooler at night warmer at day.

It does quench my thirst,
My flowers are well nursed
I have never seen something as lovely as you,
U nourish with the colour blue.



THE VALUE OF A SMILE

- Niranjan Prajeesh IX - F

A smile always gives positive energy. It increases our face value and also helps us start a new 'friendship'. When we move to a place, a smile of our neighbour makes us exultant. Whenever we get admission in a new school, the smiles in the faces of others make us exuberant. When a child smiles happily, elders forget all their work and tension. We always welcome any guests to our homes with a smile and that smile gives them blitheness.

If two people argue with each other, a smile in one of the faces can make the flower of friendship bloom. Sometimes mighty enemies become powerless. Mahatma Gandhi had no weapons but he always had a beautiful smile on his face.

Wherever you go on this earth, a smile is the universal gesture of welcome and friendship. It has no language. When we board a plane we always

see the airhostess with a smile. Among all the Hin-



du gods, little Krishna is the favourite of people of all ages. He always had a cute smile. That very smile attracted all the gopis, gopas,

plants and animals towards him. We always see Krishna smiling and laughing even while playing mischiefs.

We never see Krishna crying. That is why Krishna is loved by all. A teacher who does not frown and who always smiles is always among the students. A very naughty child also obeys a gentle smiling mother.

It is true that 'A smile creates happiness in the home, brings a lot of friends and gives happiness and hope to perturbed people.

The Coin of Education

- Tanay Shah IX - E

In today's high-tech world, schools are seen as a top necessity. Students require schools to become successful in their careers and life and so to lead a happy and satisfied life. Hence, schools are an integral part in one's life. But are there any other options other than schools?

Have you heard about the concept of 'Home Tutorials'? Here, students learn from their own houses and don't go to schools. In countries like Germany and Switzerland, this concept is very famous and almost 40% of the students are a part of this.

Students can take their own sweet time as there is no competition between students. As they are alone or in a small group, they have their tutor's attention and can concentrate more on their studies. But a coin always has two sides. Students will not have the company of their friends and learning will get boring.



I'll remember those days....

- Aryan Madhavi VII-F, Piyush Sahoo VII-H,
Kushal Thakare VII-D



Childhood comes and goes away
Where there's a lot of time to play
Mother's scolding and friends pranking
These are the things that always count in

Being late to school or forgetting the homework
To us was like a daily work
Oh! God maybe our luck was bad, that you snatched this opportunity from us
But I still remember the running and pushing to board the bus

Just waiting for the vacations to end
To come back to our daily trend
I'll remember those days
I'll remember those days

WHAT'S IN MY BAG?

- Saanvi Nalavde IX-C



The students' lifeline is their school bag,
Wherever they go, it's the thing that they drag.
It's not just for books, tiffin or a pencil case,
It is a student's very own space.

One prefers a bag that doesn't hurt one's back,
But with a million things inside, it becomes like a grain sack.
A maths textbook, a pencil or some English notes,
Or the circulars that turn into many paper boats.

Tiffin boxes inside, with food steamy and hot,
And snacks that fit in each and every slot.
In a restaurant of a class, the bag's our dining table,
The teacher still teaches while we tell our friend a fable.

The best time in school is when we take a nap,
Our bench becomes a bed within a snap.
So, then our school bag becomes a pillow,
We are to the bag as a cricket bag to a willow.

The school bag is our goods carrier,
Be it a Rubik's cube or a friend's book.
For dumping things in, there's no barrier,
It safeguards each and every thing we took.

It's hard to believe that our childhood does fit
In our school bag, our personal toolkit.
It's our treasure chest worth more than a jewel,
Because it has memories of our dear school.



Diya Pisal IX/F



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INDIA AND SPORTS

- Harshita Nambiar VIII-E



One of the greatest personalities of India, Swami Vivekananda once said *“You will be nearer to Heaven through football than through the study of the Gita”*

The history of Indian sports can be traced back to the Vedic age.. In times of Rig-Veda, Ramayana and Mahabharata, the men of stature got competent with each other in chariot-racing, archery, wrestling, weight-lifting, swimming and hunting. The weapons of war, like the javelin (toran) and the discus {chakra}, were also, frequently used in the sports arena.

Arjuna and Bhima, two of the mighty Pandavas, excelled in archery and weightlifting respectively. Bhimsena, Hanuman, Jamvanta, Jarasandha were some of the great champion wrestlers of yore. A number of modern sports have their origin in India. Chess, snookers, snakes & ladders, playing cards & Polo to name a few. Badminton too has its origin in India.

Kalaripayattu, known as the mother of all martial arts originated in Kerala, India. Based on these facts I feel that there should not be any doubt that a healthy sporting culture existed in Ancient India

Can we say the same thing about Modern India. Unfortunately NO!

Colonization & exploitation by Britain probably led to a rise in poverty & change in the attitude of Indians. Britain as the colonial power certainly was not interested in developing sports in India

Even when India became free after about 200 yrs of British rule the indifference towards sports continued. As a result no world class sporting facilities were developed . No government paid proper attention to develop sports as career choices.

But things seem to be changing for the better. The present government has launched many programs like Khelo India, National Sports Development Fund & other similar programs for promotion of sports in India.

Further, the government needs to increase budgetary allocation for sports & make sports as a viable career opportunity. This will result in more winning performances at world events and only then can India claim back its rightful place among the greatest sporting nations of the world.

Jai Hind!

Deep beneath the sea

- Sapna Salian IX-H

Deep beneath the merry land
Lies a world divine.
Rich, mystical and mysterious
Here are secrets both yours and mine.
With corals, shimmering seaweed, shining shells
And riches beyond imagination,
It is vaster than our minds.

Calm, serene and sublime

Lies a world divine.

Fishes that have swam more than seven seas,

Have more experience than sailors unknown.

Old oceans hold many secrets

That are yet to be shown.





Aalha Firake IX/1



Pradnya P IX/1



Sanika K IX/1



Nupur N IX/1



Shreya S VIII/D



Sara V V/A



Vidant I V/D



Forget the Past

- Khushi Mishra VIII-C

A feeling of loneliness with something inside the safe of your heart, making you feel upset is a bad memory of the past. Your mind fighting the thoughts which are buried deep inside you, And trying to make you feel happier by erasing those memories which once made you feel blue. These memories can turn the prettiest moment of your life into the deepest sorrow you have ever felt, Like the feeling when your peer has just left

you alone in the ride of life without belts.

Bad memories can change a man from white to black, With mind where intelligence

lacks. It has made a trustworthy man as a betrayer in the frame of others. It is better to get rid of them which will bring the beam of happiness and trust to your soul, Turning your darkest memories into the brightest; Encouraging you to leave behind everything and live your life to the fullest!

**Forget
the past.
Remember
the lesson.
Move on.**

WhatsApp- Boon or Bane

- Sancia Correa VIII-A

WhatsApp is a free cross-platform messenger and Voice Over IP Android App. It has become a powerful communication and marketing tool today. Using this app, to communicate easily, with friends, relatives, colleagues, is an excellent habit. In this era of greater transparency and authenticity WhatsApp has become an important and reliable tool.

Today WhatsApp has become common man's knowledgepedia. It has created positive changes in common man's working style. It has made information, documents, images etc available at the click of button. Thus it is a greater Game changer of this decade.

According to Simon Mainwaring WhatsApp is not about exploiting technology but service to community. WhatsApp has improved communication rapidly. In today's world people have little time to meet friends and relatives from far and near. WhatsApp makes them meet virtually anytime.

We can speak to our parents, teachers through video conference when we go out of town for any events. We can send pictures, videos, audio clips, etc within a fraction of second. It is the cheapest, fastest and effective mode of communication. Today even students are busy all the time with various exams, competitions, classes, etc. They



have hardly time for friends and group study. WhatsApp has become their proxy tool for discussion, solving doubts and sharing any information easily.

WhatsApp has become a tool for revision. Many teachers are using WhatsApp for sharing academic videos, worksheets, skill sheets, etc, for revision. Students also easily approach their teachers for clarifying their doubts after school hours.

Today WhatsApp has become largest means of mass education and information. Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached to masses through this tool and came power. Now it's is the same tool threatening his Government.

Many children, youngsters and adults are addicted to WhatsApp. Many Children play games, youngsters keep posting, housewives keep gossiping, employees keep checking messages all the times. Every coin has two sides.

We must see the positive. Every nectar is poison, if taken excess. If used judiciously, that's a great boon. None of the technology advancement is bane to human beings. They are created for the benefit of human beings.



Martiri P

X/C



Aalha G

X/E



Janavi A

X/H



Arpits P VIII/H



Arya M V/I



Mathan V/A



Ishanavi VI/D

The Nature

- Riya Bhele VI-F

The garden with flowers and sea with ripples make the nature more interesting. The showers of rain make the mountain bosky and iridescent. The autumn farewell the leaves of the tree and the spring welcome them again. In the winter the brumes in the morning make everything incalculable. The nature is abode to divers of animals. The flaxen evening make the mood jubilant and cheerful. The night firmament is lucent with stars. The



fervid summer turn green sward into fuliginous in colour. The dazzling sun gives us deluxe light. The trees access as a human do deforestation, the global warming takes place and harm themselves. I would like to end by a quote “save nature save earth”.

Accepting a challenge from nature

- Sapna Salian, IX-H

For some adventurers,
No landscape is too difficult to tackle.
They can even pet wolves
With raised hackles.
They perform tasks that cause
Them to test their nerves and skills
They do daring things,
Even if they're ill.

Whether it rains, hails or snows
They remain undaunted,
Wherever they go.



They take their life in their hands
They don't even wince or tremble when they stand.
Their cameras capture the memories of dawn.
That's how their adventures live on.

POWER OF MUSIC

- Anushka Mathew VIII-A

Music is an escape from reality; once you listen to it, the world starts to fade. Most songs are in the-top charts because of their beat. But for me, songs shouldn't be based solely on their beats. I am the kind of person who will also pay attention to their words; the message it is trying to spread. Some songs do have a good message, in both Bollywood and Hollywood.

To be able to produce such songs, imagine the creativity of the artists; the way they see the world because they express their feelings through these songs. There are many such brilliant artists in the world and one of them was Avicii. This Swedish DJ was one of the greatest musicians the world has ever seen. He was suffering from a mental

illness and knew his fate but he took inspiration from it by doing what he loved. He lived his last years in glory and released many hit songs which topped the charts for years.

In one of his songs, 'The Nights', he said, "One day you'll leave this world behind; so live a life you will remember". This song, along with 'Wake Me Up', has an amazing beat drop and meaningful lyrics. Avicii will always be remembered as a legend; someone who followed his passion, who really believed that he could touch people's heart.....and indeed he did. So remember, "Music is not what we do, it's who we are."



Childhood

- Vini Gala IX-B



During early years, when you were a child,
You were so different as your heart was mild.
We will be always nostalgic about our childhood,
When our whole world was the neighborhood.
Our world was like a fairyland,
All we had to do was just be glad.

We lived in a world of heroes and fairies,
Now we keep them safe in our secret diaries.
Our parents would bribe us to send us school,
Who ever knew that it would be so cool?
We were those who loved drenching in rains and playing with paper boats
And enjoy wearing dad's huge coat.
Gone are those days without tears of pain,
Oh, we can't live those days again!

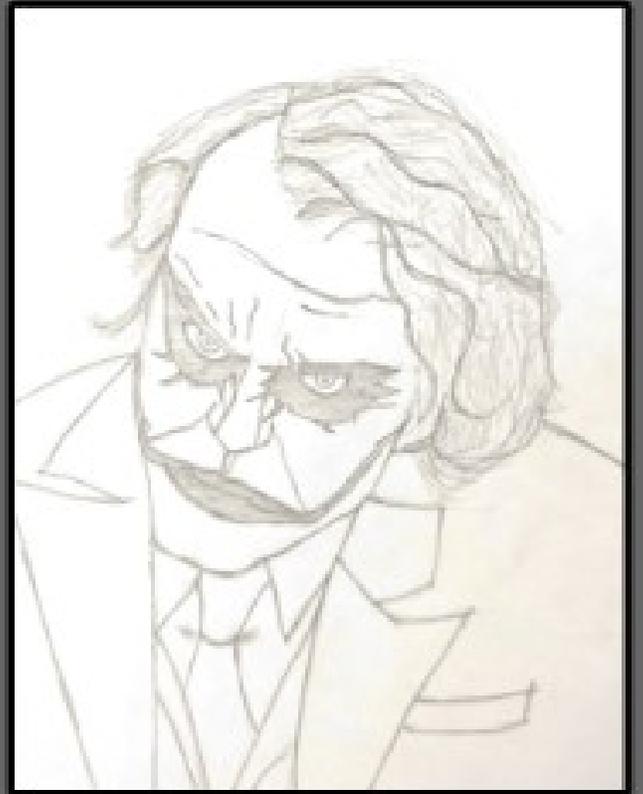
CHRISTMAS: A Season of Joy

- Parth Surve IX- I



Bright Christmas stars shine on high
Golden stars in the wintery sky
Christmas candles in windows bright
Sends greeting in to the night

While in our hearts the Christmas flame
Glow with a love like his who came
The infant Christ of lowly birth
To bring good will and peace to earth



Sanket Motling XII/A



Avani Shrivastava VIII/B



Zilmil X/E



Zilmil X/E



Soham II/B

Tackling is tedious

- Haripriya .R. Kulkarni VII-J

Tackling is tedious,
As people working is ubiquitous
Some do mere work,
And some do not arrant their work.

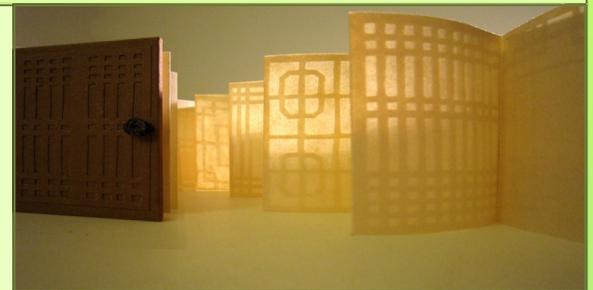
Tackling is tedious
As feigning that the work is arrant
And hurtle leaving others is very easy,
But one who tackles it's work with pleasant mind,
Is healthy and affluent in every way.



Memories unfolded

- Sia Bhide X-J

The day I opened my old almirah , which every-
one has in their houses
that stores all that important stuff
the ones I call memories now
at that moment , that very second, I realized that
time actually flies
from my first smile pictures ,to that cute stamp
collection
it had all my “ childhood moments ”
from weeping our heart out and waiting for a rea-
son to bunk school
it was all so quick, within a blink of an eye
that now ,even in the vacations we miss gong to
school



and
meet our friends to whom we have given fondest
nicknames
and swift flied the years ,
I really hope (actually wish)that this span in our
life never gets over
but alas this awesome amazing memories have
now surrendered
and have become a slave of time
-The inner voice of a grade 10 student !!!!

My Best Friend

- Sneha Shethia IX -D

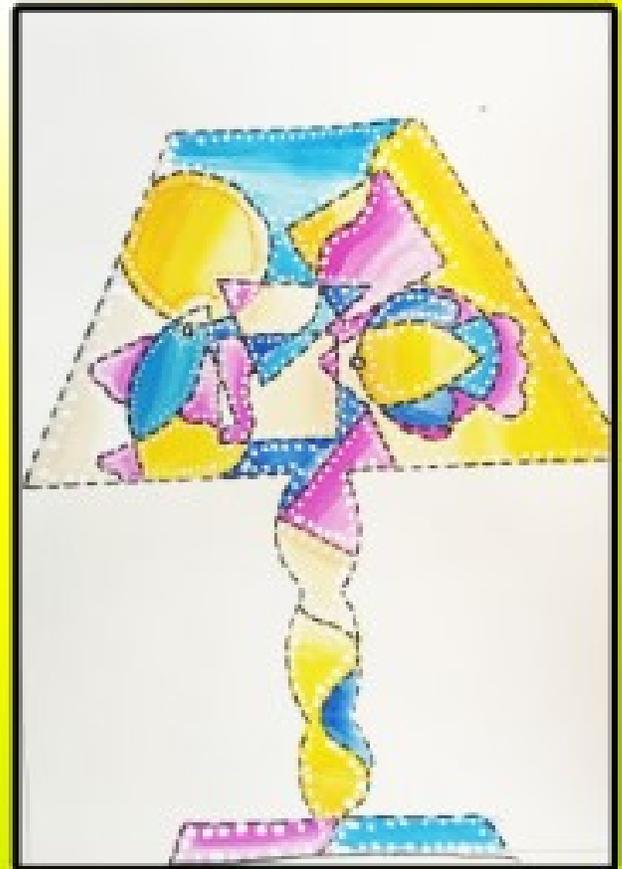
I promise to laugh
When your jokes are not funny,
I promise to be with you
When you have no money.
I promise to care for you
When you are sick and snotty,
I promise to calm you
When you are angry and grotty.
I promise to serve you

When you are drunk
and unruly,
I promise to help
you
When you are
hungover and drooly.
I promise to chill with you
When you drive me around the bend,
And I promise to love you
Because you are my best friend.

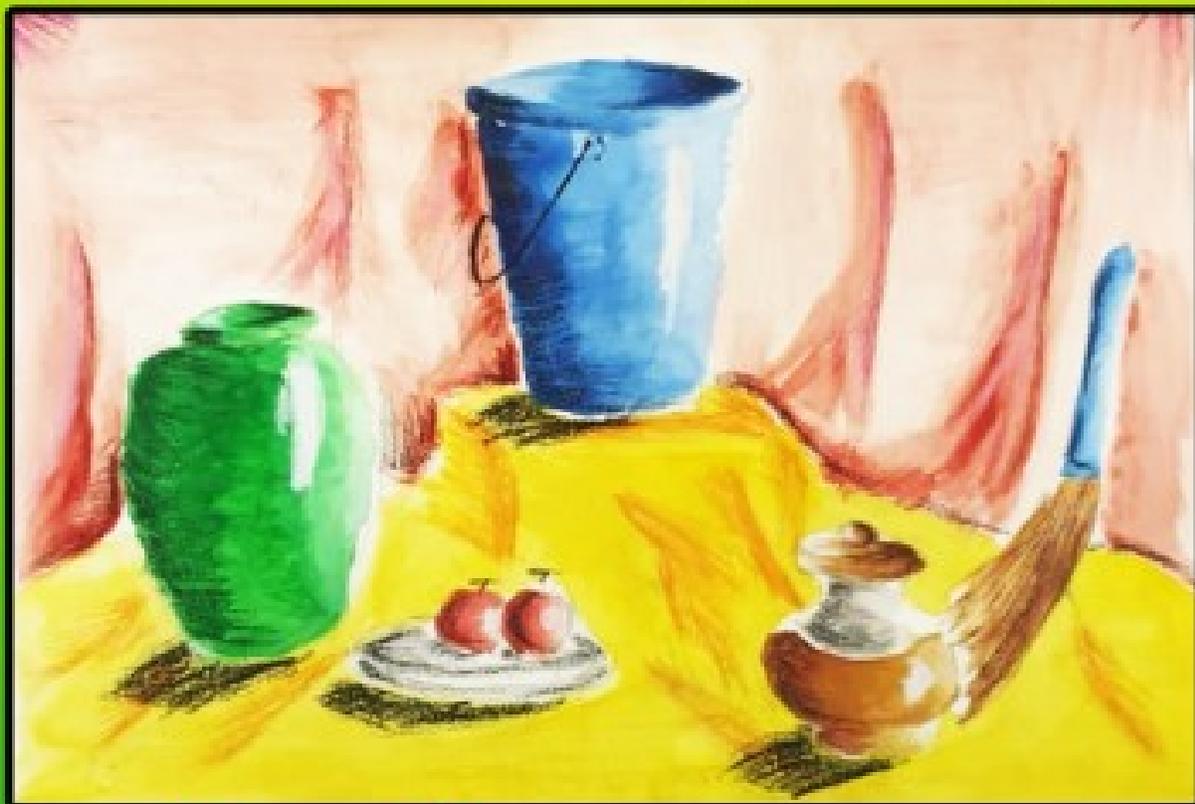




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Asmi M VIII/D



Tasmi Yadav VII/G



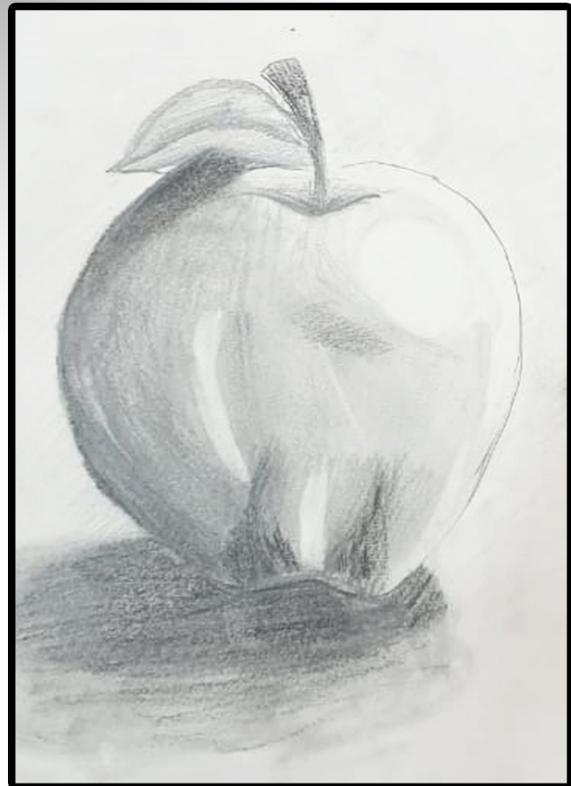
Amulya M II/G



Haresh D X/F



Hridaya P VII/J



Sarvadnya P X/C

TIK TAK TAIL
- Tulika Tiwari V-C

Tik Tak Tail
I want to see
A packet of Ghee,
The Ghee is Yellow
You are a Fellow,
The Fellow told Light
The Light shines Bright,
The Bright Light just
Shines at a height,
The Height is Tall

I want to climb a Wall,
The Wall is Pink
I want to go to the Sink,
The Sink is Blue
I want some Glue,
The Glue is Sticky
My friend is Pinky,
She is a Girl
She loves Curls,
Her curls are Brown
She wears a Crown.

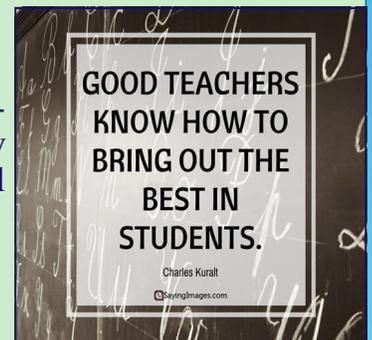


TEACHER: A Success Mantra
- Jhanavi Khedkar IX-D

Teacher is a person who gives you not only the knowledge but also an inspiration to live. Teachers encourage us to overcome difficulties. A teacher only knows to understand their children because they spend a lot of time in school with them. A real teacher will never underestimate his/her student. He or she strongly believes that every child has the potential to prove.

They stand like a guiding lamp in darkness. Teacher is the only person who can help you to live the life in a better way by sharing his or her experiences. A teacher puts all his/her efforts to bring up the student in their own way. They play a major role in bringing up great citizens in the nation. They show unconditional love towards their students which help them to believe their teachers.

Sometimes an unknown person may become as a teacher to us to move forward in life. A student may forget the teacher but a teacher will never forget his/her students i.e. teachers blessings are always with their children.



Science: A good slave but a bad master
- Ankur Soni IX-E

All those who consider science a boon, an evident achievement, face a tough question at present. As humans continue to use science as a way to progress further into the world of unprecedented technology, are unknowingly transforming themselves into its slave?

As humans constantly aspire to increase their efficiencies and capabilities, they are unknowingly making science overpower them which may have long-lasting effects on the future of existence of the human race. A survey conducted on teenagers revealed that teens log an average of four hours

and 36 minutes of screen time per day, while teens spend an average of six hours and 40 minutes on a screen. On the other hand, scientists are also developing such powerful nuclear bombs which if used may threaten the survival of mankind.

This invisible master is a slow but effective one as it continues to destroy our lives without us knowing about it. Still, humans are irresistibly obliged to go deeper and deeper into these ill effects of science which requires its strict regulation.



Coping with peer pressure

- Meghna Joby VIII -F

"Be yourself, your idea how you should be and not somebody else's idea how you should be." Many times in a teenager's life there are choices that have to be made. Many of the choices us teenagers make are influenced by peer pressure. Sure, we've had obsession with many trends all these years, but when I heard this quote which really aimed my thoughts was "The shoe doesn't make the man, the man makes the shoe." After hearing this quote I thought about what I did in my life to fit in, and realized that what a person wears, buys, or listens to, doesn't create who a person is.

Peer pressure throws out the thought of being who 'YOU' want to be; peer pressure is more reminiscent of 'be like everybody else.' Even if your friends think it's cool, it's not worth it.....and your life gets messed up. "You get only one body and only you can look after it." We follow our peers thinking that:

- We will become more popular or fit in.
- We will look



- We can't see or imagine the consequences of what might happen next.
- We believe the person we have sent something to, and believe they won't pass it on to anyone else.
- We are easily impressed and not always able to see the truth behind the image.
Remember that you're important. Your life counts, don't risk your life under any peer pressure. You can make a difference in this world. If you ever need to talk about anything as such, feel free to talk with an adult {parents, teachers, relatives}

STOP IT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

Mother's Love

- Ms. Sapna Jadhav Eldandi
(Teacher, Primary Section)

When I took a beat in your womb,
Since then you're loving me.
As I opened my eyes to the world,
You gave me a caring home.
Gave you many sleepless nights,
Still you woke up with a smile.

You encouraged to take my first step,
Look now, I'm shining bright.
I troubled you much every way,
But you never complained for.

Today I realisedMom
You're my God, whom I pray.
As I see your pearly eyes,
Full of dreams and care.
Feels proud of my fortune,
As such things are very rare.

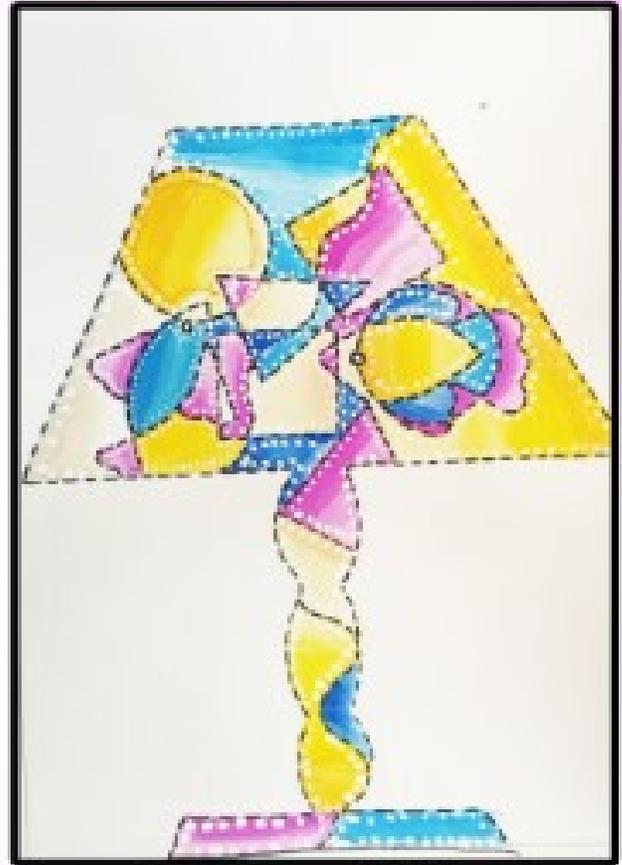


Never I said,
But today I confess,
Thanks for making me your part,
Adore you with all my heart.
You're gorgeous & a true friend,
Love you Mom, you're the Best.



Rutuja G

VII/E



Asmi M

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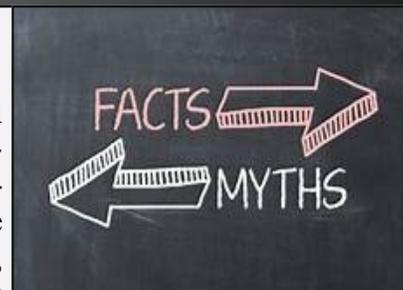
Tanuj Yadav

VII/G

Religion as an evil

- Ramana IX- B

At the beginning, when man had only emerged from being an ape, all were equal before his eyes, no matter their color, birth or gender. Today's reality is a tad different from the days of yore. Today, there is gender inequality, there is discrimination on the basis of skin color, there are countries which support privilege by birth rather than by merit. And then, there's religion, the greatest obstacle in humanity's journey to reach its pinnacle. It looks welcoming from the outside, but once you enter it, it corrupts your mind with petty thoughts. But how does religion do this?



Religion's greatest ploy is making people believe in various superstitions. For example, it is commonly believed to be bad luck if a black cat crosses your path. The only thing these superstitions do is cloud rational thought process of a religious man, leading to ridiculous decisions throughout the life. But, due to earth being a planet of diverse religions, there are numerous differences between people of different religions, and as a wise man once said, "the answer for every problem in a man's eyes, is violence." And so it was. Let's look at terrorism for a while. Terrorism on the basis of religion is usually practiced to show the world that Islam is the way of life, taking into consideration Muslim terrorists for there are terrorists of all religions in this world. Terrorism only elevates the problems already in the world. This does not help in the significant process of the development of humanity to a lofty level. But the greatest hurt religion does, is instill false hope among those suffering from problems, because God won't come down and help you in your times of adversity. It is you who must solve your problems.

Religion is a queer thing. Sometimes, faith is the reason we continue to hold on to a weakening ledge, delivering ourselves to greatness through struggles, believing that there is a higher power at work, while sometimes; it is the reason for our losses. Religion is a thing not to be played with; it is only to be an artifact, to be looked at and admired, but never to be violated; for it comes with its own risks. Be wise to choose otherwise.

"PUNCTUALITY" A VITAL ETIQUETTE

- Shreya Chaudhari X-D

"I want employees who arrive late" said no boss ever. People need to be punctual no matter where they go. It can be as simple as getting late to school to as bad as missing an important flight. In the list of etiquettes punctuality is in red underlined. Being late is not a matter of pride.

According to the recent censuses only Great Britain, Japan and South Korea are countries known for punctuality. That means people around the world should be made aware how punctuality helps us. Even the sun is punctual, it rises and sets at a particular time daily, the

moon and the earth complete their revolutions in a specific time frame. If they can do it then even we can. Punctuality is a sign of professionalism it makes you reliable and trustworthy. It even helps



you with your deadlines. You gain respect and tend to organise your work. When you are late you are more likely to mess things up. You become a productive citizen by arriving on time. As you aren't late you are not pressurized and you have a minute for planning and you can settle before you start.

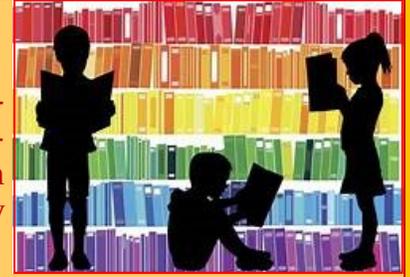
If you are a student you must never be late. When you attend your class in time you never miss valuable or important information. Constant late comers often tend to miss dawn prayers which connects us to peace and harmony. To lead a flawless, ideal life you must respect time.

Reading: The Elixir of Life

- Ayush Lonakadi VIII-C

There is no ocean without water, there is no meal without food, in a similar way there is no life without reading. Reading is a very important aspect of life. The reader experiences a pool of emotions that rush through the body. One might be delighted, staggered, in deep sorrow, eagerly waiting for the suspense to break off, anxious or may be perplexed.

A book may provide you peace and a soothing sensation. Words are so powerful and strong that you can experience the beauty of Switzerland by just relaxing on your couch, reading.



Reading increases imagination and the way one looks at the world. A book can divert your mind and hold your nerve when you are vanquished by stress. Reading develops positive vibes in one's mind. Vocabulary is developed by reading. Reading is the only addiction that is a good stress-buster. A regular reader's mind is very deep, full of literature and mature enough to face all the emotions in real life. Life without reading is a life wasted. Reading is equated to the philosopher's stone.

The Small Hours

- Pranjal Anil Chavan V-C

No more my little song
Come back
And now of nights I lay my head on down, to watch
the black
And wait the unfailing gray

Oh! Sad are winter nights and slow
And sad is a song that's dumb
And sad it is to lie I know
Another dawn will come



Say Cheese!

- Saanvi Nalavde IX-C

There are many reasons, for which we smile,
It always takes us ahead, mile by mile,
If beauty is power, smile is its sword,
Its allure can't be expressed by any word.
That pretty smile when with a loved one,
Or a goofy grin when your friend cracks a pun,
When her mother greets her adorable kid,
Or the bliss that even warms a heart gelid.

That winning smile with one's success,
Or when you're looking good in that pretty dress,
After helping someone emerges a twinkle,
A smile is something that conceals every wrinkle.
It's really simple to make someone cry,
But with enough nerve, one's sorrow can fly,



Making someone smile isn't an easy task,
It doesn't happen simply by putting on a mask.
Our mind's like a strainer which filters tea,
It controls which emotions others can see,
When tea's strained, the leaves are left behind,
Just like amidst all sorrows is a smile you can un-
wind.



Divya D

X/D



Aditya P

VIII/F



Khushi

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Cleanliness Is Next to Godliness: Do We Still Believe?

- Jay Kavishwer IX-E

Do you dream of a clean country? Just dream or try to implement the thought? India has people full of mentality, "what will happen if I litter? No one is seeing." This is the mentality we need to change.

'Cleanliness is next to godliness' this was the proverb taught to us in the primary sections, do we still believe it? This proverb has been buried under our laziness and clumsiness to walk a few steps and throw it into the bin rather than littering around. The root of all problems including the health of a common man is garbage, open defecation, factory wastes etc. So a question arises that what should be done?

The simplest way is making people aware, tell your relatives, your friends and tell them to pass on the message of having a rebellion against garbage. Follow the footsteps of great Mahatma Gandhi and clean the country. Cleanliness of mind and body is half a step towards a clean India. Use social media not only for liking a post but also spread awareness.

So let us all take a pledge to spread awareness, and create an India so clean and beautiful that the tourists' eyes gleam up by the beauty and Indians' eyes with pride.

CLEANLINESS
IS NEXT TO
GODLINESS



My School

- Aditi Shenoy VIII- F

Many lovely teachers teach
They teach us colors like yellow and peach
Many classrooms they go
Videos on educom they show
Many busses carry
And give us a ferr
All children laugh or cry
They make the teachers head fry
They do naughty things
And get on their head three bing bong bings
They always love to play

To make their day, a good day
The boys always make a mess
The girls always want a dress
The boys always put up a fight
And they like to see horror sights
This is a lovely school
Where there are scholars and no fools.



MY CHOICE

- Nikita Vijayan VIII-E

It's my choice,
To make noise.
It's my choice
To pamper a puppy,
Named Tuffy,
It wiggles its tail,
And scratches my hand,
With its small cute nails.
It's my choice,

To help others,
No need for someone to bother.
It's now your choice
Whether you want
To make our Mother Earth bold
And a precious gold,
Or making her dirty by spoiling her beauty.





Ishta G VII/A



Himani N VI/E



Shriya K VII/B

Die Another Day!!

- Ashok Menon IX-K

Brave and strong,
for protection are they born,
Standing erect with confidence,
are these men in uniform.

They may enter the world as mortals,
but stay and fight like Hercules,
Even if its heat, cold or hunger,
They give the country's enemy a chill through the spine.
Their beauty lies in the muscles and eyes filled with flames of determination,
Even if its melancholy darkness or festive happiness,
They are ready for surgical strikes,
With the motto "Die Another Day" they are ready for a fight.



ARE WE TOO DEPENDENT ON OUR PHONES AND COMPUTERS?

- Saptarshi Maiti IX-C

Xian, a city in China has got a separate lane for phone addicts to prevent mishaps while people are glued to their cell phones as if those things are going to leave Earth the very next second. Is that surprising or obvious? For anyone who is breathing on this with his or her eyes and ears open, this would be obvious. But how is this socio-life threatening disease becoming the new normal?

This can be traced back to our over dependence on our phones and computers. According to a recent study, laziness is hard coded in our genes. This explains why there is a lift even in a two-storeyed building which serves as a hostel for young students. We have been using our intelligence to make ourselves lazier and lazier since time immemorial. But there is a limit to everything even, benefits Cell phones and computers which are as common as humans nowadays are on top of the list. You can do this, that and everything with a tap or click.

According to a survey, a youngster spends about 10-11 hours on their mobiles a day! That is more than they sleep a day. The same goes for computers which are now prerequisite to even open a good paan shop. This overdependence is having a detrimental impact on our social life and is adversely affecting our IQ. But who will save us from this epidemic? Superman? Batman? Or we ourselves? We can reduce the addiction by first of all monitoring our mobile and computer usage. This way we can realize how much time we are devoting to these devices. We can go on a mobile diet by reducing their usage slowly and steadily as, if it is reduced in one go it can lead to anxiety. Thus, addiction is not something that can't be cured.

The Brain Drain Problem

- Meera Palkar VIII-E

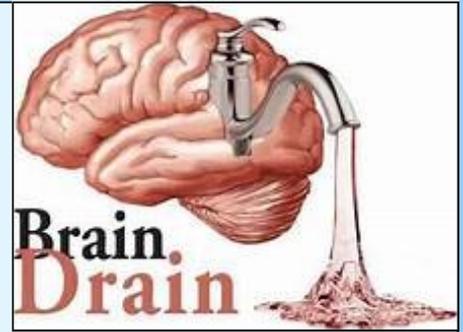
The brain drain is a problem not peculiar to India, or even to the developing countries. Even much advanced countries have been losing some of their scientists to the U.S.A. But they lose only a few scientists who may have very personal reasons to go to the U.S.A. For India, brain drain is a tremendous problem, far bigger than that of any other country. Different countries have been adopting various methods to tackle this problem. Some countries give elite privileges and facilities to their scientists and engineers and they just refuse to let them leave the country.

There are various reasons which make the scientists and engineers quit. Money is one of the main reasons. Besides, there is a question of facilities and equipments – all connected to money. One may argue that due to the

lack of equipments or the scarcity of resources Indian scientists lag behind opulent countries like the U.S.A. However, this is not a sound reasoning. It is a fact that India gives much less importance to education and research than the other science-minded countries. These days Indian Universities have become places of conflicts and confrontation.

In such an atmosphere, it is no wonder that young scientists go to foreign countries with hopes of better employment opportunities. It is also seen that several people who have gone to advanced countries have done remarkable work there. Nowadays, the youth of India goes to the U.S.A. with the thought of never coming back to their hometown. Thus, the U.S.A. has become a rich 'drain'.

The Government of India is taking steps to see that the talented persons living abroad come back to their motherland. But before



expecting results, the Government should clear the science administration. Politicians and other economically powerful people should be disallowed to interfere in the field of science and education. Better employment opportunities should be provided to attract Indian scientists and engineers who have settled abroad.

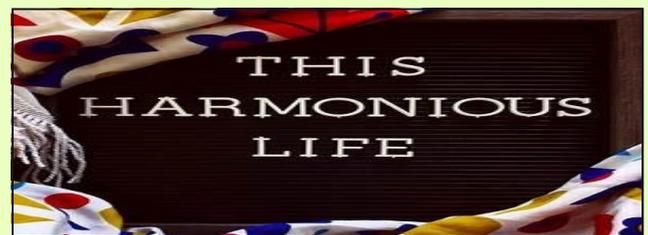
Such obligatory steps must be taken for the development of the country because the outflow of a considerable section of young intellectuals certainly results in the poverty of the intellectual life of the nation.

A harmonious lexicon of life

- Haripriya R Kulkarni VII-J

A harmonious lexicon of life
Commences with a soothe mind
Contemplate the raptures of life
And enjoy the life with a mate
With the merit of friendship

A harmonious lexicon of life
Should move wiggly but rigorous
Life sometimes goes apace
And sometimes dawdle



A harmonious lexicon of life
Is by beautifying it
There should be always a morale of
Confidence in our mind.