

# Echoes of Excellence

2023-2024

Moments Captured, Memories Engraved: A Year in Frames.





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**H.H the Amir of the State of Kuwait  
Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah**



The education imparted by the Apostolic Carmel is geared towards the total development of persons by instilling in them Spiritual Values and forming responsible citizens, equipped to work for the transforming of society.

**MOTHER MARY VERONICA OF THE PASSION  
1823 - 1906**

# principals letter



Dear Carmelites

I appreciate the cabinet members of the year 2023-24 for their commendable initiative in creating a magazine by and for the student community. It is truly a praiseworthy endeavour.

This magazine theme - "Echoes of Excellence" - carries a powerful message. It tells us that excellence isn't a distant echo, but something within our reach, a ripple created by every dedicated effort, every hurdle overcome. It's not just about reaching the top of the podium, but about the journey itself, the lessons learned, the echoes of growth that resonate through all of us.

Here are some thoughts to ponder as you dwell upon this theme:  
Excellence ignites from within. Don't be side tracked by comparisons; instead, relentlessly pursue your best self. Unearth your unique strengths and passions, then nurture them with unwavering dedication.

Focus on your goals: Excellence is a continuous ascent, not a summit. Embrace setbacks as stepping stones to growth. Celebrate milestones, learn from challenges and keep pushing forward. Find your inspiration: Look around you. Whose achievements resonate with you? Who ignites your desire to push beyond your comfort zone? Let their stories fuel your own fire.

Be an inspiration: As you chase your goals, uplift others. Share your knowledge and cultivate a supportive, encouraging environment. Remember, your potential is immense. Every day, your actions, choices, and dedication create echoes that resonate not just within yourself, but also within your community. Make your echoes powerful, inspiring, and filled with the pursuit of excellence in all its forms.

May the Almighty God inspire, strengthen and support you in your pursuit of Excellence.

Together, let's make the echoes of excellence roar! May God bless you all.

# Cabinet Editorial

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Welcome to the dawn of a new era at Carmel School as we unveil our inaugural e-magazine, "Echoes of Excellence"! In this digital realm, we celebrate the vibrant tapestry of talent, creativity, and achievement that defines our school community.

As the head boy, Sikder Naveed Nahian, and head girl, Melanie D'Costa, on behalf of the Carmel School Kuwait cabinet, we are excited to present our school's first e-magazine. This digital publication represents months of hard work, dedication, and collaboration. "Echoes of Excellence" has been a labor of love from its inception, driven by our shared desire to provide a platform for students to express themselves, share their stories, and showcase their talents. It celebrates the diversity of voices, perspectives, and experiences that make our school community special.

Our e-magazine features a wide range of content, including thought-provoking articles, inspiring artwork, captivating photography, and engaging multimedia features. Each page reflects the creativity, passion, and talent of our student contributors, who have poured their hearts and souls into bringing this project to life.

One of the most exciting aspects of "Echoes of Excellence" is its digital format, which allows for interactive content that can be accessed anytime, anywhere. Whether you're exploring from the comfort of your home, during a break between classes, or on the go, "Echoes of Excellence" offers a dynamic and immersive reading experience that is sure to captivate and inspire.

As the Head Boy and Head Girl, we were particularly passionate about showcasing the talents of our fellow students and pushing the boundaries of innovation. We saw the creation of "Echoes of Excellence" as an opportunity to motivate the upcoming school cabinet to be even better and more hardworking, inspiring them to continue our legacy of creativity and excellence.

We invite you to join us in celebrating our school community's creativity, innovation, and talent as we launch "Echoes of Excellence." We hope that this e-magazine serves as a source of inspiration, connection, and empowerment for all who read it. Thank you for your support and enthusiasm as we embark on this exciting new chapter in Carmel School Kuwait's journey.

With warm regards, Melanie D'Costa & Sikder Naveed Nahian

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**CELEBRATING  
EXCELLENCE**

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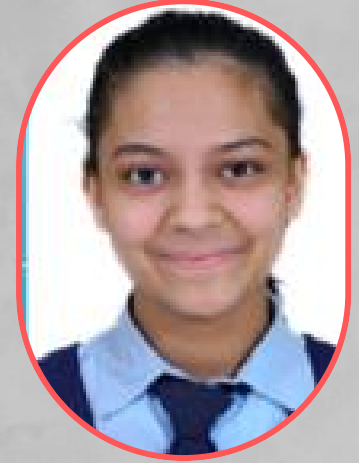
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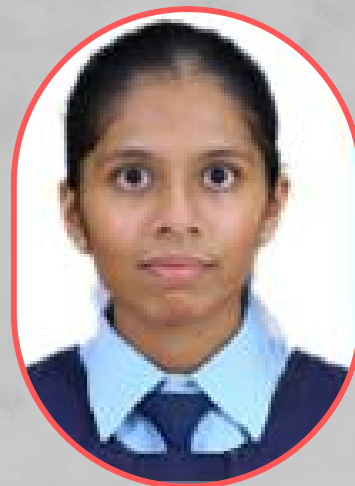
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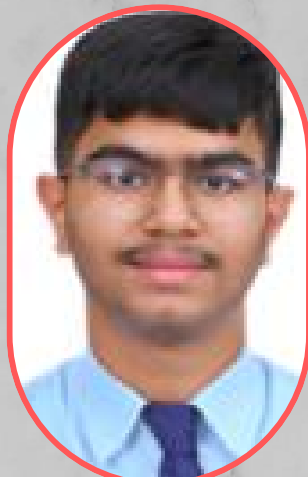
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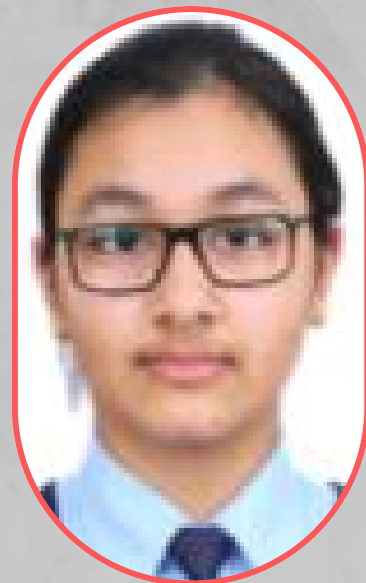
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# Calligraphy Competition

Do not erase the designs the child makes in the soft wax of his inner life. ~ Maria Montessori

Diya Sarah Vineeth VIII-D

be the moon  
AND inspire  
PEOPLE even when  
you're far  
FROM FULL

Sailee Sree VIII-A

SHINE  
Smile  
AND TAKE  
IT  
One Day!  
at a time

Thrisha S. Prabhu VII-B

The best way to  
find yourself  
IS TO  
LOSE Yourself  
In the service of  
OTHERS  
Mahatma Gandhi

Maria Rose Cyril VIII-E

The loveliest  
masterpiece  
of the heart of  
God  
is heart of a  
mother  
- St. Therese of Lisieux

Quiet

Amelia Ann Joby VII-D

There is a brilliant  
child locked in  
every student ...  
... Mahatma  
Gandhi

Dima Mariam John VII-A

There Is A  
Brilliant Child  
Locked inside  
Every Student  
Mahatma  
Gandhi

Alida Lobo VII-B

Calligraphy

People will throw stones at you don't  
throw them back instead collect them all  
and build an EMPIRE

Siddharth Sudhir Kumar VII-D

# CABINET ELECTION 2023-2024



**(FROM LEFT) CANDIDATES  
RUNNING FOR HEAD BOY:**

**EMMANUEL ROSHAN JAIBY**

**JAEDYN FRANCIS FERNANDES**

**SIKDER NAVEED NAHIAN**

**(FROM RIGHT) CANDIDATES  
RUNNING FOR HEAD GIRL:**

**MELANIE D'COSTA**

**ALISHA LILY GOMES**

**DANICA BLOSSOM D'SOUZA**



## Students Voting For Head Boy and Head Girl



# INVESTITURE CEREMONY



**The Cabinet (2022-2023) Welcoming Guests**







**The Cabinet (2022-2023) singing their heartfelt goodbyes**







# CBSE Clusters



The Participants of the Table Tennis Cluster held at Carmel School Kuwait



**Carmel School Kuwait Basketball Team**



**Carmel School Kuwait Football Team**



**Carmel School Kuwait Swimming Team**



**Carmel School Kuwait Athletics Team**



**Carmel School Swimming Winners**



**Carmel School Athletic Winners**



**Carmel School Chess Winners**

# WHAT DO I DO WHEN I FEEL LIKE GIVING UP?

By Shriya Sri Kumar  
IX B

Hopelessness, exhaustion, fatigue are all common feelings among adolescents our age. With the monotony of everyday life, living each day just like yesterday, lots of people lose that spark or that motivation that drove them in previous years. Our overstuffed schedules with excessive school and homework leave little time for enjoyment.

Lots of students feel stuck where they are, stagnant, and never moving. They believe that life will only get worse as they grow older and that there is no point in trying for a better future. But despite these bleak circumstances that we are subjected to, all hope shouldn't be lost. For without hope, humanity would be nothing. So, in the hope of helping out my fellow students and classmates, here are some ways you can boost your mental health and be productive.

Regular exercise or movement is a very effective way to create a better head space for creativity and productivity. It may seem like cliché advice, but it's been proven effective time and time again. All movements like playing sports, working out and even dancing can help improve your mood and for you to have a more positive outlook on life.

Another way is by maintaining strong social bonds with others, or in normal terms, having friends. A good friend, companion or partner that motivates you to be your best self is a goldmine when it comes to anti-giving up strategies. It may seem odd to mention as it seems obvious, but a bad friend will drag you down to depths you didn't know possible.

Another way to go is to take things indifferently or lightly because it isn't that serious. We are just kids. The best way to not stress yourself out is to just do your best and assume it will all work out. It may not, but getting stressed out over it won't change anything.

Well, those are three ways that I personally recommend. One can only hope that you get something out of them.

# O' GRADE CEREMONY

SALUTING SUCCESS

LKG-4TH Grade

**WELCOME**

**O' GRADE 2022-2023**



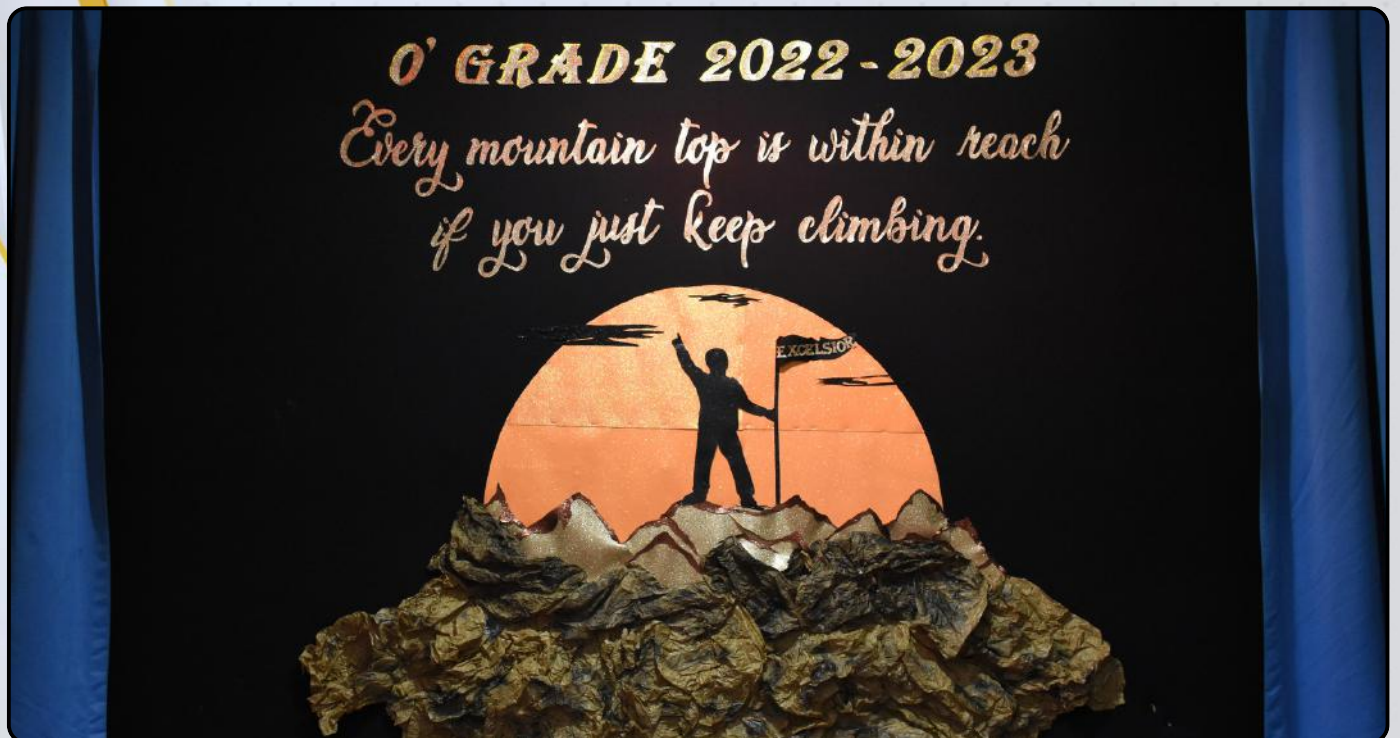
*Aim High Fly Higher*

"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, love of what you are doing or learning to do."

— Pele







# O' GRADE CEREMONY

Middle School







# O GRADE CEREMONY HIGH SCHOOL









**The Cabinet welcoming Chief Guests with a potted plant**



**The Chief Guests About To Hand Out Awards**



**A fusion of cultures on the dance floor, creating a mosaic of movements.**

# SCOUTS AND GUIDES







# A SACRED VISIT



The Head Boy and Head Girl Escorting His Excellency Bishop Aldo







Capturing the essence of a magical journey in one final pose

# **DOES SOCIETY UNDERVALUE SLEEP?**

By Samuel Noronha  
VIII-D

## **INTRODUCTION**

Sleep, is an essential physiological and psychologic process, it is referred to as the “Elixir of life”. Despite its undeniable importance, modern society frequently undervalues sleep for productivity, entertainment and social norms. This essay delves into the reasons behind the undervaluation of sleep, its dire consequences, and the steps required for individuals to have better sleep.

## **THE PURSUIT FOR PRODUCTIVITY**

In this era of meeting deadlines and ceaseless work demands, sleep has been relegated to a secondary role. Achieving ambitious goals and meeting deadlines, there is a compromise on sleep. The prevailing attitude glorifies over the one who burns the midnight oil. This narration fosters a culture of sleep deprivation and perpetuates a notion that the compromisation of sleep is a mark of dedication and success.

## **ENTERTAINMENT AND THE DIGITAL DISTRACTION**

This digital age has revolutionized the way in how people interact, often blurring the boundaries between work, leisure and sleep. The proliferation of mobile phones, online streaming, video platforms and online gaming keeps individuals well engaged throughout the night, disrupting their sleeping pattern. The allures of digital entertainment ruin individuals sleeping schedule.

## **SOCIETAL NORMS AND EXPECTATIONS**

Societal Norms and Expectations play an important part in shaping people’s behavior. Unfortunately, modern society undervalues sleep. This portrayal makes people stay up at night.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF SLEEPING LATE**

The consequences of sleeping late at night are far-reaching and multifaceted. At a physiological level, it causes obesity, weakened immune system, diabetes. Mentally, it causes an increased rate of anxiety, depression and other mental diseases. The cognitive effects are equally detrimental, impairing attention, problem-solving and mental abilities.

## **THE STEPS REQUIRED TO SLEEP EARLY**

The steps required to have a good quality sleep is a multifaceted approach.

- 1) **Education:** From early school to workplaces, there should be an emphasis on sleep and health education and its benefits.
- 2) **Cultural Shifts:** Governments and organizations should implement policies for work-life balance.
- 3) **Technology Usage:** We should promote usage of blue light filters on screens for better sleep.

## **CONCLUSION**

Sleep is not a luxury but a necessity. It requires the collaboration of governments, organizations and individuals for better sleep. Technology usage can help certain people get sleep.

# NO TOBACCO DAY

**BREATHE  
FREELY,  
LIVE FULLY:  
REJECT  
TOBACCO.**



# THE BLACKTHORN LEGEND

Tisha Choubey  
VIII-A

It was nearly 12am – midnight, dead silent, the only noises heard in the silent hours of the dead were the howling of the wolves, sweep of the wind and some other sounds (its better if you don't know what they are). I had decided – it was done, now there was no turning back, I was the one who had taken this decision, I abandoned everyone I had – all my friends (this decision hurts me more than anything – I wouldn't do it if it wasn't to keep them out of danger) – after all the prophecy had been about me all along, I had ignored the coming danger of the great prophecy for ages but I wouldn't do it any longer – I will face it – only me NOW.

I'm sure you want to know what I'm doing and where am I – even if you don't want to know I'm going to tell you anyway....so listen. Let me take you a little back in time FLASHBACK!

I'm Emelie – Emelie Rose an orphan. I grew up in the orphanage of the village of Ottery St. Catchpole. I didn't know anything about my parents until that one incident happened...that one night that changed my life – because of which I'm here – playing with life and death(once you get to know me you'd think playing with life and death is a part of my daily routine –so don't get shocked when I say that)

I am the DRAGON'S DAUGHTER...I am the one who is chosen, destined to uncover the secret truths of the Blackthorn Forest. I don't know how I landed into this orphanage but growing up I always experienced things differently, I was treated differently – it was like all the people in the village feared me and to tell you the truth I didn't like that at all – I mean I'm a nice girl. It all happened on my 12th birthday as soon as I cut the cake the whole of me started glowing and I saw wired things like – a girl sitting under the tree slowly vanishing... after a little while the headmistress of our orphanage came to me and told me everything.

The Blackthorn is a forest a little distance away and it's a mystery people go in there but never come out, roars of unknown animals are heard, wired sparks fly from the centre of the forest and god knows what not...my parents went there giving a one year old me to the orphanage's headmistress (they were best friends) my parents said that they could feel

something in there, something that needed a cure, some solving but then they never came back...no one knows what happened to them days later an almighty roar is heard a dragons shadow rises out of the centre of the forest at the same time a faint – getting brighter and brighter as I grow older, the scar on my left wrist is just like the dragon...and that how all the people began to fear...because I'm related to the dragon

Years before my mom went to the forest a great prophecy was made people thought my mom and dad were the ones in the prophecy...but I guess it was me

So...yeah that was it – that's the reason why I'm here and when I say here I obviously mean the Blackthorn forest....FLASHFORWARD!

Back to the present

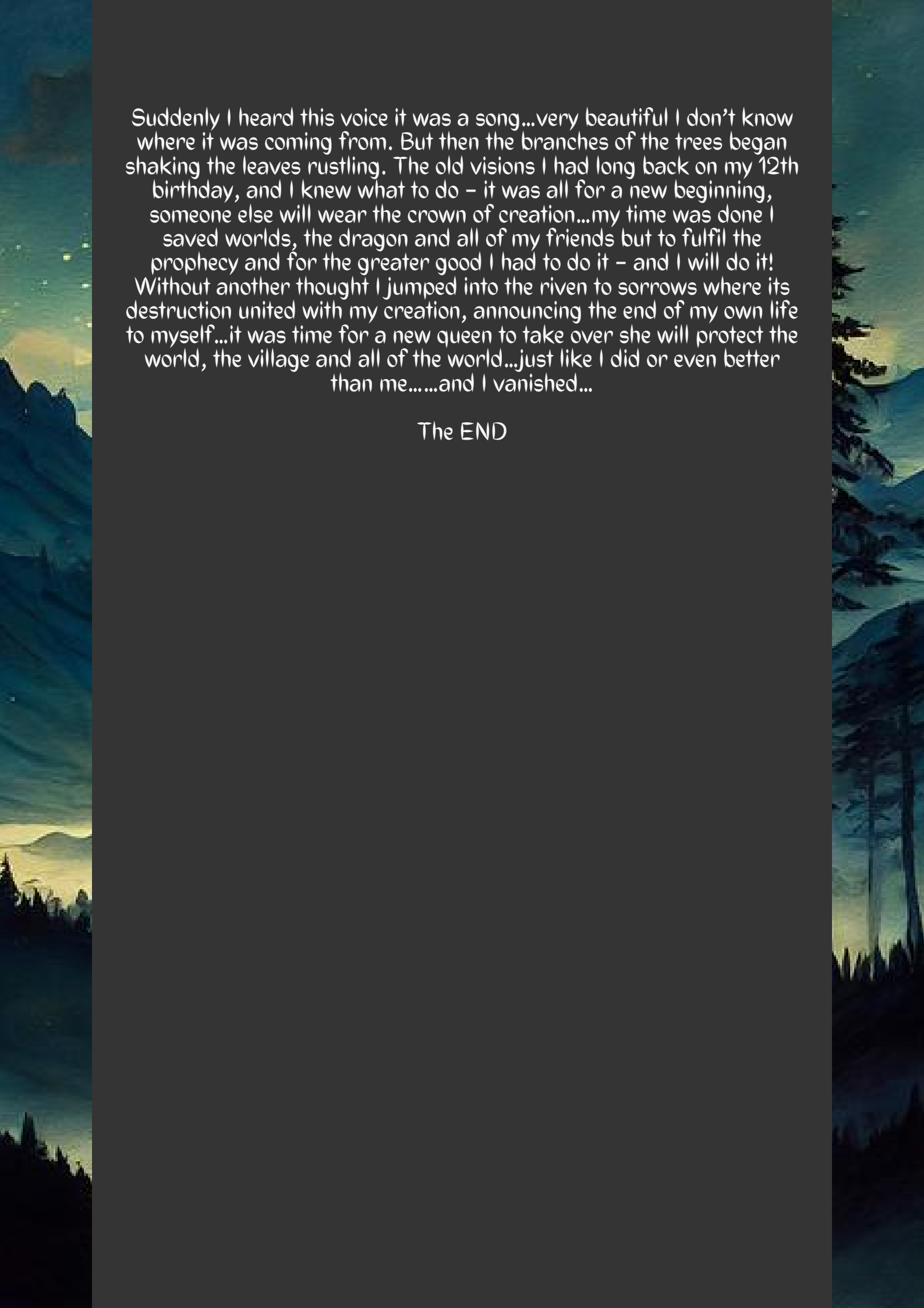
There is a tree in the centre of the forest which is said to be the source of power of the dragon...after the dragon being found the tree had been facing some disturbances because of which my head was facing a-lot of disturbances – trust me it's very annoying! And I had to figure it out – because (you guessed it) I am the DRAGON'S DAUGHTER and also because if the disturbances continue – I die!

Its been a week of struggle roaming in the forest but finally with some help of the wood nymphs and some unwelcome help of my headaches which increase as I get closer and closer to the tree – I'm here! Inside a cave, deep in the never ending woods. Its not surprising but there is a river in the cave which at first is very beautiful no one would've guesses it was a river made up of the cries of a tree! At the mouth of the river is the tree, I swim my way towards it barely thinking about anything, not that I can – the pain in my head is so strong its blocking my thinking capacity...finally I made it – I manage to get hold of a tree branch and climb up, dying for breath. I looked up at the tree. My head threatening to blast open with all the pain. I slowly try to calm my self down. Think of the prophecy, and it all suddenly makes sense to me

The reunion of the dragons,

The nectar of life, strewn right

When creation and destruction reunite...



Suddenly I heard this voice it was a song...very beautiful I don't know where it was coming from. But then the branches of the trees began shaking the leaves rustling. The old visions I had long back on my 12th birthday, and I knew what to do - it was all for a new beginning, someone else will wear the crown of creation...my time was done I saved worlds, the dragon and all of my friends but to fulfil the prophecy and for the greater good I had to do it - and I will do it! Without another thought I jumped into the riven to sorrows where its destruction united with my creation, announcing the end of my own life to myself...it was time for a new queen to take over she will protect the world, the village and all of the world...just like I did or even better than me.....and I vanished...

The END

# Teachers Day



"Teachers should be the best minds in the country." "A literary genius, it is said, resembles all, though no one resembles him." "Human life as we have it is only the raw material for Human life as it might be." "Reading a book gives us the habit of solitary reflection and enjoyment."

-Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan







**Lessons in laughter: A comedic skit that turns teaching into a work of art!**



**Striking the right chord on Teacher's Day!**



# How has the internet made our society better?

Clarinda Pereira  
XI-A

The internet is one of the most important innovations of our modern time, it has profoundly impacted our lives in numerous ways. It has changed various aspects in our lifestyle including communication, education, business and entertainment. The internet has helped connecting people together but the question still remains whether it has impacted our society for the better. Many argue the internet being one of humans greatest innovations while others state how its presence has impacted our society negatively. my opinion, however, remains neutral.

First and foremost, the internet has immensely revolutionized communication. In the past communication was limited to written letters or face to face interactions. However, in recent times we are now able to communicate to anyone globally in real time with the help of instant messaging, email and social media platforms like twitter, instagram, facebook etc. It has bridged geographical gaps enabling friends and family separated by miles to stay connected. It has also helped people to express themselves and form communities.

Secondly,It has transformed the business landscape. It has made it easier for individuals to create their own businesses and to easily advertise their products to a wider audience. It has helped consumers to shop online, making purchases more convenient and accessible.

Thirdly,it has affected education significantly. Its presence has made it easier to access information. It is especially benefited students as now they can easily acquire study materials online. It has also helped people to learn new hobbies especially during the pandemic.

Foremost, entertainment has undergone a dramatic transformation. Now it is easier to watch our favorite shows and movies in the comfort of our homes. Streaming services have replaced traditional television giving us the freedom to watch anything at anytime. Social media has become a hub for entertainment including news streaming services. It has thrived many industries like the gaming industry, journalism etc. News is now readily accessible online.

It has had a profound impact on politics. It has made information about government activities more accessible to the public. Social media platforms have become powerful tools for political campaigns, enabling candidates and mobilizing voters on a large scale. However, this has also raised concerns about the spread of misinformation.

Despite numerous benefits, it has bought about its own challenges. Its addictive nature has bought in concerns and the impact of online bullying and harassment of which privacy and security concerns have arisen. In conclusion, the internet has transformed our society in various ways enhancing our lifestyle however, it is all up to us to use it wisely.

# SQUAD MEET



**Students Waiting For the Events to Begin**





**Students Competing At Shotput**



# THE THREE MAGICAL GEMS

By: Aariz Adil  
V-A

**THEME: Finding a chest buried with treasure in the back yard.**

Once upon a time there was a boy named Jack. He used to live with his parents in a house near the ocean. Jack was a very adventurous boy and loved treasure hunting. So he asked his parents that on his 16th birthday he wanted a metal detector. And as asked, he got it.

Filled with excitement Jack switched the metal detector on and began searching his courtyard for treasure. Imagine his surprise when the metal detector beeped! Throwing the detector away he dug the ground and found an old wooden box. The box contained an even older looking stone in it. Brimming with curiosity he picked up the stone but suddenly got sucked into a portal.

For a few minutes there was complete darkness and then everything ended. There he stood, once again in his backyard. But something was strange, something felt strange. Jack looked around and noticed that the sky was grey while in the place of his beautiful house, stood an ugly little hut.

Right then three men emerged out of the hut, each with an evil grin on their face. "Welcome to the past little kid. We were hoping that someone from the future would be foolish enough to find our hidden treasure." "You mean, the stone?" Jack asked. "Yes." Replied one of the men. "The only way for you to return back to your present would be to find the three gemstones." And just like that, the three men vanished in thin air. Jack stood confused and that is when a paper fell on his head from the sky.

On it was written, "To return to the present from the past, you must find the three gems fast. The fire gem in a volcano so high while the water gem in the ocean so deep...and let's not forget the earth gem which you will find in the jungles and the trees." So, Jack set out to find the fire gem. He walked for several hours and finally reached the volcano. He ran towards it but was stopped by a bird. "Where are you going?" It asked. Jack replied that he was searching for the fire gem. The bird then said that it would help Jack only if he could give it some water.

Jack agreed and fulfilled the bird's request in exchange of which he got the fire gem. He then headed for the water gem which was easy to get and lastly, he also found the earth gem, after fighting a three-headed dog that is! He ran back to the hut where the three men stood. Suddenly one of them snatched the gems from Jack and was about to run away. But Jack, smart as always, quickly hit the man with a rock, snatched the gems from him and buried them in the same place where he had earlier found the teleportation stone.

Quick as a flash, a strong wind blew and before he knew it, Jack was back to the present! "Whew! Now that was an adventure." He murmured to himself as he got up and dusted his clothes. Going back to the place where he had buried the precious gems, he took them out of the ground and smiled. "At least the treasure hunt paid off, I am going to be a rich man!"

# ELOCUTION COMPETITION

ORGANIZED BY THE CABINET



# Children's Day



"Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the nation and the citizens of tomorrow."

-Jawaharlal  
Nehru







# Poster Making Competition



HELP The World To GLOBAL WARMING

# Info

1. When the earth's temperature increases, it is called global warming. This is due to the harmful gases released. It leads to global warming.
2. Global warming is harmful for life and property.
3. People should stop releasing harmful gases and waste.
4. Factories and industries should be closed within city limits.
5. Burning of wood and coal in rural areas for domestic purposes should be avoided.

## STOP GLOBAL WARMING

Heal the world

STOP POLLUTION

# STOP GLOBAL WARMING

OUR VISION FOR INDIA

ENVISIONING a bright future...

- SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY
- NO VIOLENCE
- NO CORRUPTION
- SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
- ECONOMIC GROWTH
- INSURANCE
- EDUCATION TO ALL
- GENDER EQUALITY
- NO POVERTY

STOP GLOBAL WARMING

PEACE

SAVE A DROP

WARMING

Try to reduce or be ready

FRY

THERE'S NO PLAN B!

# FAREWELL

## Class XII 2023-2024



Titles for the 12th Grade Students





A symphony of sounds by the band





Embracing the beauty of traditions through every dance step.



"The twelfth-grade batch of 2023-2024 giving their final speech."



The Candidates For Master and Miss Carmel



**Master and Miss Carmel**



# RANGOLI COMPETITION



*Mother Veronica's beautiful life is a constant inspiration to all of us; strive for what is good, noble, true and lasting. Her life and mission can be summarized in this beautiful phrase "God Alone Suffices".*





# A DOG IS A MAN'S GREATEST FRIEND

By Angeline Grace Sabu  
VI-E

Once upon a time, there lived a man called Sam. He was known for his warm smile and friendly manner, and his love for his loyal dog, his companion, Max. They shared countless adventures, and made memorable memories, and an unbreakable bond. They would always play fetch during sun sets, cuddle together during rainy evenings. After months of searching for a job. He got a call from a prestigious company. He quickly accepted the job without hesitation, and without knowing it would affect the relationship between him and Max.

He spend hours, mornings and nights at work, he would come home too tired to play with Max, and late night meetings, days turned into weeks and weeks into months. One day, as usual he was getting ready for an afternoon meeting, suddenly his dog, Max started barking loudly, irritated by the interruption, he told Max to be quiet and rushed to the door, leaving the distressed dog behind.

As he quickly drove to his office building. It was then he received a call from his neighbor. The neighbor told him that a cobra had gone into his backyard, and he heard Max barking, the realization hit him like a ton of bricks, he quickly rushed home, with his heart racing. He ran to his backyard to see Max barking at the cobra, defending their home. The bite was very deadly, Max gazed at Sam lovingly, as to say, 'I would do it all over again'. Lifeless, he fell to the ground. Sam then held Max's lifeless body, realizing he had just lost his best friend, who he didn't spend time with. With tears on his face.

# MATH QUIZ



# Field Trip



# The Magic Goldfish

**By: Evelyn Shayne  
VII-C**

Once upon a time in a kingdom of Egypt there lived a pharaoh named Khaled and a queen named Farrah. They had a son named Salim. One day the king fell ill and all the doctors in the kingdom tried to cure him, but alas he became blind. One doctor said that there was a plant that could cure his blindness. So, the king sent his son to find the plant. Salim went out in search of the plant, but he couldn't find it. When he returned and told his father, the king got angry and banished him. The queen was reluctant to banish her beloved son.

That night Salim bid goodbye to Farrah and left. When he was travelling in a boat, he saw a beautiful goldfish and he caught it, the fish pleaded "Please don't kill me! I will do whatever you want." Salim said "Ok! I won't kill you". The goldfish was very happy after hearing this. Soon after hours of travelling by sea, he reached another city. Suddenly the goldfish transformed into a human and pretended to be Salim's servant.

While exploring the city, Salim saw a very beautiful princess. He introduced himself to the princess and soon Salim and the princess fell in love with each other. When the princess told her father about Salim, the father warned Salim, "you may marry her, but beware of her curse. At night, from her arm, a snake rises when the wedding music is played." Salim was shocked! But he was determined to marry her, but did not know how to break the curse. That is when the goldfish stepped in. He said, "I will hide in the cupboard, and when the snake rises, I will pounce on it and kill it. So don't worry I got your back."

Five days later the wedding was held. It was a very beautiful wedding. But when the music was played, the evil snake slithered across her hand while being hypnotized by it. When the snake was about to kill Salim, the goldfish pounced on the snake and chopped off the snake's head. The curse was broken! The prince and the princess were very happy. They got the princess's father's blessing and went back to the prince's kingdom.

The prince reluctantly let the goldfish go. They went back to the king who was now healed, and they lived happily ever after!

# Health Quiz



# Missile the All-imal

By Aiden Ross Coelho  
IX-D

We were at the pet store, waiting for our new family member to arrive. I could not keep myself together. "Eeeek! I'm so excited to meet my lizard pet! I'm going to name him Scaly." Dad glanced at me, with perplexion written all over his face. "A lizard?! Emily, you know how I feel about lizards. Besides, I think you're mistaken. Were we not getting a dog?" Now my brother Gerald was baffled. "I saw them putting a turtle in the tank, though. Are you sure it was a dog, Dad?"

Our curiosity had been piqued, and it seemed that Mom's had too, for she stealthily walked to the door where they were to put our pet in its cage and peeked in, only to find... An OWL?! "Are they playing a joke on us?", Mom asked, though no one answered, for we were far too perplexed to reply back.

Dad asked me what I had written on the Pet Form. "Why, I couldn't decide. So, I mentioned that I like all animals, and that any pet was fine."

Just then, the door opened, letting out a blinding light, followed by smoke flowing out of the room. A funny-looking man in a lab coat walked out, his hair in a frizz. The man gloomily said, "Here you are. This is your pet." Gerald asked what animal it was. "Every animal, just like you wanted. Now, if you'll excuse me, I'll head home and sleep. I don't get paid enough for this." He ran off into the distance, before any of us could interrogate him. Mom read the label attached to the cage. "All-imal? Weird name, don't you think?" We all agreed.

During the journey back home, I laid the All-imal onto my lap. It had morphed into a dog, a Pomeranian to be exact. We decided to name it Missile, because... well, I mean - why not? After spending approximately an hour searching for a place to park, Missile thought that it would be a good time to turn into a spider.

And I would like to stop here for a second. You see, Gerald forced me to add in this rhyme of his or he would complain to Dad, so I didn't really have a choice. Just saying that I didn't write this part. Anyway, here we go:

He escaped from the confines of his cage with ease,  
for he wished to feel the breeze.  
Emily saw it get out, and began to shout,  
"There's a SPIDER in the car, don't you see?! Get it away, FAR away from me!  
"I, in a tone so bold, said "So much for liking all animals", to which Mom would scold:  
"Gerald, this is not the time", (sorry but I couldn't get this to rhyme)  
The incessant whining and wailing must have been a tad bit much for our new pet,  
As he sprung onto Dad's arm - expecting a reward for his feat; one he wouldn't get.  
Dad never fancied anything with more than 4 legs, let alone spiders.  
He hated them to death; he even went so far as to consider them outsiders.  
He shook his hand in an attempt to free himself but to make matters worse -  
In all that drama he accidentally hit the joystick, switching the car to REVERSE.  
Missile was enjoying this and continued by morphing into a cockroach.  
I watched him as he slowly came closer; as he approached:  
He danced and pranced on my face, like a flamenco dancer who moves with grace.  
Obviously, no one likes a dancing spider. Disposing of it would've been so much better.  
I would've screamed if Missile's tiny eyed hadn't gleamed,  
To jump off my face - to target another,  
The other one being - the lap of my mother.  
The crazy thing was in a frenzy, he didn't seem too friendly.  
One thing that was obvious to us all was that things weren't going too well,  
But then something happened to Missile: he slipped of Mom's lap and fell.  
It turned into a worm and began to squirm.  
I heroically grabbed it with two fingers, slime all over my hand.  
This worm had played enough; it was given a reprimand.  
A nest was made for the wiggler, made of fine silk and pillow.  
It morphed again. No longer a worm, but an armadillo.  
"You have to carefully play, or we won't let you stay.  
Behave the whole day, or we will keep you away.  
You will do as we say, or else you will pay."  
He seemed to display, as he went down to lay,  
A sad look on his mouth, a deep, meaningful pout.

-Gerald Rickast Lee  
(P.S Emily is scared of everything he he.)

From then on, all was peaceful. He wasn't mischievous but stayed playful. We took care of him, and he took care of us.  
And we lived happily ever after...  
...right?



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