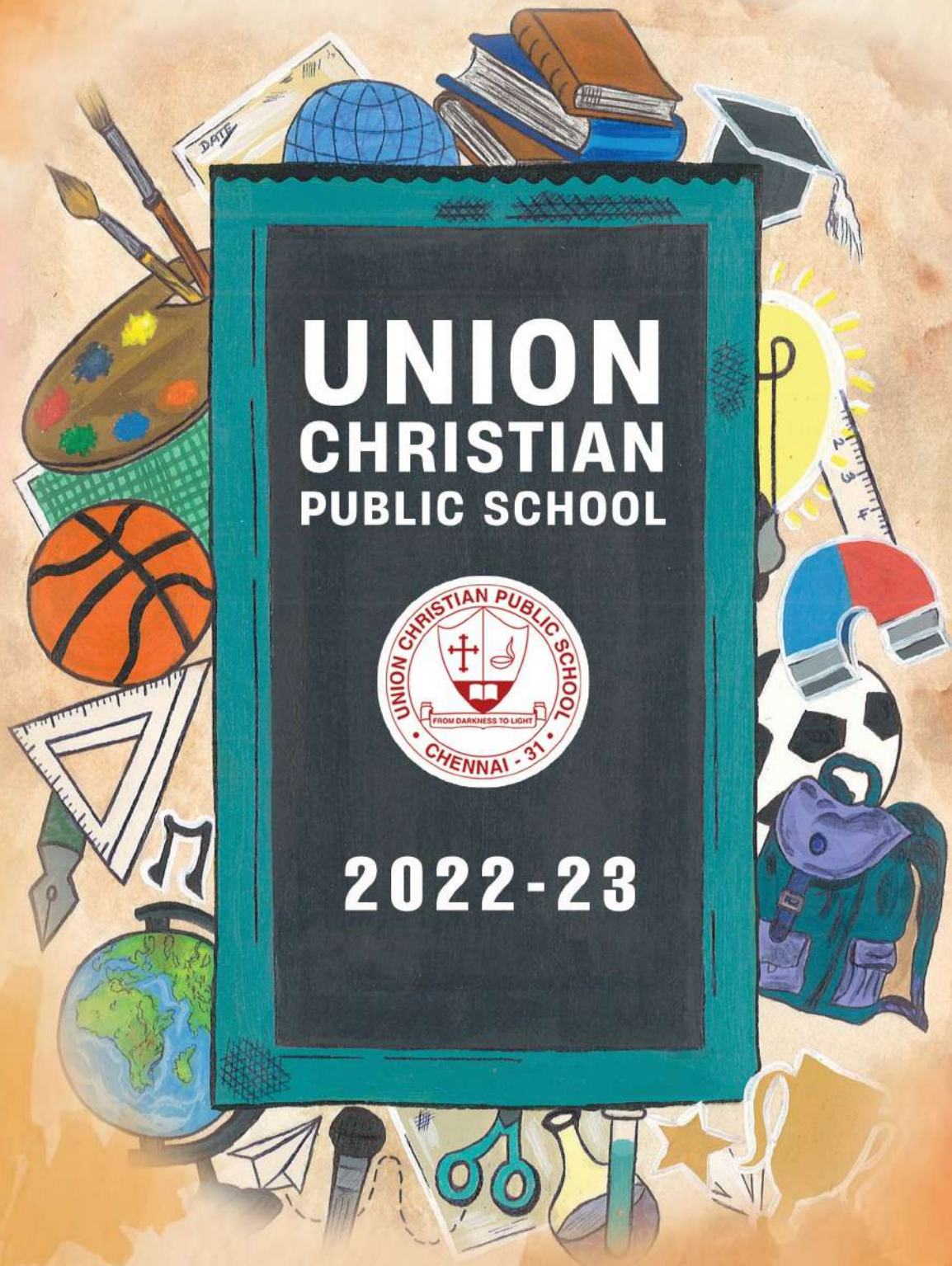


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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



I am exultant to announce to you the rechristened name of our annual almanac as “Kaleidoscope”. The constantly changing colours and patterns viewed through a Kaleidoscope are representative of novelty of change. Even the symmetry of the patterns is a depiction of balance and harmony. Hence the name Kaleidoscope is pertinent for our reflections vis-a-vis the essence of our school.

At the outset, let me thank God Almighty for the enormous ways in which he proved to us his omnipotence and power. He kept us safe, though we had to face some hardships and bereavements in the past years. As every cloud has a silver lining, one of the good things we learnt was to be detached from the luxuries of life and to embrace humaneness by being humble, respectful and showing benevolence and kindness to others.

In the education scenario also there were lots of reformation. The experience of online classes, online exams, online meetings, polling during sessions etc all improved the tech-savviness of the teachers and invigorated their teaching skills. The biggest challenge they faced returning to the normal classes was to repair the learning gaps, etiquettes and mannerisms of students and capture the attention for a longer duration as children seemed to lack concentration. To refresh the teaching-learning environment, we have moved to digital classrooms, with enhanced aesthetics and state-of-the-art design.

As Principal of Union Christian Public School, since I took over in June 2022, our primary aim is to bring a set of cheerful children to school, partaking in all the activities. Toward this, we left no stone unturned to expose our children to new facets of learning. In this process, we discovered the best organisers, amazing digital designers, exceptional editors and the greatest performers among our very own jewels. Our children have evolved from being ordinary to attempting the extra-ordinary!! Many expressed gratitude to the school for giving them an opportunity to identify their hidden talents.

My vision for the school is to create a bunch of innovators, the foundation for which has already been laid with the setting up of iZone Tinkering lab, with Robotics, STEM, 3D printing, Aeromodelling & Electronics becoming part of the students’ day-to-day life in the school.

Also, it would be my greatest accomplishment if our students bring more laurels to the school, be it in sports, extra-curricular activities or various national and international competitions. In striving towards excellence there is one thing that we focus on for our students, discipline and moral values. I appreciate the school management for providing scope for our children to flourish.

Let me end with a quote that I believe in.

“The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who do.” - Steve Jobs

Can we all be the pioneers of change for a bright future for our children?

Mrs. Nisha Anil John

Editor's Note

'Change is the only constant in life'

Indeed, I am overwhelmed to be involved in the making of UCPS's magazine, a book I've beheld beyond memory to now, for real, creating them. This year, we're thrilled and overjoyed to kickstart the journey of "Kaleidoscope", an emblem of change!

Yes, make necessary changes is inevitable. But to progress without change is purely infeasible. We must perceive the fact that the one who cannot be open to change, cannot change anything. Thus, acknowledging this reality, I am immensely proud that Union Christian Public School, as an institution has evolved and is constantly advancing from the quintessential hardcore rote-learning to a better and more practical and hands-on oriented system.

But let me put forth a question. Is it right to fret over the future without valuing what we have - the present? They say "Live in the Moment" but my friends, what's even a moment when the only thing we agonize ourselves is about "What next?"

With "Kaleidoscope", we have put our all-out efforts to provide you with memoirs for you to cherish the best moments of your school life. And my Dear folks, it doesn't matter if you couldn't spot yourselves in these pages, the world's waiting for you! So step outside your comfort zone, embrace the change, and create your moment!

Ammaar Yacoob



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Award Winners for Std 12 2021-22



JEFIN MATHEW KURIAN

School Topper In All India Senior School Certificate Examination of Std 12 (Group 1 & 2)

Cash Prize of Rs 10,000/- awarded by school for securing 482/500.

Cash prize of Rs 1500/- awarded by school for securing centum in Chemistry.

Special prize for securing highest mark in Physics, Mathematics and English.



MAHATI KRISHNAKUMAR

School second topper in All India Senior School Certificate Examination of Std 12 (Group 1 & 2) for securing 471/500.

Cash prize of Rs 1500/- awarded by school for securing centum in chemistry
Special prize for securing highest mark in Physics.



V. SUSENA

School Second Topper In All India Senior School Certificate Examination of Std 12 (Group 1 & 2) for securing 471/500



J.S JEBERSON IMMANUEL

School second topper in All India Senior School Certificate Examination of Std 12 (Group 3 & 4) for securing 454 out of 500.

Special prize for securing the highest mark in Accountancy and Business Studies
Cash prize of Rs 1500/- awarded by school for All-rounder of the year - Std 12.



E. ROSHAN MANUEL

School third topper in All India Senior School Certificate Examination of std 12 (Group 1 & 2) for securing 466/500.

Special prize for securing highest mark in Computer Science.



KEZIA SARAH SUNIL

School third topper in All India Senior School Certificate Examination of Std 12 (Group 3 & 4) for Securing 428/500.

Award Winners for Std 10 2021-22



M. HANNAH FELIN

School topper in All India Secondary School Certificate Examination of Std 10.

Cash prize of Rs 10,000/- awarded by school for securing 487/ 500.



S. M. SIDDHARTH

School topper in All India Secondary School Certificate Examination of Std 10 CBSE

Cash prize of Rs 10,000/- awarded by school for securing 487/500.

Cash prize of Rs 1500/- awarded by school for All-rounder of the year - Std 10.



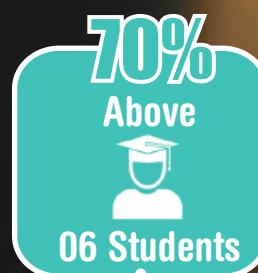
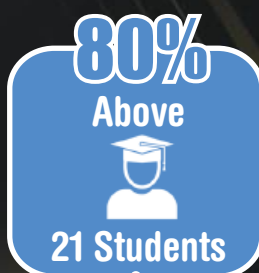
JANIA SUSAN KURIAN

School second topper in All India Secondary School Certificate Examination of Std 10 for securing 484/500.



JOANNA RACHEL GEORGE

School third topper in All India Secondary School Certificate Examination of Std 10 for securing 481/500.



RESULT ANALYSIS - CLASS X



PRINCIPAL'S PRIZE

REUBEN ABRAHAM GEORGE

Principal's prize for discipline and best character with a cash prize of Rs. 1000/- awarded by school.

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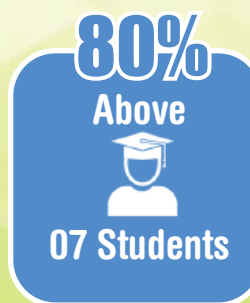
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XI B



RESULT ANALYSIS - CLASS XII

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"A good teacher is a brilliant light Illuminating the prism of life, revealing to students a rainbow of possibilities."



Bidding adieu to a person so dear and a friend so true is indeed a hard thing to do. 17 years of service! It's a pleasure to felicitate someone who has worked with us for so long especially a person like Mrs Neena Shaju. She has been a part and parcel of UCPS practically from its inception.

A dynamic, loving, highly energetic and well organised person being the primary co-ordinator, she rose up to all occasions gracefully and discharged her duties to perfection. Neena Shaju has a deep sense of humour. Her subtle jokes on a lighter vein makes any gathering erupt into peals of laughter. Children are her first priority and she encourages children to be abreast with the happenings around them and with her creative mind she always makes learning interesting for the children. She always has a radiant smile, reaching out to everyone in the campus alike and has made quite an impact on everyone around her. She has never failed to strike a chord with both parents and children alike and it is no surprise that she is one of the favourites on campus with superiors, peers, non teaching staff and the children of course. And, anyone who has known Neena will vouch for the fact that she is a down to earth, benevolent and happy go lucky person who always sees the positive side of everything in life. All these qualities and much more make her very special and loved.

As we bid good bye to Neena Shaju we pray that God will bless her and keep her and grant her all the desires of her heart and in every step that she takes in future be guided by our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will miss you Neena!

And as they say,

"You never leave someone behind, you take a part of them with you and leave a part of yourself behind"

UC Family



Events of the Year 2022-23

Alumni Association



An alumni association was inaugurated on the 13th of October, 2021 as the first batch of UCPS graduated out of the school.

National Library Day



To commemorate the birthday of the renowned librarian, Mr. S. R. Ranganathan, UCPS celebrated library week between 12th and 18th of August, 2022.

Investiture Ceremony



Investiture ceremony for the academic year 2022-'23 was held on the 18th of June and Mr. Reji Abraham, President of UCA was the Chief Guest.

Sports Day



UCPS celebrated its 5th Annual Sports Meet on 15th July, 2022 with the presence of Tmt Ramya Bharathi IPS where the Aqua House emerged as the overall champions.



Magnum Opus



Our school hosted it's first ever inter-school culturals, Magnum Opus on the 20th of July, 2022 including a plethora of exciting competitions. The closing ceremony was attended by the popular internet sensation, Mr Kishen Das.



Independence Day

August 15th is by far the most important date in India's history. It marks our liberation from British Colonialism and the freedom struggle took a terrible toll of lives and our national wealth. This year was especially notable because it was the 75th year of our independence.

On Aug 15th, we remember and honor the brave Indian leaders who resisted British rule from the times of Maharaja Prithviraj Chauhan and Rani Laxmibai to Lokmanya Tilak, Sardar Patel and Mahatma Gandhi. We, at Union Christian Public School, celebrate this day with pride and enthusiasm every year.

On the 75th anniversary of our independence, we had as our inspiration - Indian Woman Power! This year our Chief Guest was Ms. Neenu Ittyerah,

Southern Railway's first Lady Head of Operations. Our Chief Guest recounted the sacrifices of our freedom fighters and reminded us of our responsibility to preserve this hard-fought freedom. She also stressed that freedom cannot be only related to foreign occupation and that true freedom is freedom from poverty, from illiteracy and other socio-economic issues. She urged our youth to take a pledge to do their sincere bit and achieve this holistic freedom.

The function included beautifully choreographed dances and songs and concluded with the stirring mass recital of our national anthem, our school hymn and the vote of thanks.

Mrs. Jyothi Unni



Photography Day



Pets Day



On the 20th of August, UCPS hosted an endearing event called 'Pet's Day' with Dr. Chandini G. Ashok, a renowned veterinarian, being the Chief Guest.

Grandparents day



Children of Kindergarten celebrated Grandparents Day on the 27th of August with their grandparents and Mrs. Susamma Thomas, a retired teacher of UCMHSS was the Chief Guest.

Onam Celebration



HAPPY
Onam

Onam - The festival of harvest in Kerala was celebrated on 7th September, 2022 at the UCPS campus with traditional attire, interhouse competitions and much more.



ANNUAL DAY



UCPS's 6th Annual Day, was celebrated with zeal and enthusiasm on 2nd September, 2022 with the presence of Chief Guest, Dr. Koshy Varghese, the Dean of administration at IIT Madras.

KG Sports Day



The 2nd Kiddies Sports Meet was held on 17th September 2022 with the fitness enthusiast, Elisha Cherian, being the Chief Guest.

SPARKZ





Sparkz 2022, the annual inter-house cultural program was held between 27th and 29th of October, 2022. Mr. Joshua Satya, a decorated music director inaugurated the event with the Aqua House emerging as winners in the Junior Category, while Ignis House took home the trophy in the Senior Group.



Children's Day



The most anticipated day of the year arrived on the 14th of November with Children's Day. Students of 12th grade were the Chief Guests of the day while the teachers took over the stage with ardour.

Underwater World Exhibition



The Kindergarten department presented the plant and underwater world exhibition on the 25th of November, 2022 as a part of their curriculum.

Christmas Program



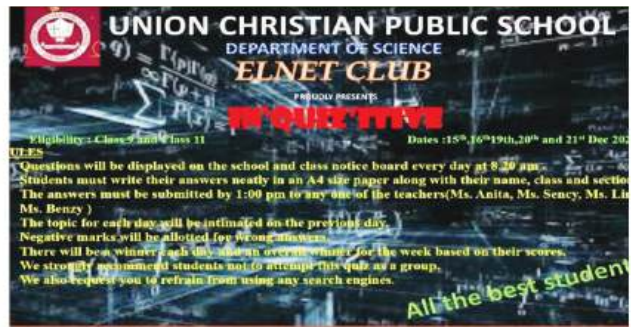
The Union Christian family ushered in Christmas on 2nd December, 2022 with a variety of Christmas medleys, plays and dances.

Gloria



Gloria '22 - UCA's 5th Carol Concert, was a wonderful evening with the participation of 9 of the best choir groups in Chennai, one including UC School Choir.

In'Quiz'itive



The Science Department and Elnet Club presented “In’Quiz’itive”- a daily Science Quiz contest between the 15th and 21st of December, 2022

Painting Contest



A Mega Art competition was conducted at UCPS on November 10th, 2022 as a fundraising initiative.

Computer Talent Fest



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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

TALENT FEST 2023

CLASS-III

Create an action series of an athlete in action using Stykz



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APPLICATION USED:
STYKZ

APPLICATION USED:
GIMP

CLASS-IV

Create a collage on the advantages of using internet using GIMP

4

CLASS-V

Recreate a similar effect of the picture with your black and white photo using Photoshop



5

APPLICATION USED:
PHOTOSHOP

APPLICATION USED:
MS-POWERPOINT

CLASS-VI

Create an interactive quiz using PowerPoint . If the answer for the quiz is incorrect, the correct answer should pop up.

6

CLASS-VII

Create a movie using Windows Movie Maker for the topic "Ever Evolving Modern India". The animation should run for 90 secs.

7

APPLICATION USED:
WINDOWS MOVIE MAKER

APPLICATION USED:
MS EXCEL

CLASS-VIII

Create a game called TETRIS/SLIDING game in EXCEL and show your logical reasoning skills

8

CLASS-IX

Implementing Artificial Intelligence in agricultural field. Interface this theme using Sprite lab/App lab of code.org

9

APPLICATION USED:
SPRITE LAB /APPLAB OF CODE.ORG

APPLICATION USED:
ANY SOFTWARE

11

CLASS-XI

AI projects including chatbot (or) Game Development

Competition starts on 21st December 2022

Competition closes on 5th January 2023

Mail your project to:

computerscienceucps@gmail.com

Commerce Fest



On the 6th and 7th of January, 2023, the Department of Commerce conducted several exciting competitions to celebrate and enhance entrepreneurial skills among students.

Pongal Celebration



UCPS Celebrated the harvest festival of Tamil Nadu, on the 12th of January, 2023, by showcasing traditional dance forms, engaging competitions and food mela of Tamil Nadu.

Green Steps



Green Steps - a vibrant competition, was conducted by the Department of Science to create environmental awareness among the students of Classes VI - VIII

Book Exhibition



Kids2day International India Pvt. Limited, hosted a book fair at the UCPS campus between the 9th and 10th of February, 2023.

SMASH



UCPS hosted the annual inter-school badminton tournament, SMASH with various schools participating to win the prestigious trophy. Mr. David Anand, an accomplished badminton player, and Ms. Prasanna, a well known basketball player, graced the valedictory session.



On the occasion of Republic Day, 2023, Union Christian School Alumni Association (UCSAA) conducted their first ever “Family Marathon” for all ages from Std 4 and upwards.

KG Graduation



To acknowledge the progression and development of children, Kindergarten celebrated 'Graduation Day' with Chief Guest, Dr. Joan Elango, the Principal of Anita Methodist School.

Words Worth



The English Department in association with Miyagi Learning Solutions, organised a workshop to hone the students from Classes III - VIII in spoken skills and public speaking.

i - Zone Expo

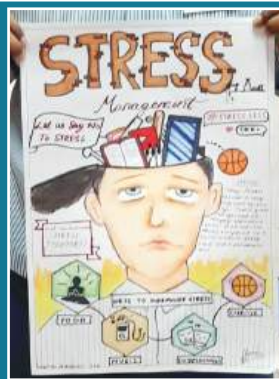


UCPS conducted their first ever i-zone expo exhibiting models of themes such as STEAM, Electronics, Digital Fabrication, Robotics and Aeromodelling involving an immense amount of creativity, imagination and innovation.

Achievements



Jessima Shiney of Class IX A bagged the first prize for the painting contest which was announced on preservation of Marshland at Pallikarnai



Mervyn Immanuel Fernando of Class XIA sketched a painting on "Stress Management" which was published in NIE.



B. Jagadeeshwaran - IXA, L. Abhilash - VA, P. Jotham Paul - V B and Yabhesh - V B participated in a competition conducted by Playto IIT National Robotics on the theme "Smart City" where they won the 1st place in the Zonal Level under the Senior Category with a cash prize of Rs. 15,000/-



Ishaq Ibrahim of XA and Jessima Shiney and Susan Chyrsoyte of X B participated in an inter-school ideathon event organised by Times of India NIE. Anbil Mahesh Poyyamozhi, Minister of School Education, Government of Tamil Nadu, was the Chief Guest to honour the best ideas and our students were one among them.



Our school music band, trained by Mr. John Knox, won 2nd place in 'Spectra 2022' an inter-school cultural conducted by Kola Saraswathi School.



Alan Joel of IV A secured 2nd place in 2x2 National Level Cube Tournament U-10 category at MGR University, Madurovoyal.



Rebecca S Sebastian of IIA won the 2nd place for Skating in 500m under 7-9 category in the Bodhi Sports League at Velammal Knowledge Park, Ponneri.



G. Sharolyn of IIB secured the runner up in the 18th International Level Competition for Abacus and Mental Arithmetic at Alama International.



Dharun Krishna of IIIA won the Gold and Silver Topper in National Abacus Competition - Braino Brain fest.

Newspaper Clippings

Families bond at marathon by UCC alumni



Bobby Aloysius, former Indian athlete, was the special guest

More than 300 people took part in the family marathon organised by Union Christian School Alumni Association (UCSAA), which was formed on August 15, 2022. Features of the exercise included the provision of RFID bib, race completion timing message, medals for the finishers, trophies for the winners and t-shirts for both participants and volunteers. A live music band added to the fun and excitement of the marathon.

A route around the school campus covering 2.5 km was chosen. The run started with a warm-up and

a zumba session at 6.30 a.m. Chief guest Bobby Aloysius, former Indian athlete, unfurled the national flag. The flag-off for the 5k run was done by the chief guest along with senior teachers from the UCC schools - Sunderathai Lazarus, Nisha Anil John, B Senthil Kumar, Nameeta Sarah Kurian, Sheeba Ninan and Elizabeth George. The 2.5k run was flagged off next. More than 30 volunteers from school and college helped with various responsibilities. Dr J S Rajkumar, chairman and chief surgeon of Lifeline Hospitals, gave away the trophies to the winners.

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San Academy Kamakoti Nagar's Annual Cultural Fest was celebrated recently at Jeppiaar Auditorium. While the visual treat of three was held in the morning the grand bonanza for classes four and above was conducted in the evening. Each had a theme of its own. The morning theme was "The Enchanted World" and all the programmes were related to the 21 stories delving on mythology, fairy tales and folklore in the book series of the same name.

The Academy had a distinguished personality as a Chief Guest, Dr C. Sathish, Director of the Paavai Group of Schools in Namakkal. The evening theme was "BIOSCOPE - Picture Abhi Baaki Hai". The audience entered the Celluloid World and they could witness how movies evolved from the silent era to one with various special effects, how they evolved from a novelty show to a full-blown entertainment industry. Kalidas Jayaram, eminent young star of Tamil and Malayalam film industry graced the occasion. He was happy to be a part of the fest where the movie was the central theme.



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1-Day celebrations at Union Christian School

The Union Christian Matriculation Higher Secondary School and the Union Christian School celebrated the 70th Independence Day of our nation with much enthusiasm and grandeur this year. The occasion was graced by the presence of the honorable Chief Guest Neeraj Ity, Principal of the Union Christian School, Union Christian Association of Southern Vinod Simon and the Correspondent of the Matric School Sheeba Ninan.



iZone Tinkering Laboratory - Imagine, Innovate & Inquire

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1. Creativity
2. Critical Thinking
3. Communication
4. Collaboration

UCPS students are introduced to different levels of tinkering that includes experience in the design thinking process which gives confidence to face challenges where the students understand, create and deliver. The Tinkering Lab is smartly equipped with materials such as No Tech, Mid Tech &

Hi-Tech Materials like, STEM challenges, Electronics, Robotics, 3D printer, 3D pen, Aeromodelling, Carpentry, etc.

The students have started to work in unison to confront each challenge assigned to them, thus encouraging teamwork and better coordination. Also, enabling the children to brainstorm a wide range of ideas ensures improvisation of creative efforts. When a project goes wrong, it's not considered a failure, instead it is taken as an opportunity to learn.

The UCPS further aims at organising the annual iZone Expo, showcasing inventions and models, creating an arena for tech enthusiasts, crafters and educators. As we move ahead with this cutting-edge approach of education, we envision our students of ed-up to challenges they confront in school, homes and the community at large.

UCPS shines at Fr. Gatti Memorial Inter-School Cricket Tournament

An exhilarating match was witnessed at Fr. Gatti Memorial Inter-School Cricket Tournament 2022-2023, where Union Christian Public School participated and emerged as the runners-up for the under-10 age category. The tournament was hosted by Don Bosco School, Egmore and saw fierce competition among the 12 participating schools.

Union Christian Public School (UCPS) made a remarkable start, in their first match against Ramachandra Public School, where they won by 11 runs. The team then went on to play Bhavan's Rajaji Vidhyashram in their second match and won by 7 wickets. The third match proved to be the most challenging one as they faced the host team, Don Bosco, Egmore. However, UCPS kept their cool and won the match by 12 runs.

It's worth mentioning that the UCPS initially did not have a cricket team in the under-10 age category; thanks to the commendable efforts of the School Management, Principal and P.E.T department, the team was formed and trained in just four weeks. The



dedication and hard work of the team members, supported by their cricket coach, Muniraj, and parents, enabled them to make it this far in the tournament.

NS Dheena, captain of the Union Christian Public School cricket team, hit an incredible ten 1's and secured the most runs and 4's in the tournament. He consecutively won the Man of the Match awards against Ramachandra Public School and Bhavan's Rajaji Vidhyasaram. Rylan Immanuel, the key bowler of the team, secured the Man of the Match award against Don Bosco, Egmore, by taking four wickets. Additionally, Jeffin had five dismissals, while Dheena

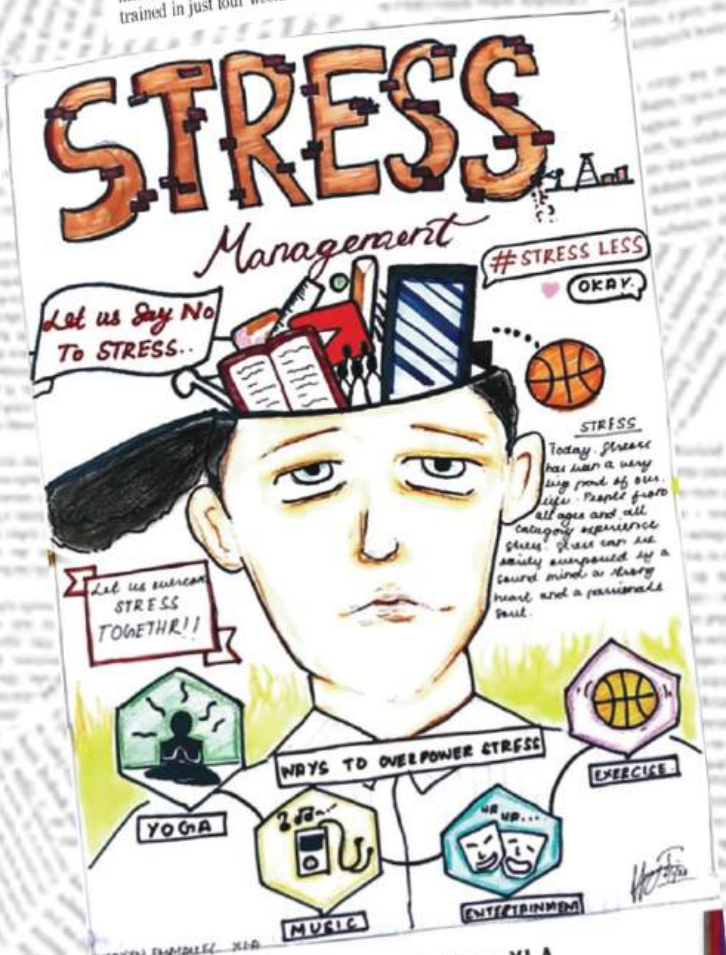
(Capt), Prithvi & Mohammad Abbas were the tremendous trio in picking up key wickets.

The UCPS Cricket team members are NS Dheena (Capt), A. Sudeep, Alan Joel, Austin Silvanus, Jeffin Nathanael Raj, Mohammad Abbas, R.Hrithik, Rylan Immanuel, S. Ruvin Samuel, S.Silas, S. Prithvi, TK Dharsan, W. Joel Samuel, Yaniss A Kenny.

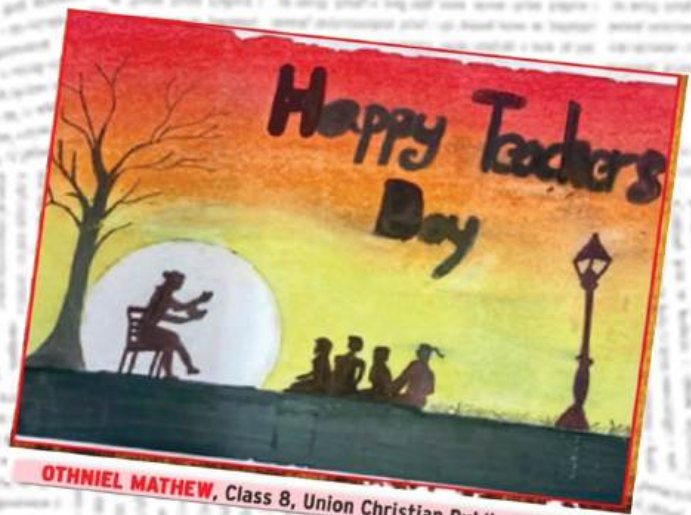
Union Christian Public School's achievement in the Fr. Gatti Memorial Inter-School Cricket Tournament has brought the school into added limelight and boosted up the morale of the students to achieve greater heights.



JOTHAM PAUL P, Class 5 B, Union Christian Public School



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TINKERING LABORATORY INAUGURATION



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Trips & Tours



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If you want to travel far, you must travel together!

September 21st was the best, not only was it the day of our last annual exam but also it was the day our student dreams came true!

We'd all arrived at the station an hour before departure, bidding a fond farewell to our family and the city!

It was ten o'clock at night, and the Cheran Express had already left Chennai Central, on its way to our destination, the lesser-known natural paradise of Parambikulam Tiger Reserve in Kerala! The trip was coordinated by the Exnora Naturalists Club's Mr. Meiyappan, who shared his deep insights and knowledge about nature and wildlife and guided us throughout our stay. We were accompanied by our favourite teachers - Grace ma'am, Joyce ma'am, Jemima ma'am, Prasanna ma'am, Anita ma'am, and Anoop sir, who made our time together memorable!

After stepping off the train and finishing a hearty breakfast of dosa, sambar, and vada; we were surprised to discover that all our phones had gone into "no network connection available" mode! We had no idea how we'd survive the next three days without phones or the internet, but as Drake famously stated, we were all feeling good and living better.

As we entered the Parambikulam tiger reserve, we were welcomed by the peacocks, the monkeys and a lot of undistinguishably noisy yet beautiful bird chirruping! The earth had music for those who listen, and every part of that was true. After an introductory

seminar about the land and the wildlife associated with it, we settled as groups in our allotted tented niches. A troop of monkeys always kept an eye on our tents, like the eagle watching its prey, waiting for a chance to get into our tents and ramble our stuff around!

After admiring nature, the greener the merrier; we started with a few activities like bamboo rafting getting on to our safari buses and strolling around the jungle. It was not late until we realized that in a forest of a hundred thousand trees, no two leaves are alike, such as the scenic beauty we witnessed!

We then returned to our tents. Nights in our tents were the best! Being warned about the movement of wild pigs (boars) near our settlement, not a single one of us dared to step outside late. But we decided we'll make every minute worth the time. We laughed, we danced, and we made memories that will last a lifetime. Nights like these are what friendships are made of.

On day two, we were ready for adventure, exploring new places and taking on new challenges. The jungle was filled with wonders and surprises, and trekking with friends made the journey even more exciting. Together we discovered new sights, sounds and experiences. We went on an early morning bird-watching trek, a trek to the popular Parambikulam dam, and a 7km trek deep into the jungle. Thanks to our guides Mr. Murugan and Mr. Nataraj who steered us through all the treks seamlessly and enlightened us with fascinating facts about nature. We went into



the lush forest and meditated. Sitting by the water in the heart of the wilderness was a perfect place to reflect, connect with nature and find inner peace. It proves that the calm waters can transport us to a place of stillness, where we can quiet our minds and connect with our deeper selves. We ended the day with a night safari in our shuttle, gazing up at the stars surrounded by the sounds of nature and the beauty of the wild. The stars in the sky were like jewels, sparkling and twinkling with the magic and mystery of the natural world, and I like the others, was experiencing novalunosis, the state of relaxation and wonderment felt while gazing at the stars.

After dinner, later that night we discussed the treks and we shared all our experiences with our cheery guides - Meyappan sir, Murugan sir and Natraj sir. We then rested in our honeycomb villas and contemplated how quickly our trip was coming to an end.

On the third and last day of our trip, we began with an early bird watching trek at around 6 AM, followed by a quiz that tested our knowledge of nature. It was surprising to see how much we had learned in just three days, as we discussed nature in depth.

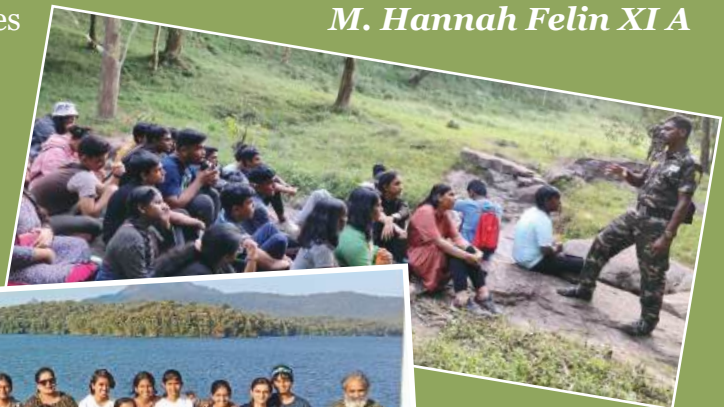
Over the past three days, we were a testimony to stunning landscapes, including dense forests, rolling hills, sparkling lakes

and numerous sounds to take in the natural beauty. The reserve's tranquil surroundings and the soothing atmosphere were great ways to relax and recharge.

“The hardest part of every beautiful thing is that it eventually comes to an end”, said someone shrewd. It was time for our departure, so we packed our bags and prepared to leave. As we bid adieu to the beautiful place, we carried with us tons of memories that will last a lifetime and we took with us the joy and wonder of our time here. And we knew, though we may be leaving this place physically, it will forever hold a special place in our hearts and minds.

We thanked the Lord our God Almighty, for a safe and pleasant trip; and after the return journey, we were left with nothing but cherished memories of the incredible experience we had at Parambikulam Tiger Reserve. The trip was a true blessing, and we will undoubtedly treasure it in our hearts for years to come. We express our heartfelt gratitude to the principal and the management team for organizing such an amazing excursion, as well as to our teachers who accompanied us and made the trip unforgettable. I'll leave you with this, “if you want to travel far, you have to travel together.”

M. Hannah Felin XI A





Voyage A Mysore

On the night of 21st September, 2022, the central railway station was crowded by the students of class 12. After the pandemic and the repeated cycles of lockdown, we were extremely elated to go for a tour. Excited voices filled the station as we were heading towards Mysore, the city famous for sandalwood, also known as the 'City of Palace'. We enjoyed the train Journey by singing, playing games and talking until we were all forced to sleep (though many did not actually sleep).

On the morning of 22nd September, we reached the Mysore station. We went to the hotel for getting ready and for breakfast and then we started for sightseeing. We first visited St. Philomena Cathedral. This cathedral was one of the tallest churches in India and had a beautiful architecture.

We then visited the Chamundi Hills and the Mysore palace which was a royal residence with splendid architecture. Then we returned to the hotel for lunch after which we proceeded to visit the Brindavan gardens around evening time. We were clicking photos in the beautiful huge garden salted with flowers. We were amazed by the show - musical fountains. Then we returned to the hotel for a pool side dinner. The night was spent amidst the cold breeze, eating, chatting and dancing for the DJ night!

Next day we visited the Mysore Zoo. We walked around the zoo in groups and were filled with awe to see wide variety of fauna ranging from small birds to gigantic hippopotamus!

Then, we returned to the hotel for lunch and packed our luggage as we were travelling towards Bangalore! We enjoyed the long bus journey towards Bangalore. We reached the hotel around 9 in the night. After dinner we talked for a while and dispersed to our rooms.

Next morning, 25th September, we woke up excited and early. The most awaited time of the trip had arrived, we were going to the theme park - Wonderla. From rollercoasters to water rides we enjoyed every bit of it! The 'rain disco' was the most loved event. The colourful lights flashed as we danced in the rain. With the thrilling rides of the day and never fading memories we headed towards the Bangalore station, super tired, but still we were in the mood for more rides!

We were sad as we almost came towards the end of the trip. The return journey was filled with about our childhood tales, the naughty we do in the classroom and endless laughter. And I have to mention about the TTR, who did not allow us to talk, but still we managed our way through it.

Morning of 25th September our parents eagerly waited for our arrival. We were filled with mixed emotions tired on one side and sad on the other side, as the trip had ended. This was indeed a memorable trip for each one of us especially since it was the last trip during our school days.

Perhaps the quote "A journey is best measured in friends and not in miles" speaks a lot. More than the photos we clicked; the memories we captured will never fade but will last forever!

K. Neha Riona Alice XII A





All the staff members of UCPS took a break from their routines and went to the MGM resort. They enjoyed their stay overnight and delved into the luxurious experience which helped them rejuvenate.



Teachers' Day Out



THE GOLDEN WOMAN

The stars embedded like diamonds in the sky,
Dimmed in their sparkling spectacle.
A gentle breeze rustled the leaves in the mighty trees,
A tingling rush of energy.

From the forest floor arose shimmering spangles of gold
Brighter than the radiant sun, illuminating the dark forest in a glorious golden glow
They reshaped to form the silhouette of an elegant woman who sparkled golden.
Wearing overflowing robes of glittering gold.

“Who are you?” I asked her, “why have you come?”
On her face was a mere smile of endearment .
“I do not need to come for I am always there,
Guiding you through sorrow and despair”

“Who are you?” I repeated, “and why hadn’t I seen you before?
If you were always there wouldn’t I be able to know”.

“It is true that you have never seen me, I haven’t before now to you appeared,
But you do know me, think harder and you shall remember”.

“I can’t” I said, “how can I?. I have never seen you before”.

“True, you haven’t seen me before but,
Your entire life you have known me, you have felt me.
And you don’t have to see me to know me and feel my presence”...

“I am always there guiding you along,
Through the darkest of darkened ways,
Like an enchanting song filling one with warmth,
You know me dear, you truly do,
All you have to do is remember and feel”.

Finally I realised who she was and she knew I found out,

“That’s correct, I am always within you”
She smiled her approval and disappeared into the night,
The stars once again brightened in the sky,
And I knew Hope would guide me through the dark forest night.

Susena V. - XII A (2021-22)

A LONG JOURNEY TO AN END

“Life brings smiles, tears and memories. The smiles fade, tears dry but the memories last forever!” I first thank our God almighty, Jesus Christ for helping me to complete my studies right from L.K.G to 12th standard in Union Christian.

Union Christian has captured a very large portion of my brain. In the past 14 years I have created many memories, most of them I would love to relive! Though we had a great loss, God has helped us to overcome it, though the pain lingers.

From tiny innocent kids to grown up matured children, from walking in the so-called train to bunking the classes, from tracing the alphabets to writing stories in almost all the exams, from cry babies to strong children, from being punctual to being extremely punctual, from chalk pieces and boards to digital screens, from not eating anything to eating during the class hours, from fighting with each other for petty reasons to best of friends, yes everything has changed.

I have been naughty throughout my school days and I sometimes wonder about the supernatural power the teachers had in tackling us, our naughtiness and bringing out the best in us. The prayerful morning assemblies will be missed (sometimes it elped in classes being cut too!) The sports day and culturals gave us team spirit with each of the four houses determined to win.

I don't know whether we listened during classes or not but the classroom atmosphere will be missed for sure.

The joyous welcoming of a substitute teacher and our inner sadness when the substitute teacher starts taking class, the trauma we faced during exams and heart attacks we faced during surprise tests, these memories will never fade.

The most wanted period was the P.T period when all of us used to go wild! The annual day programmes, Christmas programmes, excursions (Trip to Hyderabad - 9th grade and Mysore Bangalore trip - 12th grade) will never be forgotten.

After the long, unexpected break during covid (when we were in 10th), we became close, and we created so much delightful memories in 11th and 12th.

One of the best days in our 12th grade was September 7th, Onam celebrations. All our classmates came in traditional attire and the girls had poo Kolam competition, and the boys had tug of war.

February 10th was our last day in school before our board exams begun. We couldn't get off the idea that we are never going to sit in the classrooms henceforth! I would like to thank all my teachers from the bottom of my heart for teaching us beyond what is there in our books. From life skills to moral values, you have created the best in us!

Philippians 4 :13 says,

“I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.”

This verse from the bible taught me to put trust in Christ always and gave me hope in him!

I would like to conclude with a quote, “Good times come and go, but the memories will last forever.”

K. Neha Riona Alice - XII A



OUR CAREER

It is one of the most important decisions in our lives. Most of us are not sure what to choose, whether to be a doctor or an engineer, but there are many more options out there. But finding a career that best suits you takes time. The best time to choose a career is before entering 11th grade, so that we can select the appropriate group and begin preparing ourselves. By the time we finish 10th or 11th grade during your vacations, one should have a clear idea of which field to choose and can start looking at colleges and their requirements.

How to choose your career?

Take a piece of paper and divide it into two sections. Write my interests on the left side and my abilities on the right. Interests are topics, ideas, or subjects that interest you, fascinate you, or that you want to learn more about. Culinary arts, history, and classical music are all examples of various interests. What are abilities? The ability or capacity to do or act in a physical, mental, legal, moral, or financial manner as a result of one's skill, training, or other qualification the ability to sing well. abilities, talents, special skills, or aptitudes: Composing music is beyond his abilities. When you are done writing, start matching the similar skills with the others, for example. Interest: English literature and the writing ability to write articles and poems. So, with this, you can conclude that you have the skill and ability to be a content writer, etc. After you choose your field of interest, start searching for courses.

Don't ever make these mistakes.

Choosing the same group or career your best friend chose follow each and everyones of us are unique and have different dreams or interests, so choose your career based on your interests rather than those of others. Try exploring; there are so many different and interesting courses. Think about long-term goals. Make a list of your long-term goals, both personal and professional, to help you understand what it might take to reach them. The list you create will also assist you in approaching a career more specifically. You can seek assistance from a career counsellor or a mentor. Talk to people, especially seniors, who are currently studying the course and see what they think about the institutions and careers available.

I would like to end this with a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

Anna Philip - XII A

STRINGS THAT TELL A STORY

Of all the greatest instruments humans have produced, the stringed ones form an integral part of the art of music. The one-of-a-kind sound that each one produces, and their unique textures and carefully knifed structures are a testimony to the same. They each tell a distinct tale, in a different style. From their origins, they undergo continuous change until they reach the perfection of their kind.

One such sublime instrument is the ukulele. Pronounced as 'yoo·kuh·lay·lee', this musical instrument is said to have emanated from Hawaii though its origins are said to have been from Portugal. Aloha! The contemporary version of the ukulele is made of wood and nylon strings while the original was made of a type of acacia endemic to Hawaii, called koa. The strings were initially made of 'cagut' which is generally the intestine of ruminants. Nobody knows why it is called a ukulele. This Portuguese word means 'jumping flea' and probably the hand movements resembling this action is to blame. The ukulele is currently one of the world's best-selling string instruments. Everyone around the globe longs to be found in possession of one. But ukuleles were not always so commonplace.

Did you know that ukuleles were once a symbol of royals and a chattel only to those associated with the throne? Laymen were banned from owning one. In fact, a certain Hawaiian monarch named Queen Lili'uokalani wrote an entire ukulele song titled 'Aloha Oe' when the Americans overthrew her kingdom. She saw the instrument as a collection of the stories that were to be told to many generations to come.

In recent years, knowing to play an instrument comes as a blessing and the ukulele unlike many others of its kind is an easy to play instrument. So, if you do know how to play it, make sure that you too define it as strings that tell a story.

D. Damita Hephzibah - XI A

RIDDLES !!

What is full of holes but still holds water?

What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it?

What gets wet while drying?

I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?

The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it?

Where does today come before yesterday?

What has one eye, but can't see?

What kind of band never plays music?

What building has the most stories?

Which is heavier: a ton of bricks or a ton of feathers?

Answers

A sponge

Promise

A towel

A bank

Darkness

The dictionary

A needle

A rubber band

The library

Neither—they both weigh a ton



Susan Philip - X A

TRIGGER

I was walking through the dictionary, meeting all my friends, (words like myself), when I heard a small sigh. I popped my head out of the hard bound book, and saw a sad college student packing all his books in a box. I was wondering if he was going to put my home in the box too. But he just flopped onto the couch, took off his spectacles and sighed. He closed his eyes and I think I saw him tear up.

Shortly after, a lady appeared and started convincing him to continue his higher education at Harvard University.

He said, "But mother, I know I can make a difference even without education. I'm never going back to Harvard again." The mother just sighed and left, disheartened. The sighing boy walked to the table where I was. I tried to go back to my position in the dictionary, but I did that much later. He spoke as though he was aware of my presence. "Is it right to give up one's education to fulfil his dreams? I wish I knew!"

He stared at the wall and said no more, save his heavy sighs. I had to do something to cheer this poor lad. As I stood hesitating, my friend Encourage came over and said, "Go on, you got this." I thought for a second and then got on the table. We don't talk to humans generally but I had no choice.

"Hey, you there!"

The boy looked puzzled around the room. "It's me, down here!" He saw me but was too stunned to speak. Then finally finding his voice he asked,

"So you were listening to everything?"

I nodded peculiarly. I asked him why he was upset.

"I was a student at Harvard University. I was fine, but I wanted to do something more. I discovered new opportunities, and I wanted to work on a business with my partner Allen. But, our business didn't work and we shut down."

"Why don't you try again?" I asked.

"To fail again? No thanks."

"How do you know you are going to fail?"

"Maybe because I worked so hard and it didn't pay off?"

"You shouldn't give up so easily!" I said with a gasp. There was complete silence. I had to help him get his zeal back.

"You should learn from former mistakes and keep moving towards your goal. You need an... inspiration!"

"Exactly." he muttered angrily. "My inspiration didn't have to go through any failure like me!"

I slowly asked him, "Who is your inspiration?"

"Henry Edward Roberts."

"Do you know that Edward had pneumonia, but that didn't stop him from coming out with the first ever personal computer? He never let his hardships influence him and it paid off.

"I never thought about that." he said.

"I think you should reconsider that business. I'm sure you'll be a success. Just don't give up." "I won't" he said beaming.

I said goodbye and went home. I did not hear from him for a long time. But I was in for a surprise. Multi-millionaire, told me that the boy had looked up the meaning of the word and was beaming when he did so. Suddenly, the dictionary was lifted and I was seeing him, again. He looked at me and said, "I wouldn't have made it without your help. You gave me the courage to get back and work harder. Thank you." He probably hoped to see me reply, but I can only talk to a human once. He seemed to understand. As he walked away, I had the pride of one who had become the richest person alive. I had been instrumental in triggering William Henry Gates, commonly known as Bill Gates become who he is today. He is a legacy for others to carry on, and that is why I, Inspire, choose to inspire.

D. Damita Hephzibah - XI A

IT'S OKAY NOT TO BE OKAY!

This poem is another different subject
It's about how people perceive feelings as an object
I'm writing this to try and leave a small effect
To change the way people think and the things that they expect
I know we all talk about the good old days, yeah it used to be different
Was it good though? All people were was ignorant
Not that anything's changed except for losing our innocence at a young age
If you're feeling depressed, "it's just a phase" is what they say
I think we got disengaged, and forgot to reconnect
Remember good times like family dinners and parties
When we connected with our soul and not just our bodies
Now all we do is hug a pillow and try to sleep while you cry
Thinking we can get nirvana by getting high
Because we were never taught to open up and express what you go through
And we never learnt about ourself, never allowed to know how to be "you"
What I'm trying to say is, don't push away your feelings,
It's okay to not be okay
There is a light at the end of this tunnel
And yes, to get there might be a struggle
Ask for help, don't be afraid of hurting your pride
When we all know that we're damaged inside
And for countless nights that you've cried
Thinking no one's on your side
Talking to random strangers on the internet
Wanting to get away from this, wanting to just forget
I'll leave with this note
And though there so many lines that I could quote
But it's not me that I'm trying to promote
I'm trying to let you know that your feelings are important just as you are
Keep that in mind, and it'll take you far

Jessica Benita Immanuel - XI B

CHOOSING A STREAM FROM A YOUNG AGE

We all have at one point of time in our life, evolved a hostility towards one subject or maybe more. This has led most of us to ruminate- if I am not taking the subject as my stream, then why am I even learning it?

A lot of people do contend on whether it is needed to learn other subjects, while others from the defending side, say many things like- "students at primary school are of young age. Nearly of 6 to 10 years, which is not enough to take your own decisions." "Students of this age depend on their parents for all decisions. And this decision will encourage the parent's advice in their child career choice". "The knowledge of different subject is very important for the student to decide his interest in a particular subject." I do

concur with many of these points, but I am not utterly for it. Right now, the education system is so, that when you come to 10th, you get to determine what subjects you would use as to get a career. Now if the students are learning this from a young age, they get a good sense of direction for the profession. Keep in mind, young age here is not referred to "6 years" where students aimlessly tell any occupation which they seem to esteem and are most likely going to change it after a few months. I feel, 6th standard should be an ideal age at which they get to choose their occupation. Nevertheless, we can't be sure that we won't be transposing our old occupation with a newly developed passion. Also, there would be numerous people who choose the easiest subject and get away with school, this also leads to deprivation of knowledge.

I perceive the basic knowledge of each subject is obligatory for a person to succeed in his life. If you are fabulous at English, but overlook Maths, then you won't be able to even buy groceries from the market! Another drawback faced by young students when they are sanctioned to choose their job, is that many of them merely choose another person's profession. Even from a school's point of view, getting different teachers for different age groups and subjects is not practically feasible. Another viewpoint is that if a student gets adequate information about his passion from a young age, he is likely to have less burden and apprehension.

After writing down all the points, I feel that though I like studying subjects only, it is much more lucrative to learn all subjects and gain an equal balance in life and knowledge. Anything can happen at any time, but the only preparation we can do, is to attain wisdom and tackle misfortunes and hurdles systematically.

Sanmay Sobin Mathew - XA

LOVE ISN'T A BEAUTIFUL THING, IS IT?

Love isn't a beautiful thing, is it? Love is ugly, marred and scarred by the defilement of this corrupted world. Love, the concept of it, seems so abstract and vague, something that is felt than defined.

Poets write about love. What is love? Is the embrace of a loving father, I have not known? Is the comforting solace of a sister that I do not receive? Is it the protective stance of a brother that I have not the privilege to experience? Is it the zealous words of a lover that I do not possess? Is it the vibrant unity and proximity of a friend that I am scared to seek? Or is it the abode under the wings of the mighty God of all creation that I do not deserve?

Love, I see, is painted across this world. It is in the film, blooming in the actor's eyes for his co-actor. It is the friendly touch of the wind upon the bristle of leaves that sway on its impact. It is in the warm hug of the bed and blanket. It flutters across the flowers of the fields as a little girl runs by them.

Love, I see, is in every heart. It sometimes remains frozen, melted only under perfect conditions, deep in the chambers of the heart, underneath complex and palaver puzzles that leads to the inmost room of our crimson heart. But it leaks love, for the smallest and simplest of things. A blazing smile, a warm hug, a compassionate gesture. Melting and oozing at the right conditions, it is what makes this existence on Earth bearable.

"Si vis amari, ama." (If you wish to be loved, love.)

Megan Grace - IX

THE DICHOTOMY OF THE DEVIL

Ever since the dawn of time, there has been God, and his angels. His Angels, who, as the Bible describes, are heavenly creatures who worship God all day and do his bidding.

But then there was one most Spectacular angel. His handsome and bright face gleamed like the morning star. He, who made music for the Glory of the Almighty, worshipped the Lord Day and Night. The Lord who favored this magnificent Angel, Lucifer, was indeed very pleased with Him. Then, the seed of sin was planted, for the first time in the universe, into the heart of the one who would come to be known as the "Adversary". I wonder often, where this Angel got the idea to sin against the omniscient God Himself. Lucifer wanted to be God himself, and wanted a kingdom for himself, and instigated a rebellion. A rebellion which dragged 1/3rd of the army of angels to the depths of depravity. Into the scorching ends of Hell, where abominable, irredeemable souls resided and were tortured in sulfur. And it is said that the Devil, prowls about, deceiving humanity and making disciples for himself to torture after the Judgement Day.

Amidst Christianity itself, many are the opinions and views about the Evil incarnate – the Devil. But one thing is certain, he is not the favored one he once was, but rather the entire opposite. It is interesting to note that the Devil who went against the Lord Almighty, was not struck down immediately but was kept as the Ruler for the eternal destination of the depraved. If the Devil had been banished, forever, wiped out of this existence, I speculate that we would never have this agony and pain.

There are also mentions of the Devil interacting with God daily, like in Job. It is yet nothing but a celestial conundrum that plagues our minds.

To choose between good and evil, purity and impurity, it's a dichotomy that exists from the point of creation. It's something that God wants us to choose. A choice. What gives us the ability to choose? Free will. Free will is facilitated by our thinking capacity.

Everyone is defined by their choices. If you make choices that are sinful, you are a bad person. If you make choices that are righteous, you are a good person.

But no one on this Earth is really 100% bad nor good, are they?

We all are mixtures of both the beautiful and the ugly. Therefore, we possess no right in any way to decide anyone's nature by their choices. But at the same time, we cannot stay entirely foolish and fall for evil traps. We need to have the acumen and shrewdness to make the right decisions.

And that, by itself, constitutes the quandaries of this entire world.

Megan Grace - X A

RECYCLING ISN'T THE SUPERHERO

I'm sure you remember the 3Rs- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. I believe this was later made into 5 Rs, with the addition of Refuse and Repurpose.

However, Recycling is not the savior we treat it as. Among the many problems with recycling, one is that not all the 'trash' we throw in the recycling bin, gets recycled. A recent study suggests that only 9% of it does. Meaning that tons of waste still end up in landfills or in our beautiful oceans.

Recycling isn't a golden solution. It too has carbon emissions attached to it, albeit less than that of extracting new material from the insides of the Earth.

But why do we want to recycle anyway? It's all about blaming the consumer. By making the consumer feel at fault for using plastic, and then doing some good by throwing it in the recycling bin, companies divert attention from the fact that they are using plastic. In another sense, we like to feel responsible, and we feel responsible when we recycle, but now that you know recycling isn't all that responsible, what do you do?

Instead of individual consumers using products involving plastic and then recycling them (or attempting to), companies should make it easier for the consumer to go plastic free, and stop using plastic, or bring it to a minimum. However, as a cliché quote goes: "Be the change you want to see." Don't wait for change.

Reflect on your habits, refuse what is not required, Reuse what you do have and rethink recycling.

Bonus info: You might see what looks like a re-cycling symbol on numerous plastic items, but it's a resin identification code that looks suspiciously similar. It looks the same as a recycling symbol, but there's a number in it.

Aditi R. - X A

“THE AHIMSA ABUNDANT IN ME”

This was an essay written by me for an essay competition organised by the Gandhi Peace Foundation, I was also sent 21 small books on Gandhi’s Ahimsa for this essay, as I was among the 100 winners.

Greetings to one and all!

“Ahimsa is one of the world’s great principles, which no power on earth can wipe out.”

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi, was an Indian lawyer, anti-colonial nationalist and political ethicist who employed non-violent resistance to lead the successful campaign for India’s independence from British rule. Later, he became the synonym and symbol of ‘ahimsa’ meaning ‘non-violence.’

Ahimsa is an ancient Indian principle of non-violence which applies to all living beings. Valluvar and many others too, emphasised on ahimsa in their teachings. Ahimsa is considered as one of the most paramount virtues that we need to imbibe in us, to become a better being. Let me now put forth some simple ahimsa virtues that I purposefully and intentionally practice making myself a complete being.

Let me give you a glimpse of a day’s routine of mine during this pandemic time, which will help you comprehend how we can practice this great virtue, even in a small way. In the morning, I have my online classes at 8.20 AM. I make it a point to get up by 7.30 AM to prepare myself, both mentally and physically for the day’s challenge. Sometimes my mom forgets to wake me up, and the alarm disappoints me. Trust me, I get frustrated! I feel like yelling at everybody, especially mom, but Gandhiji stands beside me and gently whispers in my ears “**A-H-I-M-S-A**”, and so, I cool myself down and try to double up and get started for the class!

Another challenge befalls me most often- the internet glitch. Again, I get frustrated as I am a student who tries to gather every pearl of knowledge that proceeds from the mouth of my teachers. But again, my dear Gandhiji whispers in my ears the same golden phrase “**A-H-I-M-S-A**”. I immediately get relaxed and try different sources, and finally succeed mostly!

There are times when I am not happy with the menu, and want to satisfy my palette with something savouring, like burgers, chocolates, pizzas, whereas, on the menu is listed- “Sambhar...Rasam...Keerai...”. I feel like throwing a tantrum, yet again, my dear Gandhiji is not willing to spare me! He reiterates the same phrase “**A-H-I-M-S-A**” and cools my infuriated self. The result is - I leave the plate spick-and-span!

After my classes are over, I usually watch my favourite television show. But my elder brother, who claims to be a “Neymar” snatches the remote from me and without my consent, changes the channel. I become furious and fire comes out of my ears! But again, my beloved Gandhiji whispers yet another time “**A-H-I-M-S-A**”. Oh boy! This seems to be a magic word that can cool anybody down, especially me!

These are some of the few incidents, out of the many, that I would like to share with everybody, which each one can follow, irrespective of their age, caste, gender, religion etc.

Mahatma Gandhiji once said, and I quote:George,

C“Ahimsa means infinite love, which again means infinite capacity for suffering.”

Namaste!

Kevin Thomas George - XA

THE “INNER” BEAUTY

Beauty- what constitutes beauty isn't the same for everyone, and it is bound to change over time. Some people look out for beauty in a person based on their external features. For some others, it's the colour-complexion. Society is structured in such a way that you're "beautiful" if you have a fair complexion, and those who are dark-skinned aren't beautiful. With this strange and baseless belief of "fair-skinned" people being the most beautiful, spreading like wildfire in the minds of people, it brings down the self-worth of a "dark-skinned" person. Eventually, such people start thinking of themselves as "inferior" and "ugly". But always remember- when we label someone as "ugly", it is ourselves that we betray and dispossess, for all of us are made in the image and likeness of God!

External features do make a person beautiful, but it is one's inner beauty that truly makes one beautiful. The beauty of a human is abstract; it is felt rather than seen. Someone beautiful externally may not be beautiful internally. Inwardly beautiful people have self-love and high self-esteem. They humble themselves before others, accept themselves as imperfect as they may be. They admit it when they make mistakes and provide sufficient room for suggestions. They are humane and treat everyone equally. Their aims and aspirations are high and audacious.

The fairy tale of "The Beauty and the Beast" clearly illustrates that beauty is discovered "inside" a person. Belle was a young lady, and she was loved dearly and respected by many. She was a selfless lady, willing to help others. She was amicable with her fellow villagers. She earned a

special place in the hearts of many, not because she was externally beautiful, but because she was selfless and humane. She humbled herself before others. The Beast is introduced to the story as a young, arrogant, and stubborn handsome prince. Beast and his castle's servants fall under the spell of a wicked enchantress, who turns him into a hideous Beast until he learns to love and be loved in return. No one ever dared to go up to talk to the Beast, for he was wicked and unfriendly. Being the headstrong and spirited girl of her village, Belle goes up to the Beast to plead before him to free her imprisoned father, who was a merchant by profession. But the Beast turned her plea down, being as inhuman and hard-hearted as he can ever be. Belle was determined that she could change the attitude of the Beast and make him amiable. As Belle would have it, Beast did turn out to become amicable. Or so, Belle transformed him into a new humble being. From then on, he was loved and respected by the people around him.

This fairy-tale clearly illustrates that if you aren't internally beautiful, you aren't loved and respected by people. They look at you as unfriendly and inhumane. The spell makes the king externally ugly, to teach him a lesson that looks are secondary, it's your heart that matters.

Ultimately, Beauty lends him a helping hand, and the ugly, wicked beast turns into an affable and cordial human.

“People are like Oreos. The best and desired are on the inside.”

“Outer Beauty turns the head, but inner beauty turns the heart.”

Kevin Thomas George - XA

MY TRIP TO RAMESHWARAM

This journey began on December 26, 2021, at 9 p.m. So, on December 26th, I boarded the train and travelled from Chennai to Madurai with my family and visited my grandparents.

At my grandparents' house, I ran into my cousins. All of the elders agreed to take us to Rameswaram.

After three days in Madurai, we boarded a bus bound to Rameswaram. The bus was filled with laughter, joy, and, of course, music.

We eventually arrived at Rameswaram, which is famous for being the birthplace of respected sir A.P.J Abdul Kalam. We walked across the Pamban Bridge. It was crowded, but it was one of the most beautiful views I'd seen in a long time.

Let me try to describe it for you: below the bridge, there were two types of water: one that was greenish blue and the other that was a normal blue colour. Trains were passing beneath the bridge. Below the bridge, an entire harbour had been constructed. There were so many things that it is impossible to describe them all.

Then we went to a sacred site. We were hungry after finishing our prayers, so we went to a restaurant. The food served was absolutely delectable. We decided to end our trip in Rameswaram by visiting the Khushi beach. We relaxed and had a good time in the water.

We were back in Madurai in a matter of hours. We stayed in Madurai for three more days before returning to Chennai.

This was my Christmas vacation trip, and it was certainly memorable.

Ishaq Ibrahim - IX A



MY FURRY CRONY

On 26th June 2020, A female cat of mine named Ginger gave birth to 4 kittens in our car shed. That evening was when I met the cutest thing ever. I safely shifted the dam (mother cat) along with her kittens to a better place. I cannot express how my feelings or my emotions were at that evening. That was the best feeling. All I can say is that I didn't even sleep for a minute that very night. The next day I woke up as early as possible to solace them, I was extremely curious because I've never had a kitten who is not even a week old. I admired them all day long. A week later I came to know that 2 of the kittens were male and the other 2 were female. I had no idea what to name them. I was so confused to choose, because there were so many options and suggestions to choose from. A month later unfortunately 2 of my kittens passed away (one male and one female) not at the same time. It is always not easy to overcome the death of a beloved pet but it is what it is we need to accept life's twists. I named my kittens Leo (male) and Cleo (female).

They are one of the main reasons for me to be a ailurophile. Although having a pet is so nice and fun but I warn you if you want a cat you will end up rehangng Christmas-tree-ornaments throughout your Christmas vacation. That's what I did, I had to rehang all those ornaments which my little psychos have taken off to play with. Although they have so many other toys to play, they still want those hanging ornaments. This happened every single day until the tree was put down. Sad to say that I'm left with only Leo right now. Leo loves to nap in my crochet box (where I have all my yarn), on my books and on the couch. He also loves carton boxes like anything, which mostly all cats do. His hobbies are to chew on lemon grass; uproot my mom's plants; chase dragonflies; disturb me all the time; follow my mom wherever she goes and more. He is more loved than me, he won all our hearts. No other cat can replace my Leo.

Jesima Shiney E. - IX A

A PENCIL IN HAND

A pencil in the hand
Known to help one write
Puts thought on paper
And makes the mind bright
It's assumed to be painful
With scars formed on your hand
But when the thought is played out
In a picture, phrase or plan.
It can portray an idea quite grand.
It's more than just a pencil
Just made of lead or graphite
The story writer's or the artist's light
When dullness and gloom fill; the world until.
The paper, pad and pencil
Bring imagination and colours
To the blooming flowers
Of one's mind

Aravind Joshua - VIII A

HAPPINESS

Happy is the man who is content with what he has,
Happy is the man who finds joy in sharing ,
Happy is the man who loves oneself,
Happy is the man who flees bad company,
Happy is the man who fears his own conscience,
Happy is the man who takes pride in being honest,
Happy is the man who is slow to anger,
Happy is the man who shares knowledge,
So don't chase happiness,
Happiness is 'you'

D. Steve - VIII A



MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF MALAYSIA AIRLINES FLIGHT MH370

On March 8, 2014, Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 disappeared while flying from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. The aircraft, a Boeing 777-200ER, was carrying 227 passengers and 12 crew members from 14 different countries.

The disappearance of MH370 was a mystery that captivated the world. Despite an extensive search effort by authorities and private organizations, no trace of the aircraft was found for several years. The families of those on board were left in limbo, not knowing what had happened to their loved ones.

The investigation into the disappearance was one of the largest and most complex in aviation history. A multinational team of experts analyzed data from the plane's communication systems, radar, and satellite tracking. They also scoured the ocean floor for debris and wreckage.

Despite all of these efforts, the mystery of what happened to MH370 remained unsolved for years. The lack of evidence led to many theories and speculations, including hijacking, pilot suicide, mechanical failure, and more.

Finally, in July 2015, a piece of debris was found on the coast of Réunion Island in the Indian Ocean. Further analysis confirmed it was a part of MH370. Over the next few years, more pieces of debris were found in other locations, further confirming the aircraft had crashed in the ocean.

In 2018, a private search team called Ocean Infinity resumed the search for the wreckage, using advanced technology to scan the ocean floor. In May of that year, they located the plane's wreckage in the southern Indian Ocean.

The cause of the plane's disappearance remains a mystery, but the discovery of the wreckage brought some closure to the families of those on board. The disappearance of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH370 will always be remembered as one of the most puzzling and tragic events in aviation history.

Othniel Mathew - VIII A

SCRATCH YOUR BRAIN!

1. I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old. What am I?
2. What month of the year has 28 days?
3. What is full of holes but still holds water?
4. What question can you never answer yes to?
5. What is always in front of you but can't be seen?
6. I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I?
7. I follow you all the time and copy your every move, but you can't touch me or catch me. What am I?
8. What has many keys but can't open a single lock?
9. I'm light as a feather, yet the strongest person can't hold me for five minutes. What am I?
10. Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. How?

Answers

1. Candle
2. All of them
3. A sponge
4. Are you asleep yet?
5. The future
6. A bank
7. Your shadow
8. A piano
9. Your breath
10. They are a grandfather, father and son.



Mithu R. - VIII A

THE LEGEND OF ATLANTIS

The city of Atlantis was not a work of a man
It was actually a work of fiction and wonder
Submerged by the Gods of anger
In the deep blue sea of sin
A work of wonder laying hopeless
In the deep blue sea of sin
Some took the myth serious
Some blame it as a curse
Some call this a childish fantasy
But the reward still lies somewhere
Waiting impatiently
In the deep blue sea of hope.

Ryan George Mathew - VIII B

NATURE

Mother Nature, Mother Nature
What a beautiful place for creatures
They lie down on the green pastures
Trying to find the dream catcher
Blossoms of fruits and flowers
To give each one of us the powers
Mother Nature is our only treasure
To conserve it we must take every measure.

Abisha Alex - VIII B



TITANOMACHY

According to Greek mythology, the Titanomachy was the raging war between Gods and the great Titans. It all started when Kronos after defeating his father Ouranos, and became the supreme leader of the world, however there was a prophecy which states that one of his sons would dethrone him. So, Kronos swallowed all of his children, making sure that they would not kill him. However, Rhea (The wife of Kronos) decided to put an end to this, so when she gave birth to Zeus, Rhea fooled Kronos by giving him a rock to swallow. After her plan worked, Rhea went to the nymphs and asked them to raise Zeus. The nymphs accepted Zeus and took care of him. When Zeus became an adult, he decided to kill his father for revenge, so he disguised as a cup bearer and gave the cup which contained a certain liquid to Kronos. Kronos drank the liquid thinking it was wine, but it actually made him throw out Zeus's siblings. Zeus and his brothers escaped and met at Mount Olympus, where they planned to bring their father's reign to an end. But Kronos was not willing to give up his throne yet, the war between the Titans and the Gods began. This war was known as Titanomachy. The giants forged special weapons to help the Gods win. Poseidon was given a trident, Hades was given a helmet which could make him invisible, and Zeus was given a powerful thunderbolt. Zeus also went to Tartarus to get armies of giants and cyclopes to help him fight over Kronos and his titanic army. The titans accepted defeat as the gods were winning. Zeus used his thunderbolt and killed Kronos once and for all. The gods won the war and spitted their kingdom. Zeus chose heaven, Poseidon chose the sea, and Hades chose the underworld. Thus started the reign of the Gods.

Ryan George Mathew - VIII B

FUN TIME

- Teacher:** How far have you done your homework?
Student: About 4 km sir.
Teacher: What?
Student: Yes I went home and came back with it sir.
- Q:** Why was school easier for cave people?
A: Because there was no history to study.
- Q:** What do you call a chicken who counts her eggs?
A: A mathama-chicken
- Teacher:** So class, what do we call people who steal?
Students: Thieves.
- Q:** Why was the thief carrying soap?
A: Because he wanted to clean the locker.
- Q:** What do you call batman when he is really injured?
A: Bruised Wayne
- Sam:** What is the name of the virus that affects cows?
Ethan: Cow-id 19
- Q:** What does a witch eat?
A: sandwich
- Mohit:** Why is the stadium so cold?
Rohit: I do not know
Mohit: Because it has so many fans.
- Son:** Mother I will marry the girl who would take care of my old mom
Mother: Who are you calling old?
- Meeku:** Which gate can we not open?
Cheeku: I don't know.
Meeku: Colgate.
- Q:** What do you call a squirrel that goes mad?
A: Nuts
- Q:** What is an ants favorite medicine
A: Antibiotics
- Raju drew a long line in his house and started studying after sitting on it.**
Raju's mom: why are you sitting on this line?
Raju : Mom please don't disturb me I am studying online.
- Q:** Why was the cat scared of the tree?
A: Because it barks.

Zuhayr Ahmed - VII A

SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

We decorate trees with holly,
The festive season is jolly.
We can see a shining star
Glowing from afar.
Stockings hanging from the fireplace,
Children having a sled race,
Singing carols here and there
Christmas joy is everywhere!

Hannah Eliana Devapragasam - VI A

MY BESTIE

When I feel my sadness
You gave me your happiness
You are my only cureness
You are my only joyness
It's like a flower in a pot
You are the one who cares me a lot.

P. Yeusha Joshe VI - A

MY MOM'S LITTLE GARDEN

My Mom is fond of plants. Since we live in apartments, my mom decided to convert the terrace into a garden. I love my terrace garden very much.

My mom planted many flowers like rose, sunflower, marigold, jasmine and hibiscus which give beautiful colours and fragrance to the garden. We have plants like guava, papaya, pineapple, watermelon, pomegranate, muskmelon and mango. Also we have planted vegetables like brinjal, tomato, onion, ladyfinger, ginger, chilli and lemon.

My mom and I water the plants every day. I help her in planting new plants and I pick up fruits, vegetables and flowers from my mom's garden. We use them for our home needs and also we share it with our friends and neighbours.

Vishwajith S. - V A



ENJOY SUMMER!

School is almost over
Lot of learning, lot of fun
With my friends I have done
Said good bye to my lovely teachers
Said joyful bye to my wonderful books
Went to cool mood to enjoy my summer
Come on! Let's have fun!

Tyshawn Jokan Paul - III A

WARLI ART

Warli paintings are believed to be one of the oldest forms of art in history. It is a form of tribal art which originated in Maharashtra and is thought to date back as early as 10th century A.D. The Warli culture is centered around the concept of Mother Nature. The intricate geometric patterns depicting everyday activities such as farming and fishing are quite popular today in designs of ethnic clothes and home decor.

Parvathy Prasanth - III A

VOYAGE NATURE @ KABINI “NATURE IS NOT A PLACE TO VISIT. IT IS HOME”



During December holidays, my parents had planned a trip to KABINI (the river that separates Nagarhole & Bandipur national park) situated at Mysuru, Karnataka. I always like to ride in train, so we reached Mysuru railway station. From there we reached to the resort Evolve Back, Kabini via Car and then a small boat ride by 2PM. The resort was rightly situated near the Kabini River and to my surprise the entire resort was made up of modernized Kuchcha houses including the rooms (That reminds me learning in my EVS chapter). Each room has inbuilt private pool which made my entire trip more exciting as I enjoyed a lot in the water.

The first day started with a traditional Coracle Ride in the evening arranged within the resort at the Kabini River with a good

sunset view. The next day was exciting, we went into the Jungle by both vehicle & boat safaris where I was lucky to spot Tiger, Deer, Tusker, Crocodile, Birds etc... which completes the entire day.

On the following day, there was a good learning experience for me. I remember the science exhibition completed in December 2021 (I did Waste Management). Mr. Shanmuga Kumar (Naturalist) guided us and explained about various activities at the resort. He took us through about the Sewage Water Treatment, Bio Gas Plant – Converting waste to useful energy, Waste Management, Awareness of not wasting food etc... that was maintained at the resort which helped me lot of take away about different types of wastes. Finally the day ends with the beautiful Bullock Cart ride arranged within the resort.

The spotlight at the resort was, each day dinner arranged with some local activities that represent different traditions followed within Karnataka and enjoyed all traditional foods. Finally, on the next day we departed the resort to reach Mysuru railway station via Boat & Car. The trip gave me sweet memories and unforgettable experiences.

Jethro Rosario - V B

BOOK REVIEW - THE BRILLIANT WORLD OF TOM GATES

The Brilliant World of Tom Gates” is the first book in the Tom Gates series written by Liz Pichon. It is a fun and cool read, that follows the daily life of Tom Gates, a young boy who loves drawing and doodling.

The book follows Tom as he tries to score tickets to see the best band Dude3 and impress Amy Porter while trying his best to annoy his big sister Delia.

The book is written in a diary way, which makes it easy to follow and gives readers a sense of Tom’s thoughts and experiences. Each page is filled with drawings, doodles and different fonts, making the book fun and easy to read.

So, what are you waiting for? Grab a copy and go on epic adventures with Tom and his friends! Be careful of Mr. Fullerman though.

Christen J. Allen - IV B



THE MOON GODDESS

Once upon a time, there lived a sweet and kindhearted woman named Promar on Earth. Back then, Earth was overflowing with bad people and there was just a few good people. The bad people would do bad things at night. All the good people adored Promar. One day this woman woke up not in her bed. But herself in space! She looked at Earth and it was so beautiful! She had so many questions where was she, how did she survive in space without oxygen. She looked at all the other planets and all of them were there, so which planet was this, she thought. She could even float and she had a globe from which she could look at the people! This planet also sent light to Earth that was reflected by the sun.



But the people on Earth started to notice she was missing! Then they discovered this new planet and named it Promar, since it appeared after she went missing. Then she got a brilliant idea! She could float, so why not go to Earth and she went to Earth. Since all the people already saw her floating down, they started praising her as the 'Promar Goddess'. The people swore they would behave well, so Promar trusted them! This was just the beginning! She was having a peaceful life in Promar. But, it all changed when she started having nightmares.

It was all about people doing bad things. One day she had enough and checked to see what was going on. She saw them doing bad things even though they swore and promised. She felt so angry, so she stopped the light that was reflected on Earth by the sun. The bad people were so angry at her, but the good people thanked and worshipped her! But then out of this anger they invented electricity. They made reflectors on the road, so they could see at night. The Promar goddess got so angry that she used all her strength to destroy the planet. It finally collapsed and many people died! But after that incident the people who were still alive started living a good life and thanked Promar for loving them!

Then with this newfound good spirit, they started schools. They created schools to give education, good habits and taught people to be kind! That was a great invention and since the people behaved and celebrated the invention of schools, Promar created a permanent *natural satellite of the Earth, the Moon*. It gave light that was reflected by the sun and this time she didn't stop the light.

The people were so happy to have natural light and artificial light and they also renamed her as the Moon goddess and they spent the rest of their life thanking her. This is the story of 'Promar - the Moon Goddess'.

Selena - VA

VIBRANT WINGS

Butterflies are beautiful creatures. They have many colours. Find out the 14 common butterfly species with the help of the box below:

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SOLUTION

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Did you know that there are almost 20,000 species of butterflies? Here are some fun facts about these colourful insects:

- ‘Roses’ are not just those pretty delights that adorn our gardens and tables. They are also the name of one species of butterflies. Female roses have a light red marking and are larger than males
- The largest butterfly in the world is the female Queen Alexandra’s bird wing. It has a wingspan of about 25cm.
- Butterflies actually don’t eat anything. They only drink and they taste with their feet.
- The smallest butterfly in the world is the Western Pygmy Blue which measures only 1.3cm.
- Butterfly gardening is a unique way to protect and provide a sustainable habitat for butterflies.

Darrisa Hannah Deepak - III A

NATURE'S ALARM

In a sky as blue as the ocean
Flew an eagle golden and bronze
In a land as brown as the desert
Grazed goats both big and small
Swooped down the eagle to catch a kid
Flew the kids to their mother's cover
Brave mother goat challenged the eagle
In came the crow squad to the mother's aid
Tried his luck the eagle did swooping in
again and again
Losing the battle to the crow heroes
Flew away the eagle disappointed
Amazing story of courage saw I from my
balcony
Goats and their kids put in danger
By selfish man destroying trees, leaving no
shelter
Rise up we should like the brave crows
Protect the environment and save the
animals

P. Yeusha Joshe - VI A

EMBRACING EQUITY

Did you know that angels celebrate when a baby is born? Some angels sing, some dance, some play musical instruments. But one angel was sad. "What if the baby grows up to be too short or too tall", she said. "What if she lisps while she talks or limps while she walks? What if she has to wear glasses or braces? What if the other children make fun of this baby?" Old Agnelius, the king of angels laughed "Ha, ha, ha. You see, it is okay, she is perfect in her own way, no matter what others may say. The angels will continue to smile on her forever while she grows.

This year, the theme of the International Women's Day is "Embracing Equity". This means that God made everybody different but God loves all his children equally no matter what they look like or what talents they have. So dear friends, we must not judge others and must treat everybody equally. Embrace differences to embrace equity!

Parvathy Prasanth - III A

A DAY TO REMEMBER

During the lockdown we were forced to stay at home for many months. But I had a pleasant surprise on my sister's birthday when my parents took us to Dakshin Chitra, a heritage museum on East Coast Road, Chennai. Everything I saw and did on that day was totally new to me. For the first time I saw houses with low roofs and large open spaces. I was thrilled to find huge pots, as tall as I was. The kitchens in each house had vessels made of brass, wood or clay. This was so different from our kitchen at home. I got a chance to grind rice in a stone mill. I saw an old man working on a potter's wheel and I bought tiny clay pots here for my collection. The museum has several art pieces based on South Indian culture. I loved the wooden horses that stood outside the houses. My sister and I got a chance to learn how to make wooden key chains from a traditional artist. My favorite part of the day was watching an artist making small glass animals and show pieces. I was amazed to see his hands moving quickly to shape the glass into animals using a hot flame. I learnt so much in one day and I enjoyed every moment spent in Dakshin Chitra.

Darrisa Hannah Deepak - III A

MY JESUS LOVE!

Jesus is as gentle as the soft breeze,
He helps me in my troubles and
gives me peace,
The god in heaven is the only one,
Who shines above on everyone,
I love the Lord who loves us too,
He makes us happy like he always do.
Love and obey God. Even if you don't love
him, he will never fail to love you.

Evelyn Arpana - III B

UNDER THE SEA

Under the big blue sea ,
It is very nice to see...
Little seahorses, medium crabs ,big fish,
Seastars, octopii, pufferfish,
Jellyfish, cuttlefish, swordfish,
Whales, dolphins – how I wish
I could swim with them all,
And thank God for creatures
big and small!

Anina James - III B

THE PRINCESS AND THE DRAGON

Once upon a time, there lived a Princess called Venessa. She loved her kingdom, and everything was fine. But one day, a terrible dragon came to their kingdom when the king went out to some place for work. The dragon took the princess away from the kingdom and brought her to his den. She was thinking of a way to escape.

Then one day the dragon went out to get some things and the princess had an idea. She climbed into the dragon's basket and when the dragon stopped to take rest, she climbed out of the basket and ran away. Once She came back to her kingdom, her father was really happy to see her again and they lived happily together.

Moral: Be brave always!

Elianna - II B

A UNICORN AND THE DRAGON

Once upon a time a unicorn was wicked and foolish. One day a clever and kind dragon came to the Island, where the unicorn lived. the dragon and the unicorn were hungry, the dragon liked deer meat and the unicorn liked fruits and vegetables.

The dragon set a huge trap and he was hiding behind a large tree. Then five deer were caught in the trap, out came the dragon who was hiding behind the tree. The five deer pleaded with the dragon to set them free and do not eat them. So, the dragon let them free the five deer were very thankful to the dragon, so they gave him a whistle and left.

The dragon blew the whistle suddenly tasty food was served before the dragon, it enjoyed the food the unicorn saw fruits hanging on a tree . suddenly the fruits said please “do not eat us “we are poisoned fruits, but the unicorn did not care and ate then the unicorn died.

MORAL: Cleverness and Kindness is always useful.

Question Time

*The unicorn was foolish & wicked
(True/ False)*

*The dragon was kind & clever
(True /False)*

Steve Gilchrist - II B

THE WISE SNAKE

Once upon a time, there lived two snakes: Lamu and Choco. One day they found their food and came home happily to eat. Lamu said, “The food is yummy and delicious. I am going to eat them all up right away!”. But Choco advised, “Lamu, we have more food than we need for today. So lets keep some food for tomorrow.” But Lamu did not listen to the advice and went about eating all of it.

Next day, Lamu went searching for food. But he did not find any food. He came home tired and hungry. He saw choco having food from his store since he saved some for the next day. Lamu realized that he was foolish to be greedy, not thinking about the next day. But the kind Choco took pity on Lamu and shared his food with him.

Moral: Be wise and save for tomorrow.

G.Roshan - II B

MARINE WORLD ADVENTURE

Hi friends! I want to share about my visit to Marine Kingdom, Chennai. I along with mom, dad and my cute lil sis went there. I was so excited to see many varieties of sea animals. I got to touch a star fish with my very hands. Though I was scared but when I touched, it swam away very fast. There were many other sea animals like octopus, jelly fish, many different types of fishes big and small, flat and stout of different colors. It was a wonderful experience. We took so many pictures, and we also ate popcorn there. Friends do visit this place and enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Ronnie Emmanuel M. - I A



YUMMY TREATS

Mummy does not allow me to eat too much sugar or chocolate or junky yummy treats during school days. But when it is holidays she allows a teeny bit more. She lets us have cupcakes, donuts, pastries or chocolate bars. As long as we brush our teeth after eating it. I know she is just being careful but it is holidays now. And everybody should be allowed to have a little fun during holidays, right? Mmmm, I can't wait for my next visit to the bakery!

Pallavi Prasanth - I B



GRANDPARENTS

My grandparents are the best.

I love my grandparents.

Every evening my grandfather picks me from school.

My grandmother packs my favourite lunch and snacks to school.

My grandparents take care of me and my brother.

I love playing with my grandparents.

Asher Shiloh A. - I B

MY FAVOURITE TEACHER & SUBJECT

I love my class ma'am.

She is very kind to all.

She corrects me when I am wrong.

My ma'am loves everyone in the class.

My ma'am teaches us Maths and English.

Maths is my favourite subject.

I feel very happy when my ma'am appreciates me when I complete the maths worksheet first and correctly.

I love you so much ma'am.

Asher Shiloh A. - I B

MY BEST FRIEND

I look forward for every new day to learn in school and play with my best friend.

We go to play in the playground and we have fun together.

When school is over we go to playground and we play a chasing game.

We have fun and enjoy each other's company.

I love my best friend.

Asher Shiloh A. - I B



मौसम

सभी ग्रहों में एकमात्र यही धरती है।
जिस पर जीवन की सम्भावनाएं बन पाई है।
हमारी धरती का मौसम और तापमान पल-पल बदलता रहता है।
इसके किसी हिस्सों में एक ही समय में भारी
बरसात हो रही होती है तो दूसरे जगह चिलचिलाती गर्मी पड़ रही होती है।
धरती पर मौसम के बदलने का कारण कई है-
जैसे कि पृथ्वी का अपनी धुरी पर
चक्कर लगाना, पृथ्वी का सूर्य के चारों ओर परिक्रमा
करना और हमारे धरती का आकार-अंडाकार।
सभी मौसम की अपनी कई विशेषताएं होती है।
मौसम चार प्रकार के होते है।
वसंत ऋतुओं का राजा माना जाता है।
ग्रीष्म ऋतु - यह साल का सबसे गर्मी का मौसम है।
वर्षा ऋतु - यह बहुत ही सुहाना ऋतु है।
शीत ऋतु - यह बहुत ठंडी ऋतु है।

Vismayasree M. - VIII A

फसलों की यात्रा

हरी हरी फसल जब खेत में उगे,
अब गर्मी के बाद वसंत का मौसम आए,
जिससे खेत की फसल सारी, खुल-खुल कर खिले,
कैसे शुक्रिया करूं भगवान तुझे।

बागो में जब बहार आने लगे,
कलियों में निखार छाने लगे,
खेतों में फसल पकने लगे,
कैसे शुक्रिया करूं भगवान तुझे।

फसल काटना पड़ेगा आगे,
फिर भण्डार में भी डालना पड़ेगा आगे,
फसल बेचकर किसान पैसे भी कमाएंगे आगे,
कैसे शुक्रिया करूं भगवान तुझे।

Joseph Samuel - VIII B

विनम्रता : सबसे श्रेष्ठ गुण

श्रीकांत नाम का एक लड़का था जो नौवीं कक्षा में पढ़ता था।
उनके पिता एक बढ़ई थे और उनकी माँ एक गृहिणी थीं। श्रीकांत
को उसके स्कूल में हमेशा उसके दोस्तों द्वारा तंग किया जाता
था क्योंकि वह बहुत गरीब था और उसके पास नई वर्दी सिलने
के लिए भी पैसे नहीं थे। वह फटी हुई वर्दी पहनता था। उनके
पास किताबों का एक नया सेट खरीदने के लिए भी पैसे नहीं थे
और इसलिए वह वरिष्ठों से किताबें उधार लेता था। एक दिन,
जब श्रीकांत स्कूल गया तो उसके दोस्तों ने हमेशा की तरह उसे
धमकाना शुरू कर दिया, लेकिन उसका एक सबसे अच्छा दोस्त
था जिसका नाम शिरेश था जो उसकी मदद करता था। लेकिन
दबंगों ने तो और भी बत्तमीजी की और उसका सामान चुराकर
कूड़ेदान में फेंकना शुरू कर दिया, रास्ते में चलने पर उस पर
पत्थर फेंके और खेल खेलते समय उसे बरहमी से पीटा भी।
श्रीकांत को इतना बुरा बर्ताव करते देख शिरेश ने श्रीकांत को
पूछा, झुझसे अब यह बर्दाश नहीं होता। वे तुम्हें बहुत बुरी तरह
तंग कर रहे हैं, तुम इसकी शिकायत हमारे क्लास टीचर से क्यों
नहीं करते? लेकिन श्रीकांत ने जवाब दिया, ज़नहीं, कोई बात
नहीं, मैं नहीं चाहता कि उन्हें मेरे लिए शिक्षक से डांट पड़े।
अगले दिन जब श्रीकांत स्कूल आया तो उसे फिर से उसके
सहपाठियों ने धमकाया लेकिन, उसके क्लास टीचर ने यह देखा
और सभी दबंगों को पकड़ लिया और उन्हें यह कहते हुए दंडित
किया, ज़तुम्हें किसी को इस तरह नहीं छोड़ना चाहिए क्योंकि वे
गरीब हैं। मुझे नहीं पता कि इससे उन्हें कितना दुख होगा, मैं
चाहता हूँ कि आप सभी जाएं और श्रीकांत से माफी मांगें और
अपना सभी को एक सप्ताह के लिए निलंबित किया जा रहा है।
जिन छात्रों ने उसे छोड़ा था, उन्होंने जाकर उनसे अपनी गलती के
लिए माफी माँगी और कहा कि वे इसे फिर कभी नहीं दोहराएंगे
और शिक्षक ने उस समय श्रीकांत से कहा कि उन्हें जब चिंता
करने की कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है क्योंकि वे इसे फिर कभी
नहीं दोहराएंगे और वे जा रहे हैं। सजा के तौर पर एक सप्ताह के
लिए निलंबित किया जाए। लेकिन श्रीकांत ने जवाब दिया,
अध्यापिका कृपया उन्हें निलंबित न करें, वे सभी मेरे दोस्त हैं,
मैंने उन्हें पहले ही माफ कर दिया है। शिक्षक भी सहमत हुए और
बहुत खुश हुए और दबंगों से कहा कि उन्हें हमेशा दूसरों के प्रति
दयालु होना चाहिए, चाहे उनकी पृष्ठभूमि, जाति कुछ भी हो।
रंग, या धर्म। और इस तरह वे सभी दोस्त बन गए और खुश थे।

S. Reshmi Angel - VIII B

माँ

एक ऐसी शक्स जिसको बिना बोले सबकुछ समझ जाता है, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसके दाट में कभी कुछ बुरा नहीं होता, एक ऐसी शक्स जो अपने बच्चों के लिए मानो पूरी दुनिया से लड़ लेती है, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसके दाट में भी प्यार होता है, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसके होने से मानों सारी दुनिया अपनी सी लगाने लगती है, एक ऐसा शक्स जिसको कभी सप्ताह का इंतज़ार नहीं रहता, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसके दुवा में भी एक अलग सा मैजिक है, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसको कभी अपनी पसंद, खुशियाँ, सपनों, की परवाह नहीं होती, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसके आँचल में भी सुकून है, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसको अपने काम के लिए सैलरी नहीं मिलती, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसको अपना काम से फुरसत न मिलते हुवे भी सबके लिए वक्त निकाल लेती है, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसके होने से सबकुछ आसन लगने लगता है, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसके साथ दो पल बैठने से सारी परेशानियाँ दूर होने लगती है, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसकी एक मुस्कुराहट को देखने से मानों दिनभर की थकान दूर होने लगती है, एक ऐसी शक्स जिसके बारे में कितना भी लिखो कम ही है, और वो शक्स है मेरी प्यारी माँ।

D. Moksh - VII A

शरारती बंदर और जादुई कलम

एक समय की बात है, जब एक शरारती बंदर, एक सिंह, हाथी और एक चालाक लोमड़ी रहते थे। एक दिन शरारती बंदर ने एक कलम पाई। बंदर बहुत खुश था और एक मिठाई बनाई, और अचानक मिठाई सच में बन गई। बंदर बहुत उत्साहित था और इसे एक रहस्य के रूप में रखा। उसने घर आकर ढेर सारे केले बनाए। केले सच में बन गए और उसने खाना शुरू कर दिया। उसके चारों तरफ लोग चिंतित हो रहे थे कि वह कहां से इतने केले लाया क्योंकि वहां कोई केले का पेड़ नहीं था। एक दिन उसके दोस्त बंदर के पास आए थे। सिंह और हाथी ने उसे खेलने के लिए आमंत्रित किया था। शरारती बंदर ने केले के छिलकों को बनाना शुरू किया और जब वे असली हो गए, उसने उन्हें उस क्षेत्र में फेंक दिया जहां सिंह और हाथी खेल रहे थे। दोनों सिंह और हाथी गिर गए और चोट खाई। चालाक लोमड़ी सब कुछ देख रही थी।

उसने बंदर से जादुई कलम और कागज छीन लिए। उसने अपने दोस्तों को समझाया कि कैसे केले के छिलके आते थे और कैसे वे गिरते थे। सभी दोस्त शरारती बंदर पर नाराज थे। इस बार चतुर लोमड़ी ने एक पिंजड़ा वास्तविक हो गया। हाथी ने बंदर को पकड़ा और पिंजड़े में डाल दिया। अब बंदर को अपनी गलती का अहसास हो गया था और उसने माफी मांगी। उसके दोस्तों ने उसे माफ कर दिया और उसे दयालु होने की सलाह दी। कहानी का सीधा संदेश है कि किसी को भी हानि नहीं पहुंचानी चाहिए।

Jotham Paul - V B

CREATIVE TALES



**VARDHINEE
VIJAYAKUMAR - IX B**



SEM MOZHI - XII B



SEM MOZHI - XII B



ELIJAH - VI A



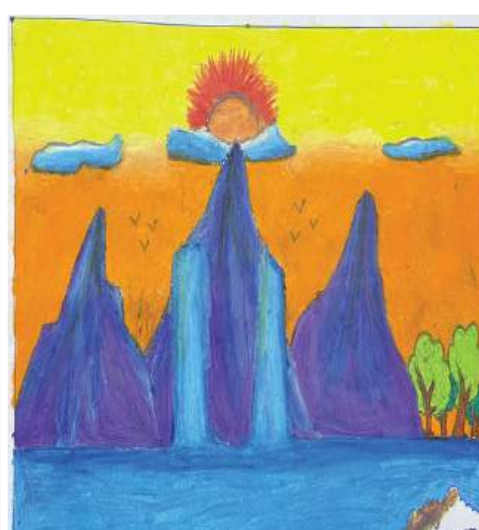
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SATHVIKA - VI A**



**JANE
JIFFANY - VI B**



T. LAYA - VI B



JANANI - VI A



**JOTHAM
PAUL - IV B**



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ANDREW JONES - V B



JOTHAM - V B



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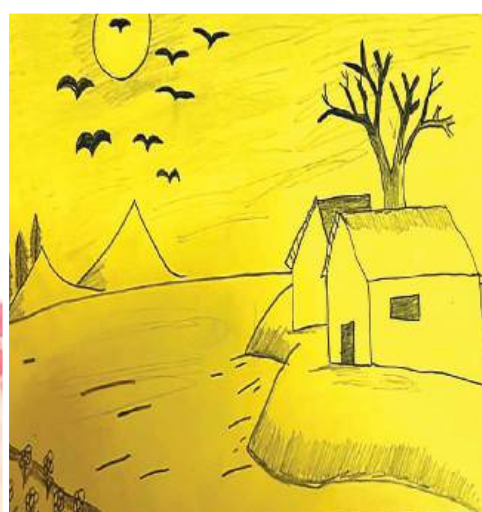
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MANISH T. VI B



ELENA - V B



MELVIN. S. MATHEW



JANANI SATHVIKA - V A



SANTANA - VI A



JOASH M. - V B



S. VISHWAJITH - V A



AJAY THOMAS - VI A



ISAAC - IV A



CYRIL IMMANUEL - IV A



S VISHWAJITH - V A



ELIANNA - II B



JOASH M. - V B



I. JESSICA - II B



SEM MOZHI - XII B



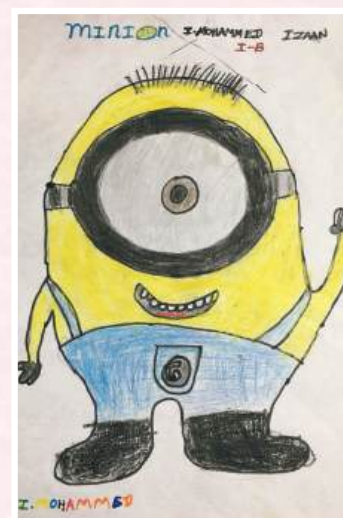
**VIPUL
NANDHA - IX A**



**I. MOHAMMED
IZAAN - I B**



D. KOSHIKA - I A



**I. MOHAMMED
IZAAN - I B**



A.B. DEEPTHA LAKSHINI - II B



VINAY - I B



MONA RIYANSIKA - IV B



SHARON KOSHY - V A



JOHAN NITHIN II - A



V. MANFRED - LKG A

சிங்கப் பெண்கள்

சாதனை படைத்தால் தான் சிங்கப் பெண்களா?
 யார் சொன்னார்கள்?
 நிமிர்ந்த நன்னடை நேர்கொண்ட பார்வை
 நிலத்தில் மாடுக்கும் அஞ்சா செருக்குக் கொண்ட
 அனைவரும் சிங்கப்பெண்களே!
 சூரியன் உதிக்கும் முன் எழுந்து
 பம்பரமாய்ச் சுழன்று
 மெய் வந்துதம் பசி உறக்கம்
 பாராமல் குடும்பமே உறங்கியபின்
 உறங்கும் அனைத்துப் பெண்களும்
 சிங்கப் பெண்கள் தானே.....

R. JERUSA - VIII A

சிறந்த மாணவன்

கல்வி கற்போம் பள்ளியில்
 தலை நிமிர்ந்து நிற்போம் வாழ்வின்
 சோர்வு வேண்டாம் மனதின்
 நீ சாதிக்கப் பிறந்தாய் இவ்வுலகினில்
 தேவையானதை நீ தெரிந்து கொள்
 முயற்சி செய்து அதைப் புரிந்து கொள்
 அறியாமையிலிருந்து நீ விழித்து கொள்
 மற்றவர்களை மதிக்க முந்திக் கொள்
 ஆசானை உயர்வாய் வைத்திடு
 நம்பிக்கையாய் தினமும் படித்திடு
 சிறந்த மாணவனாய்த் திகழ்ந்திடு
 வருங்கால தலைவனாய் உயர்ந்திடு.

J. ZAPHANATH PRAISON - VII B

திருவள்ளுவர் கவிதை

ஔரூட்டி ஆசான் இருந்தான் அன்றொரு நாள்
 ஏழடி சீர் படைத்து மானிடத்தை
 ஏற்றம் பெறச் செய்தான்
 தாடியுடன் வார்த்தை
 வேள்விகளைச் செய்து
 மனித மனங்களைக்
 கசக்கிப் பிழிந்த
 கொல்லி அவன்
 அறம் பொருள் இன்பம்
 என்ற மூன்று இடங்களையும்
 குறையாத சுவையோடு
 பந்தி வைத்தப் பகுப்பாளன்
 வள்ளுவனைப் பெற்றதால்
 பெற்றதே புகழ் வைமகமே !

மே. ஜெர்வின் மேஷாக் 8 அ

வாழ்க்கை

வாழ்க்கை பின் நோக்கிச் செல்லாது
 அது நேற்றுடன் ஒத்துப் போகாது
 நேற்று நடந்ததை மறந்து விடு
 நாளைக்காக இன்று உழைத்திடு
 முயற்சி செய்ய தயங்காதே
 தோல்விமைக் கண்டு அஞ்சாதே !
 கடமை பற்றி கனவுகாணி அது
 உன் வாழ்க்கையை அழகாக்கிடும்
 நாளைக்காக இன்றே உழைத்திடு
 உன் வெற்றி நிச்சயம் !!

I. YASHINI - VIII A

விடுகதை

1. உடம்பு இல்லாத எனக்குத் தலை உண்டு, பூ உண்டு, நான் யார்?
2. மேலே மேலே செல்லும் ஆனால் கீழே வரவே வராது அது என்ன?
3. படுத்துத் தூங்கினால் கண்முன் ஆடும், அடுத்து விழித்தால் மறைந்தே ஓடும் அது என்ன?
4. தொட்டுப் பார்க்கலாம் எட்டிப் பிடிக்க முடியாது அது என்ன?
5. காற்றைக்குடித்து காற்றில் பறப்பான் அவன் யார்?

விடைகள் :

1. நாணயம்
2. வயது
3. கனவு
4. முதுகு
5. பறவன்

மழை

நீல நிற வானத்தில் கருப்பு கோடுகள் தோன்ற
மரங்களும், செடிகளும் மெல்லிய பாடல் பாட
சுற்றித் திரிந்த பறவைகள் தலை வணங்க
மேகத்தின் புனி சிரிப்பில் தோன்றினார் மழை அரசன்
அரசனின் வருகையில் பூமி வாசம் வீச
மகிழ்ச்சி பொங்க மாறிய மதிய நேரம்
என் மனதில் சந்தோஷத்தைப் பொழிந்த தருணம்

புக்தகம்

தலை குனிந்து வாசி
தலை நிமிர்ந்து உன்னை
நடக்க வைப்பேன்!
தொட்டு பாற்ததால் காகிதம்
தொடர்ந்து படித்தால் அதுவே
வெற்றியின் ஆயுதம்!
ஔக்கமும் அறிவும் பணியும்
என்னுடன் மகிழ்ந்து உறவாடி
பெற்ற முத்துக்கள்!
என்னை மகிழ்வுடன் திறந்தவன்
வீழ்ந்தானென்று உலகில் வரலாறு
கண்டதேதும் இல்லை!

கி. சங்கரநாராயணன் 4 அ

ஆம்மா

மரம் இருந்தால்
நிழல் இருக்கும்
கடல் இருந்தால்
ஆலை ஓசை இருக்கும்
மலர் இருந்தால்
மனம் இருக்கும்
பழம் இருந்தால்
சுவை இருக்கும்
ஆம்மா, நீ இருந்தால்
என் வாழ்வில் உயர்வும்
இன்பமும் இருக்கும்

சா. ருவின் சாமுவேல் 4 அ



வாழவைப்போம் சிட்டுக்குருவியை

சிட்டுக்குருவி சிட்டுக்குருவி...
அழகான சிட்டுக்குருவி ...
வீட்டைச் சுற்றி வரும் சிட்டுக்குருவி ...
அம்மா சொல்லி கேட்டேனே
உன்னைப் பார்க்க ஆசையே !!
இந்நாளி வரை நானி உன்னைப் பார்க்கவில்லையே
வேறு எங்குச் சென்றாயோ
வேறு வழியில்லாமல் சென்றாயோ
உணவில்லை என்று வருந்தினாயோ
என்னிடம் நீ வருவாயோ
உன்னை உணவும் குடிக்க நீரும் தருவேனே
இருக்க இடமும் கொடுப்பேனே
உன்னை நாங்கள் காப்பாற்றுவோம்
நம்பி வருவாயோ உன் வாழ்விடம் இதுநானே
மறந்து என்னும் போகாதே.

எஸ். விஷ்வஜித்



பெருமையா? பொறுமையா?

ஒரு மாமரத்தில் கிளியும் , காகமும் வாழ்ந்து
வந்தன. அந்தக்கிளி தன் அழகைக் குறித்து
பெருமை பேசும் காகத்தைப்பார்த்து கேலி
செய்யும். நீ கருப்பாய் இருக்கிறாய் , உன் குரல்
கொடுமையாக இருக்கிறது உன்னை யாருக்கும்
பிடிக்காது என்று, கூறும் காகம் பாவம்” எதுவும்
பேசாமல் போய்விடும்” . இப்படியே நாட்கள் ஓடின,
ஒரு நாள் வேடன் ஒருவன்கிளிபயை பிடித்து சென்று
கண்ணில் அடைத்தான் . அப்போது உணர்ந்தது
தன் கர்வம் தன்னை அழிக்கது என்று .
நீதி : பெருமை உடையவனாய் இருப்பதை
விட,பொறுமை (தாழ்மை) உடையவனாய் இருப்பதை
நலம்.

ஸ்ரீலக்ஷ் கிஸ்கிரிஸ்ட் . ஐ

தமிழர் திருநாளான பொங்கல் பண்டிகை பள்ளியில் சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது. ஜனவரி மாதம் 12ஆம் தேதி மாணவர்களால் பொங்கல் பண்டிகை மேளம் என்ற தலைப்பில் கொண்டாடப்பட்டது. இவ்வழிவழி சிறப்பு விருந்தினர்களாக பள்ளியின் செயலர் திரு.வினோத் சைமன் , தாளாளர் திருமதி. எலிசபெத் ஜார்ஜ், மெட்ரிக் பள்ளியின் முதல்வர் திருமதி. சந்திரகாமிய லாசரஸ், நுணை முதல்வர் திருமதி. நம்மீதா குரியன் மற்றும் பள்ளியின் முதல்வர் திருமதி. நிஷா அனில் ஜான் தலைமையில் நடைபெற்றது. அவர்களை மாணவர்கள் மாலை அணிவித்தும் அவர்கள் புகைப்படங்களைப் பாணை வடிவத்தில் பரிசளித்தும் கவுரவப்படுத்தினர். விழாவானது, கலை நிகழ்ச்சிகளுடன் தொடங்கப்பட்டது. இதில் வில்லுப்பாட்டு இடம்பெற்றது கருதல் சிறப்பு.

இதில் 1 முதல் 5 ஆம் வகுப்பு வரை உள்ள மாணவர்கள் தங்கள் வீடுகளிலிருந்து பல வகையான தின்பண்டங்களைக் கொண்டு வந்து, பாரம்பரிய உடையான வேட்டி சட்டை மற்றும் பட்டுப் பாவாடைகளில் வந்து பள்ளியை அலங்கரித்தனர். மாணவர்கள் கொண்டு வந்த தின்பண்டங்களை விற்பனை செய்கிறார். அந்த நிதியை தகுதியான உழவர்களுக்கு, ஆண்டு விழாவின்போது அழைத்து கௌரவப்படுத்திக் கொடுக்க முடிவு செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளது: இத்தருணத்தில் உதாரத்துவமாக தின்பண்டங்களைக் கொடுத்தனுப்பிய பெற்றோருக்கு எங்கள் மனமார்ந்த நன்றியைத் தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறோம்.

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இப்போட்டிகள் 6 முதல் 12 ஆம் வகுப்பு வரை உள்ள மாணவ மாணவியருக்கு இரு பிரிவுகளாகப் போட்டி நடத்தப்பட்டது. போட்டிகள் வெகு சிறப்பாக நடைபெற்றது. மாணவ மாணவியர் உற்சாகத்துடன் போட்டியில் பங்கேற்று தங்கள் திறமைகளைக் காட்டினர். ஆடல் பாடல் கலைகளில் மாணவர்கள் நட்சத்திரங்கள் போல் ஜொலித்தனர். கானா பாடல்கள் செவிக்கு இனிய விருந்தாக அமைந்தது. அதுமட்டுமின்றி பழங்கால வீர விளையாட்டுகளும் நடைபெற்றது.

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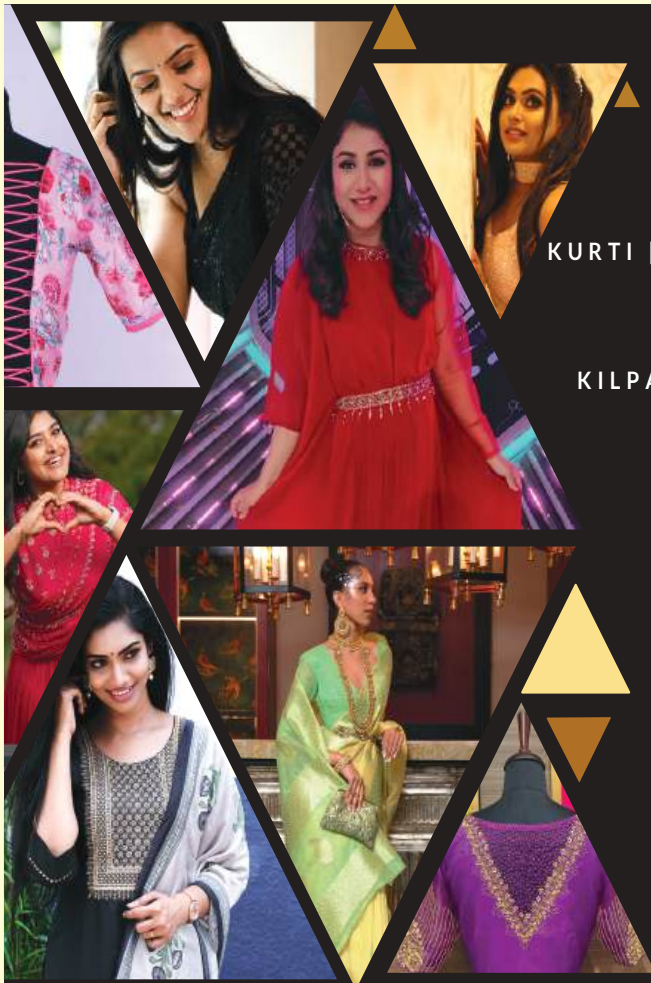
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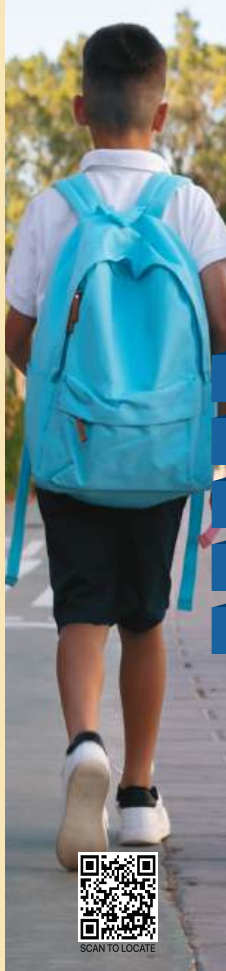
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