



The Vincentian

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Editorial

We, the editorial team, are elated to present the much-anticipated second edition of 'The Vincentian' for the academic year 2023–24. Collaborating as a team has been a rewarding experience and has also allowed us to witness the incredible growth and potential of our students.

This edition encapsulates a journey of exploration and self-discovery as we endeavoured to unveil the hidden talents of our students. 'The Vincentian' serves as both a showcase of our students' remarkable achievements and a vibrant canvas for their diverse creative expressions.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the management, educators, support staff, and parents for their unwavering support and cooperation. Your collective efforts and commitment have breathed life into the pages of this magazine, transforming it into a true reflection of our school community.

As you delve into the pages, we hope the joy you experience mirrors the satisfaction we felt while meticulously curating this edition. The articles, anecdotes, and achievements within these pages represent not only milestones but also the essence of our educational journey.

As all good things come to an end, so does this academic year. We wish our students all the very best for their upcoming examinations. May your hard work and dedication lead to success and new horizons.

We wish you all good health and prosperity!

The Editorial Team.



Principal's Message



The academic years are short and come to an end fast and quick. It's precisely because of this that the academic year plan is compact and filled with lots of activities and positive plans. The present yearly plan included activities like the celebration of various festivals, the Annual day to display diverse talents, the Sports day to develop healthy bodies, the Science exhibition to foster scientific inquiry, and picnics for leisure and relaxation.

The school management, along with the teachers, tries to create a healthy atmosphere for learning. Nowadays, educational institutions must see that students also unlearn a few psychological trends. The Jesuit management joyfully creates various platforms and provides opportunities for the students to actualize their potential. The school management, along with the teachers and parents, provides the conditions for our students to learn various soft skills. The school continues to provide positive experiences for the students to help them learn. On the other hand, the students must apply their minds and hearts to their studies. Lots of attention is paid to nurture their intellectual faculties.

Sajan Shaha in his book "You V/S You" states that and I quote, "Students often fall into bad habits during adolescence. Due to personal weakness, peer pressure, and the glamour associated with the habit, behavioural bad habits can cause friction in their relationships and spoil their image. All bad habits interrupt their lives and prevent them from achieving their desired goals in life." Students get easily attracted to short cuts and an excessive pursuit of pleasure. Parents and teachers need to be vigilant to protect our students from bad habits and help them develop good habits that promote life and mindful living.

The management continues to develop, along with the teachers and parents, a positive study culture that imparts value-based education. It tries to stress the importance of head-and-heart training. Shiv Khera, in his book "You Can Win," stresses that, I quote, "If you want to build character in our office, homes, and society, we must achieve a minimum level of moral and ethical literacy." St. Vincent's School consciously tries to build traits of character such as honesty, compassion, courage, and a never-give-up spirit and teaches students to take up responsibility in their day-to-day lives.

This academic year will soon come to an end, and the school will soon close for the summer holidays. I wish you all a very enriching and fruitful summer vacation.

Thank you one and all for your sustained prayers and support over the years.

God bless St. Vincent's!

Fr. Francis Patekar S J

Silver Zone Olympiad Exams

The students of St. Vincent's High School participated in the Silver Zone Olympiad Exams conducted in December 2023. This competition allowed students with strong academic abilities to showcase their knowledge in various subjects. The students excelled and achieved significant recognition by winning medals and accolades.



Euro School Basketball Tournament

The Under-12 basketball team of St. Vincent's High School won the Euro School Tournament. Master Nishad Jadhav of Std. VI C was awarded as the Best Player of the Tournament.

Pune District Athletic Competitions

The Pune District Athletic Association held a series of competitive athletic events, giving young athletes a chance to shine. Students from St. Vincent's High School did exceptionally well, winning top prizes in the Under-14, Under-16, and Under-18 categories.





Master Prithviraj Dastane from Std. VI D received a silver medal in the Taekwondo Championship organised by the SFA Championship, Pune.



Master Wasim Shaikh from Std. VI D secured 1st rank in the Open Interschool Roller Skating Championship organised by the United Sports Academy at Symbiosis High School on the 28th of January 2024.



Miss Bhumika Sarje, a student of Std. XII, has shown remarkable prowess in various sports events. In the Khelo India U-19 games held in 2022-2023 in Madhya Pradesh, she exhibited her talent. Following this, she participated in the SGFI School Nationals U-19 in 2022-2023, held in Delhi, showcasing her skills on a national level. In the subsequent Senior Nationals Games in Goa, held in 2023-2024, Miss. Sarje once again demonstrated her sporting abilities. Most recently, in the Khelo India Games U-19 in 2023-2024, held in Tamil Nadu, she secured the bronze medal, adding another achievement to her list of accolades. She participated in the SGFI School Nationals U-19, Maharashtra 2023-2024 (captain of the team) and won a gold medal and a bronze medal at the Association Nationals U19, Bhubneshwar 2023-2024.

BILLABONG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A football tournament was organised by Billabong International School, Pune, on the 3rd of November 2023. Schools from across the city participated in the tournament and showcased exceptional talent and sportsmanship. St. Vincent's Under-9 team dominated the field in the semi-finals, securing a remarkable victory over Vibgyor High School, Magarpatta, with a score line of 5-1. The finals of the tournament witnessed an outstanding performance by St. Vincent's High School, competing against the host school. The Under-9 team of St. Vincent's High School claimed the championship title with a commanding score of 9-0. Master Viren Billimoria of Std. III was awarded the best player of the tournament.



Winners of Divisional Matches

The Under-17 football team of St. Vincent's won the divisional matches and headed to the state tournament for the second time this year. The Under-14 team, on the other hand, became district-level runners-up. Master Om Nikam was shortlisted for the national district athletic trials for football. Master Aaron Babin secured 2nd place in the Under-14 category for the 200m run, while Master Joel Cherian came in 3rd in the high jump in the Under-17 category. Master Swajit Kotwal secured 2nd place in the 200-metre run in the Under-17 category. In the Under-19 category, Master Kyle Mollen secured 1st place in high jump, and Master Joel Sunny placed 3rd in triple jump. Team events were equally impressive, with the Under-19 4x100 relay and the Under-19 4x400 relay teams both winning by a comfortable margin.



MAK Football Tournament

The Under-10 football team of St. Vincent's High School participated in the MAK Football Tournament, held on the 30th of September, 2023, at a Multisport Arena in Manjri. The boys battled it out for the coveted championship against Holy Angels High School, where they emerged as the victors, securing the championship with a final score of 1-3. The tournament was a celebration of the sporting spirit, with teams showcasing their prowess and sportsmanship.



Euro School – Playtopia Tournament

The Euro Group of Schools organised the Playtopia Tournament on the 16th of January 2024. Various schools from across the city participated in sports competitions such as football, basketball, and swimming. In the football arena, St. Vincent's Primary Team A emerged as winners and Team B as runners-up. Master Vihaan Chowghule's outstanding performance earned him the title of best player, while Master Anvic Lobo was awarded as the best scorer of the tournament. St. Vincent's Primary secured second place in the basketball tournament, displaying great team effort. Meanwhile, in swimming, Master Kabir Paiyawal proved victorious in both the freestyle and breaststroke categories. Additionally, the school team displayed remarkable teamwork by securing first place in the relay swimming category.



State Level Football Champions

The students of St. Vincent's High School and Junior College showcased their talent on the football field during the state-level matches held in Udgir from December 2nd to 5th, 2023. Among the competing teams, it was the Under-17 football team from St. Vincent's that emerged victorious, claiming the prestigious state title. This achievement stands as a testament to the team's dedication, skill, and collaborative spirit.

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पुण्याच्या सेंट व्हिन्सेंट हायस्कूल संघाला विजेतेपद

राज्य शांलेय फुटबॉल स्पर्धा

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The Sakal Schoollympics

The Sakal Schoollympics were held at Deccan Gymkhana from the 28th of November to the 8th of December 2023. The students of St. Vincent's High School and Junior College secured the second prize in this competition. Guided by Coach Mathew Fernandes, the students displayed remarkable skill and sportsmanship throughout.

VIVA FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Vibgyor Group of Schools hosted their annual inter-school football tournament on the 1st of December 2023. The Under-10 team of St. Vincent's High School dominated the field in the semi-finals with an impressive score line of 5-1 against Team B of Vibgyor School, NIBM. However, Team A of the hosting school emerged victorious in a nail-biting encounter against St. Vincent's High School in the finals. Master Hanniel Naigam from Std. III was rightfully awarded the title of Best Goalkeeper. The entire tournament was a celebration of sportsmanship, skill, and camaraderie among the participating schools.



Project on Animal Homes

Children learn faster and better when they are actively involved in the subject. Projects may seem cumbersome for parents, but these projects help students in many ways. It helps in getting creative ideas from children, active participation, spending quality time, and finally, happy faces once the project is complete. The true motive behind any project is to ensure parents and children are equally involved in the given task. So, to make this happen, teachers of the Pre-Primary Section came up with the idea of making the children do a 3D project on animal homes, as this topic is also a part of their curriculum. It was a grand success, as children and parents put in a lot of effort to bring out the best. Seeing this enthusiasm, an exhibition was arranged on the 2nd of September 2023, in the respective classes to enable all the parents and students to view the wonderful creativity put forth by all. The children were able to answer all the questions with ease related to their respective projects. The event was a wonderful experience for the students and was truly appreciated by parents.



Republic Day Selection Camp

The National Cadet Corps (NCC) has historically served as a valuable avenue for the development of leadership skills, discipline, and a strong sense of patriotism among students. An impactful camp took place from the 30th of August to the 8th of September at the NCC headquarters in Pune, where two commendable cadets from St. Vincent's High School earned the honour of participating in the prestigious Republic Day Camp (RDC). The duo, comprised of Master Om Machale and Master Tejas Pawar, demonstrated unwavering dedication as they actively engaged in NCC drills, refined their shooting skills, and enthusiastically participated in various NCC activities. Master Shourya Nagwade, a cadet from Std. IX, showcased exemplary skills in the gun-firing drill, earning well-deserved appreciation for his outstanding performance.

The journey towards RDC selection proved to be a multifaceted challenge, demanding not only physical endurance but also showcasing intellectual acumen and leadership qualities. The camp itself presented numerous difficulties, with daily drills and practices that tested the cadets' mettle. Despite the arduous nature of the camp, the trio persevered, showcasing resilience and a commitment to their personal and collective growth. This experience not only enriched their individual characters but also exemplified the transformative power of NCC in shaping young individuals into capable and disciplined leaders.

The teacher in charge: Mr. P. Munswami



BLUE DAY

On the 13th of September 2023, a 'Blue Day' was organised for the students of the Nursery Section. Students came dressed in blue and enjoyed activities like blue butterfly painting and jellyfish paper crafts. The other highlights of the day were the bright blue decorations that decked the nursery and the yummy blue snacks sent by the parents of the little boys.



The Geo Lab Exhibition

The Geo Lab 2023 Inter School Earth Science Project Contest took place on the 14th and 15th of September at the International Institute of Informational Technology, Pune. Master Rylan Dsouza, Master Kaushal Kirad, Master Rugved Dhumal, and Master Dhruva Sakore participated in the competition. The four-member team from St. Vincent's School showcased their project on 'El-Nino,' a result of weeks of collaborative brainstorming and meticulous crafting. The enthusiasm and dedication of the team were evident in their presentation, reflecting the hard work and preparation that went into the project. The event provided a platform for students to share their knowledge and innovative ideas in the field of Earth Science. The International Institute of Informational Technology, Pune, served as an apt venue for the contest, fostering an environment conducive to intellectual exchange and learning. The Geo Lab 2023 proved to be a valuable experience for the students as they demonstrated their scientific acumen and collaborative skills in presenting the 'El-Nino' project.



Seminar on Adverse Childhood Experiences

On the 16th of September 2023, Reverend Father Konrad J. Noronha, the Director of the Centre for Safeguarding and Human Formation at De Nobili College in Pune, conducted a seminar for the teachers in the Gulati Hall. The seminar commenced by providing a comprehensive understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences, shedding light on their profound impact on the lives of children. Fr. Noronha emphasised the significance of recognising and identifying children who might have experienced ACE, emphasising that this was the crucial first step towards providing them with the support and care they needed.

During the seminar, Father Noronha delved into various aspects of ACE, discussing their potential consequences for a child's emotional, psychological, and physical well-being. He shared valuable insights on the signs and symptoms that could help staff members identify students who may have undergone ACE, allowing for early intervention and assistance. The seminar highlighted the challenges posed by ACE and provided practical solutions and strategies to address them. Fr. Noronha discussed the importance of creating a safe and nurturing environment within educational institutions where students feel comfortable sharing their experiences and seeking help. The seminar proved to be a significant learning opportunity for all the staff, equipping them with the knowledge necessary to identify and support the affected children. Father Konrad's expertise and engaging presentation style left a lasting impression on the educators, inspiring them to be more vigilant and compassionate in their roles.



SENSORY STATION



Sensory stations are designated areas that are set up with the sole purpose of engaging children with fun activities and games to help them stimulate their senses. These sensory activities are very critical for the development of children. There are many benefits to sensory play in early childhood. This also helps in cognitive and brain development, language and problem solving, and social and emotional development. Keeping all the above benefits in mind, the teachers of pre-primary came up with the idea of having a sensory station on the 19th of September 2023, for UKG students. The children were very enthusiastic and actively participated in the activity.





Combined Annual Training Camp

The Combined Annual Training Camp was held from September 21st to September 30th, 2023, at NCC Headquarters in Pune. The primary aim was to instil core values of unity and discipline among the participating cadets. Each day commenced with early morning exercises, ensuring an energetic start to the day. The schedule included an array of activities such as rifle shooting, tug of war, volleyball, and various team-building exercises, fostering a holistic development approach. The

cadets from St. Vincent's High School demonstrated exceptional teamwork, securing victory in the tug of war competition, and earning well-deserved recognition as the epitome of discipline among their peers.

In addition to the competitive events, the camp emphasised leadership development through workshops and interactive sessions. Cadets had the opportunity to engage in discussions on community service, citizenship, and the importance of responsibility. This holistic approach aimed to shape not just disciplined individuals but future leaders committed to serving their communities. The successful execution of the camp owes much to the meticulous supervision of Mr. P. Munswami, the dedicated teacher in charge. His guidance and support ensured a seamless and enriching experience for all participants, setting a benchmark for future endeavours. The CATC Camp served as an exemplary platform for fostering discipline and for nurturing well-rounded and responsible citizens.

The teacher in charge: Mr. P. Munswami

Yellow Day

The colour yellow is indeed a colour of happiness and sunshine. It depicts brightness, and a yellow day is known as the happiest day of the year. Yellow also stimulates intelligence. With so many benefits of one colour, the Pre-Primary Section organised a 'Yellow Day' on the 22nd of September 2023. The children came dressed in yellow T-shirts and had something yummy and healthy in yellow for their snacks. The teachers made sure the children enjoyed all the fun and creative craft activities prepared for that day. The children were truly happy and spread their sunshine smile throughout the day.



The Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

The feast of St. Vincent de Paul, the patron saint of our school, was celebrated by the staff and students with great joy and festivity on the 27th of September 2023. An interclass chart-making and colouring competition was conducted, emphasising, and depicting different values such as simplicity, humility, and concern for the poor during the celebration week. The winners of the competition were awarded certificates and prizes. Many invitees, including ex-teachers and ex-students, attended the holy mass conducted at St. Xavier's Church in the morning. The theme of the mass was 'In service of the poor and suffering'. The main celebrants of the mass were Fr. Agnelo Mascarenhas, Provincial of the Pune Province, and Rev. Fr. John Rodrigues, Bishop of Pune Diocese. After the mass, the ex-teachers and the staff assembled at the grandly decorated Gulati Hall, where a programme was arranged for everyone. The feast concluded with the cutting of the cake and a scrumptious lunch.



Talent Hunt

We at St. Xavier's Pre-Primary not only impart good education and values but also bring out the hidden talents of our young students. Young children have an ocean of hidden talent amongst them, and to nurture their intrinsic qualities, we, the teachers of St. Xavier's Pre-Primary, organised an inter-class competition for the students of UKG and LKG on the 29th of September 2023. The main objective of this activity was to help students overcome stage fright and grow in self-confidence.

The children were full of enthusiasm prior to their performances. The competition included dance, singing, and mime. Every child that participated was very talented, and our audience was mesmerised by their talents. Our judges too faced difficulties during the judgement, as all the participants were so good in their performances. The programme ended with the prize distribution and vote of thanks given by our supervisor, Mrs. Cabral. She thanked the teachers and parents who took so much time and effort to train their children for their performances. The feedback received from parents after the event not only shows how successful the event was but also the trust they have in our institution and teachers, which motivates us to do better each time.



“Life is a matter of choices, and every choice you make, makes you.” John C. Maxwell

To prepare our students to make informed life choices for their personal and academic success, a workshop was organised for our junior college students. The programme was arranged on the 30th of September, 2023. Rev. Fr. Francis Lobo and Brother Brennan were the guest speakers. The workshop began with a few games, which were enjoyed by the students. Rev. Fr. Lobo then proceeded to give a talk on future goals and ambitions. An adoration session was held by Brother Brennan to promote self-exploration among students. The session ended with the felicitation of the dignitaries and lunch.

Workshop for Junior College Students



शिपाई म्हणून ३५ वर्षांच्या समर्पित सेवेनंतर सेवानिवृत्त झालेले श्री. दादा राव यांना भावनिक निरोप देण्यात आला. निरोप समारंभाचा हा कार्यक्रम शुक्रवार, दिनांक २९ सप्टेंबर २०२३ रोजी आयोजित करण्यात आला होता.

प्राचार्य व उपप्राचार्य यांच्या उपस्थितीत दिवसाची सुरुवात एका हृदयस्पर्शी संमेलनाने करण्यात आली, विद्यार्थ्यांची भाषणे, गीते तसेच दादांच्या सहकर्मिंनी दादांच्या जीवनाद्वारे त्यांच्यावर पाडलेला प्रभाव आठवणींच्या रुपात सर्वासमोर व्यक्त केला.

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त्यांचे शालेय सेवेतील योगदान सर्वांच्या सदैव स्मरणात राहिल. श्री. दादा राव यांच्या आयुष्यातील नवीन अध्यायाच्या सुरुवातीकरिता आम्हा सर्वांकडून त्यांना मनःपूर्वक शुभेच्छा !

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भावनिक निरोप**



NOTICE BOARD DECORATION COMPETITION

An interclass notice board decoration competition was organised for the students of Std. V to XII during the first term. The primary objective of the competition was to showcase and nurture the creative talents of the students and to make the school environment more vibrant. Each class participated with enthusiasm, decorating their notice boards with colourful and informative displays. The themes chosen by the students varied, covering topics such as school events, cultural celebrations, and educational initiatives. The competition provided a platform for students to express their creativity, teamwork, and collaboration within each class. The winners were announced during the school assembly. The atmosphere was filled with excitement as the deserving winners received their prizes.



INSTRUMENTAL COMPETITION

An inter-class instrumental competition was conducted for the students of Std. V to VIII on the 4th of October 2023 in the Gulati Hall. The competition was judged by two distinguished experts in the field of music, Dr. David Mascarenhas and Adv. Christina Mascarenhas. Their expertise and impartiality ensured a fair evaluation of the performances. The competition featured a diverse range of instrumental performances, making it a challenging task for the judges to select the winners. The Instrumental Competition was a magnificent celebration of the art of music and the dedication and passion of young musicians. The winners of the event were a testament to the talent and commitment of all participants. As the notes resonated through the hall, it was evident that music had brought joy and inspiration to all in attendance.

The winners of the competition were:

First Place: Master Vihaan Wasnik

Runner-Up: Master Aditya Nayak

Second Place: Master Shawn Christian

Third Place: Master Shreenath Dhumal

The teachers in charge: Mrs. N. Mascarenhas and Mrs. N. Dias



‘मराठी हस्ताक्षर स्पर्धा यशस्वीरित्या संपन्न’

दिनांक ६ ऑक्टोबर २०२३ रोजी ‘सुंदर अक्षर ह्या एक दागिना आहे, त्यामुळे व्यक्ती शोभून दिसते’, ह्या विचार विद्यार्थ्यांमध्ये रुजविण्यासाठी सेंट व्हिन्सेंट हायस्कूल येथे झ्यत्ता ७ वी आणि ८ वीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांसाठी ‘मराठी हस्ताक्षर स्पर्धा’ घेण्यात आली.

या स्पर्धेत झ्यत्ता ७ वी आणि ८ वीच्या प्रत्येक झ्यत्तेतील सर्वच विद्यार्थ्यांनी उत्साहाने सहभाग घेतला. प्रत्येक झ्यत्तेतून प्रथम दोन क्रमांक निवडण्यात आले.

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७ वी क) १. हर्ष गोंडळ २. अरमान परमार
७ वी ड) १. अबूबाकर खान २. वृषांक अगरवाल
८ वी अ) १. जयराज कोतकर २. श्लोक कटारिया
८ वी ब) १. श्रेय दोशी २. कवीश जोशी
८ वी क) १. हसनेन खान २. ध्रुव चौधरी
८ वी ड) १. अक्षत मुंदडा २. कौशल किराड



सर्व विजेत्या विद्यार्थ्यांना विद्यालयाचे मुख्याध्यापक फादर फ्रान्सिस पटेकर यांच्या हस्ते प्रमाणपत्र देऊन गौरविण्यात आले. या संपूर्ण स्पर्धेचे नियोजन विद्यालयाच्या मराठी विषय शिक्षिका श्रीमती. शामला साळवी आणि सौ. एलिझाबेथ इगवे यांनी केले.

सर्व यशस्वी विद्यार्थ्यांचे हार्दिक अभिनंदन.

जिल्हास्तरीय आदर्श शिक्षक पुरस्कार २०२३



दि. ८ ऑक्टोबर २०२३ रोजी शिक्षण क्षेत्रातील २१ वर्षांच्या प्रदीर्घ वाटचालीनंतर मला जिल्हास्तरीय आदर्श पुरस्कार मिळाला. ह्या पुरस्कारार्थीमध्ये माझे नाव ऐकल्यानंतर मला आश्चर्याचा धक्का बसला.

कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु, कदाचन | या सुभाषिताप्रमाणे मी विद्यार्थी घडविण्याचे काम करित राहिलो. आपल्या कार्याची दखल घेतली जाते याची प्रचिती या पुरस्काराने आली. महाराष्ट्र राज्य खाजगी प्राथमिक शिक्षक समिती, पुणे जिल्हा यांचे विशेष आभार.

या वाटचालीत माझे विद्यार्थी, प्राचार्य, मित्रपरिवार व सदोसदीत सोबत असणारे कुटुंबियांचा मी शतशः ऋणी आहे.

- फिलीप मुनस्वामी

A Seminar on Adolescent Health

Dr. Kanchankumar Bhagyawant, a senior consultant paediatrician and Adolescent Health Specialist, conducted a seminar for the students of Std. VIII on the 12th of October 2023, in the Gulati Hall. Dr. Bhagyawant discussed the important changes that occur during the teenage years, focusing on both physical and emotional aspects. The seminar aimed to provide students with a clear understanding of these transformations and equip them with practical knowledge to handle this vital phase of their lives effectively. Dr. Bhagyawant offered simple and actionable advice on how students can better comprehend and cope with the emotional and physical changes they experience during adolescence. His expertise and approach left a lasting impact on the young minds in attendance, offering valuable insights for navigating their teenage years. This seminar was a valuable educational experience, shedding light on a critical aspect of their growth and development. The session was meticulously organised by the PTA of 2023-2024.



सूरसंगम

‘अनुभवले आम्ही सुरांचे जग सुवर्ण,
तुम झाले आमचे कर्ण ।’
समूह-गीत गायन स्पर्धा

दि. १२ ऑक्टोबर रोजी इयत्ता ५ वी व ६ वीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांकरिता मराठी समूह गीत-गायन स्पर्धा आयोजित करण्यात आली होती. या स्पर्धेला लाभलेले परीक्षक सौ. अपर्णा पवार मॅडम व सौ. प्रियंका लोंढे मॅडम, सहशिक्षिका प्राथमिक विभाग यांच्या हस्ते दीप प्रज्वलन झाले व त्यांचा सन्मान करून स्पर्धेची सुरुवात झाली.

या स्पर्धेत इयत्ता ५ वी व ६ वीच्या विद्यार्थ्यांनी देशभक्तीपर गीत, बडबडगीत, बालगीत अशा अनेक प्रकारच्या गीतांचे रोमांचक व सुमधूर सादरीकरण केले. त्यांना त्यांच्या शिक्षकवंदांनी व मा. परीक्षकांनी प्रोत्साहन दिले.

या स्पर्धेत इयत्ता ५ वीच्या गटात ५ वी ड या वर्गाला प्रथम क्रमांक प्राप्त झाला. द्वितीय क्रमांक ५ वी अ व ५ वी ब या वर्गात विभागून दिला गेला. इयत्ता ६ वीच्या गटात प्रथम क्रमांक ६ वी ब च्या वर्गाला व ६ वी ड या वर्गाला द्वितीय क्रमांक मिळाला.

कार्यक्रमाचे सूत्रसंचलन फुलवून आणले ईशान लोखंडे व विक्रांत मुळे यांनी या कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन सौ. सुमती बोडके व सौ. शरयू डिकुन्हा यांनी केले.

विद्यार्थ्यांची स्फूर्ती व शिक्षकवंदांचे प्रोत्साहन यामुळे संपूर्ण गुलाटी हॉमध्ये आनंदी वातावरण निर्माण झाले होते.

- विक्रांत मुळे, ९ ब

Junior College Inter-Class Quiz Competition

A General Knowledge Quiz was organised at St. Vincent's Junior College on the 16th of October, 2023 for the students of Std. XI and XII. The students were tested on categories ranging from current affairs, spelling bees, politics, entertainment, and sports. The event showcased students' knowledge and quick-thinking abilities across various subjects. Participants demonstrated enthusiasm and dedication, engaging fervently in each round.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as students competed, displaying both their passion for learning and camaraderie. While winners were celebrated, every participant gained valuable experience, fostering a spirit of healthy competition and curiosity.

The winners of the competition were:

1st Place: XII C: Jessal Punchayil and Vickrant Shevale

2nd Place: XI B: Mahak Navalakha and Basileia Patrick

3rd Place: XI A: Mehran Shariff and Kanish Shah



English Debate Competition

A lively and engaging English Debate Competition was held on the 20th of October 2023, for the students of Std. IX and X in the Gulati Hall. The topic for the debate competition was 'Will AI ever truly replace human creativity'? The students were divided into two groups: one 'for' and another 'against' the motion. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation from the students, who demonstrated their eloquence and critical thinking skills. The event not only encouraged healthy competition but also provided a platform for young minds to express their opinions and refine their oratory abilities. It was indeed a successful and educational event, fostering the development of communication and debate skills among the students.

The winners are as follows:

Best Speakers from Std. IX-

Manav Sharma IX D,

Julius Pereira IX D

Best Speakers from Std. X -

Bhavya Furia XB,

Aryaan Merchant XC

Best Rebuttal Question

from Std. IX -

Manav Sharma IX D

Best Rebuttal Question

from Std. X - Aditya Vaz XD

Best Team:

Rhonwen George and

Bhavya Furia XB

The teachers in charge:

Mrs. F. Mendonca and Mrs. J. Joy



Parent-Counsellor SESSION

A parent-counsellor session was organised for the parents of the Primary and Pre-Primary Sections in the Gulati Hall on the 1st of September and the 31st of October, respectively. The objective of this session was to address the difficulties and challenges parents are encountering in relation to their children. The purpose was to facilitate discussion and offer guidance to help parents navigate these challenges effectively. The spokesperson for the session, Ms. Anuja Kulkarni, threw light on the daily challenges faced by parents of children in the 21st century. Ms. Kulkarni gave valuable insight into ways in which parents can deal with their children to facilitate their well-being and tackle behavioural issues more effectively. The session was an eye-opener for the parents, for whom it proved to be useful.



First Open Day

The parents of the Nursery Section attended their sons' very first open day on Thursday, 2nd November 2023. A comprehensive report was compiled for each child based on a continuous evaluation conducted in a play-way manner. It covered a wide range of parameters, including physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and behavioural development. This was a good opportunity for parents to interact with the class teachers of their boys and gauge their progress, as well as areas of required improvement, to help them facilitate the further development of their skills, abilities, and habits.





DIWALI CELEBRATION

A Diwali party was organised at the nursery on the 6th of November 2023. The boys came smartly dressed for the occasion in festive clothes. In keeping with Diwali festivities, the nursery was beautified with brightly coloured lanterns decorated by the boys. The other highlights of the day were the mouth-watering Diwali snacks and sweets lovingly sent by parents for their sons to enjoy and the glitter 'diya' activity, which the students enthusiastically engaged in. The boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves and parted for their Diwali vacations with a 'diya' each in their hands and smiles on their faces.

NCC CAMP

The NCC organised a three-day camp for NCC Cadets at Sanjeevani High School, Panchgani, from the 7th to the 9th of November 2023. The camp aimed to provide the cadets with a holistic experience, incorporating various activities to enhance their skills and foster teamwork. The activities included adventurous elements such as an adventure trek, a treasure hunt, rifle shooting, and stargazing. These not only added an exciting dimension to the camp but also promoted physical fitness and outdoor skills among the cadets. Team-building activities like 'carry the ball' and 'straw tower' were organised to instil a sense of collaboration and coordination. Group activities, including the Model Relay, further encouraged camaraderie among the cadets, allowing them to work together towards common goals. Beyond adventure and team building, the students actively participated in a social welfare programme by cleaning the community area. This initiative reflected a commitment to community service, instilling a sense of responsibility and civic duty among the cadets.

The Air Wing cadets undertook a compassionate community service initiative, contributing books to augment the library of a nearby village school and bringing smiles to the faces of the local children by distributing chocolates. The camp, with its diverse range of activities, provided a platform for the NCC cadets to develop leadership qualities, teamwork, and a sense of social responsibility. The hands-on experiences in adventure, team building, and community service contributed to their overall growth and instilled valuable life skills. The NCC's three-day camp at Sanjeevani High School proved to be an enriching and memorable experience for the participating cadets.

The teachers in charge:

Mr. W. Andrews and Mr. R. Gaikwad





SEMINAR FOR AIR WING CADETS

On November 25, 2023, St. Vincent's School warmly welcomed Mr. Siddharth Pantoji, an esteemed ex-student, for a lecture on aircraft to the Air Wing NCC students. The insightful session took place during the parade timings, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mr. Pantoji, showcasing his expertise in the field, captivated the students' attention as he shared his knowledge about various types of aircraft. The students, brimming with curiosity, actively participated in the lecture, eagerly absorbing the information provided by Mr. Pantoji. His explanations about different aircraft, their

functionalities, and the intricacies of aviation sparked interest and enthusiasm among the NCC students. The classroom setting facilitated an interactive and engaging learning experience for all. The session concluded with a sense of gratitude from the students, who left with newfound knowledge and a deeper appreciation for the world of aviation. The principal, Rev. Fr. Patekar, acknowledged and appreciated Mr. Pantoji for taking the time to share his expertise and inspire the next generation of air wing enthusiasts.

The teacher in charge: Mr. W. Andrews

Festivities and Fun

The months from October to December are the most anticipated months of the year for all. These months bring different festivals, fun, and excitement. After giving our best in the first term, it was time for fun and frolic. To begin with the festivities, we started with the Festival of Lights. Children made colourful and beautiful lanterns, decorated their classes, dressed in their traditional attire, and enjoyed the day before going for their break. In school, we not only impart academic knowledge but also instil in them our values. Children are taught the importance of each festival.

After a relaxing vacation, the boys of pre-primary were welcomed back for another exciting term with an orange day and a little children's day surprise by their teachers. The colour orange signifies confidence, enthusiasm, warmth, and optimism, and true to this, the choice of colour was just right to begin the second term. The children came dressed in orange t-shirts, had a wonderful time dancing to lovely music, and enjoyed their favourite lollipops. It was time to party again, and the children eagerly looked forward to their favourite Santa, who had come in as a secret Santa. Through this, we instilled the value of sharing with one another. The boys exchanged gifts and snacks with their friends in class. It was indeed a moment to cherish.





PRE-PRIMARY
Annual Day Celebration

The Annual Day of St. Xavier's Pre-Primary School was held on the 8th of December 2023, in the Gulati Hall. The theme was 'Rainbow of Possibilities'. The parents of our tiny tots eagerly awaited the performances of their children. All the efforts put in by the teachers paid off as the vibrant performances illuminated the hall, weaving together a tapestry of colours and emotions. Our principal, Rev. Fr. Patekar, appreciated and thanked the teachers and non-teaching staff for their efforts. The event was a grand success, and the memories will be cherished.





DUAL Celebration



St. Vincent's High School and Junior College celebrated the birthdays of Principal Rev. Fr. Francis Patekar and Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Francis Raja on December 9th, 2023. Despite Father Patekar's birthday being on the 10th and Father Raja's on the 12th, we chose the 9th to honour both respected individuals, making it a dual celebration of their remarkable contributions. The birthday preparations had started a few days before, when all the students from grades V to XII were given the opportunity to prepare birthday greetings and express their love and respect. These greeting cards were displayed in the Gulati Hall on the day of the celebration. Each class also brought a potted plant for our respected fathers. The Gulati Hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion.

The celebration on the 9th of December started in the Gulati Hall with a hymn by our teachers to invoke God's blessings, followed by blessing verses from the Bible and a special prayer. Our principal expressed his gratitude by speaking a few words. The programme was blessed by the presence of Major General Neville M. Rasquinha VSM (Retd), Mrs. Sandra Rasquinha, and Reverend Father Francis D'Souza, the manager of St. Vincent's. The Gulati Hall was enlightened by the presence of the entire staff of St. Vincent's. The programme was then followed by a scrumptious brunch.

HELPERS' DAY

St. Vincent's Primary School celebrated Helpers' Day on the 14th of December 2023, to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of our helpers, who tirelessly support the school's daily functioning. The programme commenced with a prayer service, where the students and staff joined in reflection and gratitude for the relentless efforts of our helpers. The principal, Rev. Fr. Patekar, also took the stage to honour and felicitate our helpers. Each helper was presented with a small token of appreciation. Father also expressed his gratitude for the indispensable role played by these individuals in maintaining the school's cleanliness, assisting in various tasks, and ensuring a smooth functioning environment. To further distinguish their roles, each helper was bestowed with a sash describing their nature of work, making them feel recognised and valued in the school community. The atmosphere during the assembly was filled with warmth and gratitude as the entire school came together to acknowledge the often-overlooked heroes who work diligently behind the scenes.





SPORTS DAY

The annual Sports Day was held at St. Vincent's School grounds on the 9th of December, 2023 at 8.45 a.m. Students from the Primary, High School and Junior College participated in various sports activities and drills, showcasing their physical agility and talent in sports. The event began with the felicitation and introduction of the chief guests, Major General Neville M. Rasquinha VSM (Retd) and Mrs. Sandra Rasquinha. Our principal, Rev. Fr. Patekar, delivered his speech, followed by the hoisting of the flag and the school anthem played by the school brass band. The three groups under the National Cadet Corps (Army, Navy, and Airwing), performed the March Past and paid their respects to the flag. The school, junior college, and the ex-students participated in many events, which included the 100-metre run, the 4 x 100-metre relay, and the 4 x 400-metre relay.

The event was followed by the prize distribution ceremony and the chief guest speech, which highlighted the importance of sports in one's life. The huge crowd of parents and spectators who had gathered at the stadium cheered loudly for all the participants and prize winners. The programme culminated with the vote of thanks given by the school head boy and the National Anthem.



Seminar on Juvenile Law

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) of the academic year 2023-2024 organised a seminar on December 18, 2023, for the students of Std. IX. The seminar featured esteemed speakers, Mr. Anthony Jacob, In-charge of Prison Ministry India, Pune Diocese, and Dr. L. N. Dhanawade, Juvenile Justice Board Member from Maharashtra State. The focus of the seminar was to impart valuable knowledge on juvenile law to the students, providing them with a comprehensive understanding of the legal aspects surrounding juvenile issues. Mr. Jacob and Dr. Dhanawade, with their expertise in the field, aimed to raise awareness and enhance the students' insights into this crucial aspect of the legal system.

The event comprised an engaging Q&A session, allowing the students to actively participate and seek clarification on various aspects of juvenile law. Both Dr. L. N. Dhanawade and Mr. Anthony Jacob professionally addressed the queries, ensuring that the students gained a clear understanding of the subject matter. The PTA's initiative to organise this seminar reflects their commitment to the holistic development and well-rounded education of the students. The seminar provided valuable information and created a platform for students to interact with experts in the field.



Christmas Fancy Dress Competition



In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, some of the nursery boys participated in a fancy dress programme organised on the 20th of December 2023. The little boys were dressed as some of our favourite Christmas decorations, like bells, stars, baubles, and gifts, as well as characters like Santa Claus, Rudolph, and Snow Man. The parents enthusiastically dressed their little ones and were overjoyed to see them in action as they boldly spoke about their respective characters. The event was indeed successful in achieving its goal of helping the boys gain confidence and getting them acquainted with the Christmas festival.

Christmas Celebration



The spirit of Christmas reverberated through the halls of St. Vincent's High School as the staff and students of the Primary Section came together for a heartwarming celebration on the 19th of December 2023. The programme commenced with a meaningful Eucharist celebration, presided over by Rev. Fr. Francis D'Souza and Rev. Fr. Francis Patekar. A captivating skit conveying the message of Christmas unfolded on stage, wherein the students brought the nativity scene to life. The air was filled with the angelic voices of the students as they engaged in carol singing. The programme echoed the essence of the season: to spread love, kindness, and joy to all.

A Memorable Christmas Assembly



A special assembly was held on the 20th of December 2023, to awaken the spirit of Christmas within the students. The main objective was to educate the students about the history of Jesus Christ and Christmas. Various choirs performed to showcase their devotion to the Lord. The highlight of the event was the teachers joining in to enlighten the children by singing a mellifluous song. The assembly was concluded by a speech from Principal Rev. Fr. Patekar, which left everyone with a feeling of euphoria. This special assembly helped everyone understand the true meaning of Christmas



A Festive Fete of Fun

On the 21st of December 2023, St. Vincent's High School and Junior College hosted a vibrant funfair for the students. The event featured a variety of entertaining games and attractions, notably a dynamic dance floor that uplifted everyone's spirits throughout the day.

Among the highlights were the food stalls specially set up for the students, offering a variety of delectable treats to satisfy every craving. Participants eagerly competed in the various games, with each winner proudly claiming their well-deserved prizes, adding an extra layer of excitement to the event. The atmosphere was nothing short of amazing, as the funfair brought together the school community in a celebration filled with laughter, camaraderie, and memorable moments. It was an exceptional event that left a lasting impression on all who attended.





Motivational Talk

On January 9, 2024, a motivational talk was delivered by the renowned speaker, Mr. Sajan Shah, to students from Std. VII to IX in the Gulati Hall. The supervisor, Mr. S. Naik, felicitated Mr. Shah with a potted plant. With over a decade of experience in motivational speaking, Mr. Shah shared insights on the importance of education, offered tips for effective concept memorization, and engaged in an interactive session with the students. During the talk, Mr. Shah emphasised the significance of education as a foundation for success and personal growth. He provided practical advice on memorization techniques, empowering students to enhance their learning skills. The interactive session allowed students to actively participate, fostering a dynamic and engaging atmosphere.

Mr. Sajan Shah distributed a unique and sustainable pencil to all attendees. What made the pencil exceptional was the presence of a seed at its end, allowing students to plant it. This thoughtful gesture aimed to promote environmental awareness and sustainability among the students. The students left the session inspired and equipped with valuable insights. The event encouraged academic excellence and instilled a sense of responsibility towards the environment.

The teacher in charge: Mrs. N. Dias



Cyber-Smart Awareness Programme

The Youth Talent Development Society organised a Cyber Smart Awareness Programme for students of Std. V to IX on the 3rd and 4th of January 2024, in the Gulati Hall. The event aimed to educate and empower students with essential knowledge about staying safe in the online world. The programme covered various aspects of cybersecurity, including the importance of strong passwords, recognising, and avoiding online scams, and responsible use of social media. The session began with an insightful presentation, where practical tips and real-life examples were shared to illustrate potential online risks. Interactive discussions engaged the students, allowing them to ask questions and share their own experiences. The programme emphasised the significance of being cautious while sharing personal information online and encouraged responsible digital citizenship. The Cyber Smart Awareness Programme proved to be a valuable and enlightening experience for the students, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the online world safely.

The teacher in charge: Mrs. N. Dias



Junior League 2023-2024

The Junior League Under 12, hosted at St. Vincent's, was inaugurated on January 13, 2024, by Mr. Punit Balan as the chief guest. Rev. Fr. Francis Dsouza, the manager of St. Vincent's, along with Rev. Fr. Patekar, the principal, and Rev. Fr. Raja, the vice principal, graced the occasion with their presence. Rev. Fr. Patekar delivered the welcome speech and extended felicitations to the esteemed guests. This year marked the 12th year of the Junior League, with the addition of basketball and hockey leagues. A total of 12 football teams, 8 basketball teams, and 8 hockey teams were invited to participate, showcasing the school's commitment to fostering a diverse sporting culture.

Throughout the league, notable personalities graced the events. In the first week, Mr. Sunil Shivale, the principal of H.A. High School and Raman Baug New English School, honoured the occasion with his presence. The following week, Mr. Kishor Shinde, the technical committee chairman of the Maharashtra Athletic Association, contributed his expertise to the proceedings. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, the school's physiotherapist, visited in the third week, followed by businessmen Mr. Tanmay Mathurawala and Mr. Sunendu Shah, who added their support.

The league culminated with a grand closing ceremony for basketball and hockey, with Mr. Manoj Bhore, the joint secretary of Hockey India and Vice President of Hockey Maharashtra, as the guest of honour. Awards and medals were presented by Mr. Manoj, Rev. Fr. Francis Dsouza, Rev. Fr. Patekar, and Rev. Fr. Raja, honouring the exceptional performances of the participants.

For the football closing ceremony, Dr. Rajiv Yerwadekar from Symbiosis International Deemed University presided as the chief guest, joined by Mr. Arjun Indulkar, MD of Diamond Water Park, and Dr. Ameya Yerwadekar, MD of Pharma Company in the USA, as guests of honour. Rev. Fr. Patekar, Rev. Fr. Raja, and Rev. Fr. Francis D'Souza were also present to celebrate the achievements of the winning teams.

The winners of the competitions were as follows:

Basketball

Winners: St. Vincent's High School (secondary section)

1st Runner Up: Loyola High School

2nd Runner Up: St. Vincent's (primary section)

Hockey

Winners: Loyola High School

1st Runner Up: St. Patricks High School

2nd Runner-Up: St. Vincent's High School

Football

Winners: St. Vincents High School (secondary section)

1st Runner Up: Loyola High School

2nd Runner Up: Hutchings High School



Nursery Boys' First School Ground Visit

On the 18th and 19th of January 2024, the nursery boys were taken for a walk to have their first experience of playing on the extensive and lush green school ground. There was excitement in the air as the boys ran around and played football on the ground. This was a good opportunity for them to get familiar with the school surroundings.



Internship Programme for Std. X and XII

An orientation session was held for the students of Std. XII and X on the 12th and 19th of January 2024, respectively. The event was led by Brigadier Michael Mendonca and Dr. Nitin Shah. The session aimed to introduce students to the student internship programme offered by General Revancer Pvt. Ltd. During the session, Brigadier Mendonca and Dr. Shah explained the details of the programme, emphasising the opportunity for students to develop and submit projects with unique ideas. They highlighted that the selected projects would receive full financial backing and support from General Revancer Pvt. Ltd., the company owned by Mr. Prashant Nagar. The session was seen as a valuable opportunity for students to gain practical experience and support for their projects. Many students expressed enthusiasm and interest in participating, recognising the benefits of such an initiative.





Swimming Competition

The Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) organised a lively and successful swimming competition for students on January 20, 2024. The event was part of the academic year 2023-2024 and aimed to encourage physical activity, teamwork, and healthy competition among the student body. The competition was met with enthusiasm, as a significant number of students eagerly participated. The atmosphere was vibrant, and the pool area buzzed with excitement. This initiative by the PTA not only provided an opportunity for students to showcase their swimming skills but also fostered a sense of community and camaraderie within the school. The PTA's efforts in organizing the swimming competition for the academic year 2023-2024 were met with success, contributing to the overall well-being and spirit of the school community. The event not only promoted physical fitness but also strengthened the bonds among students, creating a positive and inclusive environment within the school.

Republic Day Celebration

Nursery School



The boys of the Nursery Section celebrated Republic Day on the 25th of January 2024, sporting costumes of freedom fighters and traditional Indian outfits. They sang patriotic songs and enthusiastically participated in a hand-printing activity. Tri-colour decorations adorned the nursery, and the boys munched on the delicious tri-colour snacks sent by their parents.

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION

High School

St. Vincent's High School and Junior College celebrated the 75th Republic Day on January 26, 2024, with grandeur and excitement. The school invited Rev. Fr. Francis D'Souza, the manager of St. Vincent's, to grace the occasion. The event began at 8 a.m. with the chief guest unfurling the national flag, followed by the brass band playing the national anthem. After the flag hoisting, the cadets started their march past and paid their respects to the national flag. After the march past came to an end, students from the senior class delivered speeches on how our great freedom fighters fought for freedom and sacrificed themselves to free our country. Then the students sang a few patriotic songs, first in Marathi, followed by English songs. The event concluded with a vote of thanks.



REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION



Primary School

The students of St. Vincent's Primary School celebrated the 75th Republic Day on the 25th of January 2024 at Fr. Oesch Hall with patriotic fervour and cultural pride. The assembly was graced by the manager of St. Vincent's, Rev. Fr. Francis D'Souza, the principal, Rev. Fr. Francis Patekar, and the vice principal, Rev. Fr. Raja. It commenced with speeches delivered in both Marathi and English, emphasising the significance of Republic Day and the values it represents.

The choir sang a medley of patriotic songs, with performers dressed in tricolour outfits, symbolising the unity and diversity of India. Various students also showcased their musical talents by playing instrumental patriotic melodies on the keyboard and tabla. The assembly served as a reminder to uphold the values of democracy, unity, and diversity that form the cornerstone of our republic.

Social Service



On the 75th Republic Day, St. Vincent's High School and Junior College felicitated and honoured the students and ex-students who rendered selfless services to the school and our society. The individuals were bestowed with a token of love and appreciation by Rev. Fr. Francis D'Souza, the manager of St. Vincent's, and the principal, Rev. Fr. Francis Patekar. This initiative to felicitate the students and ex-students was taken by the social service committee. This year, the social service committee distributed groceries and blankets to the rural development centre in Ahmednagar and to 'Sadak'. 'Sadak' is an NGO in Daund that helps underprivileged children who are brought from the streets and platforms all over Pune. They are provided with food, shelter, and education. They also work for the empowerment of women.

Birthday Celebration



On January 26, 2024, the staff of St. Vincent's High School and Junior College gathered to celebrate the birthday of Reverend Father Francis D'Souza, the manager of the institution. The event, held in the Biology Laboratory, marked a significant moment of appreciation and respect for Father Francis D'Souza.

The highlight of the celebration was the cutting of the birthday cake by Father Francis D'Souza, accompanied by wishes and blessings from Reverend Father Patekar, the principal. Father Patekar's words of encouragement and goodwill resonated with everyone present. Following the cake-cutting ceremony, attendees joined in expressing their warmest birthday wishes to Father Francis. The celebration was complemented by the enjoyment of delicious food arranged for the occasion, providing an opportunity for everyone to come together and share in the joyous moment. As the celebration concluded, hopes and best wishes were extended to Father Francis for continued happiness and success in the years ahead.

Pre-Primary and Primary Annual Sports Day

Sports are an integral part of education. Sports not only build a child's confidence but also help in his overall development. Here at St. Xavier's pre-primary, we not only impart knowledge but also ensure the children have ample physical activities for their growth. Keeping the importance of sports in mind, we, the teachers, along with the help of our experienced sports teachers, organised our Annual Sports Day for the primary and pre-primary children.

The sports day was held on two consecutive days, January 30th and 31st 2024. The chief guests of the event were Rev. Fr. Francis D'Souza, the manager of St. Vincent's High School, and Rev. Fr. Francis Raja, vice principal of St. Vincent's High School. The event began with a colourful drill display put up by the students of Std. I, II, UKG, and LKG. The children participated enthusiastically and with a zeal to win in all the sports. The winners were felicitated with medals and certificates. We also had a few races for our parents, which was the cherry on top. To keep the little ones motivated, they were all given a small goodie bag with sweet treats and a gift. The entire event was very well organised and well appreciated by all those who were present.



PREFECT INVESTITURE CEREMONY

In keeping with the tradition of St. Vincent's High School, this year too, the Prefect Investiture Ceremony was held on the 30th of January 2024, after the farewell assembly for the Std XII batch of 2023–24, with great aplomb. It was an extremely poignant moment when the outgoing prefects entrusted their badges to the newly elected leaders. Bearing the great responsibility of faith and confidence, the new leaders took the oath of duty. The outgoing Head Boy, Master Meru Jain, delivered a nostalgic speech. Rev. Fr. Francis Patekar blessed the students and encouraged them to do good in life and always remember the school values and motto. The flawless ceremony concluded with the rendition of the school anthem.



Excerpts from the farewell speech by Head Boy - Meru Jain

Today's weather forecast says that everyone should be happy! Well, I don't think it resonates with us as we, the Class of 2024, bid farewell to our beloved junior college. Good morning, respected Principal Rev. Fr. Francis Patekar, Vice Principal Rev. Fr. Raja, esteemed faculty, and my fellow students. Today, as we find ways to move onto new chapters of our lives, I find myself at the helm of emotions—a blend of nostalgia, gratitude, and a pinch of anxiety about what the future holds. Our journey through these corridors has been nothing short of a roller coaster, with each twist and turn moulding us into the individuals we are today. I stand before you as not just a head boy but as a 9-year-old kid who was afraid to leave his mom's hand on the first day when I joined this institution, and today my mom has to make phone calls asking me when I am returning home from college. I stand here as the representative of the incredible Class 12, a class that has weathered storms and celebrated triumphs together.

I would like to take a special moment to thank our guiding lights, our teachers. They've been our glistening stars, imparting knowledge with the finesse of an artist and the patience of a saint. Thank you for shaping our minds, for believing in us when we doubted ourselves, and for tolerating our occasional mischief with a smile that says, "Bacchetohbacche hi rahenge."

To my fellow friends who turned into a family, how do I even start to acknowledge your presence? From late-

night cramming sessions to the inside jokes that only we understand, the bond we share is unbreakable. If our journey through college were a movie, I'm sure it would be a blockbuster—drama, comedy, adventure, romance, and yes, a bit of horror during exam season. We faced deadlines like superheroes, and let us all agree that we imagined our lives to be the main characters of an Avengers movie at some point in the past two years, right? and our attendance records may have seen a few casualties, but hey, we made it!

As I stand here before you today, I am reminded of the words of Winston Churchill, who once said, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal; it is the courage to continue that counts." As we step into the future, remember that success is not defined by grades alone. It's about the lessons learned, the friendships forged, and the resilience gained in the face of challenges. Embrace failure as a stepping stone to success, and let passion be your compass. A heartfelt thank you to our alma mater, St. Vincent's. You've been our second home, shaping us into the leaders of tomorrow. We leave your gates with a bag full of memories and a heart full of gratitude. So, here's to the laughter, the tears, and the countless moments that defined our journey. May we carry the spirit of generosity, knowledge, and courage into the future. May our paths cross again, and may the adventures that await us be as exhilarating as the ones we've shared. Dare, Do and Win.

VINCENTI DABITUR

Std. XII

Farewell

The morning of January 31, 2024, was filled with mixed emotions as students and teachers of St. Vincent's came together to bid farewell to the students of Std. XII. The day began with a solemn assembly. The assembly presided over a prayer service along with a choir, followed by the head boy's emotional farewell speech, in which he mentioned his long and deep association with the school as well as with his class.

The evening party was held at Gulati Hall. The venue was adorned with banners, balloons, and multi-coloured streamers, along with a welcoming quote on a blackboard. A photo booth with props and backdrops was set up, providing an opportunity for students to capture lasting memories with their friends and teachers. The event was presided over with a welcoming speech and prayer. The evening farewell party commenced with a mix of excitement and nostalgia in the air. Students, dressed in their finest attire, gathered to celebrate the culmination of their high school journey.

An act was put up by the 11th graders with the theme *"A journey unfolded, tale of high school bond,"* based on the high school journey of 12th grade students. The act was a proper mixture of dance, skit, and choir, as well as some spot prizes to cheer up the crowd. After the act, dinner was served, allowing students and teachers to socialize and enjoy delicious cuisine. Laughter and conversation filled the air as friendships were cherished and memories were made. The 12th Standard Farewell Party concluded on a bittersweet note, as students bid farewell to their beloved school and embraced the next chapter of their lives with hope and optimism.



Excerpts from the farewell speech by Rhonwen George

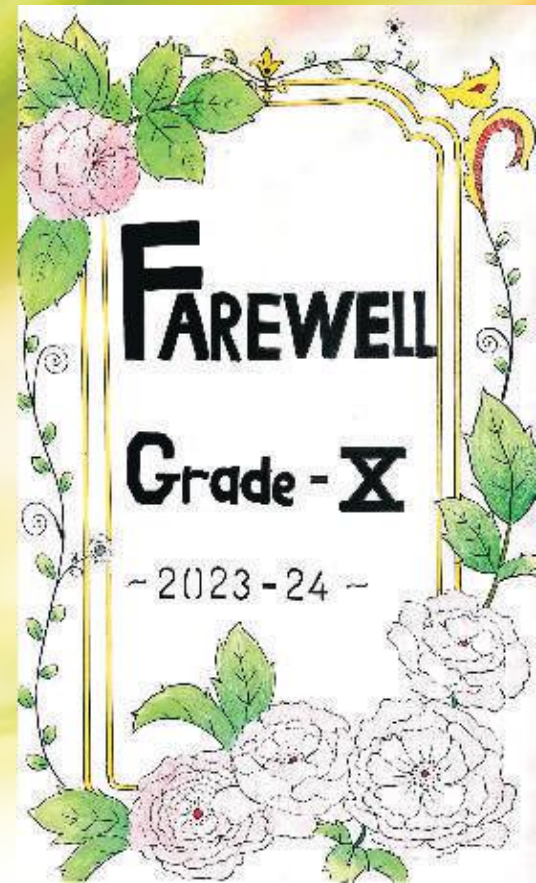
'School,' where friendships are forged, dreams are nurtured, and the canvas of the future is painted. Good morning, respected principal, vice principal, my dear friends, and all the brave souls that survived teaching us, our teachers. Today, as we gather here for the last time as the 10th grade class, my heart is heavy with a mix of emotions. It's a bittersweet moment, filled with pride for how far we've come and sadness for the inevitable goodbyes that lie ahead. Today, I'm excited to recount and share a few cherished moments we've created together. Most of us don't quite remember our first day as students. It was a blend of excitement, nervous anticipation, and the fear of letting go of the hands of our parents. The school gates of St. Vincent's opened a new world of possibilities. Thus began the journey of a lifetime.

Understanding procedures for asking questions, seeking help, and participating in class activities was an essential part of the first day. For example, we were supposed to seek permission to enter or exit the class. Many of us uttered words like, "Miss, can I come in?" Our teachers politely corrected us, saying, "Child It's not 'can I,' it's 'may I.' " Navigating" the school's rules and regulations proved to be a challenging task initially. However, we all adapted with the course of time. Our school life has been a rollercoaster of ups and downs. A challenging yet undeniably beautiful journey. From sharing snacks under the desk to orchestrating plans to bunk the lectures, from spending countless nights completing assignments to not-so-subtle nap sessions during class, The endless pursuit of turning every period into PT, and how can we forget the most terrifying of all "exams?" To our dear teachers, thank you for your unwavering patience, even when our attention span resembled that of a goldfish. Your dedication to our education has not gone unnoticed, even if it seemed like we were more interested in the latest meme circulating on social media. You've been more than just educators; you've been our mentors, our confidants, and our guiding stars. You've believed in us even when we doubted ourselves, pushing us to reach for the stars and never settle for anything less than our best. You've not only imparted knowledge but have also touched our souls in ways that words cannot express. Principal Fr. Patekar, your unwavering dedication to our school has been a beacon of light for us all. Your leadership has not only shaped the academic landscape of our institution but has also nurtured a culture of excellence, compassion, and competence that will forever be ingrained in our hearts.

And to my fellow classmates, what can I say? We've laughed, we've cried (especially during math class), and we've formed friendships that will last a lifetime. As we embark on the next chapter of our lives, let's remember to cherish the memories we've created together and to approach the future with the same consistency we've shown in mastering the art of procrastination. Though we may be saying goodbye to this chapter, let us remember that the bonds we've created and the knowledge we've gained will forever be a part of us. As we step into the unknown, let us do so with courage, resilience, and an unwavering belief in ourselves. And as we journey forward, let us never forget the invaluable role our teachers have played in shaping our futures. Their dedication, wisdom, and unwavering support have laid the foundation for our success, and for that, we owe them a debt of gratitude that can never be repaid. Now, as we bid farewell, please remember that our success is your success, and any failures... well, let's blame those on the textbooks, shall we? Not long ago, it was our first day of school. Let me tell you something: we cried quite a bit. Even today, tears may fall, but they're tears of gratitude and love. For every lesson learned, every problem solved, and every smile shared, we're truly grateful. Goodbye, teachers, and may we share the memories of our time together forever. So, here's to us, the departing class of 2024.

STD. X FAREWELL

February 2, 2024, was a day with mixed emotions for all. The students of Std. IX bid farewell to the Std. X batch of 2023–2024. The day began with a heartfelt assembly put up by the students of Std. IX. A message of positivity, optimism, and gratitude was conveyed through the medium of literature. Hymns and songs were sung for their protection and betterment in the outside world. The air was filled with exuberance and glee. The evening event commenced with a cultural programme to lighten the mood as well as show our appreciation for them. The cultural programme was our opportunity to show them how much we've grown under their guidance. The choir sang their hearts out, and the dancers raised our spirits. These programmes were thoroughly enjoyed by the seniors. Up next were the spot prizes, which made everyone ecstatic in the hopes that they would win a prize as well. The cultural programme was concluded with a little downtime for the seniors to dance their stresses away. This was their opportunity to seek guidance from their teachers and interact with their juniors. This day was the perfect way to show the graduating batch their impact on their juniors as well as the love and appreciation they've garnered over the years. It is now their turn to explore the world and make it a better place for everyone.



Science Exhibition

St. Vincent's High School and Junior College organised an interclass Science exhibition on the 8th of February 2024, in the Gulati Hall. The principal, Rev. Fr. Patekar, was the chief guest of the event. Mrs. Sophia Mathews from Dastur Boys School and Mrs. Mansi Kulkarni from Vidya Bhavan High School were the judges of the competition. Students from Std. V to Std. XI poured their efforts into crafting working models for the exhibition. The selection committee, after careful deliberation, chose the top two projects from each class, which were then proudly displayed in the Gulati Hall. The projects ranged from individual efforts to collaborative group endeavours, showcasing the students' diverse talents and interests in science. The judges evaluated the projects based on their scientific thought, principles, creativity, and presentation. The students expressed their love and passion for science by displaying unique working models. Informative charts based on their topics were showcased. Students of Std. V to XI and their parents were given the opportunity to come and see the projects made by their fellow students. The best projects were selected by the judges, and the winners were awarded a certificate and a trophy. The exhibition was a great success, as students got a great opportunity to display their creativity and innovation.





INTER-JESUIT SPORTS CARNIVAL

The Inter-Jesuit Sports Carnival was held on the 9th of February 2024, at St. Vincent's High School, Pune. With the participation of esteemed Jesuit schools such as St. Vincent's Primary School, Loyola High School, Pune, Loyola High School, Goa, St. Xavier's Kolhapur, and St. Xavier's Pune, the event promised an exciting day of sportsmanship and camaraderie. The event commenced with a warm welcome extended to the provincial, Rev. Fr. Angelo Mascarenhas, and the school principals, followed by a felicitation ceremony to honour their presence. The formal inauguration took place with the declaration of the sports meet open, accompanied by the hoisting of the Jesuit flag and the marshal parade. Throughout the sports carnival, the athletes from various schools showcased their skills in various disciplines, including Athletics, Football, Basketball, Hockey, Triathlon, Badminton, Obstacle Race and Swimming. The participating schools competed fiercely while the spectators cheered for the athletes. The carnival concluded with a felicitation and award ceremony, where the outstanding performances of the winners were recognised and celebrated.

In basketball, St. Vincent's Primary secured the championship title, with Master Aditya Ghugarkar emerging as the standout player. However, in football, the school team secured the runner-up position, with Master Anvic Lobo being awarded as the best football player and Master Shreyash Kshirsagar as the best defender. Similarly, in hockey and swimming, despite finishing as runners-up, the boys displayed commendable performances. In the obstacle race and the triathlon event, the school team clinched both the team championship and the individual championship. In badminton, Master Siddharaj Pawar and Master Sai Shinde showcased their dominance by securing 1st and 3rd place, respectively. Finally, in athletics, St. Vincent's School, Pune, emerged as the overall champions amongst the various athletic events, with Master Sai Shinde being recognised as the best athlete of the sports meet. It was a moment of pride for the participating schools as they received accolades for their achievements in different sports. St. Vincent's Primary School topped the score chart and secured the Inter-Jesuit championship trophy. This was followed by the closing ceremony, marking the end of a memorable day filled with healthy competition and a spirit of unity and collaboration among the Jesuit institutions.



NCC 2nd Year Farewell

On February 10, 2024, the National Cadet Corps (NCC) 2nd year Army farewell event was held at St. Vincent's High School in the Gulati Hall. It was a memorable occasion marked by a sense of pride, accomplishment, and gratitude. The event commenced with a grand welcome by the chief guests, followed by a national anthem. The event aimed to bid farewell to the 2nd-year outgoing NCC cadets and acknowledge their contributions and dedication to the organization. The distinguished chief guests for the occasion were Mr. Mayuresh Rajas Patade and Mr. Shivraj, former students, and our school principal, Father Patekar, adding significance and inspiration to the ceremony. The NCC 2nd year leaders, CSM Aaditya Vijesh Nilajagi and CQMS Shardul Padulkar, gave an encouraging speech to the 1st year cadets. The speeches of Reverend Father Patekar and NCC ANO, Mr. P. Munswami, inspired the cadets. This year's farewell event was special as some parents were also called and facilitated for their continued support and cooperation.

The teacher in charge: Mr. P. Munswami



Fancy Dress Competition

St. Vincent's Primary Section organised a Fancy Dress Competition for the students of Std. I and II on the 13th of February, 2024. The event showcased young boys portraying famous Indian freedom fighters such as Lokmanya Tilak, Mahatma Gandhi, Sarojini Naidu, Rani Laxmibai, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, and others. The participants captivated the audience with their creative and historically significant costumes. The winners, who successfully embodied the spirit of these iconic figures, were honoured with awards and certificates during a special assembly. This initiative not only celebrated India's rich history but also instilled a sense of patriotism and pride among the students, fostering a deeper connection with the nation's heroes.





Ash Wednesday

On February 14th, 2024, Ash Wednesday Mass was held in St. Xavier's Church for the students of St. Vincent's High School and Junior College. The main celebrant was Rev. Fr. Patekar. Students received ashes on their foreheads, symbolising reflection, and repentance as they entered the Lenten season. The Mass focused on spiritual renewal and preparation for Easter through prayers and Bible readings. It was a time for students to come together in faith and contemplation.

NCC ARMY TREK

On February 16, 2024, the NCC army embarked on a thrilling and educational 1st-year trek under the able leadership and mentorship of Mr. P. Munswami and Mr. V. Gaikwad. Guided by the experienced 2nd-year seniors, Master Aaditya Nilajagi, Master Zayan Shaikh, and Master Saksham Garud, to the historic Lohgad Fort and the mesmerising Bhaja Karla caves. The day began with an early departure from the school at 6:45 a.m., setting the stage for an adventurous exploration.

The cadets reached Lohgad Fort around 8:45 a.m. The first order of business was a dedicated cleaning campaign to contribute towards the preservation of this historical site. Under the watchful guidance of Mr. P. Munswami and Mr. V. Gaikwad, the entire team actively participated in the initiative, fostering a sense of responsibility towards our cultural heritage. Once the cleaning campaign concluded, cadets had the opportunity to absorb the rich history and panoramic views from the fort's summit. Subsequently, the trek continued to the Bhaja Karla caves, adding an element of cultural exploration to the day's itinerary. This trek not only provided the Cadets with a memorable adventure but also instilled in us a sense of camaraderie and environmental consciousness.

The teachers in charge: Mr. P. Munswami and Mr. V. Gaikwad





Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti

On the 19th of February 2024, St. Vincent's High School and Junior College observed the celebration of Chatrapati Shivaji Jayanti with grandeur. The event, held with great pomp, was graced by the presence of the Vice Principal, Fr. Raja, and Supervisor, Mr. Naik. Commemorating the occasion, three students dressed as Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj delivered captivating speeches, instilling inspiration among the audience. The demonstration of 'Dandpatta' added a thrilling dimension to the event.

The participation of NCC cadets added to the event's significance, symbolising the spirit of discipline and patriotism. Furthermore, several students received appreciation and felicitation for their remarkable contributions, highlighting their dedication and achievements. St. Vincent's High School and Junior College continue to uphold the legacy of Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, fostering a sense of pride and reverence among students and faculty alike.

The teacher in charge: Mr. P. Munswami



DESKS TO DISHES

A unique project landed on the desks of the students, promising an adventure unlike any other. It all began when their teacher, Mr. P. Munswami, introduced the idea of immersing themselves in the culinary tradition of Indian culture. Inspired by this concept, they collectively brainstormed their ideas and outlined a plan. Motivated by their curiosity and guided by their teacher's encouragement, they eagerly embraced the challenge of creating a memorable food project that would not only tantalise their taste buds but also awaken their senses. Transitioning from the confines of the classroom to the expansive atmosphere of the stadium made them feel like a cohesive unit. As they sat in a precise manner on February 21, 2024, Mr. P. Munswami instructed them to open their tiffin boxes. The aroma of cumin, coriander, and spices filled the air, reminding them of the unforgettable experience they were about to embark on. Such activities not only served to educate them about different cultures but also enriched the collective spirit of their class, fostering a sense of unity and belonging that transcended academic pursuits. The highlight of their project was a grand feast at the stadium, where the students indulged in a variety of Indian dishes prepared by themselves. From this experience, they learned a valuable lesson: that even in challenging circumstances, they can thrive and succeed when they come together as a team. Their caretakers may not always be by their side, but with determination, creativity, and

unity, they can overcome obstacles and achieve their goals. This culinary journey not only expanded their culinary horizons but also strengthened their bonds as classmates and friends.

The teacher in charge: Mr. P. Munswami



Annual Picnic of St. Xavier's Pre-Primary

Picnics are a fun way to take a break from our regular day and spend quality time with friends. So, after a long wait, the boys of LKG boarded the bus on the 22nd of February and the UKG on the 23rd of February 2024 to an exciting and wonderful adventure park, 'Go Crazy'. Our boys were excited from the day the picnic notice was sent to parents and were eagerly waiting for it. On the day of travel, boys came dressed in their regular uniforms but were allowed to wear sports shoes. The boys assembled near the main gate of the school on time. The team members of Memories Unlimited were present all day; they ensured all the children were well taken care of. We boarded the bus and left for our destination. En route, the children were given light snacks to munch on and juice to quench their thirst. Once we arrived, the children were taken for a healthy breakfast. The day was well planned and filled with activities like a magic show, tattoo making, a bullock cart ride, some adventure games, dancing, and lots more. The children were then served a delicious lunch of Pav Bhaji, Veg Manchurian, Gulab Jamun, etc. After a fun-filled day, it was time to bid goodbye to the team of 'Memories Unlimited', who ensured the day was well planned and executed. The children returned home with memories that will always remain with them in the years to come.



Goethe-Zertifikat Examinations at Goethe Institute, Pune

The Goethe-Zertifikat—Fit in Deutsch 2 is a German school exam held at the Goethe Institute—Max Mueller Bhawan in Pune. It certifies that candidates have attained language skills corresponding to the specific CEFR level they clear on the six-level scale of competence. The examination encompasses reading, listening, writing, and speaking sections, with the speaking part conducted in groups. This globally administered and evaluated exam ensures consistency in assessment worldwide. Our students demonstrated exceptional proficiency, having successfully cleared both the Fit in Deutsch 1 (level 1) and, Fit in Deutsch 2 (level 2) exams. Students who passed the Fit in Deutsch 2 (level 2) exam from X grade are Bhavya Furia, Ojas Sonawane, Laksh Pardeshi, Ranveer Jagtap, Ritam Adhikary, Ayden Ambrose, Eesaa Lambe, Jouyon Felfeli, Mohammed Ayaan Parwani, and Ethan Monteiro.

The following students cleared the Fit in Deutsch 1 (level 1) exam from IX grade. The names are according to their score segregation in the exam.

Sehr gut (very good): Ishaan Lokhande, Vikrant Mulay, Mayank Vaswani, Soham Shirke, Neil D'souza, and Anish Malwadkar.

Gut (good): Rishi Palekar, Vedant Kolte, Sharvil Shelar, Sidhaan Shetty, Nevaan Pandit, Aayush Ghodke, Ryan Kiriyanthan, Lokesh Sarje, Kaivalya Pingale, Vedant Madgunaki, Darsh Lunawat, Arjun Renuse, Rudransh Yadav, and Saiharshit Mergu.

Befriedigend (satisfactory): Joseito D'souza, Julius Periera, Aniruddha Kate, Anuj Kakade, Yash Kulkarni, Mohd. Ayaan Shah, Joel Biju, Advay Bhosale, Aman Raut, Malhar Chitnis, Vedant Bhadke, Ishan Anvekar, Rajveer Mulik, Mohit Suchak, Rudra Rasal, and Sumedh Kodre.

This achievement is a testament to their dedication and linguistic competence.

The teacher in charge: Ms. M. Williams



INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEET 2024



The St. Vincent's Invitational Inter-School Athletic Meet 2024, held on the 3rd and 4th of March, was a vibrant celebration of sportsmanship. 18 schools participated, and there were 342 young athletes. The event encompassed a wide range of track and field events across different age categories, including the 100- and 400-metre run, high jump, long jump, shot put, and relay races. The competitive spirit was palpable as participants poured their efforts into each event, showcasing their talents and determination. The chief guests were Mr. Ganesh Satpute, the Shiv Chatrapati Award winner for 100 metres, who also represented India in the Asian Games, and Mr. Sachin Navale, who represented India in 100 metres at the World University Games in China. Their presence served as a source of inspiration for the young competitors, emphasising the importance of dedication and perseverance in achieving success in sports.

Rev. Fr. Francis Patekar, the principal of St. Vincent's, and Rev. Fr. D'Souza, the manager of St. Vincent's, played pivotal roles in organising and overseeing the event, ensuring its smooth execution. Their dedication and commitment to promoting sportsmanship and healthy competition were evident throughout the meet, contributing to its overall success. In conclusion, the St. Vincent's Invitational Inter-School Athletic Meet 2024 was not just a display of athletic prowess but also a testament to the values of teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship. It provided a platform for young athletes to shine, and it fostered a sense of camaraderie among participants from various schools. As the event ended, it left behind memories of exhilarating competition and inspired aspirations for future athletic achievements.

PURPLE DAY

Colour is an integral part of our lives and enlivens our environment. The purple colour symbolises royalty and creativity, and it is also associated with peace, magic, and pride. To make little children aware of colours and how they add beauty to things around us, 'Purple Day' was celebrated on the 5th of March 2024 at St. Xavier's Pre-Primary. It was a pleasant and lovely day for our little ones. Excitement and laughter filled our classrooms. Children came dressed in beautiful purple outfits; they truly looked royal, as the colour symbolises. Colour recognition was done by encouraging the children to bring different objects, like toys, fruits, and vegetables, and displaying and making them speak a few sentences about the objects. This activity was done to boost their self-confidence while speaking in front of their friends. Children also participated with enthusiasm in fun activities like art and craft that were planned for this event related to purple, thus reinforcing the concept of purple. These fun activities helped children explore their creativity and differentiate various colours. The purple colour that represents the future, imagination, and dreams was thoroughly enjoyed by both the classes of UKG and LKG. It was a day filled with fun and enthusiasm.





WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Women's Day celebrations at St. Vincent's High School and Junior College commenced with a heartwarming morning assembly introduced by Ishaan Lokhande, dedicated to honouring the incredible women. All the female students and staff were greeted with roses as they gathered, setting a tone of appreciation and admiration for their contributions.

The assembly began with a prayer by Brian Samuel, symbolising gratitude for the presence and influence of women in life. Following this, an enlightening speech was delivered by Manav Sharma, acknowledging the indispensable role women play in society. The speech eloquently portrayed women as pillars of strength, resilience, and compassion, echoing sentiments of admiration and gratitude towards the female members of our school community. Manav emphasised the importance of empowering women through education and breaking stereotypes that hinder their progress. The speech also shed light on the harsh realities faced by many women, including instances of domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and gender-based discrimination. It urged empowered women and girls to raise their voices against injustice and advocate for those who are oppressed and marginalized. The celebration continued with the school choir delivering soul-stirring and uplifting songs dedicated to women empowerment and resilience. In conclusion, Ishaan expressed gratitude to everyone for their participation and encouraged all women and girls to embrace their inner strength.

Following the impactful assembly, there was a special programme arranged in the Gulati Hall just for the girl students by the junior college teachers. The girls were welcomed by an aptly decorated hall, setting the perfect ambience for the occasion. Mr. Tejas Jathar and Mr. Rutvik Kharade meticulously coordinated the hall's decoration, ensuring it harmonised seamlessly with the music and visual elements, enhancing the event's overall atmosphere. The event commenced with a warm

welcome and an acknowledgement of the significance of this day in honouring the strength, resilience, and contributions of women worldwide. The speaker, Ms. Manila Williams, provided a brief historical context of International Women's Day, emphasising the importance of reflecting on progress made and recognising the ongoing challenges in achieving gender equality. She then set the stage for a thought-provoking and engaging dialogue, encouraging the female students to share their insights, experiences, and perspectives on various issues affecting women and girls globally. Following that, a presentation led by Ms. Jennifer Breganza showcased inspirational stories of fearless and determined women who had made significant contributions to society, serving as role models for the young audience. Acknowledging individuality and style, the programme transitioned into awarding spot prizes celebrating unique fashion statements and personal flair among the girl students.

A classic game called 'Pick the Blocks' was conducted by Ms. Rachel Dias and Ms. Sangeeta Shimpi. The game further energised the atmosphere, encouraging active participation and camaraderie among the girls. The winners were celebrated with a glamorous ramp walk, showcasing their enthusiasm and skill to thunderous applause. The celebration culminated with refreshments and a motivational message, inspiring the girls to face their fears and apply the valuable insights gained from the session. The programme concluded with a symbolic gesture of releasing balloons into the sky, representing the liberation, freedom, success, aspirations, and progress of women everywhere. It served as a powerful reminder of the collective journey towards a world where every woman can thrive and soar freely. The special programme for girls on International Women's Day was a resounding success, inspiring and empowering girls, to embrace their potential and contribute to positive change in their communities and beyond.

A Visit to the Mukti Mission

On March 15th, 2024, the students of Std. VII A embarked on an educational excursion to Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission in Khedgaon. The students departed at 7:30 a.m. from St. Vincent's High School. The journey was filled with eager anticipation. Upon arrival, their enthusiasm only grew as they delved into the enriching experiences offered by the mission. Exploring the various facilities, such as the church and school, the students embraced the opportunity to broaden their cultural and educational horizons. The most impactful aspect of their visit was undoubtedly the interaction with the residents of the orphanage and old age home. Engaging in meaningful conversations and activities, they forged connections that transcended age barriers. Surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the natural surroundings, the students found solace and joy in the simplicity of the environment. This immersive experience not only provided them with moments of pure enjoyment but also instilled invaluable lessons in compassion, empathy, and social responsibility. As they bid farewell to Mukti Mission, the students departed with fond memories and a deeper understanding of the importance of giving back to society and embracing diversity. This excursion served as a recreational activity and as a platform for meaningful growth and learning.

The teachers in charge: Mr. P. Munswami and Mr. V. Gaiikwad



Seminar on Waste Management

On March 15th, 2024, students from Std. VII, VIII, and IX gathered in the AV room for a seminar on Waste Management. The speaker for the event was Mrs. Natasha D'Costa, CEO of SUN Start Upcycling Now. With her expertise in waste management solutions for societies, Mrs. D'Costa shared valuable insights on effective waste management. Mrs. D'Costa's firm specialises in fostering sustainable practices and runs workshops aimed at raising awareness and inspiring action towards a greener, plastic-free lifestyle. The seminar served as a platform for students to learn about the importance of waste management and to be motivated to contribute positively to environmental sustainability.

The teachers in charge: Mrs. P. Noel and Mrs. N. Dias



Meeting the Olympians

A group of enthusiastic Under-12 hockey players from St. Vincent's High School had an unforgettable experience as they attended the quarter-final match of the 14th Hockey India Senior National Championship 2024 on March 20, 2024, at the Major Dhyanand Hockey Stadium in Pimpri. The atmosphere crackled with excitement as the young players eagerly took their seats, ready to witness the intense showdown on the field. The young players had the incredible opportunity to meet with six Olympians at the venue. Meeting these esteemed athletes served as a moment of inspiration, igniting sparks of ambition within the hearts of the budding hockey stars. The experience had left an indelible mark, instilling in them a renewed determination to pursue their hockey dreams with unwavering passion and dedication.



A Memorable Day

As the one tasked with organising the General Knowledge Quiz at St. Vincent's Junior College on that exciting day of October 16, 2023, I couldn't contain my excitement to witness the students of Std. XI and XII showcase their knowledge and quick-thinking abilities across various subjects. From the get-go, it was clear that the students were ready to take on the challenge. With categories spanning current affairs, spelling-bee, politics, entertainment, and sports, there was something to pique everyone's interest. As each round progressed, I watched in awe as the participants engaged fervently, displaying not only their passion for learning but also their camaraderie.

The atmosphere was electric with enthusiasm as the students competed, and it was truly heartwarming to see them support and encourage one another along the way. While celebrating the winners was undoubtedly a highlight, what resonated with me the most was the invaluable experience gained by each participant. Every student, regardless of their final standing, walked away from the quiz with newfound knowledge and a sense of accomplishment. It was evident that the spirit of healthy competition had sparked a curiosity and thirst for learning within them. Reflecting on the event, I couldn't help but feel a sense of pride in having played a role in fostering such an enriching experience for the participants.

- Meru Jain, XII B

Are they just friends?

Friends indeed aren't just people,
Because they are much more than that.
I'm there for you no matter what,
Come may the darkness of the night.
To the morning sunlight,
You may have ten,
You may have two,
But those are the ones,
Who will always be there for you,
Wherever you go.
In your bad times, they'll keep your back,
And in the good, they'll hold your hand,
One step at a time they walk with you.
They mend you,
They correct you,
They complete you,
No matter what it takes.
They will be there for you,
That's when you say "they are friends".
From sitting next to you to irritating you,
They are the best people who will be there for you.
But twenty-five years down the line,
we all will surely learn,
that those friends made back then were the best thing,
that we could ever earn.
I know this isn't much like a poem,
It doesn't rhyme much, but it, this poem, is really true.

- Philip Pereira, XII A



One Day

One day your love will come up for me,
that day you may not flee.

The day you may think of me,
perhaps, you may not be the busy bee,
I hope until then, I will be.

One day you'll be in search of me,
near the oceans and the sea,
putting all your efforts in finding me,
I hope until then, I will be.

One day you will think of me,
sitting under a Judas Tree,
with a bit destruction and
baggage of memories,
I hope until then, I will be.

One day you will be there for me,
with some expectations and desire
I hope until then, I will be.

- Praful Shirke, XI A





Darkness and Light

We all know about the famous French physicist and chemist, Madame Curie. The life story of this scientist shares a great deal of value and lessons that we ought to learn. Madam Curie and her husband, Pierre Curie, during the early stages of their experimental careers lived a life of abject poverty. They have often had to resort to wage labour to survive starvation and to buy supplies for experiments. The raw material called Peas Blend, which is imported in tonnes from abroad, was brought to their laboratory and purified. This was what they conducted daily as part of their experiments. Despite repeated trials, they could not reach the desired new element. One evening, they had to stop all their work as the reserved raw material was exhausted. The remaining liquid in the cup also evaporated. That night, the Curies slept with heartbroken minds without having their dinner. However, in the middle of the night, their experimental lab was suddenly filled with a silver light. Seeing this, the couple jumped out of bed to find out what was happening. All these years of their sweat, hard work, and pain that they took to find that element, which we today know as radium, had at last been successfully founded by the Curies. The couple was exceedingly joyful to see their work be a grand success.

This is how our lives go on—a dark period, a turning point, and then a bright light. And the dark period always makes us hopeless. It gives us negative thoughts to extreme ends more than what we can hold on to. These are the times that we fail to be strong, lose trust in others, and stop following our dreams. Darkness always tries to lock us up in its shackles, and we fall for it. But there is always a turning point that brings us to the light. That turning point has many names, but mostly during our youth, that point is called the friendship point. Friends are the ones who guide you through the darkest of times. They are the ones on whom you rely the most. Even if you feel betrayed, friends are the ones who always have your back. They are the ones who hold your hand, so you will know that you have someone to trust. During the most difficult times, having a companion is what you need the most. And finding the right one is your job. How do I find the right one? Trust your inner voice. Do what you feel is right. Never choose your friend based on how he or she looks from the outside. Choose them based on how they change you from the inside.

POV: Without darkness, you will find no light. So never think that the person who 'looks' happy is happy.

Thus, we must also understand one more thing: find your friend, but at the same time 'BE' that friend for others. Never should we let the bitter darkness capture us; let that be the motto of our lives. Only when we have our turning point will we be able to find the bright light.

- Alina Jiljo, XI B

Miracles

Miracles don't happen, they say,
Failing to notice the light's tiny ray.

A miracle is forgiving a mistake,
And to help someone heal their ache.

Science cannot explain miracles, they argue,
Uncaring that miracles are an inexplicable hue.

A miracle is your faith and mine,
The ideals and beliefs that make one shine.

What are miracles? They ask,
Look around and you'll see them, it's an easy task.

A miracle is the flame of humanity, that burns within you,
Years to make the world a better place, and start anew.

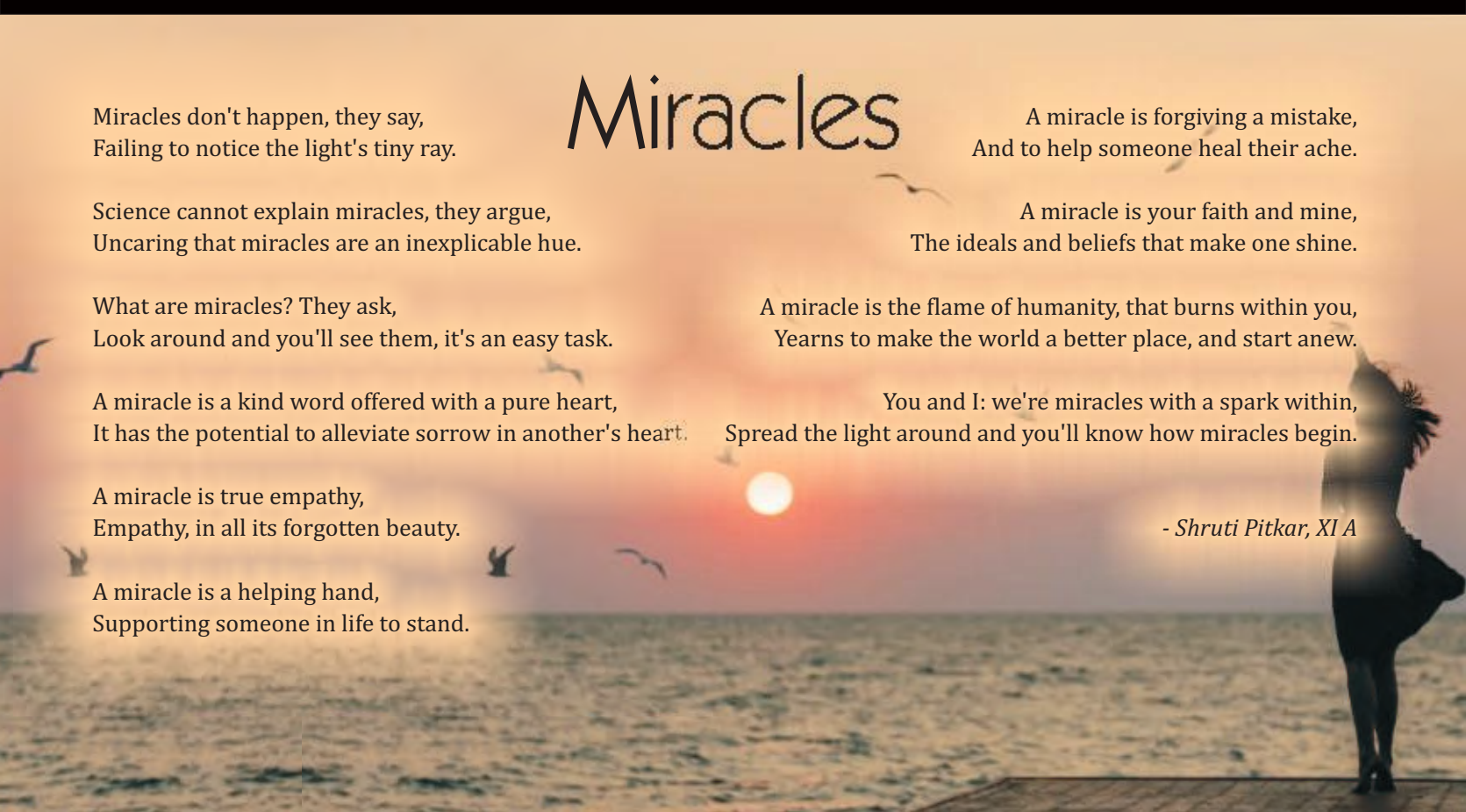
A miracle is a kind word offered with a pure heart,
It has the potential to alleviate sorrow in another's heart.

You and I: we're miracles with a spark within,
Spread the light around and you'll know how miracles begin.

A miracle is true empathy,
Empathy, in all its forgotten beauty.

- Shruti Pitkar, XI A

A miracle is a helping hand,
Supporting someone in life to stand.



A Farewell to Remember

The morning of 31st January was brimming with a myriad of emotions as we, the students, and teachers of St. Vincent's, united to bid adieu to the seniors of Std. XII. The day kicked off with a solemn assembly, where we gathered for a prayer service accompanied by a choir. Following this, the head boy delivered a heartfelt farewell speech, reflecting on his profound connection with the school and our class. Later in the evening, the farewell party unfolded at Gulati Hall. The venue was decked out with banners, balloons, and vibrant streamers, complemented by a welcoming quote displayed on a blackboard. A photo booth, complete with props and backdrops, offered us a chance to capture enduring memories with our peers and mentors. The event commenced with a warm welcome speech and prayer, setting the stage for a blend of excitement and nostalgia. Dressed in our finest attire, we congregated to celebrate the culmination of our high school journey.

The 11th graders took the stage with an act titled "A Journey Unfolded, a Tale of High School Bonds," narrating our seniors' experiences. It encompassed dance, skits, and choir performances, interspersed with spot prizes to enliven the atmosphere. Following the act, a delectable dinner was served, fostering socialization and enjoyment among students and faculty alike. Laughter and conversations filled the air as we cherished friendships and forged lasting memories. The 12th Standard Farewell Party ended on a poignant note, as we bid farewell to our cherished school and embraced the promising prospects of the future.

- Fizza Mahapule, XI B

Benford's law: Could this change your perspective on life?

Have you ever considered the randomness of numbers and their distribution? Typically, we assume that for any given number, there is an equal probability that it is likely to start with any digit from one to ten. After all, if it's truly random, the first digit should have an equal chance of being any number from one to nine, right? But what if someone told you that there are more numbers in the world that start with a one or a two? You would think that they were crazy, right?

This intriguing phenomenon is known as Benford's Law or the First-Digit Law. It reveals an observation about the frequency distribution of first digits in natural data. Surprisingly, the digit '1' tends to appear more frequently as the first digit compared to the other digits, followed by '2,' then '3,' and so on, with '9' being the least common first digit.

To grasp the significance of Benford's Law, imagine visiting an online shopping website and examining the prices. If you focus solely on the first digit of each price and disregard the rest, you'll start to notice a captivating pattern. There will be a considerably larger number of prices starting with '1' compared to '2,' and even more starting with '2' compared to '3,' and so on. This disparity is not minor; around 30% of the prices will begin with '1,' while less than 5% will start with '9.' When graphed, these first digits form a distinctive decreasing curve. It's truly mind-blowing!

This law defies our intuition, as we might assume that each digit should occur as the first digit with equal probability. However, Benford's Law clearly demonstrates that this is not the case with real-world data. It has been observed to apply to a wide range of datasets, including financial data, mathematical constants, and even natural phenomena. This remarkable law can be applied to various domains, from detecting fraud to understanding musical notes.

I learned about Benford's Law in a Netflix documentary called 'Connected,' and I was really amazed. I highly recommend watching this series. Benford's Law challenges our initial assumptions about randomness and provides valuable insights into the distribution of first digits in real-world data. It opens exciting possibilities for its application in diverse fields, leading us to reconsider and deepen our perspective on the role of numbers in our lives.

- Aarav Divate, X B



Role of Music

Music has a very important role in human life because everyone likes to listen to it. The person who listens to music with pleasure in his life knows the importance of music in the real-life world. If a person is interested in music, then that person is always happy in his life and remains stress-free in every problem. Listening to music gives peace and joy to the mind, and listening to music inspires a person to do something better in life.

Music is also heard at many festivals and events because it enhances the excitement of the evening. Many problems in a person's life are pacified by music because the mind and soul remain cheerful after listening to it. Presently, music can be heard everywhere; nowadays, humans listen to music in the office, while walking, alone, or with a friend, to relieve their stress, which makes their mind feel refreshed. Listening to music gives us mental peace, satisfaction, and health. Music increases our attention, and at the same time, listening to music keeps positive thoughts in us. If you listen to music in trouble, it will calm your mind. It helps a lot; music often takes you out of many dilemmas and will lead you to success. Listening to music motivates you; music encourages you to move forward. Music touches our inner soul and helps us fight our problems. Many people love to listen to music, and they listen to music every day.

- Joytria Fernandes, XI B

Where dreams take flight...

Where dreams take flight,
On the wings of courage,
They have a goal in sight,
And they're not caged.

Where dreams take flight,
They scale the highest of mountains,
And create the prettiest of fountains,
They're not despaired by the night.

Where dreams take flight,
Despite the adversities, they soar,
Against the hardships they fight,
And come out with a triumphant roar.

Where dreams take flight,
In the sky of opportunities,
They reach great heights,
And despair does cease.

Where dreams take flight,
On wings of perseverance and patience,
It's the star in the dark of the night,
And it's the purpose of your existence.

- Shruti Pitkar, XI A



Time, when utilized,
We can achieve anything;
Time, once ceased,
We might lose everything.

Time never returns,
Once it is spent;
And this is a fact,
That causes discontent!

Once realized,
the value of time,
Can each thing be attained;
Once neglected, time,
Every moment will
make us regret.

Time will never wait for us,
And if we ever wait
for the right time,
It'll never arrive.

If we go in accordance with time,
It will always be by us.
Though we take pause,
Time will never stop for us!

Time keeps on moving ahead,
It helps us to learn how to
keep up our head.

- Dimple Bhutada, XI B

MY FAVOURITE FOOTBALLER

My favourite footballer is Neymar, a prolific goal scorer and playmaker renowned for his dribbling skills. He is widely regarded as one of the best players in the world and the best Brazilian player of his generation. Neymar began playing football as a boy in São Vicente, under the guidance of his father, a former professional footballer who remained a close adviser and mentor throughout his son's career. Neymar—a slender-framed forward—was supremely confident on the field, with excellent body control, quick reflexes, and explosive speed. He made his first-team debut with the Santos in 2009. In June 2013, Neymar signed a five-year contract with FC Barcelona.

Two years later, he helped Barcelona capture the “treble” of a La Liga championship, a Copa del Rey title, and the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) Champions League title. In August 2017, he engineered a departure to the French club Paris Saint-Germain (PSG). On June 13, 2021, in Brazil's opening group match of the 2021 Copa América, which took place on home soil, Neymar scored his team's second goal from the penalty spot and later assisted another. Though Brazil was defeated 1–0 by Argentina in the final after a very fascinating game, Neymar was named the player of the tournament for his performances throughout the competition. He also scored four goals for Brazil at the 2013 Confederations Cup, including one in the team's 3–0 victory over Spain in the final, and won the Golden Ball as the tournament's most valuable player as well as the Bronze Boot as its third highest scorer.



- Ateeq Khan, XI B

English isn't hard at all...

Every name is called a NOUN,
As field and fountain, street, and town;
In place, if noun the PRONOUN stands,
As he and she can clap their hand.

The ADJECTIVE describes a thing,
As magic wand and bridal ring;
The VERB means action, something done –
To read, to write, to jump, to run.

How things are done, the ADVERBS tell,
As quickly, slowly, badly, well;
The PREPOSITION shows relation,
As in the street, or at the station.

CONJUNCTION join, in many ways,
Sentences, words, or phrases and phrase;
The INTERJECTION cries out, 'Hark!
I need an exclamation mark!'

- Dimple Bhutada, XI B



My Pillow

When I was a little, my pillow was with me.
My mom had gifted it to me as my close friend.

When I was growing up, it suddenly became so small,
And it finally backs the size of my head.

When I shifted to a new house and got my own room,
I cried and fought for my very own pillow.

I don't know why I could not leave it.
When I got scolded for getting less marks in the examination,
I am sorry my pillow for on you I discharged my frustration.

Maybe because it has taken all my tears,
Along with my every dream and fears.

I love my pillow.
It has become my pillow of strength.
It has never let me down and it will,
continue through life's pat.

- Ridit Thakkar, XA

Students and Politics

Students and politics aren't big questions. But if given the opportunity to solve the problem of this political world, they would give a perfect answer to it. Why should the domain of politics be barred to students? Because they are too young. But then Shivaji Maharaj was too young to start building his Maratha empire. Even the queen of Jhansi was too young to lead the fierce fight of life and death, only to lay down her life for the cause of freedom. The great emperor Chandragupta Mayura also started young. Alexander the Great was not even 30 years old when he ravaged the world with his conquest. Innumerable examples are there, as innumerable as the stars, that every great person in any walk of life started young. Why should students not participate in politics? Because they are immature. The maturity exhibited by some politicians can bring tears of shame to their eyes. They should be barred from politics, but why? They should perform their duties of acquiring education and fulfilling their parents' dreams. How duty-bound are our politicians? Students should be kept away from politics only on the ground that they aren't wicked! He was wicked enough to teach the devil to add more poisonous arrows to his arsenal. They may come up with some bright ideas to make the world a happy place. They may revolutionise the whole world to spread the new religion of equality, justice, and peace. Yes! That could be the real reason. Students' behaviour towards politicians, for they are keeping you out of politics for their own selfish reasons and survival.

- Dimple Bhutada, XI B



TEN FACTS ABOUT YOU!

1. You're reading this right now.
2. You are realizing that this is a stupid fact.
4. You didn't notice I skipped three.
5. You checked now.
6. You are smiling.
7. You are still reading this even though it is stupid.
9. You didn't notice I skipped eight.
10. You are checking again and smiling about it.
11. You are enjoying this.
12. You didn't notice that I have written more than 10 facts about you.
13. You smiled after you checked

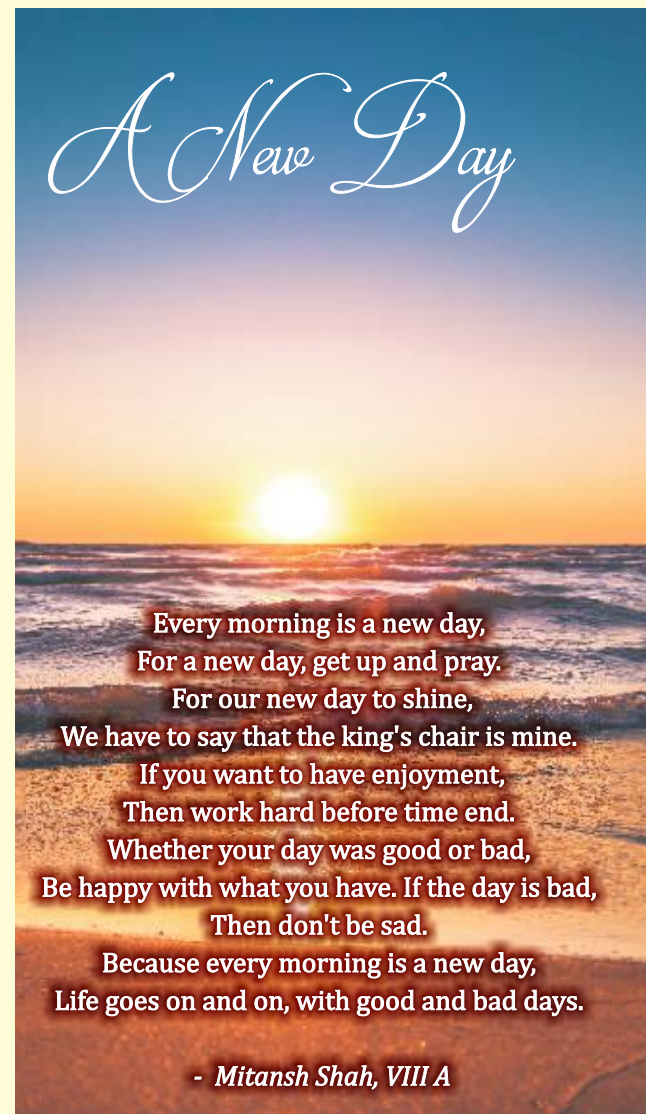
- Alina Jiljo, XI B



A New Day

Every morning is a new day,
For a new day, get up and pray.
For our new day to shine,
We have to say that the king's chair is mine.
If you want to have enjoyment,
Then work hard before time end.
Whether your day was good or bad,
Be happy with what you have. If the day is bad,
Then don't be sad.
Because every morning is a new day,
Life goes on and on, with good and bad days.

- Mitansh Shah, VIII A



HIDEOUS NIGHT

"Why are you so scared? I do not have a phone with me now, but I can help you; just follow me," said the old, short lady. She had green eyes, a lamp, and a stick in her hand for support. Her wrinkles were more defined even in the dark due to the lamp. I was walking behind her at her pace. My mind was full of regrets about going to a party at night and my not-so-lucky fate helping me to get the tyres of my car punctured, and my phone was even dead for that matter. I don't think that anything bad could happen to me. There was this one short old lady ready to help me. "We will reach you soon," she said in her calm voice. "What do you do for a living? I asked her. She didn't utter a word and just kept walking. She lived somewhere in the woods. I could hear crickets. It was a dark, cold, and scary night. We reached her place. It was a small old cottage; there were no lights. She asked me to sit and wait. I could just see a small table in front of me due to the lamp. She was very generous; she offered me some hot tea. I was grateful for it. I thanked her for that. She asked me, "Why were you so scared?" I told her that I was stuck there for no good reason and explained to her that I was heading home, and my car had just given up on me. I was all alone, deserted on the street, waiting for someone's help.

I noticed a lady wearing a red saree, flowers, jewellery, and a bindi. She was beautiful. Her bangles were making noise. She was in a hurry. I rushed to her, asking for help. She had a torch. I narrated how hard my time was. She looked into my eyes during my narration. After I was done talking, she said, "You have made a mistake; you stopped me from going; I won't spare you; and you will face consequences. She had a wicked grip on my hand. I was totally freaked out. After trying hard, I was able to rescue myself from this creepy ghost lady. I ran hard. Then I saw her and ran for help. She listened to me and asked me to wait. She went inside for a while. Suddenly, I saw a torch kept near the table. She came out and left me speechless. The same lady in a red saree I was startled and petrified. She said, "You have ruined my plan; you can't be alive now." Her footsteps drew closer towards me. I stood up and ran towards the door. She had shut the door with just her eyes moving. I was trapped. This lady was very angry. I begged her to spare me. She was heartless. She tried to hurt me, but I was left unharmed. I asked her to leave me.

She asked me to run, and she said, "Run hard if you want to live." She let the door open. I ran blindly into the woods. I was very fast. I could hear my heart beating. I was tired and parched. I took a breath and waited for a moment. I had to run downhill. I sensed someone's hand on my shoulder. I had no courage to look at who it was. She pushed me down. I could just feel myself rolling down, and I stopped as I came down. I felt her in front of me. I could see her feet. I was just lying down. I was sobbing, all given up. I asked her to forgive me. She just kept her hand on my head, and I heard, "What are you dreaming of?" I saw her, and boom! I was on the floor, falling from my bed, realising that it was just a nightmare. I was relieved after seeing my mother, and I hugged her tightly.

- Saklesh Mitkare, X D

The Last Year of School

Everyone loves school life and mostly the beautiful events that one experiences in a school. People develop a sense of emotional and social connection with the school. The school teaches us so many life lessons and values. But there comes a day when we all need to part ways with school and friends. It is difficult for anyone to leave school forever.

We'll all remember the grounds we played on, the classrooms we studied in, and the amazing teachers who helped and guided us through our toughest times. These days will never come back. This year will soon end, and we will depart from our alma mater with heavy hearts, leaving tears of happiness and heartache in everybody's eyes. Wouldn't it be awesome if we could relive these moments one last time?

- John Francis, X B





Hip-Hop and Rap Culture

Once one gets into the beats and the lyrical genius that make up the world of hip-hop and rap, it is apparent that these genres have gone beyond mere musical tags. They have evolved into a cultural trend that impacts a lot on fashion, language, and identity itself.

In the heart of hip-hop is rap, a very distinctive kind of musical creation that combines rhythm, poetry, and narrative. A rap is made up of verses and a chorus, whereby the verses act as the backdrop onto which an artist paints his or her own story. The words are driven by the beats. However, what really makes rap unique is the lyrical ability of the artists. These poets create many sonnets that visualise, describe personal stories, and address social themes. However, it is a very raw and unfiltered form of storytelling that engages the listener on an intimate level. Unravelling the World of Entendre Amidst the maze of rap lyrics, there is an undiscovered treasure—the entendre. This type of wordplay adds a plethora of context to the given words, making it an interpretive work of art. A double entendre is a phrase or figure of speech that has multiple meanings, and is often very humorous or thought-provoking. For instance, the phrase by JayZ “I’m not a businessman; I’m a businessman”, uses the double meaning of 'businesses. Going one step further, certain artists use tripleentendre and include three levels of meaning in their songs. These linguistic contortions manifest the depth of the intellect and play on words that embody this genre.

When considering the evolution of hip-hop and rap, it is very evident that these genres have transformed through the years and responded to various changes in society and technology. They are now not bound to the streets of New York or Los Angeles; they've become a worldly phenomenon, inspiring many artists and fans from everywhere on earth. Hip-hop seems to have a bright future ahead of it, with the artists incorporating all kinds of influences and trying out different sounds. However, the genre has become a cauldron of many cultures, languages, and experiences. There will be more crossover partnerships and new sub-genres that will challenge artistic boundaries. Indeed, hip-hop has been shown to be a very effective means of social transformation. Artists speak with their platforms on many issues like racism, inequality, and mental health, bringing important topics to the forefront and changing perspectives. To conclude, the pulse of hip-hop and rap culture beats stronger with each passing day. It is a force that knows no boundaries and speaks to the human condition, in its most basic form. While the music business continues to evolve, one constant will always stand: hip-hop's rhythm is here to stay, change, and dominate our cultural narrative for years to come.

- Anish Malwadkar, IX C

My Favourite Music Band



My favourite music band is a band named 'TWENTY-ONE PILOTS'. They have made songs in genres like hip-pop, emo-pop, rock, etc. They are well-known for their albums.

'Blurry Face', which consists of many hits such as 'Ride' and 'stressed out'. They have also won a Grammy for Best Pop Duo/Group Performance at the 59th annual Grammy Awards for 'stressed out'. The members of the band are Tyler Joseph [lead singer] and Josh Dun (lead drummer). They are signed with a label called 'Fuelled by Ramen'. Their fans are known as 'Top'. Twenty-one Pilots are the first band in the history of music to see every song on two albums earn gold or platinum awards. My personal favourite songs are Ride, stressed out, Heathens, Tears in My Earth, and chlorine. They originated in Columbus, Ohio. They are also known for their stunt at the Grammy Awards ceremony, where they took off their pants while they went to receive their Grammy as an inside joke to celebrate their Grammy.

- Advait Motadoo, X D

Flight of Memories

It was a bright, sunny morning when we arrived at the NCC headquarters with our parents. By noon, our seniors had formed us into squads and escorted us to our barracks. At 3:00 p.m., we gathered near the grounds for instructions about camp protocols: how to greet our seniors, maintain discipline, navigate the campus, dress appropriately, and follow various rules throughout our stay.



The next morning began early, at 4:00 a.m. Within 30 minutes, we assembled on the grounds for our fitness routine, starting with a health run followed by an exercise class. Afterward, we headed for breakfast and then gathered for parade practice, learning essential marching techniques. At noon, classes commenced, focusing on aircraft components. This routine persisted for the following 10 days. Throughout the camp, we had the opportunity to visit the Lohegaon Air Force Station, witnessing several Sukhoi Su-30 take-offs and landings. A Wing Commander pilot showcased his G-Suit, and we also toured the National Defence Academy (NDA), observing the Microlight SW-80 Garuda and cadet training facilities. Moreover, we were allotted five minutes in the simulator to familiarise ourselves with aircraft controls like rudder paddles, joysticks, throttles, and flaps.

Competitions, including volleyball, quizzes, tug of war, drills, and best cadet contests, were organized between schools during our stay. We diligently prepared for these events—practicing volleyball in the evenings and engaging in two-hour parades each morning. Mr. Wilson, our physical instructor, shared invaluable tips to enhance our parade skills. As representatives of St. Vincent's, Cadet Lakshit Patel and I participated in the quiz. The competitions commenced the following day. Unfortunately, we lost in volleyball. However, in the quiz, after a slow start in the first two rounds, we made an impressive recovery in the final five rounds, securing third place. The tug of war was challenging, but with team effort, we clinched third place.

On the last day, the best cadet competition took place, with two representatives from each school chosen by their respective ANO. I represented our school alongside Cadet Om Shitole. This contest comprised a 30-mark written test, drill performance, and an interview, with the highest scorer across all three segments winning the best cadet title. Following this, another parade occurred, where we secured third place. In the evening, a party, award ceremony, and cultural programme unfolded. Our contribution was a play about Gandhiji, earning us third place through a collaborative effort. Despite not winning any trophies, the announcement of the best cadet brought delight to all. I was pleasantly surprised to hear my name called for this honour, filling my heart with pride for my fellow cadets and school, who granted me the chance to represent and bring accolades to our institution. These ten days offered a glimpse into Air Force life, creating unforgettable moments I will always cherish. Jai Hind.

- Mayank Vaswani, IX A

A silhouette of a father lifting his child into the air against a sunset background. The father is on the left, and the child is on the right, being held up. The background is a warm, orange and yellow sky with some clouds.

A dad is someone who
wants to catch you before you fall,
but instead, he waits for you to try,
picks you up, brushes you off,
and lets you try again.

My Dad

A dad is someone who
wants to keep you away from making mistakes,
but instead lets you find your own way,
even though his heart breaks in silence,
when you get hurt.

A dad is someone who
holds you when you cry,
scolds you when you break the rules,
shines with pride when you succeed,
and has faith in you even when you fail.
Thank You Dad!

- Teerth Nahar, VIII A



Unlocking Creativity with Lego

Nowadays, students are completely absorbed in themselves. By that, I mean, some are good at drawing; drawing is a good way to express yourself. Some have learned to code, while others are confident and good at hosting events. Some are even good at writing articles and poems. But, of course, no one is Shakespeare or Newton. "Lego is a toy." This statement on its own is wrong.

Lego is a highly sophisticated brick-building system that helps people build their personalities. The first and foremost value that can be learned is that anything in this world is possible; we just need to imagine it. The second value is simple and deals with the first one, which is that if we are trying to make something, we can easily do it with less available resources. The third value will amaze anyone; it is mind-blowing how, with just a few pieces, we can make infinite solutions. Lego does not only have a target audience of children but also adults, as there are many people who make cities with the help of plastic pieces. Lego has many themes. Some include cities, friends (for girls), Marvel, and so on. Lego has even gotten official licences from Disney, James Bond, and Indiana Jones. There are even technical and motorised pieces. These are called techniques and completely have a different structure. However, Lego cannot be affordable at times, so what must one do? One can easily buy compatible brands and other brands that have their own systems. At the end of the day, I am sure that Lego is something everyone will love.

- Aryaan Merchant, X C

A JOURNEY OF *Knowledge and dreams*

Class 9, vibrant and bright,
Brings a journey of great delight.
As all the new subjects unravel,
German, Math, and Science we travel.

Mathematics equations, puzzles we solve,
Geometry angles require our resolve.
Science numericals, a new world of motion,
Exploring DNA, unlocking life's intricate potion.

Language and literature, words on a page,
Unlocking the stories, of the earlier days.
In the Chemistry laboratory, test tubes clink.
In History, echoes of the past, we link.

Teachers, like mentors guide our journey,
Shaping our future, making us worthy.
Fuelling our engines, solving our doubts,
Nurturing minds, their impact is clear and loud.

Before we realize it,
Our journey of class 9 is over.
Our distant goal is now closer,
With God as our eternal guide,
We will realize our dreams with passion
on life's thrilling ride.

- Rishan Gaikwad, IX B

My Favourite Football Player

Cristiano Ronaldo is my favourite football player. He is a well-known footballer, also known as CR7 by his fans. He was born on February 5, 1985, as the fourth and youngest child of Maria Dolores Aveiro. His father, Jose Dinis Aveiro, passed away at the age of 51, and his mother worked as a cook in the hospitality industry, also working as a cleaning woman. He has been playing football for 18 years and has played for many teams. He started to excel at Manchester United, playing in the attacking position. He has set many records, such as 873 senior career goals for club and country, with his highest jump being 2.93 m when he netted a header for Real Madrid in the UEFA. Ronaldo has won 34 senior trophies in his career. He has also attained one title from youth competitions and at least five titles from friendly competitions. All in all, he has won over three hundred trophies.

- Yash Makasare, VI B



The Future of Technology

The world of our future is going to be defined by artificial intelligence. Everywhere we go, AI is present. When we go to buy things in big shops, it prompts the seller by telling him what we are most likely to buy. When we go to buy garments in a shop, it tells the shopkeeper which clothes of what size, type, and colour we are most likely to purchase. Go to 'Dominos' and just mention your name, and there you will have the 'Dominos Buddy' on the counter clearly prompted with the size and toppings on your pizza that you are most likely to order. While all of this may appear to be magic, it is 'Artificial Intelligence' that prompts the seller. These are only some stray examples of AI that we may have come face-to-face with. There is much more to it, and its application is far and wide.

The term "AI" was first developed by John McCarthy of the MIT Institute (Massachusetts Institute of Technology). It is defined as "the development of computer programmes that engage in tasks that are currently more satisfactorily performed by human beings because they require high-level mental processes.

In a way, whenever you see any human activities being substituted or being done by machines, you can easily say that natural human intelligence is substituted by artificial intelligence, which gives instructions to these machines to do that work. We now have robots, which are used in restaurants to take orders from clients and deliver food to tables. These were jobs that were earlier done by human waiters. Guess how that happens? Behind the scenes, these robots are powered by artificial intelligence to mimic and perform the jobs that human waiters would do.

Soon, artificial intelligence will also find its application and use in learning and education systems. With AI, the teacher would know which subjects the students enjoyed studying and which they did not. Not all students learn the same way. Each one has his or her own preferred style. AI could predict the learning style preferred by the students to help the teacher make learning easier. Thus, the teacher could adopt different styles suitable to the learning, depending on the preferred choice of the student. 3D projections of things that are taught powered by AI would make learning not only easy but also interesting. There are many such applications of AI in learning and teaching. It will be a different and new world of interesting and active learning. The world is going the AI way. We cannot ignore it and go to sleep, pretending it is not happening. It is therefore necessary that we all wake up—educational institutions, teachers, students, parents, etc.—and understand the new world of AI that will emerge. Let's get ready for the new world.

- Aaditya Lohani, VI A



The World-Famous Megastar: Taylor Swift

Taylor Alison Swift is an American singer-songwriter. Taylor Swift is widely known for her musical versatility and the relatability she has in her songs. The quality of her music has just kept increasing over the years. She has done 10 studio albums so far; we are mostly aware of her famous 'Love Story' and 'Anti Hero'. Taylor Swift, in her first two albums, 'Taylor Swift' and 'Fearless', was exploring country music. From her next album, 'Speak Now', she gained recognition for writing about her past love interests. Swift then recorded 'Red', '1989', and 'Reputation' in the span of 10 years. 'Reputation' was one of her most successful albums, earning her 345 million dollars. She did 'Lover' next, followed by 'Folklore', 'Evermore', and 'Midnights'.

Swift has won six Grammy Awards so far. She recently broke Madonna's record for the most people in attendance at their concert. Swift had 70,000 people in attendance for her recent 'Eras Tour'. She is in the top three of the most-listened-to artists today. Her net worth today is 400 million dollars. Her fans have named her 'The Music Industry, showing that she is one of the greatest pop artists of the 21st century.

Taylor Swift is primarily my idol singer and inspires me every time she is in the media. Her interest and talent, not just as a performer or entertainer, motivate me to do what I love. Her charisma attracts the youth to move in a direction with passion for whatever they can dream to accomplish. I truly believe in the power of music to integrate and heal. I, too, have a good voice that can pull strings and touch any emotion. Kudos to the gift of voice!

- Aayush Ghodke, IX D

Pixels to Virtual Realities

Gaming, once relegated to the realm of arcades and pixelated screens, has undergone a remarkable transformation over the years. From the early days of Pong and Space Invaders to the immersive worlds of virtual reality, the gaming industry has evolved into a multi-billion-dollar global phenomenon. This article explores the journey of gaming, tracing its roots, milestones, and the revolutionary changes that have shaped it into what it is today.

The origins of gaming can be traced back to the 1950s and 1960s, when computer scientists began experimenting with simple, text-based games. However, it wasn't until the 1970s that the world saw the emergence of arcade games, with classics like Pong and Pac-Man captivating the imaginations of players. The concept of home gaming consoles soon followed, with Atari's release of the 2600 paving the way for an entirely new form of entertainment.

The 1980s and 1990s marked the golden era of gaming consoles. Nintendo introduced iconic characters like Mario and Zelda, while Sega's Sonic the Hedgehog became a household name. The battle between Nintendo and Sega defined the era, with each company pushing the boundaries of technology and game play. The introduction of 3D graphics in the mid-1990s, with consoles like the Sony Play Station and Nintendo 64, revolutionised gaming experiences. While consoles thrived, the 1990s also witnessed a renaissance in PC gaming. With the advent of powerful graphics cards and processors, PC games began offering stunning visuals and complex narratives. Games like "Doom" and "Quake" set the standard for first-person shooters, while strategy games like "Star Craft" showcased the depth and complexity that could be achieved on personal computers.

The turn of the millennium brought about a significant shift in gaming with the rise of online multi player experiences. Games like "World of Warcraft" and "Counter-Strike" connected players from around the world, fostering a sense of community and competition. Consoles, too, embraced online gaming, with services like Xbox Live and Play Station Network becoming integral parts of the gaming experience. The advent of smart phones in the 21st century brought gaming to the fingertips of millions. Casual games like "Angry Birds" and "Candy Crush" became global phenomena, appealing to a broad audience beyond traditional gamers. The accessibility of mobile gaming opened new possibilities for developers, leading to a diverse range of games catering to different tastes and preferences. The latest frontier in gaming is virtual reality (VR). With headsets like the Oculus Rift and Play Station VR, players can now immerse themselves in virtual worlds, interacting with environments in ways previously unimaginable. VR has not only enhanced gaming experiences but has also found applications in various industries, from education to healthcare. As technology continues to advance, the future of gaming looks promising. Cloud gaming services are on the rise, allowing players to stream high-quality games without the need for powerful hardware. Artificial intelligence is being integrated into games to create more dynamic and realistic experiences. The lines between traditional video games and other forms of entertainment, such as movies and music, are blurring, giving rise to a new era of interactive storytelling.

Gaming has come a long way since its humble beginnings, evolving into a diverse and dynamic industry that spans across platforms and genres. From the simple joys of arcade classics to the immersive worlds of virtual reality, gaming continues to captivate audiences worldwide. As technology continues to advance, one can only imagine the extraordinary experiences that lie ahead in the ever-expanding universe of gaming.

- Vardaan Patel, VI C



MY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL



The most important person in a school is the principal. They are responsible for creating a positive environment for students and staff, providing leadership, and ensuring that the school runs smoothly.

Rev. Fr. Franics Patekar is our principal. He is a very smart and respectful man. He has a great personality. His appearance is pleasing. He is able, highly qualified, and hard-working. He takes great interest in his work. He has created a remarkable legacy that will forever be remembered. All the students love him very much.

- Vidhaan Shaha, I C

In a small hut along the market road, lived a poor boy named Sharad. Despite the financial challenges he faced, Sharad had a deep desire to go to school like the other boys and girls he saw passing by every day. His dream was to earn enough money to support his poor mother.

One day, fate intervened as Sharad overheard a conversation between two men in front of his hut. One of the men handed some money to the other before leaving. In the haste of departing, the man accidentally dropped his purse on the road. Seizing the opportunity, Sharad picked up the purse and discovered it contained a significant amount of money along with the owner's visiting card. Sharad approached his mother with the find. "Look, Mother, I've found a purse. Let's use this money for our benefit," he suggested. However, his wise mother, recognising the value of honesty, advised him to return the purse to its owner.

Following his mother's advice, Sharad honestly returned the purse to the owner the next morning. Grateful for Sharad's honesty, the owner, who happened to be a shopkeeper, rewarded him with a job in his shop. Inspired by this turn of events, Sharad enrolled in a night school with the salary he earned at the shop. Over the course of ten years, through hard work and dedication, he earned a degree in B.Com.

Sharad's commitment to honesty and his diligent efforts eventually led him to become the manager of the shop. Reflecting on the journey, Sharad spoke to his mother one day: "Mother, do you remember the day when I found the purse? I still remember the advice you gave me that day. Truly, honesty is the best policy.

- Vihan Dinde, IV D



Science Triumph

On September 14th, 2023, I found myself eagerly anticipating the annual inter-school Earth Science exhibition hosted by Geo Lab at I2IT, organized by CERG (Centre for Education and Research in Geoscience). Our four-member team, fuelled by weeks of collaborative brainstorming and meticulous crafting, proudly showcased our 'El-Nino' project at this prestigious competition.

Excitement and nervousness coursed through us as we, accompanied by our project mentor, arrived at I2IT on the exhibition day. Carefully setting up our display, we joined fellow students and teachers, all buzzing with anticipation

for the opening ceremony. The moment came when we were introduced to the Chief Guest, Professor Rajendra Singh Pardeshi, the distinguished ex-principal of Fergusson College. Eager to unveil our weeks of hard work, we couldn't wait for their feedback.

The formal ribbon cutting officially marked the commencement of Geo Lab's exhibition. As I2IT students, overflowing with scientific curiosity, embarked on their journey through the exhibits, we held our breath, awaiting feedback from the esteemed Chief Guest and Principal. Their thoughtful questions and encouraging words fuelled our energy, intensifying our eagerness to explore other schools' projects. This was a remarkable opportunity to unveil new facets of earth science, leaving us with a desire to delve deeper into the subject.

As day two dawned, we followed the familiar routine of setting up our El Nino project. Alongside fellow student presenters navigating their displays and practicing pitches, we fine-tuned our model, ensuring every chart and slide sparkled with clarity. The afternoon was dedicated to a spirited quiz competition. The atmosphere buzzed with friendly competition as we strategized, debated, and laughed. The joy of fellowship and team effort overshadowed any concerns about the leaderboard. While we may not have secured the top prize at the event, the day concluded on a triumphant note.

- Rylan Dsouza, VIII D



Water

CONSERVATION

Water is a critical natural resource for the survival of humans and the animal kingdom. Earth's 71% area is covered with water. Out of this, 97% of the water is saline and is present in seas and oceans, while the remaining 3% is fresh water. This means only 3% of the total water is fit for our consumption. Isn't this fact alarming that for 8.1 billion people, only this much water is available? Rapid urbanisation, industrialization, deforestation, unchecked use of groundwater, and improper sewage disposal methods are major factors in the rapid depletion of clean water. Humans are the main reason why, today, millions of animals and people do not have access to water for drinking. We have exploited water resources for our selfish needs, but we must act now to conserve water, or else we will have to face the fury of Mother Nature.

Is water conservation so difficult? No, every citizen of planet Earth can contribute towards it. Just as charity begins at home, before we preach to others about saving water, we should take small steps at home, like minimising the usage of water while brushing, bathing, watering plants, washing, and cleaning consciously. Rainwater harvesting in societies must be made compulsory by the local governing bodies. This reduces the dependency on and usage of water provided by dams. The government must have strict rules and regulations for industries to ensure they do not discharge oil, hazardous substances, and effluents into streams and rivers, turning them into open sewers.

Agriculture is another area where conventional methods of cultivation are known for high water usage. Farmers must be educated and encouraged to use methods like drip irrigation, rotational grazing, capturing, and storing water, and irrigation scheduling, which will contribute to preserving one of nature's most valuable resources. The key activities of water conservation include avoiding any damage to water quality, improving water management practices, and finding solutions for water loss. With the advent of technology, newer methods to increase communication and education among farmers, policymakers, and the public on water conservation are the need of the hour.

Preserving what nature has provided us in abundance is a vow we must all take now. Remember, every drop makes an ocean, and every drop of water saved today will be needed for our planet tomorrow.

- Siddharth Punjabi, VII A



The Mysteries of the Cosmos

The universe captivates us with its vastness and amazing occurrences. It has fascinated us for ages with its hidden forces and wonders. Join us as we begin a journey to unravel its mysteries and expand our understanding of the universe.

The universe's mysteries revolve around unknowns beyond Earth, such as galaxies, planets, and stars. Scientists' studies of these aim to answer the universe's complexities and origins. Major puzzles involve black holes' contents, the Big Bang's occurrence, and the potential for extraterrestrial life. Unravelling these mysteries grants us a glimpse into the incredible secrets lurking within space's expanses. Scientists have discovered dark matter and dark energy in the universe, comprising 95% of it. Despite not being detectable, dark matter's gravitational force affects galaxies' motion, whereas dark energy causes expansion.

The concept of a multiverse proposes that there may be additional universes beyond our own, each with their own unique physical laws, properties, and dimensions. The universe's destiny is tied to its expansion: will it keep going, slow down, or even reverse? Knowing this fate can help us imagine possibilities for future life and civilizations. The Fermi Paradox ponders why we haven't found signs of life on other potentially habitable planets despite the vastness of the universe.

- Melroy D'mello, IX D

Mysteries of the Water World!

There are many living creatures on our planet, all wondrously designed and fabulously created. Water takes up more space on earth than land, so some of the most mysterious creatures live underwater. There are different types of fish, like isopods, viper fish, fang-tooth sharks, whales, turtles, corals, and so on. Did you know the whale is the only fish that is a mammal? And the largest mammal on



earth is the blue whale. To understand how huge it really is, a bull elephant, which is the largest mammal on land, could easily stand on the blue whale's tongue. The orca, or killer whales, are even more deadly than sharks, and they hunt in packs called pods. Did you know there are fish that could eat another fish twice its size? Or that the sea coral is like an animal that eats fish? Let's understand the oceans. We have five oceans: the Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, and Antarctic. The average depth of an ocean is approximately 3,682 metres (12,080 feet). And the oceans are divided horizontally into three parts: the surface, which is 197 metres deep; the twilight zone, which is 992 metres deep; and the midnight zone, which is 3,995 metres deep. The deepest part of the ocean, called 'Challenger Deep', is located on the northern side of Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean and is 10,924 metres deep.

On the ocean surface, we find dolphins, whale sharks, Pacific Herrings, Atlantic Salmon, Striped Bass, etc. Dolphins are smart fish. They use sounds to communicate and are agile. As submarines go into the Twilight Zone for research on marine life, they find sea turtles, great white sharks, squid, etc. Some interesting facts: Great Whites are also known as the King of Sharks because of their fierceness, while Squid moves through oceans squirting out water that it has sucked into its body. The Midnight Zone has fish that can see very well in the dark, such as the hatchet fish, the one-eyed octopus, angler fish, and blob fish. These last two have a light on them, which they use to attract prey. Also found here are Atolla Jellyfish, Glowing Comb Jellyfish, and Black Swallower; the black swallower can swallow prey twice its size.

The fish that look cute can give you a nasty bite, and the most ferocious-looking may be surprisingly gentle. A Narwhale's tusk is a tooth that is growing out of its lip. And sperm whales can dive up to 2000 metres (6,561 feet) deep. The fascinating creatures of the water world may even be a mystery to the world's best scientists. Someday we may even find out that a Kracken does exist, a mythical creature believed to take down ships! We don't know what lurks beneath the waves.

- Ali Fatehi, V D

AI: THE FUTURE

Artificial intelligence is like a friend to computers and electronic devices, providing them with a super brain and enabling them to perform intelligent tasks such as problem-solving, completing homework essays, or tackling complex math problems. It can be considered the magic that enhances machines' cognitive abilities.

AI is also responsible for the enjoyable games we play, adding a touch of cleverness that makes games more exciting and sometimes a bit tricky! Have you ever witnessed a robot engaging in cool activities like dancing or talking? Well, some robots use AI too! Equipped with special sensors and cameras, they can understand the world around them and make

decisions accordingly.

The secret behind AI's cleverness is known as "machine learning." It is like a friend who helps you learn through illustrative examples. As we continue to advance, AI will continue to enhance various aspects of our lives. Imagine machines assisting doctors and scientists, uncovering unknown facts, and perhaps even contributing to the creation of new kinds of toys!

- Shourya Indurkar, IV D





A Memorable Trip to Mukti Mission

I embarked on an incredibly exciting trip to Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission in Khedgaon, along with my friends, starting our journey from school at 7:30 a.m. I couldn't contain my excitement for the adventures that awaited us! Upon arrival, everything was beyond amazing. The church stood tall and majestic, while the school was abuzz with various activities. We explored every nook and cranny, soaking in the vibrant atmosphere. The most memorable part of the trip was undoubtedly spending time with

the residents of the orphanage and old age home. We engaged in heartfelt conversations, shared laughter, and made unforgettable memories together. Learning about their lives and experiences was eye-opening and humbling. Surrounded by beautiful nature, it felt like a soothing escape from the chaos of the city. The serene surroundings provided the perfect backdrop for introspection and reflection.

This trip wasn't just about having fun; it taught me valuable lessons about kindness, empathy, and the importance of embracing diversity. Interacting with people from different walks of life helped broaden my perspective and deepen my understanding of the world around me. Although bidding farewell was tough, I left with a heart full of cherished memories and a determination to contribute to making the world a better place. The experience has fuelled my passion for community service and instilled in me a sense of responsibility towards those in need.

- Shaurya Ghule, VII A

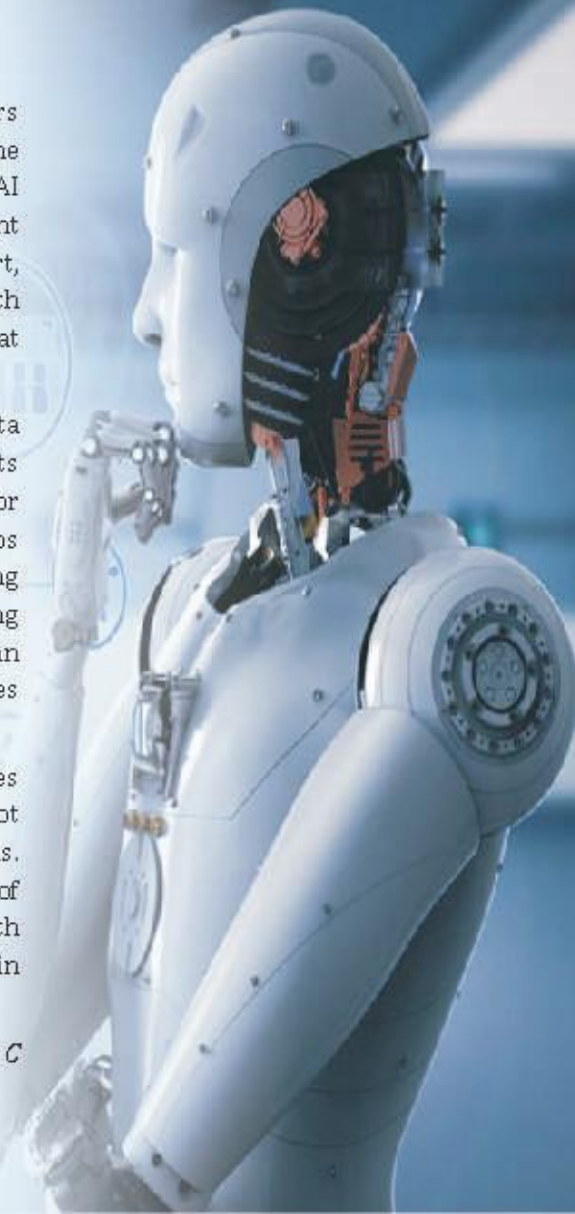
Super-smart machines are here!

Imagine a world where robots dance to your favourite tunes, your fridge orders groceries you need, and your pet robot plays "fetch a ball" all by itself. That is the future we're swimming towards with artificial intelligence, or AI for short! But AI isn't just some sci-fi fantasy; it's already splashed into our lives in ways you might not even realize. Think of AI as a brain boost for machines. It is not humanly smart, but it's good at learning and doing certain things. It is like training a puppy with mountains of data instead of treats! The more data AI gets, the better it becomes at things like recognising your voice or beating you at games.

Here's how AI works: Secret recipes: These tell machines what to do with all the data they collect, like a map guiding them to do things well. Magic sponge: This lets machines soak up information and get smarter, like learning to write stories or design cool shoes! AI is already helping in many ways. Doctor Detectives: AI helps doctors see inside you better with X-rays, like super-powered heroes fighting illness! Planet Protectors: AI keeps an eye on Earth, like a detective, tracking pollution and even predicting storms to keep things healthy. Creative Crew: AI can write poems, compose music, and even paint pictures! Imagine giving machines your imagination brush!

You can explore AI too! Here's how: Coding Games: Learn to give machines instructions, like teaching a goldfish tricks! Robot Buddies: Build your own robot friend and watch it come alive with AI! Now you have a pal for your inventions. Books & Adventures: Dive into fun books and websites about AI. There are tonnes of amazing things to discover! Remember, AI is powerful, so use it wisely. But with curiosity and creativity, we can use AI to make our world even better! So, jump in and explore the AI ocean; you might just be the one to make the next big splash!

- Nathan Anthony, VI C





Swachh Bharat Mission

A clean India would be the best tribute to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary in 2019. This sentiment was echoed by the Prime Minister as he launched the Swachh Bharat Mission at Rajpath in New Delhi. The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), or Clean India Mission, is a countrywide campaign initiated by the Government of India

in 2014 to eliminate open defecation and improve solid waste management (SWM).

Phase one of the mission lasted until October 2019, and phase two is set to be implemented between 2020–2021 and 2024–2025. Initiated by the Government of India, the mission aims to achieve open defecation-free (ODF) status in India. The objectives of the first phase of the mission also include coordination, manual scavenging eradication, generating awareness, and bringing about a behavioural change regarding sanitation practices, as well as augmentation of capacity at the local level to manage solid and liquid waste.

The mission is divided into two components: rural and urban. The rural component, known as Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin, is announced and monitored through the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, while the urban component, Swachh Bharat Mission Urban, is overseen by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs."

- Chaitanya Shikotre, VII B



Indian politics, despite its challenges, has witnessed several positive aspects that have shaped India's democracy and continue to progress for a better tomorrow. The politics of India are complex and vibrant, and political parties play a crucial role. Political issues in India have a wide range. As Indians continue to face challenges of governance and strive for inclusive and equal progress, I believe that it is talented Indian youth like me who can bring about drastic change by venturing into Indian politics. In my perspective, if the young along with the experienced participate in politics, our country will surely be one of the most developed countries much before 2030. I wonder: Where do we have time and energy for society, leaving aside politics? My belief is that strict attitudinal and behavioural change, backed by a proper education, will surely help politics serve our motherland. Anyone with a similar wavelength of belief can make sure that democracy is the ultimate winner. If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.

- Dris Chatterjee, IX D

Joke time

- Teacher: "Kids, where does God live?"
Student: "Ma'am, I think he lives in our bathroom."
Teacher: "Why do you say so?"
Student: "Because every morning my dad knocks on the bathroom door and says, 'Oh God, are you still in there?'"
- Boy 1: Sir, may I please go out?
Teacher: Why?
Boy 1: There is a man outside our school who has been crying aloud there in vain since morning. I want to help him with 10 rupees at least. Please.
Teacher: You are a very good boy.
Teacher: Look, children. Learn from him to share and care.
Boy 2: Sir I guess we would better learn these tricks from him because the man outside was crying, 'ICE CREAM, ICE CREAM!'

- Alina Jiljo, XI B

STOICISM

Stoicism is an ancient philosophical school that originated in Greece and later flourished in Rome. Founded by Zeno, an ancient philosopher of Citium circa 300 BCE, Stoicism offers a heuristic and moral philosophy focused on living a life of virtue, wisdom, and inner tranquillity. Its teachings have been universal for centuries and continue to resonate with people seeking guidance on how to navigate the challenges of life. It differentiates between pleasure and happiness.

At the core of Stoicism is the idea that individuals have control over their internal state, even when external circumstances are beyond their control. It emphasises the importance of developing self-discipline, rationality, and the ability to accept life's inevitable hardships with equanimity. By focusing on what is within their power and accepting what is not, Stoics seek to attain a state of peace and contentment. It highlights the fact that those who suffer before it is necessary suffer more than it is necessary.

Stoicism divides the world into two spheres: things within our control (such as our thoughts, emotions, and actions) and things outside our control (such as external events and the actions of others). Stoics advocate directing our efforts and attention towards what we can control while detaching ourselves from external outcomes. This mindset frees individuals from the burdens of anxiety and regret, fostering a sense of inner resilience and strength.

Central to Stoicism is the pursuit of virtue, often referred to as 'the good life.' Virtue, according to the Stoics, consists of four cardinal virtues: wisdom (the ability to discern what is morally right), courage (acting in accordance with one's beliefs), justice (treating others fairly), and temperance (exercising self-control and moderation). Living in accordance with these virtues is believed to lead to 'eudaimonia' which is often translated as 'flourishing' or 'happiness.'


One of the key Stoic practices is negative visualisation, where individuals contemplate the loss of the things they value most. By imagining the absence of cherished possessions, relationships, or even life itself, they cultivate gratitude for what they have and gain resilience in the face of adversity. I attempted this by completely cutting my hair in the ninth grade, and it taught me that even when one loses something, it's not the end of the world.

Stoicism has had a profound influence on various aspects of Western philosophy, literature, and psychology. Its principles have been embraced by notable figures throughout history, including the former Emperor of Rome, Marcus Aurelius, the philosopher Seneca, and the playwright Epictetus. In modern times, Stoicism's practical wisdom has been incorporated into cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT) and mindfulness practices, demonstrating its enduring relevance in the realm of psychological well-being.

Stoicism is an ancient philosophical school that offers valuable insights and practical teachings for living a meaningful and virtuous life. Its emphasis on rationality, self-discipline, and acceptance of life's uncertainties has continued to resonate across centuries. By focusing on what is within our control, cultivating inner tranquilly, and living in accordance with virtue, Stoicism provides a timeless philosophy for facing life's challenges with grace and resilience.

- Shourya M. Sharma, X B

Russian Doomer Music



Since I have grown up listening to all kinds of music, I can easily relate to Russian doomer music. It is important for me to make my mental health a priority. As Plato quotes, 'Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything'. Doomer music is not a genre but an umbrella term that includes various genres like retro-wave and vapour-wave. Doomer music has a certain allure to it, which draws you in. What makes a song a 'Doomer song', is its ability to not stand out. This music used to be quite rare to come across, but in the past few years, it has made quite a fanbase for itself. The music in this genre is comforting and gives you a nostalgic feeling. It is a breath of fresh air compared to other music. Doomer music is mainly in Russian, which gives it a whole new dimension. The unfamiliarity of the words paired with the comfort of calming beats is what makes this genre mellifluous to the ears. This genre of music is certainly not everyone's cup of tea, but for the people who like this sort of music, including me, it is a way to unwind.

- Manav Sharma, IX D

THE ULTIMATE RACING EXPERIENCE



Formula 1 (F1) is the premier international racing series for open-wheel single-seater formula cars, sanctioned by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) since its debut in 1950. More than just a sport, F1 is a blend of cutting-edge technology, human skill, and fierce competition, captivating millions of fans, and drivers worldwide. With a rich history and diverse culture, F1 sees teams and drivers from various countries and backgrounds competing for glory and prestige. The sport also emphasises social and environmental responsibility through initiatives promoting sustainability, diversity, and education.

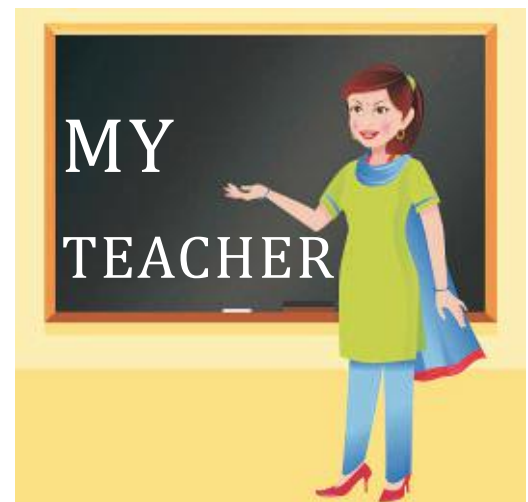
The 2023 F1 season consists of 23 races across five continents, with each race weekend featuring three practice sessions, one qualifying session, and the main race covering approximately 300km. A notable addition in 2023 is the Sprint—a short race on Saturday influencing the grid for Sunday's main race. The Sprint, about 100km long, has no mandatory pit stops and offers points for the top three finishers. F1's scoring system awards points to the top 10 finishers in each race, and the driver and team with the most points at season end are crowned F1 World Champions. The current champions are Max Verstappen, Red Bull Racing, and Aston Martin, respectively. F1 is a dynamic and exciting sport that blends technology, skill, and competition to provide fans and drivers with the ultimate racing experience.

- Akshaj Gupta, X D

The Lift!

It was a chilly night. A man named Mohan was coming from a meeting late at night. He was very tired and wanted to lie down and rest as soon as possible. But he could not see any hotel to stay in, as Mohan's society was three hours away. While his driver was riding, Mohan suddenly saw a hotel. He told his driver to stop by that hotel. It looked like a pretty old hotel. Mohan went inside and asked the receptionist for the key to a room. The receptionist gave him the key to room 202 on the fourth floor. Mohan went into the lift and pressed button 4. As he reached the second floor, Mohan felt that somebody was behind him. He started to feel a little bit scared. But he took the guts to look behind who it was, but nobody was there. Mohan thought that it was just his vision, but then what he saw was horrifying. Mohan saw that the indicator light on the fourth floor switched to the fifth floor. He tried to press all the other buttons, but in vain. The lights in the lift got switched off, and then somebody's hand covered Mohan's mouth. Honestly, Mohan was so scared at that point that he was starting to faint. Just then, he reached the fifth floor. Mohan ran to the stairs and started to go as fast as he could. Mohan reached safely to the receptionist desk, but he felt that he was half dead. Mohan told the receptionist all that had happened. The receptionist said, "Fifth floor? But, sir, we have only four floors. After listening to this, Mohan ran out of the hotel and asked his driver to drive to his home, even if it was 3 hours away. Because of that horrifying incident, Mohan still doesn't go in the lift alone, especially at night.

- Krishiv Mehta, VI D



A teacher is like a special present from God because God made the whole world. Good teachers do more than just tell us things; they help us love learning forever.

Teachers are like super heroes. They do more than just teach in the classroom; they help make people who can change the world.

- Musaib S. Momin, IC

An Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Have you ever heard of Alexa or Siri? Have you ever seen a self-driving car? Have you ever wondered how the iPhone's face recognition works? All these technologies have something in common: they use artificial intelligence, or "AI." Even if you have used AI before, you might not know exactly how it works. Artificial intelligence, or "AI," is the ability for a computer to think and learn. With AI, computers can perform tasks that are typically done by people, including processing language, problem-solving, and learning. Artificial intelligence is a tool, much like other types of new technologies.

If you have ever streamed a movie on Netflix, for example, you may have noticed that you will receive recommendations for other movies based on what you have already watched. That's because of AI! Many websites have chatbots that help answer your questions. These chatbots are not typically run by people - they are AI! Most people use search engines like Google every single day. Search engines use AI to rank websites in your search results.

AI is all around us, and whether you realise it or not, people use artificial intelligence every single day. Even though AI is used today, computer scientists predict artificial intelligence will be even more prominent in the future. Because of this, many jobs will also need us to understand how AI works so we can solve big problems. This is already true of many professions today. Doctors use AI to diagnose patients based on medical scans, like X-rays. Astronauts can use AI models to detect exoplanets, or planets outside our solar system. And these are just a couple of examples! As a student, you might not quite know what you want to be when you grow up yet. (I certainly wasn't sure!) Future president? Doctor? Lawyer? Entrepreneur? Teacher? Scientist? Actor? Or, maybe you know for certain what your career will be. Either way, there is a good chance that AI will be connected to your future job. At Inspirit AI, they have instructors who use AI as artists, scientists, and even fashion designers! In their programmes, the instructors share their own experiences and research in AI, especially with the high school students. In addition to using artificial intelligence in a future job, students can also talk about how people can use and programme AI to make a difference. By learning about AI at an early age, you can better understand how to apply this tool to improve the world. Learning about artificial intelligence is important for students.

- Ethan Wakode, V C

THE POWER OF MUSIC

Music holds immense importance in our lives. It has the power to influence our emotions, uplift our spirits, and bring people together. Music serves as a form of self-expression, allowing individuals to convey their thoughts, feelings, and experiences in a way that words alone often fail to capture. It provides solace and comfort during difficult times. Music has therapeutic qualities, capable of reducing stress, anxiety, and even physical pain. It can create a sense of nostalgia. Moreover, music has a profound impact on cognitive development, enhancing memory, attention, and spatial reasoning skills. It fosters creativity and imagination. Whether it's the soothing melodies, the lull to sleep, or even all the rhythmic beats that make us dance, music surely enriches our lives, touches our souls, and connects us to something greater than ourselves.

I simply love any genre of music, as it stimulates my brain and helps me work more efficiently. Science has even backed the many benefits of music. Today's young generation easily relates to the three elements of music: rhythm, melody, and lyrics. The best part of music is that this art form is the best communicator; where words fail, music speaks. According to Louis Armstrong, music is life itself.

- Om Shitole, IX D





My Rappelling Experience

During my summer vacation, I visited my maternal home in Konkan. This time I had amazing nature camp activities with my cousins, like trekking, camping, and stargazing in the mountains, but the most thrilling was the rappelling experience. One Sunday morning, my uncle thought of doing something challenging as there was a nature rappelling camp to be held on one of the mountains outside the town. I, along with my cousins, were very excited. We were ready with our backpack, caps, water bottles, and sports shoes. When we reached there, we saw a huge mountain ahead of us. After 2 hours of stiff climbing and several halts, we reached the top of the mountain. After reaching the top, my uncle gave us instructions about the dos and don'ts of rappelling. The mountain was eighty feet high.

I was afraid of how I was going to do it. But our guide helped us with all the detailing of ropes and foot movements. When it was my turn, I got ready with well-equipped ropes. I listened to my guide carefully and followed the instructions. I looked down and slowly started coming down. Once I reached down, I felt overjoyed. I shouted, "I reached, and I could hear claps from above." I thanked my amazing uncle and guides who helped me complete the task. This was the most thrilling rappelling experience of my life.

- Vihaan Deulkar, V B

A Memorable Vacation

Just like many of you, I eagerly look forward to vacations. During the Diwali break, my family and I embarked on a journey to explore the famous hill stations of Shimla, Kullu, and Manali. Shimla is one of the most attractive tourist spots in India. It has picturesque landscapes, thrilling adventure activities, and vibrant cultures and traditions. Manali is a hill station nestled in the mountains of Himachal Pradesh. The journey from Delhi to Kullu Manali was exciting, with beautiful scenic views all along the way. The route was filled with valleys, crystal-clear streams, waterfalls, and lush green forests, each more captivating than the last.

During our visit, we explored Chandwiche Falls, Jhakoo Temple, Hadimba Temple, Dhanu Devta Temple, and Tara Devi Temple. The Jhakoo Temple, located at the town's highest peak, is famous for its stunning views. We also explored the architectural garden, which turned out to be even more beautiful than I had imagined. In Kufri, we enjoyed snow sports like bike rides, parachute rides, and yak rides. This holiday was indeed very memorable. I like visiting hill stations because it makes me feel refreshed and happy.

- Zihan Zuber Thaddi, III B





My School Picnic

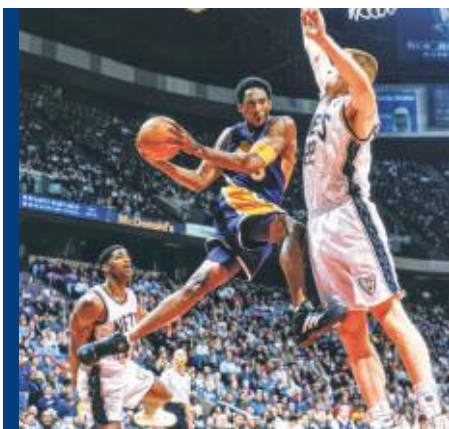
This year, our school arranged a one-day picnic at Chonde Farm. Our trip was very exciting. The journey was full of fun, and this farm visit allowed us to experience nature's beauty.

We were all very excited and assembled at school at 8:00 a.m. After the attendance was taken, we headed towards the buses that the school had arranged. There were four separate buses for each division, and each class was accompanied by their respective class teachers. We arrived at the Chonde Farm at 9:30 a.m. Upon arrival, we had a tasty breakfast, and then we spent quality time on the playground with all my friends until the afternoon. We enjoyed the scenic beauty of the farm with its lush green fields and clear blue sky.

After having a yummy lunch, we again enjoyed activities like the bullock cart ride, tractor ride, soft archery, and soft dart. I enjoyed the magic show very much and tattooed my hand with paint. I enjoyed the whole day thoroughly and made beautiful memories with my friends. We reached back to the school at 5:30 p.m.

The visit to Chonde Farms was an educational and enjoyable experience. This experience taught me that life is very beautiful. I sincerely thank my teachers for giving me a wonderful farm experience.

- Leonel Vernekar, IIC



My Favourite Basketball Player

My favourite basketball player is Kobe Bryant. He is known by various nicknames, such as KB24, Little Flying Warrior, Vino, and Black Mamba. Born on August 23rd, 1978, in Philadelphia, United States, Kobe began playing basketball at the age of 3, with the Los Angeles Lakers being his favourite team.

Initiating his NBA career at the age of 17, Kobe, a shooting guard, achieved a remarkable feat by making the leap from high school straight to the NBA, impressing everyone during his pre-draft workouts. Over the course of his career with the Los Angeles Lakers, he has bagged many titles, including the NBA Most Valuable Player award, the NBA All-Star Game MVP award, and NBA All-Defensive Team honours, among many others.

Tragically, Kobe Bryant met an untimely death at the age of 41 in a helicopter crash. His inspiring message to the world that resonates with me the most is: "The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great at whatever they want to do."

- Arnav Mulay, IV A



A tiger is a wild animal that lives in the forest. It is the national animal of India. Tigers are carnivorous animals, which means they are flesh-eating animals. They are the largest cats in the cat family and one of the strongest animals in the jungle. Tigers have orange and black stripes that help them hide in the jungle, making it easier to catch their prey. Tigers can live for 26 years. Their roar can be heard 3 km away. Tigers are excellent swimmers and can hunt while swimming. Sadly, the hunting of tigers has reduced their population. To save them from extinction, tigers are kept in zoos. World Tiger Day is observed on July 29th every year.

- Priyaansh Asrani, I A

Bugatti Veyron : My Dream Car

Imagine having a car that looks like a rocket on wheels—super fast and super powerful! The Bugatti Veyron is my dream car. Let me tell you why! It is one of the fastest cars humans have ever made. It is like a superhero among cars! The Veyron looks futuristic due to its cool design; it's not just fast but also amazing to look at! The Bugatti Veyron can go as fast as a real-life jet plane! With 1,000 horsepower, it's like having 1,000 strong horses pulling the car all at once. Can you imagine that? It zooms through at an incredible speed, like lightning! Because the Bugatti Veyron goes so fast, it needs big brakes to stop safely.

The car's interiors are like a luxurious spaceship, featuring comfortable seats, a cool dashboard, and lots of fancy features. The engineers who crafted this car are like wizards of cars. They used lots of special magic tricks, such as powerful engines, to make it go so fast while ensuring it's safe. Only a few lucky people can own this car because it is super expensive. But that's okay because we can still admire it and dream about how exciting it would be to ride in one. Maybe one day, when I'm all grown up, I might get a chance to drive a supercar like the Veyron. Until then, I'm going to keep dreaming and loving the world of cars. Vroom-vroom!-

- Chester D'Souza, IV B



Importance of Good Handwriting

Some parents and friends often ask me, "How is your handwriting so neat?" It's my mother who's behind it! She understands that good handwriting is important for academic skills. Every child can achieve it if their parents put in some effort in the initial stages. Once they grasp how to achieve a proper grip, a fun writing environment is created, and they start to love writing neatly.

Good handwriting is an essential life skill. Children who can write smoothly and clearly are better equipped to express their thoughts and ideas in writing. It also aids in the development of their reading and spelling skills and enhances their ability to recall and remember information easily. Moreover, it boosts brainpower. It expresses who you are and even determines the beauty of your dreams. Therefore, every parent should encourage their child to write neatly, knowing that teachers are there to provide support and guidance.

- Soham Pramod Pawar, III D

Ram Mandir Pran Prathishtha Ceremony Celebrations

The most special festival for Hindus is Diwali. This year, the Ram Mandir Pran Prathishtha Ceremony signified the comeback of King Rama to his kingdom in Ayodhya. All the characters in the Ramayan story have a lot of love and good values. In our community, the SP Residency, we celebrated King Ram's return to Ayodhya. We worshipped and showed a short version of the Ramayan story, called Ram Leela. In this skit, I, Himang Menghani, played the role of King Lakshman, the younger brother of King Ram. On this unforgettable day, we lit earthen lamps outside our houses and decorated everything, just like we do for Diwali.

- Himang Menghani, II C





My Favourite Sport

I'm sure each of us has a favourite sport. Mine is swimming, and I would like to share my success story in swimming with you all. I began swimming at the age of four, under my father's guidance. This early start developed an interest in the sport, and soon swimming became my passion. I developed the skill and became good at swimming with daily practice. I learned freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, and my favourite, the butterfly stroke.

I participated in many open-pool swimming competitions. Recently, I participated in the Euro International School Swimming Competition, where I represented St. Vincent's School. I won the gold medal in the 50-metre butterfly stroke, the silver medal in the 25-metre breaststroke, and the bronze medal in the 50-metre freestyle event. Representing my school and finishing on the podium was indeed a proud moment. I would like to thank Savio Sir and my class teacher for their unwavering support in pursuing my passion.

- Kabir Paiyawa, IV A

THE ENGINEERING MARVEL

Atal Setu is the longest bridge in Mumbai, India, and the longest sea bridge in the country, spanning approximately 21.8 km with six lanes. It comprises about 16.5 km over the sea and around 5.5 km on the land. Named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the bridge is officially known as Sewri-Nhavo Sheva Atal Setu. The bridge has brought about ease in commute, providing faster connectivity to both Mumbai International Airport and Navi Mumbai International Airport. Additionally, it has reduced the distance between major cities. I am eagerly anticipating my summer vacations to witness the marvel of this bridge.

- Vivaan Choudhary, III B



My Favourite Cricketer

My favourite cricketer is Mohammad Shami. He is an Indian cricketer who received the Arjuna Award on January 9, 2024. He was born in Amroha, Uttar Pradesh, on September 3, 1990. He serves as a right-arm fast bowler. He had joined the Gujarat Titans during the IPL. The veteran fast bowler picked up 24 wickets in just 7 matches in the World Cup, finishing as the table-topper in India's run to the final. Shami has faced many ups and downs in his cricketing career, but he never gave up. Shami inspired the youth to not give up until the end. I aspire to become a legendary man like him.

- Zidan Shaikh, III D

FOOTBALL

Football is an outdoor game played by two teams with eleven players each. It is played on a rectangular field. There is a goalkeeper, two half-backs, four backs, one left out, one right out, and two centre forwards in the field for each team. This game aims to make maximum goals by each team. The team with the most goals is called the winning team. The last men's FIFA World Cup was won by Argentina, and the last women's World Cup was won by Spain. Playing this sport is a form of physical exercise. It also helps improve concentration levels and memory power. Football is a sport that is played all over the world. Most children, like us, love to play football.

- Yuvaan Mungare, I C



My Grandparents: A True Blessing!

I am blessed with loving and caring grandparents who pamper and love me very much. My grandpa, whom I lovingly call 'Papa', is 75 years old. He is a fun-loving person who is loved and respected by all in the family. He encourages me to do my best and discusses sports and other activities of my interest.

"Maa" and "Granny" are my two grandmothers, who are very fond of me. They prepare tasty and healthy meals of my choice. They are protective of me, and they never fail to make me feel special whenever I am around them. They always have high regard for me. I love my grandparents; they are my favourite humans. I pray that God always blesses them, keeps them happy, and keeps them in good health.

- Bevin D'Souza, III B



F R I E N D S



I have friends like sunshine,
Shinning so bright.
Shinning like little stars,
Twinkling all night.

They're always laughing and talking,
But never leave me alone.
They always entertain me,
Till I leave for home.

Friendship is a rope,
That can never be broken.
If someone tries,
They will end up broken.

- Gunraj Singh Kalra, II A

P-A-Double D-I-N-G-T-O-N, Paddington Bear!

One of my favourite TV shows is 'Paddington.' It tells the story of a friendly bear from Peru who lived with his uncle Pastuzo and aunt Lucy. When an earthquake ruins their home, Paddington travels to London and finds a caring family, the Browns. They are Henry, Mary, Judy, and Jonathan. Along with their aunt, Mrs. Bird, and neighbour, Mr. Curry, Paddington has lots of adventures. Paddington loves eating marmalade sandwiches and even keeps one in his hat for emergencies. My favourite episode is when he befriends a pigeon, gives it a hat, and names it Pigeonton. Just like me, Paddington loves to travel. He's been to many places, like Paris, Sydney, Africa, America, Tokyo, Timbuktu, Amsterdam, and even India. He is the best friend I wish I had.

- Araysh Tamboli, II B



TO MY SPECIAL CLASS TEACHER

When God created teachers, he gave us a special friend to help us understand his world. Teachers play an important part in shaping and guiding, just like my class teacher, Mrs. Delnaz Irani. She is the best. The love she has for us is what makes her the best.

My teacher is the best,

She never ever rests.

She works hard, day and night.

To make me very bright.

She teaches new things every day

And there is always time to play.

She is like a mother to me.

That is why I am not afraid to be me.

One day, when I will grow up,

I would like to thank her,

For never giving up.

- Shivansh Alok Kirad, I A



TRIVIA

- 1: What can you break, even if you never touch it?
A promise
- 2: I have cities, but no houses. I have forests, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. Who am I?
A map.
- 3: What has a head and tail but no body?
A coin.
- 4: A word that starts with e and ends with e?
envelope
- 5: What is something that, the more you take, the more you leave behind?
Footsteps.

- Manav Keswani, IV B

It's Riddle Time!

1. It belongs to you but other people use it more than you do.
What is it?
Answer - Your Name.
2. What goes upward but does not move?
Answer - A Staircase
3. Where does today come before yesterday?
Answer - The Dictionary.
4. What is black when its clean and white when its dirty?
Answer - A Black Board.
5. What question can you never answer yes to?
Answer - Are you asleep yet?

- Vishwa Oswal, IV D

तेथें कर माझे जुळ ती!

तारीख होती १५ मार्च २०२४ आणि सूर्य चमकत होता. तो दिवस होता जेव्हा आम्ही आमच्या फील्ड ट्रिपला निघालो होतो. पंडिता रमाबाई यांच्या 'मुक्ती मिशनकडे' आमचा प्रवास सुरू झाला. साडेसात वाजता आम्ही शाळा सोडली. आता आम्ही 'मुक्ती मिशन' ला पोहोचली तेव्हा साडेनऊ वाजले होते.

पुढे चालत निघालो तसे आम्ही आत गेलो. आम्हाला माहित होते की ही एक अद्भुत सहल असणार आहे.

पंडिता रमाबाईंनी स्वतः बांधलेली भारतातील पहिली नर्सरी शाळा पाहण्याचे पहिले आकर्षण होते. ही नर्सरी शाळा सुमारे १३४ वर्षापूर्वी बांधली गेली आणि तिथे प्रवेश घेणाऱ्या पहिल्या मुलीच्या नावावरून तिचे नाव 'शारदा सदन' ठेवण्यात आले. त्यानंतर आम्ही प्राथमिक आणि उच्च माध्यमिक शाळेला भेट दिली. जिथे आम्हाला काही मानसिक विकलांग विद्यार्थी भेटले. त्यांना त्यांच्या आवडीचे विषय शिकवले जायचे. त्यांच्यात दडलेली प्रतिभा समोर आली. मुख्यतः त्यांना स्वतःची काळजी स्वतः घेण्यास शिकवले गेले आहे.

असाच प्रकार वृद्धाश्रमात घडला. जिथे वृद्ध आणि अंध महिलांनी आपल्या कला आणि कर्तृत्व यांचे प्रदर्शन केले. आम्हाला त्यांची गाणी तर आवडलीच पण हा सुंदर निसर्ग पाहण्यासाठी डोळे नसतानाही, कोणत्याही तक्रारीशिवाय जीवनाचा आनंद कसा घ्यावा हे त्यांच्याकडून शिकलो. त्यांच्याकडे जे आहे त्यात ते समाधानी होते. आम्ही मुक्ती मिशनच्या आतील चर्चला भेट दिली, जे जगातील पहिले चर्च होते, जे क्रॉस आकारात बनवले गेले होते. चर्च १३४ वर्षे जुने आहे.

पंडिता रमाबाईंना लोक ओळखतात पण पंडिता रमाबाई आणि त्यांची मुलगी मनोरमा यांच्याबद्दलची प्रेरणादायी कथा फार कमी लोकांना माहित आहे. पंडिता रमाबाईंचा जन्म कर्नाटकातील कानारा येथे झाला. पंडिता रमाबाईंना इंग्रजीचे फारसे ज्ञान नव्हते. त्यामुळे त्यांनी संस्कृत भाषेत महिलांचे हक्क आणि त्यांची उन्नती यावर व्याख्याने दिली त्यांनी 'बिपिन बिहारी मेधवी' यांच्याशी लग्न केले जे जन्माने बंगाली होते. या जोडप्याला 'मनोरमा' नावाची मुलगी झाली. 'बिपिन बिहारी मेधवी' यांचे दोन वर्षांनंतर निधन झाले.

पंडिता रमाबाईंची वैद्यक डॉक्टर बनण्याची इच्छा होती, परंतु जेव्हा त्यांनी अमेरिकेतील मिशनऱ्यांचे कार्य पाहिले तेव्हा त्यांनी गरजू लोकांसाठी, विशेषतः बंचित आणि विधवांसाठी आश्रम बांधण्याचा निर्णय घेतला. पंडिता रमाबाईंनी पुण्याजवळील केडगाव, दोंड या गावात मुक्ती मिशनची स्थापना केली. त्यांनी अशक्यप्राय कामे आम्हाला म्हणून हाती घेतली. त्यांना त्यांच्या कामात अनेक संकटांचा आणि अडचणींचा सामना करावा लागला. पण त्यांना देवावर दृढ विश्वास होता. त्यांनी पवित्र बायबलचे मराठीत भाषांतर केले. पाण्याच्या टंचाईचा सामना करणाऱ्या स्थानिकांसाठी त्यांनी बारा विहिरी खोदल्या. त्या मुक्ती मिशनपासून फक्त एक किलोमीटर अंतरावर असलेल्या समाधीमध्ये विसावल्या आहेत.

- निर्मिक नितीन गांजवे, ७ अ

आठवणी

न पुसलेल्या आठवणी....
न पुसलेल्या आठवणी...
मनात घर करून तशाच राहिल्या...

न पुसलेल्या आठवणी...
शब्दाऐवजी डोळ्यातूनी व्यक्त होत राहिल्या...

न पुसलेल्या आठवणी...
मित्रांच्या मैफिलीमध्ये रंगत गेल्या...

न पुसलेल्या आठवणी...
तू असण्याचा भास करीत राहिल्या...

- गार्गी शितोळे, ११ सी

लढाई...

फुलाने अपेक्षा केली का कधी?
काट्याकडून आधाराची?

जमिनीने कधी वाट पाहिली का,
आभाळाच्या सावलीची?

किनाऱ्याला वाटली का कधी,
भिती समुद्राच्या पाण्याची?

कधी वाऱ्याने संगत धरली का,
शेवटपर्यंत पाचोळीची

अशीच लढाई आहे
आपल्या एका जीवनाची
फक्त एकट्यानेच लढून
आहे ती जिंकायची...!

- गार्गी शितोळे, ११ सी



विद्यार्थी और मोबाईल



यह विज्ञान का युग है। इस युग में विज्ञान के अद्भुत अविस्कारों ने लोगों का जीवन एकदम बदल दिया है। इनमें मोबाईल भी विज्ञान का एक प्रभावशाली आविष्कार है।

मोबाईल नाम सुनतेही सबके चहेरे पे खुशी छा जाती है। विद्यार्थी बच्चों को भी मोबाईल बहुत पसंद है। इसलिए माँ-बाप बच्चे को मोबाईल खरीदकर देते हैं परंतु बच्चे मोबाईल में क्या देखते हैं वो माँ-बाप देखते नहीं हैं। सुबह उठकर विद्यार्थी भगवान के नहीं मगर मोबाईल के दर्शन करते हैं क्योंकि मोबाईलका अलार्म बजते ही वो उठते हैं और उनका बटन बंद करते हैं। अगर रातको फोन चार्ज करना भूल गया तो अलार्म बजता नहीं और सुबह-सुबह विद्यार्थी की भागा-दौड़ी शुरू हो जाती है। पाठशाला में जानेकी देरी हो जाने के कारण अब क्या करे? अरे! अब दूध नहीं, नाश्ता नहीं, स्नान नहीं, अरे! ब्रश भी नहीं! पाठशाला में जानेकी देरी होने के कारण बच्चे रस्ते पर इधर-उधर देखे बिना बस भागते ही रहत हैं।

विद्यार्थी मोबाईल फोन का उपयोग इतना करते हैं कि पाठशालाकी किताबे न पढ़कर मोबाईल पर प्रश्न के उत्तर ढूँढते रहते हैं। मोबाईल के कारण बच्चों का एक-दूसरे के घर आना-जाना और मिलना-जुलना बंद हो गया है। दोस्तों के साथ खेलना बंद होकर मोबाईल में गेम खेलना शुरू हो गया है। मोबाईल के कारण बच्चों की पढ़ाई खराब होती है। बच्चे गृहकार्य की उपेक्षा करके मोबाईल देखने बैठ जाते हैं। देरतक मोबाईल देखते रहनेसे आँखों पर बुरा असर पड़ता है। और आँखों पर चश्मा भी लगता है। सरदर्द, निद्रानाश जैसे रोग लागू पड़ते हैं और कई विद्यार्थी डिप्रेशन का शिकार बन जाते हैं जिससे विद्यार्थी के पढ़ने पर बुरा असर होता है।

रस्ते पर चलचे चलते या सायकल या स्कूटर चलाते समय मोबाईल का इस्तमाल करने से या उस पर बड़ी आवाज में गाने सुनते-सुनते वाहन चलानेसे दुर्घटना हो सकती है। मोबाईल फोन का उपयोग इतना बढ़ गया है कि विद्यार्थीको उसका व्यसन लग गया है। बच्चे थोड़ी थोड़ी देर में मोबाईल चेक करते रहते हैं जिससे समय की बरबादी होती है। मोबाईल फोन में लगबग सारी जागकारी रहती है। कुछ अच्छी तो कुछ बुरी उसमें की कई जानकारी विद्यार्थी के लिए हानिकारक होती है। इन सबके बावजूद मोबाईल आधुनिक जीवन का एक अनिवार्य अंग बन गया है। इसका विवेकपूर्वक उपयोग करने से ही हमें लाभ हो सकता है। सचमुच मोबाईल हमारे लिए विज्ञान का एक अद्भुत वरदान है। इसलिए सारे विद्यार्थी ध्यानसे सुनो “मोबाईल के फायदे लो गैरफायदे नहीं।”

- मोहित सुचाक



पर्यावरण रक्षा - हमारी जिम्मेदारी

आज पूरी दुनिया पर प्लास्टिक का इतना प्रभाव है कि आप सब के पेट में भी प्लास्टिक के अंश पाए जा सकते हैं। पर्यावरण को प्रदूषित करने वाले ऐसे कई घटक पाए जा सकते हैं। हमारे पर्यावरण को इन धोकादायक घटकों से बचाना एक जिम्मेदारी बन चुकी है।

जैसे - मैंने पहले भी कहा था, प्लास्टिक पर्यावरण को हानी पहुँचाने वाला एक महत्वपूर्ण घटक है। प्लास्टिक से होने वाले प्रत्यक्ष दुष्परिणाम हम देख ही रहे हैं। बहुत सारे प्राणियों के शरीर में प्लास्टिक पाया जाने लगा है। प्राणी प्लास्टिक को खाद्य पदार्थ समझकर उसे खा लेते हैं। इस की वजह से उनके गले में प्लास्टिक फँस

जाता है। इससे उन्हें साँस लेने को तकलीफ होती है।

प्लास्टिक के अप्रत्यक्ष बुरे परिणाम भी पर्यावरण को कुछ कम हानी नहीं पहुँचाते हैं। जिन उत्पादों को हम प्लास्टिक के साथ पाते हैं, उनमें भी प्लास्टिक के अंश मिल जाते हैं। यह अंश हमारे खाने द्वारा हमारे पेट में जाते हैं। इससे भविष्य में कई रोगों का हमें सामना करना पड़ सकता है।

ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग की वजह से भी पर्यावरण धीरे-धीरे नष्ट हो रहा है। ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग की वजह से मौसम में कई बदलाव दिख रहे हैं। कई जगहों में अति बारीश या फिर अति सूखा पड़ रहा है। ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग की वजह से मौसम का चक्र बिगड़ता जा रहा है।

यह तो सिर्फ दो उदाहरण हैं और कई कारणों से पर्यावरण की हानी पहुँच रही है। पर्यावरण की रक्षा समय की जरूरत है। हम प्लास्टिक का प्रयोग कम कर कागज या फिर और प्राकृतिक सामग्री का इस्तेमाल करना चाहिए। फॅक्ट्रीज और वहाँ से होने वाले प्रदूषण कम करने से हम ग्लोबल वॉर्मिंग से होने वाले दुष्परिणामों को रोक सकते हैं। पर्यावरण को स्वच्छ रखने से पर्यावरण की रक्षा अपने आप हो जाएगी।

कुलमिलाकर हम यह जरूर कह सकते हैं कि पर्यावरण का विनाश करनेवाले घटकों का उपयोग कम करके हमें पर्यावरण की रक्षा की ओर एक कदम बढ़ा सकते हैं। पर्यावरण की रक्षा हम सबकी जिम्मेदारी है और इसे निभाने में कोई कसर नहीं रहनी चाहिए। धन्यवाद!

विद्यार्थी और अनुशासन

अनुशासन विद्यार्थी जीवन का प्रारंभ है, सशक्त बनाने के लिए एक परिपक्व आधार है अमरनाथ (अमर)।

हमारे चरित्र निर्माण में अनुशासन अहम भूमिका निभाता है। विद्यार्थी को अपना प्रत्येक कार्य समय पर कर लेना चाहिए। छात्रों को ये बात अच्छे से समझनी चाहिए की, विद्यार्थी जीवन में अनुशासन बहुत जरूरी होता है। जो विद्यार्थी इसको अपनाते हैं; उन्हें सफलता पाने के लिए ज्यादा संघर्ष नहीं करना पड़ता है।

विद्यार्थियोंका विद्यालय के नियमों का पालन करना, शिक्षकोंका आज्ञापालन एवं अपने छोटे व बड़े के प्रति अपने कर्तव्यों का पालन करना आदि अनुशासन के ही अंग है। अनुशासन का पालन करने से जीवन में व्यवस्था का वातावरण बनता है तथा नियमित रूप से कार्य करने की क्षमता का विकास होता है। अच्छे संस्कार, अनुशासन और बड़ों का आदर करना विद्यार्थी जीवन का प्राण है।

अनुशासन विद्यार्थी को पढ़ाई के साथ-साथ जीवन के अन्य क्षेत्रों के प्रति एकाग्र और प्रेरित होना सिखाता है। एक अनुशासित विद्यार्थी अपनी शैक्षणिक संस्थान का गौरव होता है। समाज द्वारा हमेशा उनका सम्मान किया जाता है। अनुशासन के बिना हम एक सफल छात्र की कल्पना भी नहीं कर सकते हैं।

आज के युवकों में अनुशासन कहीं लुप्त हो गया है। आज के विद्यार्थी अनुशासित नहीं हैं। वे नियमोंका पालन ही नहीं करते। अनुशासन का पालन करने से विद्यार्थी धैर्यशील और संयमी बनते हैं। विद्यार्थी अगर समय पर अपना काम रोज़ करते हैं, तो उनमें धैर्य जैसे गुण उत्पन्न होते हैं। अगर वह रोज़ाना अपना कार्य सही तरीके से ना करे, तो वह अपना कार्य हड़बड़ी में पूरा करेंगे। इससे उनमें संयम जैसे गुण उत्पन्न नहीं होंगे। अनुशासनहीनता उनके जीवन में बढ़ जाएगी। हालांकि अनुशासन में रहना हमें जीवन की उच्चतम सीढ़ी की ओर अग्रेसर करता है और हमें सफलता पाने में मदद करता है। इसलिए अनुशासन विद्यार्थी जीवन में महत्वपूर्ण है।

- सुमेध गुप्ता, ११ क



मैं बोझ नहीं हूँ।

शाम हो गई अभी तो घुमने चलो न पापा
चलते चलते थक गए कंधे पे बिठा लो न पापा
अँधेरे से डर लगता सीनेसे लगा लो न पापा
मम्मी तो सो गई,
आप ही थपकी देकर सुलाओ न पापा,
स्कूल तो पूरी हो गई
अब कॉलेज जाने दो न पापा,
पाल पोस कर बड़ा किया
अब जुदा तो मत करो न पापा,
अब डोली में बिठा ही दिया तो आँसू
तो मत बहाओ न पापा,
आपकी मुस्कुराहट अच्छी है
एक बार मुस्कुराओ न पापा,
इस धरती पर बोझ नहीं मैं
दुनियाँ को समझाओ न पापा।



- सुमेध गुप्ता, ११ क

प्रकृति

देखो ये प्रकृति कितनी रंग-बरंगी,
भगवान ने कैसी धरती बनाई।

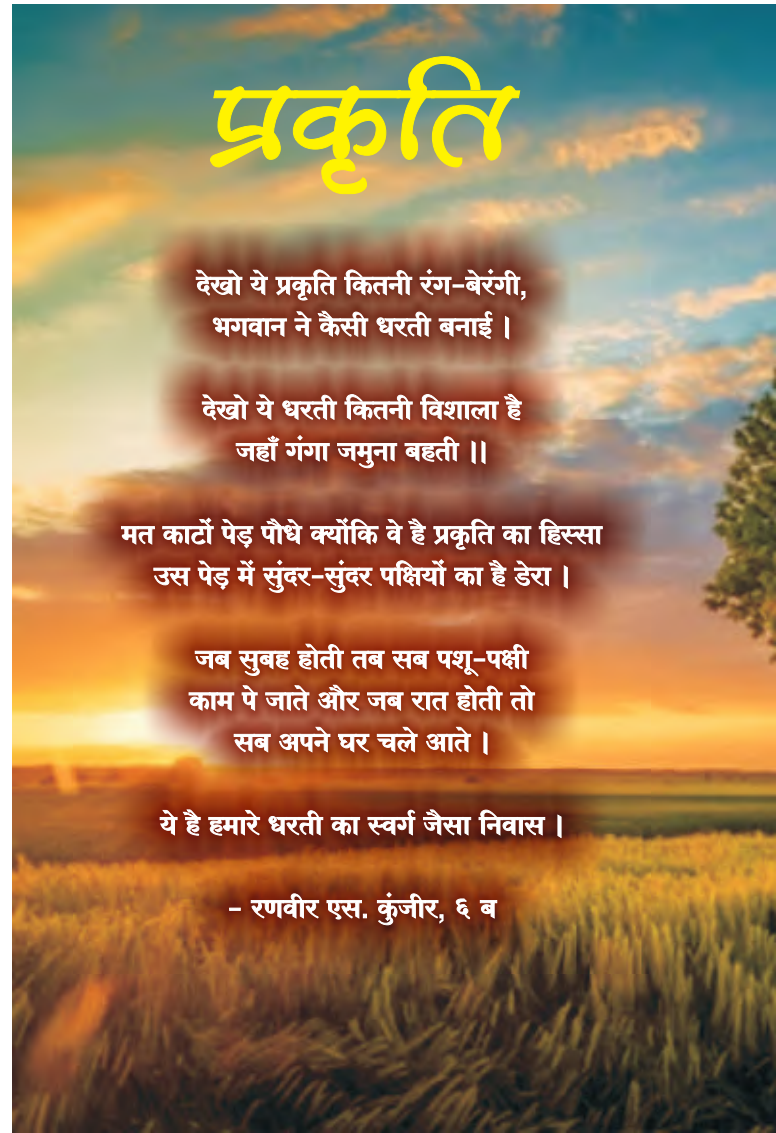
देखो ये धरती कितनी विशाला है
जहाँ गंगा जमुना बहती ॥

मत काटों पेड़ पौधे क्योंकि वे है प्रकृति का हिस्सा
उस पेड़ में सुंदर-सुंदर पक्षियों का है डेरा।

जब सुबह होती तब सब पशू-पक्षी
काम पे जाते और जब रात होती तो
सब अपने घर चले आते।

ये है हमारे धरती का स्वर्ग जैसा निवास।

- रणवीर एस. कुंजीर, ६ ब



मैं हूँ आज की बारी

जी हाँ मैं आज की नारी हूँ। मैं समाज का प्रधान अंग हूँ। मेरे बिना परिवार की पूर्णता की कल्पना ही नहीं की जा सकती है। मैं पुरुष के साथ मिलकर परिवार का पालन करती हूँ। मैं पुरुषों के कंधे से कंधा मिलाकर जीवन के हर एक क्षेत्र में आगे ही आगे बढ़ रही हूँ।

हम नारियों ने प्राचीन समय से ही अपनी प्रतिभा से सभी को आश्चर्यचकित कर दिया है। गार्गी, अपाला, मैत्रेयी जैसी विदुषी महिलाओं ने अपनी बुद्धि से सभी को मंत्र-मुग्ध कर दिया था। चेनम्मा, रानी दुर्गावती, रजिया सुल्ताना, महारानी लक्ष्मीबाई, माँ जिजाबाई, देवी अहिल्याबाई आदि स्त्रियाँ आपको सदैव स्मरण रहेंगी।

कोमल नहीं, कमज़ोर नहीं तू शक्ति का नाम ही नारी है। जग को जीवन देने वाली मौत भी तुझसे हारी हैं। मैं शिक्षित, समझदार जिम्मेदार और आत्मनिर्भर हूँ। मैं बेटी, बहन, माँ सभी रूपों में परिवार और समाज को अपना अद्वितीय योगदान दे रही हूँ। बड़े-बड़े साहित्यकार, शूरी, चिकित्सक, वैज्ञानिक दार्शनिक सभी मेरी ही कोख से जन्म लेकर मेरी ही गोद में जीवन का पहला पाठ सीखते हैं। मेरी शक्ति को जानकर ही तो राष्ट्रकवि मैथिलीशरण गुप्त जी ने लिखा है :

“एक नहीं दो-दो मात्राएँ नर से भारी नारी।।”

मैं ने शिक्षा, चिकित्सा, विज्ञान, तकनीकी शिक्षा, संगणक, राजनीति, साहित्य, खेल-कूद आदि सभी क्षेत्रों में कामयाबी की ऊँची उड़ान हासिल कर ली है। अंतरिक्ष के क्षेत्र में भी मैंने कल्पना चावला, सुनीता विलियम आदि स्त्रियों के रूपों में अपने देश का नाम रोशन कर दिया है।

राजनीति में मैंने मैडम कामा, विजयालक्ष्मी पंडित, सरोजिनी नायडू, इंदिरा गांधी, प्रतिभा पाटील, सुषमा स्वराज, शीला दीक्षित आदि के रूपों में उल्लेखनीय काम किया है। आज ऐश्वर्या राय, सुष्मिता सेन, प्रियंका चोपड़ा आदि विश्व सौंदर्य प्रतियोगिताओं में विजयी होकर नारी जाति का गौरव बढ़ा रही हूँ। साहित्य के क्षेत्र में श्रीमती दुर्गा भागवत, अमृता प्रीतम, महादेवी वर्मा, आदि महिलाओं ने चार चाँद लगा दिए हैं। लता दीदी, आशा भोसले, अनुराधा पौडवाल, आदि महिलाओं ने अपने स्वरों की जादू से पूरी दुनिया को अपनी ओर आकर्षित कर लिया है। पहली महिला आई.पी.एस. अधिकारी किरण बेदी ये सारी मेरी अपनी बहनें ही तो हैं।

मैं जीवन के प्रति सकारात्मक रवैया अपना कर अपने और परिवार के जीवन को अधिक खुशहाल बना रही हूँ। मैं अपनी पुरानी ‘अबला’ की छविसे निकल कर एक ‘सबला’, के रूप में अपनी पहचान बनाने में कामयाब हो चुकी हूँ। शायद ही प्रगति का ऐसा कोई शिखर बचा होगा जहाँ मैं न पहुँची हूँ। मैं सामर्थ्यशाली बनकर समाज का नेतृत्व भी कर रही हूँ। मैं यश व कीर्ति के सारे क्षेत्र काबिज करने में अपनी महत्त्वपूर्ण भूमिका अदा कर रही हूँ।

- सुमेध गुप्ता, ११ क (कॉमर्स)



प्रयत्न

हमारे हिंदी शिक्षक श्री. फिलीप जी ने हमें १६ फरवरी को हिंदी प्रकल्प बताया। यह प्रकल्प दैनंदिन जीवन से संबंधित था। यह प्रकल्प २१ फरवरी को हुआ था। हमारे शिक्षक ने हम सब बड़े स्टेडियम पर बैठ गए। उसके बाद श्री. विकास और श्री. ऑल्विन हमारे पी.टी. शिक्षक भी वहाँ पर आए। सभी कक्षा के बच्चे अनुशासनसे बैठे थे। सभी बच्चों ने अलग-अलग प्रकार का खाना लाया था। सभी शिक्षक ने हमारा थोड़ा-थोड़ा खाना चखा। सभी का खाना शिक्षक को बहुत पसंद आया। कक्षा के विद्यार्थियों ने अलग अलग पदार्थ लाए थे। बहुत सारे पदार्थ जैसे - हलवा, मेथी के परोठे, लड्डू, सॅण्डवीच, केक, पास्ता इ. पदार्थ लाए थे। सभी विद्यार्थियों की मित्रता बढ़ी और सभी का भरोसा बढ़ गया। यह प्रकल्प ऐसा प्रकल्प था जो हमारे लिए बहुत यादगार रहेगा। हमें हमारे हिंदी शिक्षक पर बहुत गर्व है, कि उन्होंने हमको ऐसा प्रकल्प करने का मौका दिया।

- वरद द. भुजबळ, ९ क



विद्यार्थी जीवन में अनुशासन का महत्त्व

विद्यार्थी के लिए अनुशासन वह कामयाबी की चाबी है जो उसे किसी भी कार्य में जो उपलब्धी चाहते हैं वह दिलवाने की या उसे पाने की क्षमता रखता है छात्रों के जीवन में अनुशासन का महत्त्व प्रमुख रूप से उनके समृद्ध और सफलता में होता है। यह उन्हें सशक्त और संयमित बनाता है। जिससे वे अपने लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति में सहायक हो सकते हैं।

अनुशासन से छात्रों को समय प्रबंधन की कला सिखने का अवसर मिलता है, जिससे की वे अपने विभिन्न कार्यों को बेहतर तरीके से संचालित कर सकें। यह उनकी अध्ययन में भी मदद करता है। क्योंकि नियमित अध्ययन और स्वाध्या से उनका ज्ञान और सूचना विस्तारित होती है।

अनुशासन के बिना छात्र अपने लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति के लिए अपनी मानसिक और शारीरिक समर्पण नहीं दे पाते। यह उन्हें स्वास्थ्यपूर्ण जीवनशैली की महत्त्वपूर्णता भी सिखाती है, जैसे कि नियमित व्यायाम और सही आहार का पालन करना।

अनुशासन से छात्रों का आत्मविश्वास भी मजबूत होता है, क्योंकि वे अपने काम में सफलता पाकर, उनकी क्षमताओं को समझते हैं। यह उन्हें जीवन में सफल होने के लिए आवश्यक मार्गदर्शन करता है।

समान रूप से अनुशासन से छात्रों के सामाजिक और नैतिक मूल्यों की प्रतिष्ठा भी बढ़ती है। जो कि उनके समाज में उच्च स्थान प्राप्त करने में मदद करती है। समाप्ति में अनुशासन, छात्रों के जीवन की एक महत्त्वपूर्ण विशेषता होती है जो उन्हें सफल और सजीव बनाता है। यह उन्हें अनेक लक्ष्यों की प्राप्ति के लिए आवश्यक उपकरण प्रदान करता है।

- साईहर्षित मज्यू, ९ अ



राष्ट्रीय एकता का महत्त्व

राष्ट्रीय एकता एक मनोवैज्ञानिक प्रक्रिया व भावना है, जो किसी भी देश के लोगो में भाईचारा और राष्ट्र के प्रति प्रेम का भाव दिखाती है। राष्ट्रीय एकता राष्ट्र को सशक्त एवं संगठित बनाती है। राष्ट्रीय एकता वह भावना है जो विभिन्न धर्मों, संप्रदायों, जाती, वेश-भाषा, सभ्यता एक संस्कृति के लोगो को एक सूत्र में पिरोए रखती है। राष्ट्रीय एकता का महत्त्व हमारे राष्ट्रगीत में भी झलकता है। हमारा भारत देश राष्ट्रीय एकता को एक मिसाल है। जितनी विभिन्नताएँ हमारे देश में उपलब्ध है, उतनी शायद ही विश्व में किसी अन्य देश में देखने को मिले। जब तक एक राष्ट्र की एकता सशक्त है तब तक वह राष्ट्र भी सशक्त है। बाह्यी शक्तियाँ इन परिस्थितियों में उसकी अखंडता पर प्रभाव नहीं डाल सकती लेकिन जब-जब एक राष्ट्र की एकता खंडित हो जाएगी तब-तब वह देश को अनेक कठिनाइयों से जूझना पड़ेगा। हम यदि अपने इतिहास के पन्ने को पलट कर देखे तो हम यही पाते हैं की जब-जब हम असंगठित हुए हैं, हमें आर्थिक व राजनितिक रूप में इसकी किंमत चुकानी है। परंतु आज हमारा भारत देश उन्नति के रास्ते पर बढ़ रहा है। कृषिप्रधान, कंप्यूटर सायंस, स्वास्थ्य सेवा क्षेत्र आदि ऐसे कई क्षेत्रों में हमारा देश आगे बढ़ रहा है। राष्ट्रीय एकता की वह से धरती रह ही नहीं बल्कि चंद्रमा की सतह पर भी, हमारा तिरंगा लहरा रहा है। और हमारे देश की उन्नति हम विद्यार्थी पर निर्भर है।

- मयंक वासवाणी, ९ अ



Konjugationen

Konjugationen von Verben sind ein wichtiges Konzept in der Linguistik. Aber warum brauchen wir sie? Können wir nicht für jedes Verb die gleiche Konjugation verwenden? Nun, sie sind aus mehreren Gründen in einer Sprache wichtig:

1. Zeitform: Viele Zeitformen werden mithilfe von Verbkonjugationen angezeigt. Ohne Zeitform kann Sprache keinen wirklichen Sinn ergeben.
2. Subjekt: Durch Konjugation kann das Subjekt des Satzes überprüft werden. Deutsch ist ein Beispiel dafür.
3. Schönheit: Die Schönheit und Vielfalt einer Sprache zeigt sich in ihren Konjugationen.

Wussten Sie? Schwedisch, Norwegisch und Dänisch verwenden keine Konjugationen mehr für das Subjekt.

Hier sind einige Beispiele für Verben in verschiedenen Zeitformen mit unterschiedlichen Subjekten:

Präsens (Gegenwart):

- Ich gehe zur Schule.
- Du spielst Fußball.
- Er/sie/es liest ein Buch.
- Wir essen Abendessen.
- Ihr trinkt Wasser.
- Sie singen im Chor.



Präteritum (Vergangenheit):

- Ich ging gestern zur Schule.
- Du spieltest gestern Fußball.
- Er/sie/es kaufte gestern ein Buch.
- Wir aßen gestern Abendessen.
- Ihr trankt gestern Wasser.
- Sie sangen gestern im Chor.

REGELMÄßIGE VERBEN			
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Du	trink komm spiel	st	zeichn arbeit find est
Er Sie Es	trink komm spiel	t	zeichn arbeit find et
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ihr	trink komm spiel	t	zeichn arbeit find et
Sie sie	trink komm spiel	en	zeichn arbeit find en

Viel Spaß beim Lernen von den Verb Konjugationen!

- Neil D'souza, IX C

Adolf Hitler – der Führer

Adolf Hitler, der Führer der deutschen NSDAP, war einer der mächtigsten Diktatoren des 20. Jahrhunderts. Adolf Hitler wurde am 20. April 1889 in Braunau, einer Stadt in Österreich, geboren. 1913 zog Hitler nach München im deutschen Bundesland Bayern. Für sein Studium ging er nach Deutschland, wurde aber im Ersten Weltkrieg als Soldat eingesetzt. Von einem einfachen Soldaten entwickelte er sich zum Anführer der NSDAP. Er hegte einen besonderen Hass gegenüber Juden und veranlasste die Ermordung vieler von ihnen. Deutschland eroberte den größten Teil Europas und forderte Russland, Großbritannien und die USA heraus. Am Ende des Zweiten Weltkriegs war er nahezu besiegt und beging Selbstmord. Aufgrund seiner Ideologien gilt er als einer der schlimmsten und grausamsten Menschen. Er tötete zahlreiche Menschen und verursachte immense Zerstörung in Europa. Er veränderte das Gesicht Europas vollständig. Viele mögen ihn als den schlimmsten Menschen in der Geschichte betrachten, doch ich persönlich stimme einigen seiner Ideologien keinesfalls zu. Es wäre tatsächlich ein beunruhigender Gedanke, wenn eine Person mit ähnlicher Ideologie die Welt verändern würde.

- Soham Shirke, IX B



Meine FIT in Deutsch 1 Prüfung

Am 2. Dezember 2023 habe ich meine 'Fit in Deutsch 1' Prüfung abgelegt. Diese Prüfung ist eine deutsche Sprachprüfung für Kinder und Jugendliche, durchgeführt vom Goethe-Institut. Gemeinsam mit meinen Freunden ging ich zum Max-Müller-Bhavan. Natürlich war ich nervös, da es meine erste Sprachprüfung war!

Die Prüfung besteht aus vier Teilen – Hören, Lesen, Schreiben und Sprechen. Im Hören-Teil mussten wir verschiedene Gespräche hören und dann die richtigen Lösungen markieren. Das war ziemlich schwierig, denn haben die Menschen schnell gesprochen. Im Lesen-Teil sollten wir Anzeigen und Beschreibungen lesen, verstehen und dann die richtigen Lösungen auswählen. Das war einfach! Im Schreiben-Teil haben wir eine E-Mail bekommen und sollten darauf in mindestens 30 Wörtern antworten. Das war sehr interessant, denn ich finde das Schreiben immer spannend. Im letzten Teil, dem Sprechen, mussten wir uns vorstellen und dann Fragen und Bitten formulieren. Das war ebenfalls ziemlich schwierig, aber ich hatte geübt!

Das Ergebnis von meiner Fit in Deutsch 1 Prüfung ist da! Ich habe mit sehr guten Noten bestanden und freue mich darüber! Auch meine Freunde haben sehr gute Ergebnisse erzielt, und ich gratuliere ihnen herzlich! Die Erfahrung mit der Fit in Deutsch 1 Prüfung war fantastisch und hat mir sehr geholfen. Außerdem hat sie mein Deutsch verbessert. Ich danke meinen beiden Deutschlehrerinnen (meiner Deutschlehrerin in der Schule und meiner Deutschnachhilfelehrerin) für ihre große Hilfe.

Jetzt möchte ich die Fit in Deutsch 2 Prüfung ablegen, denn ich finde Deutsch super!!

- Vikrant Mulay, IX B



Spider-Man: ein Superheld

Spider-Man ist ein fiktiver Superheld, der in Comics und Filmen vorkommt. Peter Parker, ein High-School-Schüler, wird von einer radioaktiven Spinne gebissen und in Spider-Man verwandelt. Er kann Spinnweben aus seinen Handgelenken schießen, Wände erklimmen und hat einen sechsten Sinn, der ihn vor Gefahren warnt. Spider-Man ist zu einem der bekanntesten und beständigsten Superhelden der Popkultur geworden, der beim Publikum neben seinen Fähigkeiten zur Verbrechensbekämpfung auch wegen

seiner menschlichen Verletzlichkeit und seiner Kämpfe Anklang findet.

Heute werde ich einige Spider-Man-Zitate auflisten, die meine persönlichen Favoriten sind:

- "Ich denke, es ist leicht, im Angesicht der Gefahr zu lachen, wenn man nichts zu ernst nimmt."
- "Ein Superheld zu sein, ist kein Spiel. Es ist Schicksal. Wir entscheiden uns dafür, Gutes zu tun oder Schlechtes zu tun. Wir hatten die Wahl."
- "Wir versuchen so viele wie möglich zu retten, um diejenigen auszugleichen, die wir nicht konnten. Das ist alles, was wir tun."
- "Jeder kann einen Kampf gewinnen, wenn die Chancen einfach sind! Wenn es keine Chance zugeben scheint, dann zählt es!"

- Ishaan Lokhande, IX B

Bildung für alle: Träume öffnen, Zukunft bauen!

Schule ist mehr als nur Lernen. Es ist Freundschaft, Spiel und vor allem: Entdecken! Wir tauchen in Zahlen und Wörter ein, lüften die Geheimnisse der Vergangenheit und erforschen fremde Kulturen. Dieses Wissen ist ein Schatz, der Türen zu spannenden Berufen, einem erfüllten Leben und der Möglichkeit, die Welt zu verbessern, öffnet.

Aber was, wenn der Schlüssel teuer ist? An manchen Orten kostet Schule Geld. Das bedeutet, dass nicht jedes Kind sein Potenzial entfalten und seine Träume verfolgen kann. Ungerecht! Stellen wir uns vor, alle Kinder könnten, egal woher sie kommen, lernen und forschen. Ärzte, Künstler, Lehrer – alles wäre möglich!

Kostenlose Bildung öffnet Türen für alle. Sie lässt Kinder wachsen, träumen und zur Gesellschaft beitragen. Sie baut Gerechtigkeit und Gleichheit auf, wo jeder eine Zukunft erschaffen kann. Stellt euch die Ideen, Erfindungen und Lösungen vor, die aus diesen geförderten Köpfen entstehen könnten!

Lasst uns Mauern niederreißen und Wissen frei zugänglich machen! Bildung für alle, denn jedes Kind verdient es zu lernen und zu glänzen. Schule ist mehr als das Pauken von Wissen, sie stärkt uns und baut eine bessere Welt, Schritt für Schritt auf.

- Anish Malwadkar, IX C



Protest gegen die deutsche Regierung

Bauern haben den Verkehr in Deutschland gestoppt. Sie sind wütend auf die Regierung. Im Jahr 2024 sind viele Bauern am Montag, dem 15. Januar, mit Traktoren nach Berlin gefahren, um zu protestieren. Sie sind gegen die grüne Ideologie. Die Bauern sind nicht glücklich mit einigen Regeln der Regierung. Sie denken, dass Umweltschutz und Unterstützung für die Landwirtschaft nicht gut sind. Die Proteste haben zu Verkehrsbehinderungen und Staus auf den Straßen geführt, was zu Frustration bei den Bürgern geführt hat. Die deutsche Regierung steht unter Druck, um die Forderungen der Bauern zu erfüllen und gleichzeitig Umweltziele zu erreichen. Die Proteste haben auch zu Diskussionen über die Zukunft der Landwirtschaft und die Rolle der Regierung in diesem Bereich geführt.

Einige Bauern wollen Geld von der Regierung, weil sie Geld verloren haben. Andere wollen, dass die Regeln für die Landwirtschaft anders werden. Die Situation hat gezeigt, wie wichtig es ist, einen Ausgleich zwischen den Bedürfnissen der Landwirte und dem Umweltschutz zu finden.

Auch Lastwagenfahrer und Lokführer haben protestiert. Die deutsche Wirtschaft ist gesunken. Der Bayerische Bauernverband und der Deutsche Bauernverband haben mit Protesten begonnen. Deutschland ist vom Russland-Ukraine-Konflikt betroffen. Deutschland bekommt Öl und Gas von Russland. Die Regierung wird genau beobachtet.

- Mayank Vaswani, IX A





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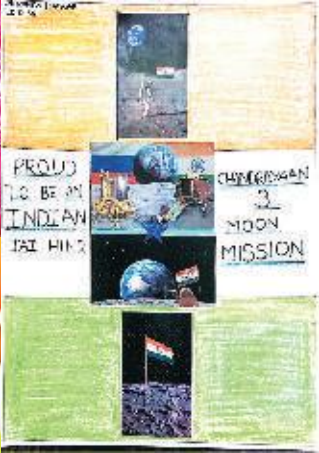
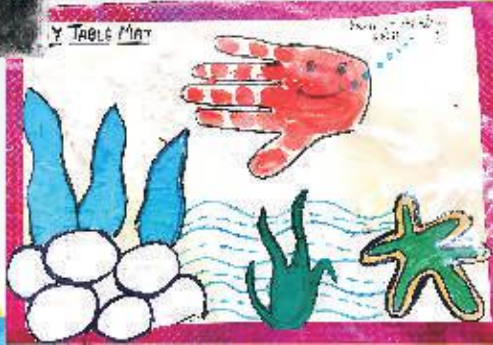
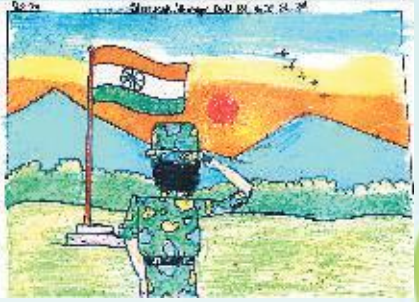
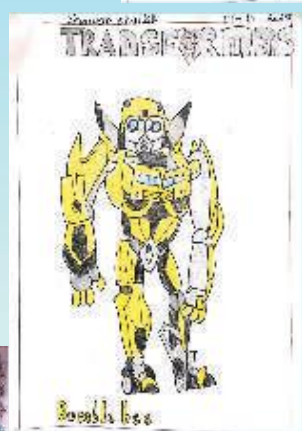
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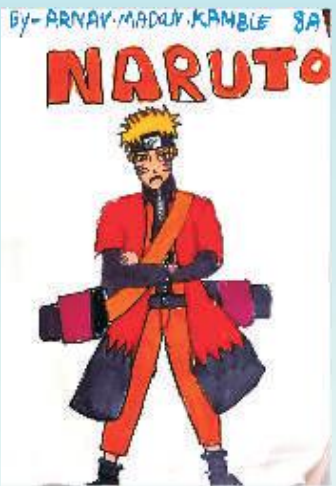
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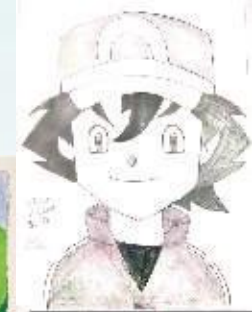
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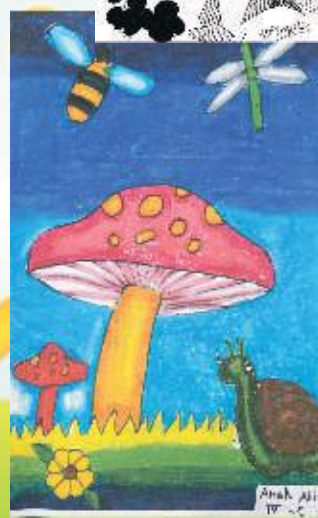
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