

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE



Always!

DARE TO DREAM



Freedom International School

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ABOUT US

Freedom International School is situated at Sector IV, HSR Layout> the school has classes from Nursery to Class XII and is affiliated to the CBSE. Freedom International School derives its own unique character from the following: A curriculum that goes beyond the conventional and encourages our children to think independently in an intellectually stimulating environment. A management committed to providing the best for its children in terms of teaching learning process, facilities and infrastructure. A caring staff that creates maximum opportunities for children to experience the joys of exploring their environment first hand and to discover their own talents and abilities.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to work together to nurture young minds and teach them self-reliance, integrity, responsibility and free and fair thinking so that they become life-long learners and make a positive difference to the world of tomorrow..

OUR MISSION

Freedom International School aims to provide a conducive, child-centred environment that promotes independent thought and instils in children, a strong sense of individuality and a passion to excel, so that they contribute meaningfully to the global community at large.

OUR EDITORIAL TEAM

It is with great pleasure and honour that we bring out the 7th issue of our school magazine. Within these pages, you will discover the verbal, written as well as artistic creativity of our students ranging from ages 3 to 16 and a reflection of life at school.

In this magazine, the achievers have been recognized, the artists applauded, the events captured and the young writers and poets encouraged to pen down their thoughts, opinions and memories. This magazine is a compilation of all these and more, put together by our diligent editorial team under the continuous encouragement and guidance of our Principal ma'am.

This issue is extra special for us as we recognize our extremely talented, loving and dedicated Principal ma'am, Mrs. Jayanti Prabhakar, who has always been a pillar of strength and support to our school – teachers and students alike. It has been under her watchful eyes, innovative ideas, the quest for excellence and the never say die attitude, that the school has metamorphosed into a great institution that stands testimony to all the achievements of our students today.

The cover page of this magazine is designed as a tribute to her. Finally, the editorial team wishes all its readers a happy reading.

~ Shipra Bhat
Chief Editor



Top Row: Gauri, Mariam, Areeb, Aarushi, Samhita, Ms Renu, Ms. Shashi,
Ms. Nipun, Ms. Veena, Rahul (absent), Nakul (absent), Lokanshu (absent)

2nd Row: Mr. Narayanaswamy, Ms. Geetha, Ms. Shipra, Ms. Mridula,
Ms. Jayanti Prabhakar (Principal), Ms. Rajbala, Ms. Vanamala, Ms. Shobha,
Ms. Manisha, Ms. Pradeepa

3rd Row: Rishika, Gouri, Aslesha, Sahitra, Shlok, Vaishnavi, Sankritya (absent)

"To write is human, to edit is divine."
~ Stephen King



The secret to editing
your work is simple:
you need to become
its **reader** instead
of its writer.

-Zadie Smith



From the Principal's Desk

Every year brings with it new challenges and new additions to the curriculum. The world of today is going to seem fairly irrelevant and incongruous to the world of tomorrow as with every minute of passing time we see overwhelming change in society and in all the spheres of science and technology.

To teach our children to cope with the changing face of the future, is the job of an educational institution, one that ensures we

teach skill sets rather than mere facts to our children. We need to ensure that our children are able to do, able to learn and able to engage in real learning in real time, beyond the limitations of a text book. We will make every effort to sustain the momentum that we have today, in the coming years as well in order to achieve the above goals. Having introduced the art of doing research, learning independently and using thinking skills in the last few years, we look at next year as the year of taking responsibility for one's work and actions, problem solving, decision making, developing critical appreciation, creativity, caring for the community and the art of positive thinking.

The last year has been incredible in many ways. The children did extremely well at the different Mock United Nations sessions. Our Annual Event consisted of two unique musicals, 'Sannata' and 'Railgadi', put up with loads of enthusiasm and confidence by our students. Our Social Science Project Show with projects ranging from 'Sustainable Cities' and 'Back to Basics' to 'Bangalore Then and Now' and 'Towards a Carbon Neutral World' were a resounding success! Our children also did extremely well at various external competitions, securing the first place in 'Game Design' in the 'Design Championship 2017' and earning accolades in chess, story writing, spell bee, coding, mathematics, photography and science among other categories. As I write this, our academic achievements have been enhanced by our students' outstanding CBSE Board results. Both our 10th and 12th Graders have done us proud indeed!

Our 8th edition of the school magazine has been put together mainly by our children, with some assistance from our teachers. I appreciate the hard work and dedication shown by them and thank them for their efforts.

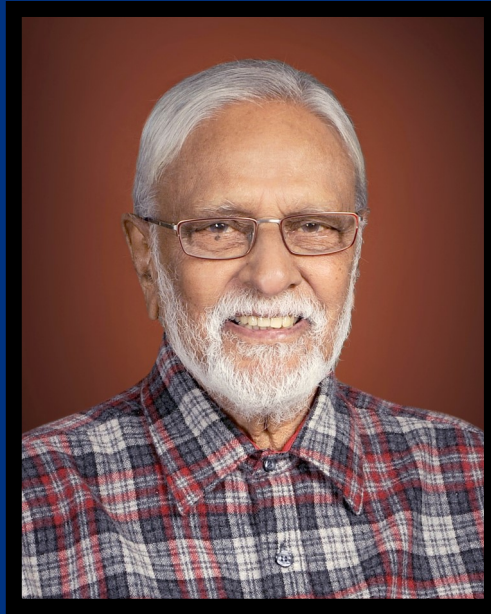
I also take this opportunity to pass on the mantle of responsibility to Ms. Sneha Rai, our new Principal.

I have had a tremendous innings at FIS and I thank everyone for their kind support, co-operation, understanding and affection. I wish Sneha Ma'am and her team the very best for the future and know that they will flourish in the years ahead. Good luck and may the wind be always at your backs and the sun shine warm upon your faces. God bless always!



~ Jayanti Prabhakar

IN MEMORIAM



30th July 1929- 6th October 2017

Last year, our revered Shri Satchidananda, the Chairman of the Veera Soudha trust and the Founder of Freedom International School and our beloved Swamiji, passed away on the 6th of October.

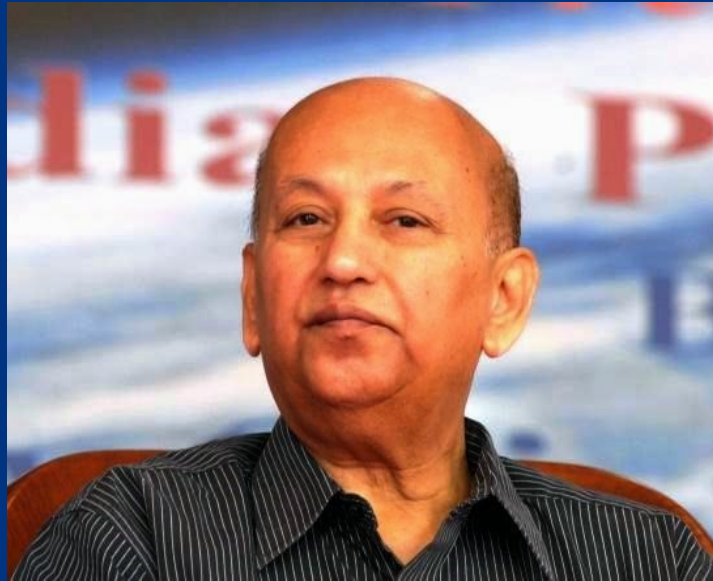
Swamiji left an indelible mark on FIS in many ways. His vision was to have a school that respected all the values of Indian tradition and culture while it marched forward into the next century in terms of its education, infrastructure and facilities. He was determined to make FIS one of the finest institutions in the city and wholeheartedly supported us to ensure that we succeeded in our efforts.

Swamiji was one of the most dynamic and focussed people it has been our good fortune to meet. He was determined, full of unbridled energy, fearless, confident, wise and experienced. He was extremely particular about doing things properly and in an organised manner. His attention to detail was something that we admired and emulated in the early years of FIS. He visited school often and kept a sharp but fatherly eye on our progress. He was full of admiration for the hard work that the entire staff put in and appreciated them at every opportunity. He was a pillar of support on whom all of us depended through the years.

His loss will be deeply felt by the entire FIS Family in the years to come.

May his soul find eternal peace.

IN MEMORIAM



10 March 1932-24 July 2017

Last year, the world witnessed the sad demise of Padma Vibhushan Prof. U R Rao, a space scientist of international repute, who served on the Advisory Board of our school. Renowned for his technological excellence, analytical bent of mind, sharp thinking and great vision, he was well known as an institution builder. He believed that children must be given the freedom to choose courses of their interest and must not be forced into IT by their parents. He also called upon the teachers to give freedom to the children to raise questions and allow them to experiment in the laboratories. His words of advice and wisdom have been invaluable to the school's development.

May his soul find eternal peace.

ROUND UP OF EVENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 - 18

Over the years FIS has witnessed great enthusiasm from students ranging from ages 6 to 16. We at FIS are fans of excellence and have proved so by achieving the mission of our esteemed Principal ma'am who stresses on maximum participation from the children. Due to this the teachers had to make tough decisions when it came to selecting the best.

In consideration of each child's potential and in order to unleash their skills, a wide range of competitions were organised every month. These involved demonstrating their strength and using academic and non-academic skills as well. This not only encouraged the children to think out of the box for situations but also enhanced their team building skills. This year two new competitions were conducted - Nat Geo and Doodling, to hone their general knowledge and creative skills. As we do every year, we clearly chalked out a detailed plan in the school diary and explained each competition to our young contenders.

These experiences help the children develop attributes that will serve them well throughout their lives and give them the opportunity to bless the lives of others. The competitions were successful as the children enjoyed working in a team and displaying their creativity, collaborating rather than competing, strategizing rather than opting for canned solutions, and experimenting instead of thinking conventionally. The students picked up little tricks which would help them along the way. They found themselves in the midst of a whole host of enjoyable activities and lasting friendships. Navigating through the challenges with the adeptness of delivery yielded them the results they wanted.

~ **Nydille Reddy**

Events Team



FIS Has Talent—Seniors





FIS Has Talent - Juniors





Yoga is the journey of the self, through the self, to the self.

Celebrating International Day of Yoga

Welcoming King Mahabali!



Onam Celebrations at FIS



Bringing Out the Patriotic Fervour





Happy Teachers Day!





OUR
LANGUAGES
OUR
PRIDE

India: **Unity in Diversity**



- It has 28 states and 7 union territories
- There are 18 official languages, 114 languages, 216 mother tongues and 900 dialects in India.
- Hindi: National language. English: commonly used for national, political, commercial & educational purposes
- 7th largest country, 2nd most populous (1.08 billion).
- 1 out of 5 people in the world = Indian





*There is a child inside
each one of us.....
Happy Children's Day!*





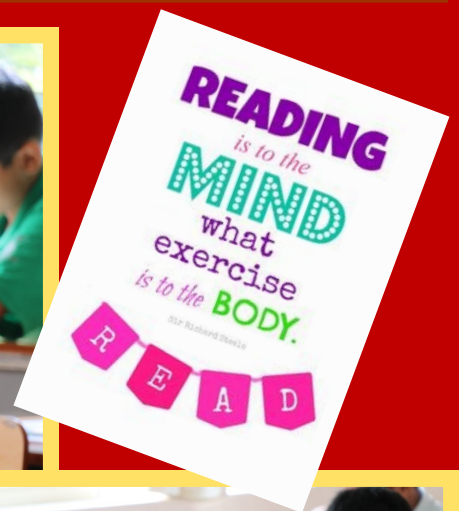
The fun everyone had!



Drop Everything And Read!



'READING GIVES US SOMEPLACE TO GO
WHEN WE HAVE TO STAY WHERE WE ARE.'



IF YOU
CAN **READ**,
YOU CAN
LEARN
anything



Embarking on a Unique Journey across India — Rail Gaadi



Travel
is the
only
thing
that
makes
us
richer!





*When you truly
love your
journey, the
destination is
just a bonus.*
~ Katrina Mayer

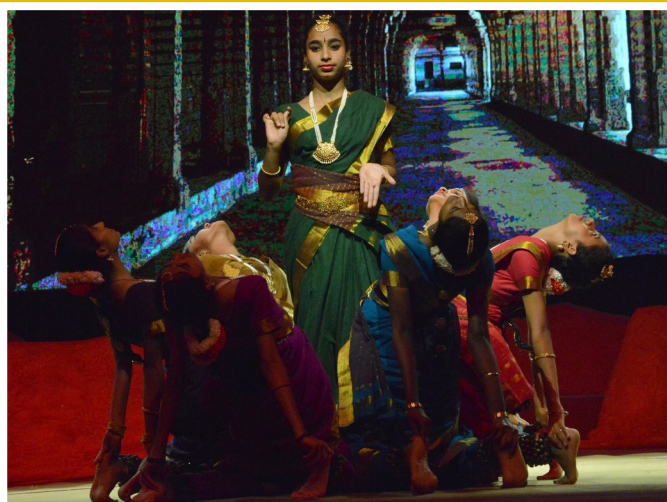




The tans will fade but the memories will last forever!



SANNATA - THE MUSICAL



The journey from silence to the sound of music...



Dance - even if the only music is the rhythm of your own heart



***Practice to Work, Work to Play, Play to Win,
Refuse to Lose***



**Our budding
footballers
in action...**

***The much awaited
basketball match...***



**Divided by houses,
united by passion.**

***FLAMBOYANT FLAMINGOES
V/S
TERRIFIC TOUCANS***





*Sports
doesn't build character,
it reveals it.*



*The harder the battle,
the sweeter the victory.*

SALUTING THE SPIRIT OF SPORTSMANSHIP.

FIS FIELD DAY, 2017



WINNERS NEVER QUIT, AND QUITTERS NEVER WIN.



Cheer like no one's watching!

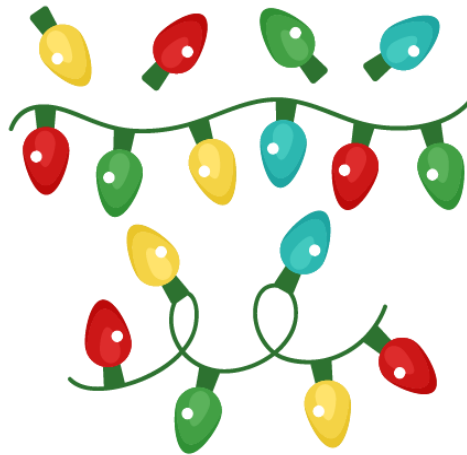




Christmas is here, bringing good cheer!!



IT'S NOT
WHAT'S UNDER THE
TREE
THAT
MATTERS
IT'S WHO'S
gathered
AROUND IT



HAVE
YOURSELF
a
MERRY
little
Christmas



HERITAGE DAY AT FIS



The heritage of the
past is the seed that
brings forth the
harvest of the future.

- Wendell
Phillips



THYAGARAJA AND PURANDARADASA ARADHANE A CARNATIC MUSIC RECITAL





Graduation Day Class of 2018



Bidding farewell to our dear seniors



**EXCELLENCE IS NOT BEING THE BEST;
IT IS DOING YOUR BEST.**



**BEST OUTGOING STUDENT, CLASS 12
ASHISH RAMAYEE ASOKAN**



**BEST OUTGOING STUDENT, CLASS 10
NEHA SUMESH**



Goodbyes aren't forever, goodbyes aren't the end. They simply mean we'll miss you, until we meet again.

ELECTIONS



The Election Committee



‘OUR VOTE IS OUR VOICE!’





INVESTITURE CEREMONY



The Voice of Tomorrow...





FIS PROJECT DAY— MAKING LEARNING FUN





**THE BEST
PROJECT
YOU'LL EVER
WORK ON IS
YOU**



FIS
Mega



Show



The purpose of art is washing the dust of daily life off our souls. -Pablo Picasso



EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS 2017-18

The external competitions 2017-18 have been a huge success.

NEWBIES: A team of five children from Class VII – Anoop, Sanjeev Krishna, Jay, Bhanu Harini and Navyata secured the **first place** in 'Game Design' in the '**Design Championship 2017**' and went on to showcase their game at the Nasscom Game Developers Conference in Hyderabad. In the same competition, Vidita of class IX secured the **first place** in 'Movie Making'.



The '**One Stop English Literature Fest**' had Krishnaa and Neel of grade I win the **first place** in 'sequencing' and 'puzzle' activities respectively. They won a Kindle each. Anushri of grade V secured the **first place** in 'Weave a fairytale'. She won an LED pad and an LED pen. Ahana Vijay's (class VIII) story was selected among the top 20 of 250 stories in **Times NIE LitFest**, and her story has been compiled into a story book along with the other winning entries.

STATE LEVEL CHAMPS: Our children have emerged as State Level Champions in the following Competitions:

Piya of class IV emerged as the **winner** of the State level Championship in the **Karnataka Spell Bee**.

The team of Kaustubh R of class IV and Aarush D of class V emerged as the **state level winners** in the **OAK IQ Quiz** and won cash prize of Rs. 7,000/-. They went on to participate at the National level at Hyderabad, where they secured the **third position**.

CHECK MATE:

Our chess champions Komal S and Sri Akshitha S of classes VI and V were placed on the **6th and 5th positions** respectively, in the **5th Karnataka State Schools Chess Championship**.

Anirudh S of class V won the **first place** in the **Young Warriors Chess Competition**.

In the **Greenwood High State Level Inter School Chess Championship**, Komal S of class VI secured the **first position** in the Open category.

QUIZZICAL:

Ajay and Abhay B of class VIII stood **third** in the junior category in the **Treamis Scholastic Bowl Quiz**.

The team of Aarush D of class V and Sohan S of class VI stood **6th** among 200 teams in **The Hindu Young World Quiz**.

In the **VISTA Inter School IT Quiz**, the team of Vihaan H and Anant of class VIII won the **second place** in the junior category.

STORY TELLERS: Prisha of class I secured the **second place** in the **Story Telling Competition** organized by the Heritage Foundation of Art and Culture, whereas Harshith of class II won the **consolation prize**.

AAROHAN:

Our students came out in flying colours in **AAROHAN** conducted by the Amrita School of Engineering and Technology.

In 'Technical Hunt', Anirudh of class X and Lokanshu and Medha of class IX won the **first place**, and in Tech Ken, Ajay B of class VIII and Neha Sumesh of class X secured the **third place**.

In 'Tech-Ken 2.0', Harry and Vignesh of class XII won the **first place**, and Suraj and Sathvik of class XII won the **third place**.

In 'Circuitricks', the team of Harry, Anind and Vignesh of grade XII won the **first place**.

In 'Code Out', Ashish, Vishal and Arun of grade XII won the **second place**.

The team of Mariam, Vaishnavi and Varsha of class IX, and Aditi Y and Sashank S of class VIII won the **second consolation prize** in the 'Project Exhibition'.

In 'Mathemantum Contour', the team of Ajay B, Abhay B and Anant of Class VIII secured the **first place**, and won cash award of Rs.8,000/-.

In 'Glideator', the team of Niranjana, Sushyam and Advait of grade XI secured the **third place**.

Our school stood second in the overall performance, and our students won the cash amount of Rs.53,000/- collectively.

THE WAR

Anirudh R of grade X won the **second place** in the Presidency Challenge War of Words, and won a Kindle and a book.

THE FIESTY WINNERS - VOLKSFIESTA

In the Volksfiesta 'Crossroad Conquest' held at the Deens Academy, Abhay B of grade VIII won the **first place** and got a cash prize of Rs.500/-.

In the photography contest 'Reflections', Vidhi of class X secured the **first place** and won cash prize of Rs.1,000/- and a gift card.

The team of Sejal Pawar, Sudiksha Niranjana, Akruthi, Uwais of class II, and Om Vijay, Lakshmisree, Adithya S, Dhruva of class III participated for the first time in the miming competition 'Animime' in and secured the **second place**.

THE YOUNG SCIENTISTS

At the **Science Faire (Vignana Habba)** at Soul Kere, the team of Jathin and Karshin of class IV won the **first place** in the junior category, for their working science model on energy conservation.

In the **National Science Day Celebrations** held at the ISRO Satellite Centre, Achintya of grade VII won the **consolation prize** in Extempore Science Elocution.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP QUOTIENT

In the '**Times Your Championship Quotient**' conducted by Times NIE, Snigdha of class VI, Anubhav, Neha, Veer and Rahul of Class VII, Anoosh of class IX, Abhay, Sreshtha, Anant and Yash of class VIII, Anoosh of class IX, Abhay B secured 100% in the Challenger package. Arjun L, Sohan and Haarika A of Class VI, Ria and Achintya of Class VII, Disha and Mariam of Class VIII, and Shaurya, Manthana and Dhyuti Tewari of Class IX got **50% scholarship on study tabs**.

QUITE SPORTY

The team of Amshuman, Gagan, Srivallabha, Tushar, Dheeraj, Harshit, Miron, Mitun and Arjun of Class VI, Aniketh, Adith, Ayush, Avanish and Harsha of class V won the **first place** in the Under 12 category in the Adidas Uprising Football Tournament.

Lokanshu of Grade IX **got selected** for the **Karnataka State Football** team in the **sub-junior** Nationals held at Pagwara, Punjab.

Gambheer B of class VIII set the record in **fastest goal** scoring in the 28th minute.

Aryan of class II **won** in the U-8 category in the 'Jack Tennis Tournament' held at HSR Layout.

WE MEAN BUSINESS AT THE MUN Our students won many laurels at the Model United Nations Competitions.

In the Kumarans MUN, Jayant P of class X got the **Best Delegate award**, and Anirudh R of Class X, Ajay, Abhay of class VIII, Lokanshu and Surya of class IX got **Verbal Mention**

At the NPS MUN, Ajay of class VIII got **Special Mention**.

At the Cathedral MUN, Lavanya of Class X was awarded the **Best Delegate Award**, and Surya of class IX got **Special Mention**.

At the Bangalore MUN, Jayant P and Anirudh R of class X got the **Best Delegate Award**, and Advait Prakash got **Special Mention**. **Our delegation got the 'Honourable Delegation award'**.

OLYMPIAD WINNERS

INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD (IEO)

ANVI (I) - GOLD MEDAL + GIFT VOUCHURE OF RS. 1000 - INTERNATIONAL TOPPER (RANK 1)

DAKSH SHETTY (II) - GOLD MEDAL + GIFT VOUCHURE OF RS. 1000 - INTERNATIONAL TOPPER (RANK 1)

UWAIS AHMED (II) - GOLD MEDAL + GIFT VOUCHURE OF RS. 1000 - INTERNATIONAL TOPPER (RANK 1)

NIVEDHA BALAMURUGAN (VI) - GIFT VOUCHURE OF RS. 1000 - ZONAL RANK HOLDER (RANK 7)

NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD (NSO)

ABHAY BESTRAPALLI (VIII) - SILVER MEDAL + CHEQUE OF RS. 2500 - ZONAL TOPPER (RANK 2)

INTERNATIONAL MATH OLYMPIAD (IMO)

TANISHKA V (II) - BRONZE MEDAL + GIFT VOUCHURE OF RS. 1000 - ZONAL TOPPER (RANK 3)

SRIJAN GHOSH (VI) - GOLD MEDAL + CHEQUE OF RS. 5000 - ZONAL TOPPER (RANK 1)

SOHAN SRIDHAR (VI) - SILVER MEDAL + CHEQUE OF RS. 2500 - ZONAL TOPPER (RANK 2)

INTERNATIONAL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD (IGKO)

ABHAY BESTRAPALLI (VIII) - BRONZE MEDAL + CHEQUE OF RS. 1000 - ZONAL TOPPER (RANK 3)

NATIONAL SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH EXAMINATION (NSTSE)

SRIJAN GHOSH (VI) - GOLD MEDAL

KARAN KINI (VII) - GOLD MEDAL

ABHAY BESTRAPALLI (VIII) - GOLD MEDAL

SHRIANSH MOHANTY (IX) - GOLD MEDAL

ASHWIN KOCHUVILA (IX) - GOLD MEDAL

ASSET SUMMER PROGRAMME

AARUSHI BHAGAVATULA (VII) - ATS GOLD

NIKITA PUTHAMAKULA (VII) - ATS GOLD

ABHAY BESTRAPALLI (VIII) - ATS GOLD

AJAY BESTRAPALLI (VIII) - ATS GOLD

ANANT TEWARI (VIII) - ATS GOLD

SNEH LAHURIKAR (VIII) - ATS GOLS

VISHNUSUDHAN (VIII) - ATS GOLD

<p>PRESIDENCY CHALLENGE COMPETITION: WAR OF WORDS Anirudh Rowjee (10B) won the second place and got a Kindle and a book</p>	<p>VOLKSFiesta ANIMIME - DEENS ACADEMY GUNJUR Sejal Pawar (II A), Sudiksha Niranjan (II C), Akruti (II B), Uwais Ahmed (II D), Om Vijay (III A), Lakshmishree Satish (III B), Adithya Santosh (III C), Dhruva B Kuber (III D) won the second place and a cash prize of Rs. 4000/-</p>
<p>STORY TELLING COMPETITION Prisha Bajpai (I A) won the second place</p>	<p>VOLKSFiesta CROSSROAD CONQUEST Abhay Bestrapalli (VIII D) secured the first place and received a cash prize of Rs. 500/-</p> <p>VOLKSFiesta REFLECTIONS Vidhi Sarin (X A) got the first place, a cash prize of Rs.1000/- and a gift card from IONA</p>
<p>'SCIENCE FAIRE' (VIGNANA HABBA) Jatin Gowda (IV C) and Karshin D (IV C), secured the first place in the Junior category and got a cash prize of Rs.1000/-</p>	<p>JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PLANETARIUM: Science of Candles Aarohan: Technical Hunt Anirudh Rowjee (X B), Lokanshu P. Malur (IX C) and Medha Mohan (IX A) won the first prize</p> <p>Aarohan :Tech -Ken Ajay Bestrapalli (VIII B) and Neha Sumesh won the third place</p>
<p>AAROHAN-TECH KEN 2.0 (Team 1) Suraj Suneeth (XII) and Sathvik Shashidhar (XII) won the third place (Team 2) Harry Patel (XII), Vignesh Kumar (XII) won the third place</p>	<p>Aarohan - Circuitricks Harry Patel (XII), Anind Kiran (XII), Vignesh K.Kumar (XII) won the first prize</p> <p>Aarohan: Code out Ashish Ramayee Asokan (XII), Vishal Reddy (XII), Arun Kumar S. (XII) won the second prize</p> <p>AAROHAN TECH KEN 2.0 Suraj Suneeth and Sathvik Sashidhar (XII) won the third place Harry Patel and Vignesh Kumar won the first place</p> <p>AAROHAN MATHEMANTIUM CONTUOR Ajay Bestrapalli (VIII B), Anant Tewari (VIII A), Abay Bestrapalli (VIII D) all of them won the first prize and got a cash prize of Rs.8000/-</p> <p>AAROHAN GLIDEATOR Niranjan K, Sushyam S, Advait V Nair (XI) won the third place</p> <p>AAROHAN OVERALL Our school stood second in the overall performance and a cash amount of Rs.53000 was won collectively</p>
<p>NAZARIYA SUB-JUNIOR CATEGORY Avani Rao (I A) won the first prize Anshita Sahu (II A) won the second place Lasya K (II D) won the third place</p> <p>JUNIOR CATEGORY Anushri (VD) secured the first place Chaturya Prabhakar (VI A) and Amrita Abhilash (V C) - both won the second place Navya Jain (VI A) won the third place</p> <p>SENIOR CATEGORY Aditi P (VII D) won the first place Anurag Das (VII A) and Samhita Lokesh (IX A) won the second place Ahana Vijay (VIII C) and Sanjoli Tewari (VII C) won the third place</p>	

<p>DESIGN CHAMPIONSHIP</p> <p>GAME DESIGN (JUNIOR)</p> <p>Anoop, Sanjeev Krishnaa E, Jay Jesal Patel, Harini B, and Navyata Venkatesh (VII B) secured the first place and got a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/-</p> <p>MOVIE MAKING</p> <p>Vidita Patel (IX A) won the first place</p>	<p>ONESTOPENGLISH LITERATURE FEST</p> <p>Krishna Punja (I A) won the first place in sequencing and won a Kindle</p> <p>Neel Reddy (I B) won the first place in puzzle and a Kindle</p> <p>Anushri (V D) won second place and an LED pad and pen</p>
<p>BANGALORE MUN</p> <p>Anirudh Rowjee (X B) was the best delegate</p> <p>Jayant P (X A) was also the best delegate</p> <p>Advait Prakash was given a special mention</p>	<p>GREENWOOD HIGH STATE LEVEL INTER SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP</p> <p>Komal S Sajja (VI B) stood first place in the open category</p>
<p>NATIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOL MUN</p> <p>Ajay Bestrapalli (VIII B) got a Special mention</p>	<p>KUMARANS MUN</p> <p>Jayant Pananmgipalli (X A) - Best Delegate award</p> <p>Anirudh Rowjee (X B) - Verbal Mention</p>
<p>ADIDAS UPRISING FOOTBALL</p> <p>Amshuman Shama (VI D),</p> <p>Gagan Vijay Kumar (VI B),</p> <p>Sri Vallabha B S (VI A), Tushar Hegde (VI C),</p> <p>Dheeraj R (VI D), Harshit Awasthi (VI A),</p> <p>Miron (VI D), Arjun Lahurikar (VI A),</p> <p>Aniketh(VI B), Adith Kiran (VI C)</p> <p>Ayush Madhav (VI A), Avanish (VI C)</p> <p>Harsh G (VI C)</p> <p>The team won the first place in the Under 12 Category and also participated in the Under 15 Category</p>	<p>CATHEDRAL MUN</p> <p>Surya N (IX B) got a Special mention</p> <p>Lavanya Reddy (X B) was the Best Delegate</p>
<p>KARNATAKA SPELL BEE</p> <p>Priya Adavani (IV B) was the winner of Karnataka State Championship</p>	<p>OAK IQ - QUIZ</p> <p>Aarush Dutta (V B) won the first place in the Sub Junior Category and got a gift voucher from Kadoo and a cash prize of Rs.7000/-</p>
<p>The Hindu Young World Quiz Competition</p> <p>18th Edition</p> <p>Aarush Dutta (V A) and Sohan Sridhar (VI B) stood 6th among 200 other teams</p>	<p>VISTA- Inter school IT Quiz</p> <p>Ananth Tiwari and Vihaan H (VIII A) won second place in the junior category</p>
	<p>YOUNG WARRIORS CHESS COMPETITION</p> <p>Anirudh S (V A) won the first place</p>
	<p>TIMES NIE LITFEST</p> <p>Ahaana Vijay (VIII B) - Her story was in the top 20 amongst 250</p>
	<p>THE TREAMIS SCHOLASTIC BOWL QUIZ</p> <p>Ajay Bestrapalli (VIII B), Abhay Bestrapalli (VIII D) stood third in the junior category and got a cash prize worth Rs. 3000/-</p>
	<p>JACK TENNIS TOURNAMENT</p> <p>Aryan Singh (II D) was the winner in the Under 8 Category</p>

AN ADVENTURE TRIP TO ANTHARANGANGE

8th and 9th December, 2017



It was a cold winter morning and the silence of the dawn was broken by the chatter of the children. The excitement of the trip had filled the air. They were all ready with their backpacks and geared up for the trip. We started at 6:30 am and reached Avaniya Adventure Camp by 8:30 am. We had our breakfast and were energized to take up the adventures lined up for the

day.

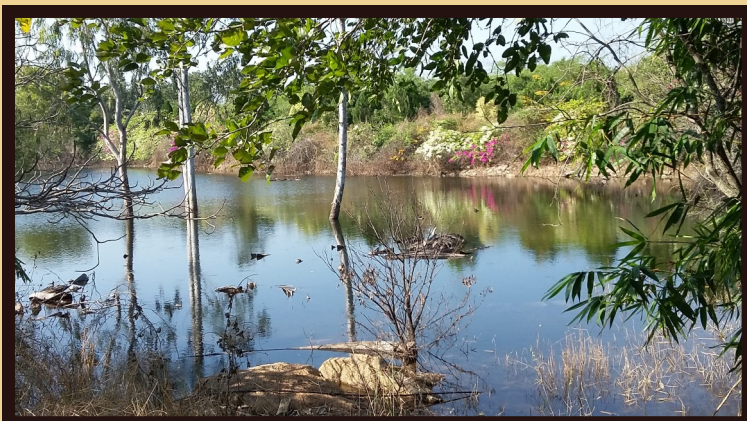
The first task was for the girls, on the high rope. They had to manoeuvre through a lot of hurdles to reach the finishing point. Though some of them backed out initially, their friends motivated them and gave them the confidence to try their hand at it. In the meantime, the boys enjoyed a nature walk in the vicinity. Later they all zoomed on the zip line which brought their hearts to their mouths. At dusk, the children danced to popular hit songs and enjoyed the campfire. Before retiring for the day, the children were enthralled by the beauty of the night sky, filled with millions of stars which the city children seldom get a chance to see. The boys had a stupendous fun filled night staying in the tents.

The prattling of the children in the tent at dawn woke the others too. After a heavy breakfast, we were taken to the most eagerly awaited trekking destination, Antharangagne caves. With untiring spirit and a never give-up attitude, the children under the guidance of the guides put their best foot forward. The winding mountain paths filled with huge boulders and rocks of various sizes made the trekking really challenging. We tried to steer through the tortuous



path by crawling, squeezing, jumping and what not! Eventually we came out with a feeling of accomplishment which could not have been possible without the guides.

After the tiring, but exciting day, we left the place with hearts filled with unforgettable and unique memories and reached Bangalore in the evening. Sometimes these small journeys teach us a lot and bring friends closer too.



~ MANJU CHACKO, TEACHER

FIELD TRIPS 2017—18

The students of FIS have gone to various new and interesting places for their field trips in the year 2017—18. Apart from visiting the Fire Station, Tipu Sultan's Summer Palace and Visvesvaraya Museum, we have ventured to a few new places as well. We visited the 'Indian Musical Experience' which showcased musical instruments made of different materials. Unusual techniques of creating music using sound bars, parallel bars and by sprinkling water on a granite slab to produce sound was a fun learning experience for the children.

The children also visited a small farmers' community that practised sericulture. The children could view the various stages of silk manufacturing. They could watch the caterpillars feeding on the mulberry leaves and the live processing, yarning and weaving of silk.

Children had the opportunity to visit an eco-friendly house and learn about managing waste in a better way. They also learnt about vegetable gardening and how to put the principle of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle into practice.

With a visit to NIMHANS, children got a first-hand experience of watching a dissected human brain and its different regions. They learnt about neurological disorders, neurological complications in accident victims and other interesting facts about other internal organs like the lungs, cranium, kidneys, spinal cord and the vertebral column. They also learnt to differentiate between the lungs of a smoker, lungs affected by pollution and a healthy pair of lungs.

The field trips have been a fun as well as a learning experience for the teachers and students alike. We look forward to another year filled with many other informative journeys which would spark the imagination, creativity and curiosity of our children.



A visit to the Handmade Paper Manufacturing Unit

~ SINDHU VILAS
~ VEENASHRI



Meeting the creepy crawly insects at the Insectarium



A visit to Bangalore Palace

Understanding the complex human brain in the Brain Museum



A visit to the Sericulture Museum

A unique Indian Music Experience





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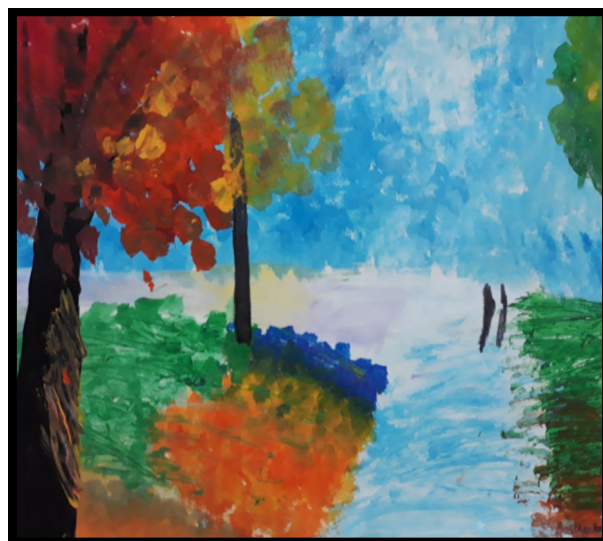
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**“ART IS NOT
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- Edgar Degas



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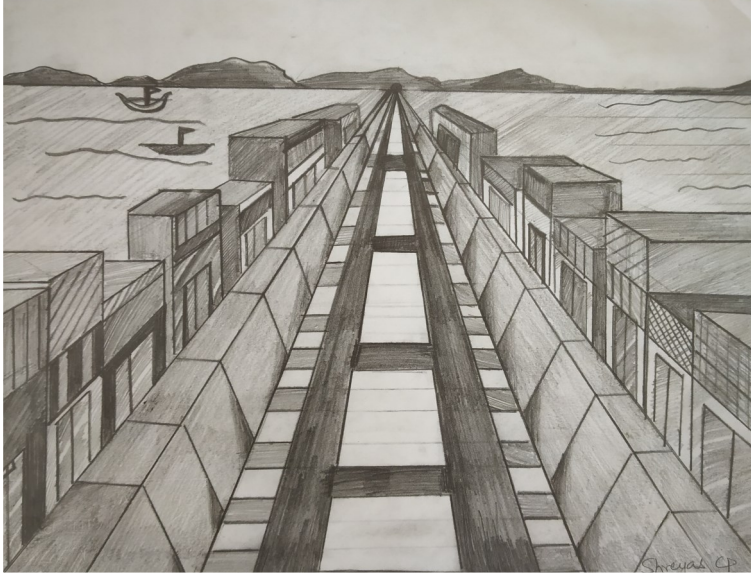
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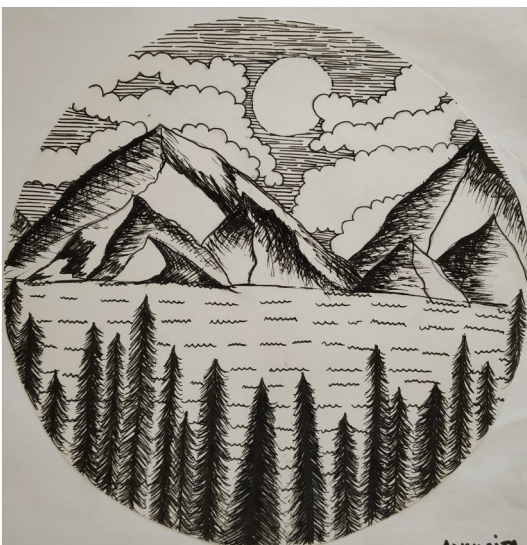
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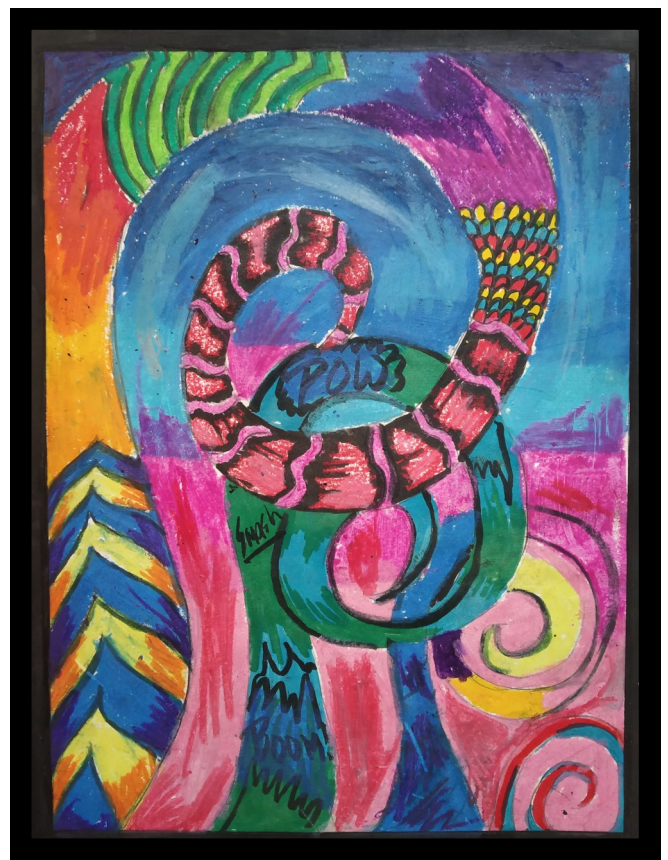
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Art is too important not to share.

—Romero Britto



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Samhita Lokesh 9



Prisha K 8 D



Mehek 4 C



Sahitra Bhat 7 B



Ashwin Abilash 2 D



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NOW, THAT'S PHYSICS!

Oh no! It's physics class again, what a pain!!
Do you relate to the above line?
Then read this following verse of mine!!

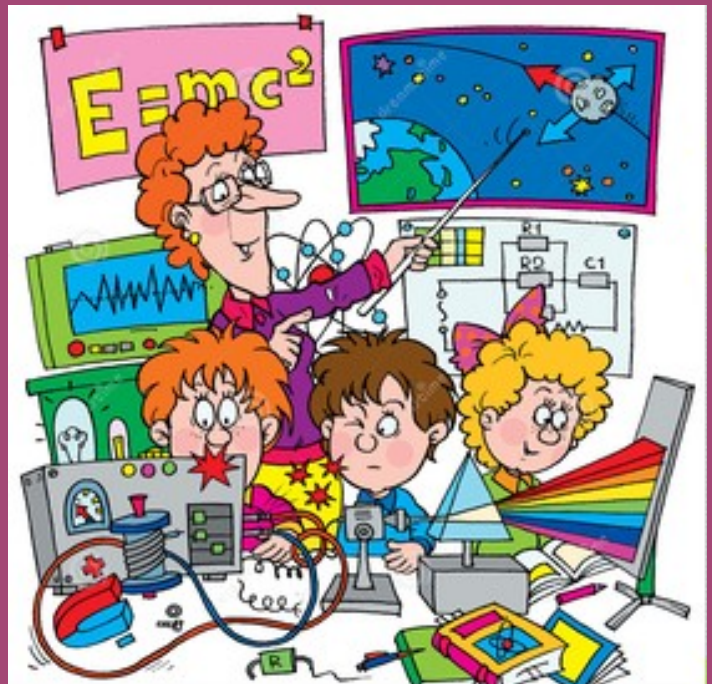
When you say: Hey! Let's run!
Now that's physics:
You've got the speed and velocity
Not to forget acceleration
Well it's a pity
You cannot separate action or reaction
From being a physical quantity!

Pushing your text book away?
Well! That's work, dude!
Force applied anyway
Has made it move!
And when you multiply
The force and the distance of the shove
It's work that you define! Oh my!!

Looking in the mirror?
That's reflection plain!
You'll need the diverging one
For the road alone
And to view specimens
It's a lens that you will use
Remember your ray diagrams
Need the arrows or marks you will lose!

Have you blown your fuse?
That's electricity for your use
Diligently draw your circuit with directions
For the flow of electrons
Photons make your world brightly lit
When you plug in to your music selection
Let the sound waves hit!!

Drinking through a straw?
It's pressure acting as you draw
In your favourite concoction
Or iced tea decoction!



Meeting a relative?
Relate instead to the theory
Of relativity! There's no alternative
And certainly no mystery
To the world of physics
As you and I live by
It's very laws: whether we try

To remember the rules or not
Rooted to the ground we stand and trot
'Cause it's gravity
That makes the universe(ity!)
Go round and round
As we're to the laws of physics bound

So do the circular motion
Do a turn around and look
You're stuck deep in physical notions
Way beyond your book!!

~ Clara David

There is no science in this world like physics. Nothing comes close to the precision with which physics enables you to understand the world around you. It's the laws of physics that allow us to say exactly what time the sun is going to rise. What time the eclipse is going to begin. What time the eclipse is going to end.

~Neil deGrasse Tyson

Action Reaction

Sometimes a kind word of yours can melt someone's heart;
Or a rude word can make you grow apart.
Your smile can brighten someone's day;
And your frown too has a lot to say.
Each and every action of yours is being seen;
So, be loving and don't be mean.
Remember as you sow, so, shall you reap,
The path of life is not always smooth, it can be steep.
The more you give, the more you receive;
So just think once that if you try to deceive,
No one else will be hurt more than you,
For whatever you do comes back to you too.
People always remember the way you behave with them;
So let them treasure each memory like a precious gem.
God gifts a beautiful day to every man,
To make it wonderful is in your hand.
So let's become more kind, loving and giving
And make everyone's life worth living.

~ Aakshi Kapoor

IN MY LIFE,

I've lived, I've loved, I've lost,
I've missed, I've hurt,
I've trusted, I've made mistakes,
but most of all,

I'VE LEARNED.

Better Than the Best

Tenzing Norgay, Edmund Hillary, Neil Armstrong, Yuri Gagarin, Winners of the FIFA World Cup - Can you see a pattern? Yes, they were the first in what they did. Tenzing Norgay and Edmund Hillary were the first to scale Mount Everest. Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon. Yuri Gagarin was the first human to be in space. Germany were the winners of the FIFA World Cup – 2014. No one remembers the second, none remember the runners-up.

There they are on the medal stand, the culmination of years of hard work, a lifetime of dreams.

IT'S NOT
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Every Olympic athlete wants to win a gold. But if they can't, then we would think that they'd be happiest if they could win silver, right? Well, wrong.

Silver medalists often feel cheated — instead of feeling as if they've won, they feel as if they have lost the gold medal. Blame it on something called counterfactual thinking — a person's tendency to think about what could have happened, instead of what actually happened. Silver medallists are more drawn to the thought: "So close, I could have won the gold." Bronze medallists, on the other hand, think, "So close, I could have not medalled at all" and that thought made them feel happy that they did win a medal.

Does this mean that we need to be first in everything we do? Do we need to stress ourselves for that fifteen minutes of glory or fame to be the first? Aren't the second-place holders achievers in themselves? Do we need to compete with others to get the gold medal? Why don't we strive to better ourselves each time? Why don't we better our best?

~Sukanya R.

And I Soared Like a Bird...

"Sometimes you have to let go and allow yourself to fall, for you to discover how high you can soar."

For a person who suffers from acrophobia, walking along the glass skywalk in the Grand Canyon was a frightful experience for me. I was just amazed at the people who would casually walk on it, peer down at the abyss below and then even lie down on the glass floor to get a picture of the canyon below them. I practically forced myself to walk along, holding on to the railings and refusing to look down. I just thanked the lord for helping me reach the other end of the skywalk without any embarrassing incident. I then vowed to myself that I wouldn't embark on any such adventure again. But all this was three years ago.

I was on another trip this year to Nepal with many unforeseen adventures taking place which were all out of our control. But everything was worth it when the beautiful Himalayas loomed in front of us. We boarded a really small flight (an 18 seater) from Pokhara to Jomsom and the view was simply stunning. As we flew amidst the mountains and hills, I just wished that I could feel the cool breeze on my face. It was then that I decided that I would take an ultra-light flight to just experience the serenity of the place.

Keeping all my apprehensions and reservations aside, I booked myself on a flight and it was worth every penny. As the flight took off and rose into the air, I felt like a bird. I embraced the cool breeze and the stunning vistas with open arms. I completely forgot that I was supposed to be afraid of heights. As the flight dipped and rose across lakes and peaks, I could feel no fear... only the joy of getting an opportunity to experience the beauty of nature... a beautiful view from the top. The joy of soaring like a bird...

~Shipra Bhat

I Love Being a Teacher

It is the week before vacations and all through the school
My children are going bonkers and I am losing my cool!
Their assignments are incomplete and projects aren't done
They don't want to work but just want to have fun!
I scream at them and I shout at them
Then I realize what a Grinch I have become!
I decide to have fun with them and enjoy myself
And not think of how I will miss those dear faces every single day!
Then those heartwarming cards and notes start to appear
Handmade crafts filled with glue and glitter!
Love and precious memories in each and every card
Yay! I have the best job in the world!

~Bedwati Pani



Inside the Cellular Jail

My spirit wanders in the corridor
To see the changes ever since
Bringing back the bygone gore
Recalling them makes me wince.

Inside my cell I lay forlorn
Untouched by humanity
Hearing the cries of anguish borne
Desperate for some charity.

My fellow mates I did not know
Befriending the bars, the air, the wall
The only ones who stayed once more
To see me rise, to see me fall

And as I stroll, I see names engraved
Of those then captive, now free
Their tormentor they fought, they bore, they braved
This place stands as an epitome

The cells, the walls, the bars are the same
And the only difference I can see
There, there stands the flickering flame
To prove my country breathes in liberty.



~Deborah Sarkar

A WOMAN IN ALL HER HUES !

She is filled to the brim with unconditional love, so very dear and revered,
She's there for you always, no matter what, that's your very own Mother Dear!
You grew up with her, with lots of joy, laughter, fun, fights and cheer,
Hand in hand you grew up together, that's your dear Sister Dear!

Very playful, full of life, very loving and would always by your side adhere,
She is the one close to your heart and that's your very own Daughter dear!
Eager, funny, friendly and shares all your thoughts and views all clear,
In joys and sorrows by your side always and that's your dear Friend, my dear.
Loves you very much and so demands your time and space year after year,
Oh yes, she is very right in doing so, as she is your very dear Better Half, my dear.



In all these different roles she plays, in each she is always cent percent true,
Yet, at times she needs your shoulder for support to go on with life through,
A few good words for all that she does, and lots of love and warmth she needs,
You give her these and she will give you much more in all her hues indeed!

~Jacqueline Lobo John

Our Lives and Technology

The everyday lives of people have changed due to technology. They have become easier, faster and more comfortable. But, at the same time, our lives have become anti-social just like our computers.

Technology has enriched our lives and enlightened our minds, but people tend to rely on it so much that they can't even imagine living without it. They don't hesitate to share their lifestyle, location and personal details with friends and even strangers these days. This increasing obsession with technology has made us weak and vulnerable too. No doubt, the advantages of technology should not be overlooked, but this dependence may become harmful for coming generations.

Human knowledge is increasing. For a better quality of life, some dependence on technology is unavoidable because we would all like to have clean running water, a healthy diet, and protection from diseases, provision of power and different electronic tools to stay connected digitally with our friends and family. At the same time, our emotions have changed into emojis and this transformation has made us artificial and hollow.

In conclusion, technology has affected our lives deeply. We simply cannot imagine living without it. It has increased our lifespan and quality of living. It has brought us closer to each other but thread of our emotional connect has frayed and is in danger of being cut.

~ Kirti Sharma

Boys Don't Cry, Girls Don't Climb Trees.

Growing up, these were the common refrains that were heard by all of us. Handed down over generations, they have become somewhat of an accepted guideline by which we raise our children. And thus, we have children who become the products of these internalized social and cultural norms.

The societal norms and the anomalies that prevail are often limiting. The problem with these refrains is that they don't encourage a wholesome growth of individuals. Maybe a girl likes Math and Science a lot, and a boy in her class loves to cook. Maybe a girl is really bad at home science but excels in sports while a boy is excellent at designing clothes. Trying to impose societal norms on either of them would just instill a sense of failure and lead to dissatisfaction. Like Einstein said "*Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.*" What he meant was – we are innately attuned to a certain skill set. It may be Math, Art, coding – anything. But it is important to discover and fine tune what we truly want to explore, in order to have happy, fulfilling lives.

If a child is not interested in joining IIT or opting for dentistry, it is perfectly alright. There are many other avenues open for him or her. Failure shouldn't deter them from trying again. What's more – there may be areas where he or she excels and makes a mark. It is not a crime to be a nonconformist. If given equal opportunities, we can help children become independent thinkers and good decision makers who will be able to deal with impediments that come their way. As parents and teachers, it is our job to create an environment that helps children become self-reliant and strong, while giving them tools to be able to face the world with wisdom and competence.

It is important to respect each other's individual choices. Learn to value things, learn to appreciate them and understand the human heart. Nurturing compassion and patience is vital, for these virtues will make us feel proud of being their parents, and their teachers. Girl or boy – it hardly matters!

~Malati A Porje



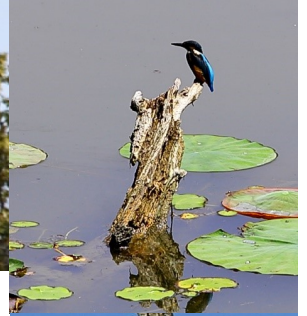
Bulti Saha

My Travel Diary: Jim Corbett National Park

Passion for photography runs in my family. Both my husband and my daughter were so ecstatic to capture the various species of birds that the preparations for our trip carried on for a few months, ranging from camera gear to camouflaged clothes. The trip to the Jim Corbett Tiger Reserve was during the summer of this year, in the month of May, to be exact. The heat and humidity did nothing to dampen our spirits and off we went.

Jim Corbett National Park is one of the oldest in India in the Nainital district of Uttarakhand. This forest of several miles of hills covered with deciduous forests, riverine belts and marshy depressions is home to more than 110 tree species, 50 species of mammals, around 600 species of birds and 25 reptile species.

Our adventure started around 5:30 am one morning, on a jeep safari to the Jhirna zone which is famous for birds. It was almost dawn when we entered the park. The air was filled with the chirping of the birds and the scent of the jungle. The cameras went berserk upon the sighting of a peacock dancing, trying to attract its mate. What followed were hundreds of photos of the Lapwing, a pair of blue cheeked Bee-eaters perched on a nearby tree branch and various other species of birds both big and small. After a 4 hour safari, we embarked on our long journey back to the forest entrance; a shrill loud call of a bird nearby made us stop on our tracks and look behind. It was a sight to behold, a Great Indian Hornbill was perched atop a tree. All the cameras in our jeep focussed on the majestic bird and the shutters clicked continuously until the bird took to flight overhead our jeep. It was an amazing sight and with the photographers contented with the shots that they managed to capture, we ended our first jungle adventure.



~Padmashree Basak

The Deep Blue Sea

One day in mid-June we decided to go to the beach. We drove all the way to a beach by the Arabian Sea. We drove thru dense forests with lots of twists and turns, driving up and down hills, it was scary- adding to the thrill was the dense fog and rain. Well, it's the monsoons, so rain was expected but driving through it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience indeed!! Well, after some 30 -45 minutes of a nightmarish drive but thanks to the reflectors and Google maps that came to our rescue, we reached our destination safely.

The next morning, we finally hit Gokarna Beach. The wide, deep blue sea was humming and singing ...The sea that shelters all the wonderful, vibrant creatures appeared just plain and colourless in the afternoon. It was calm and serene during the daytime while at night, like Rudra Avatar, it was just the opposite. Each wave that gushed in was different from the other and one could not predict how big or small, the next one would be..

It was fun being on the shore, as one could forget about one's worries by just looking at the waves or playing kabaddi with the waves. Some of us had fun playing lagori on the shore, while others enjoyed nibbling spicy snacks at the beach. Suddenly life appeared pretty around our dear nature. Everyone found it difficult to leave the scene and return home.

~Veena K B

A Page from a Pre-Primary Teacher's Diary.....

It's a regular day in the school and as I walk along the corridor, I can hear teachers using words like 'humongous' or 'flabbergasted' in our Pre-Primary classrooms. You must be wondering why the teacher uses such big words in a class full of three, four or five-year olds!

Just because we are under the impression that children are capable of learning only simple words like 'huge' or 'surprised', doesn't mean children are unable to learn the words 'humongous' or 'flabbergasted'. In fact, to them, there really isn't any difference between the words - "huge or humongous ". Words are just a combination of sounds. It's actually a lot of fun for the kids to use these words. It's the grown-ups who have a barrier of grown-up-ness when it comes to "big words". They find it far simpler to use simpler words in their day-to-day conversations like 'nice' and 'pretty'. It's not the kids who think they can't handle difficult words. In fact, children have always surprised me by using the most appropriate word in the right context, during our regular conversations in the classroom.

Children are demanding, curious, eager, sensitive and absorb everything like sponges. It is, of course, always cute when small kids use big words and here's the thing. Using the right words doesn't just help kids build vocabulary and communicate more efficiently. It helps them learn to read. Years later, it will continue to boost a child's reading comprehension and a young adult's confidence will grow by leaps and bounds, making them eloquent orators and leaders.

Classroom experience shows us that building a sophisticated vocabulary at an early age is also the key to raising successful readers—and narrowing the gap in comprehension. We teachers in the Pre-Primary are overcoming the age-old habit of speaking to young children in a simplified fashion and are instead deliberately introducing higher-level words in pre-school. Whether it's a classroom discussion in EVS, an informal talk in the sandpit or reading aloud story books, teachers are exposing younger children to language that, in many cases, enhances a typical conversation between a Pre-school teacher and a child.

Language, literacy and comprehension are important components of any preschool classroom and building a child's vocabulary is a key component in facilitating language improvement.

As parents, promoting vocabulary in your child's early years is important and should be an activity that is natural and fun.

Emphasize new words – the first thing for parents to keep in mind is that every new word counts. We are not talking about searching through the dictionary for complex words. What we are talking about is emphasizing words that are part of a child's natural environment and daily living. For example, while talking about animals that are active during the night like an owl, use the word 'nocturnal'.

Weave in new meanings – make new words meaningful and practical. Integrate new words into your child's play and daily happenings by using them in and out of conversations you have with the child about his /her play time, school, or other things that they experience during the day.

Talk about feelings- introduce words that give your children a way to express their feelings and emotions. Words such as delighted, sorrow, thrilled, frustrated, exhausted, lonely and enjoyable can be used in everyday conversations with your child. Also encourage them to use lots of descriptive words. For example, instead of the word 'pretty', they could use attractive, cute, beautiful, lovely or good looking.

Names of objects – Introduce objects that are familiar and not-so-familiar and that will invite interest and promote conversation. A covering for one's head could, for example, be a hat, a bandanna, a cap, a sombrero, a fedora or even a bonnet.

The more words they learn the better they are at expressing themselves not only as preschoolers but for ever and ever in the world as adults.

~ **Parvathi**

Pre-Primary Co-Ordinator

Young Minds Treading the Right Path

The present generation of children are very intelligent in different ways because of the kind of exposure they get right from birth. A new born baby is able to enjoy the wonders of technology like iPads, iPhones, other smart phones and gadgets, thanks to the parents. The kids spend more time looking at screens rather than their parents' and grandparents' faces. They actually lose interest in the real world and want to live only in the virtual world. This is the scenario in today's urban areas. In the rural area also, this trend is slowly catching up thanks to the mobile companies which provide data at a very low cost.

Technology needs to be used in a wiser way rather than just for playing games and chatting for hours together with friends with whom the child would have spent the entire day at school. Because of this technology, many children do not even pay attention in the class and they think they can get their work done with the help of some other students' notes shared through gadgets. This sad state is growing in exponential proportion in the society now. It should have been nipped in the bud much earlier but because of various reasons it has grown into a massive tree. It has grown to the extent that if a parent tries to stop the usage of these applications, the child immediately revolts and is not ready to accept that the parent is doing it for the benefit of the child and not otherwise.

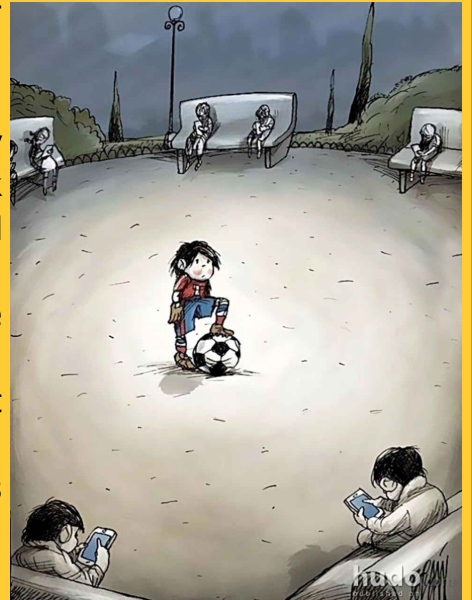
Children can use technology when supervised by an adult.

Technology can be used to learn new ideas and concepts at the click of a button, making life easier for the students. One more problem which occurs because of the use of technology is that the child stops thinking on its own and always relies upon the information provided by various search engines. This stunts the imagination of the child.

Once I heard a father telling his son in the swimming pool, "You have to actually move your hands, legs and body to do swimming in the pool, unlike in video games where it is enough to move only your fingers to make the person on the screen swim." This is something which each child and parent needs to understand.

Each and every thing which happens in this world has its own pros and cons. We as human beings, have to use our senses to understand what is good for us and what is not. Children should be made to understand the importance of having a real time conversation with the person sitting next to them instead of talking to people who are too far away through various apps. This will also improve the outlook of the children towards society, family and nation.

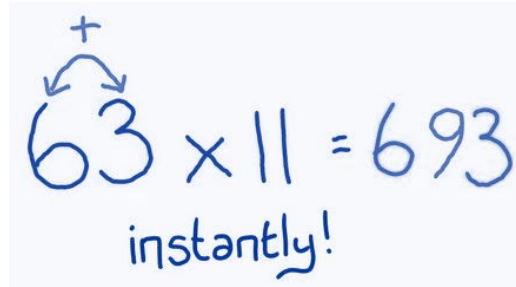
Children actually have beautiful young minds which can be moulded by bringing them up in the right way so that they contribute to the real world. If this doesn't happen, there is a danger that they will be left as wasted clay with their thoughts in the virtual world. Let's make a start today and make our young minds tread the right path for a better tomorrow.



~V. Nithya

Mathematricks

For many students it's a pain,
But it helps them use their brain.
I've taught it for years,
Though I hear it brings on tears.
A rush of satisfaction
Follows every correct solution.
But for students writing in haste
Their efforts go to waste.
Though homework can be tiring and tedious at times,
With every problem up the ladder of success they climb.
When they sink in the sea of numbers,
They'll never ever want to slumber.
So remember, math is a lot of fun,
If you enjoy it, you've already won.


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instantly!



~ Madhumathi B

(The following poem was written as a reaction to the Nirbhaya incident, which pained me to the core of my heart.)

Metamorphosis

A shackled existence!
Burgeoning societal pressures and prejudices.
Forcing her to retreat into her shell.
Withdrawn and hurt as each aspiration and
dream was trampled upon like crushed rose petals.

Lo and behold! The magma bubbled over and
spewed out the lava!
Of pent up rage and frustration.
Her heart fluttering like a butterfly
tearing itself out of the hard-binding pupal chains!

Will the malevolent patriarchs suppress her stride?
Or will success kiss her nimble feet?
Enabling her to match step for step
with man.

Giving her the freedom to glorify and embrace
her femininity.
To finally put her
In the driver's seat!
Does her future hold a promise and enthuse positivity?!!



~Jessy Thankachan

There's Nothing Fishy About Them

"Nature provides us with wonderful gifts and it is for us to seek them out". My father, an octogenarian has found interpretations in nature. He collects and cures among other activities, fish bones, both big and tiny, as they are according to him, a wonderful material for making awe-inspiring forms or even models. He has created over 100 models and I am presenting here 3 models; two of them are made out of large bones (elephant figures) and one model - a cluster of tiny 'bird forms' displaying his creative craftsmanship- which is eye- catching.

My father says he gets a distinct physical sensation and mental rejuvenation in his quest for new discoveries and is experimenting with other mediums to give expressions to uncharted concepts. At 86 years of age, he is occupied, busy and remains creative. My father is my role model and a source of strength.

~ Shampa



Women Empowerment

Women make up a strong, independent workforce in the industry. They create a balance in the ecosystem. They form an integral part of the organization acting in lead roles with a drive to reach the top of the mountain. With out of box strategies, the industry thrives on this fuel. Women bring about a sense of responsibility to the table. They are the true heroes of the industry in every aspect.

One such woman, true to her words and an inspiration in herself is Patty Jenkins. She said that "It's not easy to be a hero. You do it because of what you believe, not because of what other people deserve." They are diverse in their field and their will to do good is usually followed by success. They believe in keeping up their dignity over debasement. Malala Yousafzai, an activist for female education once said, "When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful."

Women are not entitled to be overseen or looked down upon. They have time and again proven to be fit mentally and physically to do any man's job. Ronda Rousey, a perfect example, a professional wrestler, actress and former MMA and judoka artist, said that, "Everyone wants to win. But to truly succeed - whether it is at a sport or at your job or in life - you have to be willing to do the hard work, overcome the challenges, and make the sacrifices it takes to be the best at what you do." Women like Ronda Rousey have made incredible breakthrough, displaying utmost dedication in their respective streams. They are known to go out of the way to prove the world their worth. Women like Oprah Winfrey, Ursula Burns (Chairman, CEO of Xerox), Hilary Devey (Founder and CEO of Pall-EX), JK Rowling (Author), Indra Nooyi (CEO of PepsiCo) are all remarkable women who have shown the world that nothing is impossible when one has determination, courage and willingness to succeed. Madonna Ciccone, an American singer said, "I stand for freedom of expression, doing what you believe in, and going after your dreams." All these women and more to come, deserve nothing but our respect and honour. They are the true legends of the society and the industry. I aim to be a part of an industry that respects women and their contribution.

~Sujatha M

LOVE CAN TOUCH US ONE TIME

AND LAST FOR A LIFE TIME

Six long years had passed since mummy left us and we had slowly moved on with our lives, adjusting to the void her demise had created. I always believed that children forgive and forget faster than adults and hence thought that mummy's memories have faded from my kids' minds long back. One evening as usual, we were driving back home from school and I switched on the music system.

The famous song "My heart will go on" from the movie Titanic started playing. I had always loved the song and started humming along with it without paying any attention to the lyrics. I noticed that there was a sudden silence in the car. My son, Atirath who usually keeps talking throughout the drive was silent. The silence was so poignant and stoic that I asked him "What happened? Why are you so quiet?"

With a glum face he asked me, "Amma, doesn't this song remind you of mummy?" I was shocked and for the first time, I listened carefully to the lyrics of the song, without the romantic scene of the couple on the deck of Titanic in my mind but just the lyrics and mummy. These are the words that still linger in my heart.

"Every night in my dreams

I see you, I feel you,

That is how I know you, go on.....

Far across the distance,

And spaces between us

You have come to show you, go on..."

From that day on, every time I hear that song, I believe that mummy is living far away from us but still yearning to return to us.

Yes my son, mummy taught us that

"Love can touch us one time

And last for a life time

And never let go till we're gone."

Yes mummy, my dear,

"Near, far, wherever you are

I believe that our hearts will

Yearn for you, on and on"

Dedicated to my mom- in-law who was the epitome of grace, modesty, elegance, generosity, beauty and love.



~Sandhya Nambiar



Bulti Saha

Punch lines . . . By our little ones

While introducing the letter 'n', when the teacher asked the children "Why do we have nails?" VED gave an immediate reply. He said, "To scratch!" ~NUR – A



During the field trip to Godrej Nature's Basket, the store manager told the children "Please, ask your parents to shop at Nature's Basket".

SOHAAN - "Sir, my parents won't come because they are very busy." ~NUR – A

While returning from the field trip to Bannerghatta Zoo, KEERTHI started distributing wet wipes to her friends. The teacher asked her as to why she was doing so? She replied, "Ma'am, it is hot and sweaty. We should use this to look beautiful". ~ NUR – B



When the teacher was discussing about the different types of houses, NARENDRA said, "Ma'am I want a big chocolate house. My papa will get it for me".

Teacher– OK! What if all the chocolate melts?

Narendra– I will go to the market and buy more chocolates. I will put them inside the fridge so that they won't melt. ~NUR-B

While discussing about the Community Helpers, the teacher asked the children "Who takes care of our garden?"

SIDDHARTH- "Ma'am, the Scarecrow". ~ NUR – C



When the teacher was reinforcing the usage of the *Magic words* - Please, Sorry & Thank you. SAMARTH said at once, "ABRACADABRA!!" ~NUR – C

The teacher asked the children, "Do you know why the idols of Lord Ganesha are immersed in the water?" KRISH replied, "Ma'am, Ganesha likes to swim." ~NUR – D



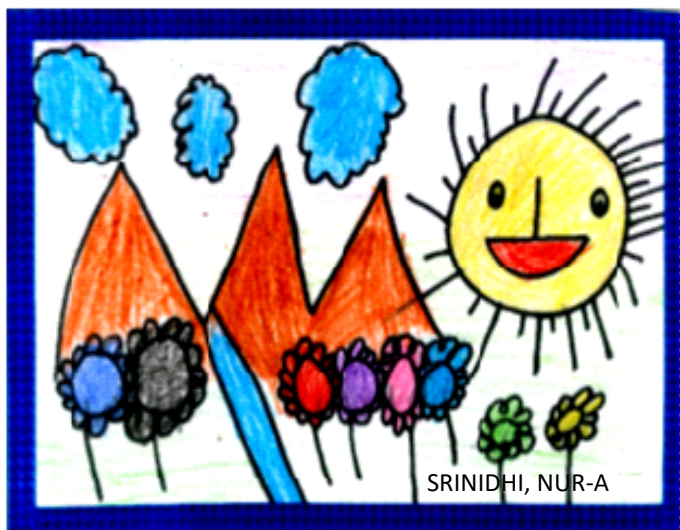
ANVIK came dressed as a Chef for the Community Helpers Day and said, "I work in big hotels. I will participate in MasterChef and earn a prize for my mummy" ~NUR – D



Be Yourself



Joy to the World



Got that Sunshine in my Pocket



Let's go Hand in Hand



LAKSHMY, NUR-C

We are One in a Melon



AVANTIKA, NUR-D

Discover Nature's secret



SREYA, NUR-C

Home Sweet Home



NEHAN, NUR-D

One with Nature



Circle of Joy



Picture Perfect!



Time to Ponder..



Work in progress..



It doesn't matter if we are *Black or White*



Exploring our Thoughts



Ready to Help



Going Wild

The Art of blah blah blah...

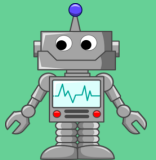
LKG A

Laksh - During the Annual Day practice, Laksh was playing the role of a tea vendor, and was dancing to the song 'Chai chai coffee coffee', with a tea kettle in his hand. He told the teachers : 'Ma'am, I will invite you to my house and give you tea from a kettle. But, you will have to pay me and I will sing 'Chai, chai! Coffee, coffee!' for you.



Abhiram - When the children were being taken for a medical check-up, Abhiram started crying loudly and said "Ma'am, I am a healthy boy. Why should I go for a check-up?"

Jayanth - Jayanth said, 'Ma'am, your hair is turning red and you are growing old, so I am making robots for you. They will do your work. You just need to write on a paper what work you want to get done, and the robot will do it for you'.



LKG B



Param - When the teachers were talking about insectivorous plants, Param said "The Rafflesia and Nepenthes are non- vegetarian plants. We should ask them to become vegetarian".

Shikhar - While reading the word 'where', Shikhar asked, "Why do we have the letter 'e' in the word 'where' when it doesn't make any sound?"



Aadya and Shravya - Aadya and Shravya told the teachers : "We will grant you three wishes - first, we will not trouble you, second, we will earn a good name in UKG, third, we will give you a magic wand to do what you want".

LKG C

Manav - During a class discussion on Independence Day, the teachers discussed how much our freedom fighters struggled to get independence from the British. Manav enquired "Ma'am, if we are free now, why do we need permission to use the washroom?"



Tanvi - Tanvi celebrated Holi at home in a unique manner. She whispered to her teachers "Ma'am, I put yellow, red, orange, blue and green colours in the washing machine. All my grandmother's white clothes came out looking colourful!".

Siddhanth - While introducing the topic 'Day and Night', the teachers got a globe to show the children. Siddhanth was very eager to know where India was on the globe. When he was shown India's location, he said "Ma'am, I didn't know India is so small. It looks really tiny. How do so many people live here?"



LKG D



Ashmita - Ashmita told the teachers, "Ma'am, when I was small, they had planted lots of trees near my house, and now I see that all of them are being cut. There is no oxygen at all. How will I grow? I don't know to whom I should talk to about this".

Rudra - The teacher had burnt her hand while cooking, and Rudra was concerned. He said - 'Why is your mummy not cooking? Don't you know children should not go inside the kitchen and play with fire?'



Vihaan - Vihaan looked at the picture of an apple tree and wove a beautiful story. He wrapped up the story by saying that some boys planted apple trees and the next day a lion came and ate all the apples. The teachers asked him how it was possible to grow apples on trees within a day. He replied -'Ma'am, it's just my imagination and anything can happen in your imagination.'



Festive season – Onam Pookolam



Pajamas, books, popcorn... a midnight feast in the daytime -What fun!



Interesting animal patterns - Theme Park



Sun and sand



Painting Lal Bagh red !! - field trip



Fancy that !!



Tiny heads 'geared' for Independence Day



Hello, Mr. Bones.. - the Biology lab



Shush.....Meditation Time



Play for All and All for Play



Black and White Day



Group Activity



Deck the halls with Boughs of Holly....



Whooo... a Yelling Match



Flower power - Rangoli Colours



Acting out their Dreams for a Day



Advika : This girl is going to someone's house because she has some work. Her little sister is also going with her. It is a sunny and rainy day.



Anshika : This fish is very happy because it is swimming with its kid.



Moksha : The peacock is looking at the sky and wants to dance. It is waiting for the rain so that it can go down and dance.



Parineethi : The cow is eating grass. Then it will play.



Ayushmaan : This is a house. The sun and the clouds are there. It is about to rain. The people inside the house are safe.



Pavika : This is my house. It has a pond. A fish is swimming in the pond. I am waiting for my sister to come.



Shravya : These are living and non-living things. The girl in the picture is Snow White.



Tejas : These are the students of the 'Chancee school'.



Aditi LKG C

Aditi : This is a garden. It has butterflies, flowers, grass and the sky.



Ahaana LKG C

Ahaana : This is my family - my father, mother and me. We are happy.



Anish LKG D

Anish : Cow gives us milk which gives energy. I love cows. I touch the cow and give it bananas.



Sana LKG C

Sana : This is my native place. I am watching the fish with my sisters and friends. It's raining.



Gagandeep LKG C

Gagandeep : This is the strong brick house of the third pig in 'The three little pigs' story.



Krishna LKG D

Krishna : I live in an apartment. My house is on the second floor. I have many friends in my apartment.



Samarth LKG D

Samarth : This is Samarth. There is an apple tree. Two birds are there too.



Vanshika LKG D

Vanshika : The giraffe eats leaves. It can eat from tall trees. It is one of the tallest animals. It has a long neck.

Just for Laughter

Once in a class, teacher was explaining about religious places.

Aarush Shrivastava: Ma'am, is Shrivastava Christian or Muslim? I am very confused. I don't know where I should go to pray. - UKG- A



Dhruvi wears a bead necklace to school everyday. When the teacher asked her to keep the necklace at home she said, "Ma'am, this necklace is very important to me. My mother got it from her father when she was a baby and gave it to me when I was a baby. So I also want to give it to my baby when I grow up." - UKG A

Mother in PTM: Ma'am he wants to do a stylish haircut.

Billal: Ma tumhe kuch samajh mein nahi aata, aaj kal sab boys stylish haircut karte hain.

Teacher: Billal, you can do it during holidays.

-UKG B



Bhuvan sits in front of Hargun and gets dry fruits for snacks.

Hargun: Ma'am is sharing a good thing?

Ma'am: Yes

Hargun complained: Ma'am look. Bhuvan is not sharing his snack.

UKG- B

While discussing about days and months of the year.

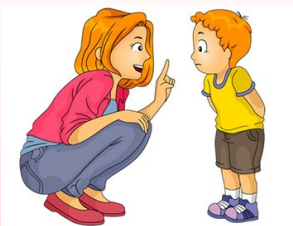
Teacher: Which day is the first day of the week?

Advaith: Monday.

Teacher: Advaith, Sunday is the first day of the week.

Advaith: No ma'am, 1st of Jan was Monday so Monday should be the 1st day

- UKG C



One day Kanav comes running to his teacher and says, "Today I'll teach you a new word. It is 'sasca'.

Teacher: What is the meaning of the word 'sasca'? Which language is the word sasca taken from?

Kanav: It's a new word ma'am that I came up with. You teach me new word every Tuesday, so I thought I'll teach you a new word today... UKG C

Teacher: What word do you say for 'breathe in'?

Dhruvi : Inhale

Teacher: What do you say for 'breathe out'?

Dhruvi: Out- hale.

- UKG D



Teacher: Do you know where Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma got married?

Its one of the costliest places in the world.

Ahaan: Ma'am, in White House.

Teacher: Do you know who stays in the White House?

Ahaan: Nobody. Only weddings happen there. It is in HSR Layout. - UKG D



Getting ready to enact The Lake of the Moon.



Every child is an artist!!



My first gift from the teachers!!



Water Water Everywhere!!



Our UKG Assembly : Bulbul Pakhi song



Trying to meditate !



Eating gems and learning subtraction. What fun!!



Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells Rock!!!



Hooray! I can identify the animals and plants



Fun Time... Free Play time



Vroom...Off to Cubbon Park



Saare Jahaan Se Accha.....



Our Little Ronaldo's



Our favourite day of the year!!



The best place to have fun!!



Dyuthana - UKG A



Abhinav - UKG A



Mukund - UKG B



Abhinav Gupta - UKG B



Nithya - UKG C



Kanishik - UKG C



Kaushik - UKG D

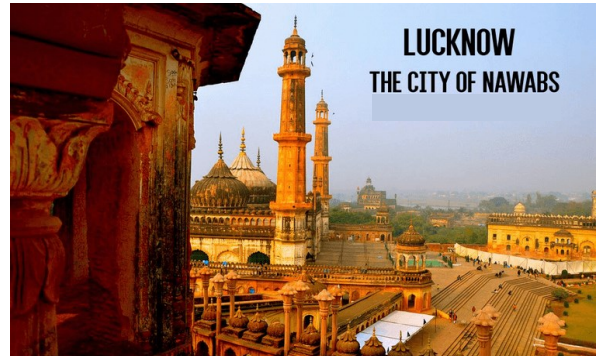


Sammith - UKG D

MY AMAZING WINTER VACATIONS

I had a fantastic winter vacation. I went to Lucknow. My family and I flew there and reached Lucknow in the morning. My uncle had come to pick us up from the airport. He was very pleased to meet us. We went to his house. In his house, he fed us delicious cake and mouthwatering chicken! We stayed there for a day and then we went to visit my grandparents.

We reached there at night. My grandparents had been eagerly awaiting my visit. My uncle and aunt have a small baby. The baby was very cute and loving. My grandmother had prepared a special dish of paneer for us to eat. After my dinner, I kept on talking and talking. I am a chatterbox! Then I went to sleep. The next day I woke up fresh. I brushed my teeth and took a nice and refreshing bath. It was very cold in Lucknow and I had to wear a sweater. There was also a really nice dog named Cherry. Cherry is a German Shepherd. We stayed there for two days and then we came to the Lucknow International Airport. We came back home very late. I had an amazing time in Lucknow.



Then, I went and slept on my cozy little bed. There was also a function for Christmas in my apartment and my gift was a movie ticket and some yummy chocolates. The movie was fantastic! My sister got a Barbie as her Christmas gift. She was exhilarated! Then, the next few days I played a lot! But, I also studied hard. December 31, 2017, was a special day!

It was New Year's Eve! I had lots of fun! There were many people in my apartment who came to the event. They were dancing, singing and enjoying themselves! There was also a rocking DJ! The DJ played many cool songs like Shape of You, Despacito, Cheap Thrills, Happy and many more! I danced a lot and played cool songs. The DJ allowed us to play any song that we liked! I also ate lots of food! I ate Gobi Manchurian, Chicken Manchurian, chili chicken and chicken lollipops! I drank mocktails too! Mocktails are different juices mixed up together and are delicious! I also drank a ginger ale with my dad! My friends and I played cops and robbers and captured the flag! It was a lot of fun! Then, the next few days I was playing, studying and doing the usual. Then, on the last day, I remembered all the fun I had and thought "What a fantastic winter vacation I had"! My sister and I had a lot of fights but we became friends again!



I HAD AN AMAZING WINTER VACATION!

~ SHASHWAT

4 'C'

Did you know?

- *Frequent flying leads to weight gain.*
- *Jet lag feels worse if you travel from west to east.*
- *The pilot and his assistant must eat different food in order not to upset their stomachs at the same time.*



WHISPERING WAVES

This winter vacation I went to Pondicherry with my parents. We stayed in a hotel called Annamalai. There are many beaches in Pondicherry. We visited Promenade beach and Paradise beach. The waves were very merry. They looked so strong and I don't think there is a thing they couldn't carry. There were many rocks on Promenade beach. So, I couldn't go near the water but I heard the waves calling out to me. It was as faint as a whisper. Every time the waves come close to the shore, I felt they are also as excited as I am and they are trying to come closer to me. Paradise beach was amazing. It was very clean and there were no rocks. When I saw that beautiful beach, I ran towards the beach with glee and believe me, even the waves came towards me with the same zeal.



Finally, I could hug those darling waves. I was simply ecstatic. I spent a lot of time playing with them.

Suddenly I heard my dad's call. Alas! It was time for me to leave the shore. As I was leaving the beach, I could hear the waves roar. I couldn't do anything; I knew that time wouldn't slow down any more. I said good bye and walked away from the beach as the waves were calling out to me.

~ATHARVA ASHISH VYAS
6 'A'

DUBARE ELEPHANT CAMP VISIT

During the Christmas vacations, I had gone to Dubare forest which is in Coorg. We reached there in the afternoon. There was a long queue to buy the tickets for boating and also to visit the elephant camp.

After waiting in the queue for half an hour, we got a chance to go to the other bank of the river where we saw lots of elephants in the camp. Visitors can feed the elephant with grass.

What I enjoyed the most is elephant bathing, which I did for the first time. A trained elephant was made to lie down in the river where I went and splashed water on it to bathe. The elephant was happily sleeping in the river while I was bathing it. I also got a chance to touch its ivory tusk which was shining white in color. After bathing the elephant for 15 minutes, we came back to the other side of the river by boat.

I played in the river for some more time.

We were not able to go for river rafting which was there nearby as it was getting dark in the evening.

We will visit Dubare again to enjoy the forest, the rivers and the elephants.



~ISHAAN U BHAT
1 'A'

MY STAY IN MILPITAS, CALIFORNIA

On 9th August 2015, we packed our bags and we were all set to go to California, USA. I was feeling sad the whole day as I would be missing my friends, school and my grandparents. Finally it was time to go to the airport. Our taxi arrived and I was crying throughout the journey. We had to change our flight twice to reach San Francisco, California. On the journey, we saw sunset and sunrise clearly as we flew above the Pacific Ocean. It was a wonderful view.

Finally, we reached San Francisco and we were on our way to the hotel. The city was neat and clean and the roads were so smooth. We didn't see any shops by the side of the road. After reaching the hotel, we slept all day and were awake all night. Dad said that it was called jet-lag and the body would take some time to get used to the US time zone. Pretty weird!! After a few days we all got used to it. Soon we moved to an apartment and I got admission in a school near my apartment.

My first day in school! I was so nervous thinking about how the school, classmates and teachers would be. However when my day finished, I had already made 3 – 4 friends and my class teacher, Ms. Christina Shem was also very nice. Within a month, I made a bunch of friends in my school and my apartment who belonged to different countries. In the class, 6 children used to sit together at a circular table and we used to do experiments and learn/do



things together. An awesome thing that I saw was the way the seasons change. Every season, the leaves of the tree would change their colour. First it would be green, then yellowish-orange, then red and finally all the leaves would be on the ground. I really enjoyed playing on the bed of leaves.

During my two-year stay, we visited many places e.g. beaches, lakes, and other tourist attractions e.g. Sea World, Disneyland, and Universal Studios. In the winter, we visited Lake Tahoe and for the first time in my life,

I saw real snow. It was extremely enjoyable playing in the snow and I also did ice-skating there. In Disneyland, the Disney parade was amazing! I saw all my favourite Disney characters come alive with glittering, beautiful laser lights. In Sea World, I saw dolphins, killer whales, sea lions, otters etc. doing outstanding shows. Universal Studios is where I had the most fun. There I saw the movie sets where Jurassic Park was shot and the actual cars which were used in that movie. The 3D ride shows of Transformers, The Mummy Returns, The Simpsons, Minions etc. were amazing. Those two years were indeed beautiful!

~ ARUSHI SINHA

5 'C'



MY BEST EVER VACATION

My best vacation ever was in the winter break. I went to the cleanest city in India, Indore. There I met many of my cousins. There were so many of them that I don't remember how many were there, 10 or maybe 11? My favourite cousin is Shalab. He has three more siblings. With them, I played cricket, badminton and an old forgotten game, dabba dol. I went to see the famed Shivaling in Ujjain and Omkareshwar. We waited for hours in line to worship the great Lord Shiva. The next day we went to Omkareshwar. There, every one was pushing each other just for doing pooja to Lord Shiva. I then understood why we didn't go to religious places so often. The reason I enjoyed my vacations was because I met many cousins, which was a new experience for me. I will never get that experience anywhere else. MY VACATIONS WERE THE BEST!



~VYOM

UPADHYAY , 2 C

THE WHITE BEAUTY - RANN OF KUTCH

During the Christmas vacations we went for a trip to Gujarat. There we stayed for two days in the Little Rann of Kutch. Little Rann of Kutch is a salt marsh located in the Kutch district of Gujarat. It shows seasonal alteration between marsh and desert. Though it is a vast area of dry lands, it has many animals. It has been declared the "Indian Wild Ass Sanctuary".

We went for a safari in an open jeep. It was very windy and as the jeep moved forward it left a large cloud of dust. We saw a group of three wild asses roaming together. These animals are listed as near threatened as they are very less in number and are found only in Gujarat and some parts of Pakistan. We saw an Indian fox, a very shy animal. As soon as it spotted us, it started running. We could follow it for some distance. It was like a hide-and-seek game. It was very thrilling. It was even more exciting when a short eared owl, disturbed by the sound of the jeep, jumped and sat in front of it. We saw a Nilgai (blue bull).

We also saw quite a few raptors like Pallid harrier, Montego harrier, Peregrine falcon and Common kestrel. The most interesting thing was getting a glimpse of a Macqueen bustard, a bird which is on the verge of extinction. My dad got amazing pictures of all these animals and birds of Little Rann of Kutch. We had a lot of fun spotting animals and birds and this was one of the best trips that I have ever been on. I loved the Little Rann of Kutch. ~ AISIRI , 5 A



OUR EXCITING TRIP TO THAILAND

We went to Thailand during the Christmas vacations in December 2017. This was our first foreign trip and we saw 2 cities in Thailand – Bangkok and Pattaya. I went with my parents, younger brother and grand-parents. We took the flight from Trichy airport and reached Bangkok airport on Dec 24.

On the first day we saw all the historic places in Bangkok like The Grand Palace, Wat-Arun (temple of the dawn) and the Sleeping Buddha. Thailand has a lot of Buddhist temples and many people follow Buddhism. Auto rickshaws in Bangkok are called tuk-tuks.

On the second day we went to The Safari World which was a very exciting place for kids. We saw a lot of animals, including giraffes, chimpanzees, sheep, lions & tigers in open areas and fed them bananas and leaves. We saw a sea-lion show, a monkey show, a dolphin show and an elephant show all of which was thrilling.

On the third day we saw a 12 foot tall Golden Buddha statue temple and a Marble temple dedicated to Buddha. These temples were very big and their architecture was fascinating. We then went to the city centre in Bangkok called Siam-Square. Some Indian movies have been shot at this location. We spent the rest of the day shopping in a market called Prutnam.

The next day we drove to Pattaya city and spent the rest of our time there. There we went to 2 very nice beaches called Pattaya Beach and Jantien Beach. We did some water sports too.

On the last day of our tour we went to Nong-Nooch garden. This is a very big garden and has more than 10 parks within it, each designed on a different theme. We saw an Italian park, a French park, a dinosaur park, a bug park and so on. We then visited an underwater aquarium where we saw many water creatures like turtles, sharks and other fishes. We saw corals too. Lastly we visited Mini-Siam where we saw mini models of the Eiffel Tower of Paris, London Bridge, the Leaning Tower of Pisa and more.

We then returned to Bangalore on December 29 from our memorable trip to Thailand.

~ YOHAN BANSAL

2 'A'



MUTHYALAMADUVU — A TRIP TO THE PEARL VALLEY

During my Christmas vacations, I went to Muthyalamaduvu located near Anekal, Karnataka. It is located 5km from Anekal and 40km from Bengaluru. Muthyalamaduvu is a small and cute water fall. Also known as Pearl Valley, this is one of the popular tourist places to visit.

Muthyala means pearls and Maduvu means pond or pool in Kannada. Situated in the midst of hills, nestled deep down in a valley, this secluded place makes a fascinating picnic place. It has verdant surroundings with water falling from a height of 90 ft. I heard that the Monsoons (Aug to Nov) is the best time to visit this place. A little walk over around 100 well laid steps takes us to the falls. The trip was a memorable one.

**~NISCHITHA R
3 D**

MY TRIP TO WAYANAD

It was 3AM in the morning when we left from Bangalore for Wayanad. We went with my mother's office friends. We reached Wayanad at 12 noon. We had already booked accommodation in a hotel and they gave us a warm welcome. We ate delicious biriyani at the hotel and took some rest. In the evening, we went to an ancient temple called Tirunelli, which is called the "Kashi of the South". The very next day, we started our journey from the hotel to Banasurasagar Dam, which is popular as the largest earthen dam in India and the second largest in Asia. Located in the midst of lovely, mist-clad hills with a wildlife sanctuary and park full of flowering trees, this spot of enchantment has no parallel elsewhere. With its placid crystal clear waters Banasura is a wonderful picnic spot. There is a mini hydel project here. Surrounded by beautiful greenery, there are numerous boating options as well. We had lots of fun there. We saw monkeys, birds and some animals like deer and all.

Next we went to Meenmutti waterfalls. After parking our bus, an interesting 2km jungle trek led us to the largest and most spectacular waterfalls in Wayanad. A unique feature of Meenmutti waterfalls is that the water drops from nearly 1000 ft. over three stages. We climbed the rocks with the help of a rope. We reached the top after a dangerous and tiresome

trek. After reaching the top of the hill, the view from there was magnificent. We saw the starting point of the waterfall and we entered the small cave and we collected some water in the bottle. When you look down from the top, you feel as if you are going to fall down to the waterfall.

After that, we went boating at Karalad lake for about an hour. There were lots of flowers and other small fishes in the lake. There was a big "oonjal" (swing) there and all of us enjoyed it thoroughly.

I made many new friends. We bought some homemade chocolates which were really yummy. That evening we returned to Bangalore and crossed the border before it was closed. The road closes after 9pm because it passes through a national park. We reached Bangalore early next morning and took rest the whole day. I loved our trip.

**~ NANDIKA RATHEESH
2 'A'**



MY CHRISTMAS VACATION

I was eagerly waiting for my Christmas vacations to start as we had planned a trip to Chikmagalur. Finally, the day arrived. On 23rd morning, we left for our scheduled trip to Chikmagalur. My brother and I had a super time playing in the car. We reached at 11.00 am and our parents had booked our visit at a home stay. It was a large house which they had given for rent. We played badminton and had lots of fun. All of us went to eat our lunch and the food was delicious. We then went to Hirekolule in Chikmagalur and took pictures on the bridge. We then went to the Bhadra Tiger Reserve but it upset us as there were only some deer and peacocks. We also saw a three hundred year old teak tree in the tiger reserve. All of us slept well. We started out the next morning to the highest peak in Karnataka. It was called Mullayanagiri. We weren't able to go finally because of a traffic jam on the mountain!! We all felt that we were going to fall down because of the narrow roads. It was a thrilling adventure. We then went to Baba Budangiri hills which is a sacred place for Hindus and Muslims. Manikyadhara falls is a waterfall and its path is a muddy road. We had to walk on the muddy roads for nearly a kilometre because of the traffic jam.



We then went to have our lunch at Siri Café – it was a beautiful place. Later, we played badminton and I solved the speed cube. At 6:30pm we went to Kodandarama temple which is a twelve hundred year old temple built by the Cholas. It has amazing architecture and we were blessed to take part in the evening aarti. We also wrote Sri Rama 108 times for Lord Rama and bought five books. We had our dinner and slept. We left the home stay the next day. In a hurry to leave, I forgot my watch, which was a gift for my birthday. I was very upset as I thought I had lost my watch but the home stay in charge informed that he would courier the watch. As we were travelling to a temple called Sringeri we realised



that one of the temples was about a thousand years old. We visited the temples and prayed to Sharade. We took the holy water of Tungabhadra River. We then went to seek the blessings of the followers of Adi Shankaracharya. We felt happy that we had got the opportunity to seek their blessings. We finally reached Greenage at night after a thrilling vacation! It was a Christmas vacation to remember!

~ **ANIRUDH RAMANAN**

6 'C'



FUN IN THE SAND AND THE SUN

I went to Goa in my Christmas vacation by car. We visited so many places around Goa .First we went to North Goa. We went to many beaches. It was so crowded because many people came to celebrate Christmas and New Year. There were a lot of foreigners and at night everywhere there were parties happening. We also went to DELTIN ROYALE which is a casino on a ship. Inside the casino children were not allowed in the game room and they had a different room for kids. They also had a restaurant. Then we went to the Aguada Fort. Then we went to an old Goan church. After that we went to South Goa. It was a very silent and peaceful place. We stayed there for two days and we saw many temples. After that we returned home with good memories. I enjoyed my trip a lot.



~ **ANJALI AWASTHI**

3 'C'



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MY TRIP TO HAMPI

There are many reasons why you must visit Hampi. It is a very historical place. During my visit, I stayed at a resort named 'Evolve Back'. Our room had a jacuzzi. It took us a day to reach the area by train. We stayed for three days. I got to spend a lot of time together with my family. I really enjoyed my stay.

~ **MANYA. D**

2 'B'

ON CLOUD NINE IN MUNNAR

This year I went to Munnar with my whole family. We went by train and then by bus. First, we went to the Tea Valley resort. It was on a hilltop. It was amidst the clouds. The clouds came in and out, changing the scene every moment. You could see tea plants from the balcony. I also celebrated my birthday there with a rock like cake. There was also a tree house. We went there every morning. One morning I found two white mushrooms. I took them to my room but I lost them. Next, we went to Tigers Roar Hotel in Thekkady .We took an elephant ride and saw a kathakali dance show. I clicked a photo with a kathakali dancer. While coming back, I met my friend Sreya at the airport. What a lovely holiday!

~ **JAGRUTI RATH**

2 'A'

Why is someone who is feeling great '**on cloud nine**'?

Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, then that person is floating above worldly cares.

MY TRIP TO THE LAND OF THE NIZAMS

On 25th November 2017, my parents and I left for Hyderabad in an overnight bus in order to participate in a quiz competition representing our school over the weekend. After looking out of the window for a while, I fell asleep. Next morning, when I woke up, we were on the outskirts of Hyderabad.

We booked a taxi and went to see the Charminar. It was breathtaking. We climbed up its very steep and winding steps to see the view of the city. We also admired the intricate stone carvings.



Next, we went to see the Buddha statue in the middle of Hussain Sagar Lake. It is made of white granite and is 58 feet [18 meters] tall. It is the tallest monolith of Gautama Buddha in the world. I also enjoyed the motorboat ride to the statue. We then went to the Birla Science Museum where I tried out many interactive experiments. At night, we went to Lumbini gardens to see the laser show where they project images on a fountain of water. There was a lovely fountain show too that we saw.

Next day, the FIS team and their parents went to Oakridge International and spent the morning trying to answer some very rigorous and challenging questions at the quiz competition there. That afternoon, we went to explore Golconda Fort.

We visited a room where we clap and the echo continues around us. Amazingly, it could be heard only in one particular spot in that room. There were many meeting halls too. Additionally, you could clap at one point and it could be heard all the way up the hill in the King's Darbar. At night, we watched a thrilling light and sound show about the history of the fort. The next day, we went to Salarjung Museum. We saw all kinds of fascinating stuff there. I saw the special alarm clock where a mechanical drummer beats the drum every second and a soldier comes out of a door and hits the bell every hour. In addition, I saw the 'veiled Rebecca' a marble statue which appears to be wearing a veil but even that is made of stone. Later that night, we left Hyderabad by bus. I savored my vacation at Hyderabad a lot.

~ **KAUSTUBH REVANURU, 4 'B'**

Amazing Travel Facts

- ~ *Travelling improves memory and reduces the risk of heart diseases.*
- ~ *Money spent on a journey makes people happier than money spent on tangible goods.*
- ~ *France is the most popular country among tourists.*
- ~ *Canada has 3000000 lakes, more than any other place in the world.*
- ~ *Don't be afraid to fly! It has been statistically proven that airplanes are the safest mode of transport in the world.*
- ~ *Monaco is smaller than Central Park in New York City.*
- ~ *Airports at a higher altitude require longer air strips.*

My Trip To Kochi

During the Dussehra vacations, I went to Kochi with my family. It was to be my first experience travelling in a sleeper coach bus. That day the bus arrived late at 10:30 pm and by then we were all feeling sleepy. After loading the luggage, we boarded the bus and we were no longer feeling sleepy but looking forward to the fun and excitement of a sleeper coach.

The next morning we reached Kochi at 7:00 am. We checked into Hotel Dunes. We freshened up, had our complimentary breakfast and left for Cherrai beach. We had lots of fun jumping, swimming and making sand castles at the beach. It was around 3:00 pm when we had our lunch at a restaurant after playing at the beach. Then we went fishing in the backwaters near Kochi. The weather was very cloudy and my father wanted us to go boating before it rained. It started to drizzle when we all sat in the boat for boating. It was about 5:30 pm when we went back to our room in the hotel. We freshened up and left to visit the Lulu Mall. I enjoyed playing many games in the mall and having dinner. The next day we had our breakfast and went to the rooftop swimming pool in the same hotel. I enjoyed swimming for 2 hours and then we went to see Fort Kochi, Kochi museum, the Chinese fishing nets and Central Mall. Kochi Museum displayed the antique jewellery, idols, masks, etc. used in different dance forms of South India and also different traditions and cultures. The Central mall was good for shopping toys and clothes. We also watched two 7D horror movies which was very thrilling. Then we went to our rooms at night as we were supposed to wake up early to board the bus back to Bangalore. I wanted to stay in Kochi for some more time but I couldn't. Overall, the trip was a lot of fun.



~ **CHARANYA.S , 4 'D'**

My Chikamangalore Trip

My Chikamangalore trip was a 6 hour trip. I went there with my family. I made a new friend. Her name is Yaduvi.

There was a bonfire over there.

There was also a swing. I climbed up a hill with my grandmother, mother and my sister. I had a lot of fun. I had a very good Christmas. Hope you also had a good Christmas.

~ **ANVI RAJVANSH**

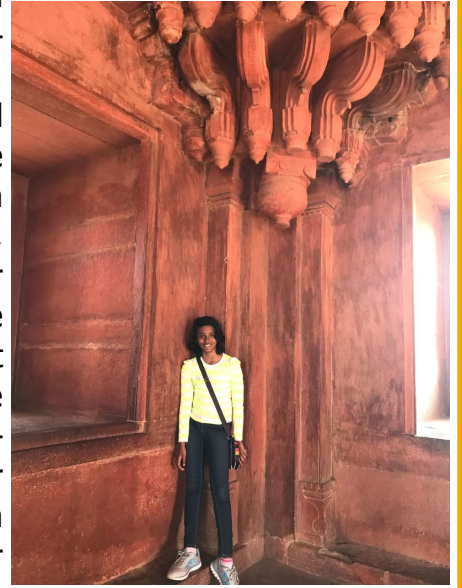
1 'D'



"Some beautiful paths can't be discovered without getting lost". ~ Erol Ozan

FATEHPUR SIKRI-A PLACE OF VICTORY

You will find people talking about the Taj Mahal but seldom mention the name 'Fatehpur Sikri'. There are two cities there- Fatehpur and Sikri- which are together known as Fatehpur Sikri. The place's name has a story to it. It goes like this - the Mughal emperor, Akbar, was heirless and desperate for a son. Thus he approached the esteemed Sufi saint Salim Chisti who lived in Fatehpur. The saint blessed Akbar and Jodhabai with a child, who was named Jahangir. Jahangir's other name was Salim after the Sufi saint Salim Chisti. Akbar then built a red sandstone palace complex with palaces for his three wives and himself at Sikri. He settled down there and made it his capital. There are many important buildings there like the Diwan-i-Aam, the Diwan-i-Khas and the Ibadat Khana. He built a special kitchen for Jodhabai as she was a vegetarian and as she was a Hindu, a special temple, with the idol of Lord Krishna, is situated in her palace. One of the other important attractions there is the house



of Raja Birbal, who was one of the nine gems of Akbar's court. Apart from that, there is the Panch Mahal which is a palace with five stories. 'Panch' means five. It looked really gorgeous because of where it is situated- near a garden. During my tour, I had gone to the beautiful Taj Mahal but I found Fatehpur Sikri equally impressive. I had high expectations of the Taj Mahal but I had no expectations of Fatehpur Sikri and it turned out to be amazing. Overall, I loved going to Fatehpur Sikri. Despite the number of tourists there, the place was amazingly clean and the mighty Buland Darwaza opened its gates to this wonderful and historical city. I fervently hope it will open its gates to you too someday.

~ **SAHITRA BHAT, 7 'B'**

A PILGRIMAGE TO TIRUPATI

After the Dussehra vacation, my father planned a pilgrimage to Tirumala –Tirupati to have a darshan of Lord Venkateshwara who is our house deity. My uncle's relative who is a DSP of that area made all the necessary arrangements for our stay and got us tickets for the darshan. We reached at 8:00 pm and the rooms that were arranged for us were extremely luxurious and cosy. We had our dinner in a nearby restaurant.

We had to wake up early the very next day for the Lord's darshan. We reached the entry gate by 6:45 am and we waited for 15 minutes and then we were allowed to move towards the temple in a small queue. We got a VIP darshan in which we did not have to wait for long hours in the queue and we finished our darshan in 45 minutes. After the darshan we got Prasadam from a person who came to guide us through the temple. I loved the delicious prasadam as it is the most wonderful prasadam I have



ever had. We had our breakfast and I also bought a few toys there. I played with my sister and cousin in the room for some time before we could leave the place. Then we left as my parents did not want me to miss school the next day.

~ **CHARANYA.S, 4 D**

FUN WITH FRIENDS— OUR KOLAR ADVENTURE

Some children of Classes 7 and 8 had gone on a trip to Kolar. It was a two day camp. The first day was in Avania where we played many team building games and had the phenomenal high- rope obstacle course which had twenty two levels! The rope course was quite problematic but at the same time it was astounding. The food in that place was just lip-smacking. The nature walk and especially the part when we had to dip our feet in the water made us relax. In the night we had a camp fire and we danced a lot around it! After a tiring day everyone slept soundly.

The next day a trek to Antharagange was planned. When we started trekking, it felt like a piece of cake. But as we went on, it started to become tricky. That is the whole point of an adventure, the trickier things get, the more fun it is. It was just breath-taking.

I can never forget this trip as it was spectacular. We came back with fantastic memories of this trip.



~ ANSHIKA GUPTA , 7 'C'

GONE WITH THE WIND

It was summer
Everyone started to murmur
Abruptly our clothes went flying
My sister started crying
It was rainfall from my eyes too
Our clothes went flying to a zoo
And landed on a tiger
My father's shirt fitted the tiger
And the buttons went tighter, tighter, tighter
I heard my mother calling me
I woke up from my dream
and saw my father drinking tea

~ ANUSHA PYATI
3 'A'



"Travel is still the most intense mode of learning" ~ Kevin Kelly

Trip to Odisha

During my Christmas holidays, I went to Bhubaneswar with my parents. My Grandparents also live there. We went there by train from Bengaluru. I had a lot of fun playing with my cousin, Tara. I also went to Puri to pay my respects to Lord Jaganath. I went to the beach too and enjoyed myself very much. After staying there for a week, we returned to Bengaluru.

~ **ANANYA PATNAIK**

1 'B'

My Trip to Ananthapur

I had a great Christmas party at school just before my holidays. On December 23rd, at 7:45am, I left for Ananthapur along with my parents and sister. On the way, I met my 2-year-old cousin Arya and his grandparents. Before going to their house we had breakfast at Nandhi Upachar. We had lunch at Arya's grandparent's house. We played with Arya and another girl there before leaving for Ananthapur.

We reached Ananthapur in the evening. We saw our paternal grandparents there. Our cousins Saanvi and Advika were there already. We spent the rest of the evening playing on the swing at my grandparents' house. In the night after dinner, we went star gazing on the roof of the house and my parents helped us locate the constellation Orion and a bright star called Sirius in the sky. The next afternoon, we all went to a lemon farm and helped pluck two sacks of lemons.

The next day, 25th December, we went to Hyderabad and reached there by lunch time. Then the day after that we went to our cousin Bhoomi's house and had fun playing with toys. We came back to my Maternal Grandparent's house by 10:00 in the night. We stayed in Hyderabad for one more day.

The next day we woke up at 5:00 am in the morning, got ready and went to Srisailem. We reached there by 10.50. We took out our luggage and went to our hotel to have lunch. Then we went to our room, got ready and went boating. We had to climb down 600 stairs to reach River Krishna and it was very tiring.

We went boating which was a little scary but also fun. It was evening by the time we got back to our room. We were so tired that we instantly fell asleep. We woke up, got dressed in traditional clothes and went to the temple which took us two hours. Then we stopped at a restaurant called the Blue Sea. After that we continued to Ananthapur.

We reached Ananthapur at 10.00 in the night and stayed there for another day. The next day we left for Bangalore and on the way we met our cousins again. We played for 1 hour and left. We reached home by 4pm. We were at home on Jan 1st. I enjoyed my trip a lot

~ **VIHA REDDY CHAVVA**

1 'C'



Ghost Town- Dhanushkodi

Dhanushkodi, a deserted town located in the Rameshwaram district of Tamilnadu is a place shrouded in mystery. Dhanushkodi is located on the tip of Pamban island separated from the mainland by Palk Strait. It is truly a spectacular and tranquil sight. It was an amazing experience to visit this place. This small stretch of land is flanked by Bay of Bengal on one side and the Indian Ocean on the other.

Dhanushkodi titled 'a ghost town' is now an abandoned town, caused by the misery of the 1964 cyclone. The calamity took away roughly 1800 lives. Once a bustling town, Dhanushkodi now just holds the ruins of a railway station, hospital, post office, school, church and a few port offices. On that fateful night, the routine train Boatmail Express with 115 passengers on board was washed away into the sea by a huge tidal wave killing all. The entire town was marooned that day. The cyclone devastated Dhanushkodi causing irreparable loss to life and property. All that is left now is a pristine beach town with a population of around 500 fisher-folk. One must visit this place at least once, before the ocean eats up this shallow land.



~ G.T.MEGHANA, 6 'A'

HOT TEA AND COOL BREEZE—A Trip to Ooty

One morning I woke up to see my mother, father, grandmother and grandfather planning a trip to Ooty on the coming Saturday, that was the next day!! The day went on and I kept waiting. All our packing had been done by 4 am. We were now ready to go to Ooty. We left the house at 6am. The way to our destination consisted of 33 hairpin curves through the valley which were highly risky and treacherous. The trees shot up 35 meters above the forest floor. We also had to make our way through the Bandipur Tiger Reserve. To our luck we spotted many deer and exquisite peacocks on our way. On the way we ate cheese popcorn, panipuri, masala chat and ice-cream. It took us 8 hours to reach there. The hotel which we had booked was Greenland Skywoods. It was very comforting especially the cozy water beds. We went to the major tourist spots there such as the Rose Garden, Pykara Lake, Thunder World, Pine Forest and Pykara Falls. I loved Thunder World and the Pykara Falls the most, but the roses in the



Rose Garden were spectacularly pretty. The city was dust and garbage free, but when it came to the temperature at night, the wind was just intolerable. However, it was much better when the bonfire was lit. There was appetizing food served at all times of the day. This was one of the most memorable trips that I have ever been on.

~ ANSHI SINHA, 5 'D'

Happiness is... a Surprise Trip to the Andamans

The Dasara holidays were approaching and I was sad that my dad had not booked any trip. Then my dad and mom told me that they had booked a vacation to Andhra Pradesh. On the day of the vacation, our parents took us to the airport – I was surprised. Then I saw my cousin Aadvik at the check-in counter, and I was confused. My parents then told me that we were all going to the Andamans. I was very happy, since I love surprises.

Our first stop is an island called Port Blair, which is also the capital of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. We stayed there for a day and sailed on a ship to another island called Havelock Island. On Havelock, we spent one whole day at the Radhanagar beach. The sand was very soft, and the beach very clean. I went a bit deep inside the water but did not get scared of the waves because my dad was holding me. I caught a big dead fish and put another small fish in a toy. We had yummy food in a restaurant on the beach with a nice cool breeze hitting our faces.

We took the ship back to Port Blair, but the sea was rough and waves very high, so the ship was going up and down like a toy. Our stomach was rumbling and all of us threw up except for my father, baby brother and my baby cousin!

In Port Blair we went to a jail called Kaala Paani where the British had jailed our freedom fighters. They explained everything in the sound and light show. We also played on many more beaches.

Finally, it was time to leave the Andamans and I was a bit sad. We took an plane to Chennai and then another plane to Bangalore. I had a lot of fun.

~ **AADYA SANDEEP, 2 'C'**

MY VISIT TO A DAM

On my way back to Bangalore, from my hometown, we visited the KRP Dam in Krishnagiri. Due to heavy rains, on our way, we reached Krishnagiri late in the night. The next day, we visited the dam. The dam had water filled up to its full capacity. The engineer over there said that the dam was full because of the best monsoons they had experienced after 2004. Later I learnt about the function of the dam gate from him. I was thrilled to see the working of the dam. I also saw some fishermen fishing in the dam. It was a lovely sight to see the cranes and the pelicans catch the fish. The dam is such a useful invention to store water and generate electricity. I wish there were more dams constructed in India to help our farmers and the people. It was wonderful to have a closer look at the water gushing out of the dam's surplus water shutters.



~ **ADITHIYAA., 4 'D'**

History of Bengaluru

Sometime ago my mother told me a story about Bengaluru. This story was told to my mother by her grandmother. According to that story, very long ago, there lived a king called Veera Ballala. In those days, Bengaluru was more like a forest with very few people living in huts. The King, who came to this place for hunting, lost his way in the forest. Searching for a way out, the tired and hungry king, reached a small hut in which an old lady lived. She served him a handful of boiled beans (boiled avarekaalu) and water. The king became very happy and named that place as '**Benda kalu oor**' or **village of boiled beans**.

Recently my mother showed me an article on the internet which gave historical proof of the name of our city. It seems that our Bengaluru existed even a 1000 years ago. In the village of **Begur**, there exists the "**Parvathi Nageshwara Swami**" temple, commonly known by locals as "Pancha Lingeshwara Swami Devasthana". This temple is more than a 1000 years old and was built during the rule of the **Gangas** (a famous dynasty which ruled Karnataka in the past).

There is an inscription found in the temple on a "**Veeragallu**" (hero stone) which refers to the battle of Bangavaluru, fought during 890 A.D, in which Buttanachetty, a brave warrior died. This epigraph written in "Halagannada" reveals that this district was a part of the Ganga Kingdom and was known as "Bangavaluru" which means "**The city of Guards**".

The name "Bangavaluru" later turned into "Bengaluru" during the rule of Kempegowda in the 16th century. *Kempegowda, known as the founder of modern Bengaluru*, built a mud fort in 1537. He also built many lakes, temples and markets and invited various craftsmen from different parts of South India to work in this new city. Even now we can see the different market places called akkipete, ragipete, balepete, chikpete, doddapete etc. built by Kempegowda.

Later during the British rule, our city's name got anglicised as 'Bangalore'. During our state's Golden Jubilee Suvarna Karnataka celebrations in 2005, the name of our proud capital city was officially changed to "**Bengaluru**".

In December, my parents took me to the Nageshwara temple in Begur, to show me the 1000 year old stone temple. I was thrilled to see the temple and check the "Veeragallu" on which the "Halagannada" script was written.

Unfortunately, I could not read the script myself. But literature experts can decode the script. I touched all the stones and got a good feel of the story on the internet. Currently those stones are left outside the temple standing on the compound wall. I wish the concerned authorities would preserve those stones in a museum. My mother told me that her grandmother was born and brought up in Begur. So even I am related to Begur which houses this proud historical temple of Bengaluru.



~**VISMAYI**
1'C'

DID YOU KNOW?

- # In 1906, Bangalore became one of the first cities in India to have electricity from hydro power, powered by the hydroelectric plant situated in Shivanasamudra.
- # The population of Kannadigas in Bangalore is less than 41%.

In The Land of Coffee Beans and Clear Streams

First, my father thought of going out of station for a few days during my summer vacations. So, we thought we should go to Chikmagalur for 4-5 days. We all thought that it would be a good break. My father booked a home stay and after 3 days, we left for Chikmagalur. We went in my dad's car. On the way, we stopped at a shop to buy some snacks for our journey. The duration of our drive lasted for almost 7 hours. Then, when we reached the home stay, the owner of the home stay came and greeted us in a polite manner. Then he escorted us to our room. Our room was on the second floor. We had a large terrace and a lot of space to run and play any game! The home stay was very peaceful and colourful. Then we rested for an hour and went sightseeing.

Hebbe falls was very beautiful and mind blowing. I had so much fun there. We went in my dad's car to the Western Ghats. There were many types of trees and flowers around us. There were coffee estates everywhere. The flowers had bloomed and were colourful and bright. The breeze that blew was very peaceful and calm. Then, we got into a jeep and went towards the falls. From the jeep, we also saw bright coloured butterflies and other insects. After we got out of the jeep, the breeze that was blowing freshened and cooled our minds as we trekked. We crossed 6-7 streams that had crystal clear water. There were small stones inside the streams which had natural colours like yellow and red. There were also dangerous leeches on the sides of the streams and we had to cross all the streams barefoot. Then, we went up the wet and slippery hill and we came to Hebbe falls. We were so close to it that water was splashing and spraying on us. There was also a stream next to it that had clear water and was flowing with a lot of force!

Next, we planned a trip to Kemmangundi. We drove to the top of the hill in the car. There was



a beautiful rose garden with many colourful and bright flowers. There was a small play area with grass on the ground where I played for some time. We had lunch and then we drove back to the home stay.

Next day, we went to Baba Budangiri. This place is famous for a temple that is situated at the top of a hill. It was very crowded as there were a lot of people.

The scenery was very

beautiful and we had a good view and an outing! We trekked up and down the hillside and had a lot of fun. We spent the whole day there and then returned to our room.

On the last day, we left in our car for Bhadra Tiger Reserve. We had to travel in a jeep that would be provided by the forest department. The jeep was strengthened on all sides with an iron mesh. This is to protect the people in the jeep from animal attacks. We saw several animals like oxen, a peacock, bison, deer etc. We finished our journey when it was getting dark.

That was the end of our trip to Chikmagalur and we drove back to Bangalore happily.

~ **NIDHI GOGI**
4 'C'

A Trip to Karnataka's Historical Places

This Christmas vacation I had fun visiting some of North Karnataka's important historical places like Badami caves, Pattadakallu, Aihole, Golgumbaz and Kudalsangama.

I started my journey early in the morning with my parents and grandparents. I didn't realize how long the journey to Badami caves was, because of my excitement. On the way I enjoyed a lot of beautiful sights like a farm with grown crops, herds of sheep and goats, rivers, mountains, bridges and a sunrise. We reached Badami caves and I was thrilled about climbing to the tippy-top of the caves. But I was disappointed as I came to know that we were not allowed to climb the tippy-top of the cave, as it was risky. When I started climbing up to the caves, I wondered how the people in olden days built such marvelous caves on the hill. I came to know from my father that the Badami caves were built by Karnataka's great Chalukya dynasty and it was their capital city too. They were great warriors, I feel proud to be a Kannadiga. Near the Badami caves there was a big lake and by the lake was a famous Bhoothanath temple.

We continued our journey towards Pattadakallu; on the way to Pattadakallu we visited Banashankari, Shivayogi Mandir and Mahakuta temples. I had

North Karnataka's delicious traditional food Jowar roti with chatni in Banashankari. The Pattadakallu name itself indicates beautiful temples built by huge rocks kept one on top of the other.

The pillars were engraved with Mahabharata and Ramayana stories. Our next stop was Aihole. Aihole was also similar to Pattadakallu but it was engraved differently. Pattadakallu and Aihole were also built by the great Chalukyas. It was awesome! After Aihole we rushed towards Alamatti dam to see the Dancing Musical Fountain. The colourful dancing fountain took me into a fairy world. I felt lovely! The Alamatti



dam is Karnataka's biggest dam built on river Krishna. At night we halted in Kudalsangama.

The next morning we took the darshana of the Lord Basavanna in Kudalsangama. The temple was built on the banks of river Krishna and Malaprabha. From Kudalsangama we traveled towards Vijayapura. In Vijayapura we visited the famous place Golagumbaza. This was built by King Adilshah and it is one of the biggest domes in India. Once I entered the Golagumbaza I was astonished to see the enormous dome built without any pillars. Inside I screamed and shouted **Hi!** To my surprise it echoed back seven times! I really felt nice! We then visited Bara-Kamana in Vijayapura. It was built with 12 beautiful arches and it was magnificent but the construction was incomplete. I had an enjoyable and



informative trip which I will cherish forever.

~ SHREYA PASCHAPUR
2 'D'

Green Carpet on Land

In my Christmas Vacations, I visited Wayanad by road with my family and friends. Wayanad is a hill station in Kerala, located at a distance of about 290 km from Bengaluru. This place is famous for its scenic beauty and pleasant weather. On the way we saw, Ranganathittu bird sanctuary located on the bank of River Kaveri, Mandya district. We saw many birds and crocodiles. While crossing Bandipur forest, we saw deer, a wild elephant and many monkeys. At last we reached Wayanad.

We stayed at a homestay in Meppadi village.

The view from the homestay was lovely and it was surrounded by small green plants. I told my father how well the plants had been maintained by the gardener. It looked like a green carpet covering the hills. I asked my father what kind of flowers or fruits these plants give us. My father told me that these plants do not give us any flowers or fruits. But the leaves of the plants are useful to us. I started thinking about the use of the leaves.



My father told me that they were tea plants and their fresh leaves would get plucked and undergo different processing steps of drying and steaming in tea factories and be finally made into tea. My father told me that today India is the largest tea producer in the world and majority of it gets consumed in India itself. Along with Kerala many states in India have tea plantations like Assam, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh and West Bengal. It was nice learning about tea plants. I also saw coffee plantations, raw coffee seeds and pepper plants (climber plant). We stayed at the home stay for the next two days for local sight seeing and returned to Bengaluru. I loved my Wayanad stay.

~**NIRAV NAIK**
1 'D'

CHOCOLATE PLANET

Where am I?
Chocolate jogging by.
I sat on the rock
Made up of chocolate stock.

The rock sucked me in,
As if I had committed a sin.
I was flung into the waterfall of Perk,
I landed with a heavy jerk.

Plastic wrappers being flung around,
Can you hear any sound?
I found myself swimming,
My shirt entirely covered with a chocolate ring.

Suddenly everything disappeared,
I was left with a chocolate beard.
I woke up with a start,
Realizing that the dream was smart.

I was on Chocó planet
Where all the chocolates met.

~ **CHAITANYA, 7 'B'**



RAJA, RANI, ROCKET, ROARER

My trip to Jog Falls during the Christmas holidays was an adventurous one. We started from Bangalore early one morning and after a 4 hours' drive, we reached Chitradurga for breakfast, when we observed that the car had a problem. My father decided to visit the Ford Service Station at Davangere to do a vehicle check. After the check, the advisor said that we could proceed with our trip to Jog Falls and then return to Bangalore.

We were about 50 kms away from Davangere, when our vehicle stopped at a village called Hediyaal around 12pm. My father called up the Shimoga Ford service center which was 100 kms away and they sent a tow truck to pick up our vehicle. We had to wait for 3 hours for the towing vehicle. Our vehicle was towed; my parents and I sat in the back seat of the car. We left the place waving goodbye to the villagers. We reached Shimoga at 7pm. We left the vehicle for repair, picked up a cab to reach Jog falls and 10 minutes before we reached our resort, the cab got punctured. Finally we reached our resort at 10pm.

On 24th December, I woke up to the beautiful sight of the Sharavathi river from my room balcony. The rest of the day was spent with my parents, cycling, boating, swimming, trekking, playing games, enjoying food and sitting in front of a camp fire in the evening to celebrate Christmas Eve.

On 25th morning, we went to see the world famous Jog Falls. It was a beautiful sight. There are four falls namely Raja, Roarer, Rani & Rocket and they're approx. 1000 feet deep. It was breath taking to look down into the depths of Jog falls. After breakfast we left for Shimoga to visit the Sakre Bale Elephant camp. There were tamed elephants which we were given closer access to. I enjoyed every moment seeing the way the elephants were bathed, being feed and taken care of like a home pet. After staying overnight at the camp, we took an auto next day to the service station to collect our repaired car and we headed to my sweet home in Bangalore.



~ TANUSHREE S, 4 'A'

WELCOME TO THE OLDEST LIVING CITY IN THE WORLD!

The soothing murmur of water takes me back to a time where we listened to folk tales and learned some valuable lessons on self - discovery.

A portrait of Varanasi: the brimming water of the Ganga; bobbing moored boats; mornings shrouded with fog; glistening dew drops; a misty, cool breeze; historical inscriptions on the walls and prayer bells in temples; hawkers selling chiming bells and gongs; priests with ritual vessels smoking weed in pipe - like paraphernalia made of various materials; ghats full of people drawing water and bathing ...

It is not possible to describe in words the beauty that Varanasi possesses, but I know this : the city is soothing for all senses, like a tight hug that comforts an ailment which no medication can heal. This city is like the smoke of a flickering earthen lamp, poetry dripping off the tongue like honey. Someone foretelling good fortune in times of pain and exile.



~ SUPRITHA , 8 'D'

Life, a Beautiful Journey

**Life is a beautiful journey
The course of which is little known
Live it to the fullest
Let there be no space for regret.**

**Life a blissful mix of joy and sorrow
A mysterious blend of gain and loss
A journey filled with hopes and expectations
A journey of unexpected twists and turns.**

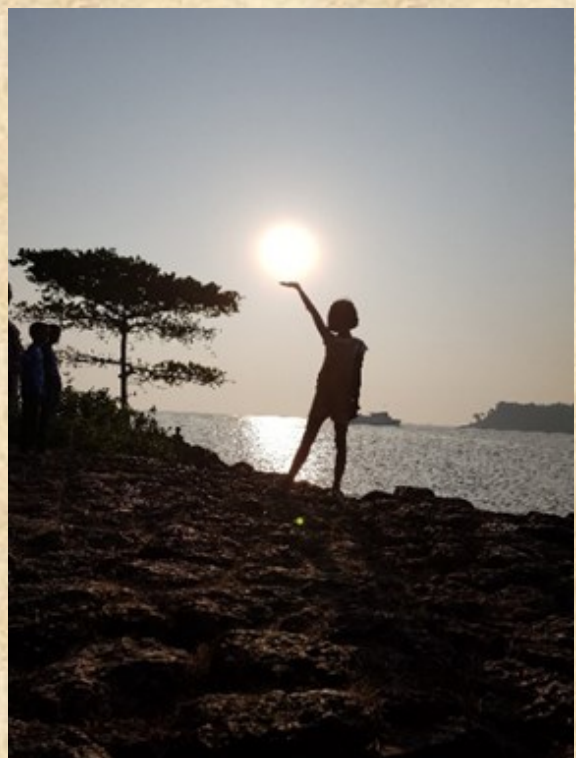
**The journey of life's filled with ups and downs
Sometimes challenging, sometimes fun
Life is a race with bittersweet memories
It is a sweet song with undefined verses.**

**Life can be adventurous, dare it
Life can be difficult, overcome it
Life is precious, value it
Live your life to the fullest.**

**~ DHYEYA ANEESH,
6 'D'**

GOA IN DECEMBER

We went to Goa in December,
A trip that I vividly remember
We visited many places,
Graced with colorful lights in Xmas
We strolled on a beach,
Where we played a sport each
We sailed and glided on the sea,
Like a bird I did fly in glee
We saw the soothing sunset,
Which I'd never forget
There we captured a moment,
For which I received a compliment
We enjoyed cruising on a ship,
It was then time to end my trip
Alas! We missed our train,
We could only get back by plane!!!



**~ SUNAYANA V.H
5 'C'**



INSIDE FIS...

I can't believe all of this is inside a school
The environment is very peaceful
With birds so graceful
I see leaves falling down
Touching the ground without any sound!
The soil feels so soft
I see no plants rot
I also see a lot of bamboos
And hear the birds coo
This is really cool
I can't believe all of this is inside a school!

~ **ATHARVA ASHISH VYAS**
6 'A'



IT'S A GIRL'S WORLD

She is a nice girl
Look at her swirl
She knows how to dance
And never misses a
chance

A little short
A little snort
Brave and bold
Shines like gold

Filled with funny talks
Look at the way she
walks
Her ponytail swinging
Her bright eyes twinkling

Filled with morals
Very loyal
Trust is the word
As she rules the world!!!

~ **ISHA ITTINA**
6 'D'



PROUD TO BE AN INDIAN

India is my country
My country is great
One of the best and the largest
Its boundaries stretch the farthest
With beautiful places I could visit everyday
Where all the tourists would forever stay
I love my country,
May it always remain great - I pray!

Surrounded by seas on 3 sides
My majestic country is a paradise
India is a country to behold
With its development increasing multifold
I will always love my country, as I've always told!

~ **LASYA KUMAR**, 2 'D'

"BEAUTY ISN'T ABOUT
HAVING A PRETTY
FACE. IT'S ABOUT
HAVING A PRETTY
MIND, A PRETTY
HEART, AND A
PRETTY SOUL."



The Garden's Charm

The garden is so soothing
Just like birds hooting
The soil is truly soft
I see no plants rot
Plants growing here and there
All requiring great care
The soil is in shades of brown
Earthworms scattered all around
This place cools me down
Making me feel really crowned.

~**SRIJAN GHOSH**
6 'A'



The Beach

White sand makes a beautiful shore
As I slowly absorb the view
Of the sea shimmering even more
As the sun sinks into its depths

Palm trees provide a green ceiling
Their leaves glistening silver in the moonlight
Watching the sea leaves me with a feeling
That I won't forget anytime soon

Such a tranquil place is the sea
It calms anyone in the worst of times
There's no place I'd rather be
Than this bit of heaven on Earth

~ **NIVEDHA B**
6 'A'



An Ode to the Bamboo Tree

The wise bamboo tree,
bowing its head gracefully in the wind.

The wind keeps blowing fiercely
but the bamboo tree stands still in all its beauty and grace.

Deeply grounded in its roots,
adapting to life no matter the circumstance.

It is as flexible as a willow tree
and as strong as a woodland oak.

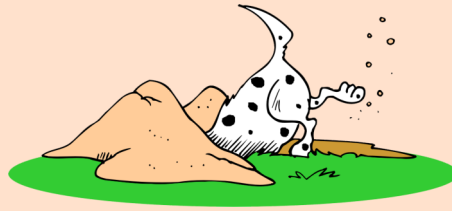
Sheltering the weary traveller,
to rejuvenate and complete his journey's desire.

Bamboo tree,
how I long to be like you!

~ **ROHAN M**
6 'A'

A TRUE FRIEND

The best friend of souls
Having fun in holes
Jumping here and there
Trying to fly in air



Being a helping hand
Staying in your own land
So adorable, so cute
Sometimes can't be mute

Yes, it is the dog
Who I feel is better than a hog
Do always stay with us
But leave when I am near the school bus



So sweet, so strong
So smart, never wrong

It's a dog !!



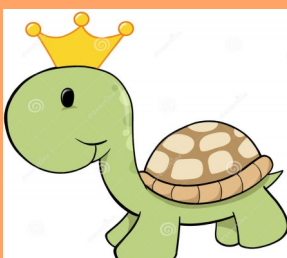
~ **RISHITA ALLURI, 6 'C'**

MY PET TURTLE

This is my pet,
Who loves to get wet!
He swims and jumps,
But never bumps!
He is golden brown,
And has a beautiful crown!
His shell – so hard,
This acts like a guard!
Looking at him all the time,
Finally, I felt he was mine!
Because of him there are three in our well,
And he made a hat trick bell!

~ **ADVITHA RAO M.**

4 'A'



FRIENDS FOREVER

Don't write any letter
To make me feel better
Never say goodbye
We'll stay together and strive.

Never stay away
We shall find a way
To triumph over difficulties
Discover new, elaborate facilities.
FRIENDS FOREVER!

Together we'll fight tremors
Which come in our way
Favour each other
And together we shall say
FRIENDS FOREVER!

~ **RAHUL BALAJI**
7 'C'



A WALK IN THE BAMBOO PARK

Ivy, bamboo and fern,
The branches strong and stern.
Take a look and see some plants
And digging are the black ants.
SNAP! You catch it, it's a gecko,
When someone tells you to let it go.
Down you walk the marshy land,
Suddenly you begin to see sand.
Towering high is the bamboo
Just from a sprout this tree grew.
You stop to take some rest,
Then walk out of the bamboo forest.

~ **AADITHYA HARISH, 6 'A'**



Noisy Street

Can you hear the children playing in the park?
Can you hear the angry dogs bark?
Do you hear the birds tweeting on the tree?
Do you hear the growling cats roaming free?
Can you hear the goats bleat?
Can you hear the cows mooing up and down the street?
Do you hear the pigs snorting in the sty?
Do you hear small infants cry?
This is all you can hear if you come to my street,
a moo, a bark, a cry and a tweet.

~ **AISHI RAJVANSH, 3 'B'**



THE GARDEN

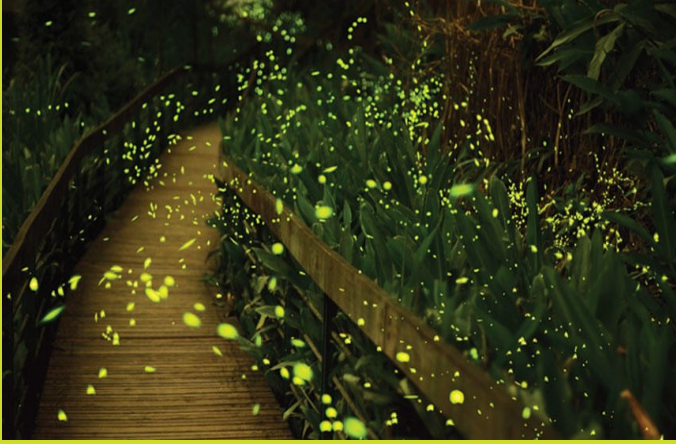
The garden is very calm
All I see is palms
I see the birds chirping everywhere
Insects crawling here and there
The palms are rising up and high
And I see the birds fly
The sun is shining so bright
What a wonderful sight!

~ **HARSHIT AWASTHI**
6 'A'



A Firefly

I sit here by the window
and I see what a dark, despairing world it is.
But yet there's a beauty to it.
A sunken deep, dark beauty.
Not a star in the sky,



Nor the moon in sight tonight.
It's just the dark, dark night.
I can hear an owl hoot
and I'm pretty sure there's a barking dog.
But yet there's an eerie silence tonight,
and then - I see a firefly.

One becomes two and two transforms to many
and it's just wonderful how
they change our perspective of life.
Sad becomes excited and sunken is just bright
and all is transformed because of the
tiny fireflies.

One and one become eleven and rays of happiness they shine
and it's just amazing to see the excitement caused by a firefly.
I wish I too were a firefly,
a firefly to someone's life
I wish I could spread some happiness in this dark world,
A vast world where I could be no more than an ignited little firefly....

~ PRARTHANA NANDA
8 'B'

Your Fantasies

When the sky is bright and blue,
And the grass is full of dew,
The snow melts from the hills,
And my heart with pleasure fills.

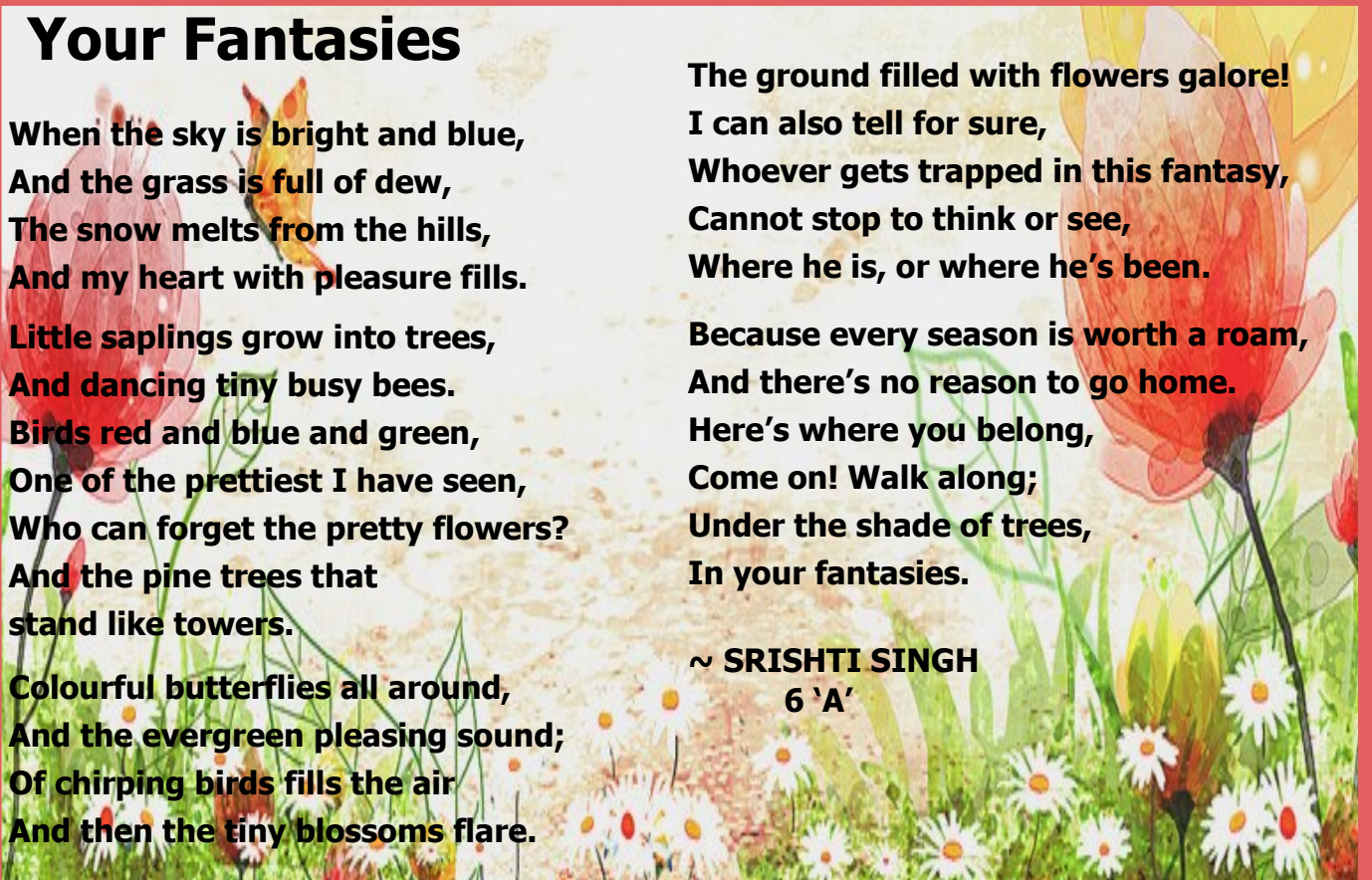
Little saplings grow into trees,
And dancing tiny busy bees.
Birds red and blue and green,
One of the prettiest I have seen,
Who can forget the pretty flowers?
And the pine trees that
stand like towers.

Colourful butterflies all around,
And the evergreen pleasing sound;
Of chirping birds fills the air
And then the tiny blossoms flare.

The ground filled with flowers galore!
I can also tell for sure,
Whoever gets trapped in this fantasy,
Cannot stop to think or see,
Where he is, or where he's been.

Because every season is worth a roam,
And there's no reason to go home.
Here's where you belong,
Come on! Walk along;
Under the shade of trees,
In your fantasies.

~ SRISHTI SINGH
6 'A'



NATURAL DISASTERS

Natural disasters are quite scary
The damage will vary.
From very deadly
To not-very-petty.
The large and deadly volcanoes
Are some very major foes.
And some colossal like Yellowstone
Freezes all to the bone.
A ginormous, pernicious tsunami
Can leave a place very sorry.
Desert it and let everyone moan
Everything gone, left desolate and alone.
Something as horrible as an earthquake
People's mind and heart it could shake.
So many lives it would take (and a lot more at stake).
No one can rewrite their fate.
And storms like Typhoon Tip.
Could leave a person with a broken hip (and a grit).
In India, it wouldn't fit
Fighting it, they will quit.
Then and again I warn thee
These are strong, Oh what infamy!!
Somebody has just been blown
By a borbdingnagian super typhoon!!

~NAKUL.B

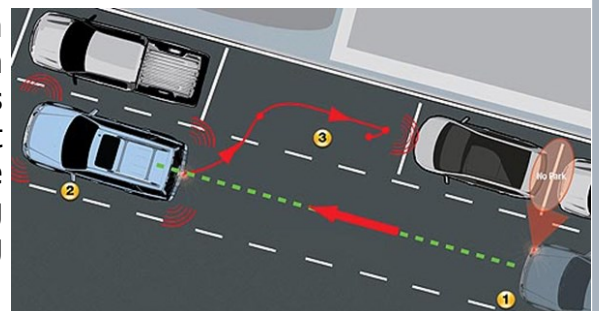
7 'C'



LATEST CAR TECHNOLOGIES

BMW i8 is one of the most advanced cars in the world. It has a feature called Park Assist in which the car can park and move out of the parking slot by itself. We can preheat or cool the car from the car key. It also has gesture control. If you want to open the door, just act if you are opening it and it will open on its own. The car is being improved with more such features using Artificial Intelligence (AI). It would be an amazing experience to drive this car!

~ANIRUDH SHARMA, 5 'A'



HURRICANE VS TORNADO

Oh! An amazing topic.
Hurricanes and tornadoes.
Comparatively we are microscopic
Now that they're foes

Let's have a glance about wind speeds
The tornado's record exceeds
A bit more than three hundred miles
They'd blow all your office files

But hurricanes are insane
They can blow up your wind vane
As they hit two hundred kilometres
They will leave you without water.

The area of a tornado
Named El Reno
Two and a half miles was no big deal
It's damage is too hard to heal

The hurricane Typhoon Tip
Drowned many ships
Spoiled many trips
Two thousand miles, it did rip

Thus I would conclude
That I personally viewed
That the hurricane would elude
The tornado at any latitude.

~**RAHUL B**
7 'C'



I want...

I want the world to be free,
Of corruption in the world of justice and law.
I want the world to be free,
Of unwanted anger and flaw.
I want injustice to end,
In the courts of law,
I want harmony to spread across the world
Where people will live peacefully,
Without waging war.
I want all the weapons to be destroyed,
For there will be no war,
I want the clouds to rain down happiness
As it will be the end of sadness;
And I want the trees to release air,
Which will change the world.

~ **SROTASWINI DAS, 6 'B'**



My Adventures through the Garden

'Chirp Chirp', says the little bird
What a sweet sound I heard!
The blossoms of the little flowers
Makes me feel far away from the cars
The leaves rustle
The insects hustle
Makes me feel like
I'm in a dreamland
Or even the song of
a band
I wish I could stay
there forever!
Has anyone felt like this ever?
~ **CHATURYA, 6 'A'**



THE SEASON OF FALL

The season of fall has a whole new life
You feel good at home, no worries or strife
Just calmly watching the falling brown
leaves
Shades of brown descending from the trees
Fall brings warmth to our hearts
Let's feast on puddings, cakes and tarts
Our faces glowing like fire at home in the
hearth
The beauty of fall coming down on Mother
Earth

~ **SAHITRA,**
7 'B'

THE DAY WHEN EVERYTHING WENT WRONG

One day, everything went wrong,
Right from the time I thought the alarm clock was a song.

And I slept on and on,
Even though it was no longer dawn.

I finally woke up at 5 minutes to eight,
And I got ready slower than a train filled with freight.

I reached the school when the snacks break was long over,
And thus they punished me by making me push the lawnmower.

At lunch I was tired and feeling hot,
But, it became worse as my lunch was starting to rot.

When it was home time, I slipped on some foam.
But that was nothing as we had to walk all the way home.

Soon I went to play, and we played basketball.
But my friends threw it into a truck delivering dolls.

At dinnertime, we had some delicious rice.
But I spilt some and then we were surrounded by hungry mice

Finally, it was bed time and I fell on my bed.
But all night 'hoo hoo' said a bird which was red.



~ **KAUSTUBH RAVANURU, 4 'B'**

THE SEA

The sea in blue and white
Has waves that cause a fright
In which dwell amazing creatures
Which have cool features

From a tiny shrimp to a massive whale
Animals here come in all sizes and shapes
As deep as a bottomless pit
As vast as the universe
Yet it still remains unexplored
From its breeze to its waves
to its reefs and its caves
The sea is a wonderful place
Complex, a fascinating maze.

~ **ROHAN**

5 'A'



THE WORLD

The beings in this world, are so different,
Some own many houses, some struggle to even rent.

Oh, such beautiful animals on this planet!
Such wonders you will never forget,
some tall, some stubby.
Some skinny and small, some plump and chubby!

Oh this world, is filled with wonder
Up, up high, and deep, deep under!

When its winter, cold winds blow,
In monsoon, the rivers overflow.

This world, is so unpredictable,
Exploring this, you'll see, everybody is capable!

~ **AISHI**
3 'B'



The True Friends

In a small town there lived four girls, Natasha, Reya, Rachel and Nia. They used to play together every day after school.

One day outside Natasha's house, they were playing knock....knock.... . While playing, Nia's ball fell down. Nia started crying. The four friends started looking for the ball. They reached a lake which was close to the house. When Natasha saw the clear water she wanted to dip her leg in. Reya was scared because their parents had strictly warned them not to go near the lake as it's dangerous. But as Natasha insisted they all decided to play in the water. Suddenly Rachel slipped and fell into the lake. The four girls got frightened and they started crying. But there was nobody to help. Suddenly Reya got an idea. They all held their hands together and tried to pull Rachel. After trying two, three times they succeeded.



The girls got so scared that they walked back to their house silently. They told the whole story to their parents and promised that they wouldn't do it again.

~ **NIA KUNNATH**
1 'B'

Sports

Sports is really fun
Better than eating a masala bun
Football, Tennis, Cricket
Make sure the ball doesn't hit the wicket
Try with all your might
You will get a basket right
Be active, take your bat
Be active, lose some fat
Come on! Play some soccer
Much better than visiting the doctor
Don't take too much rest,
Sports is always the best!

~ **PRAKRITHI SATHISH**

5 'B'

The Powers of Harry Potter

I wish I were Harry Potter and could fly
Up-up high in the sky,
Greet the birds and move on
Without any pollution and horns

If this wish comes true,
our earth would be clean
And everything would be
so green

I wish I were Harry
Potter and could wear
his invisible cloak
And teach a lesson to all
bad folks,
So that nobody would
trouble anyone
And we all could have lots of fun

If this wish comes true, everything will be
so nice
And people will be happy and wise.

~ **GAURI**
1 'C'



Kathak: A Story

Kathak is a major dance form of India. It is of three types or gharanas-the Jaipur gharana, the Benares gharana and the Lucknow gharana. It is a unique dance form as it originates from the stories of the travelling poets of ancient northern India called kathakaras.

A kathak dancer must be very expressive, needs to be very confident and should have good body language. Foot movements in kathak are glorious and are enhanced with small bells called 'ghungroo'. The main focus of the dance is the eyes and the foot movement.

I have been learning kathak for six years and wish to become a dance teacher someday. I am inspired by my dance teacher Mrs Jhimli Gupta who is a graceful dancer and has remarkable facial expressions.

Kathak is something that I do to express my feelings. It is a beautiful form of dance.



~ ANSHIKA GUPTA
7 'C'

The Bermuda Triangle

The Bermuda Triangle is the greatest unsolved mystery of the modern age. Also called the **Devil's Triangle**, it is a triangular shaped area in the North Atlantic Ocean, from Bermuda Island to Miami, USA and Puerto Rico. Hundreds of people and numerous boats, ships and planes have disappeared inside this triangle.

The Bermuda Triangle is quite large and covers an area of 440,000 miles of sea. This is larger than the combined area of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra.

At least 1000 lives have been lost within the last 100 years. On an average, 4 aircraft and 20 yachts go missing every year.

People have experienced electronic fog in the Bermuda triangle, which can be a Time Travel Tunnel too. Pilot Bruce Gernon claims he lost 28 minutes after flying through a time-warping cloud tunnel. The plane went missing from radars, only to re-emerge in Miami Beach. Source the Fog by Bruce Gernon.

The first person to report about **Bermuda Triangle** was **Christopher Columbus**. He wrote in his journals that inside the triangle, the ship's compass stopped working and he also saw a fireball in the sky.

~ RISHITA ALLURI

6 'C'



THE MYSTERY OF MY LOST NEST

Once it so happened that my friends and I planned to model a nest. Each of us got one material. First, we stuck newspaper on a balloon using Fevicol. Then we stuck dried leaves and twigs on the newspaper. Slowly we pricked the balloon. It became a beautiful nest. We kept grains and some water in a bowl. We left it outside my house. Our intention was to see if birds come and eat the grains. Then we went inside to wash our gluey hands. When we came out, Alas! Our nest had disappeared! We went to the garden and searched everywhere but in vain. We even asked every house in our neighborhood, checked the terrace and basement but couldn't spot it. We were almost in tears. We had spent all our playtime in making the nest and within seconds it had disappeared.

While everyone was thinking about what to do, I remembered a story that I had seen on television recently. A lady lived on the thirteenth floor of a skyscraper in a busy area. One dark night exactly at 3 am, there was a sudden knock on her window. She woke up in shock and looked out of the window. There was no one there! When she turned back, an apple kept on her dining table simply fell off followed by a steel vessel in the kitchen. She was worried now. She took a deep breath and had a sip of water. She remembered her mother making her read 'Hanuman chalisa shloka' whenever she used to get scared. She opened the book but ha! To her utter surprise, the next page was blank. "What's going on here?" she screamed. She felt an atypical energy flowing all through her house. Gosh! Suddenly a weird face appeared right in front of her face. She screamed and that's it, I couldn't continue to watch it anymore. I switched off my television.

I started to wonder if it was the same kind of hair raising, spine chilling ghost that had done something to our nest. This thought itself made me tremble to the core. I told my friends about this and they too got terrified. Then one of my brave friends said, "Fear not! Ghosts don't really exist. Let's check outside the gate, we might find it there". We all ran towards the gate and we saw a purple-eyed cat and a cute kitty pushing the nest under a car. Quietly we moved forward so that the cats wouldn't run away with our nest. But as we went closer, they meowed and ran away leaving the nest behind. We were all happy to get back our nest without hurting the cats.

We ran back to our house and told this exciting story to my mother. My mother was happy for us and she took a snap of all of us with our precious nest. We then placed the nest on one of the branches of a tree. Within minutes, a few birds gathered around the nest. We did not know if it was a rendezvous or they had made it their new house. Now we all had contented smiles on our faces. Our story started playfully, had a horror twist in the middle and ended happily.

~ ADVITHA RAO

4 'A'



PICKLING IN MY HOMELAND...



As soon as summer draws near, various thoughts come to mind- vacation, ice-creams, cousins, friends, no homework... it is probably called the most awaited season, as the memories and fun it brings outshines even the burning Sun! At my place, another reason why everyone looks forward to summer is... the delicious, mouth-melting mango pickle!

Mango, botanically named *Mangifera Indica*, is a tropical fruit native to South-eastern Asia, especially Burma and certain parts of our country. Due

to its tangy, unique and toothsome taste, it is often hailed as the 'King of Fruits.' There are multiple varieties of mangoes, from Alphonso to Neelam to Banganpalli which grow in our country, and each mango's taste is so divine and unmatched in its own way. Mangoes can be eaten raw or ripe, and can be made into jams, pickles, chutneys, juices and sweets. Pickling is a preservation method using salt. Not only raw mangoes but also other fruits and vegetables such as lemon and tomato, can be pickled.

Pickle is called *Avakai* in Telugu. At home, we pickle mangoes. It is a tedious procedure which demands a lot of care, patience and expertise.

Another reason why pickling involves a lot of care and patience is that not a single drop of water must fall into the pickle at any stage, if the pickle has to come out well!

The very first stage in this process is to wet-wipe the raw mangoes with a wet, clean cloth. This is to ensure that the mangoes do not have the sticky substance on them anymore. The mangoes are then cut into neat halves. The large central seed is removed and then the mangoes are further cut.

The pieces are then mixed in *rai* powder, salt, chilli powder and some jaggery and fenugreek (*methi*) for enhancing the taste. Even sesame or mustard oil is added to the mixture. The pieces, now mixed, are left to dry up before they are neatly packed away in an air-tight container. And finally, this is what you have- fiery red, hot, delicious *Avakai* or pickle!

I hope I have been helpful. Happy pickling!!

~ SAI SREEMAYEE, 5 'D'

Pickle is known as *Upinakaayi* in Kannada, *Pachadi* in Telugu, *Urukai* in Tamil, *Uppillittithu* in Malayalam, *Lonchi* in Marathi, *Athanu* in Gujarati and *Achar* in Hindi.

HUNGER IS THE BEST PICKLE!



We Can Have Our Dream Come True Through AI

My dad had a conversation with me about my likes and dislikes.

He asked me some questions like what are your favourite colours, characters, food and holiday destinations. I answered that my favourite colours were "pink, blue, green", the characters I liked were "Elsa, Anna, Sofia", favourite food I liked was pizza, nan and ice cream, and my preferred holiday destinations are Jog Falls and Goa. Then he asked me about where I would prefer to go to during my Christmas vacations. I told him I wanted to go to see Jog Falls.

He said suppose I capture all this information you have shared, into my iPhone, the phone gets connected to a driverless car, the car takes you during your Christmas vacation to Jog, to a movie hall which screens your favourite characters, to a restaurant which has your favourite food and then takes you to a shop which has the dress collection of your preferred colours and all this with money being charged to my bank account. How would it be? It would be a memorable experience.

That is what Artificial Intelligence means, the technology devices like mobile phone, driverless car etc. having collated your likes & dislikes ensures your likes & dreams come true.

You can see the video of our conversation on AI in this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaKa-Iuv-uo&feature=youtu.be>

TANUSHREE S
4 'A'.

OVERCOME YOUR FEAR

Everyone has a fear of something but have you ever thought about overcoming your fear, have you ever tried to conquer your fear? If not, then think now because you only live once. Do not waste your life in fear of failing to reach your goals or chasing your dreams. Do not be scared of what may people say or think if you fail to achieve your dreams. There will be many road blocks in your path but if you overcome your fear you will always reach your destination. So always think positive, think about those great leaders who did so much for others and who are always remembered. Think of the people who landed on the moon, think of those who fought for our independence, think of those who climbed Mt. Everest. Remember, when the going gets tough, the tough get going. It may be tough, but you and I can make a change to make this world a better place.

~ ANSHIKA GUPTA

7 'C'

SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE!

I have always been astounded and amazed by the magnificence of the eagle! I'm sure it's not only me; the regal demeanour of this bird flying in the sky could not fail to catch one's attention. The eagle is a symbol of perseverance and determination.

There is a saying-"When it rains, most birds head for shelter, but the eagle is the only bird that in order to avoid rain, picks up his wings and flies above the clouds".

When I first read these lines, I noticed how true these lines would be if only we could apply it to our everyday life. We become so narrow-minded when we run into tough spots in our lives. We think about only one option- and that one option is giving up.

But when we look at the eagle, and see its approach to dealing with a storm, we should learn from its example and think that the storms that the eagle faces are nothing more than the storms and challenges that occur in our daily lives. And just like the eagle we should pick ourselves up and soar above our storms.

And another important thing that we can learn from the eagle is its "rebirth".

The eagle has the longest lifespan among all birds. They live up to 70 years. But to reach this grand old age, they have two options — die or go through a painful process that lasts 150 days.

They fly themselves to the peak of a mountain. By this time the eagle is like a broken old person with hardly any chance of redemption. But when it is on that mountain top, it goes to great measures to become like the eagle we all know and love. Similarly, instead of giving up or taking a shortcut, which may not necessarily achieve our goals or lead to success, we too can be inspired by the eagle's determination and can go through a process of hard work and perseverance which will help us emerge victorious like the eagle.

Saying this, I know nobody's perfect and everybody makes mistakes, but when we are given a chance to be redeemed again, we should grab it quickly before it slips away from our grasp.

What I've learnt from the eagle is its spectacular approach to life and its so very human like problems and its extraordinary willpower and determination to counter such simple human problems.

Remember this - there are absolutely no limits in doing what is right. I would like to end this saying - "Don't quack like a duck, but soar like an eagle!!"

~ROHAN MACADEN

6 'A'

AND THE WINNER IS.....

This is something that probably keeps your mind racing. It is a well-known fact that all of us are good at some or the other sport and the competition between two brands continue to heat up. So, a detailed comparison might help you chose long lasting and comfortable shoes and balls.

Soccer

Adidas is a very well-known soccer brand. It has been longer into soccer than any other sport brand. On top of that, all the FIFA official soccer balls are of Adidas. Nike doesn't go very far in soccer as Adidas

Winner: Adidas

Basketball

Adidas has fewer good basketball shoes unlike Nike which has a wide range of shoes of great quality. Nike basketballs are of great quality and are also more popular than Adidas

Winner: Nike

Sprint

Nike is widely chosen for running shoes while Adidas is barely a competitor to Nike in sprinting

Winner: Nike

Tennis

In tennis, Nike is lighter than Adidas but Adidas offers better movement.

Though Nike is more comfortable, it lacks in durability which is a very major drawback

Winner: Adidas

Cricket

Nike wins in cricket though Adidas has sponsored Virat Kohli. Nike

Is the official kit producer of the Indian cricket team

Winner: Nike

Badminton

Nike is nothing compared to Adidas in badminton as they are not very popular.

Adidas is better preferred.

Winner: Adidas

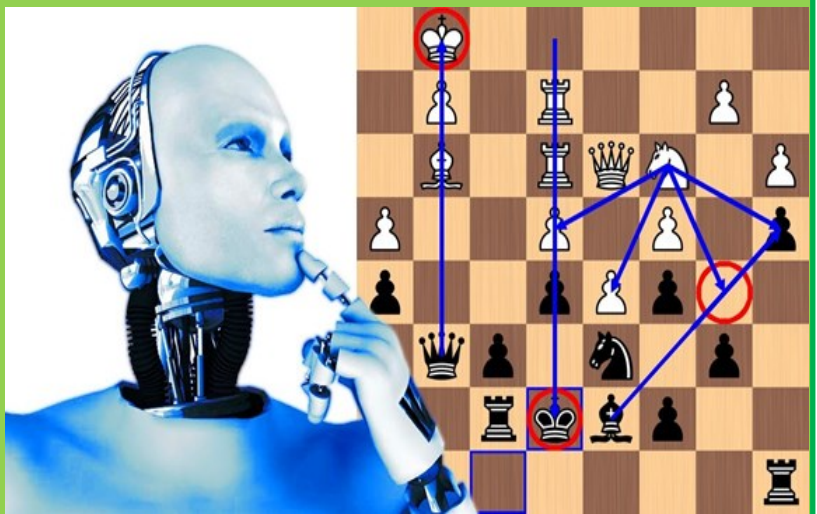
I have given you the comparison and now, it is your option to choose the brand you like according to the game you play.



~ COMPILED BY NAKUL. B
7 'C'

AlphaZero - Taking the Chess World by Storm

AlphaZero is a computer program developed by the Artificial Intelligence (AI) research company DeepMind. On 5th December 2017, the Deep Mind team gave a preprint introducing AlphaZero, which in 24 hours achieved a superhuman level of play in Chess and Shogi games by defeating the best engines in both the games. AlphaZero defeated the best Chess Server Stockfish in a 100 game series with no loss with 4 hours of self learning.



~ COMPILED BY ANIRUDH SHARMA

5 'A'

SOCIAL MEDIA – AN INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA

Communication and technology has changed rapidly over the past 20 years with a key development being the emergence of social media. It is because of social media that today we communicate and interact with people miles away from us. It has made interaction convenient and faster. It gives a chance for people to express themselves. Social media such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and much more, allows people to connect with former classmates, distant family members or people whom they know by name. The use of social media has increased by leaps and bounds. According to figures collected, an average user checks their phone around 150 times per day.

Social media, which should just be a part of human life, has become the most prominent aspect around which everyone's lives revolve. Youth are getting more attached to networking sites and less to their families. Teens are completely into the momentary bliss social media gives them and are completely carried away.

There are a lot of complications that occur on social media. The most common one is the creation of fake accounts or impersonation. Impersonation is an act of pretending to be someone for the purpose of entertainment or fraud. But why do people create fake profiles? Some create for stalking. Some people create fake profiles to be free to do whatever they want without involving their real profile. There are few bullies who create them in order to bully others without getting caught and few do it for fun. And some do it to criticize others without getting their real self involved. It may seem harmless to impersonate someone but the law does not always look so kind on this type of behaviour. The ability to see other's pictures and personal information, makes privacy a major issue. People while creating fake profiles use the information provided such that people believe it isn't a fake account which people eventually misuse. Once upon a time Bill gates said, "The internet is becoming the town square for the global village of tomorrow". Use social media but within limits.



~ CHANDRIKA, 9 'A'

EACH DAY I WILL DO MY BEST

Each day I'll do my best,
And I won't do any less.

My work will always please me,
And I won't accept a mess.

I'll colour very carefully,
My writing will be neat.

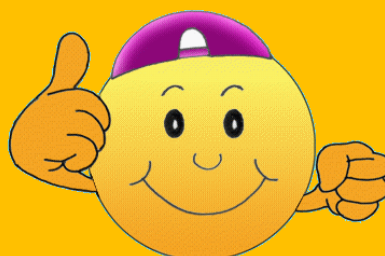
And I simply won't be happy,
Until my papers are complete.

I'll always do my homework,
And I'll try my best,
In every test.

And I won't forget my promise,
To do my best!

~ SHREYAS .
4 'D'

GO FOR IT !



GOOD LUCK !

THE DEATH OF A SECRET

It was a gloomy evening. He was returning home. Stark worked in the NSA. He was a 30 year old well-built and lean man. He had a sharp wit, alert senses and everything a man could want. The path was deserted, the journey scary and the warm atmosphere was stifling.

He was not terrified due to the vulnerable area but due to his sadistic foes. They had lots of power and money. They were the elite of the elite, the crème de la crème. He had found something that would shake the very foundations of the U.S.A. as we know it today. With nowhere to hide, he ran as fast as he could to reach a safe haven- his home. Without any vehicle, he felt like a deer being hunted down by the swift and lithe panther. Suddenly he heard a loud sound and looked behind to see a huge tanker filled with SEALs after him. He knew that they were SEALs because of the insignia carved on the front of the tanker.

There was a sudden explosion behind him. He ran for his life but knew that it was futile as no man could outrun a tanker. There was no hope for him. But every dark cloud has a silver lining. He noticed an empty car. He just hoped that the keys were in. But alas! It looked as if his luck had run out. There were no keys. Out of nowhere a bullet whizzed past him grazing his shoulder and pain erupted. Stark thanked his lucky stars that the bullet had just grazed him. Hoping that the car would shield him he hid behind it. He didn't notice the stealthy SEAL behind him.

The last sound he heard was the whiz of 3 bullets. He thought he would have a quick death but he was in for torture. The poison spread through his body. Every nerve in his body felt the pain. His blood vessels burst. He died a slow death writhing in pain and agony. The nation's biggest secret died with him. The chief of the operation raised his thumb and said, "Fatality! Target dead." He hissed like the heartless, cold-blooded snake that he was. They carried the lifeless corpse of the man who could have been an even bigger whistle-blower than Edward Snowden and Julian Assange. The two masterminds- Steve Bannon (the ex- Whitehouse Chief Strategist) and the orange headed POTUS Donald J. Trump watched the proceedings.

P.S- The secret is subject to speculation. It has something to do with Facebook, Russians and the US elections. The rest is for you to figure out.

Moral-1) Every story does not have a happy ending where good triumphs over evil.

2) Every secret is not revealed to the public

Americans own approximately 270 million guns, which gives America the highest rate of gun ownership, with 89 guns for every 100 people.

The pointy bullet used by the modern militaries is called a Spitzer, an anglicized version of the German word Spitzgeschoss, literally meaning pointy bullet.

A firearms malfunction where a fired bullet does not have enough force for it to exit the barrel, so it gets stuck in the barrel is called a what? A: squib.

A Kaleidoscope of Amusement

Greeted by delighted voices and welcoming music, I enter the park. Walking through the ticket counter one enters a different world altogether. The park unfolded with a series of adventurous, rough and tough games, along with other tamer games. At regular intervals one could spot frightened first timers.



My favourite ride is the roller coaster. With the ascent, your fear and curiosity rises and without any warning, you plunge down and seem to twist and turn for an eternity. Suddenly, all the noise and motion stops and you are back where you started. As you proceed further into this uncharted territory, a mouth-watering aroma is emitted by the all-time favourites like popcorn, burgers, pizzas and so much more. The rivers of cheese streaming down, sugary treats and other such delights make it impossible to move further without sampling each dish.

Searching for a place to sit and indulge, you might find yourself sitting on one of the wooden benches that constantly vibrate due to the movement of the thrilling rides. The entire theme park is brightly hued wherever you look. Each time I visit, I experience a unique feeling that fills me with joy. I'm just counting the days till I visit again!

~APARNA U, 8 'D'

India and Greece — Same Yet Different

I have found some interesting information on Greece that I would like to share with you. The legends of Greece and India are quite different but have striking similarities. One is that both Zeus and Indra are kings of the Gods and their weapons are also the same. Greek mythology states that there are three main Gods – Zeus, Hades and Poseidon; Indians too, have three main Gods – Brahma, Vishnu and Shiva. Greek mythology has Thanatos who is similar to Yama. The Greeks have Hermes who is the messenger of the Gods and we have Narad Muni. Lord Krishna had cattle and loved music. The Greek God Apollo too, loved music and had cattle. Lord Shiva has a trident and so does Poseidon. In both the countries, the Sun God is respected and has two sons.



Both the countries have a very rich history. India is famous for its ancient architecture. The Tirupati Balaji temple is world famous just like the temple of Artemis in Greece. The Ramayana and the Trojan War are also similar because both were fought for a woman. In Greece, there was a very intelligent person named Daedalus and in India there was a similar person named Aryabhata. In India there were two great warriors, Ashoka and Chandragupta. Even in Greece there were two great warriors, Alexander and Hercules. Achilles and Karna were also similar because they both had indestructible armour. So, no matter how different Greece is from India, the similarities are astounding.

~ATHARVA ASHISH VYAS, 6 'A'

STONA'2018 – Where Stones Come Alive

Every alternate year, Bangalore hosts and witnesses a unique exhibition called – STONA i.e. International Granite & Stone fair, co-sponsored by the Government of Karnataka. The main aim of STONA is to give the natural stone industry in India a significant growth opportunity with higher visibility. Countries from all over the world participate and showcase their outputs. Being the son of a geologist, I got an opportunity to visit the 13th International Granite & stone fair on 10th February, 2018.

This stone fair connects the stone industry of the world and is a fascinating display of natural stones mined and then turned after due process into pieces of decorative and ornamental stones which can be used as cobble stones, pavement stones, slabs and tiles for flooring and cladding, as kitchen tops, as furniture, crockery, artifacts, tomb stones, landscaping and many other uses.

The main stones which are used for this are – granite, marble, sandstone, slate, quartzite, onyx, and soapstone. I came across natural stones of all colours, you think of a colour and it is there.

India is a treasure trove of natural stone deposits. Stone has been used in India's architecture for ages and this can be seen in various heritage buildings. South Indian temples are made of granite, Taj Mahal has been built using marble, Red Fort and other palaces in Rajasthan are built of sandstone; all living examples of the stone culture in India.

STONA, the exhibition, was visited by more than 60,000 visitors from India and abroad.



The Exports from India was at Rs.50 crores during 1987 when the first ever STONA was held and crossed 12,000 crores after STONA 2014. It may touch Rs. 20,000 crores by the end of March 2018. So friends, don't forget to visit the 14th STONA at BIEC i.e. Bangalore International Exhibition Center in 2020 – you will never forget the experience!

~**DHRUV MEHTA**

The Gladiator

The gates opened,
Out came a devil's beast
Whose appetite thrived,
On human meat.

From the other side came a
warrior
Who was unknown,
But one thing was clear,
His end was near.
The beast pounced,



He blocked,
His sword and shield failed him,
And then everything went dim.

Some started to jeer,
But he remembered not to fear,
While embracing Death with open arms,
The gladiator knew Death would cause no harm.

-**RISHIKA DAS**
7 'D'

LYRICS PREVAILED THIS YEAR

This year our school's annual production – 'Sannata, a musical' and 'Railgadi' astounded me. Vivid pictures of these exhilarating, indelible experiences flash through my mind as I type this article. When practicing for the annual day, I realized the pain and organization it takes to put together one scene. Imagining the pain it would take to put together one whole show is beyond my mental abilities.

Yet it was managed extremely well. The lyrical – Sannata was divided into two acts. Each act had around thirteen to fourteen scenes. Each scene was headed by a teacher who worked beyond what they could do. These teachers put in their sweat and blood (literally, a lot of sweat). They never thought – let's have a small break.

We had prepared teasers for parents. This made me feel that I am going to take part in something very big. The theme was music. The king (Sailance) banishes music in the kingdom. The children discover various methods of making music. Thus the villagers strive to bring music back to their kingdom. All the students felt the exultation singing provides.

The junior annual production – 'Railgadi' was incredibly impressive. It was about a family travelling in the Himalayan Nilgiri Express. There was comedy (last minute laddu) and lots of upbeat songs. The children revelled in the music. The play served as an enthralling experience for them.

Summing up – we all loved the annual day and hope that such exciting events continue to happen and no one should be demotivated by minor failures.

(You might be wondering why I wrote 'demotivated'. That is because it was decided that the props would be made by the children but due to rains and poor drainage system, all the props made by us got washed away. So many students said – how will we do this annual day? But no one got to know anything!!)

~SHLOK UPADHYAYA, 7 'C'

The Faces of Speech



The most boring life speech can amuse;
But be careful not to misuse-
Because misuse can lead to utter hate,
Can separate you from your best mate.
They can lead the speaker into shame;
But clever use can boost you to fame.
They make intentions very clear-
Joy, happiness, gloom or fear.
But DON'T misuse speech with someone you've met
Or for the rest of your life you will regret.

~ ABHAY B, 8 'D'

A Slice of the Moon

The Great Irish famine had struck and people were vacating Ireland to go West America. Due to the famine people were immigrating to other countries known as the 'land of plenty'.

In the small village of Ballysmaragaid lived a family of six- the Hannigans. The famine struck and the family immigrated to America.

The protagonist is Rosalind a.k.a Slim. She is a tomboy who loves horse riding, shooting and playing with knives.

The story is about a family's struggle to survive in harsh conditions. This book is for you if you like adventure genres. Read and find out what happens! More surprises await you!



~RISHIKA DAS, 7 'D'

My sTrAnGeSt Dream

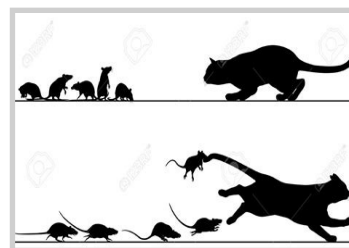
I saw a strange dream last night,
Of angels helping dinosaurs,
And skeletons walking on their own,
When suddenly their heads fall off.



There were elephants talking to people,
While chopping beans and other bits,
There the trees were short and plants were tall,
And flies going to school to learn.



The reptiles were the size of fleas,
And mice chasing the cats to trees,
But then water droplets on my face,
Made me realize I was too late.



~PRATYUSHA HEGDE
2 'D'

DID YOU KNOW?

A group of cats is called a clowder.

A group of mice is called a mischief.

WEIRD LIMERICKS

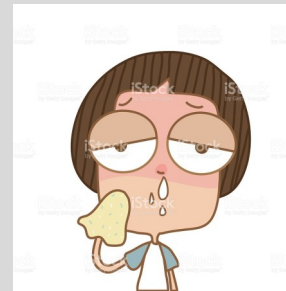
I was happy
I was snappy
It was fun
Though an extra long run
And now I think about it sipping Appy



There were three little pigs
One built its house with twigs
Then came a fox
Who wanted its socks
But all it got was figs



I find it funny
When my nose gets runny
But others don't
Look at me- they won't
But my expression was sunny



It's been a long day
And I would like to say
That I loved it all
Both the hills and falls
There's happiness like the sun's rays

There were many long roads
Which were filled with toads
These toads were jumpy
And quite often grumpy
As if they carried heavy loads



~ SAHITRA BHAT, 7 'B'

"If I was ..."

If I were a princess, of a faraway land
Oh how I would love to order and demand

If I were the owner of a restaurant so famous
I would be rich enough to own a personal train and a bus

If I were a president of a very fancy club
As a pet I would have a zebra colt and a lion cub

But I have to stay what I am,
a little girl in a big town
But one thing is for sure,
my dreams will not let me down.

If I were the leader of a well known rescue team
So many times I would've ridden a submarine

~AISHI RAJVANSH
3 'B'



FLOWER

The flower,
oh, my lover;
she sways with her colours,
like the summer shine butters,
she blooms in my mind,
like a thick bind.

But, oh my friend,
how can you use a gun,
to break the laws of the sun,
she bears the pain
of a thousand veins,
and dies in debt
for the hundredth bet

She cared for me,
like the stars that thee
I knew her pain
when she died in vain

Yes my friend,
the wide blend
from the nature that
made you mad
You know nature's fun,
just like a toasted bun

My friend,
oh, my friend,
well, it's time you change
cause you are at a higher
range

The flower,
oh, my lover,
she sways with her colours,
like the summer shine butters
she blooms in my mind,
like a thick bind



~KARTHIK SARMA
7 'C'

Annie and Max are Lost!!

It was a bright Sunday morning and Max and Annie were getting ready to go to New York to meet their grandparents. As soon as they reached the airport Max and Annie had a drink of water at the drinking fountain. They then saw their father walk away. Max said "Where is dad going?" Annie shrugged her shoulders. "Let's follow him" said Annie. They shouted "Dad, dad, daddy!" He never turned back though.

So Max and Annie followed him onto a plane. They tapped his shoulder. He turned around and said "Oh, what do you want?" Max and Annie were flabbergasted! "Oh my God! You are not our father!" The man said "Of course not". It was just a guy wearing the same jacket as their father. They started to panic. An air hostess hurried over to them and said "What happened? Why

are you not with your parents?" Max said, "We are lost!" The air hostess sorted out the mess and reunited Max and Annie with their worried father. So all's well, that ends well.....



~ AVYUKTA NAIDU
3 'B'

MY DREAM BIRTHDAY PARTY

My dream birthday party will be exciting. My birthday party will be held in space. I will have my party in a space ship called Rich Lamborghini Beak. The people I will invite are - MANAN, VIHAAN, PRANAV, SHREYAN PANDA and SUDI KSHA. These people are my best friends. We will play X BOX 360. The games we will play are Forza Horizon 2, Forza Motorsport 4, Adventure and Kinect Sports Season 1 and 2. I hope I win all the games with whomever I play. Then we will have a food session. We will eat space popcorn, burger, pizza, garlic bread and ice cream. We will have lots of fun. I will never forget that birthday party.

~ VYOM UPADHYAY, 2 'C'



A Sincere Policeman



There lived a sincere policeman. He loved to do his duty. In one of his cases, he had to take his dog Hero, a German Shepherd dog. So then he went all the way back home for his dog. He loved to do that. That's why he joined the K9 unit. In one case there was an evidence which was the handkerchief. Hero smelled it and started to run. He knew that something suspicious was there. Hero led the policeman to the owner of the kerchief who was the culprit. The policeman went with Hero and arrested the criminal and took him to jail. The chief gave him an award for the arrest and he also got promoted. He was so proud of his and his dog's achievement. They continued their amazing work together.

~HEMAN, 3 'D'



PARENTS

P—Protective
A—Affectionate
R—Responsible
E—Elegant
N—Noble
T—Teacher
S—Supervisor

~ SHREESHA HOLLA, 2 'C'

If I were a Billionaire

If I was a billionaire and that too at the age of 36, it would be amazing! I can't imagine the things that I would be able to do. I would have billions and billions of dollars. I would own a huge apartment in the United States. In the apartment, I would have a gym for myself, a grocery store for my parents, a walking path and a garden for my grandparents within the apartment. The apartment would have a pool and a huge ground for sports such as cricket and tennis etc.



The apartment would have 59 floors. My flat no: would be 104. In that I would have a secret chamber which would have about \$38 million. In my flat I would have 5 kitchens, 9 rooms, 6 king sized beds, 7 bathrooms and 3 store rooms also. I would have go 7 times on a cruise and 18 times by air. While passing through the streets, I would help the poor, pick up and throw the garbage in the dustbin. I would be a kind and helpful billionaire.

~ **RISHABH M, 4 'D'**

My Day at School



My day at school
wasn't something you'd call cool
Until it was time to eat my bun
and chat with my friends - that was fun!
It was time to study but I longed for a 5 star or a
Munch
Oh, how much I waited for the bell for lunch.
I ate a snack and traded one,
And then went to the basement for a run
Finally it was time to run away
I rushed out shouting 'hooray!'

~ **AISHI RAJVANSI, 3 'B'**

MY SNOWMAN

I made my snowman when it was really cold,
When, all the vegetables looked like mold.

I made his mouth with construction stones,
I made his feet with traffic cones.

On his head was mummy's huge hat,
His hands were made using a red tennis bat.

Soon, I dreamt that
I had to get my snowman sold.

So I took him out of the snow
And, called a tow truck to get him towed

The buyer had a funny body,
His face much like the character 'Noddy'

He took my snowman to his huge home,
Which was shaped like a huge dome!?!

But, my snowman didn't like him at all,
So he started becoming small.

And, soon all that remained of him was a pool
of water,
Since the sun did buy him later.

~KAUSTUBH REVANURU
4 'B'



Shapes of Clouds

So many shapes in the clouds,
And one screamed aloud!
Hey little girl,
Catch this little pearl!
I looked up to see,
Who could it actually be?
It was a clown that was talking,
And an ice cream cone which was moving!

A cup, a rabbit and a tree,
So lucky they can fly free!
Soon the clouds became dark
There was a great rain jerk!
Ufff! All my clouds faded away,
I have nothing more to say!

~ ADVITHA RAO M
4 'A'

THE SAGE AND THE PRINCE

Many years ago, there lived a sage in India. Many children lived in his ashram. To him there was no difference between a poor and a rich man. All were equal.

He taught all the children to be neat, clean, kind and loving. He felt upset though when the children were lazy and did not do their own work. The children loved the sage and always did their work on time. Every child worked hard from morning till evening. They kept the ashram spotlessly clean.

One day a prince joined the ashram. He was overconfident. He treated the other children badly and did not do any work. He did not even clean his own room. It was the dirtiest room in the ashram.

One day the sage took the prince for a walk in the forest. He showed him some birds making their nests and rabbits digging burrows. They went a little further and saw some kittens playing in the mud. The sage pointed at the dirtiest kitten and asked the prince to pick it up and clean it properly. The prince replied saying that it was too dirty to touch. The sage looked at him and said, "Don't you make the other children clean your dirty utensils and clothes? I thought you wouldn't mind doing this. It doesn't matter if you don't want to clean it, at least you can sit and play with it."



The prince said softly, "But guruji, the place is so dirty. How can I sit there?" "Of course you can. Your friends also sit and play in your dirty room with you. Don't they?" said the sage. The prince felt ashamed of himself. He understood what the sage is trying to say. He said "Guruji, I

am very sorry. I know now how important it is to keep your surroundings clean and do your own work. From today, I will never keep my room and other things dirty." The sage patted his back and they went back to the ashram.

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PRAWARA, 1 'C'

THE UNTOLD RAMAYANA

Once upon a time, there was a war between Ram and Ravan. Sita saw a golden deer and asked Ram to get it for her. Lakshman, Ram's brother followed Ram into the forest after hearing Ram's cry. Before Ram and Lakshman could return, Ravan had kidnapped Sita. Hanuman meets Masha who tells him that Ravan took Sita to his palace in Lanka, across the sea. Hanuman realizes that he cannot reach Ravan's palace all alone, so he calls Spiderman to help him. Spiderman made a web trampoline and asked Hanuman and Ram to jump on it.

They cross the sea with the help of the web trampoline. They reach Lanka but cannot find Ravan's palace and they need some help in locating it. The only person whom they can think of is Dora the Explorer. She agrees to support them with her experience in reading maps and locating places around the world. In a few days' time they reach the Palace. Ram would require help in defeating Ravan's army, so he calls in Hulk, Pokémons, Ice bear and Kung Fu Panda to help him. They all help Ram in defeating Ravan and his army and rescuing Sita.

~ **SARAH HANNIKERI**

1 'B'



THE MAGICAL ISLAND

Once I was in a magical island full of ponies, joyful people and much more. I was flabbergasted. "I have never seen a place like this before!" I thought. Then a girl approached me. She said, "Hi! How are you? Are you new to this place?" I said "Hi. I'm fine. Yes I'm new to this place". Her name was Riley. I asked her if she could take me around the place. She said she would.

On the way, I saw many magnificent and charming ponies. After a while, Riley took me to a breath-taking palace. I asked her "Why have you gotten me here?" She said "Just wait and watch." After a while I saw a fascinating pony, the Queen Pony. I was stunned. I left the palace reluctantly. Then I asked Riley, "What is the name of this island?" She said that it was called 'The Island of Happiness'.

After sometime, the island became dark and gloomy. A bad witch appeared before me. Riley told me to hide behind a tree.

When Riley and I hid behind a tree, I asked her, "Who is she?" Riley whispered, "She is a bad witch, she always brings darkness to the island. She doesn't want us to be joyful ". The witch picked up a rabbit and made it drink a magic concoction. Suddenly, the rabbit shrivelled! She kept repeating this to different people and things. I couldn't help it. Finally, when she picked up the Queen Pony, I climbed a tree, jumped onto the witch's head and pulled her hair. The witch screeched and fled for good. Everyone cheered for me. The Queen Pony rewarded me. Thud! I fell on the floor. Oh, man! It was just a dream!



~ **AAHANA MOHANTY, 3 'B'**

Mary *did* have a Little Lamb

When I was selected for the part of Mary in the Christmas play, I was very happy. The night before the play, I even dreamt of playing the part on stage. I couldn't stop thinking about it for a very long time.



But after the play, two of my friends started teasing me about it. Whenever I was around, they started singing the rhyme, "Mary had a little lamb." That made me very angry.

I complained about their teasing to my mother. She told me that in the Bible, Jesus was called "a good shepherd." And His followers were known as sheep. Everyone knows that the young one of a sheep is called a lamb. Jesus was Mary's son. And so, I thought that since He had so many sheep (followers), He would have lent a lamb to His mother Mary. So, Mary *did* have a little lamb. I was not cross with my friends anymore for calling me "Mary with a lamb."

~ **KRISHNAA PUNJA, 1 'A'**

Justice League VS Avengers

So, last year, I did Marvel vs DC. This year, I decided to narrow it down to the main attractions of both companies. It is evident that these two are extremely powerful teams. So, I have decided to break it down into several pairs. For this battle, I will be taking the standard Justice League and the cinematic version of the Avengers. This time let me give you the results up front. As most of you would have guessed, it is DC.

Now, this is strictly my opinion. The groups I have made are based on the similarities of the characters. For example, my first category is Superman v Hulk because of their strength. I believe Superman wins due to his numerous powers. Hulk does have regeneration but Superman can just throw him into the Sun.

Secondly, Batman vs Iron Man. This was a tough match but, I solved it this way. Batman's strongest suit is the Justice Buster, while Iron Man's strongest suit is the Hulk Buster. The Justice Buster has defeated the Justice League. So, Batman has the edge.

For Thor, it can be either Wonder Woman or Aqua Man. I will not elaborate on this, so I will simply say that Thor is known to have a weakness against pointy weapons and Wonder Woman can split an atom with her sword and Aqua Man's trident is one of the strongest things on Earth.

Flash can defeat both Hawk Eye and Black Widow as he is fast enough to evade Hawk Eye's arrows and fast enough to just knock Black Widow unconscious and run.

Therefore, Justice League wins.

Note that I haven't included Captain America as Batman can defeat both Iron Man and Captain America.

~ **VEDANT PANAMGIPALLI**

7 'C'



Dreams and Nightmares

Tarun was a young third grader who had an unfortunate life. He was not great in academics, sports, or art, and he wasn't that intelligent either. In a few things he would show interest, but his peers would always make fun of him or discourage him. Whenever we have bad times we go to our friends and family. But Tarun had no friends and his family members were way too busy. It was Sunday night and he had to go to sleep. Sunday was his least favourite day as after it comes Monday.

The next morning, he woke up with a sinful mood and was not at all ready for school. After his daily morning routine, he started walking towards school. When he reached his class and entered, nobody came to greet him and everyone acted like he didn't exist. Tarun, being used to this, went and sat down in his place. At eight o'clock sharp, his first period began, which unfortunately again was his least favourite period, Science. Though Science was easy for all his third-grade peers, it was not for Tarun. The teacher walked in and suddenly pointed at Tarun and asked him, "Tarun, name all the planets in our solar system." Tarun's heart started beating like a drum. He started answering, and all of them turned out to be correct! He was surprised and thought the day might go well. The day was going well indeed. He was doing well in all his subjects which amused others as well. The last period was Physical Education.

Tarun did well academically, but he did not know how he would do in Sports. It was decided that they would play Basketball. The teams were made and Tarun was asked to stand in a corner and do nothing. His team was losing badly. The other team had a lead of twenty-three points. Suddenly the ball reached Tarun. He felt scared and started running with the ball.

Everything happened so fast and he shot the basketball. People's faces showed disbelief. The boy who didn't know how to distinguish between a football and a basketball, had just scored. Just before the period was over he had given his team the lead. Tarun tried to score once more, but got fouled and fell. The wound gave him terrible pain. He closed his eyes and woke up like he



was asleep. The whole class was laughing at him. He was confused. He looked at the board and realized it was Science. Then he also realized it was all a dream. The teacher shouted, "Name the planets, fast!" He was speechless. The day went on antithetical to what he saw in his dream. Finally, the day came to an end. Tarun started walking home in a gloomy mood. He never thought good dreams could turn into nightmares.

~ G. SHIVAM, 6 'A'

My Annual Day

We went on a quest
in our annual day fest
There was no sound at all,
and we couldn't shout or call !
As we ran through the day,
of this musical play
We enjoyed it a lot
Claps and cheers were what we got!

~ MANGAI , 4 'B'



MY SISTER AND ME

We don't skip like each other,
We don't swim like each other,
We don't talk like each other,
We don't walk like each other.
Why is it that we are sisters,
How is it that we are sisters?
But we go to school together
And we go to pool together,
We make a mess together and
We take care of each other.
That is why we are sisters,
Oh yes, we are sisters.

~TANYA SRIVASTAVA

2 'A'



WOMEN

Women are part of our society
They have equal rights and liberty
Women are not to be considered only as
someone's wife
They too need to live a comfortable life
Why are women not equal to men?
Why are they forbidden?
A woman has a lower status in society
Let her derive her own identity
A woman's will and determination
Are her weapons to fight discrimination
What steps have the Government taken?
To place women at par with men?
Every woman is a daughter, mother and wife
Every woman has a life
Let her live it

~ MALAVIKA JAYARAJ
7 'A'



Do You Relate to Yourself Here?

It's the same old, boring routine all day,
whether it be January, February, March,
April or May.

Get up, brush, get ready for school and eat,
then for the rest of the day stand strong on
your feet.

It used to be the same schedule all day,
until into my life came a few people who
made me shout HURRAY!

They made me realize what fun truly was
Oh those times what fun 'twas...

It was only then I had such fun
and without those moments my life would
be done.

So I take off my hats to all these friends,
Who secured their place in my heart till the
very end....

~ **PRARTHANA NANDA**
8 'B'



MY SISTER

Quite naughty and troublesome

Sometimes happy

Her laugh's like a hum

There could be only one

My sweet little sister!

Mischief she gets into

Months for her are only two

There could be only one

My sweet little sister!

She helps me

To happiness, she's the key

There could be only one

My sweet little sister .

~**HAARIKA, 6 'C'**

Giggles, Secrets,
Sometimes Tears,
Sisters and Friends
Through the Years.



MY BROTHER

How can I let you go,
After all, we have spent
so many years caring for each other.
How can I let you go,
And not think of the days
We laughed and played together.
How can I not let my heart cry for you,
As I know you are to go!
But I know that you need to go,
So it's time for you to know
That I will miss you, my lovely brother!

~VYOM ANAND RAI
3 'B'



My Journey from Nursery to Class II

I started my school journey from Nursery. It was great being in Nursery as we learnt alphabets and had fun while learning.

In LKG we learnt words, sounds of the letters and numbers and had a lot more time to play around.

In UKG we learn on how to write sentences, learnt about different places and animals and had more fun in school.

In Standard I, we learned addition and subtraction and to read books. We went on field trips. It was fun.

In Standard II, we had to study a lot as we had more to read and write. In English and Hindi there were stories and in Math we learnt multiplication and division.

In our school we have Annual day and Sports day every alternate year. Children participate in different kinds of sports for Sports day and different kinds of plays for Annual day. Also, we have field trips, where the whole class goes on to visit different places in Bangalore. During the field trips, our ma'am takes good care of us. We enjoy the trip as all children carry extra snacks. We learn a lot during our field trips. School is fun!

~ ANSHITA SAHU

2 'A'

MYSTERIES AND SECRETS

There are mysteries and secrets around us which are astonishing. For example, we celebrate Christmas as Jesus Christ was born on December 25, but he was born in MAY! We know that Adolf Hitler committed suicide in 1945 but he was allegedly found to be living in Brazil till the ripe old age of 95. Though there are blurred pictures of him, it remains a mystery. There are many secret societies which nobody has a clue about like the Illuminati and Priory of Sion. It is even said that John F Kennedy was killed by the Illuminati. There are some facts which are not known by many. For example, before Einstein gave his 'famous' $e=mc^2$, another scientist Fritz Hasenöhl gave the formula. Some are shocking. The first American President, George Washington performed a ceremony and declared himself God and as apotheosis of Washington. The 'secret archives' in the Vatican City contains books and manuscripts which can bring about a huge change. Abraham, Jacob, Jesus Christ and Prophet Muhammad were mentioned in the Bhavishya Purana, a compilation of early prophecies of Kali Yuga as told by Veda Vyasa. There are works of Galileo and Newton too. Coca Cola's recipe is known only to 2 people who have certain rules like - they shouldn't fly at the same time. The formula is kept in one of the safest vaults in the world. Secrets and mysteries can change the world. It can bring apocalypse, the true meaning of 'apocalypse' is disclosure of knowledge (literal translation from Greek). Mysteries and secrets have enough power to bring down organizations and governments. Humans are still uncovering these mysteries.

~AJAY B, 8 'B'

THE ROBBERY

It was yet another case for John and David, the best officers in Interpol but this time it was not a murder - it was a robbery. The Berlin branch of the World Bank, the largest bank in the world had been robbed. Around 5 million euros was stolen. When they reached the bank they found that the security was very tight. This made them wonder how the robbers could've gotten in and how they could've looted the bank. While they were searching for evidence, something caught John's eye. The CCTV camera had been broken but luckily there was one camera that was not broken. They went to their headquarters and saw the CCTV footage. They noticed that the security guard was also there and had taken the robbers in himself. So, after that they took the guard's address and went there. And guess what they saw? There was a big lock on the gate. Somehow they unlocked it and went inside. It looked like all the planning had been done here. They found out about all the robbers and caught them. They thought that they had solved the case but during the interrogation, they found out that the master mind was someone else. No one knew him. Then they studied the case again and found out that the master mind was a person who knew the minutest details of the bank. Then John and David concluded that the master mind was an employee of the bank or the employee's relative. When they interrogated every single employee, they found out that there was one man who could not work anymore as he had some disease and the bank did not support him. Then they went to that man's place and found out that the man had died. The son was the only person in the family. Then, finally they found out that the son of the employee had looted the bank as he wanted to take revenge for his father's death. After solving this case, John and David got their promotion.

~HARSHIT AWASTHI, 6 'A'

LIFE'S IMPACT ON A MAN

My hair stood on end, a shiver ran down my spine and a lump came to my throat. It was him. It was my long-coveted crony. I would often reminisce about my childhood with him until I saw who he truly was. He was my acquaintance at the age of four and my truest chum by the age of ten.

Seventeen years ago, I impressed the locals with the agility and quickness with which I covered the alley. I turned my head to see Capone catching up. I looked up with a determined grin on my face. The finish line seemed close yet it was far. The only thought in my mind was to win. I heard a continuous thumping. Was it my heart or my feet? They both worked simultaneously. Salty sweat trickled into my mouth. The finish was just an inch away. With all my energy, I dived and finished off in a classic head finish. I staggered forward and fell to the ground, exhilarated.

"Ha... how did my dust taste?" I said, swallowing the last word.

"Game over, you loser Capone!" blared Suresh who loved teasing Capone, who had come last.

"Stop being partisan towards him" hiccupped Rahul, who had a soft spot for Capone.

"Alright. Now let's race to the GAIL boundary." I commanded everyone.

We all fired out of the alley. There was dust flying all around. It stung my eyes. I felt I was in a mini dust storm. With all the racers sprinting, there was hullabaloo all around. I looked around to see my position in the race. Then I saw him. Capone turned right into an alley we all feared, the dark alley. It was an alley controlled by a mean gang headed by, none other than Johnny Torrio. I put on my brakes. All the boys raced past me exchanging astonished glares. I waited till the dust cleared and saw the dark silhouette of a teenager with a gun. I heard Capone's clear voice. But this time his voice was shrill.

"Give me all the dough you have or I'll shoot you!"

"I have no money! Besides, that gun is fake, isn't?" A terrified sweaty Samson replied.

"You dumb mug. No money!" Capone's voice almost made me scream with fear.

"Now I have to kill you because you know my true identity...." He left those words in the air.

Boom! Samson was no more. I sat there till moonrise. I don't want to think about that incident. You know whom I've written about, don't you? It's the world famous gangster, Alphonse Gabriel Capone.



~SHLOK UPADHYAY

7 'C'

THE LITTLE DETECTIVES

Once there were two sisters Minu and Sinu. Minu was 5 years old and Sinu was 8 years old. They lived in *Pleasant* kingdom ruled by Queen *Friendly*. Minu and Sinu were good friends with 2 sisters Lucy who was 5 years old and Navya who was 8 years old.



One day Queen *Friendly's* gold coins were stolen from her treasure room. Queen *Friendly* announced that whoever found her stolen gold coins would be rewarded with a lot of toys!

Minu, Sinu, Lucy and Navya heard the announcement and started the search for the stolen gold coins. During their search, they reached the forest at the edge of the kingdom, and saw a big man pulling a heavy bag. The girls felt suspicious and tip toed behind the man. He stopped by a lush green tree by the river. The girls hid behind bushy plants. The man put down the heavy bag and dug a hole at the base of the tree. Into this hole he buried the heavy bag and covered the hole. After covering the hole he went away. After some time the girls came out of the bushy plants and went to the green tree and started digging. Soon they pulled out the hidden bag. They opened it and saw that it contained gold coins. The girls took the bag to the Queen. The Queen was jubilant when she saw the gold coins. As promised, Queen *Friendly* gave the four children lots of toys. The four children were very excited to see so many toys. They played with them every day.

~NEHARIKA SUVARNA, 3 'A'

10th May,

Tuesday

Dear Jenny,

At around 1 'o' clock at night, I was all alone studying in my house on the 5th floor. My parents had gone to their friend's wedding. I heard the sound of a scream from my aunt's house on the 9th floor. I slowly took the lift, as I felt the presence of something behind me. I got off on the 7th floor and took the stairs. Someone was coming behind me, as I could hear a loud creaking sound on the stairs. My grandmother's rocking chair, which we never used, was moving on its own. I could see a white shadow and it turned towards me. It was staring at me. As I went closer, it disappeared. I ran down the stairs as fast as possible but could not find the door. Suddenly I tripped on something and fell. I opened my eyes. I had fallen from my bed! I looked at my clock and it was 1 'o' clock, no one was around. I was all alone at home. I was worried....

" Would my nightmare come true? "

~ SUPRITHA, 8 'D'



SUPERVOLCANOES

Volcanoes are ginormous and terrifying mountains that spew out deadly ash, gas and lava. But what are super volcanoes?

Super volcanoes are volcanoes that have been formed due to a humongous blast. These volcano blasts normally have strength of eight in the VEI scale (Volcanic Explosive Index). The big holes that were formed after the explosion are referred to as 'caldera'. These volcanoes are so strong that they could destroy USA with a single eruption.

Sadly, now these mighty giants are triggering up. The brobdingnagian explosions could result in the extinction of human beings. The super volcanoes that are triggering are lamentably the strongest. Taupo Lake Super Volcano, Toba Super volcano, Yellowstone Caldera and Campi Flegrei are the angry ones. What if these strong volcanoes erupt? Now you know the consequences.

~ COMPILED BY NAKUL . B

7 'C'

WHEN MY FATHER WAS CAUGHT BY THE MILITARY FOR SHOOTING

It was December 26, 2008. My dad VB Suresh had gone to the Public Utility Building, which was earlier the tallest building in the whole of South India. He had gone there to book train tickets. The ticket booking center was located on the 23rd floor. My dad always used to go up there to book tickets as he could get a beautiful view of central Bangalore. He used to carry his camera wherever he went.

After booking the train tickets, he clicked pictures and came down and started clicking pictures of the building including The Mayo hall. After taking photos, he was leaving when suddenly a security guard came running and asked my father to accompany him to the 8th floor. My dad not knowing what it was for, followed the guard to the 8th floor. My dad knew that all the offices in the building were government offices. When he entered the 8th floor he was shocked. It was the Army and NCC office.

As soon as my dad entered the place seven well-built, trim officers circled him and started asking him questions. This was the first time my dad's throat had gone fully dry. They asked him to keep the bag on the table and started asking all general questions and my dad was so scared that he didn't know what to do. They asked questions like, where he lived, where he studied, where he worked, how many languages he knew, and so on... Then one of the officers asked my dad to open his camera bag. When my dad opened the bag there were four big lenses with a camera. A shocked officer asked my dad if he was a professional photographer.

That's when my dad got some life and said yes – he was a professional. He was relieved and asked the officers for a computer so he could show his work. He told them that he was an official photographer of the Kempegowda International Airport and had gone to places where no employee is allowed to go. That's when the officers too calmed down. They asked my dad to show the photos he had shot from the 23rd floor. They enjoyed the pictures and started to spot the locations. Then they let my dad go. My dad was really happy as he was just saved.

~ ANIRUDH V S

9 'A'



BEAST

She sat down on the forest floor, exhausted. She had no idea where her colleagues were. They had split up a while ago when they had encountered a swarm of wild bees. The only proof she had that the rest of them were alive was the device she now held in her hand. It had four tiny red dots on it, each of them representing one hunter. If a light went off she would know that one of them was... she shuddered at the thought.

It had originally been twenty of them skilled hunters. Now there were only four. Sixteen of them had been killed by the hideous beast they had set out to capture or kill. This beast was capable of killing ten fully armed men without breaking into sweat. She had never seen it herself, and most of those who had seen it had ended up dead, but those who had been lucky enough to live didn't even have the courage to think about it, let alone describe it. Nobody knew why it was attacking their town, but now with sixteen of them dead, there was absolutely no chance that the four of them would be able to slay the beast.

The only choice was to retreat and go back with reinforcements. As she stared at the device, the air was suddenly filled with a scream, followed by a deep howl that sent a shiver down her spine. The light indicating a hunter on her right flickered and vanished. A few seconds later she heard more wails of anguish from her left, one dot vanishing, the other dangerously close to the same.

She stood up frantically, trying to make sense of what had just happened. As far as she knew, there was only one beast. Then how could one beast have attacked three people in different places at the same time? That could only mean one thing. There was more than one beast. She heard a rustle of leaves from behind her. She could only fear the end. Her legs had turned to lead and all she could do was stare. What stumbled out wasn't her death though, it was her colleague. She ran to him. He was wounded and dying.

"Run!" he slumped against her arms, dead.

On her right, she heard the thumping of feet. She got up and ran. She ran with all her might, faster than she had ever run. She tripped over a rock, hitting her head against a branch. Her vision grew dark at the edges, and slowly, the darkness engulfed her.

She woke up with a start. Her head felt heavy and she was surrounded by whiteness. "She's woken up!" she heard a voice yell.

A woman walked into the room. "Took you long enough. 10 months in coma..." the woman whispered.

She couldn't understand it! Where was the beast? Her head began spinning, her vision dimming. The machine beside her beeped loudly and then, there was nothing.

~ AHANA VIJAY, 8 'C'

THE DAY I FIRST RODE A GO-KART

It was a good sunny afternoon when I first went to Red Rider's adventure camp. There were many activities for kids and adults. My brother and I decided to go go-karting. "What an adventure it was" (a bit scary). I had never ridden a go-kart in my life. My father bought tickets for both of us, though we had to wait for a short time. "What an experience it was!" It was a



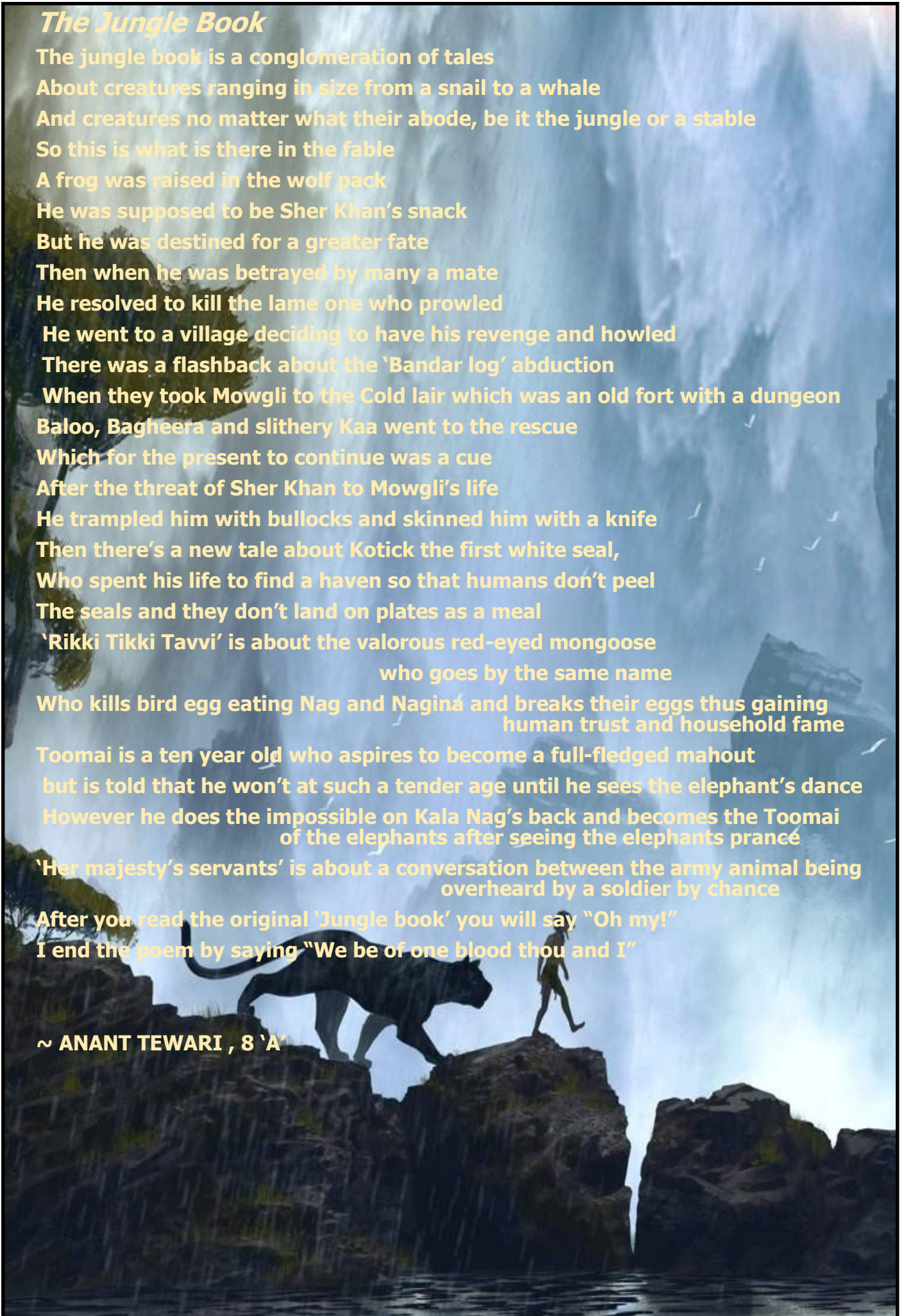
twelve lap ride. After two-three laps, I started building up confidence. Then I signalled my brother for a race. For a few laps I was ahead of him. Then I got to know that the twelve laps have come to an end and I won the race, "Yippee!" It was a bit tiring but I loved it. I am waiting to go again. What a jolly day!

~ ARNAV SHARMA, 4 'D'

The Jungle Book

The jungle book is a conglomeration of tales
About creatures ranging in size from a snail to a whale
And creatures no matter what their abode, be it the jungle or a stable
So this is what is there in the fable
A frog was raised in the wolf pack
He was supposed to be Sher Khan's snack
But he was destined for a greater fate
Then when he was betrayed by many a mate
He resolved to kill the lame one who prowled
He went to a village deciding to have his revenge and howled
There was a flashback about the 'Bandar log' abduction
When they took Mowgli to the Cold lair which was an old fort with a dungeon
Baloo, Bagheera and slithery Kaa went to the rescue
Which for the present to continue was a cue
After the threat of Sher Khan to Mowgli's life
He trampled him with bullocks and skinned him with a knife
Then there's a new tale about Kotick the first white seal,
Who spent his life to find a haven so that humans don't peel
The seals and they don't land on plates as a meal
'Rikki Tikki Tavi' is about the valorous red-eyed mongoose
who goes by the same name
Who kills bird egg eating Nag and Nagina and breaks their eggs thus gaining
human trust and household fame
Toomai is a ten year old who aspires to become a full-fledged mahout
but is told that he won't at such a tender age until he sees the elephant's dance
However he does the impossible on Kala Nag's back and becomes the Toomai
of the elephants after seeing the elephants prance
'Her majesty's servants' is about a conversation between the army animal being
overheard by a soldier by chance
After you read the original 'Jungle book' you will say "Oh my!"
I end the poem by saying "We be of one blood thou and I"

~ ANANT TEWARI , 8 'A'



एकाग्रता

चाहें आप कहीं भी कोई भी काम कर रहे हों, हर जगह ध्यान भटकाने वाली चीज़ें होती हैं इसलिए काम पर एकाग्र होना एक मुश्किल काम है । मनुष्य का मस्तिष्क ऐसा नहीं है जो अपने आसपास होने वाले कोलाहल को नज़रअंदाज़ कर सके।

कभी-कभार स्कूल जाने वाले बच्चे शिकायत करते हैं कि उनका पढ़ाई में मन नहीं लगता या फिर वे पढ़ते-पढ़ते सो जाते हैं तो ऐसे में अगर उन्हें पता चल जाए कि एकाग्रता को कैसे बढ़ाना है तो उनका मन पढ़ाई में लगा रहेगा। एकाग्रता को बढ़ाने के लिए दृढ़ता आवश्यक है।

आपको बताते हैं ऐसे तरीके जिस पर अमल कर आप अपनी एकाग्रता बढ़ा सकते हैं । सर्वप्रथम माहौल का चुनाव करें, विचारों को नियंत्रित करें, समय-सारिणी बनाएँ, नकारात्मक न सोचें, (मल्टी टास्किंग) एक समय में अनेक कार्यों को पूरा करने की कोशिश न करें, शोर-शराबा न हो, आहार और व्यायाम उचित हो , अपने काम को समझें, टाल-मटोल न करें, अपने समय के महत्व को समझें, सकारात्मक रहें, काम को बाँटें, एकाग्रता के लिए व्यायाम एवं योग करें, अपने दिमाग को प्रशिक्षित करें ,अच्छी नींद लें, अपनी प्रगति पर नज़र रखें, ज़रूरी चीज़ों की व्यवस्था करें।

यकीन मानिए आप उपरोक्त तरीकों से अपने कितने भी कठिन से कठिन लक्ष्य को प्राप्त कर पाने में विजयी होंगे।

~मृदुला माहेश्वरी
अध्यापिका



मेरा गाँव

आज भी याद है मुझे, मेरे छोटे-से गाँव की वो गलियाँ,
और उनमें गिल्ली-डंडा खेलते वो बच्चे ।
वो माँ की साड़ी पहनना और गुड्डे-गुड़िया का ब्याह रचाना ।
कितने खूबसूरत थे वो पल ।

हर शाम मंदिर की झालर की आवाज, कानों को कितना सुहाती थी ।
प्रसाद पाने के लिए कैसे पंडित जी के आगे, हाथ फैलाए मैं खड़ी हो जाती थी ।

नीम के पेड़ पर लटके वो झूले, और सावन के गीत गाते वो पंछी,
मन को एक ऐसी बारिश में भिगो देते थे,
जिसकी ठंडक आज भी आँखें बंद करती हूँ तो महसूस होती है ।

गर्मी की वो भरी दोपहरी और घर के बाहर खड़ा वो बर्फ के गोले का ठेला,
जितने रंग उस गोले में घुले थे, उससे कई ज़्यादा रंग हमारी ज़िंदगी में थे ।
आज भी जब याद करती हूँ वो दिन, दिल खुशियों से भर जाता है ।

दादाजी के सुनाए वो किस्से-कहानियाँ, सहेलियों के साथ की वो अठखेलियाँ,
सारी शरारतें, मस्तियाँ सच में, सब कुछ दिल को आज भी गुदगुदाता है ।
मेरा गाँव सच में बहुत याद आता है ।

~मनीषा गौतम ,अध्यापिका



वेस्ट या बेस्ट

पश्चिमी चकाचौंध के कारण हमें लगता है कि पश्चिम की हर बात, हर चीज़ अनुकरणीय है। एक कहावत है “दूर के ढोल सुहावने लगते हैं।” यही बात पाश्चात्य संस्कृति पर भी लागू होती है। चाहे वह हमारे काम की हो या न हो, हम उसे अपनाने को तैयार रहते हैं। वास्तव में हमें West का Best लेना चाहिए न कि West का Waste. पश्चिमी संस्कृति से हम बहुत कुछ सीख सकते हैं जिसके सकारात्मक परिणाम हो सकते हैं, जैसे - पाश्चात्य संस्कृति में भ्रष्टाचार न के बराबर है। हमें भी उनकी तरह ट्राफिक नियमों का कड़ाई से पालन करना चाहिए। उनकी तरह हमें भी अपनी मुद्रा की इज़्ज़त करते हुए, नोटों पर कुछ भी लिखने से अपने को रोकना होगा। उनकी तरह स्वच्छता का खयाल रखते हुए सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर गंदगी फैलाने से अपने-आपको रोकना होगा। उनकी तरह बिजली और पानी की बचत करना सीखना होगा।

पश्चिमी देश भारत की आयुर्वेदिक पद्धति पर आधारित औषधियों का प्रयोग कर रहे हैं और हम अंग्रेज़ी दवाइयों पर निर्भर होते जा रहे हैं। हमारे देशवासी प्राचीन योग से उदासीन होकर भोग विलास में व्यस्त हैं परंतु पश्चिमी देश व्रत पालन, आहार विहार तथा योग के नियमों का पालन कर, स्वस्थ व शारीरिक रूप से समृद्ध हो रहे हैं। अतः ये हमारे ऊपर निर्भर है कि हम उनसे क्या लेते हैं Best या Waste.

इस अनुच्छेद को लिखने की प्रेरणा मुझे Japanese biologist Yoshinori Ohsumi से मिली जिन्हें नोबेल पुरस्कार मिला है क्योंकि उन्होंने शोध कर ये पता लगाया है “व्रत करने से कभी cancer नहीं होता है।” व्रत करना भी हमारी ही संस्कृति का हिस्सा है जिसे हम भूलते जा रहे हैं।

~राजबाला ,अध्यापिका



रख दृष्टि स्वयं पर तू

रख दृष्टि स्वयं पर तू, मन निश्छल हो जाएगा;
पापों के दुर्दांत वृत्त से, क्षण में मुक्त हो जाएगा।

भक्ति-भावना, कर्म-प्रबलता, मन में जब बस जाएगा;
तब घट-घट बसते राम, द्वार की कुंजी तू पा जाएगा।

बादल भी सूरज को ढककर, अभिमान जब करता है;
मद में बैठा अगले ही क्षण, स्वयं लुप्त हो जाता है।

संयम मन की उच्छंखलता पर, प्रेम भाव अनिवार्य है;
हरि नाम ही सार है बन्धु, हरि ही तारणहार हैं।
नतमस्तक हो श्रद्धा से तो, पत्थर में प्रभु भी दिखता है;
हल्की-हल्की मुस्कानों में, नश्वर जीवन भी सच्चा-सा लगता है।

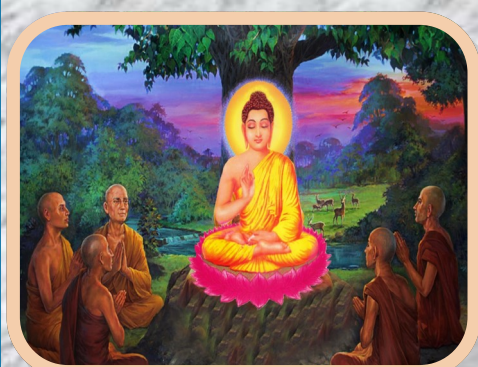
कौन कहे, कितने मुँह बन्धु, कौन है कितने पानी में;
पहुँचो तो दरबार में 'उसके', सब निर्णय हो जाएगा।
सत्य कहो, तुम सत्य रे प्राणी! मिथ्या का आधार न लो;
सेवा में विश्वास करो तुम, अहंकार का त्याग करो।

निष्ठुरता की सीमा को, लाँघ कभी न जाना तुम;
पतवार हरि के हाथ है बन्धु! भूल कभी न जाना तुम।
आप सहारा बन कर बन्धु! मानवता का काम करो;
चेहरे के पीछे चेहरा रख, मँझधार में न तुम पाँव धरो।

बहुत पा लिया, बहुत कह लिया, अब उससे आँखें तो चार करो;
निर्मल, निश्छल बैठा अंतस में, अब तो उस पर विश्वास करो।
प्रथम ध्यान नित कर उसका तू, गुरु सुमिरन कर काज तू कर;
जीवन में जप, तप, संयम कर, करुणावान हृदय तू बन।

हरि नाम सुमिर, तू प्यारे
बन्धु! हरि ही तारणहार
हैं.....

नेहा भल्ला, अध्यापिका



मेरी प्यारी बहन

करती है बात बात पर नादानी, लेकिन बनती बड़ी सयानी

लेकर लहर उमंगों की ,देखे सपने बड़े-बड़े

करके रहती जो मन में है ठानी

पल में इधर पल में उधर करती रहती बस शैतानी

कहते इसको हम घोड़ी बात है इसने यह जानी

फिर भी रहती मुस्कान लिए सबकी सेवा में जारी

जहाँ-जहाँ ये जाए बस हँसी की फुहार लगाए

हो गया..हो गया..कहकर हर काम पल में निबटाए

खुशी हो या हो गम चेहरे पर न इसके कोई शिकन

ऐसी ही रहना मेरी बहना प्यारी...,तू है हम सब की दुलारी



~श्रीचा, अध्यापिका

यदि मैं करोड़पति होती

यदि मैं करोड़पति होती, तो मैं आसमान में उड़ती,

घर मेरा होता बड़ा और आलीशान, जिसमें होते दो तरणताल !

कपड़े मेरे पास होते अनगिनत, मेरे राज में गरीबी का हो जाता अंत,

देश की सामाजिक सेवा के लिए होती मैं सबसे आगे, बड़े-बड़े राजनेता होते सबसे पीछे !

यदि मैं करोड़पति होती, तो मैं आसमान में उड़ती !

यदि मैं करोड़पति होती, मैं आसमान को छू लेती।

हर घर में शौचालय बनाती।

हर एक लड़की को विद्यालय पहुँचाती,

सबसे स्वच्छ भारत का पालन करवाती ।

यदि मैं करोड़पति होती, मैं आसमान को छू लेती ।

~प्रणया ढींगरा, 6A



माँ



यह शब्द देखने में छोटा है पर इस
एक शब्द में काफी गहराई छुपी हुई है ।

कहते हैं भगवान हर जगह नहीं हो सकता इसलिए उसने
माँ को बनाया । माँ हर मुसीबत से बचाती है, कभी
दोस्त बनकर, कभी गुरु बनकर । माँ हमें हमेशा सही रास्ता दिखाती है,
कभी प्यार से समझाकर तो कभी डाँट लगा कर ।

माँ हमारे लिए कितनी कठिनाइयों का सामना करती है हमारी सारी इच्छाओं को पूरा
करती है । बिना कोई शिकायत किये.....

बहुत खुशकिस्मत होते हैं वह जिनके पास होती है माँ....

हमें कभी उनका अनादर नहीं करना चाहिए ।

माँ का दर्जा भगवान से भी ऊँचा होता है जिनके पास माँ है वे दुनिया के सबसे
खुशकिस्मत और सुखी इंसान हैं ।

हमें हमेशा अपनी माँ को खुश रखना चाहिए ।

~जिया, 4D

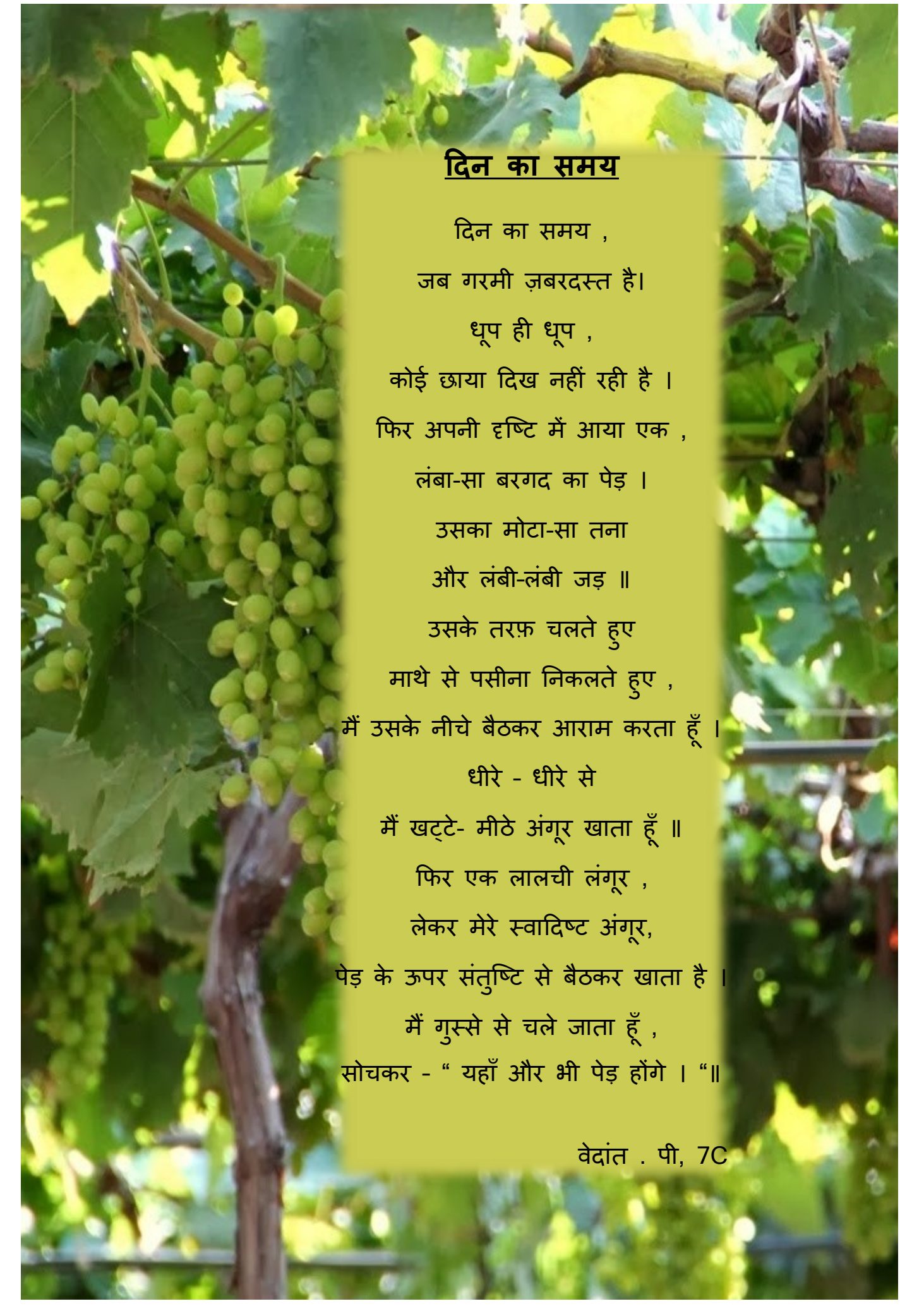
बचपन

फिर आज हमें याद आया है बचपन,
मधुर सुहाना प्यारा बचपन ।
हँसते गाते दोस्त बनाते करते सबसे मेल,
लुका-छुपी, चोर-पुलिस यही थे अपने खेल।
माँ की उँगली थामकर 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, 7 B



दिन का समय

दिन का समय ,
जब गरमी ज़बरदस्त है।
धूप ही धूप ,
कोई छाया दिख नहीं रही है ।
फिर अपनी दृष्टि में आया एक ,
लंबा-सा बरगद का पेड़ ।
उसका मोटा-सा तना
और लंबी-लंबी जड़ ॥
उसके तरफ़ चलते हुए
माथे से पसीना निकलते हुए ,
मैं उसके नीचे बैठकर आराम करता हूँ ।
धीरे - धीरे से
मैं खट्टे- मीठे अंगूर खाता हूँ ॥
फिर एक लालची लंगूर ,
लेकर मेरे स्वादिष्ट अंगूर,
पेड़ के ऊपर संतुष्टि से बैठकर खाता है ।
मैं गुस्से से चले जाता हूँ ,
सोचकर - “ यहाँ और भी पेड़ होंगे । “॥

वेदांत . पी, 7C

मेरी प्यारी नानी

मेरी नानी बहुत प्यारी है। वे मेरे लिए तरह-तरह के कपड़े सिलती हैं और मेरे लिए सुंदर पर्स बनाती हैं। वे मुझे स्वादिष्ट खाना बनाकर खिलाती हैं। वे मुझे कई तरह की चीजें बनाना सिखाती हैं, जैसे कि कपड़े की चीजें सिलना, अलग प्रकार के पर्स बनाना, कपड़े पर सुंदर कढ़ाई करना और सरल प्रकार का भोजन बनाना। वे एक अध्यापिका थीं इसलिए कभी-कभी मुझे पढ़ा देती हैं। मेरी नानी बहुत अच्छी हैं, वे मुझे कभी नहीं डाँटती।

~अंजली अवस्थी, 3C



मेरा नटखट भाई

सबके पास होते हैं भाई, पर मेरा सबसे नटखट भाई। जब भी मैं बाहर जाऊँ, मेरे पीछे दौड़ कर आए। जब भी मैं कोई मिठाई लाऊँ, झट से वो उसे खा जाए। पर फिर भी है वो बड़ा ही प्यारा, मेरा सबसे नटखट भाई।



~अंश्रुता, 3D

असफलता

सफलता प्राप्त करने की राह में कभी-कभार हमें असफलता हाथ लगती है । असफल होने पर हम निराश हो जाते हैं लेकिन हमें निराश नहीं होना चाहिए अपितु परिश्रम करना चाहिए । कई लोग सोचते हैं कि असफलता प्राप्त करने पर सब कुछ समाप्त हो जाता है । यह सोच सही नहीं है । असफलता प्राप्त करने पर एक नया द्वार खुलता है, इससे हमें अपनी त्रुटियों को सुधारने का मौका मिलता है और हम बेहतर इंसान बनते हैं । इससे हम बहुत कुछ सीखते हैं, जैसे- चाहे कुछ भी हो जाए हमें हिम्मत नहीं हारनी चाहिए । हर बार जीत हासिल करने से हमारे सोचने का ढंग बदल जाता है । यह हमें जीने की नई राह दिखलाता है । अंततः हम अपनी मंज़िल पा लेते हैं । असफलता इंसान के व्यक्तित्व निर्माण में अहम् भूमिका निभाती है ।

अनुश्री, 8C



रक्षा बंधन

रक्षा बंधन हमारे देश का पावन पर्व है। यह पर्व श्रावण मास की पूर्णिमा को सारे देश में बड़ी धूम-धाम से मनाया जाता है। इसे श्रावणी व राखी के नाम से भी पुकारा जाता है। यह पर्व भाई-बहन के पवित्र स्नेह का प्रतीक है। इस दिन सभी बहनें अपने भाइयों को तिलक लगाकर उनकी कलाईयों पर राखी बाँधती हैं। भाई भी राखी के बदल में अपनी बहन को अपनी सामर्थ्य के अनुसार धनराशि तथा अनेक प्रकार के उपहार देते हैं। इस दिन बहनें अपने भाइयों के लिए मंगल-कामना करती हैं तथा भाई अपनी बहन की रक्षा का वचन देता है। इस दिन धार्मिक लोग नदियों में स्नान लेते हैं। ब्राह्मण लोग भी अपने यजमानों के हाथ में राखी बाँधकर उनके दीर्घायु होने की कामना करते हैं तथा उनसे दक्षिणा प्राप्त करते हैं। इस त्योहार का अपना ऐतिहासिक मूल्य भी है। ऐसा कहा जाता है कि जब बहादुरशाह ने मेवाड़ पर आक्रमण किया तब चित्तौड़ की महारानी कर्मवती ने अपनी रक्षा के लिए हुमायूँ के पास राखी भेजी। राखी के बंधन में बँधकर हुमायूँ ने पुराने भाव को भुलाकर रानी की रक्षा की। इस अवसर पर प्रत्येक घर में अनेक प्रकार के पकवान बनाए जाते हैं। सभी जन नए कपड़े पहनते हैं। इस प्रकार प्रेम, त्याग तथा पवित्रता का संदेश देने वाला यह पर्व बड़े उल्लास के साथ सम्पन्न होता है।

गौरी, 7 A



दोस्त का महत्व

दोस्त होते हैं अनमोल,
तुम्हारे साथ करते हैं शोर।
दोस्त तुम्हें खुश करते ,
तुम्हारे साथ ही मरते।

दोस्तों का महत्व बहुत ज़्यादा है,
गिनोगे तो गिनती नहीं रुकेगी।
आज बनाओ अच्छे दोस्त,
फिर जियो हज़ारों साल।

अच्छे दोस्त वे होते हैं,
जो तुम्हारे दुख में दुखी रहते हैं।
इस दुनिया में जिस पर विश्वास किया ज़्यादा,
वही है तुम्हारा अच्छा दोस्त।



~श्लोक उपाध्याय

8 C

मेरी प्यारी दोस्त

दोस्त तो सबकी हैं, मेरी सबसे प्यारी है ।

जब भी मदद की ज़रूरत है, हमेशा हाथ बढ़ाती है ।

जब लोग मुझे चिढ़ाते हैं, हमेशा मुझे समर्थन करती है ।

जब भी कोई समस्या है, उसका हल निकालती है ।

दोस्त तो सबकी हैं, मेरी सबसे प्यारी है ।

~शरण्या

3C



असली या नकली

बात आठ साल पहले की है जब मैं बहुत छोटा था । मैं अपने परिवार के साथ कहीं खाना खाने गया था । पेट-पूजा के बाद मैंने एक औरत एक टोकरी के साथ देखी । हम वहाँ गए और मेरे पिताजी ने उसे पचास रूपए दिए । उसने टोकरी के ढक्कन को खोल दिया । तब मैं बहुत नासमझ था । मुझे पता नहीं था कि उसके अंदर क्या था । तब मुझे साँप के साथ खेलना पसंद था । उसके अंदर एक साँप था लेकिन मुझे नहीं पता था कि वह असली है । मैंने उसे छुआ और उसने मेरी ओर देखा । मैं डर गया और दौड़ना शुरू कर दिया । मुझे अब भी याद है वह डरावना पल.....



~हितम गिरीश

6-D

रंग बिरंगी प्यारी चिड़िया

रंग बिरंगी प्यारी चिड़िया
प्रातः ची-ची करती चिड़िया
सुबह मुंडेर पर आ कर बैठे
दाना माँगे प्यारी चिड़िया

जब मैं उसको दाना डालूँ
फुदक-फुदक कर खाए चिड़िया
जो ना दूँ दाना उसको
खूब शोर मचाए चिड़िया

रंग बिरंगे पंख हैं उसके
लाल चोंच वाली है चिड़िया
जब कभी उदास हो जाऊँ
मुझे हँसाए प्यारी चिड़िया



चिड़िया लकी चार्म है मेरा
मुझे सफलता दिलाए चिड़िया

~अदिति, 3 D

पेड़-पौधे

पेड़-पौधे जल्दी गायब हो जाएँगे,
इसका क्या कारण हो सकता है ?
हम मनुष्यों के ही कारण,
होगा वातावरण का मरण ।
पेड़ देंगे हमें फल, बारिश देकर बरसाएँगे जल ।
पेड़ देंगे हमें प्राणवायु, इससे बढ़ेगी मनुष्यों की आयु ।
तो आओ वातावरण की सुरक्षा करें,
प्रकृति में हम रंग भरें ।

~ध्येया अनीष

6 D

हमारी वसुधा

वसुधा है हमारी जान,
करना चाहिए हमें इसका
सम्मान।
चलो मिलकर पेड़ उगाते हैं,
प्रदूषण को दूर हटाते हैं ।
पानी में कचरा न डालें,
समुद्री जीव-जंतु को न मारें ।
चलो मिलकर कसम खाएँ,
अपनी पृथ्वी को खतरे से बचाएँ ।



~अनुषा गुप्ता , 6-D

सात स्वरों की लड़ी

सात स्वरों से बनता है सरगम

नाम हैं इनके षडज् , ऋषभ, गांधार, मध्यम ।

फिर आता पंचम, धैवत और निषाद ,

इनसे बनते अनेक राग , जैसे भूपाली, दुर्गा, देसी, बिहाग ।

जब हवा में लहराता है यह सुरीला गाना ,

मगन हो जाते सब इसकी धुन में, लगता हर मौसम सुहाना ।

सुरीला राग सुनकर सबके खो जाते हैं दुःख,

खो जाते हैं सब खुद में ही, दिल में भरकर सुख ।

~अर्चिता अग्रवाल

5-A

मेरा स्कूल

कितना सुंदर है स्कूल ,इसमें रंग-बिरंगे फूल।
फूल सुहाने सबको भाते, उन्हें देखकर सब ललचाते ।

अध्यापिका हमको पाठ पढ़ाती,
नयी-नयी बातें सिखलाती ।
फलों से गिनती सिखलाती,
टॉफी देकर हमें खिलाती ।

~सानवी अजमेरा, 6B



मेरा प्यारा स्कूल

स्कूल है हमारा सबसे अच्छा
स्कूल है बच्चों का सच्चा
मिलते हैं हमें नए दोस्त
बनाते हैं उनको हमारा खास दोस्त

लगते हैं हम सब एक
चाहें भाषाएँ हैं अनेक
मिलजुल कर करते सारे काम
चाहे दिन हो खास या आम

अध्यापिकाएँ हैं मेरी सारी प्यारी
बनाती हैं हमें ज्ञानी
स्कूल है हमारा सबसे अच्छा
स्कूल है बच्चों का सच्चा

नंदिका, 2A



परीक्षा

छात्र होना आसान नहीं,
परीक्षा के पहले टीका, शक्कर और दही
बेबस बैठना पड़ता कुर्सी पर,
बीस किताबों का ढेर लेकर
खाना पड़ता सरसों का साग,
परीक्षा के पहले क्या पड़ना था बीमार
पढ़ना लिखना सुबह-शाम
यही बन जाता हमारा काम
किताब थामें चलते-फिरते,
जाग-जागकर रट्टा मारते
पर परिश्रम का परिणाम मिलता है
मेहनत का फल मीठा है
फूल दिल में खिलते हैं
जब पूरे अंक हमें मिलते हैं

सृष्टि, 6A



भारत की बेटी

छोटी सी एक लड़की थी जिसके ख्वाब थे बड़े ।
दिन और रात वह मेहनत करे, फिर भी अंक उसके आते बुरे ।
उसने सोचा परिश्रम तो किया था बहुत
फिर भी अंक आए क्यों इतने बुरे ,
पापा को बताया तो निकाल देंगे स्कूल से बिना बोले
बनना था उसे अंतरिक्ष यात्री , पर पापा को तो बनाना था उसे डॉक्टर
बहुत साल बीते , वह लड़की बड़ी हुई
खूब लड़ी वह पापा से अंतरिक्ष की पढ़ाई के लिए
आखिर वह हुई सफल पर पापा थे नाराज़
आ पहुँची वो घड़ी जिसका बेसब्री से था इंतज़ार
सपना जो देखा था अंतरिक्ष में जाने का, पूरा वो हुआ।
धुन की पक्की थी और विचारों से अटल
जो सोचा था वह कर दिखाया और पहुँच गई नासा
पर विधि को कुछ और ही था मंज़ूर
जाना था उसको हम सब से दूर
पर जाते-जाते कर गई कुछ ऐसा काम
अपना और देश का कर गई ऊँचा नाम
वह बेमिसाल लड़की कोई और नहीं थी,
वह थी भारत की बेटी कल्पना चावला ।

नव्या जैन, 6B



हॉस्पिटल में एक दिन

२५ दिसंबर को मैं पड़ोस वाली इमारत में खेल रहा था । घने काले बादलों के बीच में फ्रीलिंग करते-करते मुझे ज़रा सा दर्द महसूस हुआ । जब मैं घर पहुँचा तो देखने पर पता चला कि मुझे एक साँप ने काट लिया था । मम्मी - पापा मुझे उसी समय ही अस्पताल ले गए । वहाँ मैं आई०सी०यू० में भर्ती हो गया । वहाँ उन्होंने बहुत टेस्ट करवाए । सुबह पता चला कि जिस साँप ने मुझे काटा था, उसके दाँतों में ज़हर ही नहीं था।



~ज़हीन सईद, 7D

समय अनमोल है

समय का महत्त्व समझना ज़रूरी है। समय चक्र की गति बड़ी अद्भुत है। इसकी गति में अबाधता है। समय का चक्र निरंतर गतिशील रहता है, रुकना इसका धर्म नहीं है। समय घमंडी है। वह किसी की प्रतीक्षा नहीं करता। वह निरंतर गतिशील रहता है। अच्छे कर्म करके और स्वयं अच्छे रहकर ही समय को अच्छा तथा अपने लिए प्रगतिशील एवं सौभाग्यशाली बनाया जा सकता है। उसके सिवाय अन्य कोई उपाय नहीं। बुरा कर्म अच्छे समय को भी बुरा बना देता है। समय के सदुपयोग में ही जीवन की सफलता का रहस्य निहित है, यदि व्यक्ति समय का चक्र



पहचान कर उचित ढंग से कार्य करें तो उनकी उन्नति में चार चाँद लग सकते हैं।

कहते हैं कि हर आदमी के जीवन में एक क्षण या समय ऐसा अवश्य आया करता है जब व्यक्ति उसे पहचान कर और परख कर कार्य का आरम्भ करें तो कोई कारण नहीं कि उन्हें सफलता न मिल पाए। समय का सदुपयोग करने का अधिकार सभी को समान रूप से मिला है। किसी का इस पर एकाधिकार नहीं है। संसार में जितने महापुरुष हुए हैं वे सभी समय के सदुपयोग करने के कारण ही उस मुकाम पर पहुँच सके हैं।

~विदिता, 9A



जब आप गुजरे समय पर
अफसोस कर रहे होते हैं,
उस समय भी समय
गुजर रहा होता है.



भविष्य ने छीना हमारा बचपन

चील उड़ी.....कौआ उड़ा.....

उनके साथ बचपन भी कहीं उड़ गया.....

सच, पहले सब परिवार एक साथ रहते थे। घर में हमेशा चहल-पहल रहती थी। बच्चा सभी के बीच रहकर सारा ज्ञान प्राप्त करता था। सारे जीवन की खुशियाँ हो या परेशानियाँ हो सब मिलकर एक साथ खड़े रहते थे। मुझे आज तक समझ नहीं आया



कि पहले न फोन थे, न आज की तरह की सुख-सुविधाएँ थी, फिर भी सब कितने खुश थे। हरे-भरे पेड़-पौधे थे, लोग खुले आसमान के नीचे सोते थे। बच्चों के मुस्कुराते चेहरे जो धूप में लाल हो जाते थे। सच कितना अच्छा था वह समय, जिसमें आधुनिक सुविधाएँ न होते हुए भी कितना प्यार और अपनापन मिलता था।

छुट्टियों में मुझे ननिहाल जाना बहुत अच्छा लगता है। इतना कुछ होता है करने को कि न टी.वी की याद आती है न फोन की। मेरे परनाना ने मुझसे पिछले साल सिर्फ एक ही प्रश्न किया था कि “क्या बात है बच्चे, अपना बचपन कहाँ गुम कर आए? मैंने कहा- कि बस पढ़ाई करता रहता हूँ इसलिए खेलने का समय भी कम मिलता है।” तब उन्होंने मुझे एक बात कही थी जो मुझे आज समझ में आई। “यह बचपन ही है जो तुमको सारे जीवन की खुशियाँ देगा बाकी सारी उम्र तो आपको काम ही करना है।” आज वह हमारे बीच में नहीं रहे पर सच ही कहा था उन्होंने।

आज हम सब हमारे भविष्य की बात करते हैं। क्या किसी ने भविष्य को देखा है? नहीं, तो क्यों हमारा बचपन हमसे समय से पहले ही छीन लिया जा रहा है? माता-पिता हमें समय देने के अलावा हमारी हर ज़रूरत को पूरा कर देते हैं। पहले प्रश्नों का जवाब माँ से पूछने पर मिल जाता था अब वह स्थान फोन या कम्प्यूटर ने ले लिया है। बड़ा-सा घर सिर्फ तीन लोगों के लिए, टी. वी जिसे देखने का समय भी नहीं मिलता, नए-नए फोन जिसमें सिर्फ खेलने या चैट करने के अलावा किसी से बात नहीं होती। बच्चों को घूमने-फिरने की आज़ादी, घर में हर सदस्य के लिए नई-नई गाड़ियाँ, पढ़ने के समय की कोई पाबंदी नहीं। कोचिंग में जाओ या स्कूल में जाओ कुछ भी करो बस अच्छे नम्बर लाओ। आज कोई भी यह नहीं सोचता कि भविष्य बनाते-बनाते आप सबने हम बच्चों का प्यारा-सा वो बचपन जो खेलखिलाना चाहता है, मम्मी-पापा के साथ बैठकर खूब सारी बातें करना चाहता है, पढ़ाई

(continued)

के अलावा भी बहुत कुछ करना चाहता है, हमसे छीन लिया है।

विडम्बना देखो, जिस भविष्य का सपना वे हमारे लिए देख रहे हैं और छोड़कर जाएँगे उसमें सिर्फ बड़ी-बड़ी इमारतें होंगी, घर होंगे, जिसमें बेज़ान दीवारें और सन्नाटा होगा। वहाँ न पहाड़ होंगे, न साफ नदियाँ और न पीने का पानी। होगी तो केवल विषैली हवा, नई-नई बीमारियाँ और समय से पहले मृत्यु। गर्मी इतनी कि शरीर झुलस जाएगा, तनाव इतना कि हर कोई खुदखुशी करने से पहले एक बार भी नहीं सोचेगा, जिसका परिणाम (बच्चों में तनाव से बढ़ता हुआ गुस्सा) खुदखुशी आज सबसे ज़्यादा हो रही हैं। रिश्ते-नाते खत्म होते जा रहे हैं, अकेलापन सबको गलत राह पर ले जा रहा है। हर तरफ विनाश और तबाही का साम्राज्य हो रहा है। पता नहीं, हम सब किस भविष्य की बात कर रहे हैं। बस हमारे भविष्य ने मशीन ज़रूर बना दिया है हमारे पूरे समाज को।

रोज़ सुबह से शाम तक बच्चों का समय पढ़ाई में चला जाता है, मोटे-मोटे चश्मों के पीछे प्यारी-प्यारी आँखें छुप गई हैं, तनाव ने चेहरों की मासूमियत छीन ली है। सब कहते हैं पढ़ लो फिर तो मज़ा ही है। क्या कोई बताएगा अभी से लेकर २० साल की उम्र तक तो पढ़ाई करने में जाएँगे और उसके बाद नौकरी, जो भविष्य में मिलेगी भी या नहीं, पता नहीं। इसलिए कहता हूँ कि भविष्य बनाने के चक्कर में हम पर इतना बोझ मत डालो कि आज को भी हम न जी सकें। हमें हमारा बचपन लौटा दो, जिसमें न चिंता हो, न समाज का डर और न पढ़ाई का। हमें मुस्कुराते हुए मासूम से चेहरे दे दो, एक प्यारा-सा घर दे दो जिसमें सन्नाटा न हो अपितु एक मुस्कुराता-सा जीवन हो। हमें भी पहले जैसे संयुक्त परिवार चाहिए और माता-पिता का ढेर सारा प्यार और समय।

अंत में यही कहूँगा.....

“वक्त कहता है, मैं फिर न आऊँगा।

क्या पता मैं तुझे हसाऊँगा या रुलाऊँगा,

क्योंकि इस पल को मैं अगले पल तक न रोक पाऊँगा।”



~ध्रुव मेहता, 9D

ನಂದಾದೀಪ

ಭವ್ಯ ಭಾರತದ ಚೇತನಗಳೇ
ಭಾರತಾಂಬೆಯ ಸೇವೆಗೆ ಸಿದ್ಧರಾಗಿ
ಪ್ರಗತಿಯ ಪಥಕ್ಕೆ ಕಟಿಬದ್ಧರಾಗಿ ||
ಹಸಿದ ಕಂದಮ್ಮಗಳ ಹಸಿವು ನೀಗಿಸಲು
ನೊಂದ ಹೃದಯಗಳ ಸಂತೈಸಲು
ತಣಿದ ಕಣ್ಣಾಲಿಗಳ ಒರೆಸಲು
ಮುಗ್ಧ ಮನಸುಗಳ ಅರಳಿಸಲು ||
ತುಳಿತಕ್ಕೆ ನಲುಗಿದ ಮುಗ್ಧರ
ಕ್ರೌರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಹಲುಬಿದ ಮಕ್ಕಳ
ದರ್ಪಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆದರಿದ ಅಸಹಾಯಕರ
ಹೃದಯಕ್ಕೆ ಧೈರ್ಯವ ತುಂಬಿಸಲು ||



ಹೊತ್ತಿಸಿ ಅಕ್ಷರ ದೀಪ, ಸಾಕ್ಷರ ದೀಪ
ಸುಂದರ ಭವಿಷ್ಯದ ಭರವಸೆಯ ದೀಪ
ಆಗಸದಂಚಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮನು ಒಯ್ಯುವ
ಎಂದೂ ಆರದ ನಂದಾದೀಪ

—ನಾರಾಯಣಸ್ವಾಮಿ. ಜಿ

ಕನ್ನಡ ವಿಭಾಗ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥರು

ಭಾರತದ ಮೂರು ರತ್ನಗಳು

ಆಕಾಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾರುವೆ
ಕ್ಷಿಪಣಿಗಳನ್ನು ಬಿಡುವೆ
ನಾ ಸತ್ತರು ಪರವಾಗಿಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವೆ
ವಾಯುದಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುವೆ

ಬಿಸಿಲು ಚಳಿ ಎನ್ನದೆ
ನಿಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮಾಡುವೆ
ನನ್ನ ಪ್ರಾಣವನ್ನು ಪಣಕ್ಕಿಡುವೆ
ಸೈನಿಕನಾಗಿ ಹೋರಾಡುವೆ

ನೀರಿನಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು ರಕ್ಷಿಸುವೆ
'ಶಾಮ್ ನೊ ವರುಣ' ಎನ್ನಿಸುವೆ
ನೈಸರ್ಗಿಕ ಮೂಲಗಳನ್ನು
ನೌಕದಳದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು ರಕ್ಷಿಸುವೆ



ಭಾರತದ ಮೂರು ರತ್ನಗಳಿವು
ನಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲರ ರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮಾಡುವ ದೇವರುಗಳು
ಏನಾದರೂ ಸರಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಧ್ವಜವನ್ನು ಮಾತ್ರ
ಮೇಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹಾರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವರು

ಸಿರಿ ಶ್ರೀಧರ್, ೭ನೇ 'ಬಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಸಮಾರಂಭ

ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿತ್ತು ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಡಗರದ ಸಮಾರಂಭ
ಮನೆಯಂಗಳವು ಮಿನುಮಿನುಗಿ ಪ್ರಕಾಶಿಸುತ್ತಿತ್ತು
ಬಣ್ಣ ಬಣ್ಣಗಳ ದೀಪಾಲಂಕಾರದ ಹೊಂಬೆಳಕಿನಲ್ಲಿ
ಸೌಂದರ್ಯದ ನಯನ ಮನೋಹರತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ

ಮಾವಿನಾ ತೋರಣವು ಶುಭವ ಕೋರುತಿಹುದು
ಬಗೆಬಗೆಯ ಹೂಮಾಲೆಗಳು ನಗೆಯ ಸೂಸುತಿಹವು
ತರಾವರಿ ಅಡುಗೆಗಳು ಘಮಘಮಿಸುತಿಹವು
ತುಂಬಿಹುದು ನಗುವು ಚಂದ್ರಮನ ಹಾಲ್ಬೆಳಕಿನಂತೆ
ಮಧುಮಾಸದಿ ಕೋಗಿಲೆಯು ಕೂಗಿದಂತೆ

ನಗುಮುಖದಿ ನಿಂತಿಹರು ನನ್ನಮ್ಮ ಬಾಗಿಲಲಿ
ಸಿರಿದೇವಿಯಂತೆ ಬಂದವರ ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸುತಲಿ
ಬಂಧುಗಳು ತುಂಬಿಹರು ಮನೆಯ ತುಂಬೆಲ್ಲಾ
ಸವಿಯುತ ತಮ್ಮೆಲ್ಲಾ ಹಳೆಯ ನೆನಪುಗಳ
ಹೆಣ್ಣುಮಕ್ಕಳು ನಡೆದಾಡುತಿಹರು ಬಲು ಬಿಂಕದಲ್ಲಿ

ಜರತಾರಿಯ ಉಡುಗೆಯಲಿ ಚಿನ್ನದ ಒಡವೆಯ ತೊಟ್ಟು
ಎಲ್ಲರನು ಸೆಳೆಯುತಿಹರು ಕಾಲ್ಗಿಜ್ಜೆಯ ಸದ್ದಿನಲಿ
ಬಂಧುಗಳು ಸಂಭ್ರಮದಿ ನಲಿಯುತಿಹರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ
ಮನೆಯ ಅಂಗಳವು ತುಂಬಿಹುದು ನಗುವಿನ ಹೊನಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ



ಹೆಚ್. ಎನ್. ವನಮಾಲ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿ.

ಪುಟಾಣಿ ಕೃಷ್ಣ

ಪುಟಾಣಿ ಕೃಷ್ಣ !

ಪುಟ್ಟ ಪುಟ್ಟ ಅಂಗೈ

ಭಲಾರೆ ಗಡಿಗೆ

ದೊಡ್ಡ ಬೆಣ್ಣೆ ಮುದ್ದೆ

ತೆಗೆದಾ ... ಮುಕ್ಕಿದ

ತೆಗೆದಾ ... ನೆಕ್ಕಿದ

ಕೈಯೆಲ್ಲ ಬೆಣ್ಣೆ

ಮುಖವೆಲ್ಲ ಬೆಣ್ಣೆ

ತುಂಟ ಕೃಷ್ಣ

ತುಂಟ ಕೃಷ್ಣ

-ಸಮೀಕ. ಡಿ,

ಒಂದನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ನನ್ನ ಮುದ್ದು ಹಕ್ಕಿ

ಬಾನಲಿ ಹಕ್ಕಿಯು ಹಾರುತಲಿರಲು

ನೋಡಲು ಬಲುಚೆಂದ

ಬಣ್ಣ ಬಣ್ಣದ ರೆಕ್ಕೆಯ ಬಿಚ್ಚಲು

ಕಣ್ಣಿಗೆ ಆನಂದ

ಚಲಿಪಿಲಿಗುಟ್ಟುತ ಹಾಡುತಲಿರಲು

ಕಿವಿಗದು ಬಲು ಚೆಂದ

ಕಾಳನು ಹುಡುಕುತ ಹಾರುತಲಿರಲು

ಕರೆಯುವೆ ಬಳಗವನು

ನೀರನು ಕುಡಿದು ದಾಹವ ತಣಿಸಿ

ಸೇರುವೆ ಗೂಡನ್ನು

ಸೂರ್ಯನ ಉದಯದಿ ಚಲಿಪಿಲಿಗುಟ್ಟುತ

ಮರೆಯುವೆ ಜಗವನ್ನು

ಬಾರೆಲೆ ಹಕ್ಕಿ ಬಣ್ಣದ ಹಕ್ಕಿ

ಬಾರೆಲೆ ಹಕ್ಕಿ ಹಾಡುವ ಹಕ್ಕಿ

-ಈಶಾ, ೭ ನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಪ್ರಕೃತಿಯ ಮಡಿಲಲ್ಲಿ

ಪ್ರಕೃತಿಯ ಮಡಿಲಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು
ನಿಂತಿರುವೆ ನೋಡುತ್ತಾ ಬಾನು
ಕೇಳುತ್ತಿದೆ ಹಕ್ಕಿಗಳ ಕಲರವ
ಹರಡುತ್ತಿದೆ ಕಂಪು ಹೂವುಗಳ

ಜಿಂಕೆಗಳು ಎಗರಿ

ಸಿಂಹಗಳು ಘರ್ಜಿಸಿ

ಹಾವು ಬಳುಕಿ

ಹರಡುತ್ತಿವೆ ಸಂತಸ

ಕೋಗಿಲೆಯು ಇಂಪಾಗಿ ಹಾಡುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ನವಿಲುಗಳು ಹರುಷದಿಂದ ನಲಿಯುತ್ತಿವೆ

ಚಿಟ್ಟೆಗಳು ಹಾರುತ್ತಿವೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿಂದ ಇಲ್ಲಿ

ಮನುಷ್ಯರು ತಮ್ಮ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿ

ನೋಡುತ್ತಿಹರು ಇದೆಲ್ಲವನ್ನೂ ಕೂಡಿ

ಸವಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವರು ಇದರ ಆನಂದ

ಆಹಾ.. .. ಏನು ಚಂದ

ರಕ್ತಿತ ಟ ನೇ ತರಗತಿ
'ಬಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ನನ್ನ ಮನ

ನನ್ನ ಈ ಒಂದು ಮನ

ಹಲವಾರು ಆಸೆಗಳ ಹೂಬನ

ನಮ್ಮ ಈ ಸುಂದರ ಭುವನ

ಅದು ಬಹಳ ಪ್ರಾಚೀನ

ಆಗಲಿ ಕೆಟ್ಟ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳ ಪತನ

ನಡೆಯಲಿ ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯದ ಶಮನ

ದೇವರು ಕೊಟ್ಟ ಈ ಮನ

ಇರಲಿ ಎಂದೆಂದಿಗೂ ನಿತ್ಯ ನೂತನ

ದೀಪುಶ್ರೀ .ಎಚ್

೭ನೇ ತರಗತಿ, 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ವಾಯು

ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಲಸು,
ತಿಂದು ನರಳುತ್ತೆ ಹಸು,
ನಮ್ಮ ಗಿಡಗಳಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ವಾಸಕೋಶಕ್ಕೆ
ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ವಾಯು ಬೇಕು.
ಜಾಗತಿಕ ತಾಪಮಾನ ಏರಿಕೆ ಸಾಕು,
ಪರಿಸರವಾದಿಗಳು ನಮಗೆ ನದಿಗಳನ್ನು
ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ಮಾಡಬಾರದೆಂದು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಾರೆ,
ಮೀನುಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಗುವುದು ತೊಂದರೆ.
ಆದರೆ ನಾವು ಕೇಳುತ್ತೇವೆಯೇ?
ನಮಗೆ ಏನು ಬೇಕೋ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ
ನಮಗೆ ಹುಟ್ಟಿನಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಕೆಲಸ ಇರುವುದು,
ಅದು ಪರಿಸರವನ್ನು ಉಳಿಸುವುದು.

ನಮ್ಮ ಭೂಮಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಸದನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡೋಣ!

—ಅದಿತಿ ಯೋಗೇಶ್, ೮ನೇ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ನೀನಾದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆಯ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ

ನೀನಾದೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಮನೆ ಅಂಗಳದ ತಾರೆ

ನೀನು ಸೇರಿದ ಮನೆಯ ಮಿನುಗು ತಾರೆ

ಇದರಿಂದಾಯ್ತು ಹೆಮ್ಮೆ ನಿನ್ನ ಹೆತ್ತವರಿಗೆ

ಅವರ ಹೆಸರ ಬೆಳಗಿದೆ ನೀ ಜಗದೊಳಗೆ

ನಿಭಾಯಿಸಿದೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಮನೆಯ ಹೊಣೆಯ

ನೀ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿಸಿದೆ ಸಮಾಜದ ಮನೆ ಗೌರವವ

ನೀ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿದೆ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ

ಎಲ್ಲರ ನೀನಿರಿಸಿದೆ ಮನೆಯಲಿ ಸುಖವಾಗಿ

ಮಂದಿರದ ಜ್ಯೋತಿ ಎಲ್ಲರಿಗೆ ಹೊತ್ತಿಸಿದೆ
ಹುಡುಕಿ ಹುಡುಕಿ ಸರಿದಾರಿಯನು ಹಿಡಿದೆ
ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿದೆ ನಿನ್ನ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ಮತ್ತೆ ಬಿಡದೆ
ನಿನ್ನ ಸರಳತೆಯಿಂದ ಎಲ್ಲರ ಸಂತೈಸಿದೆ



ಕಂಡಿತು ವೃದ್ಧಾಪ್ಯ ಮುಖದಿ ಬರಬರುತ್ತ

ದೇಹಬಲ ಕಮ್ಮಿಯಾಯ್ತು ವಯಸ್ಸಾಗುತ್ತ

ನಿನ್ನ ಪಡೆದ ತಂದೆತಾಯಿ ಅಹುದು ಧನ್ಯ

ನಿನ್ನ ಸಲಹಿದ ದೇವ ನಿಜವಾಗಿ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ.

ವಾಣಿ ಹತ್ತಿಕಾಳ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿ

ಭವ್ಯ ಭೂರಮೆಯ ಕನಸು

ಬಾಳೊಂದು ಮಧುರ ಸಂಬಂಧಗಳ ನಂದನವಾಗಿತ್ತು ಅಂದು
ಬಿಡಿಸಲಾರದ ರಾಗ-ದ್ವೇಷಗಳ ಬಂಧನವಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಇಂದು
ಸುಜ್ಞಾನಿಗಳಿಂದ ಸಾಗಿತ್ತು ಭವ್ಯ ಸಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಯ ತೇರು ಅಂದು
ಅಜ್ಞಾನಿಗಳ ಕೃತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ನಲುಗುತ್ತಿದೆ ಆ ತೇರಿನ ಪರಂಪರೆ ಇಂದು
ಭವ್ಯ ಭೂರಮೆಯ ಕನಸು ನನಸಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದೋ!

ಪ್ರಕೃತಿಯ ಮಡಿಲಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಡಿಗಳಾಗಿ ನಲಿದಿದ್ದ ನಾವು-ನೀವು
ವನದೇವಿ ಸಿರಿಮುಡಿಗೇ ತಾಗಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವೆವು ಕೊಡಲಿಯ ಕಾವು
ಸದಾಚಾರ ಸದ್ವಿಚಾರಗಳಿಂದ ಮೆರೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ನೈಜತೆಯ ಕಾಲ
ಸ್ವಾರ್ಥ ಸ್ವಪ್ರತಿಷ್ಠೆಗಳಿಂದ ಹೆಣೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದೆ ಕೃತಕತೆಯ ಜಾಲ
ಭವ್ಯ ಭೂರಮೆಯ ಕನಸು ನನಸಾಗುವುದು ಎಂದೋ!

ಇನ್ನಾದರೂ ಮೌಢ್ಯ ತೊರೆದು ಅರಿವಿನ ನಂದಾದೀಪ ಹಚ್ಚೋಣ
ಪ್ರಗತಿ ಪಥದಿ ಒಂದಾಗಿ ಸಾಗಿ ಕ್ರಾಂತಿ ಕಹಳೆಯ ಮೊಳಗಿಸೋಣ
ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಸಂಪದವನು ಅಕ್ಷಯವಾಗಿಸಿ ಸಂತೃಪ್ತರಾಗಿ ಬಾಳೋಣ
ಸತ್ಯ ಶಾಂತಿ ನ್ಯಾಯ ನೀತಿ ತ್ಯಾಗಗಳ ಬೀಜಗಳನು ಬಿತ್ತೋಣ
ಭವ್ಯ ಭೂರಮೆ ನಂದನವನವಾಗುವ ಕನಸನು ನನಸಾಗಿಸೋಣ.

ಮಂಜುಳಾ .ಜಿ (ಕನ್ನಡ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿ)

ಹೂ ಬನ

ಶಾಲೆಯೆಂಬ ಭವ್ಯ ಉದ್ಯಾನ

ಹಲವು ಬಣ್ಣದ ಹೂವುಗಳ ಸಮಾಗಮ

ಸೂರ್ಯನ ಪ್ರಥಮ ಕಿರಣದ ಚುಂಬನ

ಇಡೀ ಉದ್ಯಾನವಾಗಲಿದೆ ನಂದನವನ



ಚಿಟ್ಟೆ ದುಂಬಿಗಳ ರೈಂಕಾರ

ಜೇನಿಗೆ ಮಧುವಿನ ಸ್ವೀಕಾರ

ಮೊಗ್ಗಾಗಿ ಹಿಗ್ಗಿನಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಲಿ ಆಕಾರ

ತಂಗಾಳಿಗೆ ಕಂಪನ್ನು ಬೀರುವ ಸಡಗರ



ಬಂದೊಂದಕ್ಕೂ ತನ್ನದೇ ವೈಭವ ಅಂದ

ಕಳೆಕಿತ್ತು ನೀರುಣಿಸಿ ಪ್ರೋಷಿಸಿದ

ತೋಟಮಾಲಿಗೆ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡುವ ಚಂದ

ಸೋನೆ ಮಳೆಗೆ ತುಂಬಲಿ ಮಕರಂದ

ಸಿದ್ಧವಾಗಲಿವೆ ಹಾರವಾಗಿ ಗುಚ್ಛವಾಗಿ

ಬಿಡಿಯಾಗಿ, ಹಿಡಿಯಾಗಿ ಸಂತಸದ ಸುಗ್ಗಿಯಾಗಿ

ಪುಟದೇಳಲಿ ಹಿಗ್ಗಿನ ಬುಗ್ಗೆಯಾಗಿ

ಮುಗ್ಧತೆಯಿಂದ ತಮ್ಮ ಸಮರ್ಪಣೆಗಾಗಿ



ತೊಯ್ದು ಹೋಗಲಿ ಸ್ವಾಭಿಮಾನದ ಸಿಂಚನದಲಿ

ಮುತ್ತಿನ ಇಬ್ಬನಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಹೊಳೆಯಲಿ

ಮುಗುಳುನಗುತ ಮಂದಹಾಸವ ಬೀರಲಿ

ಪ್ರತಿ ಹೂವು ದೇವರ ಮುಡಿಗೇರಿ ನಲಿಯಲಿ

~ ಶೋಭ ಸಿ, ಕನ್ನಡ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕಿ

ಮಹಿಳೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸವಾಲುಗಳು

ಮಗನಾದರೆ ಊರೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಿಠಾಯಿ ಹಂಚು

ಮಗಳಾದರೆ ತಲೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೈ ಇಟ್ಟು ಬೇಸರಪಡು

ಮಗನಾದರೆ ಶಾಲೆಗೆ ಕಳಿಸು

ಮಗಳಾದರೆ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡು

ಮಗನಾದರೆ ಕೆಲಸದ ಇಂಟರ್ವ್ಯೂಗೆ ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡು

ಮಗಳಾದರೆ ಮದುವೆಯ ಇಂಟರ್ವ್ಯೂಗೆ ತಯಾರು ಮಾಡು

ಮಗನಾದರೆ ಇಷ್ಟಪಟ್ಟ ವೃತ್ತಿ ಸೇರು

ಮಗಳಾದರೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಹೆತ್ತು ಅಡುಗೆಮನೆ ಸೇರು

ಮಗನಾದರೆ ಕತ್ತಲಾದರೂ ಮೋಜು ಮಾಡು

ಮಗಳಾದರೆ ಕತ್ತಲಾಗುವ ಮುಂಚೆ ಮನೆ ಸೇರು

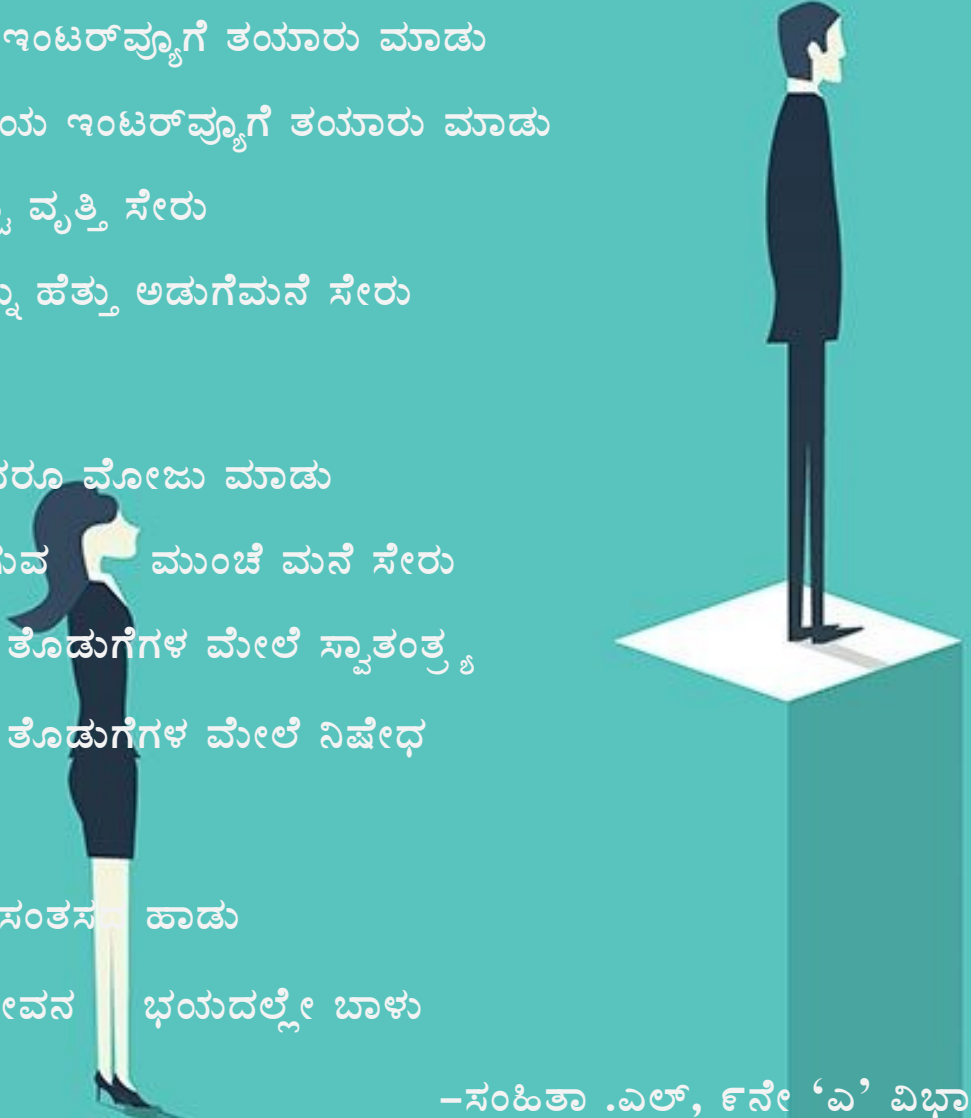
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ಮಗಳಾದರೆ ಉಡುಗೆ ತೊಡುಗೆಗಳ ಮೇಲೆ ನಿಷೇಧ

ಮಗನಾದರೆ ಜೀವನ ಸಂತಸದ ಹಾಡು

ಮಗಳಾದರೆ ಇಡೀ ಜೀವನ ಭಯದಲ್ಲೇ ಬಾಳು

-ಸಂಹಿತಾ .ಎಲ್, ೯ನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಹೊಸ ವರುಷದ ಹಾಡು

ಹೊಸ ವರುಷ ಬಂದಿತು

ಹೊಸ ಹರುಷ ತಂದಿತು

ಕಹಿ ನೆನಪ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಸಿಹಿ ನೆನಪನಿಟ್ಟು

ಹಳೆ ಹಗೆತನವ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಹೊಸ ಗೆಳೆತನವ ನೆಟ್ಟು

ಮುಂದೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಸಾಗುವ

ಹೊಸ ವರುಷ ಬಂದಿತು

ಹೊಸ ಹರುಷ ತಂದಿತು

ಸೋಮಾರಿತನವ ಬಿಟ್ಟು ಗುರಿಯತ್ತ ಕಣ್ಣಿಟ್ಟು

ಅಜ್ಞಾನದ ಕತ್ತಲೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟು

ಜ್ಞಾನದ ಬೆಳಕು ಮುಟ್ಟು

ಮುಂದೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಸಾಗುವ

ಹೊಸ ವರುಷ ಬಂದಿತು

ಹೊಸ ಹರುಷ ತಂದಿತು

ಅಭಿರಥ್ ಅಡಮನೆ, ೭ನೇ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷ

ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷವನ್ನು ಸಂಭ್ರಮದಿಂದ

ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸೋಣ,

ಹೊಸ ಉತ್ಸಾಹದಿಂದ ನಡೆಯೋಣ,

ಕಹಿ ನೆನಪುಗಳನ್ನು ಮರೆಯೋಣ,

ಸಂತೋಷದ ಕ್ಷಣಗಳನ್ನು ಸವಿಯೋಣ,

ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷವನ್ನು ಸಡಗರದಿಂದ ಆಚರಿಸೋಣ.

ಆಸೆಗಳನ್ನು ಈಡೇರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳೋಣ,

ಜೀವನದ ಅಡೆತಡೆಗಳನ್ನು ಅಂಜದೆ

ಎದುರಿಸೋಣ,

ಜೀವನದ ಗುರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾಧಿಸೋಣ,

ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಸುಖ ಸಂತೋಷದಿಂದ ಬಾಳೋಣ,

ಹೊಸ ವರ್ಷವನ್ನು ಸಂಭ್ರಮದಿಂದ

ಸ್ವಾಗತಿಸೋಣ.

-ಭಾವಿನಿ, ೭ನೇ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಬರಲಿ ಮಳೆ ಬರಲಿ

ಬರಲಿ ಮಳೆ ಬರಲಿ

ಭರಣಿ ಮಳೆ ಬರಲಿ

ಸ್ವಾತಿ ಚಿತ್ತ ಮಳೆ ಸುರಿಯಲಿ

ಅಶ್ವಿನಿ ಬಂದು ಹರಸಲಿ

ಬರಲಿ ಮಳೆ ಬರಲಿ

ಬರಡು ನೆಲಕೆ ನೀರುಣಿಸಿ ತಣಿಸಲಿ

ಹಸಿರ ರಾಶಿ ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲೂ ಹರಡಲಿ

ಕೋಗಿಲೆಯು ಇಂಪಾಗಿ ಕೂಗಲಿ

ಬರಲಿ ಮಳೆ ಬರಲಿ

ತಂಗಾಳಿ ಬೀಸಿ ಧಗೆಯು ನೀಗಲಿ

ಗಿಡಮರಗಳ ಕಂಪು ಮುದ ನೀಡಲಿ

ಕೆರೆ ಕಟ್ಟೆ ತುಂಬಿ ಜುಳುಜುಳು ನಾದ ಹೊಮ್ಮಲಿ

ಬರಲಿ ಮಳೆ ಬರಲಿ

ರೈತರ ಶ್ರಮಕೆ ತಕ್ಕ ಫಲ ಸಿಗಲಿ

ಖಗ-ಮೃಗಗಳ ಬದುಕಿಗೆ ನೆಮ್ಮದಿ ತರಲಿ

ಭೂಲೋಕ ಸ್ವರ್ಗಲೋಕವಾಗಿ ಮೆರೆಯಲಿ

—ಯುಕ್ತಾ ಪವಾರ್, ೭ನೇ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶ, ನಮ್ಮ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆ

ಭಾರತದ ಮಹಿಮೆ ಅಪಾರ

ವಿವಿಧತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಏಕತೆಯ ಸಾರ

ವನ್ಯರಾಶಿ, ಕಲೆ-ವಾಸ್ತುಶಿಲ್ಪಗಳ ವಿಶೇಷ

ದೇಶದ ಮಧ್ಯದಲಿರುವ ಮಧ್ಯಪ್ರದೇಶ

ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶದ ರಾಜಧಾನಿ ದೆಹಲಿ

ತಾಜಮಹಲ್, ಪೇಶ, ಮಿಠಾಯಿ, ಮಶೂರ ಇಲ್ಲಿ

ಮರುಭೂಮಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂಟೆಗಳ ಆಸ್ಥಾನ

ಬಣ್ಣಗಾರರ ತವರೂರಿನ ರಾಜಸ್ಥಾನ

ಪಂಚ ತಲಾಬಿನ ಗುರುದ್ವಾರ

ಪಂಜಾಬ್ ದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಶ್ರೇಯಸ್ಕರ

ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಂ, ಒರಿಸ್ಸಾ, ಬಂಗಾಳ

ಇವು ಪೂರ್ವ ಪ್ರವಾಸಿಗರ ಮೇಳ

ನಮ್ಮ ಹೆಮ್ಮೆಯ ಜಮ್ಮು ಕಾಶ್ಮೀರ

ಇದು ಹಿಮ, ಬೆಟ್ಟ, ಕಣಿವೆಗಳ ತೀರ

ಮಿಂದು ಪಾವನವಾಗುವ ಗಂಗಾ

ಸುಭದ್ರ ಕೋಟೆಯ ಹಿಮಾಲಯದ ಉತ್ಪುಂಗ

ಕನ್ಯಾಕುಮಾರಿಯು ಅನುಪಮ

ದೈವಸೃಷ್ಟಿಯ ಕಲ್ಪವೃಕ್ಷಗಳ ಕಾಡು

ವನಸಿರಿ ಸಂಪತ್ತಿನ ಕೇರಳ ನಾಡು

ಭತ್ತ ಬೆಳೆಯುವ ಮುತ್ತಿನ ನಗರಿಯ ತಾಣ

ಕೃಷ್ಣ ಗೋದಾವರಿಯ ಸೀಮಾಂಧ್ರ-ತೆಲಂಗಾಣ

ಅಜಂತಾ ಎಲ್ಲೋರ ಗುಹೆಗಳಿರುವ ಮಹಾರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ

ಬೀಡು

ದೇಗುಲಗಳ ಶಿಲ್ಪಕಲೆಯ ತಮಿಳುನಾಡು

ರೇಷ್ಮೆಯ ಸೊಂಪು ಶ್ರೀಗಂಧದ ಕಂಪು

ಪ್ರವಾಸಿಗರ ಕಲಾರಸಿಕರ ಮನಕೆ ತಂಪು

ಕಸ್ತೂರಿ ಕನ್ನಡದ ವೈಶಿಷ್ಟ್ಯದ ಒನಪು

ಲೋಕಕೆಲ್ಲಾ ಸಾರಿದೆ ಕರುನಾಡ ಕೀರ್ತಿಯ

ಛಾಪು

ಆಕಾಂಕ್ಷಾ ಶರ್ಮ, ಧನ್ಯಶ್ರೀ

೯ನೇ ತರಗತಿ 'ಎ' ವಿಭಾಗ



ಮಳೆಗಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ದಿನ

ಬರುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆ ನಾನು ಶಾಲೆ ಮುಗಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು
ಬೆರಗಾದೆ ನಾ ಹೊಳೆದ ಮಿಂಚನ್ನು ಕಂಡು
ಹೆದರಿದೆನು ಗುಡುಗಿನ ಸದ್ದು ಕೇಳಿ
ನಲುಗಿದೆ ಚುಮು ಚುಮು ಚಳಿಯಲಿ

ಮಳೆಯ ಹನಿಯಲಿ ಮಿಂದು ಪುಲಕಿತಳಾದೆ
ನಾ ಅಂದು ಮನೆ ಸೇರೋಣವೆಂದು
ಹೊರಟಿದ್ದೆ

ಮಳೆರಾಯನಿಂದಾಗಿ ನೆನೆದು ಮರದಡಿ ನಿಂತಿದ್ದೆ
ಕಾಮನಬಿಲ್ಲಿನ ಬಣ್ಣಗಳ ನಡುವೆ

ಮರದ ಎಲೆಗಳ ಹೂಗಳ ಜೊತೆಗೆ
ಗೆಳತಿಯರೊಡಗೂಡಿ ಸಂಭ್ರಮಿಸಿದೆ
ಮಳೆಯ ಸಿಂಚನವು ಇನ್ನೇನು ನಿಂತೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟಿದೆ
ಮಳೆಹನಿಯ ನಿನಾದಕ್ಕೆ ತನ್ಮಯಳಾದೆ

ಆ ಸಮಯದಲಿ ಕೇಳಿಸಿತು ಅಮ್ಮನ ಕಾರಿನ ಸದ್ದು
ಮಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಿಂದಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೆ ಕೊಟ್ಟಳು ಒಂದು ಗುದ್ದು
ಆದರೂ ಅಮ್ಮನಿಗೆ ನಾನೆ ಮುದ್ದು.



ನಿರೀಕ್ಷೆ,

ಆನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಕಾಡಿಗೆ ನನ್ನ ಪ್ರಯಾಣ

ನಾನು ಮತ್ತೆ ನನ್ನ ಗೆಳತಿಯರು ಒಮ್ಮೆ ವನ ವಿಹಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಹೋದೇವು. ಆಗ ನಾನು ಮತ್ತು ಮೂವರು ಗೆಳತಿಯರು ದಾರಿ ತಪ್ಪಿ ಕಾಡಿಗೆ ನುಗ್ಗಿದೆವು. ಕಾಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ



ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕವಿರಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಹಾಗಾಗಿ ನಾವು ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಕರೆ ಮಾಡಲು ಆಗಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಕಾಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಕ್ಕಿಗಳ ಚಿಲಿಪಿಲಿ, ಮರಗಳ ಎಲೆಗಳ ಗಾಳಿಗೆ ಮೆಲ್ಲನೆ ಸದ್ದು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಶಬ್ದವೇ ನನಗೆ ಸಂಗೀತದಂತೆ ಇತ್ತು. ಅಲ್ಲಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರು ಧುಮುಕುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಶಬ್ದವೂ ಸಹ ಇಂಪಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಕಾಡಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಲ್ಲಲ್ಲಿ ಕಗ್ಗತ್ತಲು, ಭಯವಾಗುತ್ತಿತ್ತು. ವಿಧವಿಧವಾದ ಹುಳುಗಳ ಕಂಡೆವು. ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಮುಂದೆ ನಡೆದಾಗ ಒಂದು ಕಡೆ ಸುವಾಸನೆ ಬಂತು. ಅದನ್ನು ಹಿಂಬಾಲಿಸಿದಾಗ ಸುಂದರವಾದ ಹೂವಿನ ತೋಟದಂತೆ ಗಿಡಗಳು ಇದ್ದವು. ಆ ನೋಟ ನೋಡಲು ಅದ್ಭುತವಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಆಗ ನಡೆದು ನಡೆದು ದಣಿದೆವು. ನಮ್ಮ ನಮ್ಮ ಚೀಲದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಊಟವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದು ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಹಂಚಿಕೊಂಡು ತಿಂದೆವು. ಪಕ್ಕದಲ್ಲೇ ಹರಿಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ನದಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛವಾದ ನೀರನ್ನು ಕುಡಿದು ವಿಶ್ರಾಂತಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡೆವು. ಕತ್ತಲಾಗುತ್ತಾ ಬಂತು. ಎಲ್ಲರಲ್ಲೂ ನಡುಕ ಉಂಟಾಯಿತು. ಎಲ್ಲರು ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಿಯರನ್ನು ನೆನೆದು ಅಳತೊಡಗಿದೆವು. ನಂತರ ನಾವೇ ಸಮಾಧಾನ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಮಲಗಿದೆವು. ಇಬ್ಬರು ಮಲಗಿದರೆ, ಇನ್ನಿಬ್ಬರು ಎಚ್ಚೆತ್ತುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತಿದ್ದೆವು. ಹಾಗೂ ಹೀಗೂ ಮಾಡಿ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಕಳೆದೆವು. ಕಗ್ಗತ್ತಲಲ್ಲಿ ಕಳೆದ ಆ ರಾತ್ರಿಯನ್ನು ನೆನೆದರೆ ನಡುಕ ಉಂಟಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಮುಂಜಾನೆ ಸೂರ್ಯೋದಯವಾಯಿತು. ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರು ಪ್ರಯಾಣವನ್ನು ಶುರು ಮಾಡಿದೆವು. ಸಹಾಯಕ್ಕೆ ಕೂಗಿದೆವು. ಕೆಲವು ಸಮಯದ ನಂತರ ನಮ್ಮ ಉಳಿದ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರನ್ನು ಕಂಡೆವು. ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಸುರಕ್ಷಿತವಾಗಿ ಮನೆ ತಲುಪಿದೆವು. ನನ್ನ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಅದೊಂದು ಮರೆಯಲಾಗದ ಭಯವನ್ನು ಹುಟ್ಟಿಸುವ ಆದರೂ ರೋಮಾಂಚನಕಾರಿಯಾದ ಆ ಘಟನೆ ಚಿರಕಾಲ ನನ್ನ ಮನದಲ್ಲಿ ಉಳಿಯಿತು.

ಸೂರ್ಯೋದಯ ಸೊಬಗು

ಸೂರ್ಯನ ಕಿರಣ

ಭೂಮಿಯ ಮೇಲೆ

ಹಕ್ಕಿಯ ಚಿಲಿಪಿಲಿ

ನಮ್ಮ ಕಿವಿಯೊಳಗೆ

ಸೂರ್ಯೋದಯದ ಸೊಬಗು

ಏನು ಚಂದ ನೋಡಲು

ಸೂರ್ಯಾಸ್ತದ ಸೊಬಗು

ಏನು ಅಂದ ಕಾಣಲು

-ಮಂಥನ, ೯ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಎಲ್ಲರ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಡಿದೆ

ಬೆಳಕಿನ ತೇರು ಸಾಗಿದೆ

ಎಲ್ಲರ ಮುಖದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಳಿದೆ

ಮುಂಜಾನೆಯ ಕಾಂತಿಯು ಬೆಳಗಿದೆ



ಮೂಡಣದಿ ರವಿ ಬಂದ

ಕೆಂಪು ಹಳದಿ ಹೊಂಗಿರಣವ ಸೂಸುತ

ನಮ್ಮನೆಲ್ಲ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಸುತ

ಮೂಡಣದಿ ಇಣುಕುತ

ಬಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ರವಿ ನಮ್ಮನೆಲ್ಲ ಆಕರ್ಷಿಸುತ

ಹಕ್ಕಿಗಳ ಚಿಲಿಪಿಲಿ ನಾದ

ಮೂಡಿಸಿತು ನನ್ನಲ್ಲೇನೋ ನಿನಾದ

ನಿನ್ನ ಸುಂದರ ವದನಕ್ಕೊಂದು ಗಾನ

ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಸೂರ್ಯ ನಮಸ್ಕಾರದ ಧ್ಯಾನ!!

-ಕೆ.ವಿ. ರೇವತಿ ಶ್ರೀ,

೯ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಚಿತ್ತಾರದ ಮೋಡವನು

ಕಣ್ಣರಳಿಸಿ ನೋಡಿದೆನು

ಎಷ್ಟು ಸುಂದರವಾಗಿ ಕಂಗೊಳಿಸಿದನು

ನನ್ನ ಮನವ ಮುದಗೊಳಿಸಿದನು

ಪ್ರಶಾಂತ ಚಿತ್ತದಿ ನೀ ಬಂದಾಗ

ಚಳಿಯ ನಡುಕಕ್ಕೆ ನೀ ಶಾಖವನಿತ್ತಾಗ

ನನ್ನನ್ನೇ ನೀ ತಬ್ಬಿ ನಿಂತಾಗ

ಮನ ಗೆದ್ದೆ ನೀ ನನ್ನ ಹೃದಯದಾಗ



ನನ್ನ ಮುದ್ದು ತಮ್ಮ

ನನ್ನ ಮುದ್ದು ತಮ್ಮ ಲಕ್ಷಿತ
ಲಕ್ಷ ಮಕ್ಕಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಬ್ಬ ಈತ
ಇವನ ತುಂಟತನವನ್ನು ಮೀರಿಸುವರಿಲ್ಲ
ಕೆಲವೊಮ್ಮೆ ಅದರಿಂದ ನನಗೆ ಏಟು ತಪ್ಪಿಲ್ಲ
ಮಲಗಿರುವಾಗ ಇವನ ಕಂಡರೆ ಬಲು ಪ್ರೀತಿ
ನೋಡಲು ಇವನ ಮುಗ್ಧ ನಿದ್ರೆಯ ರೀತಿ
ಇವನು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಎಷ್ಟೇ ಹಗರಣ
ನನ್ನ ಹಿಂದೆಯೇ ಸುತ್ತುವನು ಕರೆಯುತ್ತಾ ಅಣ್ಣಾ ಅಣ್ಣಾ



—ಜತೀನ್ ಗೌಡ. ಟಿ. ಎಲ್, ೪ನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲೂ ನಾನೆ

ಅಲ್ಲು ಇಲ್ಲು ಎಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲೂ ನಾನೆ
ಊರಿಗೆ ಕೇರಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಲು ನಾನೆ
ಚಿಕ್ಕದಾಗಿ ದೊಡ್ಡದಾಗಿ ಇರುವೆನು ನಾನು
ಕಾಡು ನದಿ ಇದರ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೋಗಬಲ್ಲೆ
ನಾನು
ನನ್ನ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೋಗುವುದು ಗಾಡಿ
ಇದರಿಂದ ಆಗುವುದು ನನಗೆ ನೋವು
ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣ ನೀವೆ
ಆದರೂ ಇರುವೆ ನಾನೆ ಹೈವೆ



—ಅನಿರುದ್ಧ ವಿ.ಎಸ್., ೪ನೇ 'ಬಿ'

ನನ್ನ ಕನಸಿನ ಭಾರತ

ನನ್ನ ಕನಸಿನ ಭಾರತ ಭ್ರಷ್ಟಾಚಾರ ಮುಕ್ತ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರವಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. ಭಿಕ್ಷುಕರನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮೂಲನೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು. ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಜನರಿಗೆ ಸ್ನೇಹಿಯಾಗಿರಬೇಕು ಮತ್ತು ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಕ್ಕೆ ಏನಾದರೂ ಮಾಡುವುದು ತಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ಎಂದು ನಾಗರಿಕರು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಬೇಕು. ನಮ್ಮ ತಾಯಿನಾಡು ಪ್ರತಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಮನುಷ್ಯನ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಅಗತ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸುವ ದೇಶವಾಗಬೇಕು. ಅವರಿಗೆ ತಮ್ಮ ಯೋಗ್ಯತೆ ಮತ್ತು ಜ್ಞಾನದ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ಉದ್ಯೋಗಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಬೇಕೆ ಹೊರತು ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸಿನಿಂದಲ್ಲ, ಭೇದ - ಭಾವವಿರಬಾರದು, ಜಾತಿ-ಗೀತಿ, ಮೇಲು-ಕೀಳು ಇರಬಾರದು. ಭಾರತವು



ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಪ್ರತಿ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲೂ ಉನ್ನತ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿರಬೇಕು. ಮರಗಳನ್ನು ನೆಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರತಿ ಭಾರತೀಯನು ಮಾಲಿನ್ಯ ಮುಕ್ತ ಭಾರತ ಅಭಿಯಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾಲ್ಗೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಮಹಿಳೆಯರು ಮತ್ತು ಹಿರಿಯರು ಗೌರವಾನ್ವಿತರಾಗಿರಬೇಕು. ಪರಿಸರವನ್ನು ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಮತ್ತು ಆರೋಗ್ಯಕರವಾಗಿ ಇಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು.

ಸುಪ್ರೀತ

ಆನೇ 'ಡಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

ಮಂತ್ರದಂಡ



ಒಂದು ದಿನ ನನ್ನ ಆರಾಧ್ಯ
ದೈವವಾದ ಪಂಚಮುಖ
ಗಣಪತಿ ನನ್ನೆದುರು ಹಾಜರಾಗಿ
ನನ್ನ ಭಕ್ತಿಗೆ ಮೆಚ್ಚಿ ನನಗೊಂದು
ಮಂತ್ರದಂಡವನ್ನು ಕರುಣಿಸಿದನು.
ಆ ಮಂತ್ರದಂಡದಿಂದ ಕೇವಲ
ಎರಡು ಇಚ್ಛೆಗಳನ್ನು

ಪೂರೈಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿ ಗಣಪ ಮಾಯವಾಗಿದ್ದನು. ಮಂತ್ರದಂಡವನ್ನು
ಆಶ್ಚರ್ಯದಿಂದ ನೋಡುತ್ತಾ ಏನನ್ನು ಬೇಡುವುದೆಂದು ಯೋಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ
ಮುಳುಗಿದೆ. ಯಾವ ಎರಡು ಆಸೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪೂರೈಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದೆಂದು
ಗೊಂದಲಕ್ಕೊಳಗಾದೆ. ಕೊನೆಗೆ ಸಾಕಷ್ಟು ಯೋಚಿಸಿ ನನಗೆ ಎಣಿಸಲಿಕ್ಕಾಗದಷ್ಟು ಸಿಹಿ
ತಿಂಡಿಗಳು ಬೇಕೆಂದು ಬೇಡಿದೆನು ಆಗ ಎಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿದರೂ ತಿಂಡಿಗಳೇ ತಿಂಡಿಗಳು.
ಎಷ್ಟು ತಿಂದರೂ ಕರಗಲಾಗದಷ್ಟು ಇದ್ದವು. ಇದ್ದಕ್ಕಿದ್ದಂತೆ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಲಾ
ಇರುವೆಗಳ ಕಾಟ ಶುರುವಾಗಿ ಹೋಯ್ತು. ನನಗೆ ಮೊದಲೇ ಇರುವೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕಂಡರೆ
ಭಯ. ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸಿಹಿತಿಂಡಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವೆಗಳೇ ಕಾಣಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳತೊಡಗಿದವು. ಈ
ಇರುವೆಗಳಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಬುದ್ಧಿ ಕಲಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಿ ನನ್ನ ಮಂತ್ರದಂಡವನ್ನು
ಉಪಯೋಗಿಸಲು ಅಣಿಯಾದೆ. ಸಿಹಿತಿಂಡಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದರೆ ತಾನೆ ಇರುವೆಗಳು
ಇರುವುದು ಎಂದು ಅರಿತು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸಿಹಿತಿಂಡಿಗಳು ಮಾಯವಾಗಲಿ ಎಂದು ಬೇಡಿದೆ.
ಬೇಡಿದ ತಕ್ಷಣ ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಸಿಹಿತಿಂಡಿಗಳೆಲ್ಲಾ ಮಾಯ! ಅಷ್ಟೇ ಅಲ್ಲ
ನನ್ನ ಕೈಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ಮಂತ್ರದಂಡವೂ ಮಾಯ!!!!

-ಜತೀನ್ ಗೌಡ. ಟಿ. ಎಲ್, ೪ನೇ 'ಸಿ' ವಿಭಾಗ

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