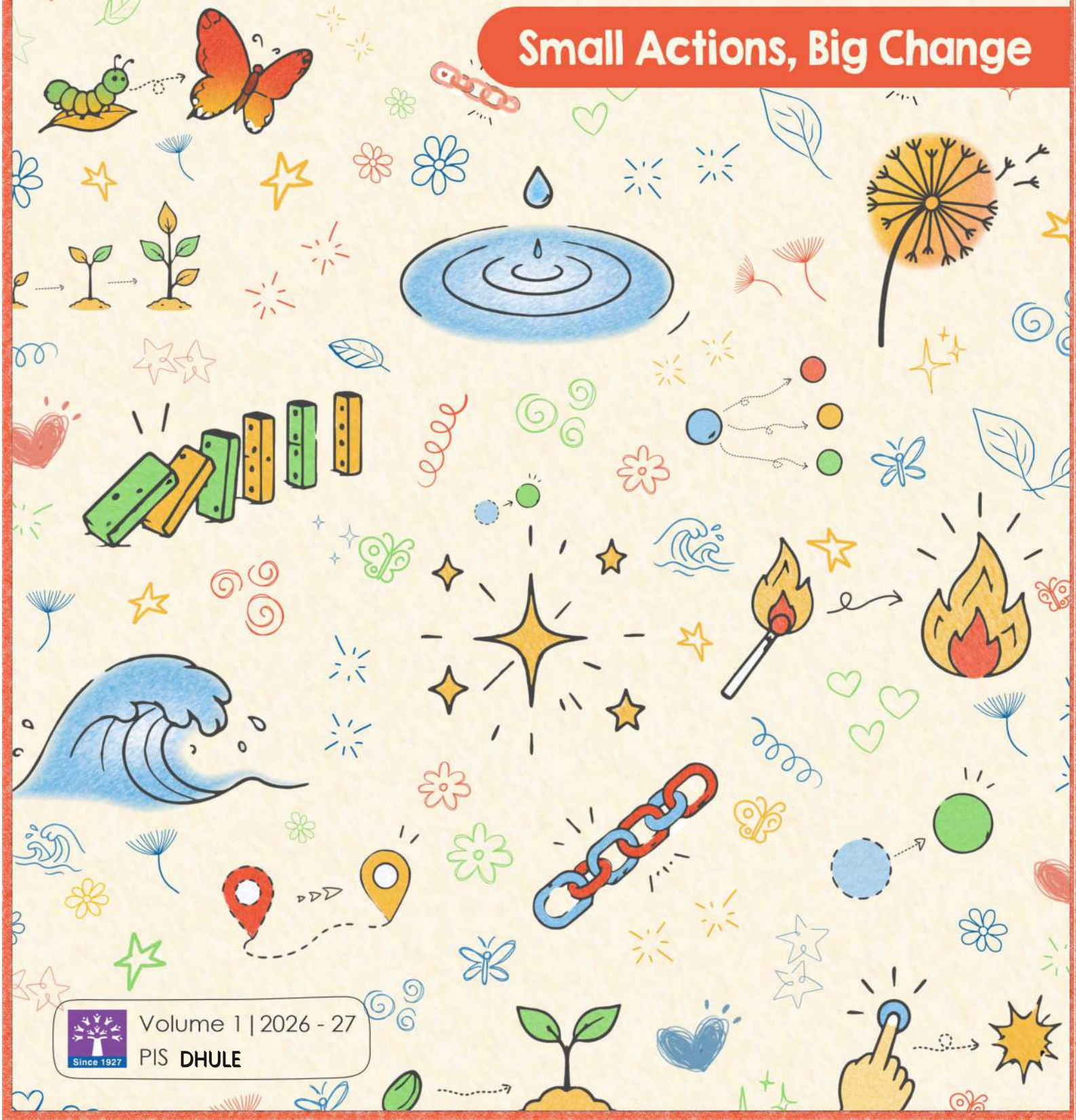
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Students and Parents,

At the outset, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the parents and families who have entrusted us with the responsibility of educating their children. This trust is both an honour and a duty - one we strive every day to uphold with sincerity and dedication. In today's dynamic world, the role of education extends beyond the boundaries of textbooks. Our aim is to nurture young minds into confident, compassionate, and curious learners - ready to embrace the challenges of life and the opportunities of tomorrow. Our school endeavours to create a balanced environment that blends academic rigour with a wide spectrum of co-scholastic activities to shape well-rounded individuals. This edition of our school magazine is a testament to our students' creative spirit. Titled "Small Actions, Big Change", the theme is about Change, which doesn't always arrive with a roar - sometimes it begins with a whisper. A single kind word, one small effort, a quiet decision to do things differently - these are the sparks that set bigger changes into motion. This edition of our magazine explores that very idea: how small actions, often unnoticed in the moment, can ripple outward to create impact far greater than their size suggests.Through stories, art, and voices from our own community, we celebrate the power of starting small - because every big change begins somewhere, and it usually begins small. I take this opportunity to congratulate the editorial team, teachers, and students for their tireless efforts in bringing this creative collection to life. I am confident that the talent, thoughtfulness, and originality of our young contributors will leave every reader enriched and inspired.

"Education is a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations."

Warm regards,
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DID YOU KNOW?

▸ The Science of small things

Tiny causes. Huge effects. Here's how the smallest things in life quietly shape everything around us.

A. WHY DO HABITS FORM?

Every habit like biting your nails, checking your phone, brushing your teeth before bed follows the same tiny loop inside your brain:

- **a Cue** *(something that starts it),*
- **a Routine** *(the action you do), and*
- **a Reward** *(something that feels good).*

Do this loop enough times, and your brain stops thinking about it altogether. It becomes automatic, running quietly in the background like a well-worn path through a field.

Did you know

Scientists believe habits are stored in a part of the brain called the basal ganglia — the same region active in animals as simple as sea slugs!

B. THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

This idea comes from chaos theory and asks a wonderfully strange question:
Could the flap of a butterfly's wings in Brazil set off a tornado in Texas?

Of course, one flap doesn't cause a tornado but it shows how tiny, almost invisible changes at the start of a system can grow and grow until they lead to something huge and totally unpredictable.

Did you know

The term was coined by meteorologist Edward Lorenz in the 1960s, after he found that a tiny rounding change in his weather computer model completely changed the forecast!

C. THE DOMINO EFFECT

Line up enough dominoes and tip just the first one the rest fall in a chain reaction, one after another.
The domino effect describes any situation where a single small event triggers a whole series of similar events, like a row of falling tiles. It's used to describe everything from history (one event sparking a chain of others) to everyday life (one late bus making you miss your whole morning).

Did you know

A domino can knock over another domino about 1.5 times its own size. Line up dominoes that each grow by that much, and just 29 of them could topple something as tall as the Empire State Building!

D. THE RIPPLE EFFECT

Drop a single pebble into a still pond and watch what happens:
Circles of water spread outward, farther and farther, long after the pebble has sunk. The ripple effect works the same way with our actions one small act, like a kind word or a smile, can spread outward and influence people far beyond the person it was first given to.

Did you know

Researchers have found that kindness can spread through social networks up to three degrees away meaning your good deed could reach a friend, of a friend, of a friend, without you ever knowing it!

Small Actions, Big Ripples

You don't need to change the world all at once. Try one of these small actions this week and see where the ripple goes.

Plant a Seed



Push one seed into soil today. Given a few years, it could be a tree giving shade, fruit, or clean air to a whole street.

Say Thank You



A genuine "thank you" costs nothing, but it can brighten someone's whole day — and make them kinder to the next person too.

Pick Up One Piece of Litter



You don't need to clean a whole beach. One piece of rubbish in the bin instead of on the ground stops a small problem from growing.

Turn Off a Light



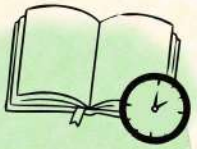
Flicking off a switch when you leave a room takes one second — but done every day for a year, it saves real energy.

Share a Smile



A smile is contagious. Scientists have shown it can pass from face to face across a whole room, without a single word.

Read for 10 Minutes



Ten minutes a day doesn't feel like much — but over a year, that's more than 60 hours of reading. Dozens of books, one page at a time.

Save a Drop of Water



Turning off the tap while you brush your teeth can save several litres of clean water — every single day.

Hold the Door



Holding a door for the person behind you takes two seconds — and often inspires them to do the very same for someone else.

Pick just one. Do it today. Then watch how far it travels.



A Verse of Change

Poems on - 'A small good deed...'

A small good deed,
A selfless act,
A shining star,
Brightening the path,
A speck of guidance,
In highs and lows,
A word with a loved one,
In bad times and furrows,
Number of ways to
Achieve a good deed,
Just look around that's
All you need.

Aastha More
IX Kalam

A small good deed
can light the way,
And bring a smile to
someone's day.
Small steps can make a
difference great,
Together, we can change our fate!

Aaradhya Gavit
II Rose

A small good deed,
Disturbs the quiet midnight sky,
A comet pulls a thread of light,
As sleeping constellations die.
The heavy gravity unwinds,
Rewriting maps in stubborn minds,
The stars realign.

Samiksha Nandre
VII Kalam

A small good deed, a spark so bright,
Can turn the dark to morning light.
A drop of kindness, pure and small,
Each gentle choice can change ou fate,
Can ripple out and touch us all.
No act too tiny, none too late,
A helping hand, a word so true,
Starts with me, starts with you.
Small actions make the world anew.

Mahika Bauskar
V Kalam

A small good deed ,
A quiet smile
Can walk with someone extra miles.
A spark of hope within the mind
Can leave a trail of light behind.
Let kindness guide the path we take,
And build a better world awake .

Jui Wani
VII Kalam

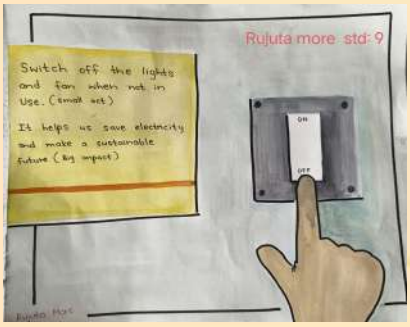
A small good deed,
I gave a hungry bird a seed,
I filled a little dish with care,
And set it in the garden air,
Now happy songs fill up the trees,
And nature sings in joy with me.

Shaurya Shankar
II Rose



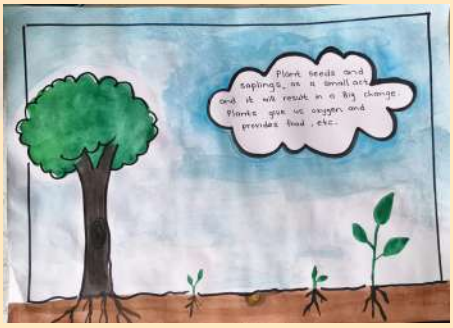
When my brush speaks...

A page on artistic expression that depicts the theme - Small actions, big change...







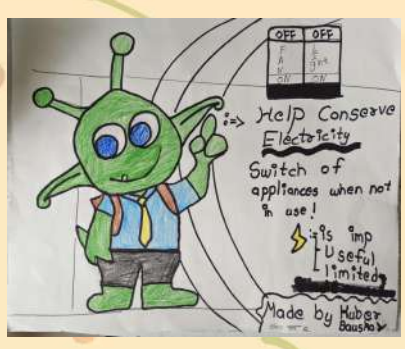






















The Butterfly Effect

In Real Life: One Man, One Forest

How a teenage boy planting a few bamboo shoots on a bare Indian sandbar grew into a 1,360-acre forest home to tigers, rhinos, and elephants.



The Problem: A River, a Flood, and a Graveyard of Snakes.

In 1979, on Majuli, the world's largest river island, in the Brahmaputra River in Assam, India a huge flood swept through and left the land behind it bare and sandy. Soon after, a 16-year-old boy named Jadav Payeng came across something that broke his heart: hundreds of snakes, washed onto the empty sandbar by the flood, lying dead in the scorching sun. With no trees and no shade to protect them, they simply couldn't survive the heat.



The Tiny Action: 20 Bamboo Seedlings

Jadav asked the local forest department for help planting trees on the sandbar. They told him nothing could grow in such poor, sandy soil, but said he could try planting bamboo. So that is exactly what he did. Jadav planted just 20 bamboo seedlings by himself, then kept coming back, day after day, to water them and care for them. Nobody asked him to. Nobody paid him to. He just kept going.

Jadav didn't stop at bamboo he began collecting seeds and saplings of other trees too, planting a little more of the forest with his own hands almost every single day for over 40 years.

The Ripple Grows: From Sandbar to Forest

As the bamboo took root, it slowly changed the sandbar itself trapping soil, holding moisture, and creating the right conditions for other plants to grow. Jadav kept adding more trees: cotton trees, arjun, and many native Assamese species. Over decades, one man's quiet daily habit transformed a lifeless sandbank into a genuine forest, complete with its own soil, shade, and ecosystem all without machines, without a team, and almost entirely alone.



The Surprise Discovery

For nearly 30 years, almost nobody outside Jadav's village knew what he had done. Then in 2008, forest officials went looking for a herd of wild elephants that had wandered off after damaging a nearby village and found them sheltering inside a dense forest that, according to their own maps, should not have existed at all. That "undiscovered" forest was Molai Forest named after Jadav's nickname, "Molai."



Did you know?

Today, Molai Forest is bigger than New York City's Central Park, and is home to Bengal tigers, Indian rhinoceroses, deer, over 100 elephants that visit each year, and hundreds of species of birds.

Why This Is the Butterfly Effect

Jadav Payeng didn't set out to create a 1,360-acre forest he just wanted to save some snakes from the sun. But that single small decision, repeated quietly every day for over 40 years, set off a chain of changes far too large for anyone to have predicted: soil formed, plants spread, animals returned, and an entire ecosystem came to life. In 2015, Jadav was awarded the Padma Shri one of India's highest civilian honours and is now known around the world as the **"Forest Man of India."**

"I'll plant till my last breath." — Jadav "Molai" Payeng

It started with one...



Write about a true event or a story of 'How a small action by someone created a big impact...

Who was the person?

What was the action?

What was the impact?

It started with one smile.

A girl in my class always sat alone and looked sad, no one talked with her. One day , I went to her and smiled . We sat together for lunch and chatted . The next day a few other students smiled and talked to her. Soon our whole class became her friends. Now no one sits alone in our class. My small smile brought a big change!

Swara Jain
III Lotus

It started with one dripping tap in our bathroom that everyone in my family ignored. Everytime I brushed my teeth, the steady drip-drip sound irritated me. I kept thinking,"what can I do? ". One day i stopped ignoring it. I watched a simple repair video, grabbed a spanner and helped my dad change the worn out washer. Stopping that single leak saved litres of water, but the real change was what happened next. Seeing how easy it was, inspired my family to audit our whole house, we fixed two more leaks, and started using kitchen wastewater for our plants. It made me realise that we do not need to launch massive, worldwide campaigns to protect our planet. Big change is just a domino effect triggered by small everyday choices at our home and all it takes to transform out future is the willingness to push that small action forward to make a big change!

Mrunmai Sonar
VIII Raman

On a quiet afternoon, I dug a small hole and placed a sapling into the earth and watered it. It was a small and simple five minute task that felt entirely ordinary. Years later, I stood under the wide sweeping canopy of a mature tree, watching a flock of birds nest in its branches while children played in its shade. What began as a tiny, solitary act had transformed into a living sanctuary proving that the smallest actions grow into the most enduring changes.

Ananya Wagh
IX Raman

It started with one...



Write about a true event or a story of 'How a small action by someone created a big impact...

Who was the person?

What was the action?

What was the impact?

It started with one piece of paper lying in our classroom. Instead of ignoring it, I picked it up and put it in the dustbin. My friends noticed and joined me. Soon, our entire class began keeping the classroom clean. What started as a small gesture became a habit. That day, I realised that even the smallest actions, when done together, can create a big change.

Swara Patil
X Kalam

One day a boy named Rohit was walking to school when he saw a small plant lying on the roadside. People were walking past it without noticing. Rohit decided to save the plant. He carefully planted it near his school and watered it every day. Inspired by Rohit his friends planted more trees around the school. Within a year, the school became greener and more beautiful.

Arnav Pawara
VII Raman

It started with one small step. I noticed the tap was running and closed it. Soon, I began switching off the fans and lights when they weren't in use. My sister saw what I was doing and started doing the same. Later, my parents joined in too. Now, we save a lot of electricity at home. I learned that big changes truly start with one small action.

Aaradhya Avhad
I Jasmine

A time I made a small change...

Once upon a time, I lived in Dhule and studied at Sarvottam Adarsh School. One day, while going to school, I noticed a large open space near the school filled with garbage. I decided to clean it after school. Every day, I picked up plastic bottles, cans, and polythene bags. My friends made fun of me, but I continued my work. Slowly, I cleaned one-fourth of the area. A teacher noticed my efforts and informed the other teachers. Soon, teachers and students joined me. Within a few days, everyone worked together and the entire area was cleaned.

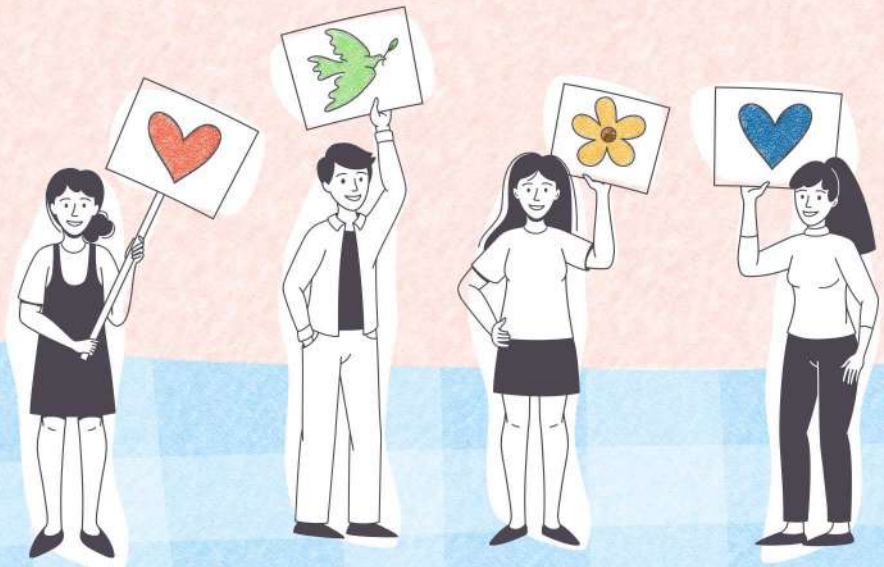
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One day, I noticed that my classroom was dirty. There were pieces of paper lying on the floor. I decided to make a small change by cleaning my classroom. I picked up the waste and put it in the dustbin. I also asked my friends to help me. They happily joined me. Soon, our classroom looked clean and beautiful. Our teacher appreciated our efforts and praised us. I felt very happy and proud of myself. That day, I learned that even a small action can make a big difference. We should always keep our surroundings clean.

Himesh Patil
V Raman

One day, I decided to make a small change in my life because I realized that small adjustments can bring big improvements. Earlier, I used to waste a lot of time watching television and playing video games, so I decided to start using my time more wisely. First, I created a daily timetable to balance my studying, playtime, and other activities. I began waking up early in the morning to get ready for school on time. I started spending more time studying, reading interesting books, and learning new things. To stay active and healthy, I reduced my screen time and began playing outdoor sports-especially basketball, my favourite, along with badminton, volleyball, cricket, and tennis. I also added daily exercise to my routine. Additionally, I started helping my parents with household chores every day and made sure to help my grandmother take her medication on time. These small changes have made me much more disciplined, responsible, and active.

Parnavi More
VI Kalam



A time I made a small change...

It started with an old notebook of mine. I saw that many pages were empty, so I decided to use it for my rough work instead of throwing it away. My mother saw this and felt very happy. She gave me lots of old newspapers from house. We made some bags out of the newspapers and gave them to the vegetable shop near our house. The shopkeeper stopped using plastic bags and thanked me. I felt very proud. I learned that even a small child can save trees and help nature by doing small things.

Vedansh Chaudhari
V Vikram

Once upon a time, a girl named Riya wanted to make the world a better place. She saved water, planted trees, switched off unused lights, and reused old things. She also spoke kindly to others and spread happiness. Soon, her friends joined her, and together they made their village cleaner and greener. Everyone realized that even small actions could make a big difference.

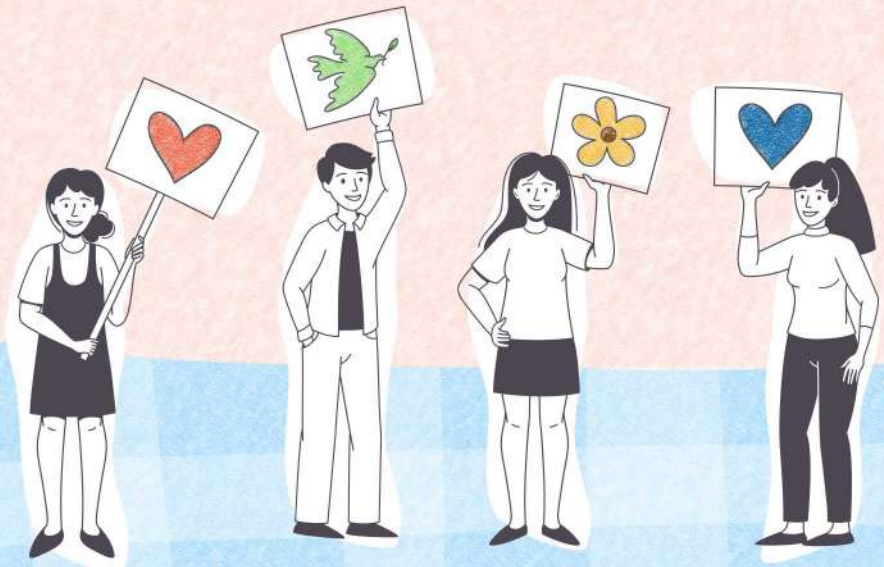
Yamini Shelar
VII Kalam

Once upon a time, a brave kite flew high in the sky. One day, it saw a cute mole on the ground. The kite smiled and waved at the mole. The mole happily waved back. This small gesture made them friends. Soon, they began helping each other and spreading happiness to everyone around them.

Aaradhya Avhad
I Jasmine

After feeling overwhelmed by school deadlines and daily routines, I found myself repeatedly putting off my creative ideas, waiting for a free afternoon that never seemed to come. Realizing that waiting was only keeping me stuck, I made a tiny change: committing to just ten minutes of artistic work every evening, whether that meant sketching a quick outline, testing a color combination, or refining a detail. At first, ten minutes felt almost too brief to matter, but over weeks, those quiet daily moments accumulated into finished pieces I was truly proud of. That small personal shift completely reshaped my discipline, showing me that great outcomes aren't built in one giant leap, but created stroke by stroke through tiny, steady actions.

Rujuta More
IX Raman



A time I made a small change...

One day, I saw some waste paper lying on the classroom floor. Instead of ignoring it, I picked it up and threw it in the dustbin. I also asked my classmates to help keep our classroom clean. They agreed and assisted me in tidying up the room. Afterwards, our classroom looked neat and beautiful. I felt very happy because I had done something good. I learned that even a small action can make a big difference. If everyone takes small steps to keep their surroundings clean, our school and environment will become much better.

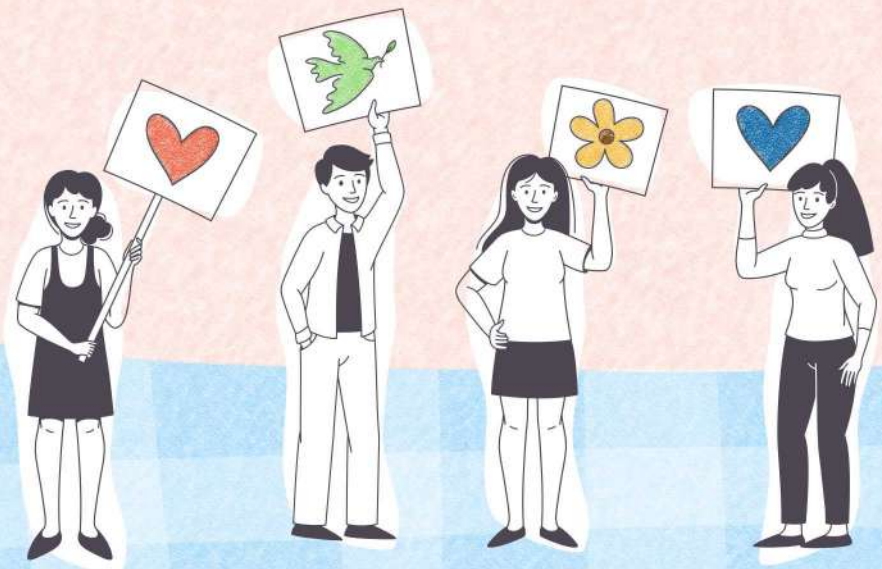
Aarohi Pahade
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A small act of kindness can completely shift a child's perspective-a truth I realized the day I noticed a ten-year-old girl sitting alone on a park bench, looking visibly discouraged as she struggled to tie her own shoelaces. Instead of walking past, I knelt beside her and spent a few minutes breaking the process down into an easy, memorable game, guiding her hands until she successfully tied a perfect bow on her own. The immediate transformation from frustration to absolute pride on her face was unforgettable; she beamed with newfound confidence and eagerly showed her parents her achievement. That small moment taught me that making a meaningful change in a young person's life doesn't require grand gestures, but simply the willingness to stop, notice, and offer a little patience.

Aarya Borkar
V Kalam

Before the festive season, I worked hard with a lot of dedication. Even though my schedule was tight, I decided to set aside time every evening to join a Garba class, practice at home, and watch tutorial videos online to improve my skills. All of this effort was simply driven by a desire to make myself better. Later, during the celebrations and competitions, my hard work paid off when I won 6 to 7 awards! I felt extremely happy knowing that my small and steady dedication had turned into such big rewards.

Samruddhi Jain
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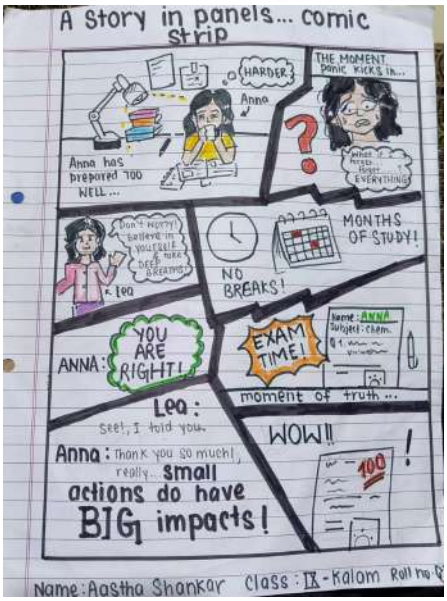
A Story in Panels

A comic strip storyboard that shows a short incident of a small action and its impact.









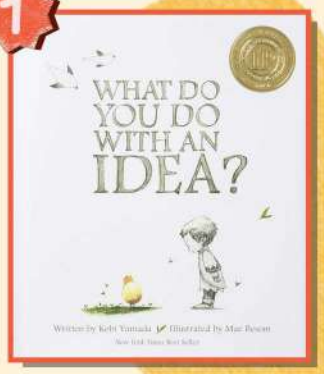




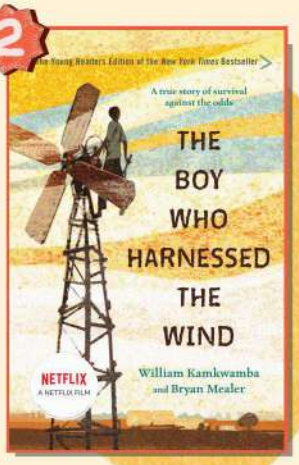


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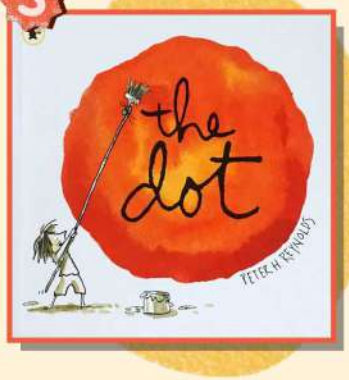
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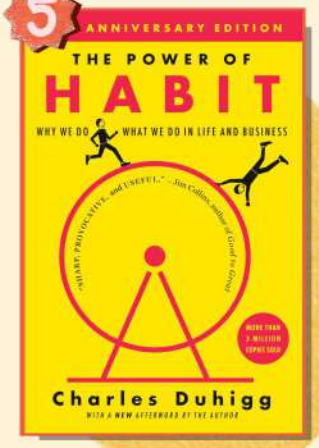
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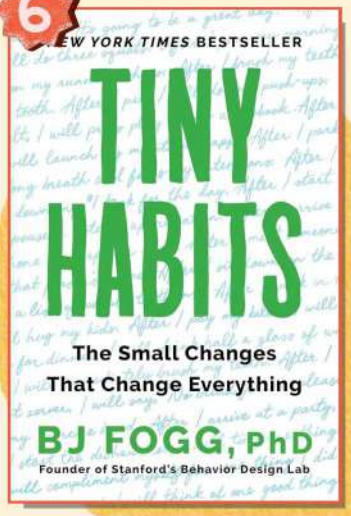
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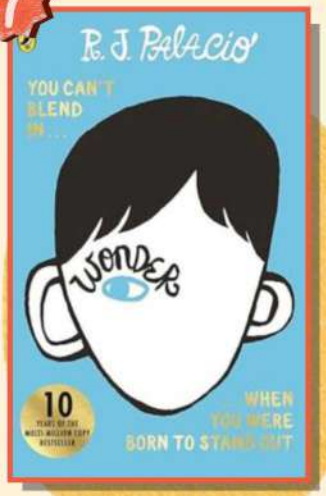
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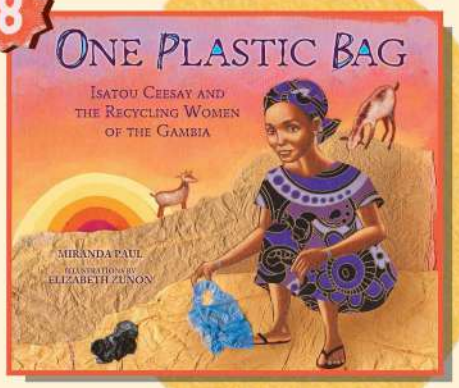
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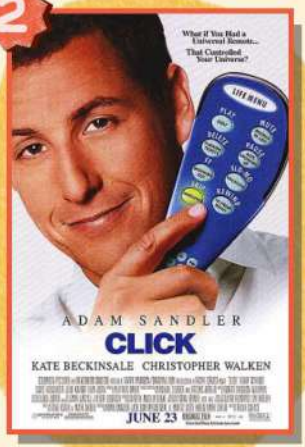


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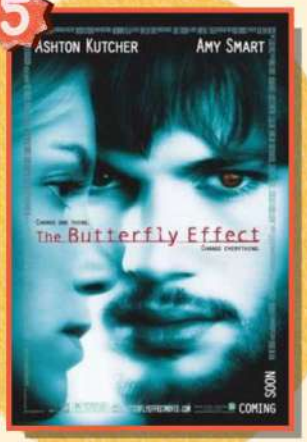
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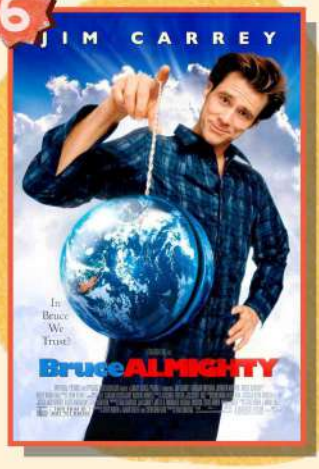
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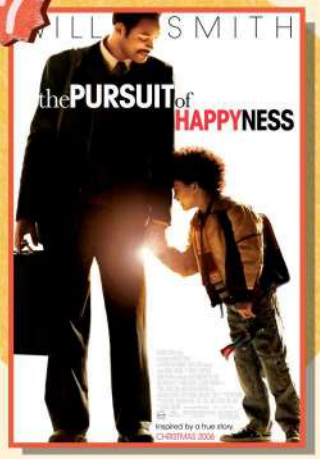
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Review
Books & Movies

Title of the Movie/Book:

THE BOY WHO HARNESSED THE WIND

Movie/Book Reviewed By:

Avani Deshmukh
IX kalam

How many hearts will you give to this movie/book?

(Colouring 1 heart means the movie/book was really bad. Colouring 5 hearts means it was great!)

Movie/Book Summary:

The Boy Who Harnessed The Wind By William Kamkwamba is an inspiring story of how curiosity and determination can change lives. Despite poverty and limited resources, Willam builds a windmill to bring electricity and hope to his village. His journey proves that even one small idea can create a big difference.

Title of the Movie/Book:

The Power of Habit

Movie/Book Reviewed By:

Ritisha Patil
VI Vikram

How many hearts will you give to this movie/book?

(Colouring 1 heart means the movie/book was really bad. Colouring 5 hearts means it was great!)

Movie/Book Summary:

My Review on The Power of Habit is that it is an informative and thought-provoking book. Its greatest strength lies in explaining human behaviour through practical examples rather than very difficult theories.The concept of habit loop is particularly useful, as it helps readers recognise the patterns that influence their everyday decisions. I appreciate the book's message that we do not necessarily need to change our entire lives all at once. All examples from the book are like lessons relevant to daily life.

Review
Books & Movies

Title of the Movie/Book:

HIDDEN FIGURES

Movie/Book Reviewed By:

Rajan Marathe
IX Kalam

Movie/Book Summary:

Hidden Figures is an inspiring biographical drama about three brilliant African-American women at NASA: Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson. Despite racial and gender discrimination, they make vital contributions to America's space missions.Their work helps send astronaut John Glenn into orbit. The film celebrates their achievements and their fight for equality in STEM.

How many hearts will you give to this movie/book?

(Colouring 1 heart means the movie/book was really bad. Colouring 5 hearts means it was great!)

Title of the Movie/Book:

THE BUTTERFLY EFFECT

Movie/Book Reviewed By:

Lilisa Patil
VI Vikram

Movie/Book Summary:

The Butterfly Effect is a science fiction thriller released in 2004. The movie shows how a small action can create a big difference in our lives. It teaches us that every decision has consequences and that we should think carefully before making any choices. The story is mysterious, suspenseful, and thought provoking. I like this movie because it delivers a powerful message about life and our actions. I recommend it to the people who enjoy science fiction and thriller movies.

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Brain Play

EVERYDAY SUPERPOWERS

A WORD SEARCH OF EVERYDAY SUPERPOWERS

You don't need a cape to be a superhero. Find these everyday superpowers hidden in the grid below!

M	M	G	T	F	H	H	E	L	P	H	E
H	Y	C	I	X	M	Q	V	W	R	C	T
U	P	G	L	I	S	T	E	N	N	X	C
G	T	S	G	Z	Z	L	M	V	G	E	A
O	V	F	S	K	C	W	Q	V	Y	C	R
P	P	K	M	B	I	R	A	N	S	G	E
L	L	R	G	I	V	E	C	O	H	Q	G
T	A	O	B	L	E	G	W	F	A	X	K
Z	N	O	S	M	I	L	E	T	R	F	I
Q	T	V	F	B	D	A	F	P	E	V	N
N	C	N	U	C	E	J	T	A	M	K	D
E	Q	M	G	Z	B	S	A	V	E	U	G

WORD BANK

SMILE SHARE LISTEN HELP PLANT

KIND CARE HUG GIVE SAVE

CRACK THE CODE

A CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE CRYPTOGRAM

Every letter below has been swapped for another. Crack each code, one letter at a time, to reveal three famous lines about small acts and big change.

QUOTE 1

H B N L G B Y W A H K H M F F, H B

E N G G M V T B X F E N C C, A F

M Q M V X N F G M K.

QUOTE 1 KEY — fill in each letter as you crack it:

A	B	C	E	F	G	H	K	L	M	N	Q	T	V	W	X	Y	X	Y
I	O	L	M	S	T	N	D	C	E	A	V	H	R	K	W	F	W	F

QUOTE 2

R V G P P G M S R, C F J L

V A P S N U P N J W Q H V N P P N B L R

B E U J B U P J, M G L

S X G L R E B X V S F J C B X P W.

QUOTE 2 KEY — fill in each letter as you crack it:

A	B	C	E	F	G	H	J	L	M	N	P	Q	R	S	U	V	W	X
U	O	W	F	H	A	Y	E	N	C	I	L	B	S	T	P	M	D	R

QUOTE 3

J K W K N F U P G V V C Q V Q

L S Q H H R N U P I U E

V C U P R C V E P H, O U S S T V V K F

O T V T Y K J L O Q J O C Q J R K

V C K B U N H F.

QUOTE 3 KEY — fill in each letter as you crack it:

B	C	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	Y
W	H	F	D	B	L	P	N	E	S	R	C	U	A	G	M	I	O	T	V	Z

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ANSWER KEY

CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE

THE SMALL THINGS CROSSWORD



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A CATALYSTS FOR CHANGE CRYPTOGRAM

Quote 1 -

NO ACT OF KINDNESS NO MATTER HOW SMALL IS EVER WASTED.

Quote 2 -

SMALL ACTS WHEN MULTIPLIED BY MILLIONS OF PEOPLE CAN TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

Quote 3 -

NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.



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