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Celebrating English: A Month of Words and Wonder

As we reflect on English Month, we embrace not just a subject, but a gateway to creativity, expression, and global connection. This past month, our classrooms came alive with poetry recitals, debates, and dramatic performances, each activity showcasing our students' talents and igniting a passion for literature.

English is more than a tool for communication; it's a bridge to diverse cultures and ideas. Mastery of this language opens doors to endless opportunities in our globalized world. It's the language of business, science, and international dialogue, fostering understanding and collaboration.

Our celebration highlighted the richness of English, reflecting its diverse roots and global evolution. Throughout this month, we inspired, challenged, and transformed through words, building bridges and expressing our unique perspectives.

A heartfelt thanks to our dedicated teachers and enthusiastic students for making this celebration possible. Here's to continuing the discovery and joy that English brings!

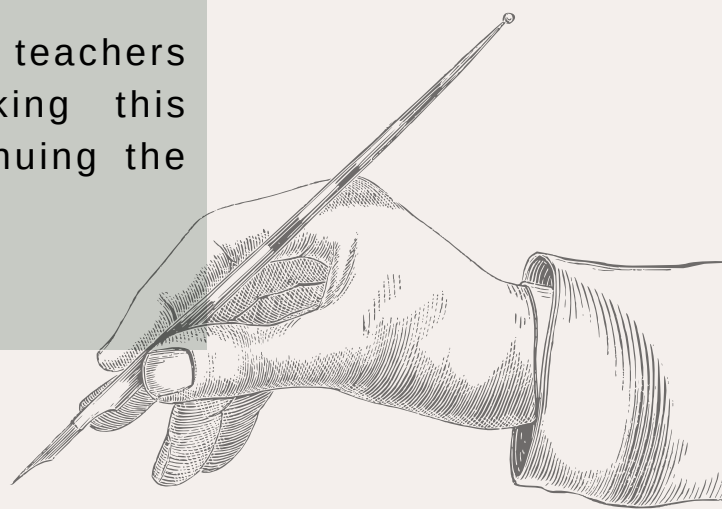


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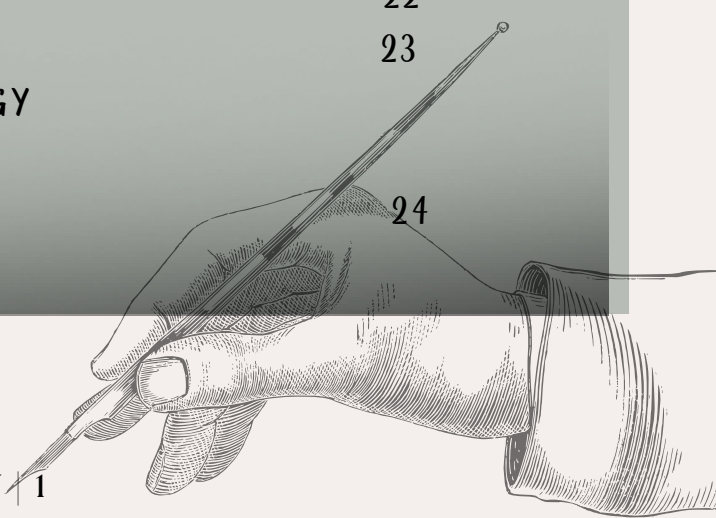
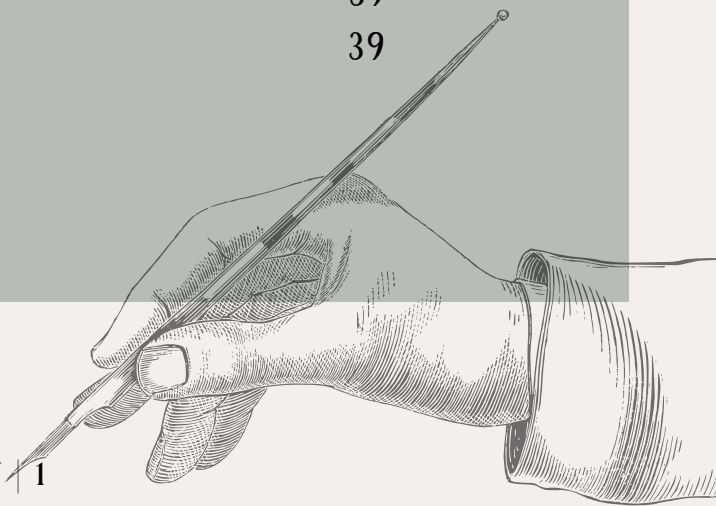


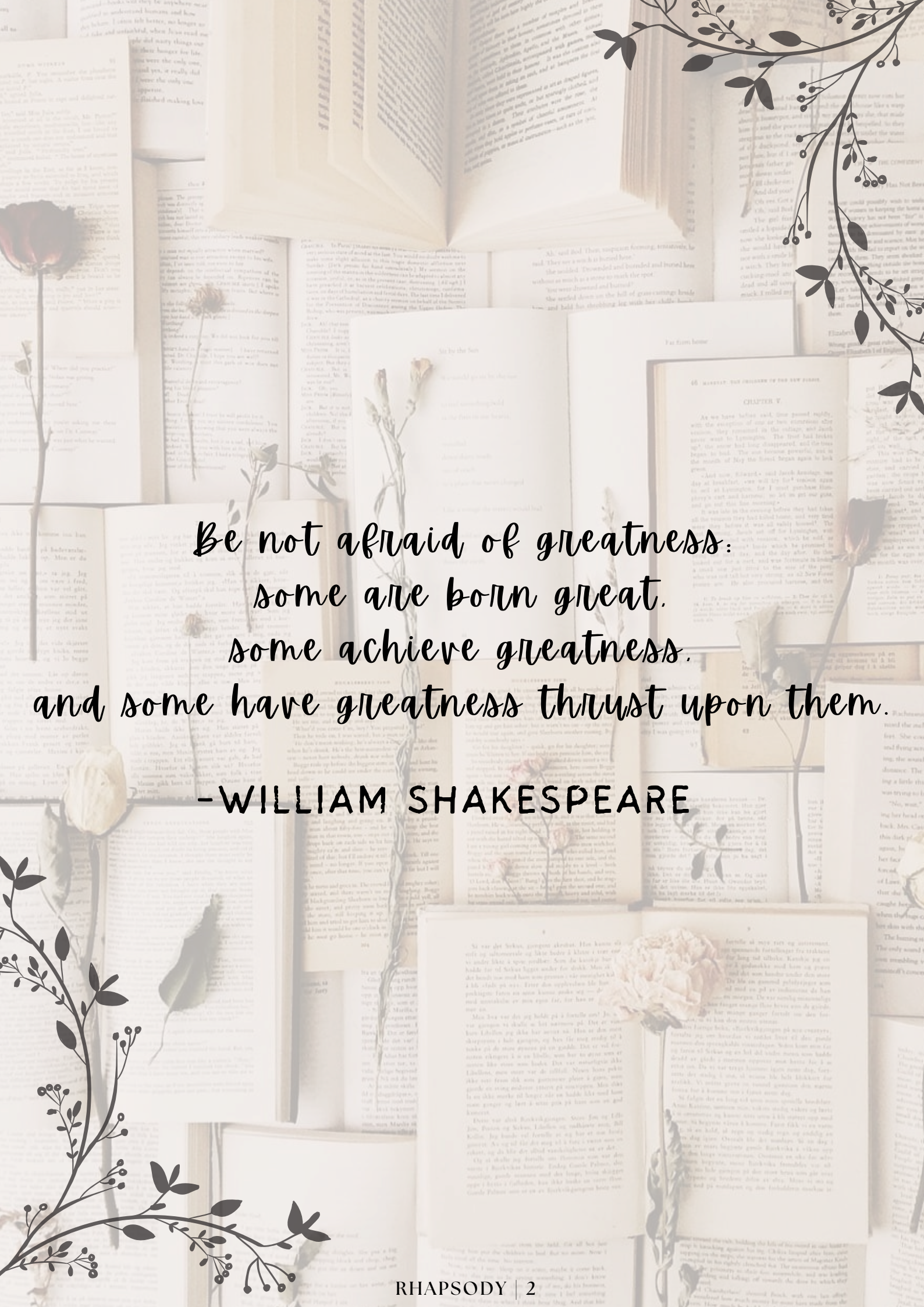
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Be not afraid of greatness:
 some are born great,
 some achieve greatness,
 and some have greatness thrust upon them.

-WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

CELEBRATING ENGLISH MONTH



The endearing students of G.D Goenka conducted a special assembly to celebrate English Language Day. The event commenced with a solemn prayer, setting a reflective tone for the day. This was followed by the thought of the day and the latest news updates, which provided insightful reflections.



The assembly continued with the word of the day, expanding the students' vocabulary and appreciation for the intricacies of the English language. Students then delivered powerful and thought-provoking speeches on 'English Language Day' and 'World Book Day' highlights the significance of these celebrations in promoting literacy and cultural awareness. An enthralling trailer of Shakespeare's play 'The Taming of the Shrew' performed by the talented Goenkans, captivated the audience with its dynamic portrayal of literary themes and characters. A mellifluous song was performed by the Goenkan choir. The assembly concluded with a riveting quiz on 'English Language Day' engaging students in a lively and educational competition.

Overall, the assembly was not only an entertaining spectacle but also a profoundly beneficial experience, enhancing the students' knowledge and love for the English language and literature.



INTER HOUSE COMPETITIONS



Verbal Artists Showcase

The Inter-House Dialogue Delivery Competition for Classes 6-8 was held on 1st May 2024, showcasing the intellectual prowess and oratory skills of young students. The event aimed to foster critical thinking, eloquence, and confidence among participants while providing a platform for creative expression. The competition witnessed an enthralling display of talent as students delved into the personas of iconic literary characters like Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, Elsa and Anna, Harry Potter and many more.

The amalgamation of classical literature and contemporary pop culture added a unique flair to the event, captivating the audience from start to finish.

Through their captivating performances students left an indelible mark on the audience, inspiring admiration and applause. Such events not only nurture academic skills but also foster holistic development, equipping students with the confidence and skills needed to excel in all facets of life.

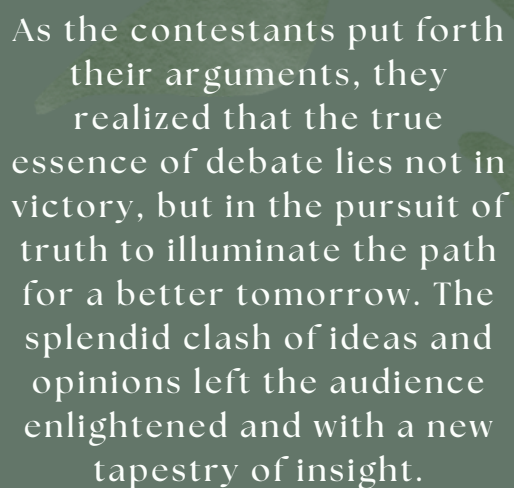




ORATOR'S ODYSSEY

“A good debate increases the dimensions of everyone who takes part.”

Interhouse Debate Competition for classes IX -XII was organized in April 2024 to celebrate the English Month. Contestants debated a seemingly simple, yet mind-boggling issue engulfing the world with its controversial takes - Artificial Intelligence: A Villain in the Making? Some contestants wove the warp and weft of an idyllic utopia, and some brought out the horrendous dystopia associated with its exponential growth. The participants were judged based on their content, effectiveness of arguments, delivery of dialogues and their overall presentation.



As the contestants put forth their arguments, they realized that the true essence of debate lies not in victory, but in the pursuit of truth to illuminate the path for a better tomorrow. The splendid clash of ideas and opinions left the audience enlightened and with a new tapestry of insight.



Dramatic Interpretation Scripts

Artificial Intelligence - A Villain In The Making.

I, Palak Makhijani, would like to believe that Artificial Intelligence is a villain in the making. In today's modern world, flooded with technology and electronics, AI is the new talk of the town. After years of research, this technology, has finally landed in the hands of the common public. Everyone seems to be using and misusing it in everyday situations. Yes, it seems like a superpower to most, reducing human efforts to almost zero, but on the contrary, it is the path to our doom.

The first and foremost threat to humans is unemployment. AI supercomputers offer years of unlimited work and sometimes even better output at half the cost of hiring an employee. These computers don't demand holiday or other perks, making them a suitable or rather a better option for an employer. This seems like a great choice in the short run, but what about the future? 14% of workers have experienced job displacement due to AI and projections say that AI could potentially replace around 800 million jobs worldwide by 2030. This could lead to crashes in economies.

Furthermore, AI is known for its self-improving and adaptive technology. This aspect of AI can help it to expand to an unknown limit causing existential crisis to humans. The bigger problems arises when humans become extremely dependent on AI. This will not only lead to job displacement but also loss of autonomy. It will reduce the decision-making capabilities of humans and make us overly reliant on AI. Students will be the most affected as free use of AI allows them to get easy answers to research papers, projects and even debates! I'm sure at least 1 of us here would have looked up the debate on such AI platforms.

Beyond habitual disruptions, one of the biggest concerns is security. There have been many cases of security breaches due to the AI present in phones, laptops or even devices like Alexa and Siri.

These are just some problems, there are many more and I just have one question. Do we, humans, want to be so dependent on something that is leading us to our own doom?

Does convenience of work overpower safety and ethical work culture?

Would you go through the risks of security breach, data stealing, loss of decision making, unethical behaviour, lack of transparency, social surveillance and what not for the sake of your work being convenient? No, right? But I'm sorry to say, you will. And you are. This is the trap AI has got us into. And this is what brings us to our doom. Now is the time, to take a step back from AI, and use it in moderation otherwise, it sure is a villain in the making. With this I would like to rest my case but never my stance. Thank you.

Palak Makhijani XII C1

Dramatic Interpretation Scripts

Artificial Intelligence - A Villain In The Making.

I, Sohalia Das, would like to mention the profound benefits of Artificial Intelligence in our society. While AI often faces scepticism, I firmly believe it can contribute a lot in our society in a significant way. Artificial Intelligence is often portrayed as an ominous force that may lead to disastrous outcomes. AI is portrayed as a villain that is going out to maybe gobble away all jobs available and make life difficult. It is essential to debunk these misconceptions and shed light on the undeniable potential AI brings to our world by embracing the promise of Technology.

First let me clear one point. AI is not a demon with all consuming powers to destroy the world.

AI is just a scientific tool and it possesses no inherent moral values. It is a product of human creation and is built to reflect human intelligence. Therefore, like any other technology, it can be used for both positive and negative purposes. AI is portrayed in movies and novels as devilishly evil which is simply a dramatic exaggeration that fails to acknowledge its true essence.

Firstly, AI has revolutionized many industries bringing them success, productivity and work efficiency. From healthcare to transportation, AI has done wonders, Medical diagnostics powered by AI algorithms can provide accurate analysis, leading to early detection of diseases and improved patient health. Self-driven cars can reduce human-induced accidents, lowering fatalities on the roads.

In the world of education, it has profoundly helped educators to visualise student needs. 52% of telecommunications organizations utilize chatbots to increase their overall productivity and 38% of healthcare providers rely on computer-assisted diagnostics.

AI is NOT intended to replace humans but to collaborate with us. The goal is to create a symbiotic relationship between humans and AI systems, where both entities compliment each other's strengths.

If history had heeded to these fear mongers we would never have been blessed with any scientific advancement.

In fear of bombs, nuclear power would never have been harnessed.

In fear of invasion of privacy, we would never have unleashed the benefits of a mobile phone.

In fear of job theft, people would abandoned computers.

In fear of the thorns, we cannot stop appreciating the beauty of a rose.

AI is amazing and we should definitely celebrate its benefits.

To ensure AI remains a positive force, it is essential to establish robust ethical frameworks and regulations which will assist us in harnessing this technology responsibly and shaping a brighter future for all.

I now rest my case.

Sohalia Das, IX G



Lyric Legends Self Compositions

“Poetry is the language in which man explores his own amazement.” - Christopher Fry

The Self-Composed Poem Recitation Competition held at G.D. Goenka Public School, Dwarka, was a vibrant celebration of creativity and expression. Students from all the four houses namely Tagore, Teresa, Vivekanand and Radhakrishnan showcased their talent and passion for poetry, presenting original compositions that captivated the audience. The atmosphere was charged with excitement as students eagerly awaited their turn to share their poems.

Students displayed remarkable creativity in their compositions, exploring a wide range of themes including love, nature, identity, and social issues. Each recitation was a heartfelt expression of the individual's thoughts and emotions, showcasing their unique perspective and artistic flair.

The competition also fostered a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition among the houses. Students cheered on their peers, demonstrating solidarity and pride in their house's representation.

The event not only celebrated individual achievements but also highlighted the collective spirit of our school community. We look forward to more such enriching experiences in the future.

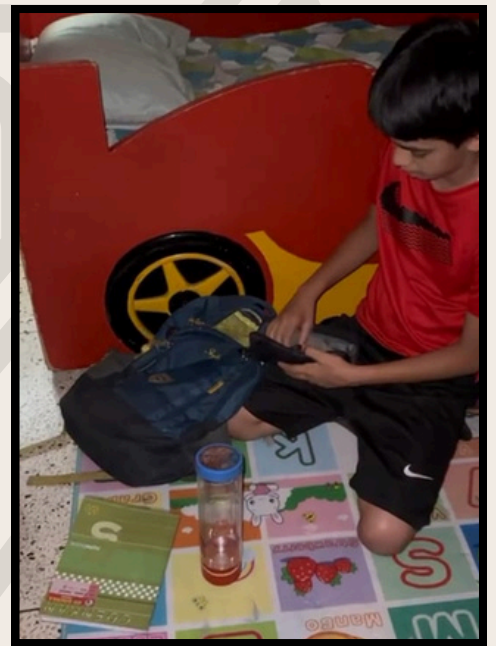


Vlog Making



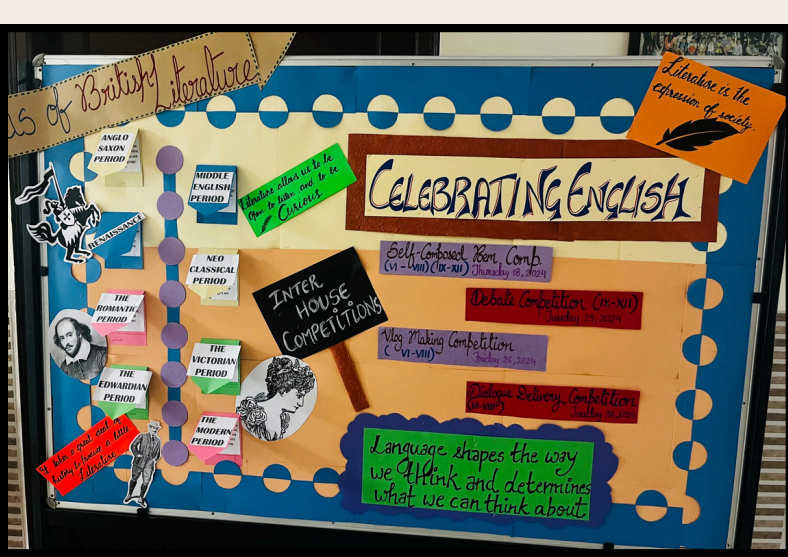
CAPTURE CREATE CONQUER

Inter-House Vlog Making Competition at GD Goenka School held on 27th April, 2024, was a resounding success, fostering creativity and raising awareness on pivotal issues among students. This innovative event provided a dynamic platform for students to exhibit their digital storytelling skills while addressing critical topics such as environmental conservation, mental health, personal hygiene, and brain drain. The students demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm and dedication, producing vlogs that showcased not only their technical prowess but also their deep understanding and empathy towards global and local concerns.

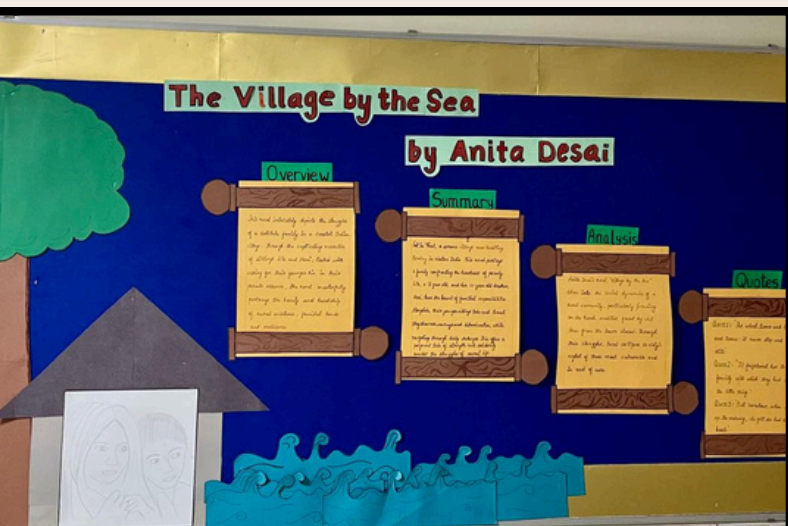
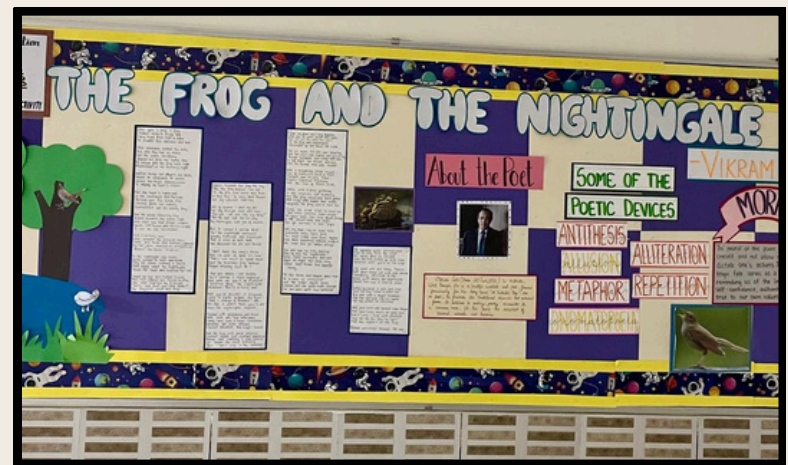
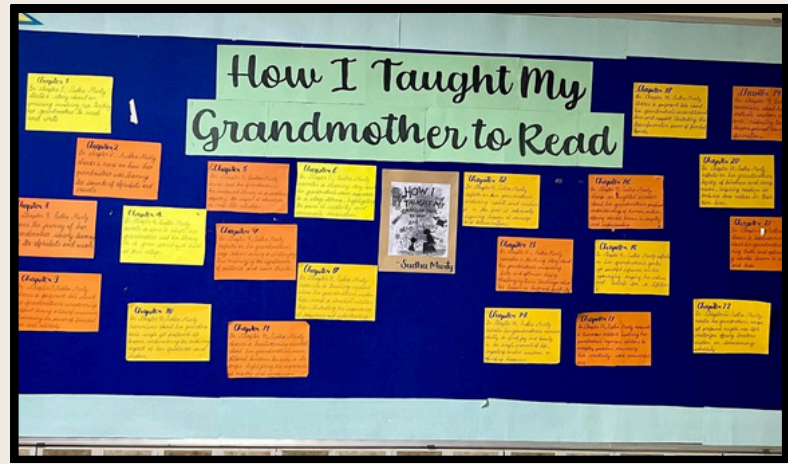


By utilizing diverse techniques such as animation, interviews, and on-location shooting, participants highlighted their ability to convey powerful messages effectively. This competition not only honed their creative and technical skills but also cultivated a sense of social responsibility and teamwork. Overall, the event underscored GD Goenka School's commitment to holistic education, encouraging students to be informed, empathetic, and proactive citizens in an increasingly interconnected world.

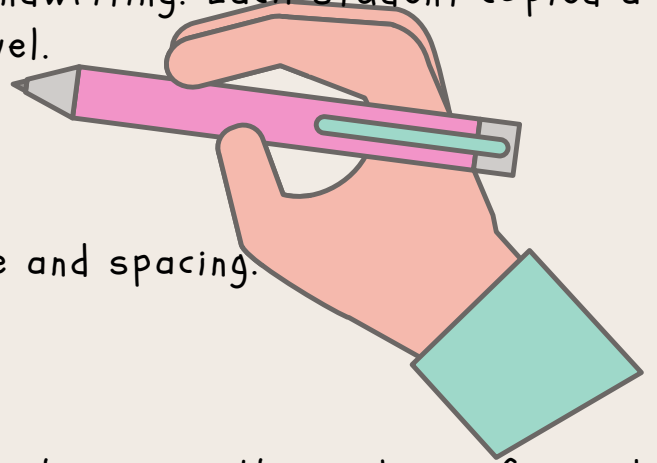
Display Boards



During English Month, our school showcased a series of creative and educational display boards that captivated students and teachers alike. Each grade contributed to different themes, such as classic literature, modern literature, poetry, grammar, and drama. The boards featured summaries, character analyses, interactive quizzes, and student-created art and writings, making them both informative and engaging. QR codes provided access to multimedia content, enhancing the learning experience. The initiative fostered a deeper appreciation for the English language and literature, encouraging active participation and creativity. Positive feedback highlighted the displays' role in making English studies enjoyable and impactful, setting a high standard for future celebrations and demonstrating the effectiveness of interactive learning tools.



The school hosted a handwriting competition to promote beautiful penmanship among students. The event saw enthusiastic participation, highlighting the importance of good handwriting. Each student copied a passage appropriate to their grade level.

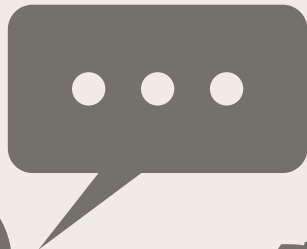


Entries were judged on:

- Legibility: Clarity and readability.
- Consistency: Uniformity in letter size and spacing.
- Neatness: Overall tidiness.
- Style: Personal flair.

The competition was successful, emphasizing the value of good handwriting. Positive feedback from students, parents, and teachers highlighted its impact. Special thanks to the HOD of the English Department, the judges, and the teachers for their support.

INTRACLASS ACTIVITIES



G.D. Goenka Public School, Dwarka, organized a Poem Recitation Competition for students of grades VI to VIII to encourage appreciation for poetry, enhance public speaking skills, and boost self-confidence.

Students from all sections of grades VI to VIII participated, preparing diligently with guidance from their English teachers. They were judged on pronunciation, expression, and overall presentation.

The event was a success, showcasing students' literary talents and fostering a love for poetry. The organizing committee received positive feedback, with many looking forward to future literary events.

SPELLBEE

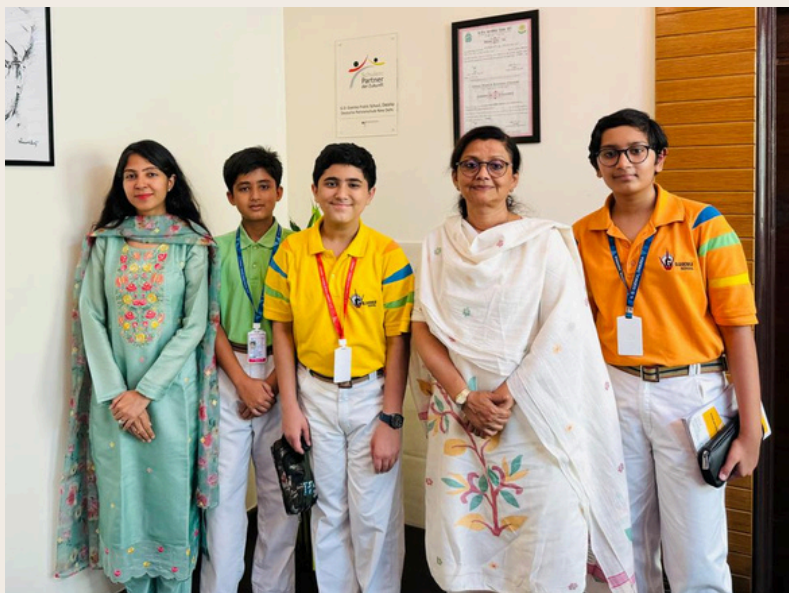
"Spelling is important because it aids in reading. It helps cement the connection that is shared between sounds and letters."

An Inter-Class Spellathon Competition was organised for classes VI-IX to promote linguistic skills, vocabulary and spelling accuracy among participants, while fostering a spirit of healthy competition. It consisted of several rounds designed to progressively challenge the participants' spelling skills. It provided a platform for our endearing students to showcase their spelling prowess and enhance their overall language abilities.

The Spell-Bee Competition culminated with an award ceremony to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the participants. Winners were presented with certificates. Rushil Anand of grade VIII, Arjun Menon of grade IX and Hardik of grade IX were lauded for their stellar performances.

The competition undoubtedly contributed to the intellectual and personal growth of the students involved, leaving a lasting impact on their educational journey. The lit-up faces of the logophiles, brimming with zeal and gusto, were the testimony of the delight they experienced.

Congratulations to all the participants!





"Life appears to me too short to be spent in nursing
animosity or registering wrongs."
-Charlotte Bronte, Jane Eyre



THE ESSENCE OF FRIENDSHIP: A JOURNEY OF HEART

By Meisha Singh, X-E

Friendship is the silent conversation between two hearts, a journey that begins with a simple 'hello' and has no end. It is a bond that transcends time and space, weaving through the fabric of our lives like a golden thread that adds lustre to the ordinary.

The seed of friendship is often sown in common ground—shared interests, similar values, or mutual experiences. It sprouts from the soil of understanding and grows with the sunlight of laughter and the water of shared tears.

As the seedling of acquaintance grows into the sapling of friendship, it is nurtured by trust and support. Friends become the pillars on which we lean during our weakest moments and the cheerleaders who celebrate our victories, no matter how small.

The true test of friendship comes with time and distance. Like any living thing, it requires care and attention. Yet, the strongest friendships are those that withstand the test of separation, blooming even in the absence of constant interaction. There is a comfort in friendship that is found nowhere else—an acceptance of who we are, flaws and all. It is a safe haven where we are understood without explanation, where our silence is heard, and our words are valued. Friendship is an adventure, a collection of shared experiences that become the stories we tell.



It is the spontaneous road trips, the late-night conversations, and the inside jokes that no one else understands. These moments become the cherished memories that we hold close.

No friendship is without its conflicts, but it is in overcoming these challenges that the bond is strengthened. It is a resilient tie that bends but does not break, emerging stronger with each resolved disagreement.

The legacy of friendship is the influence and inspiration it leaves behind. Friends shape our choices, inspire our dreams, and push us to be better versions of ourselves. They are the mirrors that reflect our true selves back at us.

This article is a tribute to friends—the family we choose, the companions of our soul's journey. They are the ones who walk beside us on the path of life, sharing in its joys and shouldering its burdens. To have a friend is to have a treasure, and to be one is to give a gift of immeasurable value.

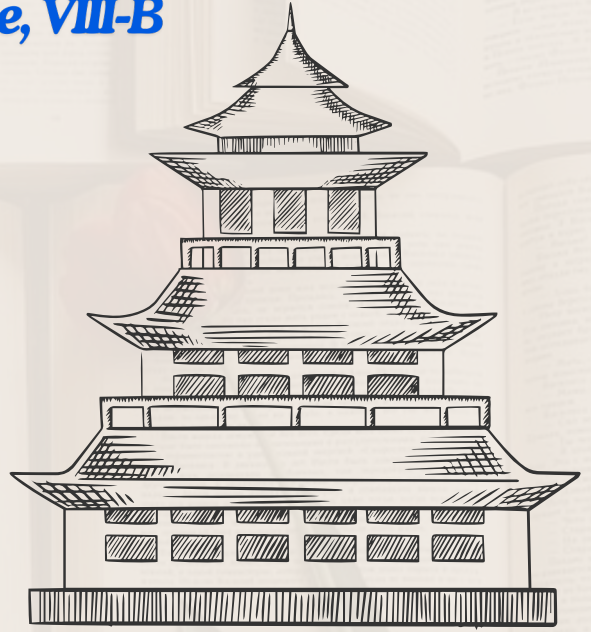
SATORI

By Trisha Chatterjee, VIII-B

In the bewitching country of Japan, there existed a town named Fukuoka, and there lived a small, close-knit family known as the Sama's. And among them lived Hikaro, the youngest member of the family.

She was a girl who had a brain as intelligent as a computer's and stamina as powerful as a horse's, and she was as beautiful and dainty as a Somei Yoshino Sakura (Japanese flower). But Hikaro never realized all her hidden aptitudes, and each day felt like a burden to her. She never used to enjoy her life. It was just as if some immorality had control of her gears. She was always lagging behind compared to other people. Everyone tried explaining to her the vitality of life, but it never affected her in any way.

One day after school, the soul was walking through the welcoming streets of the town, every corner gleaming with lights, and she was drowned in deep thoughts when her eyes caught an elderly lady sitting on the pathway splashing colours on a white canvas. It felt as if the canvas got life after being coated with the vibrant colours.



Mesmerised by the sight, a faint smile curled on her lips. She was intently looking at the painting when suddenly her smile faded away when she started familiarising with the painting. She started understanding that the piece was somehow depicting her monotonous life. It was as if an epiphany struck her that everyone's life is like a white canvas, and each moment we live is like a beautiful illustration. It is entirely up to us to add colours to that blank canvas by living each moment to the fullest. She was drowned in her little world, but soon snapped back into reality when the woman asked her whether she liked her painting or not. For a split second the young woman was perplexed but soon responded with a compliment and thanked the old lady profusely, before turning away and sprinting towards a new journey in her life. The woman stared blankly for a moment before breaking into a knowing smile and watched the delicate frame vanishing into the horizon.



Tied Up Blades

By Akshaj Goel, VIII-E

Rustle.....rustle. Those were the noises Henry the Wall Fan made as he groaned in discomfort. His plastic body was cramped between two big boxes of cables, clearly those unskilled truck drivers who loaded him onto the truck didn't care for the electrical appliances within. All they looked out for was saving as much time as possible. Henry's strings had been tied together and taped to his power cord. Henry was the curious sort, he had listened to the factory workers' conversations and apparently his batch was to be shipped to a school, and installed on the dusty walls of the classrooms there. He had heard stories. According to the stories of the fans who went there, children would deviously play with the power cords; they would supposedly keep tugging on the string all day long. However, Henry was optimistic. He believed that if he performed his duty as he was programmed to, all the students would love him and cherish him for cooling them down on sweltering hot days. Besides, nothing could be worse than being stuck in a cardboard box in the depths of factory storage. Whirr... Whirr went the electric drill as Henry got screwed on to the very dusty wall of Class 6. During the first year, everything went well. They tugged on his strings a little hard, but that was to be expected of children that age. He had grown used to their playful nature and even started liking it, albeit only for a short period of time.

As the annual examination approached and the attendance grew less and less every passing day, Henry started to miss them. The year concluded, and the classroom was now allotted to grade 11. That is where those stories from the factories started to shine through. Henry was petrified of those children. In their very first hour, they tore off one of his strings, and day by day, his blades were bent, his beautiful white body marked with pens and dust as nobody bothered to clean it. His power cord had cuts and creases for the first time. Suddenly, Henry's screws were untightened and he took the last look at his classroom before being placed in a truck. He didn't know where he was going. His eyes widened as he was unloaded at the nearby orphanage. He was installed on the surprisingly clean walls, it was a stark difference to the dust ridden walls of the school, and for another thing he reunited with his friends from the factory! Henry lived his best life at that orphanage. Those children cherished Henry so much. They fixed his power cord and even wiped away those marks from the year before. He noticed that there had never been any fans on those walls, these children had never experienced the cooling air before. Then finally, one day his power cord was burnt due to a problem in the electrical system. He had to be taken off. He took time to reflect, he thought about the stories, not believing in them. He chuckled at his optimism all those years ago, believing that everything would be fine. But in the end, it really was. He believed that another fan would be sent in to replace him, he hoped for the sake of those children. Henry hoped to meet that fan someday.

Education and Its Universal Importance

By Dhruv Sharma

Education is a topic of immense importance and one can talk about it for eternity. This just shows how broad a topic it is. Education is a universal right, and everyone should have access to it, but does everyone get an education? The simple answer is no. People in rural areas with regressive families face this problem. Another question arises here: "Why is it a problem for these people, and is education really important?"

In education, a child goes to school and is taught various problem-solving and intellectual skills. These skills are used throughout our lives in any situation. Education is a mold we use to shape our careers. Doctors, athletes, scientists, businessmen, software engineers, etc., have used this very mold to its finest.

Many people who live in backward areas may not have proper access to education, which increases the number of illiterate people in our society. The number of illiterate people is directly proportional to the number of unemployed people. Thus, if education is not provided to someone, they will become a liability instead of an asset. Education makes a person capable of being independent, having scientific knowledge, being better at literature and mathematics, understanding more about the political world, and overall making drastic positive changes in them, which will ultimately make them a better human being. These reasons truly show that education has a lot more importance than people think.

"Education can make a man something he may have never thought about in the greatest of his dreams."

Lost in the Wilderness

By Shivank Naithani, XI H

Traveling in the mountains has always been a special experience for me. Over the last few years, my family has chosen to travel in mountainous terrains. From hiking to wandering aimlessly on the hairpin bends, I did it all. It was a heavenly experience to be amidst the serene and magnificent beauty of the hills. It felt as if those hills were pulling me towards them and beckoning me. The fluffy, cotton candy-like clouds hover over them as if caressing them. The picturesque view of the sunrise is always breathtaking, with the morning rays beaming with joy. The dense forest of cedar stands tall, making a canopy of trees. The cool breeze brushes me softly while I admire the tranquil heaven. Every visit brings me closer to nature, making me reflect on my dreams and aspirations. It always feels like a dream. The sound of the gushing water tickles my heart. The wildflowers blooming along the way always symbolize hope, innocence, and the love of Mother Nature. It is a unique experience to get lost in this wilderness and live every moment to the fullest. If given a chance, I will marvel at the beauty again and again.

Travelling as a Means of Education

By Nandini Aggarwal, VIII E

Faster than fairies, faster than witches, bridges and houses, hedges and ditches.

And charging along like troops in a battle, all through the meadows, the horses and cattle:

All of the sights of the hill and the plain.

Fly as thick as driving rain.

And ever again, in the wink of an eye, painted stations whistle by.

*Are the pages of a book the mere confinement of knowledge, or is the world a canvas ready to be painted on with the aura of inspiration and consciousness? For those who believe in the former, perhaps Robert Louis Stevenson's poem, *The World from a Railway Carriage*, would do you good. How can you know that a taco is a taco until you've tried it from the heart of Mexico, or a burger is a burger until you've tried it from the oil ridden America. That 500-word article on gravity in your science book wasn't discovered in the publishing house but rather in the country where they eat naan with forks and knives.*

You might study at the best school in your city or even the best school in the country, but surely it isn't the best in the world. Every country, every nook and cranny, has loads to offer, so by thinking that you are the smartest while stationary amongst the 8 billion, your knowledge is like a small piece of oregano on a huge pizza. Traveling the world doesn't only give you a new perspective and an insight into new cultures; it also devours you with new experiences and a chance for self-discovery. Getting full marks in an exam just by reading a book isn't an achievement, but learning the soft-spoken etiquettes of Japan or the culinary works of India is certainly a feather in one's cap. Some of the greatest celebrities and idols don't know the Pythagoras Theorem, but they have traveled to the Gallies of India or the Sokaklars of Turkey.



YouTube - As a Profession By Arnav Kalra, VIII A

Could YouTube be considered a profession? In today's fast-moving world, creators on platforms like YouTube earn money by posting videos. If this is the case, then uploading content on these platforms should be considered as a legitimate profession. Content creation stands out as one of the most rapidly growing professions among the myriad of career options available. It often begins as a hobby, but inevitably transforms into a vocation for many.

The YouTube platform hosts a wide variety of content creators and channels, covering popular categories such as Gaming, Cooking, Vlogging, Educational content, Music, and more. Many YouTubers have successfully turned their channels into a full-time career, with some even leaving their traditional jobs to pursue YouTube. Some well-known and popular YouTubers include Mythpat, Triggered Insaan, Technical Guruji, Mr. Beast, Dude Perfect, PewDiePie, Ninja, and Jacksepticeye. How does one earn through YouTube? The views and likes that a video receives as well as the new subscribers that the channel acquires generate income for the creator. Also, YouTubers generate additional income by promoting brands through their sponsored videos.

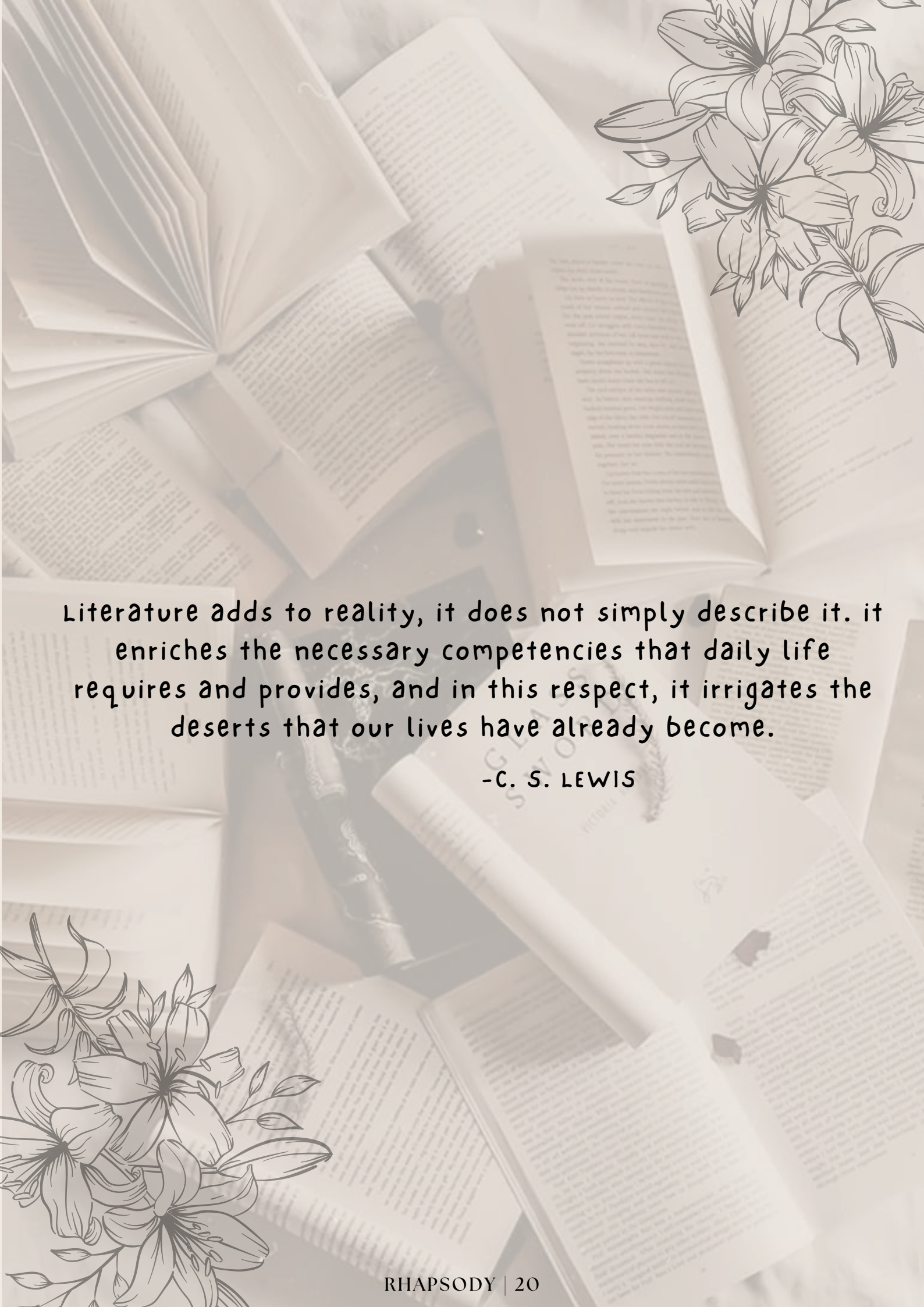
Thus, content creation on YouTube can be considered as a viable career option, due to its increasing recognition and its uniqueness as an alternative to conventional professions.

Democracy: The Pillar of Modern Society

BY Ojal Kashyap, XI A1

Democracy stands tall as the cornerstone of modern society, embodying the principles of equality, liberty and justice. For students navigating the realms of political theory, it's imperative to grasp the essence of this fundamental concept. At its core, democracy empowers individuals by granting them the right to participate in decision-making processes that shape their lives. Whether through elections, referendums, or civic engagement, citizens hold the key to shaping the course of their nation. This inclusivity ensures that diverse voices are heard, fostering a society that reflects the values and aspirations of its people. Moreover, democracy serves as a safeguard against oppression. By enshrining principles of freedom of speech, press, and assembly, democratic societies provide a platform for dissent and debate. This freedom not only fosters innovation and progress but also holds those in power accountable to the electorate. However, democracy is not without its challenges. In an era of misinformation and polarization, the integrity of democratic institutions faces unprecedented threats. Fake news, social media echo chambers, and foreign interference pose significant risks to the democratic process, undermining trust in electoral outcomes and eroding societal cohesion. As students, it's essential to cultivate a critical understanding of democracy's strengths and weaknesses. By engaging in civic education and participating in democratic processes, young minds can become active agents of change, safeguarding the principles upon which democracy stands.

In conclusion, democracy serves as the bedrock of modern society, empowering individuals, fostering inclusivity, and safeguarding against tyranny. By embracing the values of democracy and actively participating in civic life, students can uphold the legacy of democracy for generations to come.

The background features a collection of open and closed books scattered across the surface. A fountain pen with a dark, textured grip and a silver-colored barrel lies diagonally across the center. The entire scene is overlaid with a light, sepia-toned filter. In the top right and bottom left corners, there are detailed line-art illustrations of lily flowers with long, slender leaves and prominent stamens.

Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it. it enriches the necessary competencies that daily life requires and provides, and in this respect, it irrigates the deserts that our lives have already become.

-C. S. LEWIS

Social Media is not Addictive

By Rushil Anand, VIII D

Although a significant number of people invest a lot of time in social media platforms, it is not pragmatic to call it addictive. Addiction implies a loss of control and unfavourable outcomes, which are not consistently felt by every user. Social media is a flexible medium that cannot be generalized as addictive because it can be implemented as a tool for connection, exchange of information, and even to promote improvements in society. Addiction is, more often than not, an outcome of our own personal choices and behaviours. Just like any other activity, it is the user's responsibility to monitor their usage of social media. It would be analogous to blaming fast food outlets for obesity, to blame the platforms themselves for addiction. People have the agency to moderate their engagement and make conscious decisions about how much time they spend online, but an ignorance for such responsibilities does not lie in the discretion of the power of social media itself.

Social media has brought about positive changes in society. Activism, social awareness, and support networks have all been facilitated by these platforms. People have used social media to mobilise resources for disaster relief, promote charity purposes, and publicize their artistic interests and creations.

Unlike popular belief, not all users are addicted to social media. Many use this platform in a healthy way that promotes social changes, diversity and much more. For example, PETA, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, expanded their purpose by miles using the media. Their posts on PETA and PETA Latino were seen at an average of almost 125 million times each, and their Text-Message Programme, an initiative that urged the people to prevent cruelty towards animals, gained increased popularity, and drove nearly 1.5 million actions in their online advocacy campaigns.

For another example, Greenpeace International, an NGO that promotes sustainable development, uses social media to spread awareness, and criticize those who ignore nature. Their strong take on this issue and their persuasiveness made their budget increase immensely by 300 million dollars. Greenpeace usually shows and promotes sustainability through their social media handles, and have gathered immense donations for their purpose. Approximately 92% of all NGO's rely solely on Facebook and do not even have a website. Hence, most of social media usage is not solely for entertainment, but also for social and environmental change.

In conclusion, while there are instances of excessive social media usage, labelling it as universally addictive oversimplifies a complex issue. Social media's impact varies greatly from person to person, and it can serve as a powerful tool for positive change and meaningful connections. It is vital to recognise personal responsibility and acknowledge the potential for constructive use rather than perpetuating a narrative of addiction.

Hence, with hammering tongs, I strongly believe that social media itself is not addictive. Thank you.

THE HIGH SEAS

By Kritika Gole, VIII D

The High Seas are a vast no-man's land of ungoverned ocean. This is the ocean beyond the boundary of any country, lawless and wild. The High Seas, unbound and free, like the life that lives in it-the blue whale. We once thought that this ocean was simply too vast for us to damage, but that is not the case. Many species are under threat from human activities. It really is ironic, because we are the one supposed to improve the conditions whereas we are worsening it. Oceans not only produce half the oxygen we breathe, but also drive the weather and climate. They have such power, just due to the reason that they're so vast. The deep sea makes space for more than 95% of the life on earth, and yet 90% of the oceans aren't even discovered!

There are many such creatures, only heard of never seen, like the one called the "doomsday fish". We only knew of its existence from the occasional one washed ashore, but that was not the case-the oarfish. 10 meters long, they swim vertically and use waves along their fins to help them commute easily. Below 200 meters, there is no light for plants to grow, so deep sea animals are dependent on food that sinks down.

A crown jellyfish- it lives in every ocean beneath the depth of 7 kilometers. This one has its tentacles outstretched to ensnare its prey. Scientists earlier presumed that the deep sea was home to little life, but mother nature has proved them wrong again. We now believe that these oceans have 10 times the life we earlier thought of. The deep-water crustacean, Cysticoma, is as clear as glass. Its greatest trick of survival is hiding in plain sight. A glowing lure entices victims to fall prey to this dragonfish. No light reaches below 1000 meters, so to catch their "prey", deep marine life evolved to produce their own light-bioluminescence. Lophelia-deep sea coral reefs. We used to think that coral reefs are only found in sunny, shallow waters. But that is not the case. Turns out, deep sea reefs cover a greater area than the "usual" reefs. These reefs provide shelter and food to a rich variety of marine creatures, some weird some unreal. Such is the life of the deep sea, some explored and an endless amount yet to be discovered. And guess what was found here? Deep sea fishing nets and other mundane pieces of trash. Half of all deep-sea corals have already been destroyed. Humans are demolishing their life support system. We're inviting our doom, aren't we?



FOOD - THE ELIXIR OF LIFE

By Atharu Makhijani, VIII D

Food, often regarded as the elixir of life, holds a fundamental and irreplaceable role in the human experience. It is not just a source of sustenance but a cornerstone of our existence, impacting our physical health, emotional well-being, and cultural identity. The statement that "food is the elixir of life" underscores the profound significance of this daily necessity.

At its core, food is essential for survival. Without it, our bodies would wither, and our biological functions would cease. Food provides the necessary nutrients that power our cells, repair tissues, and keep our bodies in a state of equilibrium. Carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins, and minerals are the building blocks of life, and food is the vehicle through which we obtain them. It nourishes us from the inside, fueling the processes that keep us alive.

The energy derived from food is equally vital. Food acts as our primary energy source, allowing us to carry out the simplest to the most complex tasks. It provides the fuel for our bodies, enabling us to move, think, and engage with the world around us. Whether it's the sprint of an athlete, the concentration of a student, or the labor of a worker, food provides the energy to make it all possible. Beyond the basic functions of survival and energy, food also plays a pivotal role in our health and longevity.

A well-balanced diet, rich in fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, and whole grains, can stave off chronic diseases and promote a longer, healthier life. The nutrients in food strengthen our immune system, support healthy growth and development, and help in the prevention of ailments. Food is not just an elixir but a potent medicine that contributes to our well-being.

However, food's importance extends far beyond the realm of biology. It is intertwined with our culture, heritage, and social bonds. Different cuisines and culinary traditions are an integral part of human culture. They reflect the history, values, and traditions of societies. Food fosters a sense of belonging, as families and communities often gather around the dining table to share meals and stories. These social connections provide emotional nourishment, adding depth and richness to our lives.

Food is also a source of gastronomic pleasure. Beyond its utile role, it can delight the senses and elevate our quality of life. A beautifully prepared meal can tantalize the taste buds, allowing us to savor the exquisite flavors, textures, and aromas. The act of cooking and enjoying food is a form of art that ignites the senses and provides moments of joy and contentment. In this sense, food is not just an elixir for the body but also for the soul.

The AI Advantage: How Technology Will Reshape Classrooms, Not Replace Teachers

By Advik, IX B

Imagine a classroom buzzing with a new kind of energy. Students work with a patient AI tutor that tailors lessons to their individual needs, while a passionate teacher guides discussions and celebrates their achievements. This isn't science fiction; it's a glimpse into the future of education, where artificial intelligence (AI) and human teachers join forces to create a dynamic learning experience.

AI tutors offer a treasure trove of benefits. They can analyze a student's performance and adjust the difficulty and pace of instruction in real time. This personalized approach ensures no student gets left behind, while those who grasp concepts quickly can delve deeper. Furthermore, AI tutors provide 24/7 access to learning. Students can get instant help and clarification outside of class hours, allowing them to solidify their understanding at their own pace.

However, the rise of AI tutors doesn't signal the end of human teachers. AI can't replicate the irreplaceable qualities that great teachers possess. A passionate teacher can ignite a love of learning and spark a student's curiosity in a way that AI simply cannot. They can foster social skills, empathy, and emotional intelligence - crucial aspects of development that AI lacks.

The future of education won't be a competition between AI and teachers; it will be a collaboration. AI can empower teachers by handling administrative tasks and repetitive exercises, freeing up their time for more creative and personalized instruction. Teachers will become curators of the AI experience, selecting and integrating tools that best suit the needs and learning styles of their students. Teacher feedback on AI performance can refine algorithms and ensure they are unbiased and culturally sensitive.

The verdict is clear: AI tutors hold immense potential to personalize learning and provide additional support. However, human teachers will remain central to fostering a love of learning, social development, and the essential human qualities that AI simply can't replicate. The future lies in a powerful partnership, where AI and human teachers work together to create a dynamic and enriching learning experience for every student.

LOVE ALL, TRUST SOME, DO
WRONG TO NONE.

- WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Importance of English Language

By Tanav Mittal, IX G

You might wonder, "Why is English so important?", thinking about the same question every time you pick up a book to read. Let me give you an answer to this. Imagine in the brilliant mind of yours, the vast tapestry of the world, where every language is represented by a thread. Now search for the golden thread weaving through the intricate design. That thread, it represents the English Language, a language connecting various diversified cultures and people with different ideals.

English is a language that has evolved over centuries and has become one of the most spoken languages in the world. It is said to have originated in Early Britain, sharing roots with languages such as German and Dutch. It is widely known for its extensive vocabulary and somewhat simple grammar. However, in contradiction to simple grammar is the complex pronunciation baffling learners.

Now, let's come back to the main point. English serves as a mode of communication on a global scale, serving as a common language for the conversations across the globe. It is thus often termed as "lingua franca". Imagine a person from Germany wanting to contact a person in France, only English serves as a common language for communication since both have different languages i.e. French and German.

Consider Travelling. When we go to another country, English often serves as the key to unlocking local experiences. Then there's the world of entertainment. Our favourite movies, music, and books often come to us in English or are swiftly translated into it.

But beyond practicality, there's a certain beauty to the English language. Its vast vocabulary and expressive nuances allow us to articulate thoughts and emotions with precision and creativity. It's a language of poets and storytellers like as we know the great William Shakespeare.

In our interconnected world, mastering English isn't just a skill; it's an invitation. An invitation to join a global conversation, to broaden your horizons, and to explore the richness of human experience. To conclude, let's appreciate English not just as a language, but as a vibrant, dynamic thread that ties our world together.

The Lord who smiled through the Pain

By Ishaan Sharma, VII F

Lord Krishna is seen as one of the powerful and famous deities in Hinduism. Yet, he has faced many obstacles and challenges as soon as he was born. He was born in a jail chamber by the womb of Maa Devaki and later was handed to Maa Yashoda in Gokul to keep him safe. He grew up and some enemies came after him. He saved not only himself but also others. He had many enemies to kill him by birth but he still grew up even after these problems.

Still having a big responsibility on him, he did it without any regret. This is a great lesson from him that we can learn from him. He first fought with enemies opposing him in Gokul. After turning 11.5 years, he left his parents and went to Mathura with a main motive, to kill his main villain Kans. After this he went to Dwarka and established a kingdom with 18,000 more people. He established a kingdom at a young age and the people also opposed his decisions. After these things also, he had the same smile he had. He also had to leave his lovely friend, Radha. Nobody can describe the love between Krishna and Radha. Still he didn't have any regrets about it.

The people who He settled in Dwarka, the ones for whom He provided food and facilities, the ones who he fiercely protected, the same people criticized him. His children also criticized him. The people who he helped also criticized him. It became difficult to bear. He still accepted the pain and hate he was getting from everyone. Yet, today, we are making fun of our gods, concocting stories about their characters, and creating fake relationships and incidents about them.

We see Krishna as a mischief and who dances, sings and who enjoys. But we don't remember the sacrifice he made to protect humankind. During the Mahabharata war, He was the charioteer of Arjuna. He had to face the arrows and spears. He also received complaints and abuses from others during his rule. This is, again, an important lesson to learn because, for a leader, it is imperative to lead from the front. He motivated Arjuna to establish Dharma by reciting the Bhagavad Gita. This is a very big gift to mankind but still we make fun of his personality.

At last, we can say that He was a great strategist who planned things; there were no miracles in His life; He lived His life on His own terms, in His own way and on His own capabilities. He had done many sacrifices for just our welfare and peace. Some people can never understand the depth of our gods and their work. So, we should respect our gods' actions and should understand the reason behind it.

So, we can say:

“Everything happens for a reason”

The Lurking Shadow on Oak Street

By Anahita Nagia, VIII B

The wind was howling through the skeletal branches of the oaks on Oak Street. Sam was alone in her attic bedroom, trying to see past the flickering candlelight. There was an unsettling darkness in the corners, a presence she couldn't quite figure out. Suddenly, a low growl echoed from the boarded-up window, and panic gripped her throat. The growls came closer, accompanied by a rhythmic scraping sound. Sam backed towards the wall, her heart pounding.

The candle sputtered and died, engulfing the room in suffocating blackness. A cold, unpleasant breath tickled the back of her neck, and she screamed, the sound swallowed by the darkness. A single ray of moonlight pierced through the dusty window, revealing a horrifying sight. Scrawled on the boards in a grotesque, inky hand: "Welcome home, Sam." She shouted at the top of her lungs, as her mother came rushing, worried for her only child. There was only Sam sitting on the bed screaming seeing the creature only visible to her and only heard to her. Her mother, worried, carried her away from the room. The creature crawled towards her and her mother with its head turned upside down. Sam fainted and woke up the next day in the attic again and saw the creature sitting on the bed smiling at her and showing its sharp triangular teeth covered in blood and its black eyes bawling out at her.

She woke up startled and crawled to the edge of the bed. The creature whispered to her "Scared of your own friend?" Sam shouted shakingly "I AM NOT YOUR FRIEND!" The creature tilted its head and stared at Sam saying, "Sam, don't you remember the name, Lily?" The creature grinned showing its blood covered teeth, and showed Sam the bracelet Lily used to wear before she went missing in the mysterious woods of Oak Street.

CLIMATE CHANGE: AN ANTHROPOGENIC CURSE

By Agata Sangwan, VIII B

Through the meadows of Earth, humans have shown no mercy in fabricating yet another Chernobyl disaster, which we now call climate change. With global sunscreen likely thinned, climate change drives long-term shifts in the Earth's weather patterns, contributing to floods, droughts, increased hunger, air pollution, and diseases, earning it the title of our planet's biggest health threat. All of humanity today ponders melting ice caps and rising sea levels when it comes to climate change; on the contrary, at this hypothetical phenomenon's core, man is the culprit. Homo sapiens, the most intelligent species inhabiting Earth, mask an irrelevant pride because of our antlers, the place we once called home is put in jeopardy. Not far from facing extinction, it is clear that unless we wake up from our slumber and save the beseeching greens, the Earth will metamorphose into a barren land with not even the faintest trace of life to be found. As students, let's make a difference in the world today and create blissful days for generations to come.

SUMMER VACATIONS

By Aarav Mahi, VII E

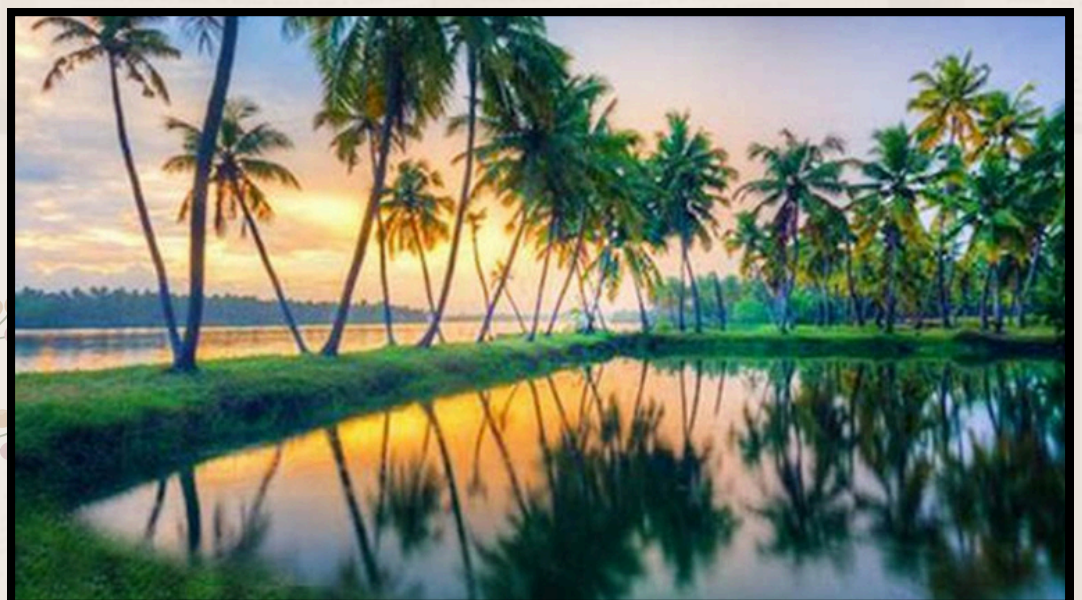
Vacation is a magical time when every day's routine fades, and replaces itself by a sense of adventure and freedom. This summer, I embarked on a journey that took me from the bustling city streets to the serene mountains and tranquil beaches of Kerala, experiencing a diverse tapestry of landscapes and cultures. Each day was a new chapter filled with exploration and discovery, offering a refreshing break from the mundane.

Mornings were often spent hiking rugged trails, where the scent of pine trees filled the air and the panoramic views from the mountain peaks were nothing short of breathtaking. The physical challenge was invigorating, and reaching the summit always brought a profound sense of accomplishment. The trails, winding through forests and meadows, revealed hidden waterfalls and lakes, each a gem waiting to be discovered.

Afternoons were a delightful blend of sun-soaked relaxation and thrilling water sports. Kayaking across crystal-clear lakes provided a serene escape, the gentle rhythm of the paddles creating a soothing melody.

The rhythm of the waves and the songs of the birds provided a musical soundtrack, reminding me of nature's wonders and the simplicity of joy found in the outdoors. Each sunset marked the end of a fulfilling day and the promise to new adventures to come. The slower pace allowed me to appreciate the small details—the intricate patterns of seashells on the shore, the vibrant colours of wildflowers, and the gentle breeze rustling through the leaves.

As the days grew longer, so did my sense of freedom and possibility. Summer vacations became more than just a break from routine; it was a transformative journey that recharged my spirit and broadened my horizons. The experiences, both big and small, left an indelible mark on my heart, making this summer vacation an unforgettable chapter in my life's journey, filled with cherished memories and newfound inspiration.



Child Labour: A Grim Reality By Lavanya Jagotal IX C

Child labour remains an egregious violation of children's rights, depriving millions of their innocence and potential. This pernicious practice is often driven by acute poverty, compelling families to exploit their young ones for survival. Deprived of education and subjected to hazardous working conditions, these children endure physical and psychological trauma that stunts their development. Industries often exploit child labour, attracted by the lower wages and the ease of controlling vulnerable children. The consequences are far-reaching, as these children grow up without the necessary skills or education to break the cycle of poverty, perpetuating a vicious cycle of exploitation and deprivation. Addressing this grave issue requires a multifaceted approach. Governments must implement and enforce stringent legal frameworks that prohibit child labour and ensure compliance through regular inspections and penalties for violations. Equally important is the provision of comprehensive educational opportunities, making schooling accessible and attractive to all children. Economic support for impoverished families, such as microfinance initiatives and social welfare programs, can alleviate the financial pressures that lead to child labour. Furthermore, raising awareness about the detrimental impacts of child labour through community outreach and advocacy can shift cultural norms and foster a collective commitment to protecting children's rights. Businesses also play a crucial role by adopting ethical practices and ensuring their supply chains are free from child exploitation, driven by consumer demand for responsibly produced goods. Only through a concerted global effort, involving governments, NGOs, businesses, and communities, can we hope to extinguish the scourge of child labour and secure a brighter future for the world's youth.

The Whispering Shadows of Oak Street

by Aira Bhardwaj, VIII F

In the old house of oak street, whispers danced through the walls and shadows lingered along after the sun had set. Residents whispered of a ghost, a spirit bound by unfinished business. Mara, a curious teenager moved in with her family. One night, she heard soft sobbing in the attic. Guided by a flickering candle,

she climbed to find a spectral figure, shimmering in the moonlight. The ghost, Eleanor, had lost her beloved pendant years ago. Mara promised to help.

Together, they searched the attic uncovering forgotten treasures and poignant memories. Initially, beneath a dusty trunk, Mara found the pendant. As she handed it to Eleanor, the house filled with a warm light, and Eleanor's ghostly form faded into peace. The next day, Mara discovered an old letter tucked in the pendant's box. It was from Eleanor's lost love expressing undying devotion. Mara realized that some ghosts aren't haunting but seeking closure.

Years later, Mara returned to Oak Street, now a historian. She shared Eleanor's tale, reminding everyone that even in haunted places, love and resolution can transcend time.

A Nation Can Develop Only If All Are Educated

by Reet Kaur, IX G

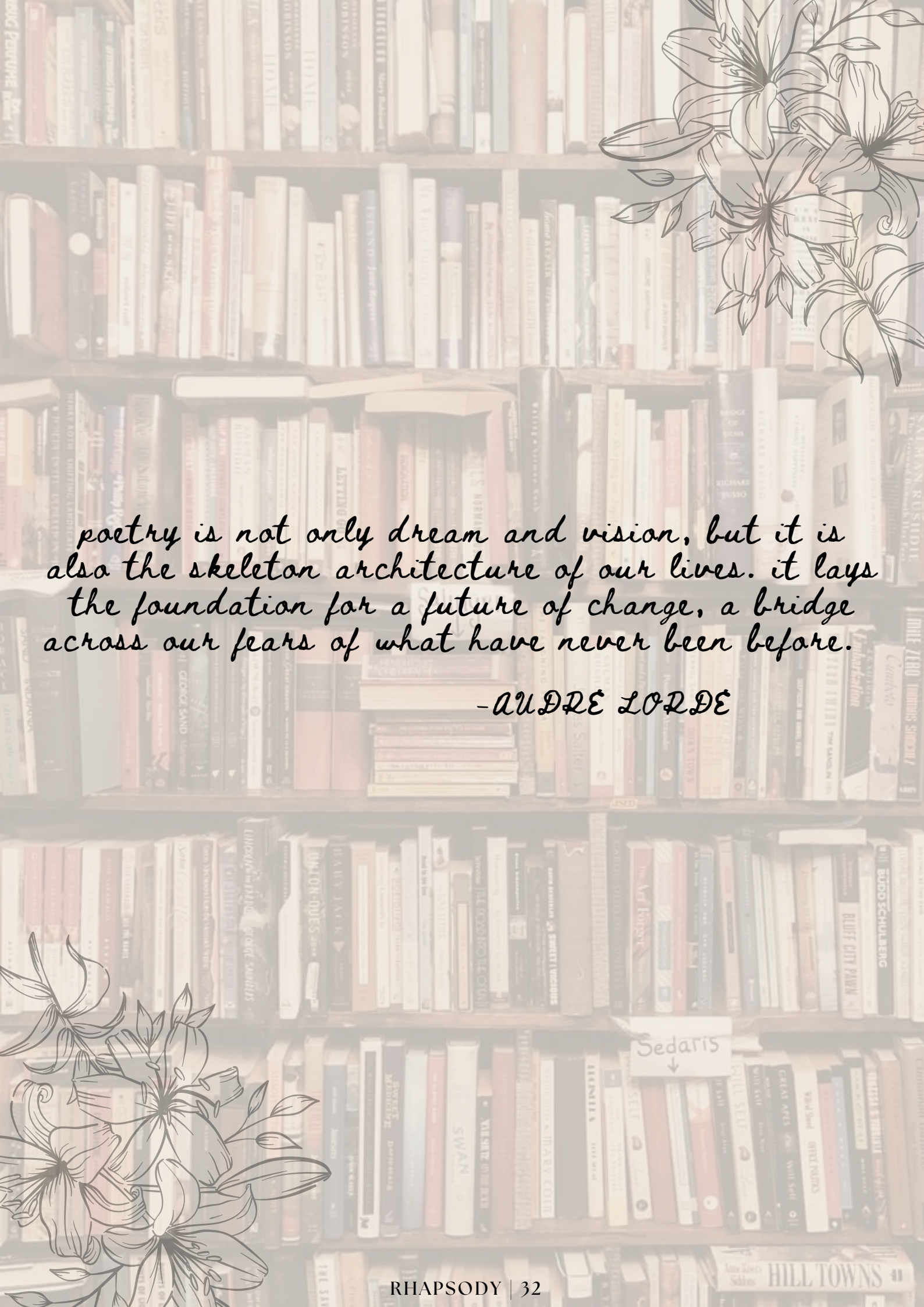
“Education is the key to unlocking the world. It is thy passport of our very freedom”

Education, the gentle light on a dark path which leads you to success. Education, the very seed which leads to the blooming of flowers of peace in our mind. Education, the lighthouse which guides us through stormy nights and last but not least, Education, the warm of embrace of a gap being bridged, unity amongst all, a tapestry of cultures that are much more than just diverse and a timeless tale which can make a nation stand and stand tall. Education paints the canvas of a nation's future with its gentle brush strokes making the end product bright and enchanting. It unlocks the doors of excellence allowing a nation to reach the fullest of its potential and making the word 'problems' completely vanish out of our little pocket dictionary, making 'brilliance' the next new thing on the table.

The war against poverty would most certainly come to an end after a long-awaited period of time and peace would be a much understatement to describe it. Imagine an economically disadvantaged individual finally earning a job after attaining the education he had been needing? Joy among the individuals would take over. Wouldn't millions of such jobs be much-much beneficial for the generations who shall come and go in the future? This imagination of ours; truly enchanting, turning into a reality would be the fairy dust waiting to be sprinkled over our nation in hopes of it progressing enough to achieve any obstacle that may come its way.

The word and obstacle we sought to remove 'corruption' would finally die a death everyone had been waiting for. With a nation being educated, everyone would have the ability to differ between what may be good for us and what would turn out to be terribly wrong. The eradication of this term would pave the path to an illustrious future which advocates for transparency and fairness. A sense of brilliance could be conveyed and a future that is radiant and full of potential. An exceptionally valid fact is how it would drive economic growth and innovation which would be like a shoulder to lean on for third world and developing countries none other, but like our very own. Education would elevate productivity and efficiency of the workforce. Radiant and eagerly awaited days would lie on the horizon, awaiting the ascent of aspiring nations. In the nurturing embrace of education, nations could discover the fertile ground for innovation, propelling them towards future aglow with sustainable development as well as esteemed global leadership guiding the way towards a brighter tomorrow for all who walk the path of progress and embracing the promise of prosperity for generations yet to come and inspiring hope across the horizons of time.

In the narrative of current progress, emerges the delicate thread weaving together the fabric of a journey that the essence of a flourishing society is education, it is like the symphonies of a majestic choir in sync producing charming melodies and harmonious tunes which reflect human thoughts, it is a song which every individual can sing. It is like an oil lamp, on a gloomy table casting a gloomy shadow on the globe on the bookshelf, this gloomy shadow is so symbolical telling us how necessary education truly is. It is the gateway to boundless opportunities, nurturing growth and certainly a brighter tomorrow.



poetry is not only dream and vision, but it is also the skeleton architecture of our lives. it lays the foundation for a future of change, a bridge across our fears of what have never been before.

-AUDRE LORDE

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Whisper Of Wilderness

In whispered tones of emerald green,
Where sunlight dances, softly seen,
The forest breathes a timeless song,
A place where earth and sky belong.

Beneath the boughs where shadows play,
The creatures of the dawn convey
Their tales of life, both old and new,
In harmony, the wild renew.

A river's murmur, gentle stream,
Reflects the world in crystal gleam,
Where stones are smoothed by nature's
hand,
A symphony of water and land.

The mountains rise, a fortress grand,
Their peaks adorned in snowy band,
In nature's arms, we find our place,
A tranquil world of boundless grace.

Flowers bloom in colours bright,
A canvas kissed by morning light,
Their fragrance on the breeze set free,
An ode to nature's purity.

As twilight wraps the day in gold,
The secrets of the night unfold,
Stars appear in velvet skies,
A cosmic dance before our eyes.

~MANASVI GUPTA, VIII-A



An Ode to Hope

Tears fall when words fail,
Dreams of expression fade
into liquid melancholy
while thoughts run awry and
the mind seeks safety
when the armor of reason
protects no more.

The battalions collide
and chaos triumphs
while plaintive pleas fade
into ignored echoes.
Apathy is all that surrounds
when the ocean of calmness
goes black as the morbidity engulfs
the euphoria that once was.

How will the sun rise again
in a sky so utterly doomed
to the horrific wrath of darkness?
Can the battalions be silenced
and pleas be heard to escape
the misery that pervades?

Newfound hope can emerge
in a battleground supposedly lost
to the ploy of hopelessness.
Liquid melancholy can then weave
the warp and weft of an
armor supremely strong
which no weapon can break.

The ocean of calmness
returns to pristine blue
while empathy replaces
its tyrannical foe in a victory
so sweet yet difficult to earn
which clings to the new ropes of hope
to see the sun rise brighter than ever
before.

Ephemeral beauty

Tranquil quiet surrounded her
as she looked at the sunset grim with fear
She wished for time to change its plans and move towards a brighter sky
Alas that wasn't a choice for her to make. as the sun had to set to rise again.
She looked at the candy floss sky and marvelled at the sight for sore eyes
she could endure a thousand tears more
for the picture she would behold here
The sun was gone and the moon shone bright
only to remind her that the stars would align
Her tears reflected the moonlight and ignited her smile
Cause she knew now that the sun would rise.

-ANANDITA SINGH, XII H

The Ineffable Beauty

While enjoying a puppet show.
I realised something I really wanted to know
A puppet is incomplete without a puppeteer.
The same way is our brain without our heart
They can never stay apart.

But who's in the lead.
This is a tough question indeed.
Life choices are hard.
But listening to our brain or heart.
Is another inner- war.

Some say listen to heart.
Others say the brain is mighty.
But whom should we listen to?
In the end we leave it to the almighty.

I'd say. do what you love
Keep the negative thoughts at the bay.
We couldn't decide who the puppet or
who the puppeteer is
But we know they both are
incomplete without each other.

-ANANHITA NAGPAL, VII B



Education: Value in our Life

Oh! Education
The Mother Of all profession
You are the passport of our progress
You are the golden key to success
You increase our prosperity
you are the process of teaching and
learning
which will help us in our future
earning
Oh! Education
What a great contribution!

-NANDIKA ARORA, VI E

Secret of Success

Friendship

I wanted to thank you.
but was unable to explain what it
means to have a friend.
to share life's joy and life's plains.
It's good to know our friendship
forget out of respect
and every kind of emotion it's
patient and forgiving
never never failing or forgiving
when a hand is out speaking
When one's heart is breaking
Its over-faithful
even when the world condemns
and sparkles in the darkness
lifelike fireworks and gems
It does my heart good.
at the end of the day

-ISHIKA, VI G



I found the answer in my room
Roof said: Aim high
Fan said: Be cool
Clock said: Every second is precious
Mirror said: Reflect before you Act
Window said: See the world
Calendar said: Be up to date
Door said: Push hard to achieve your goal

-AYAAN MATTA, VI-B

Friends

Friends are the most valuable part of our
life.

True friends are always there in our ups
and downs.

In the river of life. they never let you
drown.

Friends are like rainbows. they add
colour to our boring lives.

Friends are the gift. "sent by God. and
chosen by us".

Friends keep our inner child alive.

Friends are like "DIAMONDS" the more
you polish. the more they shine..!

FRIENDS ARE THE GREATEST
BLESSING.

-RISHITA SHARMA, VI B

Under the Starry Sky

Underneath the starry sky.
Where dreams and twinkling stars do lie.
The moonlight shines a gentle light.
On shadows in the peaceful night.

A whisper floats in the cool air.
A song of love, a touch of care.
Soft echoes of a wish so bright.
A tiny spark in the moonlight.

In the calm, so still and deep.
Where secrets of the night do sleep.
We find a peace that gently flows.
In the quiet, our spirit grows

-AARAV S PARIHAR, VI E

Soldier: Our Protector

Oh, my soldier
Oh, my soldier.
Keep protecting us from the others.

getting tired
Every time, but can't find anyone kind

Losing your loved ones.
losing your head

Can't find anyone
To tell you: you are great!
fighting day and
Trying to keep all of us alive.

-DIVIJA SOLANKI, VIII C



Distractions

Distractions here, distractions there.
The soul says, focus on your goals.
While the brain whispers,
just a bit more.
Distractions pull me into thoughts,
yet I remember my true dreams,
so close.

Distractions dance on a thousand
streams.
Each one a new dream to chase.
The choice is mine, which path to take.
To follow distractions or inspiring
dreams.

yet in these wanderings,
treasures I find.
A break, a spark of creativity,
wild and free.
Though distractions may lead me
astray.
In every pause,
a new thought takes sway.

So let distractions come, soft as rain,
Nourishing the soil of a rigid mind.
In their chaos, there's wisdom to gain.
Deeper insights, and a heart more kind.

-SOHAM CHHABRA, VIII E

Family's Embrace

In the shelter of this family, we've grown up through the years.
Grandparents' tales of old times, with wisdom to impart.
Fill our minds with wonder, and love fills our heart.
Holidays are special, with traditions we hold dear.
Celebrating together, with joy and festive cheer.

When the world feels heavy, and storms begin to brew,
Family is the anchor, that sees us safely through.
In this nest of comfort, where love is always near,
We find strength in each other, and wipe away the tears.
For family is forever, a bond no one can sever,
A circle of support, in every endeavor.
So let's cherish these moments, both the big and the small.

In a house filled with laughter, where warm hearts reside,
Lives a family together, side by loving side.
Parents, siblings, all unique, yet bound by love so true,
A tapestry of kindness, in every shade and hue.

Morning sun wakes us up, with a bright and cheerful ray,
Breakfast shared at the table, to start a brand new day.
Dad's stories make us giggle, Mom's hugs make us strong,
In this place of belonging, where we all feel we belong.

Siblings can be silly, and sometimes we might fight,
But our bond is unbreakable, like stars in the night.
We play games in the garden, and share our dreams and fears.

-TRISHA AHUJA, VI B

HOLD ON TO DREAMS

Hold on to dreams,
For when they go,
They're like streams,
For when you feel low.

You are a bird,
With broken wings,
Who cannot fly.

But dreams help you
to build your cocoon,
Like a butterfly.

You can be anyone,
Anyone you dream.
All you need to do is close your eyes,
Close your eyes and dream.

-AMAIRA VALECHA, VII E

My Dad's Hands

My dad's hands are strong
And they're big and they're tough
But when I need help
They're gentle enough.
My dad's hands can teach me
To work and to give.
And by their example
I'll learn how to live.
Right now, my hands are small
And learning good from bad.
Someday I hope my hands
Will be just like my dad's!

-KAMAL NARAYAN CHOUBEY, VII B



Dear Mom

Dear Mom
Where have you come from
So loving, so charming
So jolly, so friendly
I noticed that you are pretty sensitive
But for someone close you are fully protective
And I know that someone close to you is me
Very graceful, very playful
yet most important is without makeup also you look beautiful
Well, I must say that you are very wise
Cause you always give me gifts which are big in size
Thank you, God, for creating this masterpiece
Or else me and my dad would never be at peace

-PANKHUDI, VII B



Dreams Unveiled

In the silent night, dreams take flight.
Painting pictures in the soft moonlight.
Through the dark they softly glide.
Guiding us on a dreamy ride.
In dreams, we roam with hearts so light.
Chasing wishes through the night.

With every sleep, a new story told.
In the magical world where dreams unfold.
So close your eyes and let them play.
Those dreams that come when night holds sway.
For in their embrace, we find delight.
In the gentle whispers of the night.

-SHREYA GUPTA, XII-C2

The Realm of Dreams

In the silent realm where stars dance with glee.
There lies a kingdom, boundless and free.
It's where the soul takes flight, unfurling its wings.
Guided by dreams, where endless possibility sings.

In the tapestry of night, dreams weave their art.
Painting visions of the mind, a symphony of heart.
Through whispers of time, they softly call.
Inviting us to journey, to rise and to fall.

Dreams are the architects of our deepest desires.
Crafting worlds of wonder, igniting celestial fires.
In their embrace, we find solace and grace.
As they lead us to explore each boundless space.

They are the lanterns that illuminate the dark.
Guiding us through shadows, leaving their mark.
In the depths of slumber, they shimmer and gleam.
Unveiling the secrets of the subconscious stream.

yet dreams are more than mere fantasies in flight.
They are the catalysts of change, the beacon of light.
They inspire, they challenge, they beckon us to aspire.
To reach beyond the horizon, to stoke the inner fire.

So let us embrace the dreams that dare to soar.
For in their embrace, we find ourselves evermore.
In the realm of possibility, where stars softly gleam.
We discover the true essence of what it means to dream.

-LAKSHITA SHARMA, IX- G



True literature should rouse the reader,
unsettle him, change his view of the
world, give him a resolute push over the
cliff of self-knowledge.

