

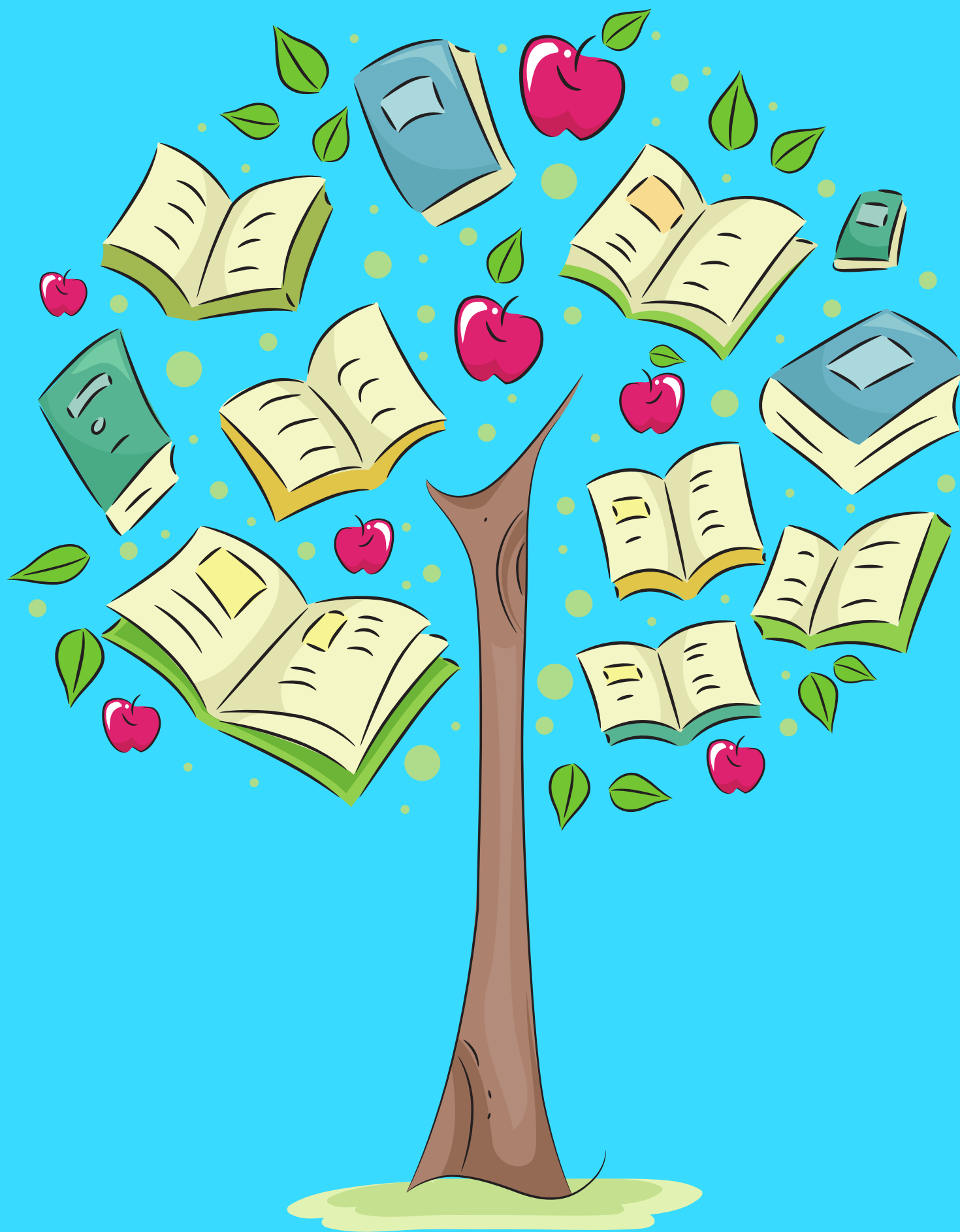


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Traditional Values | Modern Thoughts



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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the 6th edition of 'Gnana Deepam' the annual e- school magazine of Podar International School, Magadi Road, Bengaluru. We are really proud and exuberant to acclaim that we are ready with all new hopes and confidence to bring out the 6th issue, which unfolds the unraveled world of the most unforgettable and precious moments of our school. The magazine is to be viewed as a launch pad for the children's creative urges to blossom naturally.

As the saying goes, 'Our mind is like parachute that works best when opened'. This humble initiative is to set the budding minds free allowing them to roam free in the realm of imagination and experience to create a world of beauty in words and pictures. The enthusiastic write-ups of our young writers are sufficient to hold the interest and admiration of the readers. We are sure that the positive attitude, hard work, sustained efforts and innovative ideas exhibited by our young buddies will surely stir the mind of the readers and take them to the world of joy and pleasure. We have put in relentless efforts to bring excellence to this treasure trove. I hope this magazine brings joy and pleasure in you in this time of uncertainty. We have been going through the times of tough situations and circumstances as this pandemic posed us forgetful and unpredictable times of human lives. It is important to note that our young buddies have taken time to reveal their inner instincts and creativity through this platform. The school is an incarnation of self-respect, love, affection, sensibility, responsibility and compassion which puts the students into a "State of flow" and makes them genuinely want to learn. We recognize, appreciate, applaud and foster the fine blend of sensibilities in a child, changing a negative outlook from drab to bright. The magazine also reveals the School spirit which is built up within the school through the collective actions, thoughts and aspirations. All these, I believe would bring higher growth and enterprise in children. It gives me immense pleasure to ensure that this magazine has successfully accomplished its objective. The reflection of the students' creativity and achievements is the epitome of the magazine. Students have put forth their ideas and thoughts that are too deep to be expressed and too strong to be suppressed.

This magazine before you is the combined efforts of students, teachers and the Principal.

Chief Editor



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Dear Readers,

Podar International School, Magadi Road, Bengaluru is one of the leading schools in Bangalore imparting quality education. Our mission is to prepare students to face challenges of the 21st century with clear goals for individual students in mind.

The world today is moving at an unprecedented speed with new challenges coming its way every second of a day, we are aware that as educators we need to pause, think and reflect on the entire system of education.

Are our schools well equipped to train students to face the challenges that the future holds?

Questions of this type motivate us and steer us to design, plan and execute curricular programs to ensure that students who walk into the portals of our school not only love the school but become a responsible and proactive citizen of our country. It was Margret Mead who said that "Children must be taught how to think, not what to think".

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all" was said by Aristotle and we at our school believe in it. Our goal is to ensure that students develop an all rounded personality - physical, mental, social and aesthetic too. To develop aesthetic sensibilities the school provides opportunities, a platform to the students to express creatively by penning down their feelings.

The years 2019 – 2021 were difficult indeed but the outcomes have been as they say of mixed feelings- happy and sad. Happy because we see that the students and the teachers have accepted the challenges of learning and teaching and molded themselves so beautifully, sad because it was difficult as it did not come by easily. We are fortunate that we have a committed and a supportive Management, caring and cooperative Parents; dedicated and sincere teachers who have blended themselves in making this school a child centric school.

We are proud that despite the challenging situation, our students of grade IX & X have made our school, our parents and themselves proud by participating in 'Manak' Inspire Awards. Our students have also excelled in sports – athletics, Cricket, Taekwondo. Here today on 26th January, 2022, we release our school magazine 'GNANA DEEPAM' a milestone that marks our growth, unfolds our imagination and give life to our thoughts. It unleashes a wide spectrum of thoughts, stories, poems, riddles and drawings. I congratulate the editorial team for their sincere and hard work in publication of the school magazine.

Happy Reading to all,
Gayatri V
Principal

MEASURES TO CONTROL ONE'S ANGER

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1. Listen to everyone patiently and respond wisely.
2. Try to socialize with everyone around you instead of holding grudge.
3. Avoid being over excited emotionally for every simple reason.
4. Avoid getting others provoked with your words and actions.
5. Cultivate the habit of understanding the situation before you lose your temper.
6. Stand before a mirror for some time and appreciate the wonderful creation of the Lord that is YOU.
7. Start counting from 1 to 20 slowly; it will help you subside your anger.
8. Take time and question yourself whether you are the reason for your own anger.
9. Have a pillow fight when angry.
10. Better to remain quiet and alone for a while when angry.



STRESS MANAGEMENT TIPS



Stress Management Tips

Do you find yourself in stressful mood often? Do you feel upset to be under pressure sometimes? Here are some tips to beat stress.

1. Keep a positive attitude always.
2. Accept that there are some events that you cannot control.
3. Reevaluate your thoughts about the event/situations that are causing unpleasant feelings.
4. Be assertive instead of aggressive. Assert your feelings, opinions or beliefs instead of becoming angry, defensive or passive.
5. Learn and practice relaxation techniques; try meditation, yoga etc for stress management.
6. Exercise regularly. Your body can fight stress better when it is fit.
7. Eat healthy, well balanced meals.
8. Learn to manage your time more effectively.
9. Set limits appropriately and learn to say NO to requests that would create excessive stress in your life.
10. Make time for hobbies, interests and relaxation.
11. Get enough rest and sleep. Your body needs time to recover from stressful events.
12. Don't rely on alcohol, drugs or compulsive behaviors to reduce stress.
13. Spend time in nature like visiting parks or nearby landscapes.
14. Spend enough time with whom you feel comfortable and contented.
15. Listen to one of your favorites soothing music to burst out your stress.

By Manjuantha D, Teacher



EXPERT'S TIPS TO SCORE WELL IN BOARD EXAMS

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Expert's tips to score well in board exams

Here are few tips from the experts to score well in board exams 2022 Board exams play a crucial role in the life of a student and are stepping stones to a successful future ahead. Whether it is obtaining admission in the college and course of a student's choice or getting into his/her dream career, the board exam results reflects a student's aptitude and is an indicator of his/her academic excellence.

1. Prepare a study plan The first and foremost thing you should do is to plan how and what to study. A study plan not only ensures effective preparation but also motivates you towards achieving your target score. Before making a study plan, you should know their productive time and target completing the most challenging or difficult topics when your brain is most active. It will help you absorb well and retain better. Besides, you should set realistic and achievable goals. It will not only help you in focusing better but also motivate you to study, thereby giving you a sense of achievement and boosting your confidence level.

2. Start with high-weightage chapters and important topics With a little more than a month to go, the focus should be on revising chapters with high weightage and important topics. Being well-versed with these chapters will help you to score more in boards. If there are any doubts, you should reach out to your teachers and ensure all your doubts are clarified much in advance. While preparing, you can categorize the chapters as difficult, moderate and easy and accordingly divide your time.

3. Study NCERT textbooks in detail The syllabus of the CBSE Board Exams is completely based on the NCERT textbooks. A detailed study of the NCERT textbooks is, thus, vital as every line of the book entails important information. Moreover, you should pay special attention to in-text and exercise questions. Thorough practice of these questions will help you test your knowledge of the chapter, gauge your weak areas and improve upon them in due time.

4. Work on improving speed and accuracy Along with your understanding and knowledge of the chapter, your speed and accuracy with which you answer a question or solve it makes a difference. The best way to improve speed and accuracy is by setting a timer every time you practice a question or takes a mock test. You should solve as many mock tests as possible in a timed manner to improve your writing speed and accuracy.

5. Develop good time management skills Good time management skills help students to achieve more in less time, thereby allowing time for recreational activities. To develop good time management skills, you should strictly follow the study plan, achieve the set goals, and avoid procrastination. Additionally, you should solve more and more mock tests. This will help you strategize how much time should be spent on a particular question or section, etc., and allow enough time for revision.

6. Revise the syllabus and practice papers multiple times You should engage in focused and multiple revisions of the entire syllabus. Besides revising the NCERT textbooks and practicing questions of NCERT Exemplar, you should go through you study notes multiple times. The focus should also be ongoing through already solved mock tests, analyzing the mistakes, learning from them, and improving on the weak areas.

7. Replicate a real exam scenario Replicating a real exam scenario can greatly help in addressing your exam-related anxieties. You need to find an isolated space with no distractions. Before beginning the test, you should time the clock to 3 hours. It is advised to take the test at the same time as that of the exam to help your biological clock to

get accustomed to that of the exam. Using the washroom before the commencement of the test will help save time. Everything should be a complete replica of what you will experience on the exam day. This will acquaint you with the real exam scenario and boost your confidence level.

8. Stay healthy and consume nutritious food Last but not the least, during the critical period before the exam, it is very important for you to stay healthy as even a single day's loss can have massive repercussions. You should, thus, take proper sleep and eat nutritious food to keep your mind and body healthy. Additionally, you should take adequate breaks between long study sessions. This will not only ensure focused learning but also reenergize your mind.





Anvitha, Grade 5 Rose



Parijatha Grade 7 Lotus



Badrish M Aithal Grade 9R

My Mom

She wakes up in the middle of night
To check if I am alright.
The happiness my mom brings
Makes my heart sing.
She will always be my goddess
And never leaves my side.
I am really happy for what she is.....

My friend

Words are less to describe a friend.....
A friend is not the one who comes to play with us or who comes in your times of happiness...
However, a friend is the one who will be with us for our every emotion.
A man without a friend is like a library without books....
No money or luxury, caste or language is needed for friendship.
But it needs only two hearts.

Full form of FRIEND

F – fabulous
R – rocking
I – intelligent
E – educated
N – naughty
D – dear one

Coordination

Coordination! Coordination!
A word that might sound simple
But it is not as simple or unnecessary as you think
It intervenes between organs to make us live
It intervenes between atoms to make this world
It intervenes between us to bring humanity
It intervenes between planets to stars to galaxies
This makes us say how wonderful the space is!
It is there in every part of life and every subject we learn
May it be Science as coordinate bonds
Or Mathematics as coordinate geometry
Or in PE as a team game.
Coordination is what that brings beauty among two things
May it be a march past or simply walking in line
Coordination brings discipline.....
That is what I wish to say on Coordination.

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Mishri Vachani Grade 6 Rose



Komala G Gangapala 4th Rose



Aadya Pai Grade 7 lotus

Dreams

I used to dream of pretty things
Beyond this world
I dreamt of pretty sunset where the colors all were swirled
But one day I stopped dreaming as they were soon replaced
With nightmares that showed
All the monsters I had to face in my dreams,
And there was a princess to save me from my fate
Now my dreams are filled with dark things.
Like demons and things I hate
I thought I would be forever stuck with no way to be free
But I realize all along I had to simply dream.

Our Nature.....

Nature....nature.....nature.....
Our beautiful nature.
It gives us everything we want.
It gives us food, oxygen and water.
If we do not care about nature,
Even nature won't care for us.
Naturenature....our beautiful nature.

Patriotism

India the land of sages
Its history that prosperous for ages
The world is proud of it
Because its culture none can beat
With rivers, sweet fountains
Its land of high mountains
Whatever caste or religion
We all live here in unison
Let's bring happiness on each face
Educate the entire human race
Let us cut the trap of unemployment
And fill every heart with encouragement
Remember how freedom was won
By freedom fighters who struggled and sacrificed
Pray for the lives lost in fight
For the nation to ignite and unite.

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Deepika Prasad Grade 8 Rose

Examination
Here comes examination
Start and be ready with your preparation
And there should be no relaxation
Attend your exam without tension
And after examination
There is full of relaxation.
In Math, addition, subtraction
Multiplication and division
Other subject only memorization and revision
With full of concentration
And no distraction.
Make a collection of what you have learnt
That is like a revision
But marks should be above expectation
So you can be a successful person.



Achyuth V Rose

ನವಿಲು
ಮಕ್ಕಳೆ ಬನ್ನಿರಿ ಕನ್ನಡ ಕಲಿಯಿರಿ,
ಈಗ ನಾವೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಕನ್ನಡದ ಒಂದು ಪದ್ಯ ಕಲಿಯೋಣ
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Harshith A U, Grade 8 rose

जिंदगी
ना कोई सही ना कोई गलत
बस सोच सोच का है यह फर्क।
सबका जीने का
अपना-अपना है तर्क।
मुझे सौभाग्य है
कोई समझे दुर्भाग्य है।
कुछ के लिए आसान सी
कुछ के लिए कर्ज़ सी।
जिंदगी तो बस जिंदगी है यारों
बतलाना हमारा फर्ज़ है।



Greeshma V Grade 7 Lotus

Rainbow

*Oh! My Rainbow, Oh! My Rainbow
How lovely, charming and delightful you are!
Indigo, violet, orange and green too
Yellow, red and blue so true
You are a message from the heaven above
Filling our heart with joy and wearing a smile on our face.
Oh! My Rainbow, Oh! My Rainbow
Glittering and vibrant color,
Sent to us with love
Showing light that shines so bright
In the rainy dull weather
Oh! My Rainbow, Oh! My Rainbow
Sometimes I wonder,
Did we fall from the rainbow?
While trying to touch the sky,
Speaking to the colorful butterflies
Asking our ancestors why?
Oh! My Rainbow, Oh! My Rainbow
Since I have been a little child,
My heart leaped whenever I saw
A rainbow in the plain blue sky.
So was it since my existence
Or was it something that happened to every child like me?
Oh! My Rainbow, Oh! My Rainbow
Violet like the flower smiling
Indigo like some eggplants
Blue like the flames of fire
Green like the caterpillar smoking
Yellow like the daffodils in the garden
Orange like the tangerines from the tree,
Red like the Santa's suit

Oh! My Rainbow, Oh! My Rainbow
How lovely, charming and delightful you are!*



Madhumathi, Teacher

नया वर्ष
नया वर्ष आया है
नीम और गुड़ लाया है।
दुःख भर कर आई है
दिल का कड़वा अधिक है।
फैला हुआ सारे जग में
कोरोना जैसी बीमारी।
स्वच्छता को पास रखना
दूर चले जाएगी बीमारी।
प्रसन्न होगी हमारी प्रकृति
खुश रहेगी सारी धरती।

मेरी दीदी
मुझसे पहले धरती पर आई
माता पिता का प्यार वो पाई।
मुझको स्वागत उसने ही दी
मेरे साथ खेलती नाचती।
खिलाती पढ़ाती मेरी दीदी
दीदी मेरी जीवन ज्योति।
मेरी गलती उसने लेकर
पापा से ली थी वो पिटाई।
पूरा दुख उसने लेकर
मुझको दे दी सारी खुशियाँ।
जीवन में सही मार्ग दिखाती
अभी मेरी घर में रौशनी फैलाती।



Sadhana Kumari, Teacher

मेरी दादी
चलो सुनाती हूँ, मैं एक कहानी।
नहीं था इसमें राजा, और कोई भी रानी।।
दादी थी एक बुढ़ी सी, रहती मेरे साथ थी वो।
छोटे से सपनों के घर में, रहती भर खुशहाल थी वो।।
पापा मम्मी को समय नहीं, रहते थे उनको काम कई।
नित रोज उठाती दादी ही, नित रोज सुलाती दादी ही।।
खाना-पीना हंसना रोना, सब कुछ मेरा दादी ही थी।
दादी आज तो रही नहीं, पर यादें उनकी गई नहीं।।
हर पल लगता वह साथ ही है, उनकी सीख पर विश्वास भी है।
सब की दादी होती प्यारी, सबसे न्यारी सबसे न्यारी।।

जग का उजाला
जब भी गिरे उठना सीखे,
जीवन में हम बढ़ना सीखे।
हम दीपक है इस जग के लिए,
दूर अँधेरा करना सीखे।
सच की लड़ाई मुश्किल होगी,
काँटो से भरी हर डगर होगी।
हमें चलना इस पर हँसकर ही,
रोने से कुछ हल होता नहीं।
हम बच्चे हैं हम सच्चे हैं,
खुश रह कर आगे बढ़ना हमें।
करके उजियारा इस जग में,
माँ बाप को गर्वित करना हमें।



Manjunatha D, Teacher

My language is great and wonderful
My language is wonderful
My language is not just a collection of letters and words
It is not just a language of library
It is deeply rooted in depth of our soul.
My language is wonderful
Because it spreads the fragrance of literature around us
It rests right on the tip of my tongue
It is a tool which shapes our minds
It is soothing for the one who listens
It is sweet for the one who speaks
My language is wonderful
Because it connects millions of people around the world
With its beautiful sentence structure and sounds
It echoes in mind when spoken with love and affection
It reminds us that we all belong to one religion called human race
My language is wonderful as it is great
Because it decides our fate in this world of competition
It is a guiding lamp for the bread earner
It is like a direction map for the traveler
It fills our heart with beautiful thoughts and motivational quotes.

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Padma K Teacher

Time for everything.
Take time to work
It is the price of success
Take time to think
It is the source of power
Take time to play
It is the secret of youth
Take time to read
It is the foundation for wisdom
Take time to love
It is the privilege of gods
Take time to look around
It is too pleasant to listen a sound
Take time to laugh
It is the music of the soul.

Life
Life is at its peak
Birth is its beginning, crown in it
Smile is its inspiration, enjoy it
Tears are its sensation, absorb it
Success is its salvation, reach it
Love is its course, learn it
Humanity is its purpose, serve it
Death is its end, wait for it
Live life for its cause and fulfill its purpose.



Vanishree KA, Teacher

-FRIENDSHIP-
F Fabulous
R Relationship
I Involves
E Enjoyment
N nurture
D dedication

Friendship is like a beautiful flower in the garden,
Just think about it, it spreads fragrance
Who does not want to be a part of it?
No age criteria for it
Everybody has their own stories to say,
They enjoy sharing their own way.
Friendships is not the same,
Some are bound to be with rules,
Some break all the rules.
Beware of expectations in this relationship
Because it ruins the foundation in your friendship
Advised not to hold your friendship tightly
Give some fresh air to breathe slightly.
If, it is meant for you, it will definitely return to you
Or else it will never come back to you.



Roopa J A Teacher

ವಿದ್ಯೆಗೆ ವಿನಯವೇ ಭೂಷಣ
ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗೆ ಸಂಸ್ಕಾರವೇ ಭೂಷಣ
ನೀವು ಮುದ್ದಿನ ಮಕ್ಕಳು
ನೀವು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳು
ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗೆ ನಡೆ ನುಡಿಯೇ ಭೂಷಣ
ನೀವು ಎಳೆಯರು, ಮುಗ್ಧರು
ನೀವೇ ಮುಂದಿನ ನಾಡ ಹಿರಿಯರು
ನಿಮಗೆ ತಾಳ್ಮೆ ವಿನಯವೇ ಭೂಷಣ
ನೀವು ನಕ್ಷತ್ರಗಳು
ನೀವೇ ಭವ್ಯ ಭಾರತದ ಭವಿಷ್ಯ ರೂಪಿಸುವವರು
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ನೀವು ಬೆಳಕು ನೀಡುವ ದೀಪಗಳು
ನೀವೇ ತಂದೆ-ತಾಯಿಯ ಆಶಯಕೆ,
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RIDDLE

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Greeshma V Grade 7 lotus



1. I am full of holes but I can hold water. What am I ?
2. I am born from the ocean, I became invisible when added to water, I am present in everyone's home. I am capable of ruining your taste if I am used more. What am I?
3. Every year we are cut and many lives cry for us as we are not there when they need us. What are we?
4. I know how much tears you have dropped and how much pain you have gone through. But I am not a living thing. What am I?
5. They do not have nerves, nor blood, nor bone. Yet they still have thumbs and fingers of their own. What are they?

Answer: 1. Sponges 2. Salt 3. Trees 4. Pillow 5. Gloves



Manjuantha D, Teacher

STORY TIME

A beautiful flower

Once there was a beautiful flower in the garden. It was so beautiful that all the flowers were envy and jealous about its beauty. It used to waft fragrance all over the garden. The gardener was also proud of having the flower in his garden. Everybody admired its beauty.

The flower was very proud of its beauty and grace. However, she wished to get popularity beyond the garden. She also wished to see that she will be the talk of the town. She felt it gives her satisfaction only if she is admired by the entire world. In order to fulfill her accomplishment, she had to appeal to the God through prayer and rigorous penance. So she decided and started her penance with strong determination, dedication and strong will power to impress the God to come down and bless.

After having done with her strong penance. The God was impressed and appeared in front of her. She was overjoyed and her happiness had no bounds. The God said, "I was really impressed by your prayer. Tell me what boon you wish to get," He continued, "Whatever your wish, it will be granted immediately," The flower replied excitedly, "Thank you so much for obliging my prayer and appearing in front of me to fulfill my dream and wish. Oh! My dear God. I will be blessed if you could make me famous and popular all over the world so that I will be extremely happy for being a beautiful flower. Let everyone admire and praise only me but not any other flower in the world". The God said, "You have been granted the boon and your wish is fulfilled. Henceforth, your popularity will spread far and wide like your own fragrance". Saying so, the God disappeared. The flower felt extremely happy for the boon. The flower was on cloud nine as she earned name and fame over a short period.

Gradually, everybody including men, women, animals and all creatures thronged towards the garden to get the glance at fairy flower. Initially, the flower was jubilant as she was poured with shower of praise by all but as the time went by, she was unable to manage her popularity because she hardly got time to give for herself. She became so busy that she had no time even for her daily chores. She was exhausted and tired to handle big crowds who would throng to the garden to meet her. She was fed up of being among the crowd of people, animals and insects. Her boon turned to be a bane for her. She remembered those old days in which she smiled and danced happily along with the other flowers in the breeze. She also realized that popularity comes with so much of responsibility. She did not deserve to hold a celebrity tag. She also understood that one must get what one deserves it. She learnt to be complacent.

Then next, she prayed at God to take away her celebrity tag line from her life as she was happy being all by herself in the garden. The God heard her plea and freed her from being popularity. Thus, the flower led a common life. She lived happily with all other flowers until she withered away.

Moral: One should be content with what one has.

A short journey through the festivals

Rohit was a young boy of 8 years old studying in grade three of Podar International School. He went home one day after school and informed his mom that the school was getting ready to celebrate Santa Claus. He seemed excited that he was given a lot of work by his Art teacher. While going back home in school bus he had started planning – he decided to go the market that evening with his mom to buy a lot of craft material. He wanted to do his best art work. His mother a beautiful soft spoken lady who was laying the table for lunch expecting her son will come home any time. She laughed out loud when she heard 'Santa Claus', she said, 'The Santa Claus festival is called Christmas, it is celebrated as birthday of Jesus Christ globally- the world over'. Rohit was feeling very important, he asked, 'mom, why do we celebrate Jesus' birthday?' His mom replied, Lord Jesus believed and propagated love, peace, and sacrifice.

'Mom, then do we celebrate Deepawali as birthday of Rama?' questioned Rohit. 'No', said his mom 'Deepawali is the festival of lights and you must look for a light that is not with you and get it '. Rohit was perplexed, he asked 'So, Mom do we have many light in us?' His mom looked straight at him and said 'yes- truthfulness, respect, love, happiness etc. Think of the light you do not possess, and try to get it. These lights are like gems, more number of lights you possess the brighter you become'.

Rohit was in a pensive mood, suddenly raising his head, tugging at his mom's hand, Rohit asked then what can we learn by celebrating Ganesha Festival-?' His big ears tell you to be a good listener- listen first and then speak, listen patiently' said his mom. 'What can we learn from his big stomach?' Rohit mischievously laughed out loudly. 'His big stomach symbolizes knowledge – so much knowledge- read, learn, understand and grow- this is what we learn'. 'Mom what about his eyes, they are so tiny and small' quizzed Rohit. His mom very delightedly asked him to think and why Ganesha eyes are small?. Rohit quickly replied, 'see small things, see straight'. His mom said 'yes his eyes tell you to focus, to concentrate to do one thing at a time'. Still in an attentive mood he commented 'Ma, then every festival is important – we learn so many things-'. 'Yes beta, we celebrate every festival as it signifies something, it teaches us'. 'Mama my friend Ibrahim celebrates Eid- what we can learn by celebrating it, I shall tell him tomorrow in school'. Eid teaches us to be simple, it tells that all are equal and it also signifies sacrifice'. Rohit in long thoughtful tone asked, 'Maaa, what does sacrifice mean?' His mom heard Preeta crying, she asked Rohit to go and check why his younger sister Preeta was crying. Rohit jumped out of his chair and ran towards the bedroom where Preeta was playing. As he entered the bedroom he saw his favourite, new blue big automatic car was all broken and was on the floor, he wanted to shout and hit her, but the way his sister looked at him very placidly he hugged her and said, 'Never mind Preeta, Amma will buy a new one for me.' While he was saying this his mom entered the room and said 'That is sacrifice, when you give away something which you love dearly to someone, and you don't feel bad about it--- is sacrifice. Rohith, his mom said, you must make a list of festivals and think why we must celebrate it, what will each festival teach us. Your ajji and thatha will come on 22 nd Dec; you can share this with them. 'yes, mom that's a good idea, I shall surely do it' said Rohit'. He eagerly asked ' Mom, have you completed your work?, I want to go to Sapna Book house to buy sparklers, white colour handmade paper, glue, I have to make a Santa Claus and give it to our art teacher so that he can decorate the Christmas tree.' 'Yes, Rohit, we will go after you

finish your lunch'. Rohit was pleased and happily danced towards the dining table to have his lunch thinking of an enjoyable evening with his mom and his sister.

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K.A. Vanishree, Teacher

Is friendship Godly or belief?

Once there lived a small boy called Gopu with his widowed mother Yeshe. Both had a tough time to meet their ends every day. They lived near a forest. They depended on the forest for their two meals. Sometimes they used to eat fruits, vegetables and leaves to survive. Gopu was a charming child and ambitious. He too wanted to go to Gurukul like others in their village did. Mother always used to advise him that the Gurukul was on the other side of the forest and it would be a challenge for him to go alone deep in the forest. Gopal told his mother that he would definitely take a chance, if he fails he would drop the idea.

Next day early in the morning, Gopu was all excited to go, neatly dressed. Mother said, "Gopu, if you get scared, just call out for Lord Krishna for help, he will be there in front of you". Gopu started his journey. Initially, he was excited and did not know how he reached the middle of the forest. As he was deep in the forest, he could hear all sorts of sounds of wild animals, this scared Gopu a lot. He kept moving with lot of self motivation. As he was a little boy, he was too scared to move ahead. He remembered his mother's advise and called out for "Lord Krishna, L-o-r-d K-r-i-s-h-n-a!!! please help me, I am going to Gurukul, I am really scared of animals in the forest and there are weird sounds," he folded both his hands and prayed. After a pause, there was a melodious flute sound which made Gopu search for someone, but it was just a boy who looked after cows in the forest. He had a very good smile on his face and looked at Gopu and said, "I am Vanamali, What is your name? Why are you crying? Have you lost your way?". Gopu had a broad smile on his face and he explained his situation.

Vanamali was generous, he said, "Don't you worry, I will help you to reach the other side of the forest, if you keep this as a secret, and never tell anyone that I come to drop you every day. That's a deal between you and me". Gopu agreed and was overjoyed to get a new friend. Vanamali used to come in the day time drop Gopu to Gurukul and wait for him at the end of the forest in the evening to drop him back to the other side of the forest to his house. Days and months passed by, their friendship became very strong. Gopu had finished one year in Gurukul. Next day was his final day in the Gurukul. All the students were excitedly talking about the 'Gurudakshina'; which they were about to bring it the next day. Gopu was now in trouble, as he was poor and his mother could not afford to give any sort of Gurudakshina.

In the evening when he met Vanamali, Gopu was tight lipped, Vanamali was shocked as he had never seen Gopu so quiet. When he enquired Gopu, he said, "I don't have any Gurudakshina for tomorrow, all my class mates are bringing expensive gifts to give to our Guru, started crying". Vanamali consoled him and said, "You don't need to worry, I will arrange something in the morning. There was a spark in Gopu's eyes and he was able to sleep peacefully that night. Next day, when Vanamali was about to drop him, he gave him a small earthen pot covered with a white muslin cloth. Gopu hesitated to take, as it was a small pot. Vanamali gave it with a convincing smile, which made Gopu agree to it.

When he went inside his classroom, it was shocking to see so many gifts, cows, goats, buffalos, gunny bags of pulses, cereals, ghee, butter and many more. Now Gopu became very conscious and did not open his gift.

Teacher looked at Gopu and asked him, "What did Gopu bring for me?" Slowly he took out the small earthen pot. Guru was very happy, he took out the cloth and it was filled with delicious 'Kheer'; the aroma filled the whole classroom, attracted all the students towards it. Teacher started sharing it with all the students, surprisingly after sharing it to all, the pot never got empty, Guru was utterly surprised and asked Gopu about it? He was speechless, scared and was unable to say anything. Now he remembered that Vanamali had told him not to disclose his identity. Guru was curious to know about it; soon it became a talk of the Gurukul. Gopu was in tears. He cried on top of his voice, he called out Vanamali for help. Vanamali appeared in front of him and consoled him; others were able to hear sweet voice. However, none of them were able to see him. The soothing voice said, "I am Vanamali, Lord Krishna a very good friend of Gopu, I am visible to only those who are innocent and who are honest to the world". Guru felt extremely bad for having annoyed Gopu many times before. Every one fell on Gopu's feet. They realized that Gopu was not an ordinary child but a noble one who was lucky to have a friend like Vanamali who was none other than Lord Krishna himself.

Moral : Lord Krishna will help anyone who genuinely believes in him.

By : K.A. Vanishree



Gohana R Grade 5 Rose

Fairy friends forever

Once upon a time in a fairy land there lived three fairy friends. They were named as Tinker Bell, Pinky toes and Rainbow Dash. These three fairies are best friends. On one beautiful day in the fairy land, Tinker Bell baked a cake and called her friends. All her friends came and enjoyed a nice little tea party and ate the delicious cake. After a few weeks Pinky toes decided to bake a cake too. So she baked a cake and called her friends and drank the tea and ate the cake which was ridiculous. It was neither salty nor sweet. Rainbow dash said to Pinky toes that the cake was salty! Tinker Bell said, "It's Ok Pinky Toes we will show you how to bake a cake". They baked a beautiful and delicious cake. They sat together and enjoyed eating delicious cake all together. Thus, they lived happily helping each other forever.

Moral: "Team work makes the dream work".

The Book

Once, as I was flipping through the pages of the dusty old book. I noticed that many pages weremissing. I found this book in my attic. It looked mysterious and caught my eyes immediately. It looked very rustic and old. The name of the book was Mysterious nights of Armageddon. The room was quiet. My mom and dad went to pick my brother up from his hostel. I read the book firmly and as I flipped through the pages, it started glowing in a magical way. I had never seen a book glow like that before. Soon I fell asleep, my body felt weak as if my mind stuck inside the book. Soon I woke up and realized surely it was a dream I told myself. I was still in the attic. I ran downwards. I ran towards the kitchen as I was really hungry. But the sight of the kitchen frightened me as my mom was making food. I approached her with small steps as she turned around and I was frightened. She had horns, huge bulgy eyes, burning red eyes. I ran backwards to the attic and closed the door behind me. I saw my mom running behind me. I fell on my knees and started crying. The shutters started rumbling as I was very scared of my mom. The knock grew louder and my hands started shivering. I held the book again and prayed," I will go back from where I was and nothing happened". My heart broke down and I started sweating and knocks grew louder and louder. I fell on the ground and started crying. Soon I fell asleep for a long time. When I woke up I was in my bed, my mom was standing there scolding me as I woke up late and was getting late to school. I ~~thought to myself what had happened to me and came to conclusion that it was dream.~~

The School Reunion

One night after finishing all my work and daily chores I was really exhausted as if I was about to get fainted. I was working as a Senior Architect in a multinational company. That night, as I retired to my bed with a lethargic, drowsy and tired mind, I was not getting sleep at all. I was just rolling on the bed and looking up the ceiling but nothing was helping me get to sleep. I started reflecting all my thoughts about my school days, the naughtiness situations and circumstances of those days that was two decades ago.

A student's mind during the crucial period of 10th and 12th Grades was all appearing like real time pictures in my mind. Deep into those thoughts I slept on. That night in my dream, I saw myself in a party that was none other than 'The School Reunion'. I was sitting with my friends and on giant size dining table the same one we had used to have lunch. It was astonishing to see those students who were average scorers in school now working in one of the finest multinational companies and some of the top scorers who were not on good positions. One of the girls of our class who was very shy and silent is now a singer cum model.

It was so exciting to see all those faces with whom I had spent so many years together. Before I could gather my thoughts, the most heart touching incident happened when the teachers entered the party. Their faces were glowing in jubilant just like stars in the dark night to see their students again after so many years. They were glad to know that their naughty brat was a handsome successful man. Meanwhile, I realized the unique relationship between the teachers and the student which could not be experienced by anyone else. Suddenly the alarm rang and I sprung from bed realizing that all this was beautiful, pleasant dream. It made me feel so rejuvenated as if I was just out of school. I started reflecting on those thoughts and the importance of these relationships and how the school days groomed us to who we are today. I made up my mind to connect with all my school friends and teachers every week. It's easy to be busy and successful in life but equally important to give time to people who have contributed a lot in your life.

Mihir S Rajan
Grade 9th Rose

House of dead



Hariesh Vinogar
Grade 7th Rose

Its was 15 minutes before 5:00 pm, when I spotted the phantom. Well! You might not understand what was going on, let's rewind a bit. I loved our new house but I was not comfortable being alone. I felt a strange presence of a unknown force and I wasn't sure what it was but it definitely gave me goose bumps. The first time I felt its presence was on Friday afternoon I had just returned home from my school, my mother had gone out and while I was cleaning my face, the air gave me chills and suddenly I saw a hand without being attached to a body. I had passed out, I thought that it was just my imagination but after a while as I was watching a movie, I heard a soft cry, I got scared and ran out of my home. I wasn't sure what was going on but I was sure that I had been imagining. Nothing happened for the past few days because I wasn't alone. My cousin had come to visit but today he returned to his house. My father had a meeting , my mother went out to a mall and my sister was at her college. So here I was alone in that house again but this time I was prepared, I played with my friends upto to 3:00 pm. I was determined that I was going to face the day whatever happens.

So at the starting I felt nothing then around 3:57pm I was reading for a test when I heard somebody's whisper, I searched continuously but didn't find where the soft sound came from but it turnsout my phone had been playing a music album in a really low volume. At 4:05pm I heard the whispering again but this time it wasn't coming from any of the device, it was heard from the kitchen but when I went there, I saw nothing. Suddenly I felt it again, a cool breeze passed through me but it was weird as I had locked all the windows and the door. I knew this wasn't normal and I heard the whispering again. Now it came from my room, I wanted to know what's happening and why was it happening? Now I saw it but not clearly, a transparent body which I was able to identify. The worst thing was that it was staring at me, I couldn't speak anything, I was speechless.

The only good thing was that my house was huge, so I had a lot of spots to hide, it was 4:30, only 30 minutes more for my sister to return home. But I had to manage for 30 minutes until she arrived. Now I had exactly planned what I had to do. First I had to escape through the door but the main keys of the door were in my room and I was not willing to go back there so I decided I was escaping through the second door. Then I remembered my sister had taken that. So now I had to escape through the main door which means I was going to my room but I had to be careful and I shouldn't be spotted. I slowly sneaked into my room, I saw the keys but it was across the room and there was no presence and the phantom. Now I crawled my way across my bed, I saw the spirit it was waiting there for me.

A sudden idea flashed in my mind, I had to distract it so I played my recorded videos in my phone and placed it near the stairs as predicted the spirit was distracted and went towards my phone (I prayed, it did nothing to my phone). So I have told what had happened up to now, wanted to know what happened next me to. Its 4:55pm I grabbed the keys and I turned to run for the door but the phantom was staring at me. I quickly dodged it and sprinted towards the door but I stopped to take my phone (it was worth it). I ran towards the door but tripped over the table which was right in front of the door. I couldn't get up as I sprained my ankle pretty bad. I had to crawl my way towards the door but something caught my leg and when I looked back I saw the spirit was holding it. I didn't know what to do? That was when the idea flashed I had to confuse it so I laughed pretty heavily because everyone screams at the times like this (I didn't know what I was doing) but it worked the phantom was confused which took a few seconds to escape through the door. As soon as my parents arrived, I told them what had happened but they didn't believe me. A few weeks later my father felt it too. After that incident, none of us talked about it ever again and we moved out from the home.

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Meenakshi
Grade IX Rose

The story of kindness

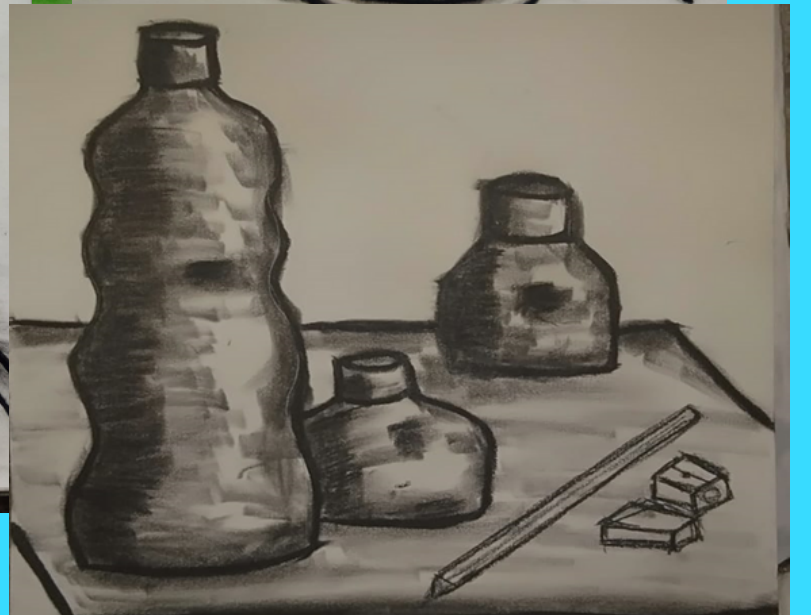
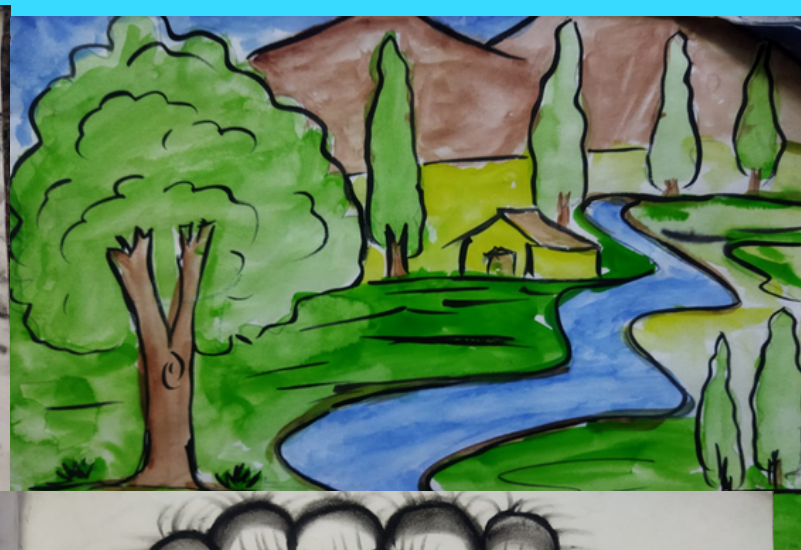
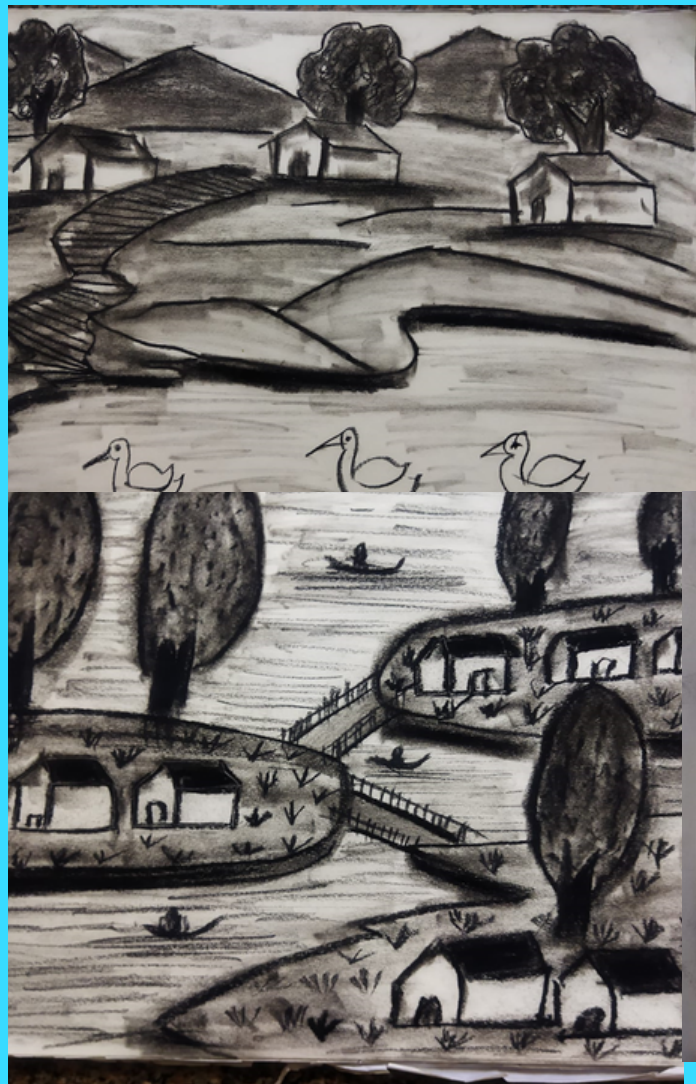
There was a master who used to treat his slaves in an unpleasant manner. He used to behave very rudely and hence, he was regarded as a cruel master in the kingdom where he would live. Once, it so happened so that one of his slaves ran away from the kingdom as he was not able to tolerate his master's actions. On his way to different kingdom, he had to cross a dense forest where he saw a lion. The lion was crying in pain. Although the slave was frightened, he walked towards the lion easily. He found that the lion was in trouble as a thorn stuck in his foot. The slave helped the lion by taking out the thorn from his foot. The lion was very happy but before the lion got up, the slave ran away thinking that the animal would hurt him. After a few months, the master's men were travelling through the same forest where they found the slave. They caught him and took him to their master. The master was very angry with him and as a punishment of running away; he ordered to throw the slave before a hungry lion. They brought a lion that was really hungry and could eat anyone around him. Unfortunately, it was the same lion whom the slave had helped. The lion remembered the kindness and loyalty done by the slave and hence, did not eat him. The master was puzzled for some time but at the same time, the slave and the lion were happy. As the slave and the lion became friends. No one dared to do anything to the slave, not even the master. Thereafter, the slave and lion lived at liberty.

Moral : Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness to change a person's life and act of kindness is never wasted.

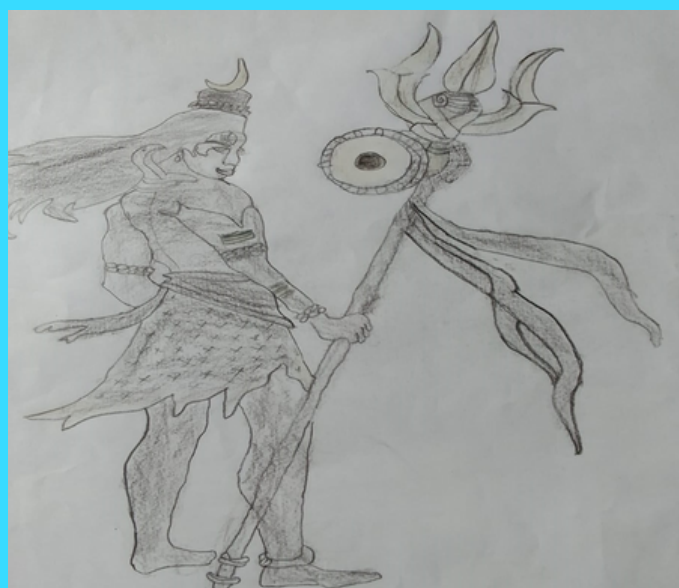
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SPORTS ACCOLADES



1. Running race 800 metre under age 12 category held on the event of National Sports day, on 29 th August, 2021 at Kanteerava Stadium organised by Karnataka Athletics Association.

Winners of the competition.

Prithviraj L Padimani Grade 6 Rose secured FIRST PLACE for 800 metre race.

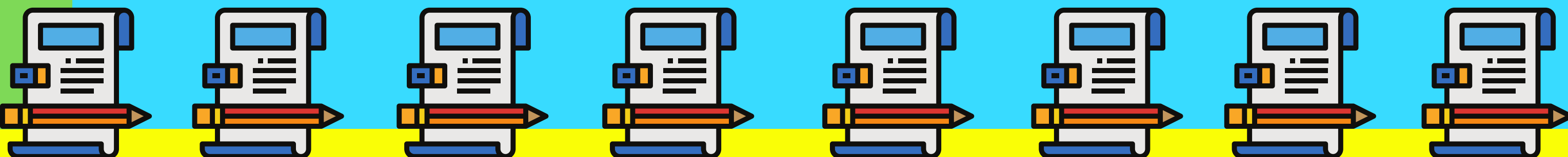
Punyashree V Grade 7 Rose secured SECOND PLACE for 800 metre race.

2. Online Taekwondo Competition held on 24 th and 25 th July at Kaula Lumpur organised by Taekwondo Kaula Lumpur International online Championship 2021.

Sri Skanda Naveen Jawagal secured BRONZE MEDAL for Speed Kick.

3. Cricket Tournament held on 12 th November at Bhansali Cricket Premier League Ground organised by RRCC Cricket Fiesta, Bengaluru.

Sanika B of Grade 7 Rose was awarded the Best Bowler of the team.





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