



# 2020 *Homecoming*

PODAR INTERNATIONAL  
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**WELCOME**



The last one year has been full of struggle with each one of us fighting our own battles with the pandemic. However, amidst all this chaos, there is positivity to be found if one looks for it.

Life is all about how we look at it, it is all about perspectives. As they say 'drishya badalna hai toh drishti badlo'.

Change of perspectives allows us to make the most of any situation. It is, however, not easy. It requires conscious and concerted effort to locate the blessings that come hidden in disguise.

And one may find many of them. The list of things one "could not live without" got shorter and shorter and we redefined what really was absolutely essential to us. Zoom calls and video chats rekindled relationships long forgotten. Pets got undivided attention of their families. Nature blossomed once again with happy birds and plants. We leapfrogged into the use of technology unlike ever in the past.

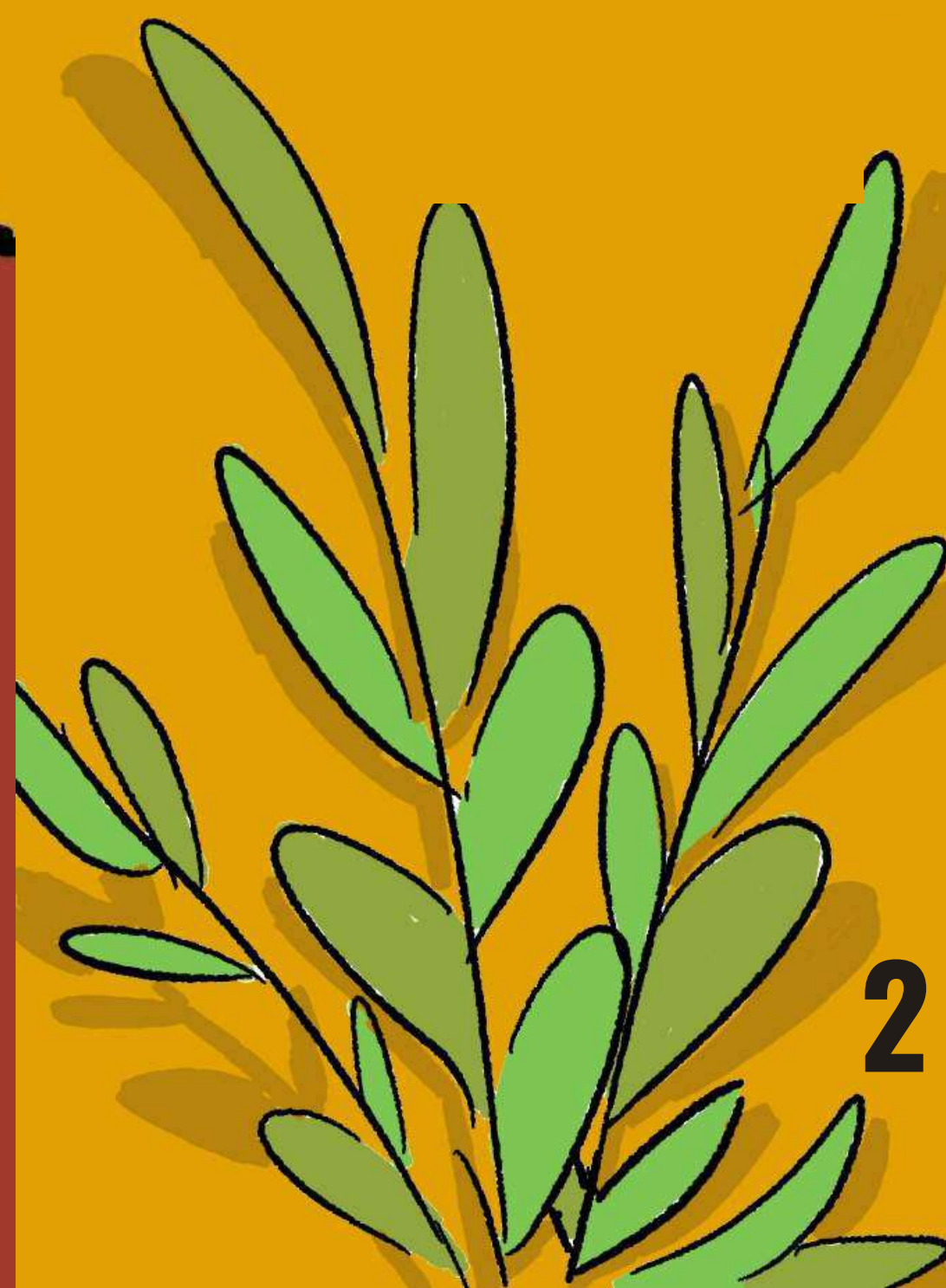
While I don't endorse the philosophy of 'normal', I think the current situation of minimalism is one I can get behind. Living simple with empathy towards our surroundings, consciousness of our health and hygiene and, on a lighter note, everyone contributing to household work.

If we ever return to the 'old normal' or have an entirely unique normal that follows this one, I hope that we will be able to take into it, the humanity and sustainability that we have learned from this experience. I know, I will certainly try my best to do so.

Your Principal,  
Anjna Sahi



**MS. ANJNA SAHI**  
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*True life is lived  
when changes occur.  
- Leo Tolstoy*

Every period in history has left an indelible mark for posterity to learn from and this year has been no different. The year of the Pandemic 2020 will be recorded in the annals of history for not only the virus that has completely left us in a state of blur but also has had its lessons to teach all of us. Living in constant fear and uncertainty has left most of us in a state of flux. But what has emerged out of this is adaptability, a quality most of us never really felt would be the prerequisite for survival. Is there any other way of coping with the 'New Normal'?

As a species, we humans are content with what we have unless jolted out of our comfort zones and we are left with no choice but to evolve and make that change in order to retain our mental equilibrium. The confinement, a change by itself, is experienced by all. However, the one who is sure to emerge victorious will be the optimist for every curve goes up, reaches its maximum height and also has to fall. This hope that life will take a positive turn, keeps us going. What finally adds meaning to life is one's willingness to not only adapt but to be the vehicle of change starting with the self.

Adapting to the New Normal, a term coined recently, we have our young students whose minds encapsulate tremendous energy and a powerful spirit of curiosity and adventure, laced with the desire of creative expression, swelling at the seams of the remotest of the dimensions of thoughts and feelings, despite the tribulations experienced in almost every home owing to the circumstances, still prevailing.

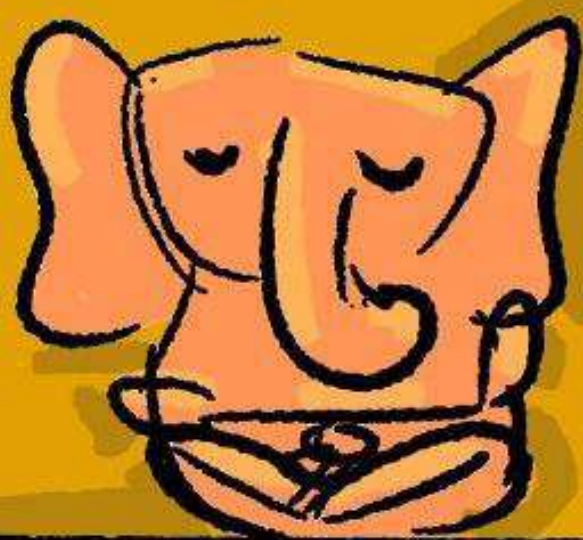
This edition of the school magazine presents the robust and enthusiastic work of our students which highlights a beautiful juxtaposition of reality and imagination in the expression of the most volatile and challenging years of their lives. This magazine also espouses the values that we propagate and manifest in the form of various events and activities conducted throughout the year.

I congratulate all the members of the Editorial Board for their unflagging efforts to infuse a spark in every section of the magazine and for adding a coruscating ingredient to its content. Change is inevitable even when time seems to have stopped, and if welcomed, we can call ourselves warriors who have survived another phase of existence.

*Happy reading!*



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The journey of a thousand miles begins with just a single step, the graph that plunges forth showing rapid development begins with just a single dot and the huge banyan that stands tall begins with just a seed so does a dream manifest itself into laudable action.

The new normal is that now students have moved away from the four boundaries of the classroom to the virtual classrooms.

Each of us, sooner or later, goes through a moment or a situation when it seems that we are on the wrong road, and life is moving in the wrong direction.

But this is also true that some things are within our control and what disturbs us are not events or situations, but our attitude towards them.

So focus on the journey not on the destination. Joy is found not in finishing an activity but in doing it. I would like to end with the words of Albert Einstein, Imagination is more important than knowledge. For while knowledge defines all that we currently know and understand, imagination points to all we might yet discover and create.

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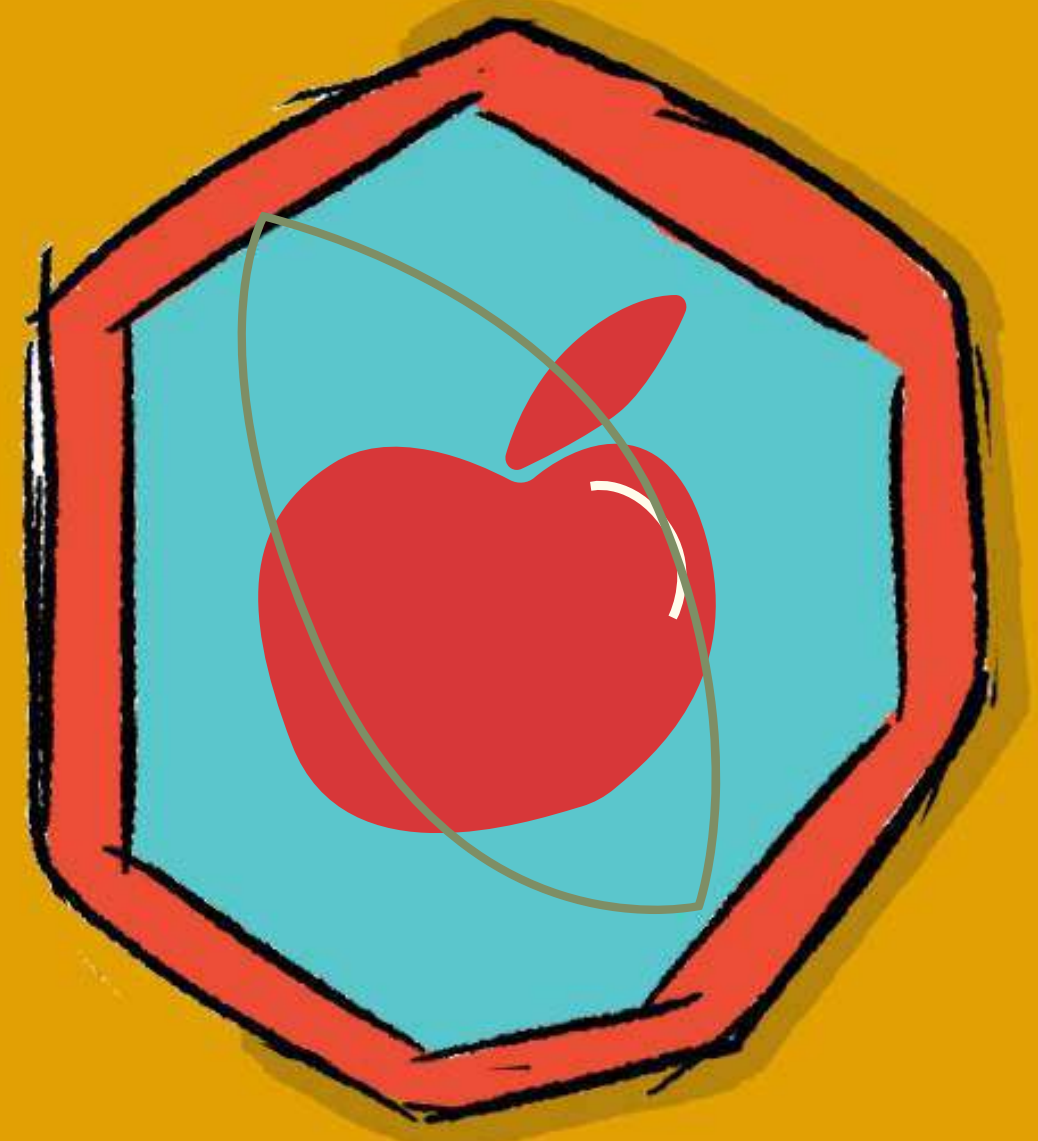
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Renowned author Jane Austen may have lived over 200 years ago but her words '*There is nothing like staying at home, for real comfort*' ring loud and true even today. Home is where we spend a majority of our days yet the pandemic has reminded us just how little we explore what is easily accessible to us. When we brainstormed the magazine layout and design, we agreed that we want to send out a message of hope and comfort which does not treat the home as an agonising prison, but as a haven for those privileged enough to have a roof over their heads. It has kept us safe from the horrors outside.

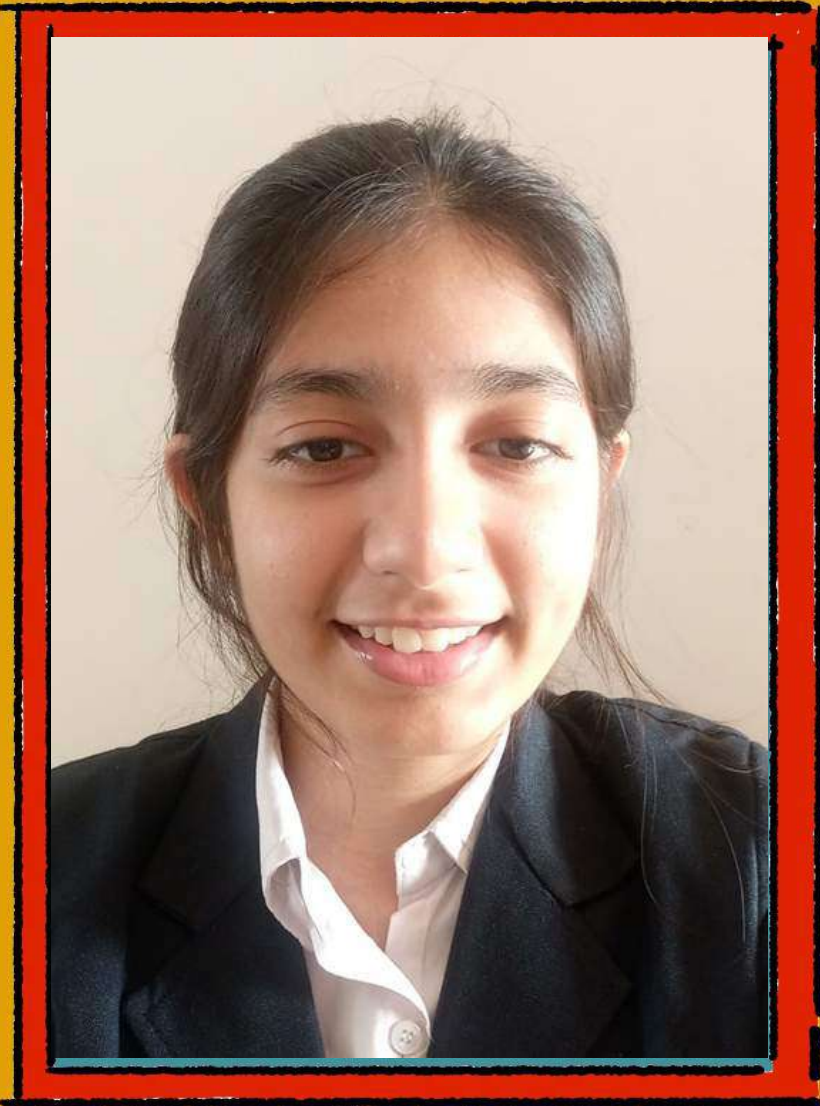
This is why our magazine is shaped up in a way that guides the reader through our home, starting at the front door, through hallways to the living room, study and finally the bedroom. We wish to highlight the ways in which even a constant environment such as our home, can bring us hope in unexpected ways, despite people believing that we know all that there is to know about this abode. The home shown in our magazine helps us realise all the enjoyment lying right within our reach.

It is also important to us to acknowledge not only the physical hardships of being in a pandemic but also the dire effects it has on mental health. No health issue, big or small, visible or invisible, common or rare, should go unnoticed. We want to reassure our audience that we have all suffered tremendously in the times of this 'New Normal' and it is valid to not always be in your best shape. We hope that the worries which have plagued millions of minds will be washed away soon and that our message of strength reaches everyone through this magazine into which we have poured all of our love.



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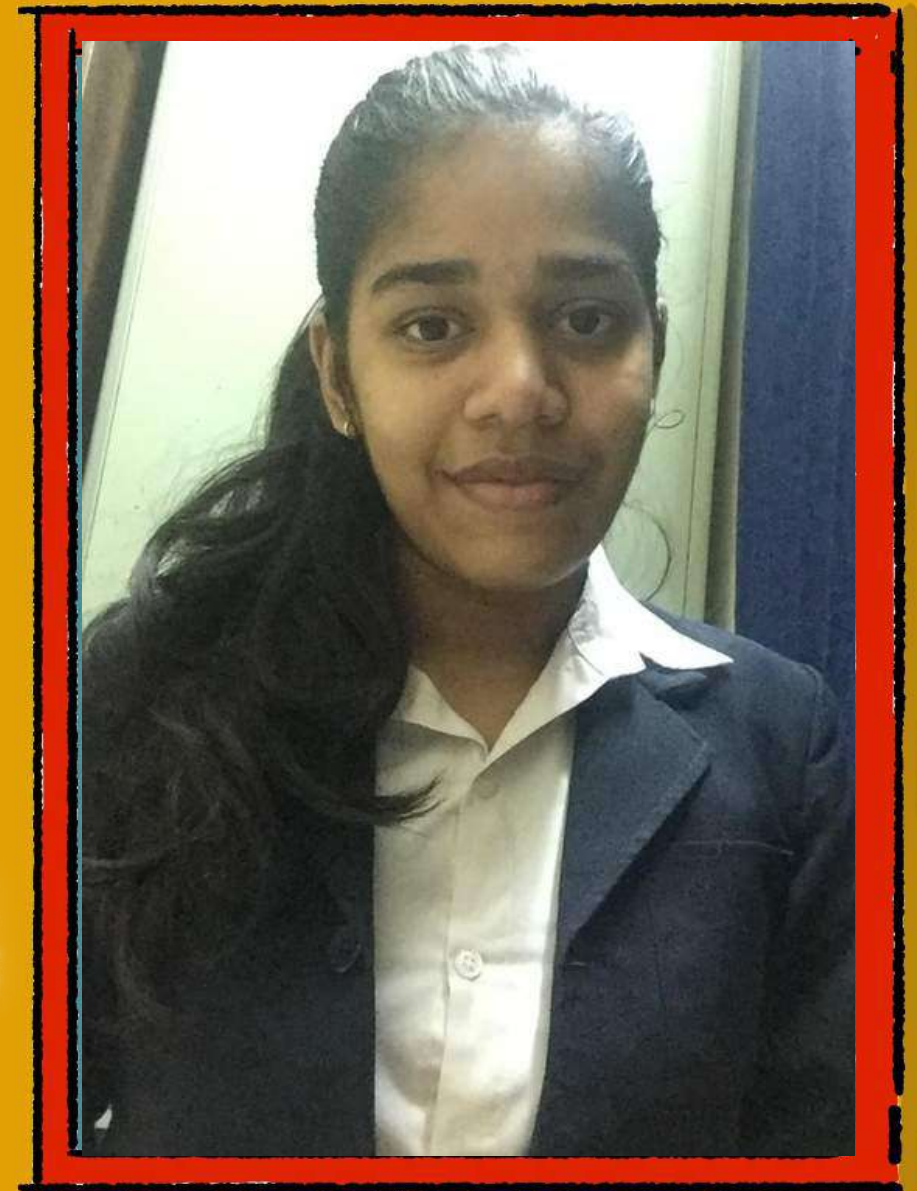
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# LIVING ROOM



## EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS WITH THE STUDENT COUNCIL!

**"We were the first proper student council and we were operating online, it was like a tragedy after a tragedy."**

### THE HEADS

**To the Head Boy, Aditya Bhosale:**

What is a piece of advice you would give to future council members, who may want to liven up the online school experience to the greatest degree?

Aditya: Make sure you plan and organise well! Don't take too much pressure and fill your plate to its brim, make time for all things in life.



**To the Head Girl, Gayatri Sharma:**

What was the motivation behind you standing up in the elections?

Gayatri: I think the change that broke the monotony of online school, was a major reason I stood up in the elections, just like all the other council members.

**"I needed the change that bonding with the members of the school brought."**



# THE DEPUTY HEADS



**“I want to organise an event that does not limit people’s creative expression.”**

**“I think the introduction of clubs brought everyone together in a time where we could not all meet in person.”**

**To the Deputy Head Girl,  
Lamha Chawla:**

If school had commenced offline as usual, what was the one event/thing you would have wanted to carry out under your supervision?

Lamha: I would have led an open-mic event where public speakers of all kinds, be it poets or stand-up comedians, could showcase their talent.



**To the Deputy Head Boy,  
Vaibhav Singh:**

What has been the most interesting/challenging part about being a member of the council since the school experience has been shifted online?

Vaibhav: Along with the excitement surrounding the clubs, we also had the big hindrance of technical issues.



# HOUSE CAPTAINS

LEHAR  
CHAWLA



PRIYAJ  
SINGH

**"Our house is like a little family."**

Q. What is a unique quality of your house as a whole?

A: Ventus house never loses hope. We all work together as a team, to put forth our best version.

**VENTUS CAPTAINS**

ADITHYA  
NAIR



KANIKA  
BHARDWAJ

**"More than winning, I'm proud that we were able to work together."**

Q. What was the inter-house activity that made you feel the proudest of your house?

A: Aqua conquered their nerves and performed very well in the quiz, in a variety of areas. It made us proud.

**AQUA CAPTAINS**

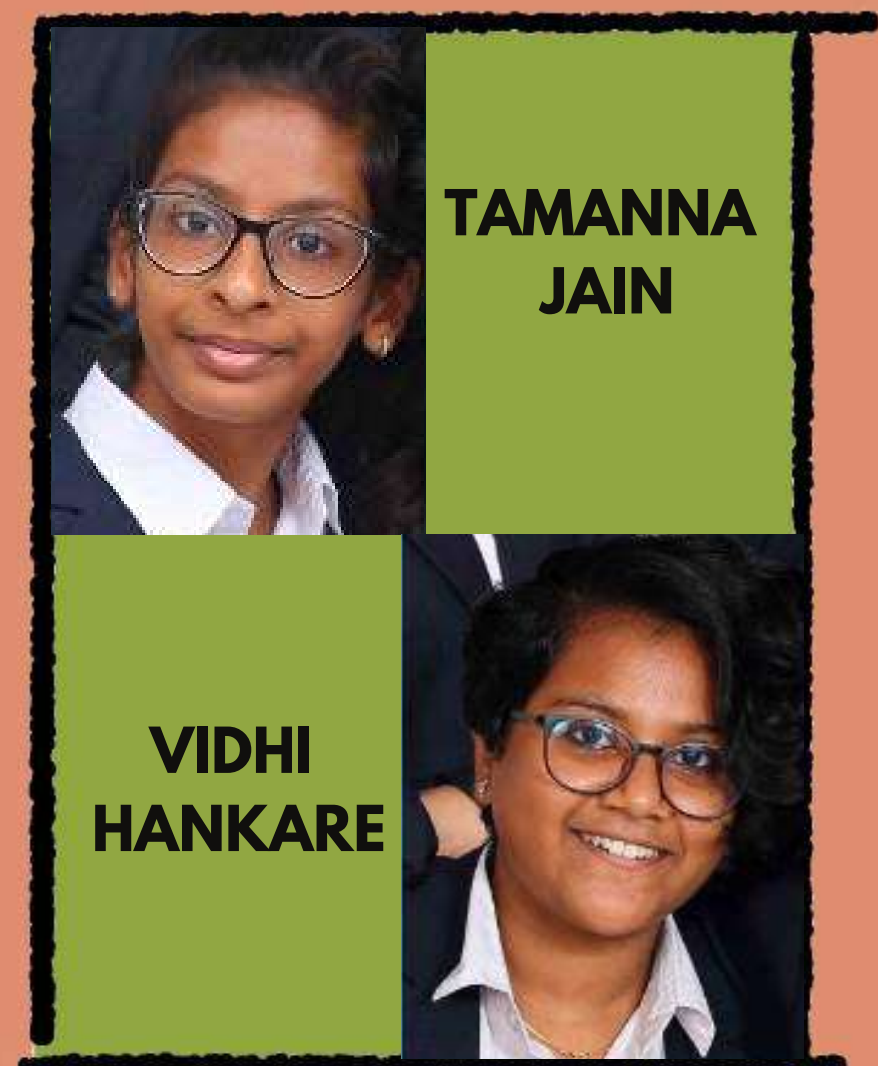


# HOUSE CAPTAINS

**"Knowing the worth of the top position, will always be motivating."**

Q. What's the key to keeping the team spirits high?

A. Being excited and willing to do your best for your team will automatically keep them motivated to try their hardest and also maintain high spirits.



**TAMANNA  
JAIN**

**VIDHI  
HANKARE**

## TERRA CAPTAINS

**"Take every challenge as a chance to learn."**

Q. How would you advise future house captains on being good leaders for your house?



**HETVI  
BHATT**

**ADITYA  
NEGI**

A. Try to stay communicative, especially in these times and create a positive environment.

Someone who can uplift everyone around them is the essence of a team.

## IGNIS CAPTAINS



# CULTURAL COMMITTEE

"A farewell for the students who did not get to experience a proper one this school year."

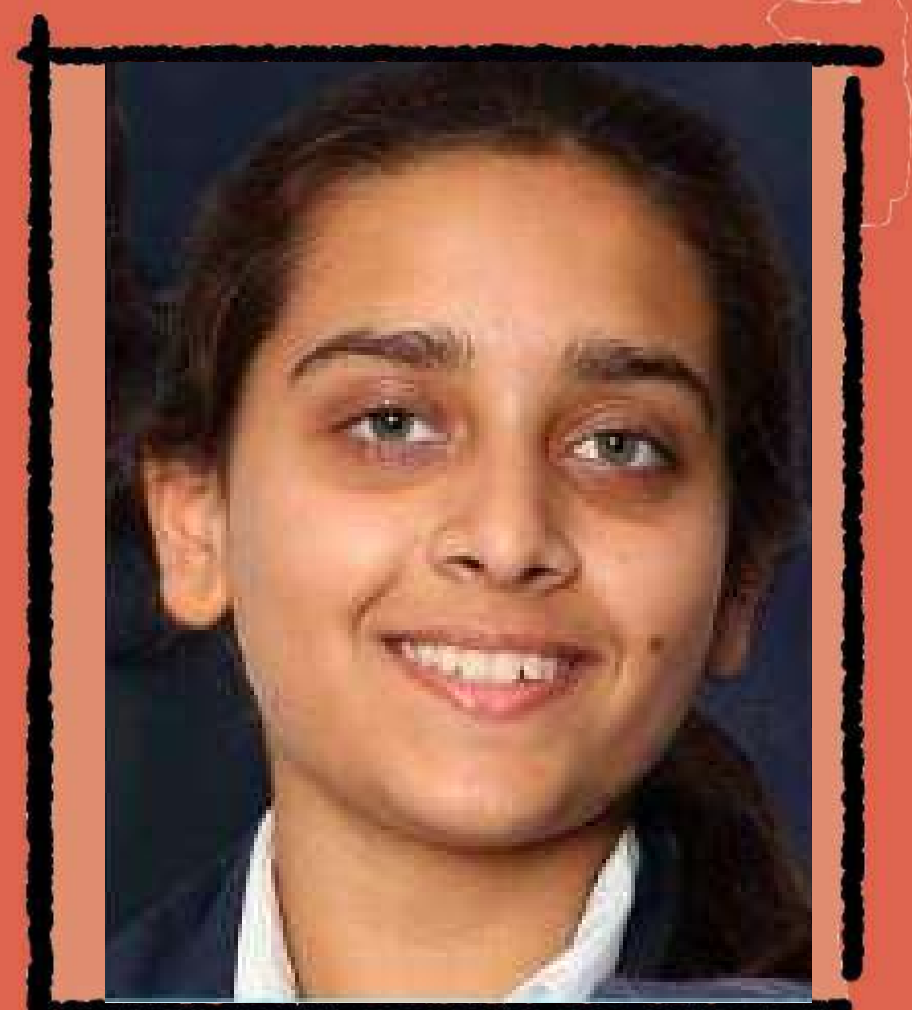


**HRISHITA**  
**(CORE MEMBER)**



**NISHTA SINGH**  
**(CULTURAL HEAD)**

Q. What was the biggest event you planned this year?



**MISTI MOON**  
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# PROBLEMS ARE NOT STOP SIGNS, THEY ARE GUIDELINES

AISHWARYA T.K, 5B

Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines.

These words by Robert H. Schuller aptly describe the current situation we are in.

Year 2020 started with a bang as usual. Then the Corona virus stuck! And life stopped! Entirely! It was a huge problem.

But as we know, Life goes on! And that's where the above words come in.

Problems become guidelines for us and redefine life. Now we have a new Normal which includes Masks, hygiene, social distancing, fewer but necessary outings, importance to family and friends, and to health.

2020 was an unforgettable year in our lives. We looked at hope and humanity in a big way. We realized and made do with the lemons that came our way and made lemonade with them.

We learnt and grew without getting daunted with these huge problems. Vaccines were created and solutions are being explored.

Life moved indoors. Basic things started to matter which were earlier lost due to hectic schedules and warped priorities. We learnt new skills online and learnt how to appreciate life, peace and nature. We learnt to do normal things in different ways. We learnt to live with what is necessary and learnt to give up what is not.

Realization came for all the little things that matter and the blessings we have.

If we continue to treat these problems as guidelines, we will positively continue our journey.

So always think of problems as guidelines and not as stop signs.



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# THE NEW NORMAL

ADITI ROY, GRADE 8

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25th January, 2021

India is a day away from Republic day. The day the Constitution of India officially came into force, when India transformed into an independent republic. That day symbolizes independence and freedom. Pretty much what the world has been fighting for, against the lethal COVID-19 virus, since the start of 2020.

Recently, starting around the 10th of December, a few vaccines have been approved, ensuing with countless doses of them worldwide. We are changing and adapting to this 'New Normal' on a global scale. We all had been waiting for this time when the golden double-doors of hope would open to our new world again. But after reaching those steps, coming from months of pain and suffering; what is next?

The New Normal won't have viruses patrolling our grounds anymore, or masks enveloping all our faces. But we still need to keep in mind the importance of hygiene, and all the other problems that caused this pandemic. Our new world should learn from the past, and prepare for the future. Isn't one time enough for humankind to learn?



# कोरोना काल - एक बदलाव

SHWETA MMISHRA, TEACHER

कोरोना काल ने जन -जन में एक ठहराव लाया है,  
जन -जीवन बेहाल करके, सभी को स्थिर बनाया है ।  
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शिक्षा के कार्य को घर-घर पहुँचाया है ।  
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# FOOD FINDS

SNEHA, AS LEVEL

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Despite the pandemic, 2020 has seen a lot of developments in the Food industry. Aside from the hypersensitivity regarding hygiene and the marked shift to eating at home instead of dining out, here's what shaped the past year on the food front.

## **From Fungus To Fish**

Bringing the meat substitute trend to new heights, a Japanese company has managed to transform Koji - a mushroom - into seafood. Their tuna, salmon, lobster, and crab creations were made available to the masses early this year.

## **Tricking Taste Buds**

The overwhelming amount of time spent indoors eventually led consumers to focus on having a healthy diet. The most common resolution of which was wanting to cut down on sugar intake, which is where compounds called 'positive allosteric modifiers' come in. These amplify the sweetness, making the food seem sweeter than it actually is.

## **Lab-grown meat**

The time spent inside also cultivated a stronger concern for the outside environment. The lab-grown meat recently approved in Singapore is the start of a more eco-friendly and ethical way of producing meat. When scaled up, it will produce much lower emissions while using less water and land.

As a mandatory part of daily life, food can have a lot of influence despite being taken for granted. 2020 has also seen the advent of self-service kiosks, meals in a bottle, and functional drinks, all of which continue to evolve. One can only imagine what new inventions the year will bring.



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# EXPERIENCING THE ERA OF COVID-19

TAMANNA JAIN, AS LEVEL

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Covid-19 was a sudden stroke, initially, it kept people sealed indoors due to the spiraling fear in the lockdown. The world came to a standstill and it felt like we were a part of a horror movie. However, the pandemic gave us a different perspective and it helped us enjoy our time with our family and acquire new skills. It did have its positive sides. In the hustle of life, work, school, and other activities; we often lose those genuine moments we have with our family. Covid-19 helped us know how hard our parents work, and it positively impacted us to emote and spend time with our family, our dear ones. As life slowed down, we spent time playing games, having movie nights, and enjoying the togetherness. Spending time playing cards, carrom, board games, and doing small activities made us feel connected, attached, and loved.

Additionally, be it different states, religion, caste, everyone as a nation joined together to spread positivity during these tough times. Whether it was clapping hands as a gesture of gratitude to the helping workers, or lighting lanterns or diyas as a practice of social strengthening exercise, every nation did its part to expand solidarity among its citizens.

After a while, online school started. Although initially taking online classes might have been a challenge due to tedious hours on screen, we quickly adapted to it. It helped us continue learning. It had taken its own path to adjust to the new normal lifestyle. Speaking of lifestyle, many people at home adopted a healthier lifestyle to keep their immunity strong. They adapted exercising, eating healthy, and meditation as a part of their life and so did I. It was peaceful and rejuvenating.

Covid-19 was traumatic but it also helped me evolve as a person as I picked up new interests, helped my mom cook, and had tons of fun playing with my family. It helped me realize the value of these truly important and amazing people in my life including my teachers and friends. The way we supported each other to get through this was terrific.

Today over 10.5 million people have been infected in India. I was one of them and it definitely wasn't easy. However, I am grateful for everything I have and have learned during this pandemic. People are recovering and vaccines are almost here. The pandemic isn't over yet, but it soon will be.



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# EVENTS OF 2020

ADITYA NEGI, AS LEVEL

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2020 has been quite a year for many of us and we probably will remember it forever. Major historic events have played out a little over three months and so, we've decided to give you a rundown of all the events that happened this year from hell.

Starting from the top: the well-known covid-induced economic crisis; hardly any country has been spared the brunt of the covid pandemic, cursing us to be in a situation of "All work and no play". Covid-19 is such a historic event that it would be worth making some time capsules.

The West Asia peace initiatives put forward by the US as they withdrew forces from Afghanistan, The Black Lives Matter movement that exposed how black people are discriminated against especially by the police and law.

The UK exited the EU (AKA Brexit) which affected not only Europe and Britain but also the rest of the world, getting restrictions on freely traveling to Britain with a European visa.

Australia's bushfires burned acres of green forest, killed animals, and destroyed homes giving this disaster the title of Australia's biggest "natural calamity".

The Lebanon blast got huge media coverage due to the sheer destruction it left in its wake and how no one had even predicted it causing a staggering 35% of the people to become unemployed and hundreds to be displaced.



# INTERVIEW WITH A MIGRANT WORKER

JISHNU, GRADE 9

Interviewer: Dear attentive listeners! Hello and welcome to tonight's outside broadcast radio show, 'Glimpses into the Life in the Time of Corona'. I, your favourite RJ Jishnu, will be interviewing someone who lost his job during the pandemic; and will shed some light onto his experience during the COVID Lockdown.

Interviewer: Namaste, what is your name and where are you from?

Ram: My name is Ram, I am from Bihar.

Interviewer: What was your job, Ram?

Ram: I was a construction worker in a multi-story in Bangalore, however because of the lockdown, we were told to return to our hometowns.

Interviewer: Did the government support you as expected?

Ram: Yes, they did give us some food and money to sustain however it was not sufficient enough for us to survive in the city, on a long-term basis, hence we had to wander back to Bihar. Our certainty of our future here was highly questionable. At least we have relatives and a small property in our village. Since there wasn't any transport, my family and I, along with a few more migrant workers decided to go on foot.

Interviewer: Oh! It must have been a difficult journey. How long did you take to walk back?

Ram: We took 17 days to walk back to our village in Bihar. There were some NGOs and helpful town folks who gave us food and water on our way back. We slept in bus stands at night.

Interviewer: Well after reaching Bihar, what did you do?

Ram: I started looking for small jobs in and around my village but to my disappointment those petty jobs could not support our family well. After a lot of thought, I decided to come back to Bangalore again after a few months when things were returning to normal as we needed money.

Interviewer: So after returning to Bangalore did you manage to find a job?

Ram: Well I got back my job as there was a sudden rise in demand for workers like us again. There was a momentary 'halt' but not a complete 'stop' for work.

Interviewer: These are the struggles faced by workers in our country and hopefully the situation gets better. Thank you, Ram for sharing your experience with our viewers. That's all for tonight's show.



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# LEARNING FROM A ‘NEW NORMAL’

SHWETA NAITHANI, TEACHER

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Change is an inevitable aspect of life. This is famously supported by evolutionary patterns, which proves that gradual change has helped the progress of humankind in every sense.

The ‘new normal’ has taught us the true meaning of empathy, it has taught us the importance of the most quintessential needs in life again. That greed, longing and jealousy is immaterial is only being taught to us during the era of this ruthless pandemic. The more one learns and adapts, the better they meet the heavy emotional, physical and mental demands of these trying times.

This new normal has brought such a change, one which has wiped the fog off the society’s lens. It has clearly affected us superficially but even more so on a deeper level, internally. The world has not only learnt to wear a mask, but also how to stay connected with the outer world while staying confined inside four walls.



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# 2020- A Year Devoid Of Peace

MARYAM SHAIKH, AS LEVEL

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2020 was a rather chaotic, tumultuous year that witnessed events of varying intensity, ranging from deadly ones like the Australian forest fire, corona pandemic, and the Beirut blast to perturbing, contentious ones like widespread racism protests in the US National elections. It was a period of confusion, that posed a great challenge to individuals of accepting a new way of life, whilst they sat in their homes, direly hoping and praying for the calamities to end.

To begin with, this year had a very unpromising gloomy start, possibly a prior sign for worse events that none of us had predicted. While the news of China and then its corona epidemic slowly grew in popularity the world encountered yet another challenging disaster of the Australian fire simultaneously, that burned more than 46 million acres of land and 3500 homes. This fire erupted in September 2019, a very unlikely season much before the expected month of June. It seemed hopeless initially to extinguish this raging fire, but we eventually witnessed heavy rainstorms and the world emerged victorious on March 4, 2020, for all the fire was either extinguished or contained.

Now, this seemed like a joyful moment for firefighters and environmentalists struggling across the globe, but 2020 wasn't the kind of year wherein one could expect peace for long. Adversity and grief soon crept into this world once more like a stealthy shadow and before the world had time to comprehend, we found ourselves becoming a captive to a pandemic that continues to haunt our lives even in the new year of 2021. Millions of people across the globe faced huge losses- while some lost their loved ones, others were confronted with financial challenges. The world soon saw itself battling against hardship and suffering once again.

This pandemic continued to affect numerous lives over the next few months but it is also important to know that the events of this year weren't limited to external calamities. We also witnessed disagreements and unrest amongst country citizens, which became the cause of various protests during this period. The most famous one, that raised voices worldwide was the protest following the incident of George Floyd- a horrifying murder case of a black gentleman on the 25th of May infuriated us, for none of us anticipated to come across news of such brutality amid ongoing tough times. There were banners raised against racism and the need to value an innocent life without considering the caste, color, or creed.

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Death and destruction were two kinds of occurrences that had vowed to torture innocent citizens of 2020. In a time wherein we were already struggling to avoid news of rapid deaths due to the pandemic and that of George Floyd's murder, we were forced to hear the horrendous news of the Beirut blast that took the lives of around 204 people, on the 4th of August 2020. Needless to say, this too caused huge damage and destruction.

By October though, we had become accustomed to the 'new normal' and for the first time in those many months, the world had something exciting to look forward to. The news flashed with headlines of the US. National elections that advancements in the production of the vaccine. The elections build up huge suspense, successfully diverting our attention for a while. The results were soon announced on the 3rd of November and congratulations poured in for Mr. Joe Biden and Mrs. Kamala Harris from across the globe.

As we approached the year's end, in December our hopes were high for the arrival of the vaccine. That is exactly when then 2020 chose to launch another of its 'attacks' on the world's hopes and happiness. The year ended, with the introduction of a new coronavirus strain in the UK, that spread rapidly than ever before. Cases were on a rise once more and the lockdown was imposed in various countries again.

To conclude, it looks as though this vicious cycle of sorrowful, unpredictable events shall continue for a while. Unfortunately, we have to stay prepared for worse situations, if they are bound to happen. We can choose to keep our hopes alive, but we can't afford to deny the fact that life is rather unpredictable. For who knows...what we shall face next?





# IMPACT AND ROLE OF MASS MEDIA

PRIYAM SHARMA, GRADE 8

“Firstly, I would like to thank the doctors and the other frontline warriors for their constant support during the pandemic. I would also like to express my deepest gratitude towards the media reporters for working every day to inform the world about current issues during the pandemic”, stated the Indian Air Force Wing Commander. At that moment, I realized that indeed, the reporters and journalists are our heroes too because they have risked their lives to inform us about world affairs while we stayed within the comfort of our home and they were constantly exposed to the virus. I glanced at the smile that spread across the reporter’s face, finally receiving the recognition they deserved since the start of the pandemic.

It is hard to notice the hard work of the mass media reporters since we are busy gaining more knowledge about the virus rather than taking even a moment to acknowledge the hard work of reporters.

We all witnessed that dreadfully terrifying moment when we all learned about the virus, and more specifically the time we got to know about the fact that the virus causes death too. We all experienced quarantine, but missed all those times news anchors and mass media reporters refrained from expressing their fear and instead, stayed there and informed us more about the news.

As the mass media continues to do its job bravely, I salute the frontline warriors the community helpers, and doctors for their constant support, I admire as well as thank the mass media reporters for bravely risking their lives, for the information they provide me and sincerely request everyone one of you to appreciate them a little more, since all that you know about the virus -the number of cases and more- is the courtesy of the mass media.



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# THE TRUTH BEHIND : RHINO POACHING

MANINI VENGURLEKAR, GRADE 8

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Rhino poaching is widely known to occur in South Africa although this horrific act of greed is illegal there. The false beliefs of us humans have led the poachers there to target Kruger National Park, a 19,485 km<sup>2</sup> of protected habitat on South Africa's north-eastern border with Mozambique. These inhuman and sinister people are now being supplied by international criminal gangs with sophisticated equipment to track and kill rhinos. Frequently a tranquilizer gun is used to bring the rhino down, before its horn is hacked off, leaving the rhino to wake up and bleed to death very painfully and slowly.

A majority of the wealthy tend to believe the ancient rumor of how the rhino horn can be used as a medicine, this is a result of an increase in demand from Asian countries where their horns are considered a valuable ingredient in some forms of traditional medicine. The horns are ground to a powder and ingested as a treatment for everything from fever and snake bites, to cancer and hangovers. They also act as a symbol of wealth. This horrible crime goes yet unnoticed even after great efforts are taken by brave people to make the public aware of the horrendous acts of the lowbrows. Here is what people are unaware of: rhino horns are made up of keratin and so are their hooves.

Yet the rhino is murdered inhumanely for its horn whilst the foot of the tranquilized innocent soul lays there, but it doesn't end here, humans' hair and nails are made up of keratin too. The only difference between a rhino horn and our nails is the unique shape of the horn. The “benefits” of consuming rhino horn may be achieved just as easily by chewing on our nails! We need to dispel this myth of the healing powers of rhino horn, and it starts with education. Recent conservation campaigns in these markets have been used to highlight that rhino horn is just keratin and is, therefore, the same as our nails. Keratin. That's all it is. No different or more a medical remedy than your fingernails. So with a dwindling rhino population of 5,000 – 5,400 black rhinos, 80 to 100 Sumatran rhinos, and no more than 67 Javan rhinos, why kill off one of our planet's greatest species for no reason? Why let our superstitions destroy these beings? After all, we are the ones who take away their habitat from them, it is us who live in their home. Take a hint, learn a lesson and in return, you'll receive a blessing.



# EXPLANATION MAP: A TOOL FOR VISUALISING THE LOGICAL STRUCTURE OF EXPLANATIONS OF SCIENCE QUESTIONS, PHENOMENA, OR DEMONSTRATIONS

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**Abstract:** In this article, a format of a map or flowchart is presented that makes it useful for visualizing explanations of the multitude of science phenomena or textbook questions that students come across in their daily life, or seen on the internet, or their curriculum. The paper presents a case for the need for a communication tool suited for science-related explanations. The potential benefits of using this tool for STEM education are listed. In the end, a preliminary experience of using this tool in a classroom setting is described.

**Keywords:** explanation, map, visualization, diagram, flowchart, critical thinking, logical thinking, inference, argument, doodle, online, tool, collaboration, format, science, STEM, Google Jamboard, NEP

**Background:** Following is an account of how I was inspired to create an explanation map. In the Grade 7 online Physics class, the topic of discussion was pressure in gases and liquids. To demonstrate that the atmosphere exerts tremendous pressure on us, I showed the students a video in which a plastic bottle gets crushed when a certain sequence of steps is followed (Fig. 1). This is the well-known demonstration wherein steam trapped inside the bottle condenses and the bottle crushes due to atmospheric pressure. I asked the students to explain the crushing bottle demo and some students did give very good explanations. But there were still some points that seemed to be unclear. So after the class, I thought of the idea of presenting the explanation in the form of connected boxes of text accompanied with doodles. Using Google Jamboard I created an Explanation Map and shared it with the students (Fig. 2).

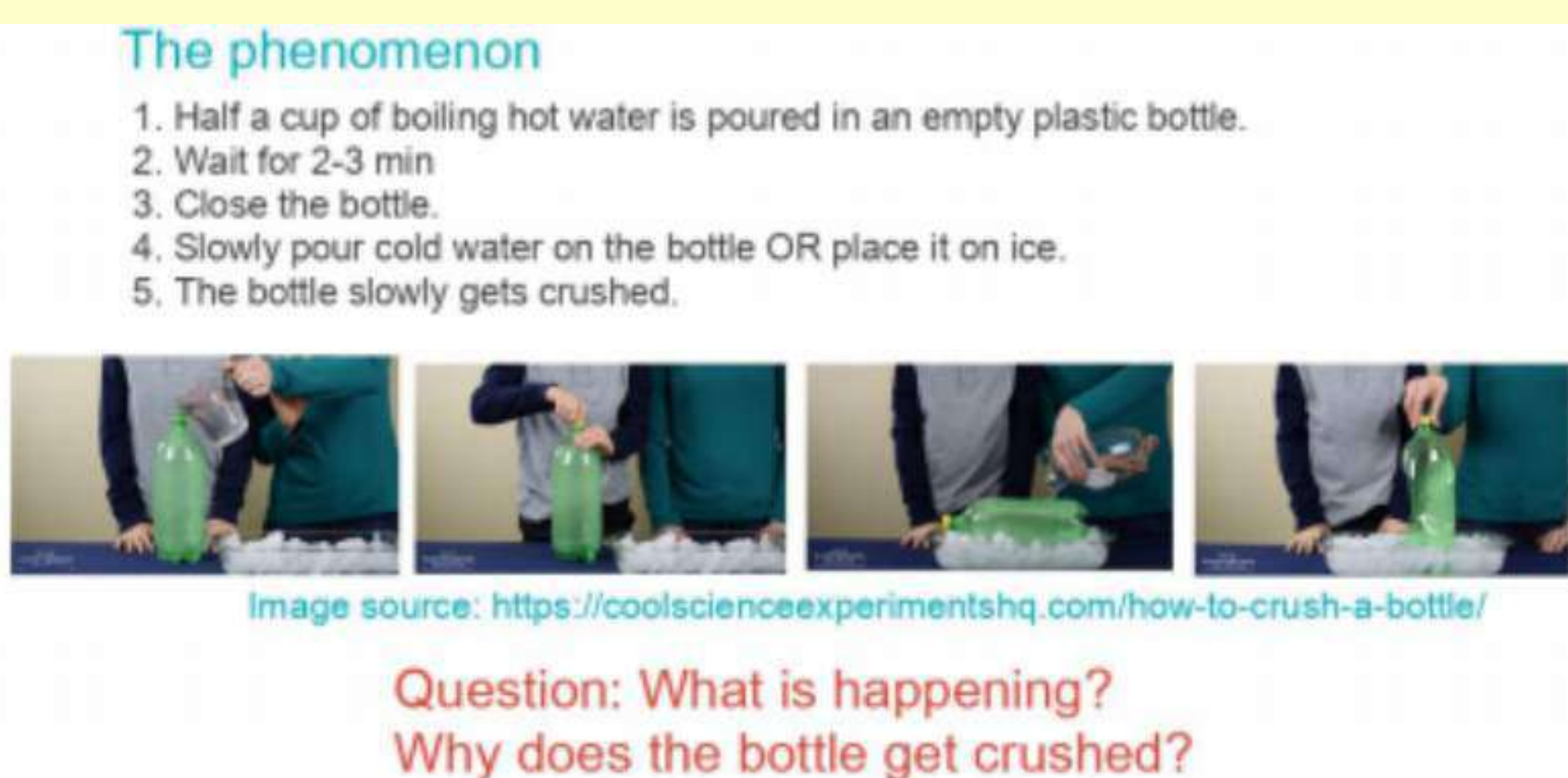


Fig.1 An image or video of the demo or phenomenon, that acts as a hook.

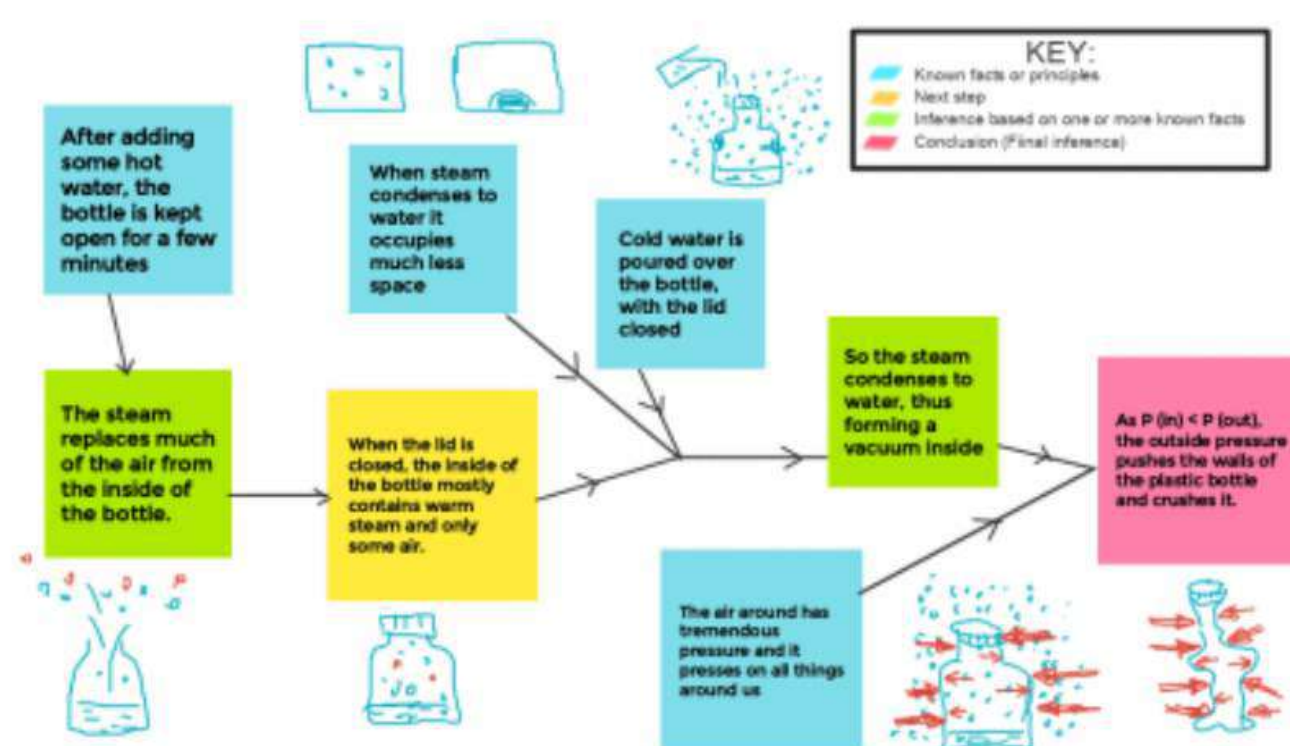


Fig.2 An Explanation Map that attempts to explain why the bottle gets crushed.

**The need for a communication format for explanations:** Every field has its own vocabulary and its language, for example, Western Music is written with notes placed on horizontal lines, Maths has its symbols and rules, Particle Physics has Feynman diagrams, Computer Algorithms have flow charts. Yet when it comes to explanations (which is one type of a question besides other types like description, numerical problem solving, derivations, etc.) in science, there seems to be no accepted form of communication to easily and effectively convey the logical structure of an explanation.

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Explanations are generally given as statements (written or spoken) and this demands good command over the language to be able to convey complex ideas. If a student finds it difficult to convey the explanation well using only sentences, then it adversely affects the confidence of the student and also the teacher will face difficulty in correctly assessing the understanding of the student.

Though visual devices like a mind map, concept map [5] or argument map [1] are well known, and these formats can be used in multiple fields, there is no specific format developed for visually communicating explanations of phenomena encountered in science (at least not in my knowledge). While a mind map is a useful tool for organizing the concepts of a topic, and it has a diverging structure; on the other hand an Explanation map will be suitable for presenting Science explanations and it has a converging flow chart structure. Also if one compares an argument with an explanation, these are different, for example, refer [1, 3 & 4].

A format of a map is proposed here that may bridge these gaps. An example is seen in Fig. 2.

**Format of an Explanation Map:** Four types of color-coded boxes or nodes: 1) One or more Known facts: scientific principles or a procedure in the demo; 2) Inferences based on one or more known facts; 3) Intermediate steps: Anything that does not fall in the other three categories; 4) Conclusion: Usually a final, single inference.

The other distinguishing feature of this map is that each box may consist of some or all of three modes of concept representation, and such boxes would be connected in a logical structure, thus an Explanation Map, on the whole, will consist of four information representation elements (instead of sentences alone):

- 1) Text;
- 2) Visuals – photos/ doodles/ diagrams;
- 3) Mathematical content- formulas/ equations/ graphs
- 4) The logical flow structure of the connected boxes.

This format is obviously time consuming to create and takes up more space in the notebook compared to writing plain sentences, but its potential advantages may far outweigh these disadvantages.

**Potential Advantages and suggestions for Science/ STEM Education:**

- 1) Format is suitable for answering questions of How and Why Type
- 2) Promotes analytical and critical thinking: This format breaks up an explanation into its components which encourages analytical thinking. Here is an example that illustrates how the explanation map is suitable for critical thinking as well. For instance, if one of the ‘known facts’ boxes is struck off or modified, then the inference that follows will get modified too. For example, in Fig. 2 if we modify the known fact that “there is the air around us”, to “the bottle is on a planet where there is very little air, or in space”, then the new inference would be that even though there is a vacuum inside, the bottle will not get crushed. This logical thinking makes it clear to the student that simply having a vacuum inside will not crush a bottle- and most importantly that vacuum does not ‘suck’ things in, which is a common misconception. Thus one explanation map helps to answer other related questions.
- 3) Students can work individually or collaborate. In collaboration, students can discuss, move the boxes around, play with the connected logical structure of the boxes, and the strengths of team members are leveraged using Google Jamboard Tool. Some students may write well, some draw well, and some are good at mathematical treatment.

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- 4) Teachers can see maps created by students and provide specific feedback about the scientific principles or facts that are used as starting assumptions, logical flow, language, diagrams, and mathematical treatment.
- 5) Whole brain thinking: Whole brain thinking: Use of language + diagrams/ doodles + maths/ graphs + logical flow structure would promote integrated learning.
- 6) Creative visualisation of Science models with doodles: Apart from illustrating what is visible, the doodles are specially meant for creative visualization of abstract concepts like: ‘air is made of very tiny particles called molecules and the particles are continuously moving around and colliding with each other and with things around. In Fig. 2 the air has been shown as dots- more dots outside the bottle than inside. The red arrows indicate that these are colliding with the walls. This would help create a stronger connection with the science models and their textual descriptions, definitions, and formulas.
- 7) Accessibility: These maps can be made with stationery material or digitally- both are possible in a low-cost way. The relevance of such a tool is more so in the online classroom era. One logistical issue is about drawing doodles- this requires either scanning drawings done on paper, which is tedious, or drawing using a digital tablet, which is moderately expensive.
- 8) Question difficulty can be tuned without oversimplifying the answer. This format can be used across grades and also in college or research. For junior grades I propose that some scaffolding could be given. The boxes could be provided with the text and elements already filled in. Then the students could arrange these in a logical structure. Or maybe the entire map is given and a few elements (text, drawings, math expressions) are left blank for the students to fill in. As the students progress through the grades they could be given more independence in creating an entire explanation map and with greater complexity.
- 9) Numerical problems and derivations can also be structured in the form of an Explanation Map, as some multiple assumptions or values are known and sometimes multiple concepts are involved and all these can be combined in a logical sequence to answer.
- 10) This idea is partly inspired by the objectives of NEP (National Education Policy, India, 2020), and will hopefully cater to the expectations of STEM education.

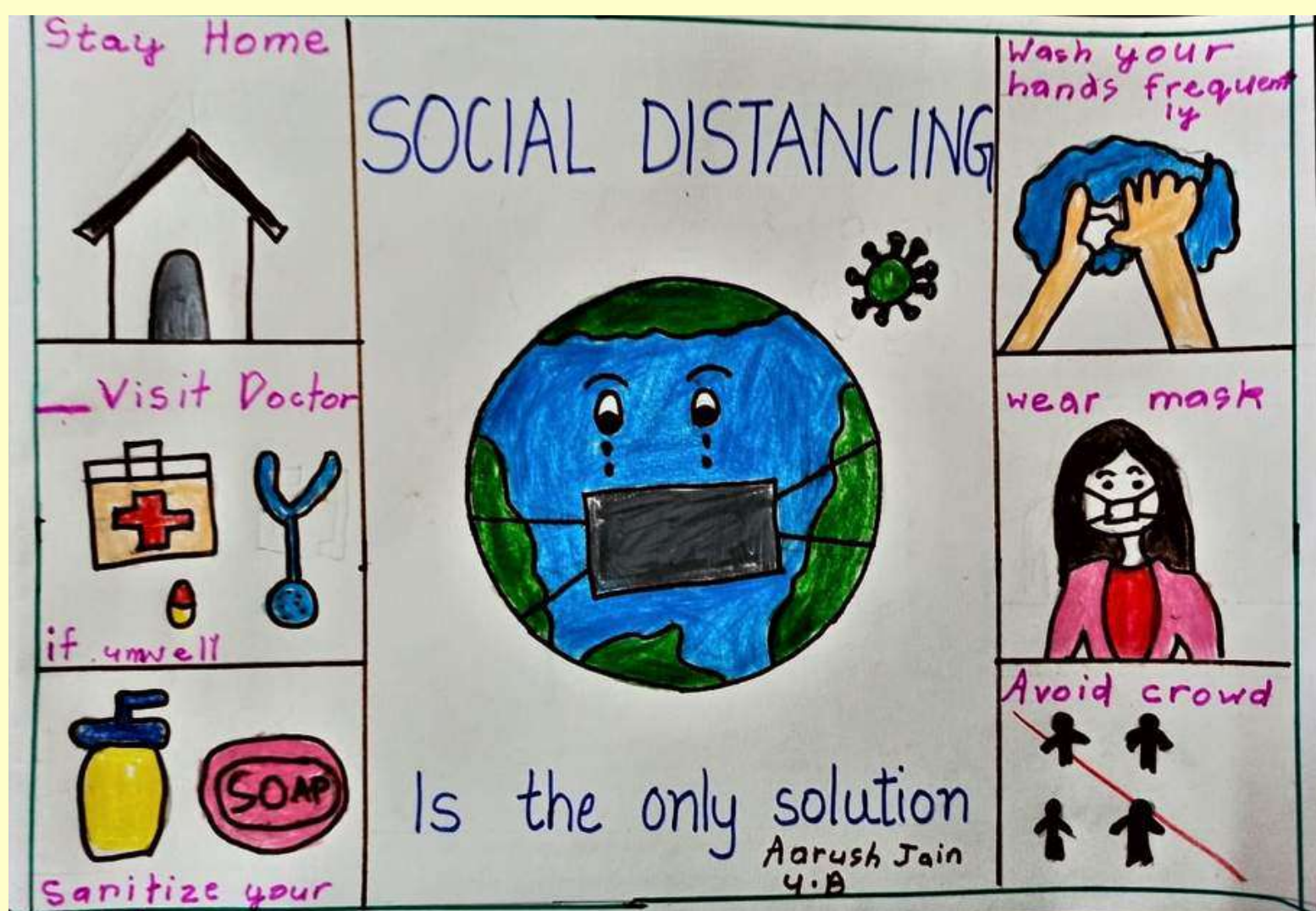
Preliminary experience of using an explanation map in the classroom: The explanation map format was introduced to grade 11 students by displaying the images as shown in Fig. 1 and Fig. 2, as a sample and describing its feature of connected blocks. Then a question on standing waves that required an explanation as well as some calculations, was assigned from the grade 11 Physics textbook. As an answer, an Explanation Map was required to be created, working in pairs by collaborating on Google Jamboard.

Following are comments of some students:

- Sneha said she has started to apply the format to other explanation questions. She appreciated the way the logical structure became visible.
- Kanika: "It helped me connect the ideas, steps, and reasoning"
- Adithya said that this method would especially work for a 4 mark (or more) question where complexity is involved. He said that he could see how different concepts came together.



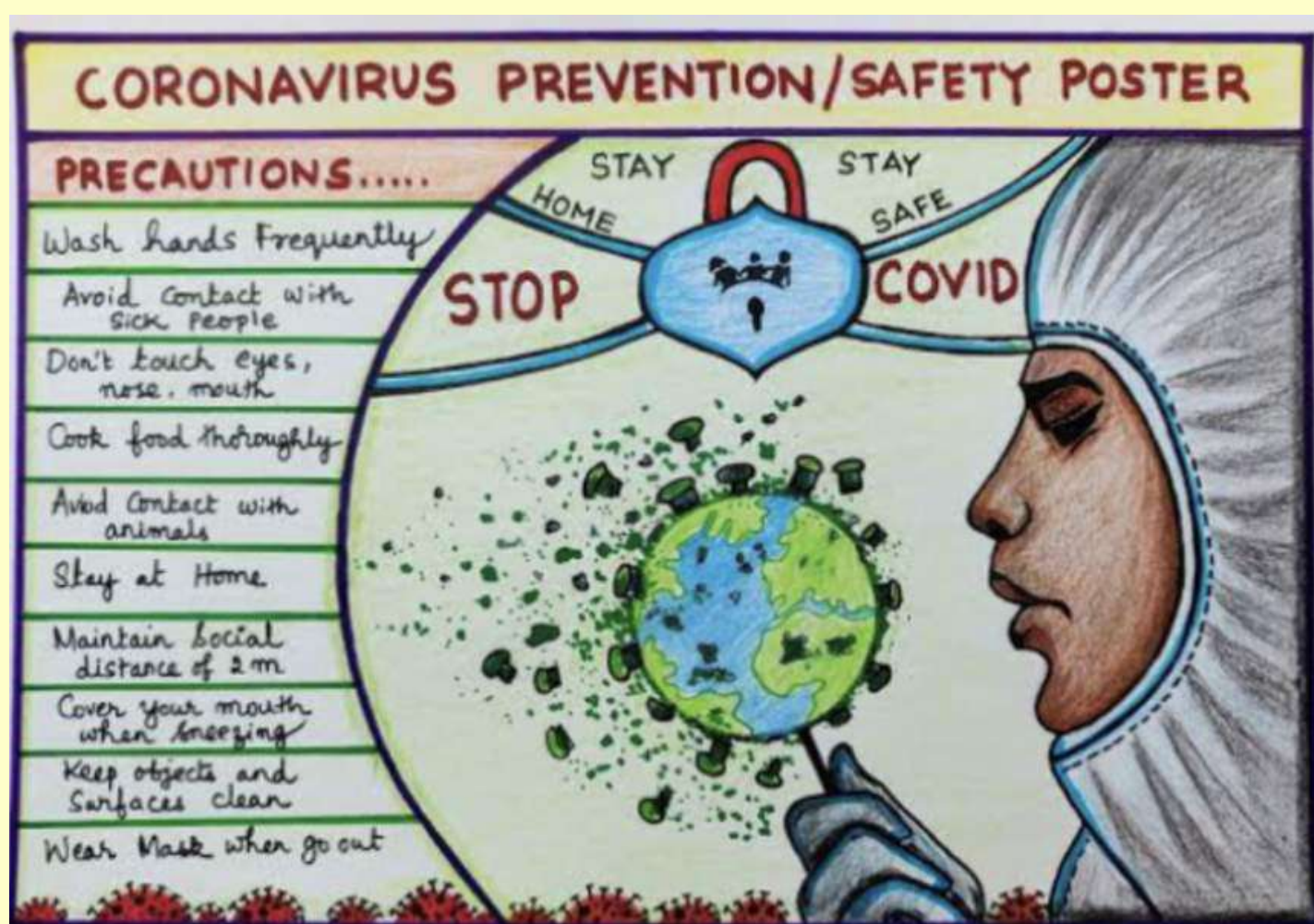
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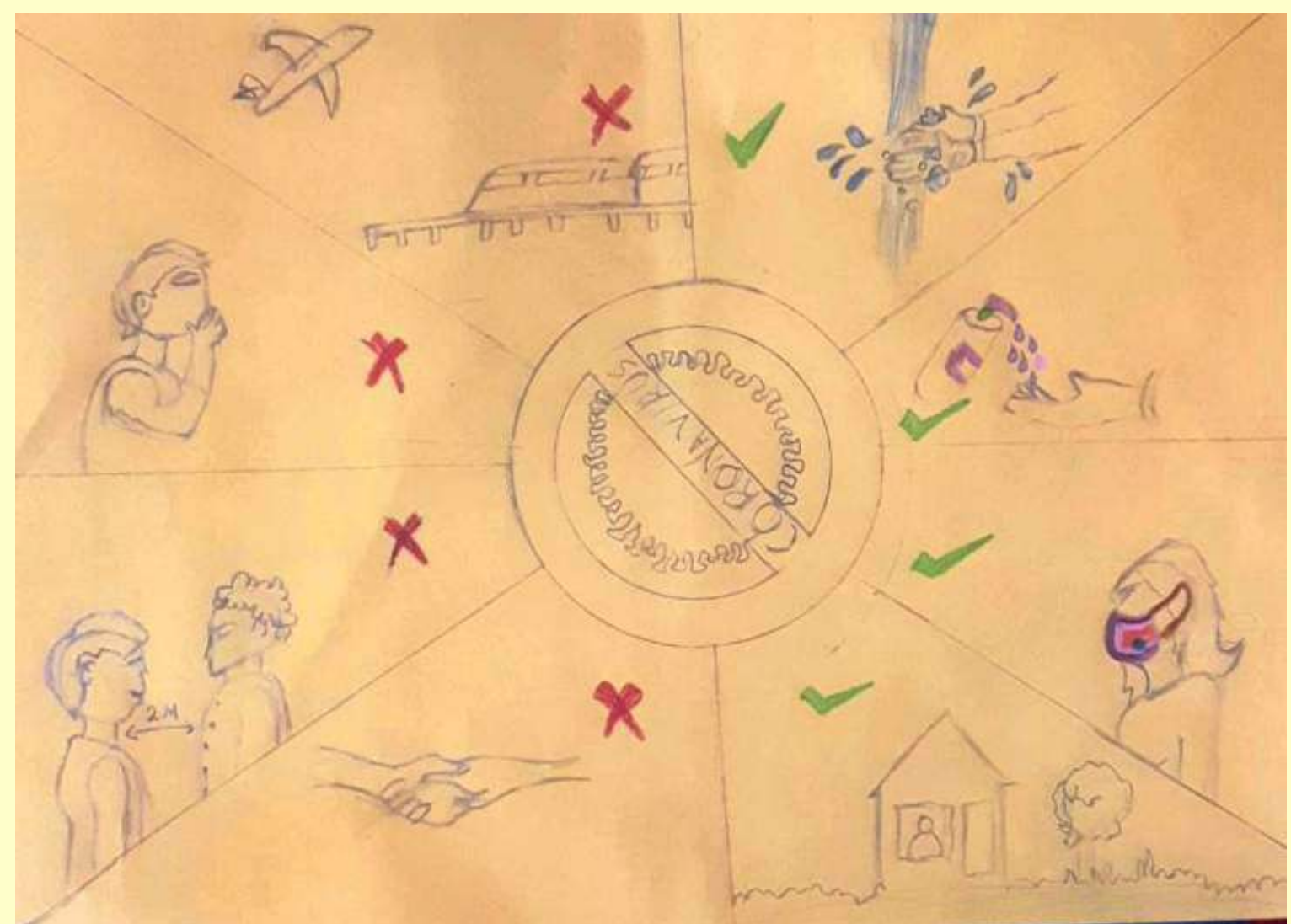
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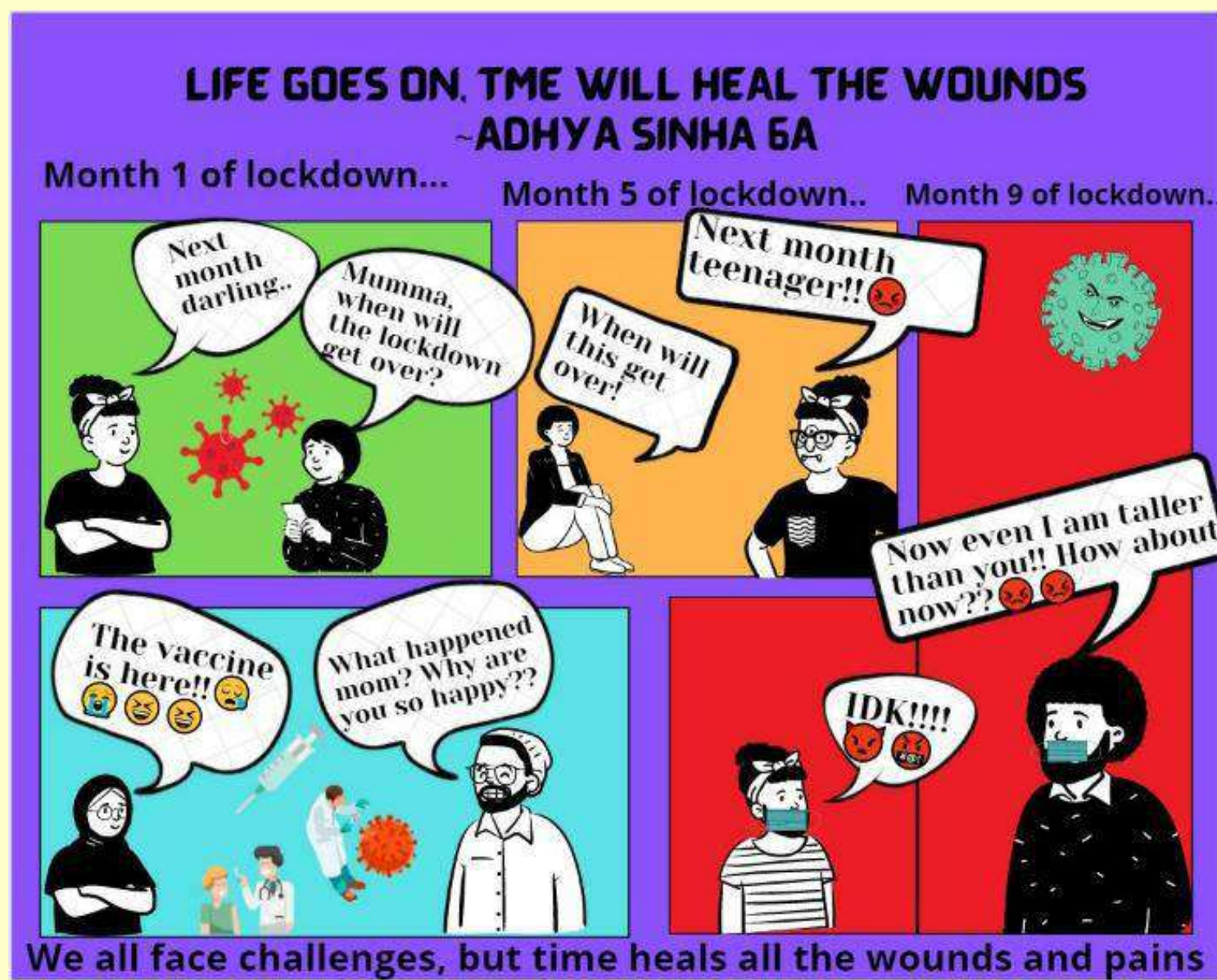
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**"We're going HOME  
because that's the BEST  
THING to do RIGHT NOW."**

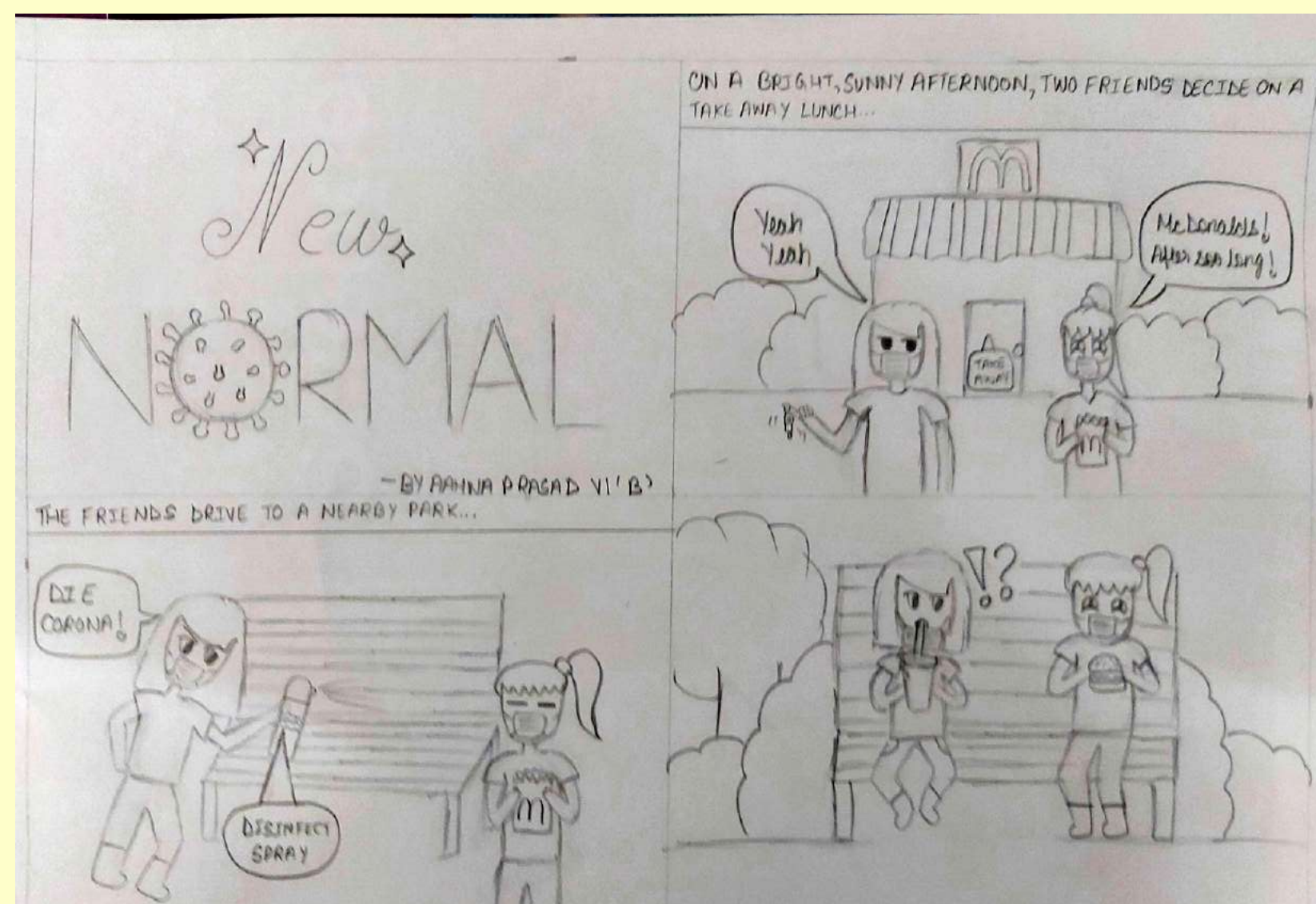
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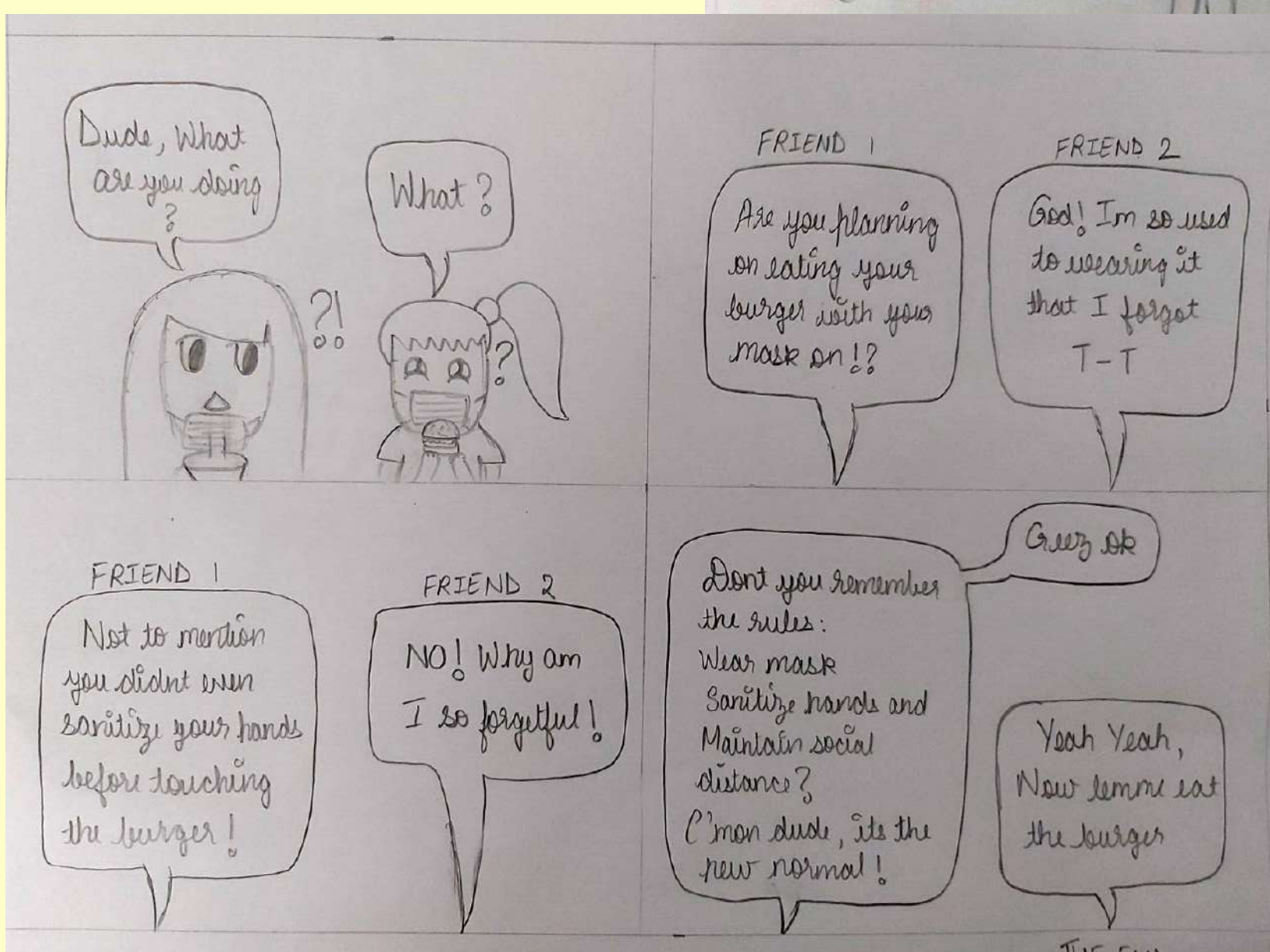
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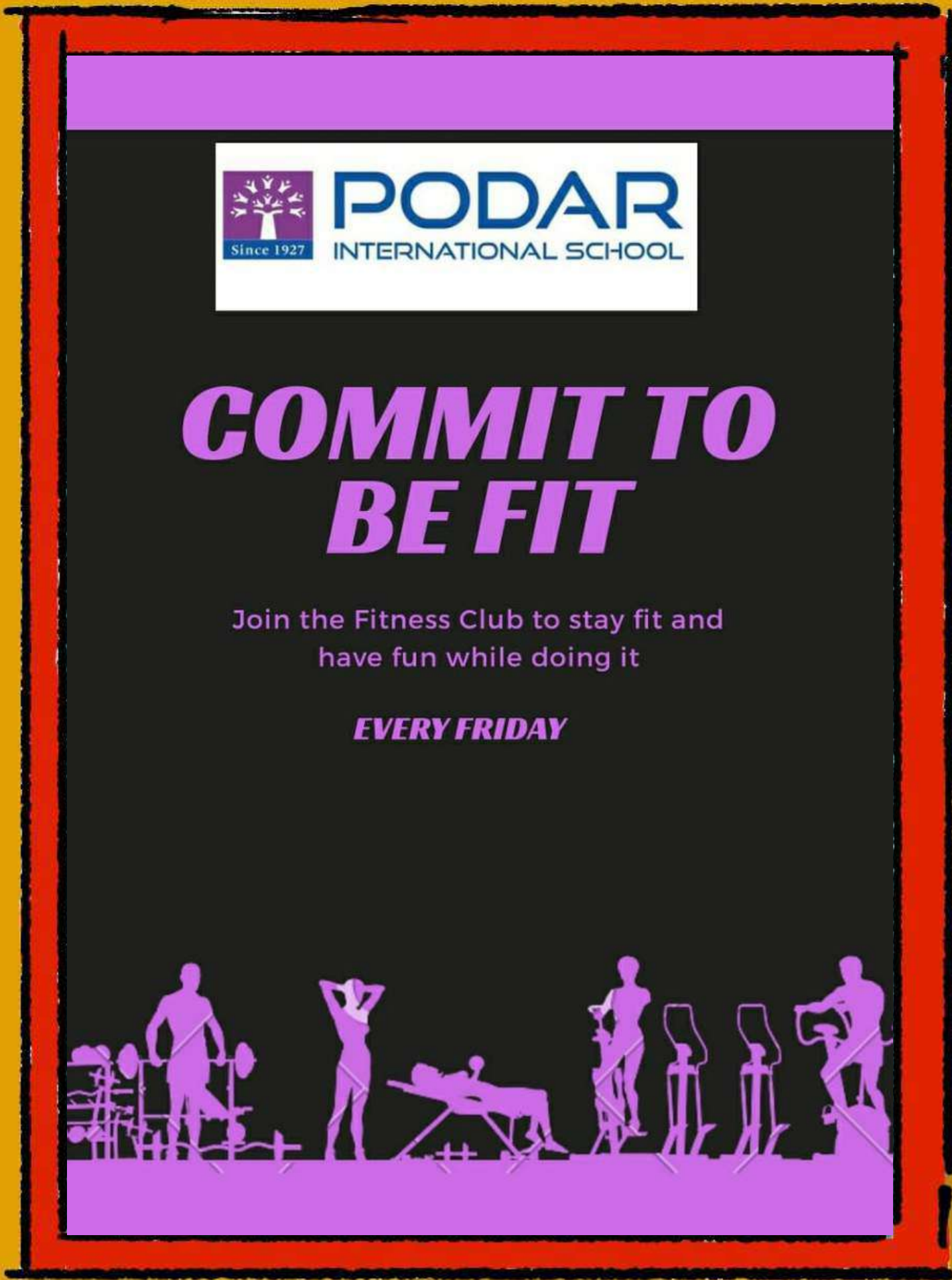
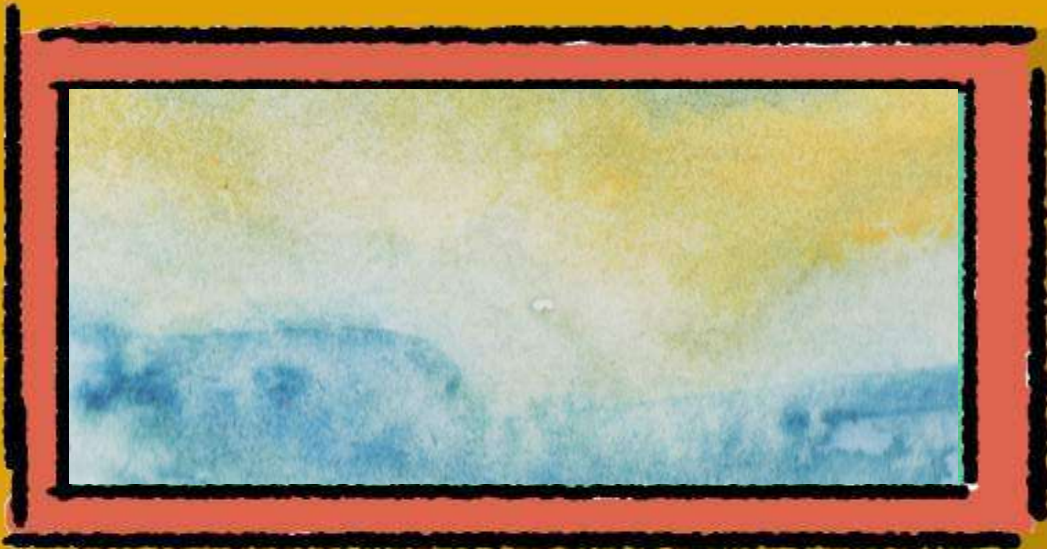
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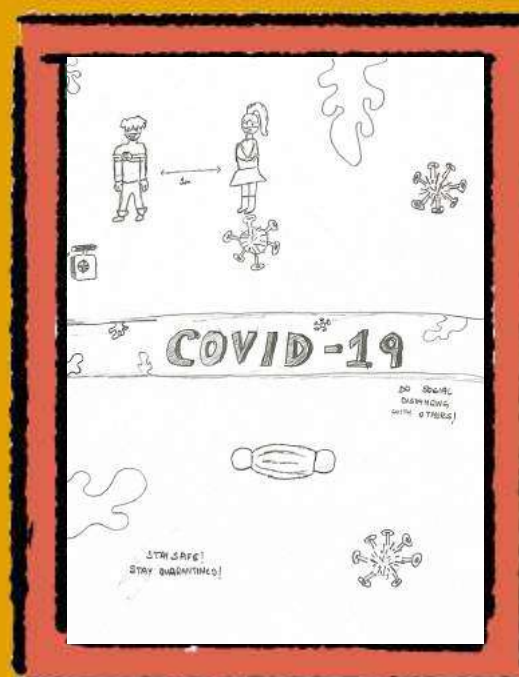
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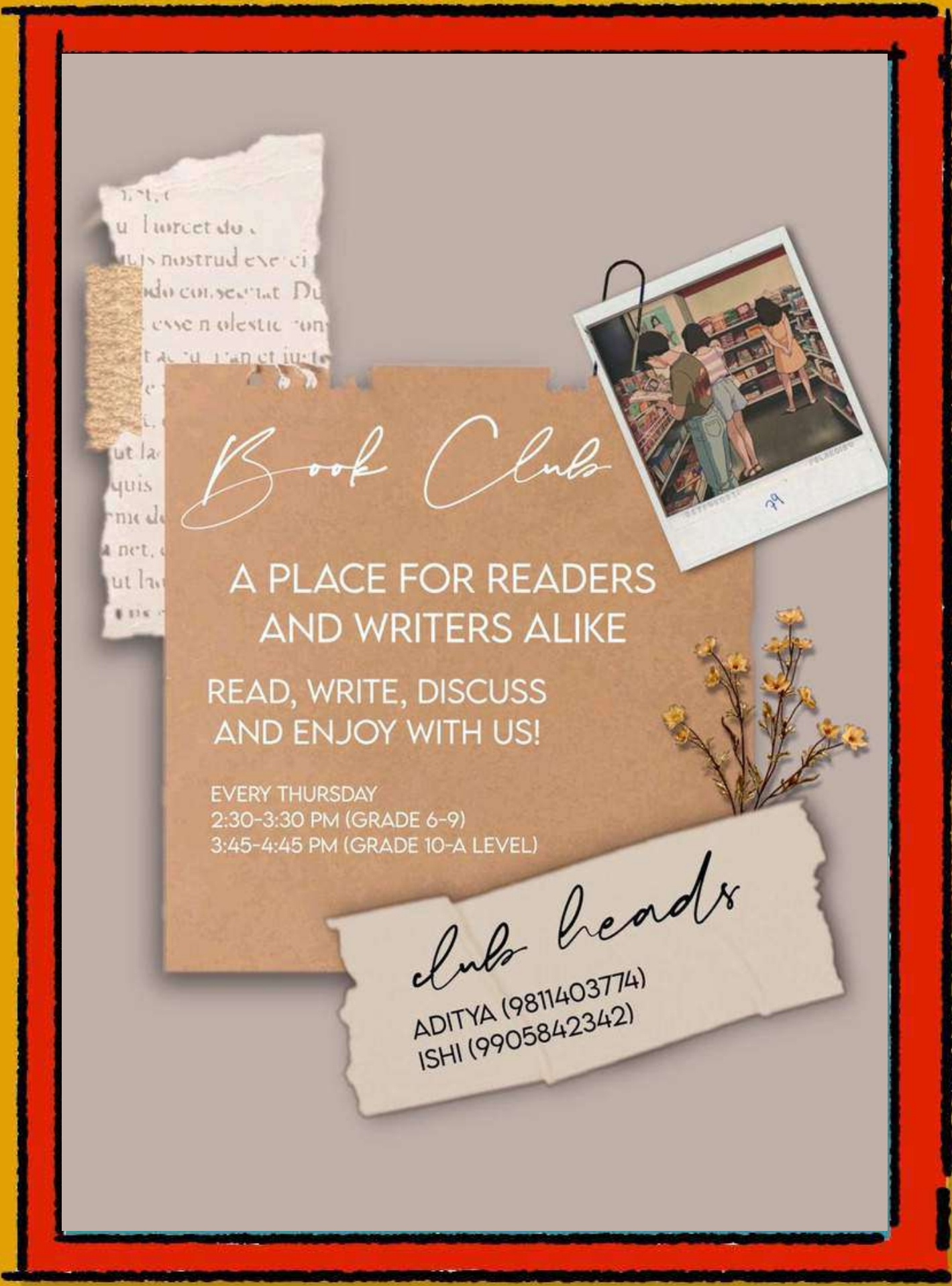
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## The New Normal

Arya Shendye, 6B

It came like an arrow  
But now we are used to it  
It's the new normal

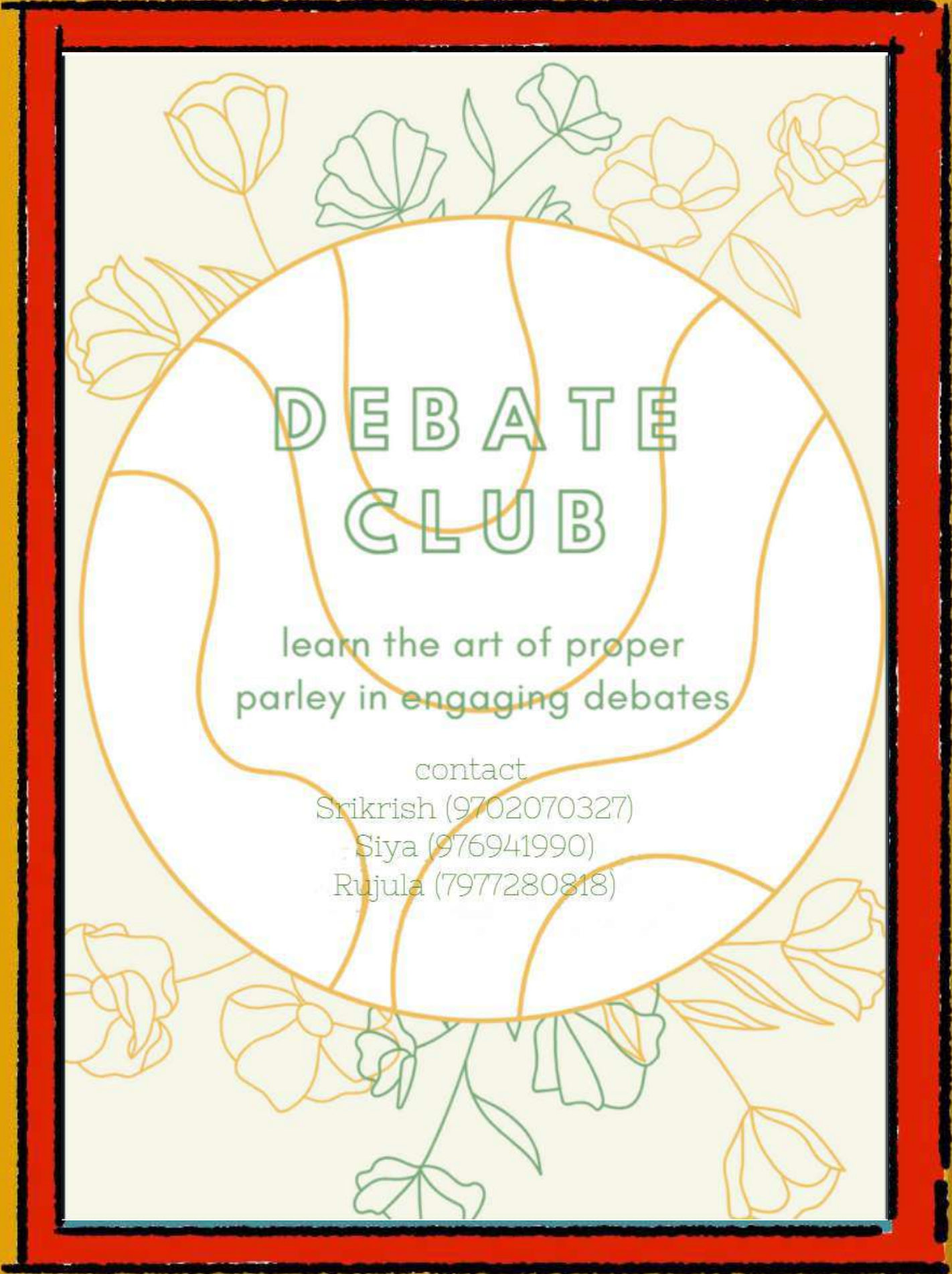
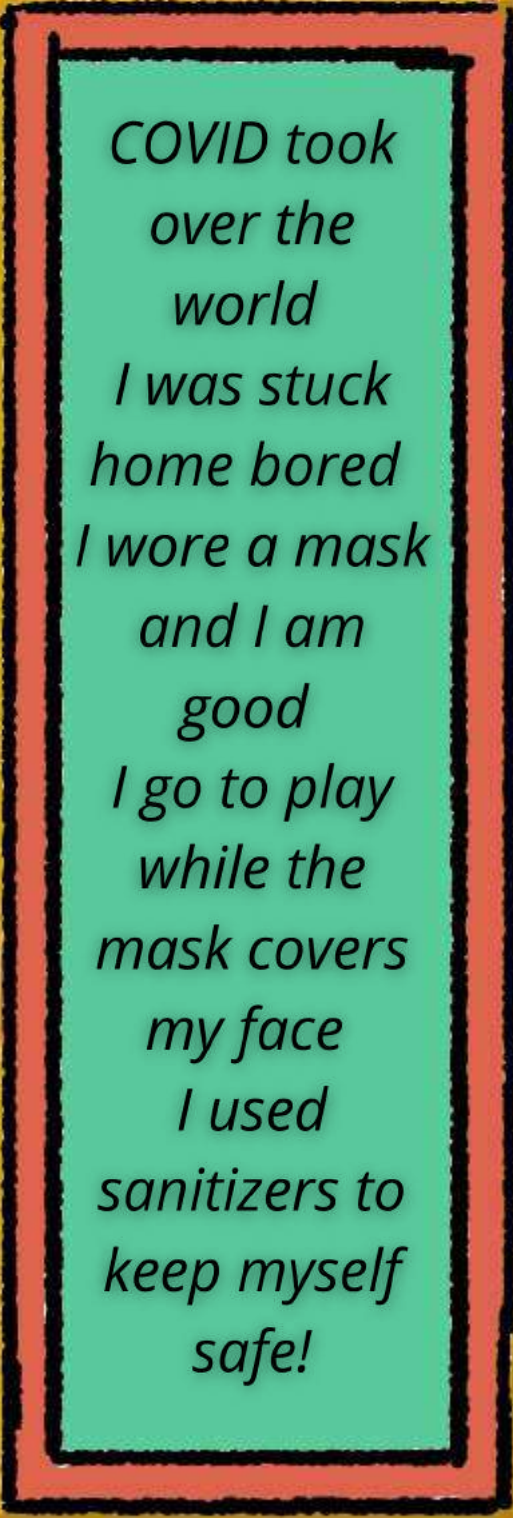




Palaash  
Dharamsi, 6B



Darpi Joshi, Grade 7





## KNOCKING PANDEMIC AAMIR KHAN, 7B

*Arya Tank, 6B*

Even with the distance,  
The world feels painfully close.  
But hope turns the page.

*RADHA SATSANGI,  
GRADE 4*



Knocking Pandemic,  
Calling to be cautious,  
Invading our busy lives  
With strain and it's furious.

Not just our country,  
But all countries,  
People locked in homes,  
Most feel scared and stressed.

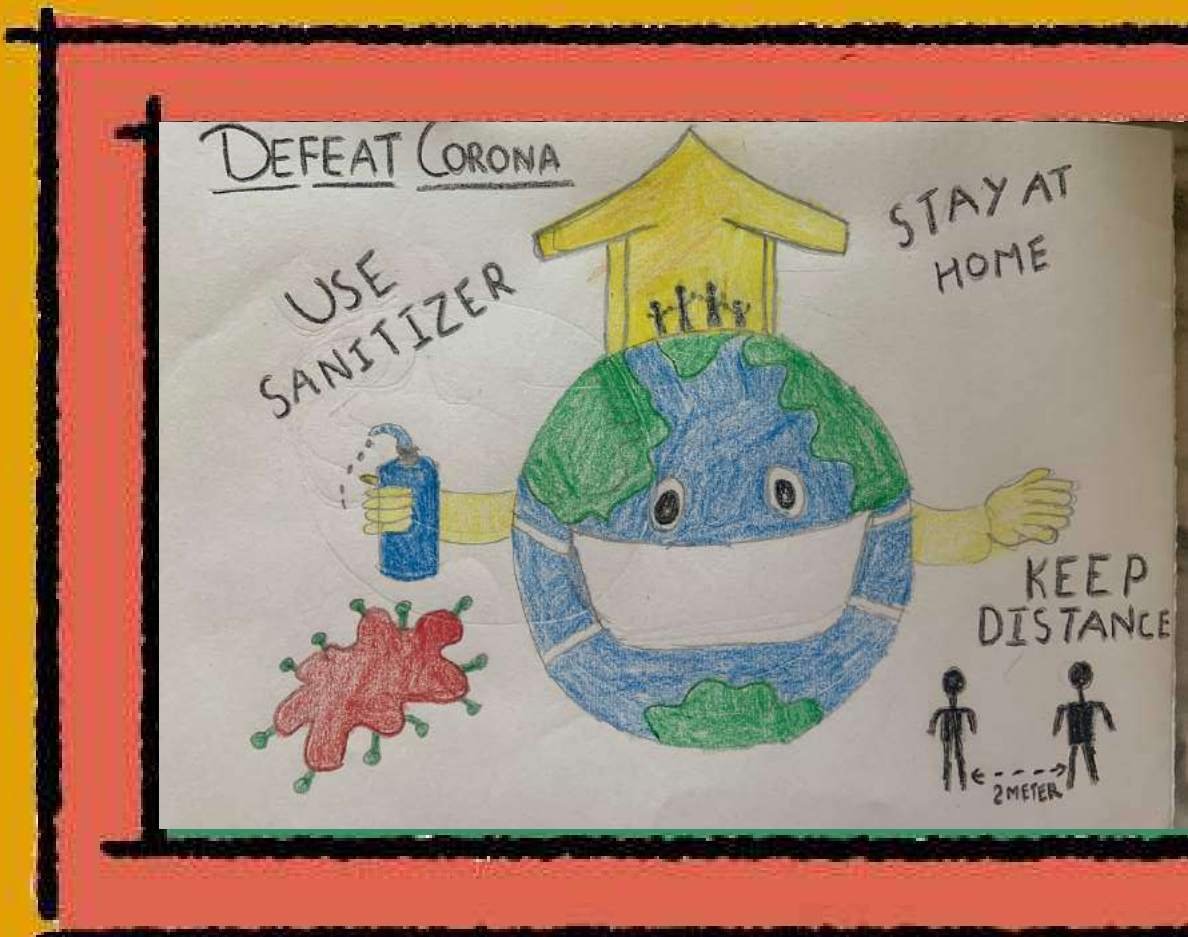
What response is best?  
Social distancing,  
Wearing masks and washing hands,  
Prevention - will bring the best.

Businesses and schools all close.  
We must obey rules.

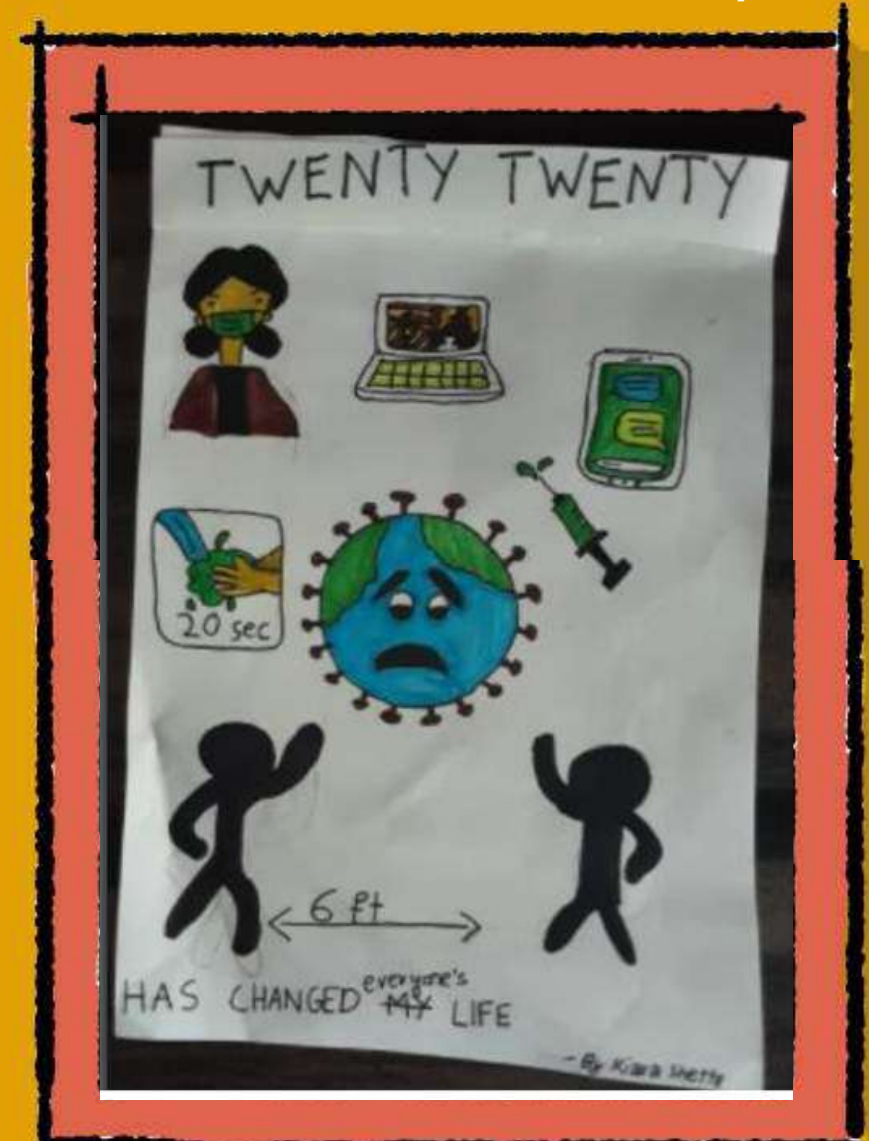
We pray for an end,  
Giving us each strength and hope,  
That we can all mend.

*MANREET KAUR KAINTH, 3B*

*ANAY BHARDWAJ, 3B*



*KIARA SHETTY, 5B*





MA COIN FAVOURITE DANS  
MA MAISON

C'est mon coin préféré dans ma maison. c'est sur le côté droit de mon salon. Je passe toute ma journée ici. J'assiste à la plupart de mes cours ici à côté de mon frère. en dehors de mes études, quand je travaille sur mon ordinateur, c'est là que je m'assois.

J'adore ce coin car il est très cosy et je regarde ma maison de ce coin. J'ai des plantes devant la table, ce qui m'éteint si je suis stressé. J'ai un aquarium près du coin où le poisson tourne qui est magnifique.

J'adore ma maison, mais j'aime le plus ce coin.



ZAID, GRADE 7



PITAMBER AGNIHOTRI, GRADE 7

MON COIN PRÉFÉRÉ  
DE MA MAISON

Ma partie préférée de ma maison est mon coin étagère à livres car il y a plus de 50 livres et j'en ai lu 20. Ma mère et moi avons décoré mon étagère à livres selon mon choix, ce que j'aime. Mon ami dit que j'ai un excellent choix en termes de sélection de livres. Chaque fois que je termine mon dîner, j'y vais toujours et je lis mon livre.

J'adore mon coin étagère à livres.

Les aliments et les boissons que j'ai savourés dans le lockdown

La nourriture est une fondamentale nécessité pour les êtres vivants. Il y a tellement de types d'aliments différents, mais mon préféré est un mug cake. Je l'aime parce qu'il est si rapide et facile à faire, vous pouvez le faire à tout moment et il est sans danger pour les enfants. Quand il s'agit de boissons, j'adore la limonade, c'est ma boisson préférée. Laissez-moi vous montrer comment vous pouvez les fabriquer.

- ~ Mug Cake ~
- Ingrédients - une tasse, 20 ml de lait chaud, 7 à 10 biscuits oreo et un quart de sucre.
  - Mettez d'abord les oreos et le lait chaud dans la tasse (note - ne remplissez pas la tasse jusqu'au sommet car le gâteau va lever) et écrasez-les et mélangez-les jusqu'à ce qu'ils soient combinés.
  - Ajouter le sucre (il est préférable d'utiliser du sucre en poudre) et mélanger jusqu'à ce que le tout soit bien mélangé.
  - Mettez la tasse au micro-ondes pendant 1 minute 30 secondes.
  - Une fois la minuterie terminée, sortez votre gâteau mug chaud et dégustez!



- ~ Limonade ~
- Ingrédients - 1 verre d'eau, moins d'un demi-citron, un presse-citron (facultatif), 1 cuillère à soupe et demie de sucre et un quart de cuillère à soupe de sel.
  - Pressez d'abord le citron dans l'eau.
  - Ajoutez ensuite le sel et le sucre.
  - Remuer jusqu'à ce que tout soit mélangé.
  - Ajoutez une paille et dégustez!



VAISHVI,  
GRADE 6



LIESHA  
NANDI,  
GRADE 4



ADHYA SINHA,  
GRADE 6



This terrible virus called Covid-19  
It's a killer that cannot be seen  
We must maintain social distance  
And keep our hands impeccably  
clean



ANAAYA KORDE, GRADE 1



COVID's rage  
Has us stuck in a cage  
In our own homes  
With nothing but our  
phones  
Isn't it strange?

SHARANYA BALIGA, 6B



MA  
BIBLIOTHÈQUE

Mon coin préféré de la maison  
est la petite bibliothèque de ma  
chambre. Même si j'ai beaucoup  
de livres, je m'assure de garder  
les meilleurs dans ma  
bibliothèque afin de pouvoir les  
lire encore et encore. Je m'assure  
d'avoir des livres de tous les  
genres bien que j'aime  
davantage le mystère et le  
thriller. Je garde aussi des livres  
d'aventures parce que j'aime  
aussi ce genre. Je l'aime parce  
que c'est comme ma propre  
petite bibliothèque et chaque  
fois que je m'ennuie, je peux  
toujours lire mes livres.

INIKA BISHT, GRADE 7



À cause de la pandémie, nous étudierons par les cours en ligne depuis près d'une année (académiquement). Cela a eu des effets qui sont tous les deux bons et mauvais.

Pour commencer, toute notre éducation repose maintenant sur la qualité de notre connectivité réseau; ainsi que combien de temps on peut regarder à l'écran et écouter les professeurs. Cependant, les cours en ligne signifient aussi que nous pouvons participer à l'école où que nous soyons à ce moment.

Il signifie que nous n'avons plus besoin de lever aussitôt que nous avons l'habitude de quand nous avons eu le trafic se préoccuper de. Il signifie que nous n'avons pas porter tous nos manuels scolaires dans les cartables lourds encore de; et il est aussi hautement improbable que on peut peut-être oublier un projet nous avons travaillé dur sur à notre maison! Mais surtout ça nous a gardé sûr. Nous avons géré obtenir notre éducation, pour rester connectés les uns avec les autres tout en étant coincés dans nos propres maisons et en outre, nous avons appris comment s'adapter à nos conditions.



***LES COURS  
EN LIGNE  
MANASVI  
GUHA, 8B***

Tandis que les cours en ligne ont leurs inconvénients pour enseignants et étudiants ressemblent- tel que temps imprévisible, langage corporel peu clair, manque d'interaction physique appropriée, incapacité à expérimenter dans le laboratoire, etc.- je suis, pour un, reconnaissante que nous sommes au moins assez chanceux de les avoir leur.



2020 a été une année différente, il y a beaucoup de changements dans ma routine quotidienne, par exemple l'heure je me réveille, l'heure je joue, et l'heure que j'étudie aussi.

Nous avons une école en ligne et c'est parfois difficile, je ne comprends pas beaucoup mais j'ai beaucoup appris comme gérer moi-même.

L'année dernière, j'ai eu beaucoup de temps pour essayer de nouvelles activités. J'ai appris deux langues et j'ai aussi appris à cuisiner. J'ai découvert mes intérêts dans la musique, les sujets en école.

Je m'ennuie de rencontrer mes amis, aller à l'école, et visiter des endroits amusants. 2020 était une barrière sociale, mais ça m'a appris à me concentrer sur ma vie et m'a aidé à éviter les distractions.



*LA PANDÉMIE  
MAHI PINGLE,  
GRADE 9*

*LE MONDE  
VIRTUEL  
MANINI  
VENGURLEKAR,  
GRADE 8*



La panique mondiale a apporté une toute nouvelle expérience pour les étudiants et les enseignants et, bien qu'elle ait à la fois des avantages et des inconvénients, je pense que la façon dont nous l'utilisons compte. Je les trouve très utiles car je voyage et continue de suivre mes cours. Certains des étudiants que je connais ne sont pas à l'aise pour parler ouvertement, mais étudier dans un environnement qui correspond le mieux à leurs besoins les aide à se coordonner avec les enseignants. J'admets cependant que, même dans le confort et la sécurité de ma maison, la solitude est parfois insignifiante. Et non seulement le réseau cause des difficultés, mais il affecte également votre santé, en particulier pour les yeux.



# NEW THINGS I'VE LEARNED DURING THE LOCKDOWN

Indra Nooyi once said, "Always be a lifelong learner, don't lose that learning and curiosity in you". By this line I got inspired to learn something over the lockdown. As there was nothing to do in the lockdown, just sitting at home, and not being able to go down to play with friends, I thought of learning a new skill.

My dad recently bought a new camera to take random photos around the house, since he loves photography. It is basically his hobby. As I saw him standing there, taking amazing photos, I thought why not learn photography as a new skill! I was lucky because I have my own camera, it isn't as good as the camera my dad has but it is pretty good for a beginner like me. I also started taking random pictures around the house, sometimes of things outside my building like the trees and plants. Slowly I learned how to use focus.



*EVANA  
DESHPANDE, 6B*

After some time, my dad told me that I can even edit these pictures using some editing softwares. I got even more excited and eager to learn! My dad downloaded two softwares on my laptop- Photoshop and Lightroom Classic.

After a little learning and observing my dad editing pictures, I picked up the basics such as brightening and changing the shadow scales, putting some effects etc. After I mastered all the basics, I started moving on to learning from some tutorials on YouTube. Watching these videos really made me learn a lot more about photography. After a few months, I started loving photography and it became a hobby. Every day I would take at least 2-3 pictures and then edit them afterwards. Now I know almost everything about it! I am currently working on landscape photography and I'm sure that I will learn it soon.





**STUDY**



LOST  
*Disha Nischal, Grade 8*

Lost between nations, lost between the lords  
In the dilemma of which ones are frauds.  
I got no stamp of my race or religion.  
I want to be free like that flying pigeon.

I wonder why people fight because in the end, they all get  
hurt.  
Some lose their dignity, while some get their graves on dirt.  
I don't get how power will do better.  
It will just make the poor dry and the rich- wetter.

Why are people so afraid to be kind?  
Why can they never find peace of mind?  
Why do they have such an ego, which causes turmoil?  
What are they so arrogant about, when everyone's made  
from just soil?

People preach patriotism towards the country and city.  
Which they feel is more important than displaying  
humanity.

Why do we still judge people on their colour and caste?  
Why do we pinpoint only their faults in their personality- so  
vast?

I am not a revolutionist, not here to give any jerks.  
I am just a normal person who's tired of the way this world  
works.

I don't support vandalism; fights give me a frost!  
I am just a little lad who's brutally lost.



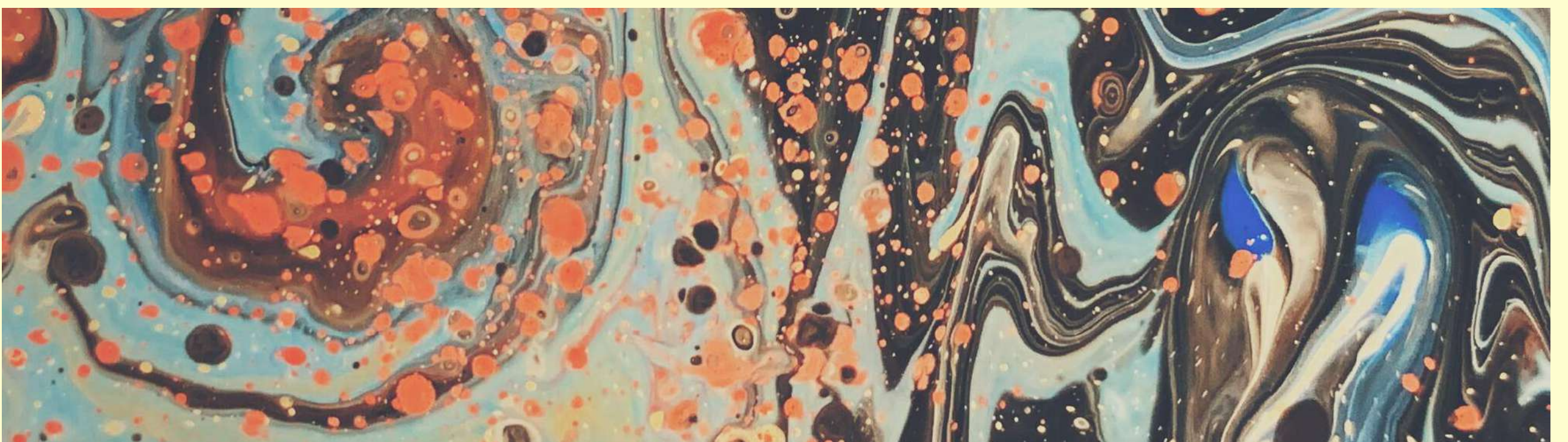
# LIFE AFTER THE LOSS

*Inika Bisht, 7B*


Covid-19 took away his friends.  
Covid-19 took away his parents.  
He had strangers to unburden his heart,  
But they too,  
Lived at a distance.

In acceptance of his surrounding climate,  
Gloomily sitting with no mate,  
To fate..

A poet sips his last cup on the bay  
Beside the setting sun of the day  
Thinking about the Paridaso of Dante.







*Manasvi Guha, Grade 8*

Dear Harriet,

How is New Zealand treating you? How's the situation there? It's pretty severe in India already. We've been under lockdown for over a couple of months by now, and truth to be told, I've gotten quite used to the pandemic and everything related to it.

Alright, I can agree that not much has changed in my lifestyle, considering how I used to stay huddled up at home even before the announcement of a national lockdown, but yes, I do long to be outside for once. I'm a human after all, I need some social connection with the outside world as well. Staying home with my family for ages can get boring at times, even if during the holidays - as in on days when we do not have online school- there is a vast opportunity for me to learn about a lot more things. Like thousands of others, I too have found a special interest in baking. True, I did love making cakes, brownies and the occasional extravagant dessert yet never had I made so many of them in such a short amount of time, although it did seem a bit much at the beginning. What did you start up or pursue further during the lockdown in your country? From what I hear on the news, it was an extremely strict one.



When we were first asked to stay at home, I admit, I had become extremely worried since I was not sure of what we could possibly do. This was a huge 'first time' for everyone, so it was evident not many would have an inkling as to how we would survive. My main doubts had been grocery shopping, school, and after a while, even haircuts. However, over time, all these problems eventually got solved. Watching hundreds and thousands of tips on Youtube made my mother an expert in trimming hair; our classes started gradually shifting entirely to online -till the point where even the smallest of things related to school are now done on the devices; and dozens of online shopping stores have opened up.

The delight of pushing a trolley through the shops; watching the vehicles go past; the active life on the streets; the joy which rose upon meeting my friends at school everyday; the warmth that arose from having people next to you in the class and many such other glorious things which we had once taken for granted, can never possibly be replaced- but the new experiences which we now have are just as magnificent. Opening a gadget and meeting with all your friends at once, casually texting them when bored, scrolling through offers in online stores and learning new, productive things everyday- these seem fun if we simply look at them the right way. Once we realise that this is the new normal for all of us, life will feel much better.

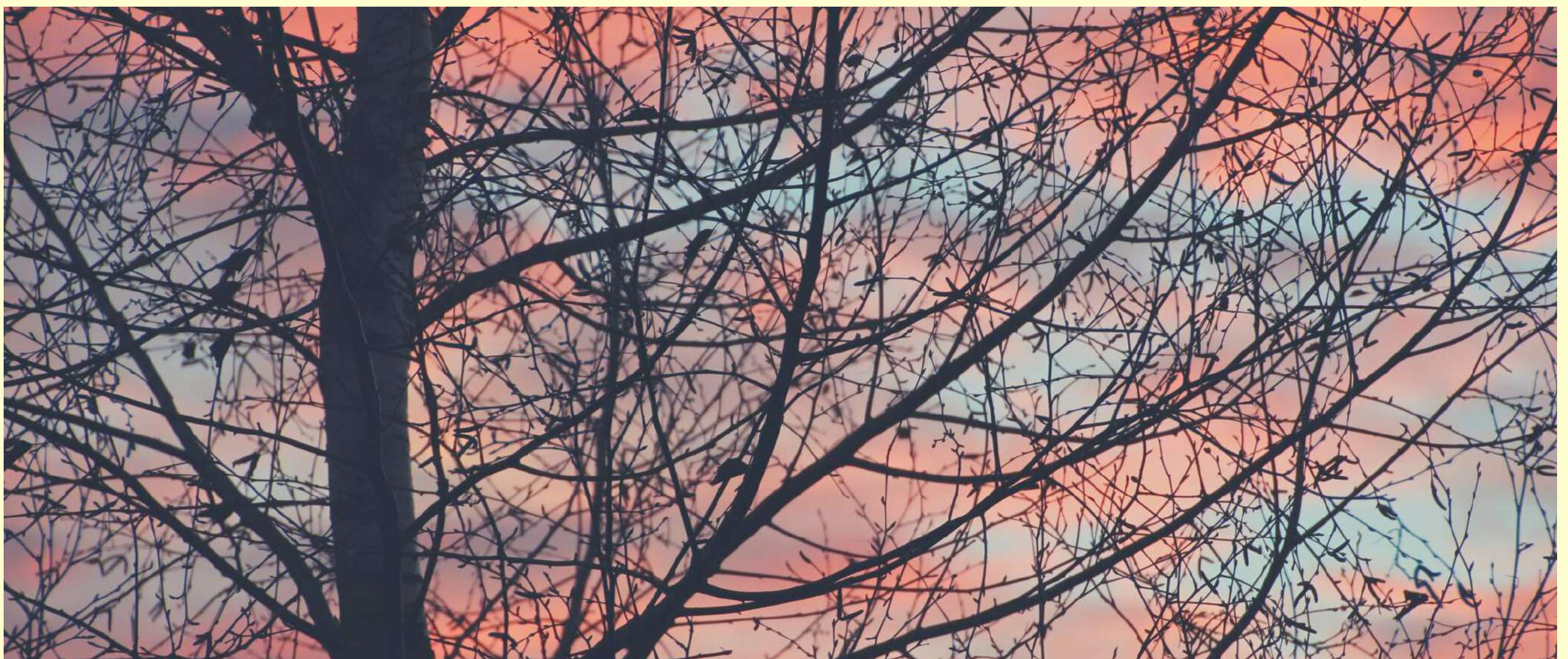
I can't wait to see you again soon,  
Love,  
Manasvi



*Nasir, Grade 6A*

We may be young or old,  
But we must be bold,  
About the enemy untold.

We can't go to malls,  
Nor can we go to stalls  
Because this virus is threatening,  
If you have to go out, think twice  
Wear your mask so you will be wise  
Before entering , don't forget to sanitise  
And carefully wash your hands thrice.  
Coronavirus is the name,  
Its killing people like a detective game  
According to the rules, we are safe  
And finally, it will be the endgame.





# THE NEW NORMS

*Saranya Katoch, 3A*

Sanitizer on hands,  
Mask on face,  
Stay away from crowds,  
Keep your space.

No outdoors,  
Stay indoors,  
Sanitize often  
Gargle more.

Classes online,  
Friends away,  
At home we stay,  
We are all fine.





## THE DEAL WITH THIS “NEW NORMAL”

*Tanisi Saxena, Grade 8*

Dear Rachel,

I hope you are doing well in this new, aching pandemic. I just thought of contacting you and hoping that all is well and good at your end.

To be very honest, this pandemic had deeply disturbed my inner peace of life.

At the beginning of all this, I felt I was going under and this time I feared there was no one to save me, no one to numb all this pain and hatred, no one to turn to; my mind was desperate for the love of my friends, to meet them again, without all these tantrums of the world of wearing a mask, sanitizing yourself again and again, and especially this ‘social distancing’. This all really got a way of driving me crazy. It was tough and rough, but then I wondered, everyone might have had worse lows than me. I realized that we sense that the “normal” isn’t coming back, that we are being born into a new normal: a new kind of society, a new relationship with the Earth, a new experience of being human, a whole new world with a fresh start-up, it's just that we are on a bumpy journey and that we will all soon reach the final destination, and that will be the end of this dark tunnel. Or well, I hope so.



Right now, we are all just stuck with these hectic classes, video games and that is only what I saw at the start of all this; it blinded me. I never thought about what the world can be, once this nasty “throwback of nature” has come to end. A dazzling place, we never knew, unbelievable sights are seen with indescribable feeling; soaring, tumbling, and freewheeling, through an endless diamond sky with wonderful horizons to pursue. I mean, who can even predict the future that lies ahead of us? What matters is the hope and love the world should spread so that we can heal the world, not physically, but mentally.

I depend on you to spread the word, of kindness and the betterment of the world to change people’s mentality and thought towards this pandemic. To every person in the nation who is suffering, may God bless them.

Yours lovingly,  
Tanisi



# NEW THINGS I LEARNT DURING LOCKDOWN

*Varchasv Biyani 3B*

Lockdown is Happy or Lockdown is Sad,  
If you ask me, it is a Mixed Bag.

I don't have to get up early to attend School,  
But not meeting Teachers and Friends is also not Cool.

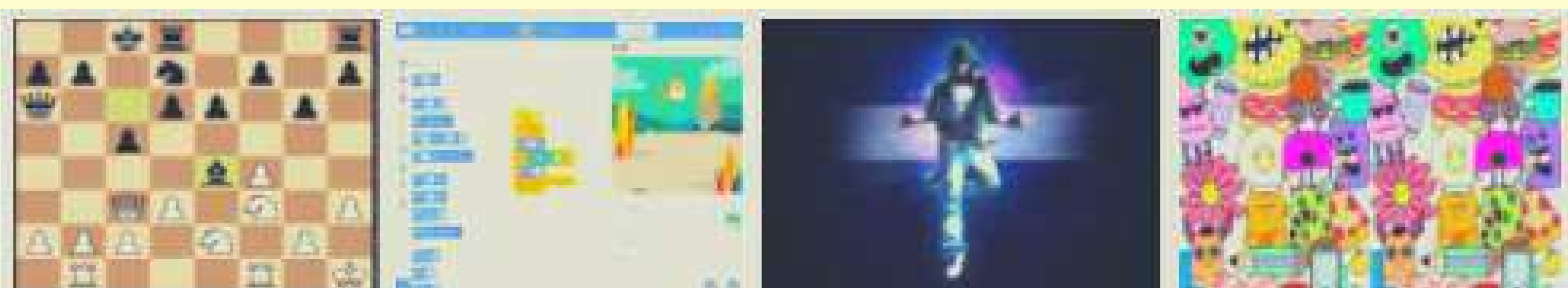
Lockdown took away our parties, travel and vacations,  
Oh Covid, what have you done to our Nation?

Not going for my Fencing or Karate class makes me sad,  
But learning Online Dance and Chess is also not too bad

The entire day being at home is very-very boring  
That's when I started making games, which I learnt in  
Coding.

Round the clock, there were days when I did nothing,  
To my rescue were Doodling, Kawai and Paper Quilling.

Google Meet, Zoom and Video Calls are now part of our  
daily routine  
Lockdown has taught all of us something that was never  
foreseen!!!





# LEARNING AT HOME DURING THE LOCKDOWN

*Janvi Patil, 4C*

Washing our hands,  
Obeying the pandemic commands,  
Keeping the distance,  
No pandemic existence.  
Wearing a mask,  
Doing a task,  
Staying at home,  
Not shaking hands with unknowns.





## THE DAYS WHEN WE WENT TO SCHOOL

*Manasvi Guha, Grade 8*

There are plenty of things that I miss about my school. But most of all, I miss the times when we used to go to school. I miss the smoothness of the furniture present in the classroom, the slam of lockers once our work there was done, the constant jabber in the hallways- though I still cannot claim to like it- the daily greetings, the secret conversations in groups, the private passing of notes when we were not supposed to; and many such incidents.

I used to take all this -and more- for granted but now that we have our classes online, I realized just how much we are missing from the simple trips to school. It's just another example of how nothing lasts forever. I recall one of my older friends getting emotional about the fact that she was now finishing her school days and how I had thought that she was overreacting. But now, I know exactly what she meant. For, who does not miss greeting our friends daily, sharing laughs for the silliest of reasons, attempting to do the allotted work, or even groaning over the homework we got?



There is something about regularly going to school that seems lovely, though it is a hated task. Maybe it has something to do with actually seeing those who you are close to, maybe it is because the daily rush of the day now gives us a warm feeling or maybe it's because we merely miss opening the door and entering our class rather than taking up a device, typing a code and then entering the class.

Missing the regular classes in school seems weird, yet somehow understandable. Keeping an eye on the clock, waiting for the teacher to enter, listening to the announcements, and even the simplicity of seeing the teacher explain things through the help of an actual whiteboard! Now, it all just appears to be a fond memory, presumably in the minds of most of us, if not all; and I cannot wait to live it all over again.





*Zoya Shaikh, 7B*

Deep inside the sea lay our worries,  
With sea creatures all around living a life of  
luxury,  
All I can think of is a dip in the sea, a sip of the  
sea,  
The way it calls out to me is quite fascinating,  
Imagining that I am in a fantasy land full of  
magic.

As the sun sets, the sea takes us in.  
The only way out is to discover everything.  
There comes a time where the sea doesn't feel  
well,  
That's the time it really becomes evil.

I eagerly wait for the sea to accept me,  
All I can think of is a dip in the sea, a sip of the  
sea.

I am so full from the beauty of the sea,  
All I can think of is a dip in the sea, a sip of the  
sea.





# FUTURE IS TECH

*Zaid Ajani, 7B*

Never did great work,  
But got a great reward in free,  
Work from home was our hope.

The work was of no use,  
It didn't let us meet our family,  
COVID did the work,  
And let us work with our family.

But lockdown passed by so fast,  
Couldn't bear it at the start,  
But it ended before we snapped our fingers,  
Everything started as normal,  
Except school.

Now everything is operated online,  
From schools to office work,  
The technological field is in great demand,  
The future is tech.



## DIALOGUE WRITING

*Ishita C, Grade 9*

Chai ke bina chein kaha, Mumbaiwalo ki lane yaha

The lockdown has eased and vendors have started getting on the road. A reporter, Mr. Musaldhar has got on the road for some necessary people to be interviewed as he stops for a cup of chai at the local chai-stand; he notices the vendor smiling satisfactorily. Mr. Musaldhar then starts a conversation with the chaiwala.

Mr. Musaldhar: Good Morning Bhaiyya, one kadak masala chai please. [smiles back at the vendor]

Vendor: Yes yes. [recalls his english]

Mr. Musaldhar: How's the business been in lockdown?

Vendor: At the start of the lockdown, we had to pick up stalls and park them back in our homes for almost a month, the worry of money was not much due to free rations given by the government. And the motivation of our country had kept us up... [focuses for a minute on the chai]

Vendor: It extended for another 3-4 months yet we survived happily and contentedly. Until there was a boil in the chai and the lockdown extended to a deadly matter of time, the chai had to be poured off and the flame turned off.

Mr. Musaldhar: Then what?



Vendor: Here started the real conflict and it was time to revive. I had a good rest at home during the lockdown while by God's grace, we were kept safe and healthy with a lot of savings due to the free rations. And therefore, I bounced back to my business and did a lot of changes here, like we are using branded mineral water and toasts, we always clean the utensils and tend to keep our reddy [hawker food cart] counter clean. We use a mask and do not taste chai like before we used to. We even use medical gloves and sanitizers. And make sure our customers are always using masks at the least.

Mr. Musaldhar: Well, these minor changes and measures are quite necessary and have proved to be worthy. Furthermore, are you satisfied with what the government has done for vendors and citizens across the nation?

Vendor: They did what they could do the best, provided us with those free medicine doses, masks, rations, and safety measures to abide by. The rest is our part; we need to play. But one thing is sure to be said, whatever may be the effect of Covid-19 be, it can never affect the taste of our chai [pulls out his string of words with a proud look on his face].

Mr. Musaldhar: That is for sure an invincible task. [grins ear to ear]

The vendor moves on to his chai and adds in its subtle elements again for a new customer and a new conversation, while Mr. Musaldhar enjoys his vivid cup of chai and heads off with a beam after the conversation.



**NEW NORMAL**  
*Ishwari Chaatre, 7A*

I didn't know I'd miss being,  
In the unmoving traffic lane,  
Waiting for a blaze of color,  
Clink of sound, or the huff of rain,  
I didn't know I'd miss the noise,  
The crowds, the chattering voices,  
The harsh patter of thunderstorms,  
That destroys it,  
In the worst hour, of the worst season,  
The preparing for this "New Normal",  
Was met with unreason,  
Masks galore, met with sanitizers at every corner,  
Will we ever get back to the old hour?  
I didn't know I'd miss being.





# NEW NORMAL

*Nasil Lee*

*Rrrrrring!*

Switch off the alarm,  
Get off the bed,  
Take a bath.

Mommy shouts,  
To eat breakfast  
We sit together,  
A whole family.

Change your clothes,  
Take a seat,  
Clean the table,  
Switch on the laptop.

Click on the link,  
Type in your account,  
Click on the buttons,  
Wait patiently.

With a static noise,  
The speaker wishes,  
'Good morning students!'  
It's the teacher's voice.

Move the mouse,  
Click on unmute,  
And wish back,  
'Good morning ma'am!'

There, sit on the computer,  
For hours and hours,  
Solving the worksheets,  
Without a pen or a pencil.

Since when was I allowed,  
To look at the screen,  
With a keyboard and a mouse,  
For such a long time?

Since when were we,  
Without facing each other,  
Using slangs through chats,  
And typing so fast?

Since when were we,  
Wearing masks,  
When going outside,  
Even though we didn't catch  
the cold?

Wonder, wonder.  
Since when did this life,  
Which seemed impossible,  
Become 'Normal'?



## THE NEW NORMAL

*James Freedman, Grade 8*

Dear friend,  
2020 has been a year where our normal lives have been flipped upside-down, turned 180 degrees, and completely jumbled. Our lives have changed so much, some people even wonder if it is ever going to return to how it used to be. The recent pandemic has claimed so many lives, destroyed so many others, one cannot be expected to think this year has even been pleasant in the slightest. Then again, maybe there were some up-sides to it all?

Despite the pandemic, people have still found ways to interact, socialize, to have fun. We have been forced to find solutions to problems we didn't know we would ever even have. On top of that, nature is healing. I know you have probably heard that news one time too many, but it's true. With the lockdown in most countries, rivers have started to clear, and I wonder now that if after seeing the effect we can have on nature, people will begin to stop littering so much. Maybe after the pandemic, the world will be a better place, who knows.

The year is coming to a close now, the end is in sight. Maybe the new year will expunge this world of all its issues, maybe it will make them worse. Nobody knows, the future is forever clouded in mist. Maybe I'm just rambling meaninglessly, just another poor soul wanting better for this world. No matter what happens though, I'll be ready for it. Good luck with the new year.

Your friend,  
James





## MON COIN PRÉFÉRÉ DANS MA MAISON

*Ishwari Chhatre, Grade 7*

Tout le monde dans ce monde a un endroit préféré. Certaines personnes ont tendance à rester sur leur lieu de travail et certaines personnes aiment passer du temps au restaurant, mais je suis introvertie et j'aime surtout passer du temps chez moi. J'adore ma maison et ma pièce préférée est ma chambre. Ma chambre est sur le côté gauche de ma maison et c'est une très belle pièce.

Je passe le plus clair de mon temps dans ma chambre. La première chose est que je dors dans ma chambre, c'est donc l'endroit qui me procure reposer ultime. J'aime aussi regarder des films dans ma chambre. Certaines personnes aiment regarder des films dans leur salon, mais je pense autrement. Je veux l'intimité et ma chambre est le seul endroit où je peux l'obtenir. Il n'y a aucun bruit, aucune perturbation. Mes amis aiment aussi ma chambre et chaque fois qu'ils viennent chez moi, ils préfèrent s'asseoir dans ma chambre.

Eh bien, si vous voulez que je parle de la chambre; Je dirais que ma chambre a tout ce dont une personne peut rêver. Il dispose d'un climatiseur, d'un lit et d'un canapé. L'intérieur de la pièce a été fait par ma sœur et elle a passé beaucoup de temps à la décorer d'une manière très unique. Elle est vraiment inspirée par les styles magnifiques autour et a donc ce genre de touche à ma chambre qui la rend assez exquise.

J'aime ma chambre, mais il y a certains changements que j'aimerais y apporter. Premièrement, je ne suis pas satisfait de la taille de la pièce. Je veux que ma chambre soit plus grande parce que je voudrais y mettre plus de choses. L'autre changement que j'aimerais faire dans ma chambre est que j'aimerais mettre des tableaux dans la pièce. Le mur semble vide et triste sans peintures. Je suis allé à une exposition récemment et j'ai été vraiment impressionné par les collections d'art et je pense acheter des choses pour ma chambre.

Et c'est à ça que ressemble à ma chambre. Je l'aime vraiment et j'aime y rester aussi.



*Navya Gupta, Grade 8*

25/1/2021 Monday

Dear Diary,

It's strange how distinctly time moves, both too fast and too slow.

Every long day drags on endlessly, filled with the same monotonous tasks. Wake up despicably early, attend classes on computers until a headache is guaranteed, eat breakfast sometime in the middle, and repeat until the same endless cycle is etched in your brain.

Life just isn't the same on a screen. I'll admit, when this whole quarantine came about, I thought it to be so utterly different and unique that I thought it would be interesting.

And it was, seeing your friends on Google Meet rather than annoy each other in real life. Learning what 'virtual backgrounds' were. Calling your friends more often, having an easier schedule, having enough free time to just think.

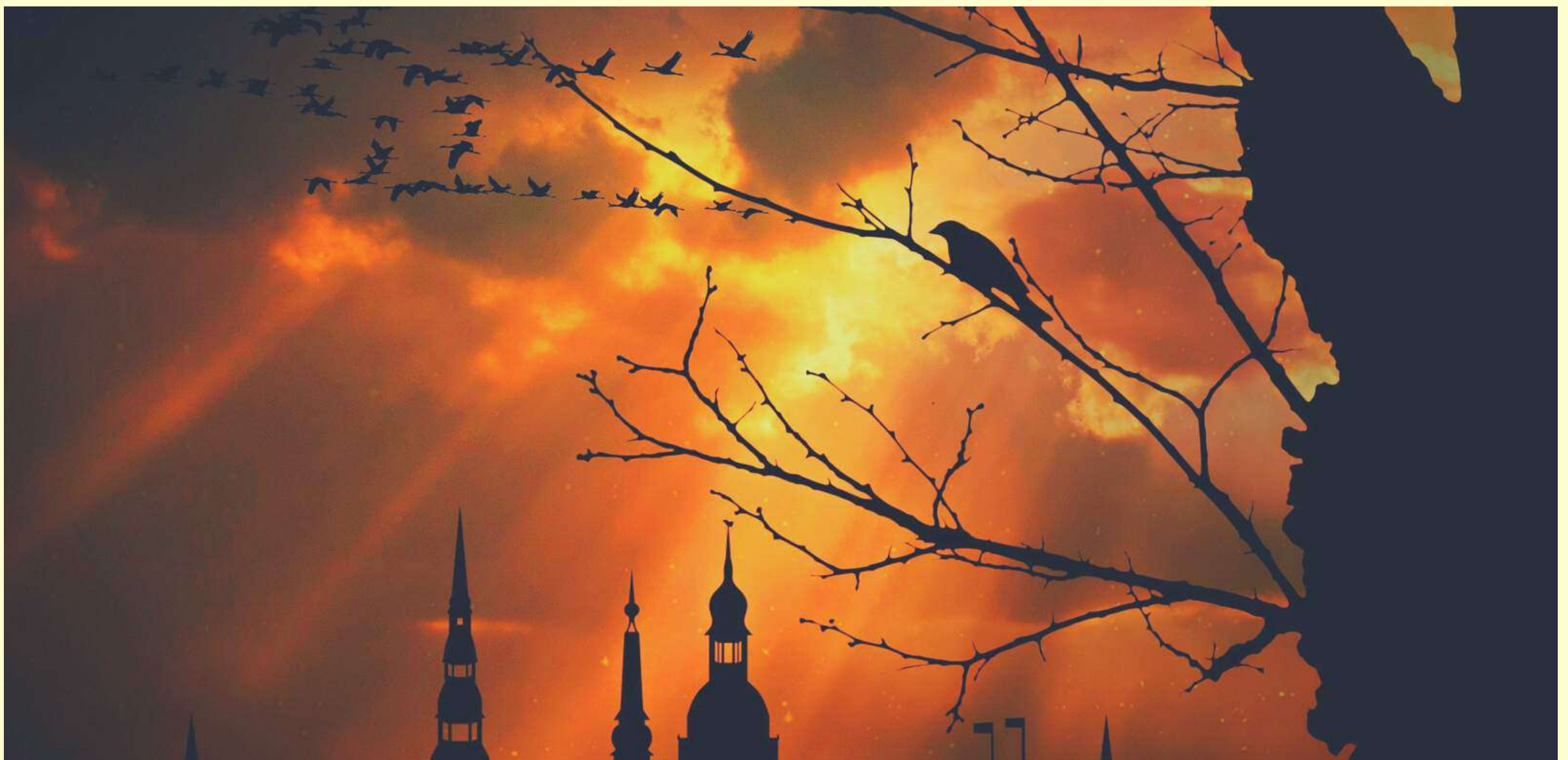
Doing anything, really. Gardening, reading, exercise, cooking, learning. Whatever you wanted could possibly be done.



Life was also extremely fast. Well, it is extremely fast, technically speaking. An entire year of not going to the movies, not having long vacations, not meeting or touching, or even standing remotely close. A whole twelve months of following protocols and wearing masks. Of waiting for vaccines and for hoping the next year will be different, better.

It's a whole new way of living, isn't it?

Life is strange. This year is strange. And we can only hope.





# NEW NORMAL

*Darpi, 7A*

Breathing through the mask is important,  
Home is only safe,  
Lives of people going every second,  
People coughing, sneezing, blowing are always  
avoided,  
Education is now through screens,  
No one can see each other face to face,  
Stuck in a prison, can only see the world  
through a window,  
Meanwhile politics is still going on,  
Debating who is the leader in this crisis,  
Is this a problem?  
People might ask ,  
No, not at all, as this is all,  
Normal.





# WHEN THE OCEAN SINGS BACK

*Ishi Jha, A Level*

Time has watched many with the ocean,  
Whispering the songs of their love,  
To every wave, every motion.

The ocean stands still in its silence,  
Closing the doors on its glowing prism,  
Every time it breathes, it appears tense.

Time has brought home many and left more distraught.  
The ocean spectates this soundless battle,  
And the cacophonous wrath it has brought.

Something churns within,  
A melody is weaving and lacing its way through the veins,  
The ocean lets out a cry, washes over time's sin.

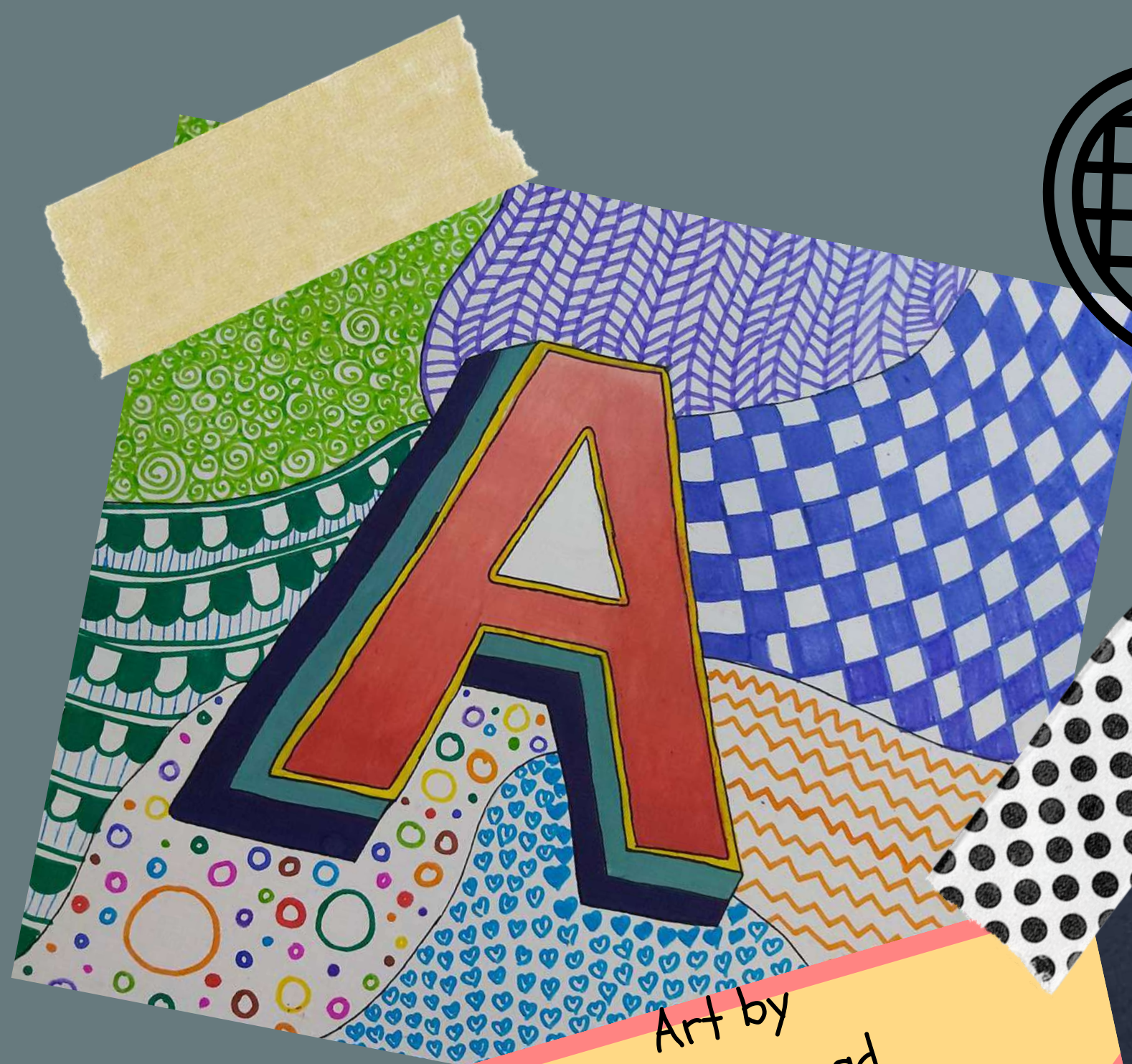
The water sweeps through the land,  
It is speaking words of love,  
Gently embracing and taking the world by hand.  
But there is an irony, the people run farther,  
They seem desperate to increase an ever-closing distance,  
Their eyes bleed terror, stopping the ocean in its track.

Yet again, its song has been cast aside.  
It recedes, grasping at the earth longingly,  
An overwhelming sense of unwelcome settles upon its  
surface.

The ocean stops singing,  
Over time, the people return but find the ocean still once  
again.



Tuhina Roy received the runners up trophy for lawn tennis in under 10 tournament category at Mumbai School Sports Association.



Art by  
Aahna prasad  
(grade 6)



Art by Jaivardhan Mehta  
(Grade 1)



Coaster by

Luke Krishnan

grade 3







Far away landscape by  
Divija goswami  
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art by  
Annaya rout  
(grade 5)



Fabric collage mat  
by Aanya Pandey  
grade 3

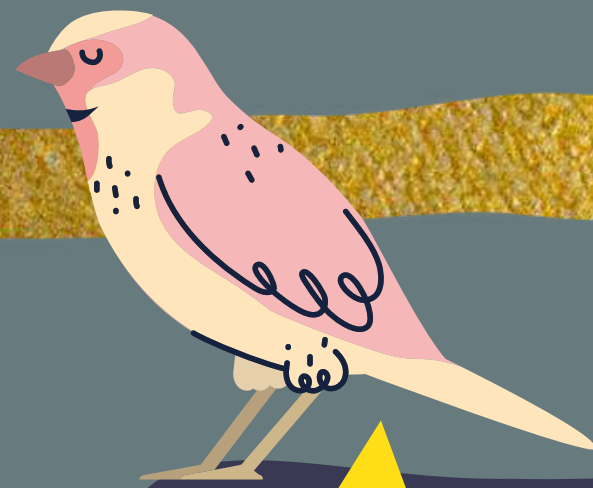




AARYA JAIN  
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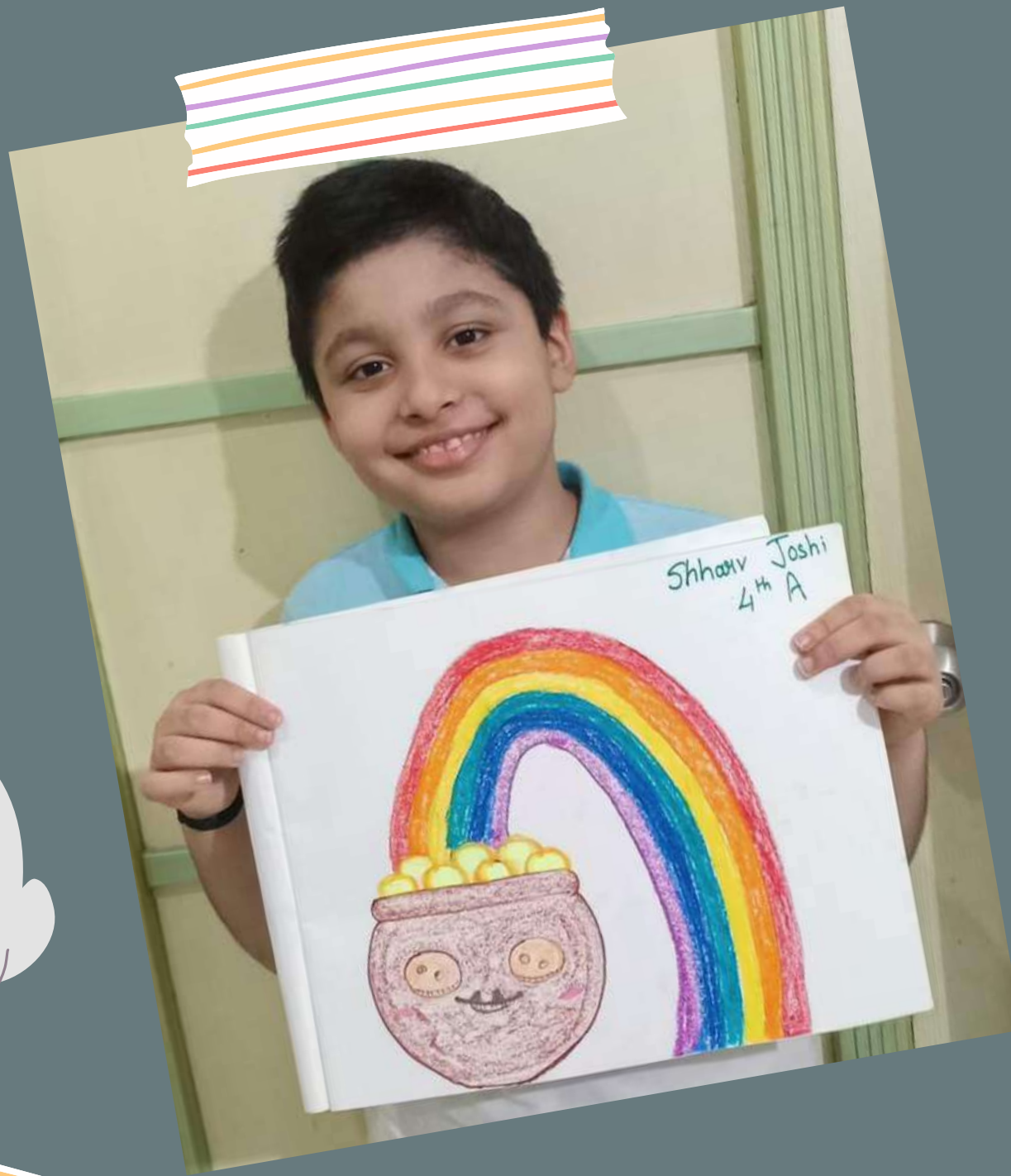




# RAINBOW ACTIVITY

The students send a message of hope  
to everyone in the form of rainbows  
wishing for better days ahead.

Even with the distance,  
The world feels painfully close.  
But hope turns the page.  
-ARYA TANK, 6B



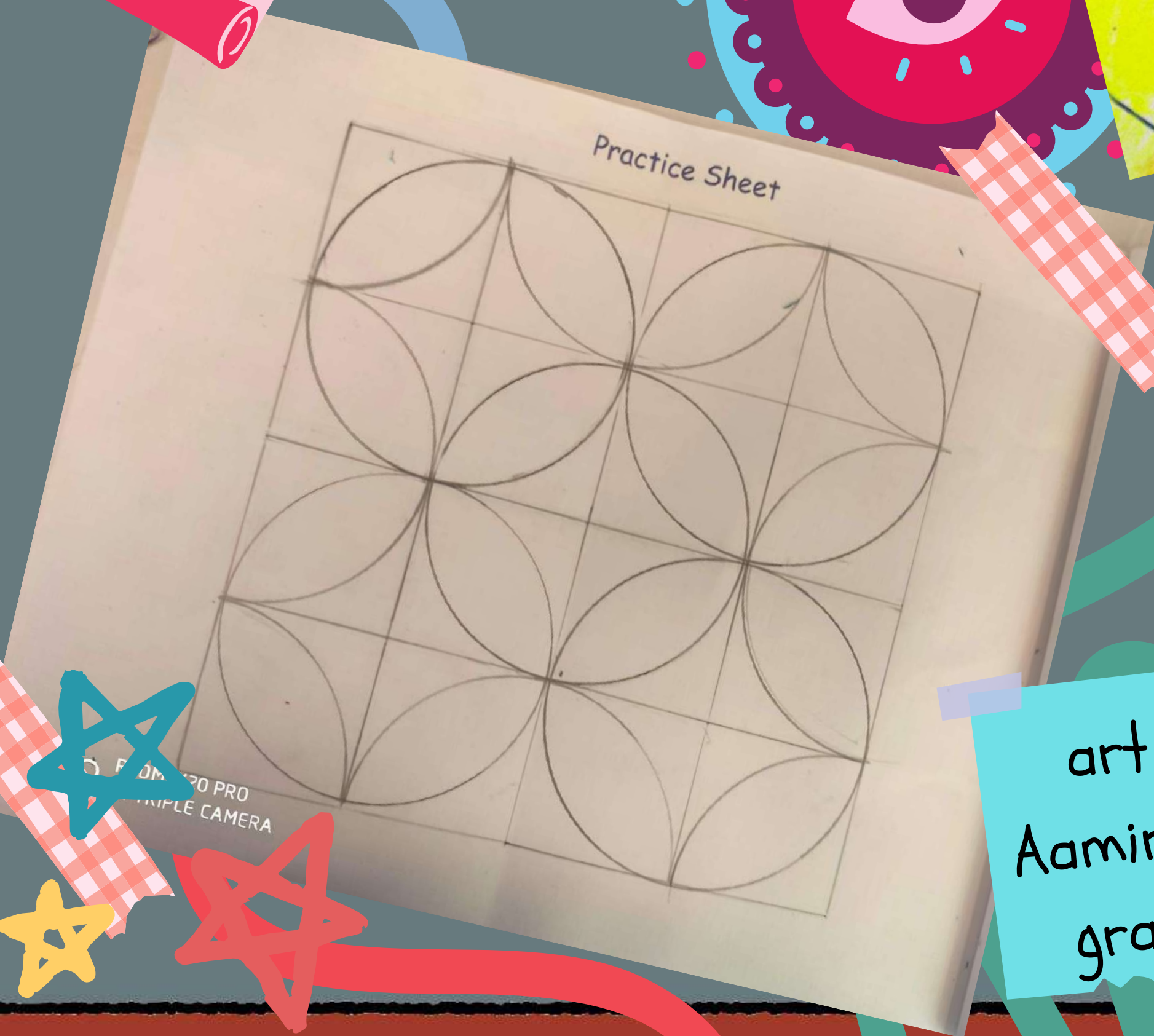




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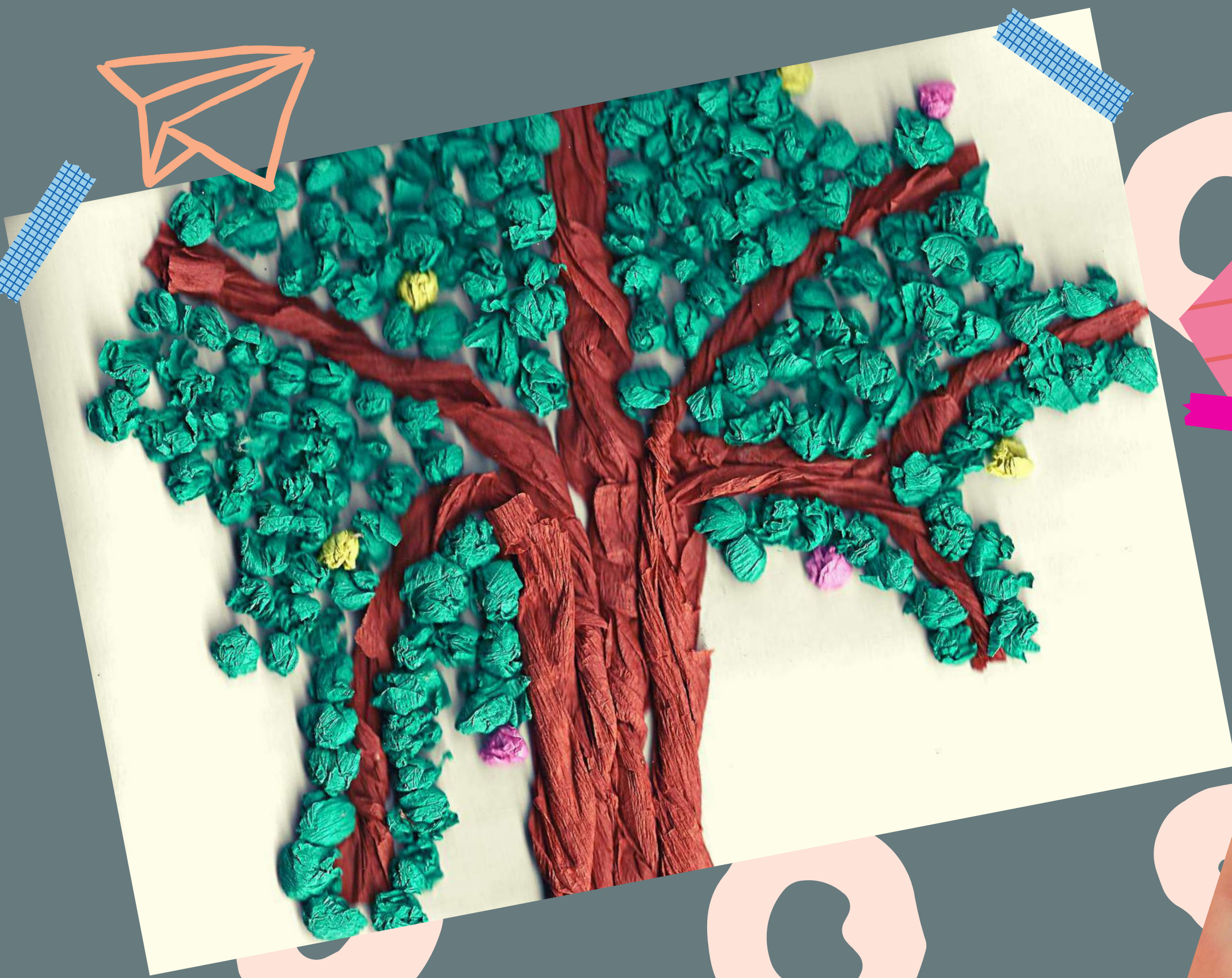


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GRADE 3



art by  
Aamir Khan  
grade 7





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ARYAVEER KAUL GRADE  
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PRISHA NAIK  
GRADE 2



ART BY  
AKRISH NAGAR  
GRADE 1





# PODAR ART FESTIVAL



MOSAIC WORK BY  
AADWIKAA KUNTAL  
GRADE 4



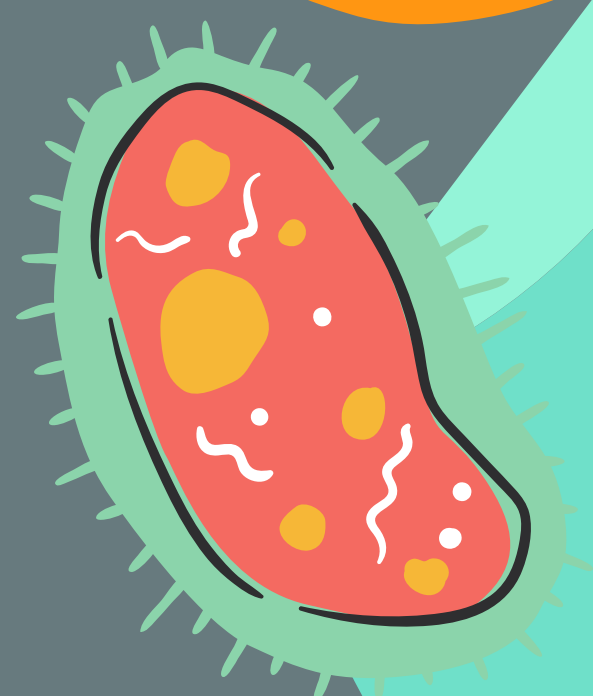
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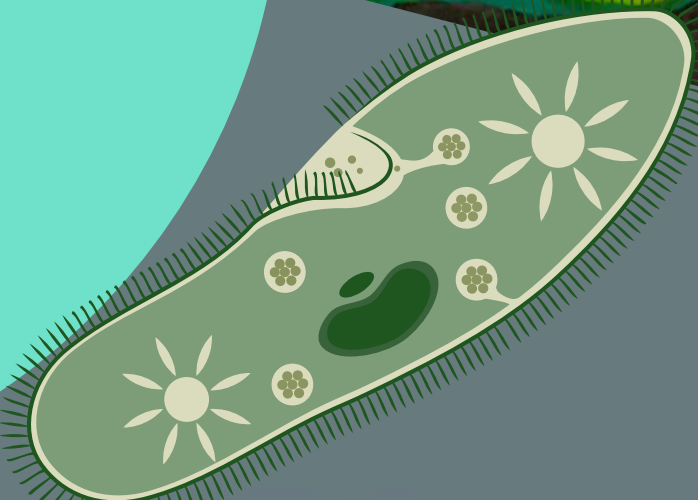




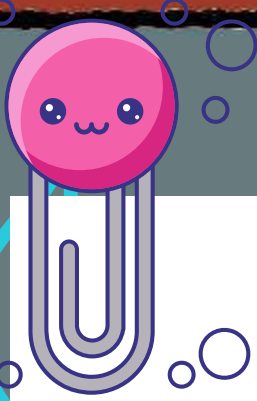
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Aarushi Gayan  
grade 1



Cell painting  
by  
Samridhi  
Laishram  
Grade 6







Literacy Captain in the  
**Army of Literary Warriors**

Ms. Inika Bisht, VII B has been recognized as "Literacy Captain" in the Army of Literary Warriors by Story Mirror.

Story Mirror is an online portal for budding authors to submit their stories, poems, quotes, and art.

The certificate is for her following submissions:

- **The Curious Case of Buckling High**, genre- Mystery
- **Help Me!**, genre- Drama, Horror
- **A Message**, genre- poem

We congratulate her and wish her to keep the literary flag flying.



Adhya Sinha of Grade 6 has won the MISA and Kidsbyte Junior TV Anchor contest and ranked 11th in the GK Olympiad Contest.





Positive and  
Negative by  
Anshika  
Prakash  
grade 4

Stationary  
pouch by  
Aariz Ansari  
Grade 5



art by  
Niyaant  
Parpudi  
grade 6





Insha Mazhar of 4A has secured the 1st Runner up position in instrumental category - Piano playing in online music and dance competition finale organized by Suresh Wadkar's Ajivasan Music and dance academy held on 28th February 2021.



Aditi Roy has won the under 14 backdraw category singles lawn tennis tournament, organised by Ultim8 Tennis League (U8L) in Andheri on 21st February 2021.



Pankhi Mehta has been awarded the Outstanding Cambridge Learner Awards, India, by the Cambridge Assessment International Education (CAIE). Pankhi has scored the highest mark in India for Cambridge IGCSE Environmental Management in the November 2019 Cambridge examinations series.



Mehak Rewani has bagged the Bronze Medal in 31st Senior State Championship 2020-2021 in Raigad Team Saber Girls Team Events held at Nanded on 6th to 8th February. The Raigad Girls Team She has also won the gold medal in the Senior District Championship held on 7th February 2021 at Raigad District, and was selected for the State Championship which will be held at Nashik.







Adhya Sinha,  
Grade 6



Devyansh Malhotra, Grade 3



Adya Arora,  
Grade 5



# SCHOOL TOPPERS



## A LEVEL RESULTS 2020



**A LEVEL  
COMMERCE TOPPER**

**Vidhi Burman**



**A LEVEL  
SCIENCE TOPPER**

**Ishan Bhowmik**

**HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS !**



## IGCSE COMMENDABLE RESULT 2020



Sriharish Sathesh  
A\* in 7 subjects



Aradhya Kapil  
A\* in 6 subjects



Lesley Freedman  
A\* in 6 subjects  
A in 1 subject



Lumbha Chauria  
A\* in 5 subjects  
A in 1 subject



Sneha Desai  
A\* in 5 subjects  
A in 1 subject



Parulhi Melita  
A\* in 5 subjects



Tanvina Jain  
A\* in 5 subjects  
A in 1 subject



Sahil Bhujbal  
A\* in 5 subjects  
A in 1 subject



Siga Baur  
A\* in 4 subjects  
A in 2 subjects



Nazika Bhordaraj  
A\* in 4 subjects  
A in 2 subjects



Margam Shaikh  
A\* in 4 subjects  
A in 1 subject



Kashvi Shrivastava  
A\* in 4 subjects  
A in 2 subjects

**HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS !**



## IGCSE COMMENDABLE RESULT 2020



G.H. Pranav  
A\* in 3 subjects  
A in 3 subjects



Akshita Koir  
A\* in 3 subjects  
A in 2 subjects



Gurveer Singh  
A\* in 3 subjects  
A in 1 subject



Aaditya Dhuri  
A\* in 2 subjects  
A in 3 subjects



Pratham Parmar  
A\* in 2 subjects  
A in 2 subjects



Sahas Sharma  
A\* in 2 subjects  
A in 2 subjects



Anurag Senapaty  
A\* in 1 subject  
A in 3 subjects



Soumit Ghag  
A\* in 1 subject  
A in 2 subjects



Lehar Chaula  
A\* in 4 subjects  
A in 4 subjects



Harsh Patel  
A\* in 1 subject  
A in 3 subjects



Vagana Narehali  
A in 5 subjects



Himanshu Rochani  
A in 4 subjects

**HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS !**

## OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020 TOPPERS



**Hetvi Bhatt**



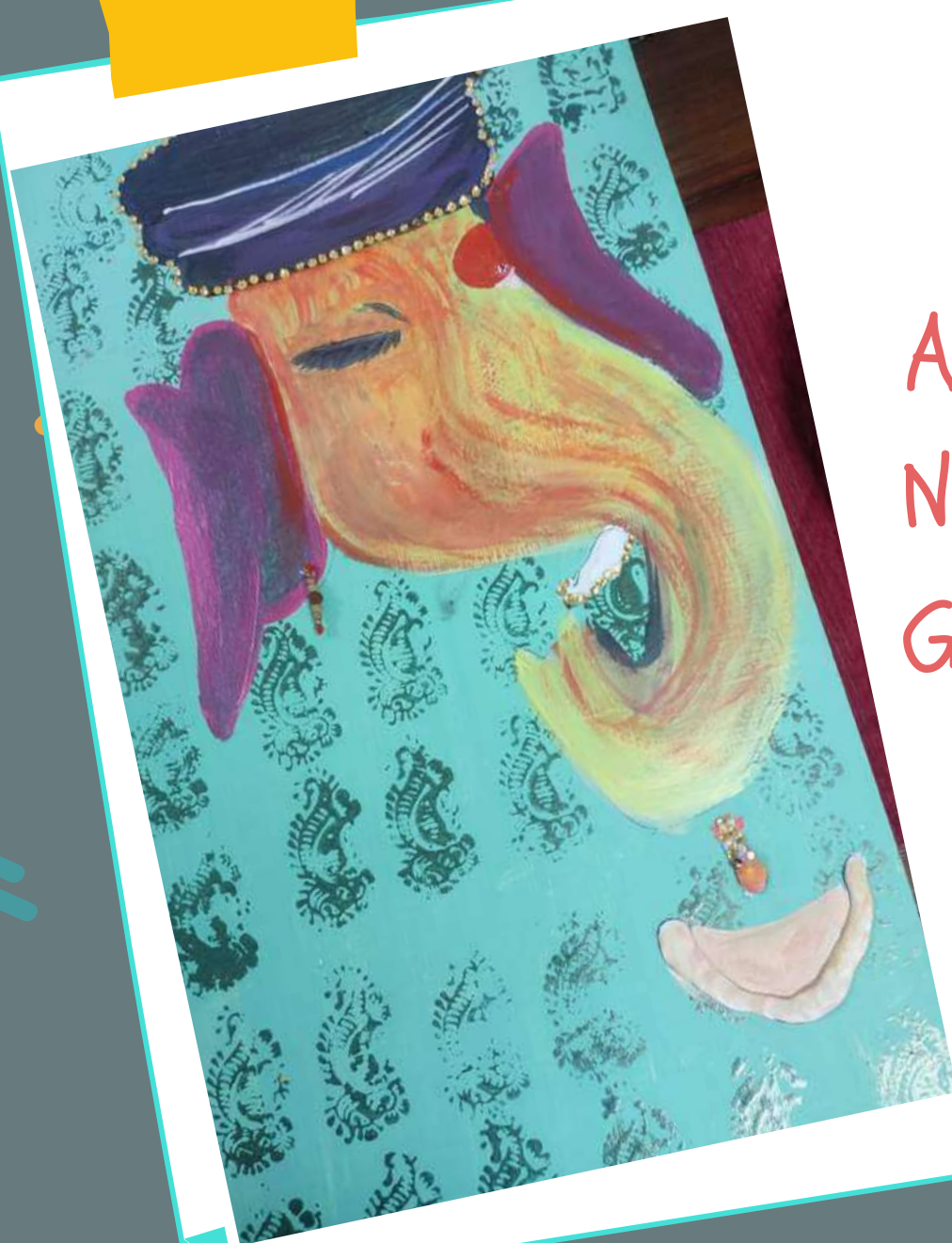
**Gayatri Sharma**



**Ishi Jha**



**Saranya Katoch,  
Grade 3**



**Anuvrat  
Naithani  
Grade 6**





## Beyond Boundaries

Locked in a cage, behind bars so tight  
And when I get out, it will leave you with a fright  
Scratched me up and headed me down,  
Failure, Fear and Fools all around.

Throw me up or bury me deep,  
There will come a time when you will sit and weep.  
Pulling up collars or calling names,  
Your limits have reached, so pack those nasty games.  
Raise your voice, because even sticks and stones  
Won't break my bones.

I see it now, I see it all  
There will be a day when you will bow.  
I save those cows you turn into beef,  
One day a thorn will pierce when you pluck that leaf.  
So even if you choke me up or let it be,  
I will be reborn only to be addressed as "SHE"

**Disha Nischal**



## I Am A Writer

I am a writer without limitations to thoughts,  
I am a writer still connecting dots.  
I am a writer with a spirit so bold,  
I am a writer, and my words never get old.  
I confess, and I blame. Whatever I do, I ignite a flame.

'Write with respect, Write as we say.'  
Well I won't, because my pen works my way...  
I can write about the desert sitting in the green,  
I write about old age still being a teen.  
My words can slap or caress your cheek.  
My words can dominate you, even if you aren't weak.

I am a writer, I can open your eyes.  
I am a writer, I beautify the lies.  
I am a writer with thoughts never clean.  
I am a writer, you'll never know what I mean.  
I am the only warrior on a battlefield  
Here comes the pen, so go find your shield.

I am a writer, I was born to write.  
I am a writer, I speak rather than fight.  
Being a writer, I can make you blind,  
Showcasing love, even you won't mind.  
I am a writer, I can't be put in a cage.  
I am a writer, I write down my rage.  
I am a writer I deepen the eve.  
Oh God, I am a writer, even if I die, I won't leave.

**Disha Nischal**



Disha Nischal from Grade 8 has won the first prize in the 12 - 15 years category in Wizkid Carnival's Tell-Ur-Tale January'21 Challenge. She has been awarded the "Master Story Teller" certificate for pouring her fantasies on paper which is special.



Best out of Waste activity

The students were encouraged to utilise their creativity and skills to create a masterpiece out of things that would have otherwise been discarded without a thought!





## NASIR, GRADE 6



### La nourriture et la boisson j'ai mangé et bu pendant la pandémie

La nourriture que je savoure pendant le verrouillage sont des pizzas, des crêpes, des hamburgers. Ce sont tous des aliments gras mais je les adore.

Ma mère les prépare le week-end pour moi. J'avais fait une crêpe avec ma sœur pour l'anniversaire de ma mère. Cependant, ce n'était pas le bon. Nous commandons des pizzas aux dominos une fois par mois ou deux. J'ai aussi fait un soda avec du jus d'orange, ce qui était génial. J'ai aussi bu une bouteille de gale faite par ma mère. J'aime toujours ces aliments, mais je peux les manger beaucoup!

-BY NASIR



## AAHNA P, 6B

### LA NOURRITURE ET LA BOISSON J'AI MANGÉ ET BU PENDANT LA PANDÉMIE

Un aliment que j'ai essayé pendant la pandémie était la pizza faite de chez. La pizza que ma famille et moi avions préparée était beaucoup plus délicieuse que les pizzas que nous commandions de l'extérieur. Les légumes frais et croquants, que je détesterais autrefois sur les pizzas, ont adoré les plats fait maison. Nous avons essayé de nombreuses variantes de pizza, en ajoutant à chaque fois des légumes différents. Nous avons généralement une pizza au dîner. Ce serait très amusant de le préparer avec ma famille et la pizza fraîchement préparée mettrait toujours fin à notre envie de cuisine italienne.

## INIKA BISHT, 7B

A hall of fame, A hall of name,  
You call me mother, never treat me the same.  
Gave you a warning, on warning,  
But technology was, what you were yearning.  
My land is in constant birth, I give life to the ones who live on Earth.  
Your carelessness and fears, Have taken a toll over the years.  
Blue skies on high, no longer clear,  
The cloak of stars slowly disappears.  
Remember the rivers, that gleamed and shined,  
Where school of fishes once dined.  
Poison now swims there, Industries joined the destruction fair.  
My forest green is gold, but hardest hue to hold.  
Where the early leaves reside, Slayed, fallen, never to rise.  
A hall of fame,  
A hall of name  
You call me mother, never treat me the same.  
"How dare you!" I want to shout, but no words come out.  
Part of me is cracking, in time, but I hold it, for you to be fine.  
Erupting anger, grey smoke, Tremor running, all in rage.  
You reap what you have sown, So, let us sow new seed.  
You call me mother, mother nature So, I care,  
I nurture One can't blame one another, so, let us all come together.  
Once again birds will chirp, Cloak of stars will appear,  
School of fishes will dine together,  
My forest green will be gold forever.  
Hand in hand, we walk in sands of time  
Never to step back in fatal time.

### PAINTING ON LEAF KAVYA MULAY GRADE 4



## AARYAVI SHARMA, GRADE 1





### कोरोना कल में मनाया जन्मदिन

हम सभी जन्मदिन का इंतजार साल भर बड़ी उत्सुकता से करते हैं। इस वर्ष भी मैं अपने जन्मदिन का बड़ी उत्सुकता से इंतजार कर रहा था लेकिन कोरोना वाइरस की वजह से मैं अपने दोस्तों को ना बुला सका क्योंकि भारत सरकार के नियमों के अनुसार हम बहुत सारे लोगों को एक साथ इकट्ठा नहीं कर सकते थे और यह सभी की सुरक्षा के लिए भी आवश्यक था।

इन सभी नियमों का पालन करते हुए मैंने अपना जन्मदिन ऑनलाइन मनाया। मैंने अपने दोस्तों को जन्मदिन का आमंत्रण लिंक के माध्यम से भेजा। मेरे दोस्तों ने मेरे लिए बहुत ही सुंदर कार्यक्रम प्रस्तुत किया। मान्या ने गाना गाया तो प्रदीप ने मेरे बचपन से लेकर अभी तक के चित्रों का एलबम दिखाया फिर हम सभी ने अंताक्षरी खेली। जन्मदिन के बिना अधूरा होता है मेरी दादी जी ने इस अवसर पर बहुत ही स्वादिष्ट केक बनाया। मेरे सभी मित्रों ने मुझे शुभकामनाएँ दीं और मैंने अपने मित्रों को पार्सल द्वारा मिठाई

SIDTARTHA  
SARAKAR  
4B

### वक्षा का एक अविस्मरणीय प्रसंग

यह प्रसंग लगभग पाँच साल पुराना है किन्तु लगता है मानो कल की बात हो। मैं 'पोदार जम्बो' से वक्षा एक में आया था। वक्षा में अभी दो-चार दिन ही बीते थे तब वक्षाध्यापिका ने बोर्ड पर **Honesty is the best policy** लिखा।

उसी दिन प्रधानाचार्या जी वक्षा में आईं हम सभी बच्चों ने उनका अभिवादन किया। उन्होंने बच्चों से पूछा कि बोर्ड पर क्या लिखा है? कोई भी बच्चा नहीं पढ़ सका फिर मैंने उसे सही-सही पढ़कर बताया। प्रधानाचार्या जी ने मुझे 'Excellent' बोला और चली गईं।

यह बात आई गई हो गई फिर ओरियनटेशन में प्रधानाचार्या जी ने सभी अभिभावकों के सामने इस बात का उल्लेख किया। तब मुझे समझ में आया कि यह कितनी बड़ी बात थी। मेरे माता-पिता का सीना उस दिन गर्व से चौड़ा हो गया।

आज भी यह बात याद करके मेरे चेहरे पर मुसकुराहट आ जाती है। यह मेरे जीवन का अविस्मरणीय प्रसंग है।

UTKARSH  
SAXENA  
4A



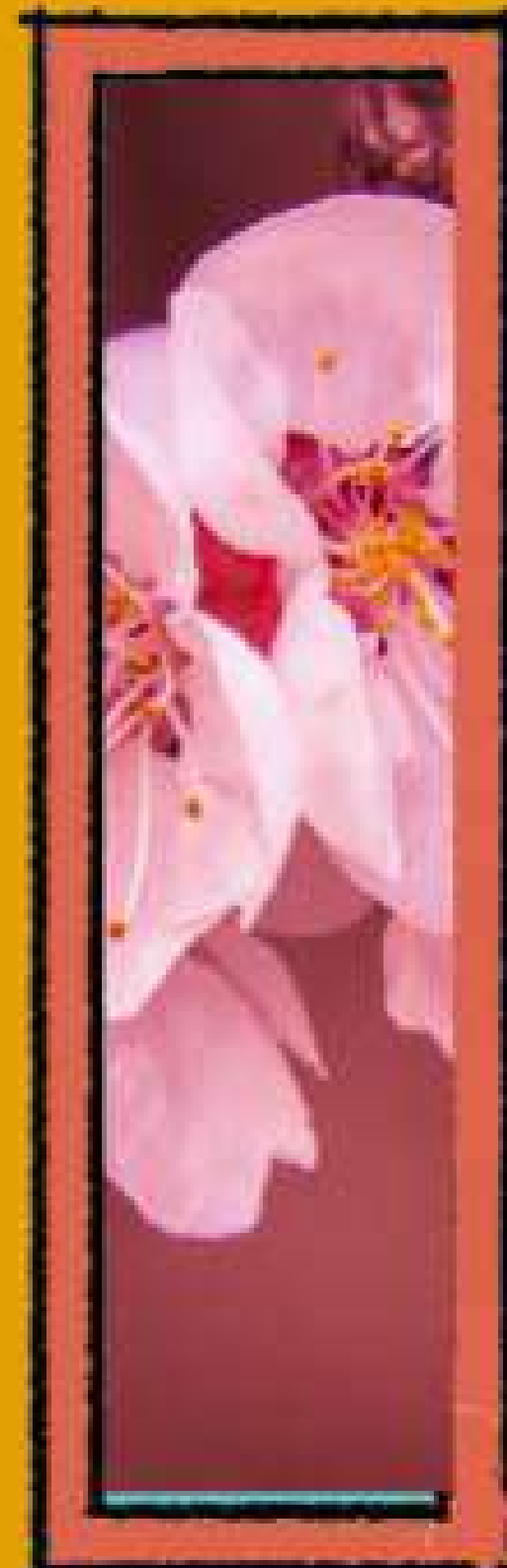
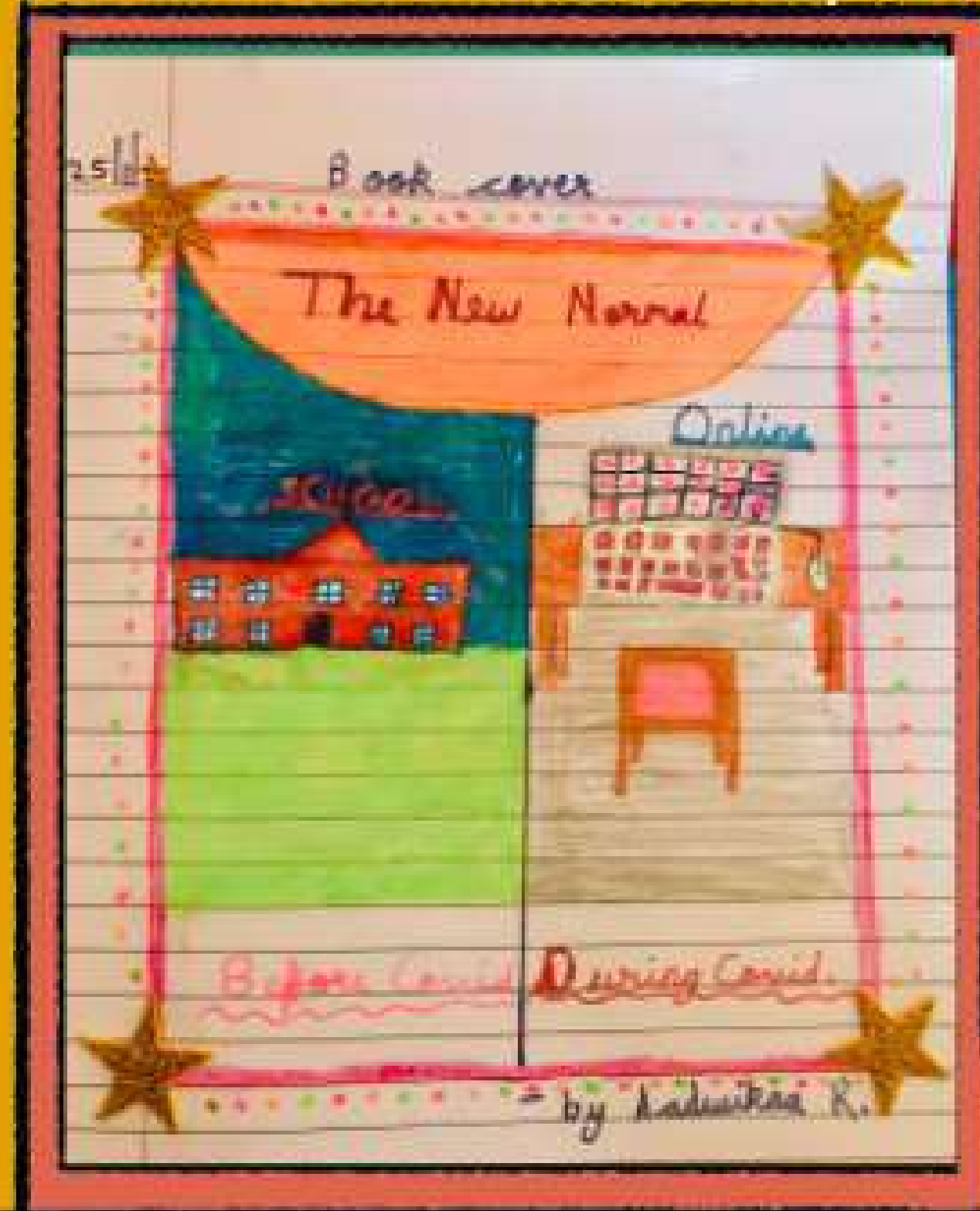
## INIKA GANGULI, 3B



**NEW THINGS I LEARNT DURING THE LOCKDOWN**  
2020 has been a strange year. I learnt many things this year - By Inika Ganguli

<p><b>Timing the Piano</b></p> <p>I was given a piano as my birthday gift. I started with learning simple and easy songs. Now I can play many songs. I also learnt to play the piano very well. I am confident I can master the piano soon.</p> 	<p><b>Cycling away the lockdown</b></p> <p>Before the lockdown I didn't frequently cycle. But during the lockdown, when I was not able to play, I started cycling. During this time I started to ride a small cycle to a big cycle. It was very difficult to get down first but then I was able to get down easily without anybody's help.</p> 	<p><b>Knitting and Knit</b></p> <p>I also learned knitting but I am still learning how to do it properly. Right now I am knitting a scarf. It is my mother's old school knitted scarf.</p> 
<p><b>Cleaning is not for girls</b></p> <p>One of things that was different in the lockdown is that I had to help in the household chores by putting away clothes and washing the dishes and everything and more. I learnt that it is very difficult to keep the house clean.</p> 	<p><b>Make your own entertainment</b></p> <p>Since I was not allowed to go outside and play with my friends, I had to find a way to keep myself entertained as I decided on reading. I have loved reading ever since and enjoy it very much. It is very much the way you are part of the story along with the characters.</p> 	<p><b>No mask, No play</b></p> <p>The most important lesson I learned in this year was how to stay safe and healthy. The most important thing I did in this year was to wear my mask regularly. I also learnt to stay outside without a mask.</p> 

## AADWIKAA KUNTAL, 4A



## LA PANDÉMIE- VIKRANT BANE, 9B

La pandémie de coronavirus est la crise mondiale déterminante de notre époque et le défi difficile auquel nous sommes confrontés depuis la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Depuis son émergence en Asie en 2019, le virus s'est propagé sur tous les continents sauf l'Antarctique.

La pandémie est bien plus qu'une crise, c'est aussi une crise économique sans précédent. Il met l'accent sur tous les pays, il crée des effets sociaux, économiques et politiques dévastateurs. tour le jour, les gens perdent des emplois et des revenus, et ils savent que les choses ne seront pas normales.



## A NEW WORLD MANINI VENGURLEKAR, GRADE 8

I see myself corralled in the house like a caged bird forbidden of the pleasure to spread open its wings and soar. But when I look outside my window at the high, green treetops, I realize that there is an outside of freedom for all the species outside. The thought of their liberty helps me spend my days safely locked up inside my home.

I wish they had that freedom when we roamed from one corner of the world to another. I had visited the zoo near the statue of unity in Gujarat recently only to see the sad faces of the confined animals who were so desperate to leave the premises. And only thanks to the lockdown can I now sympathize with them.

I feel blessed with the fact that a handful of people in the world help these magnificent creatures belong. I just hope that soon there will be more of us, who will help to do more than just enough.



## A NEW YEAR OM SRIVASTAVA, GRADE 8

OH MY GOD! Finally the end of 2020!

What a year it has been. Honestly, I think we can all agree that this was one of the worst years our generation has had to go through.

There were already so many problems when the whole world was not infected but now that it is, it put some things into perspective.

Like how we are so fragile and the damage we are doing to the environment is real and serious. I mean, a small insignificant being that is not even confirmed to be living caused as much mayhem to us as a Nuclear war would. Thousands of deaths and millions infected. But now that the year has changed, so will our situation.

I know that an arbitrary number on our arbitrary calendar does not change the status of the virus, but there has been the news of a vaccine campaign that will start this month and in its 1st phase, vaccinate around three crore people!

So overall I think this year will be our savior and everything will go back to how it was before.



## कोरोना काल में मनाया गया जन्मदिन

इस वर्ष ऐसा अनोखा जन्मदिन आया,  
जब कोरोना ने मुझसे मुझसे मिलवाया।

ना दोस्ती की पाटी ना कोई जोर,

ना मेरे घर का कभी दोर।

पूरा दिन अपनी कै साध गुजारा,

ऐसा अनोखा जन्मदिन आया।

लौह में मिला बड़ी का आशीर्वाद

यादों में का चॉकलेट केक का स्वाद।

जन्मदिन का खर्च मैंने दी, एम, केसर पल में डलवाया,

इस वर्ष ऐसा अनोखा जन्मदिन आया।

## कोरोना काल में मनाया गया जन्मदिन

इस साल मैंने सोचा,

ना होना जन्मदिन ना कोई गैरारी,

तुमिदा में छाई है कोरोना की भयानारी।

इस साल मैंने सोचा,

ना होनी पार्टी ना कोई केक,

घर में रही, अपनी किशाय, अपना हास पल।

इस साल मैंने सोचा,

ना होने लौहकेना होने दोस्त और गैरारी,

आशीर्वाद, और प्यार की जगह बस घर में ही ना रहूँ अकेली।

इस साल मैंने सोचा,

हा साल जन्मदिन पर किसे जेरी हूँ इस का कुछ दिना पार,

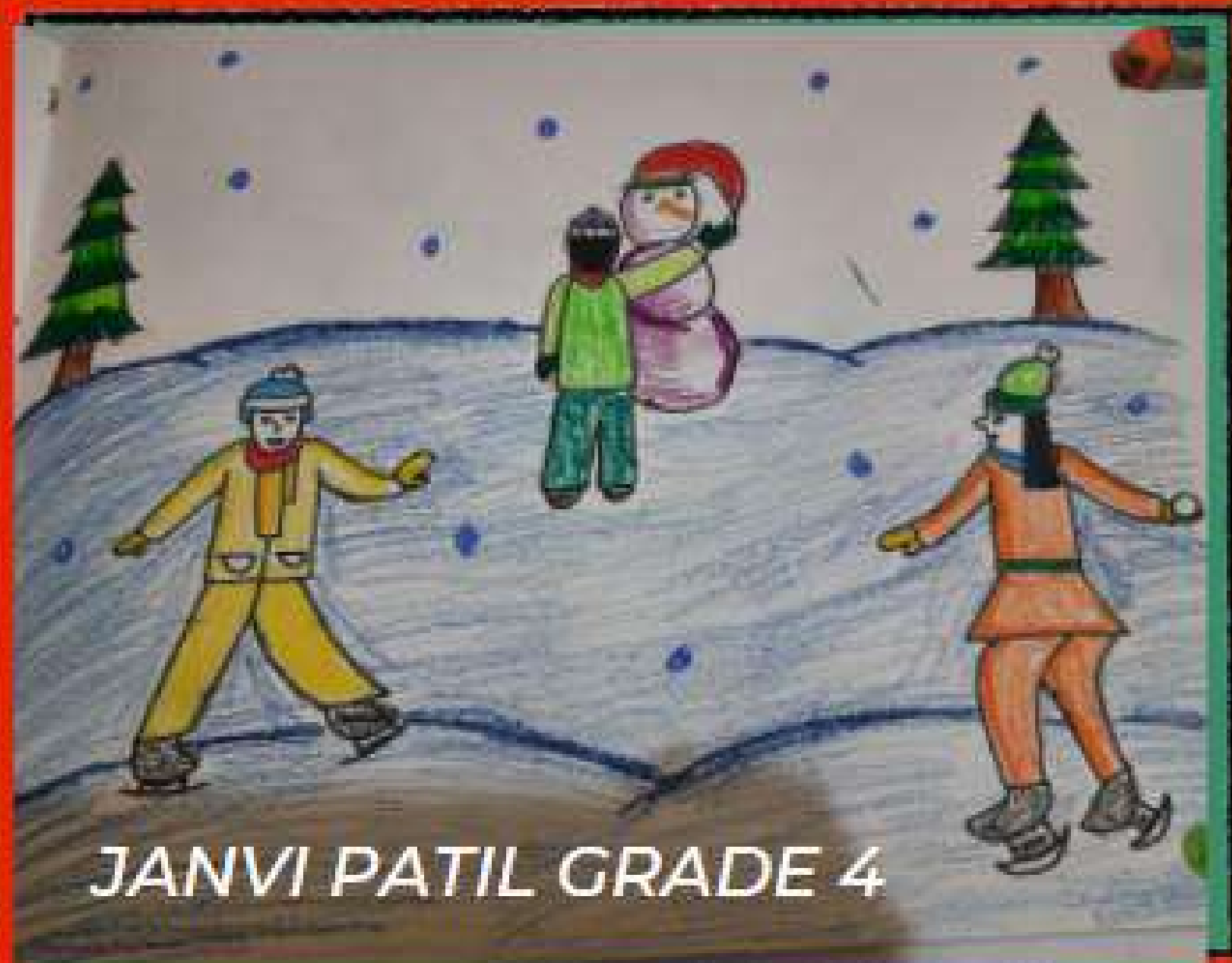
कभीकल से लड़ती तुमिदा में बीटा प्यार किशाय पार।



MADHUBANI PAINTING

ADITI  
SINGH  
GRADE  
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HAMAAD EBRAHIM  
GRADE 2



JANVI PATIL GRADE 4



### कहानी लेखन

गरमी की छुट्टियाँ प्रारंभ हो गई थी एक दिन हम सभी ने वगीचे में जाने का निर्णय किया। जैसे ही हम वगीचे में पहुँचे हम सब खेलने लगे। मैंने अपनी कूदने की रस्सी निकाली और कूदने लगी। आरुष फुटबॉल खेलने लगा। मीरा झूला झूलने लगी। मौसम बहुत ही सुहावना था। वगीचे में चारों ओर हरियाली छाई हुई थी और सुंदर फूल खिले हुए थे। थोड़ी देर बाद हम सभी मित्रों ने हरी घास पर बैठ कर कुछ खाया और अंताक्षरी खेली। हम सब बहुत खुश थे।

AADWIKAA  
4A

### लॉकडाउन और कोरोना

आज मैंने न्यूज में देखा, एक नई बीमारी आई है कोरोना।  
लोग बाहर नहीं जाते जी भर के घर में खाना और सोना।  
क्या करें इस बीमारी का, हो गए हैं हम वोर।  
ना कोई स्कूल, ना कोई खेल बस रहना है इंडोर।  
पहले हम जाते थे स्कूल, अब करते हैं कक्षाएँ ऑनलाइन।  
बच्चों करते हैं स्क्रीन बहुत युज जो की नहीं है फाइन।  
लोगों ने पुरे किए हैं अपने शौक।  
और फोन पर ही बहुत सारी टॉक।  
अब आ गयी है कोरोना की दवाई।  
जो करेगी इस वायरस की सफाई।  
सब बाँटेंगे मिलकर मिठाई।

ARSH VATSA  
GRADE 7



## A NEW NORMAL DAIVIK GUHA, GRADE 8

Instead of birthday parties in restaurants, we have Zoom parties with our friends joining in online. We have video games for birthdays, not as a theme but as the party itself. Instead of going down to play, we sit down at our computers to play. There's no cake cutting with friends so thank God, there's no cake on the face. No game host makes us dance and freeze, we use freeze guns in the game.

We get up later than before because, for school, we power up our computer and log in to class. Mom nags us to finish the lunch, no room for getting the tiffin back or swapping it with our friends at the break. I miss the canteen food though. Once upon a time, our teachers would tell us to stop speaking, but now they order us to speak. They would have to scold someone to keep them quiet but now it's two clicks of the mouse to mute them and three to remove the poor guy. Writing by hand is old lore, now we fire up our text editor and type away.



## ON S'ENTEND BIEN SHRUTI SINGH, GRADE 8

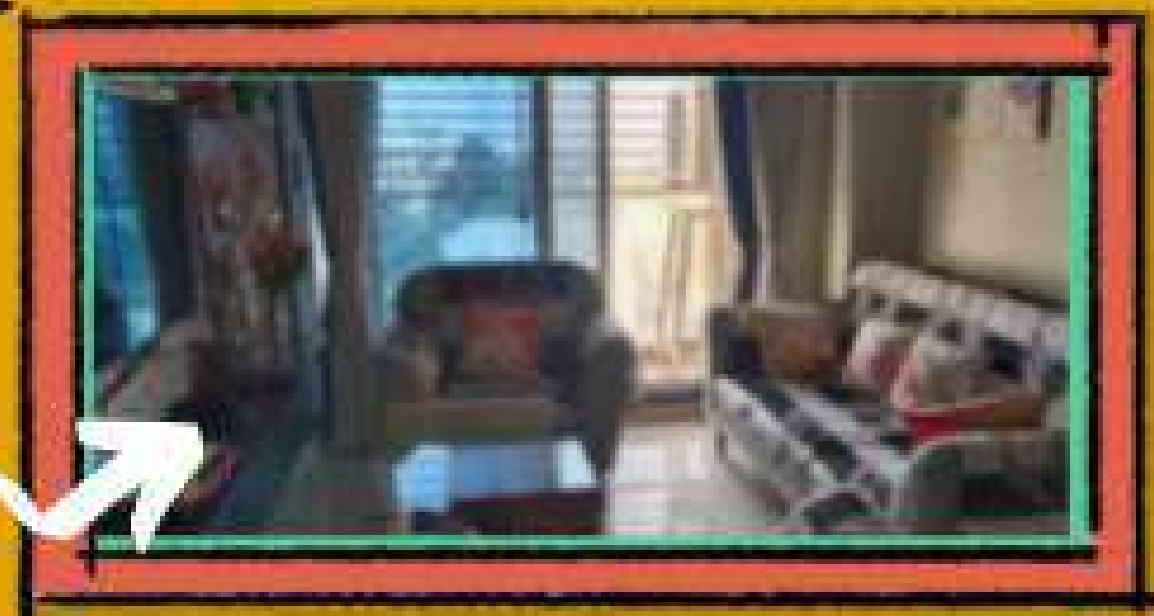
Bonjour, je m'appelle Shruti. J'ai 14 ans. Aujourd'hui, je parlerai de ma famille. Ma famille contient 5 membres. Mon père, ma mère, mon frère et mon chien. Nous nous entendons tous très bien. Je parle surtout avec ma mère, parce que je pense que je suis plus attachée avec elle. Ma mère et moi sommes toujours proches l'une de l'autre. Nous sommes toujours ensemble. Pour moi, mon père et ma mère sont mes supporters numéro un. Nous jouons et regardons tous des films les vendredis soirs. Nous ne regardons généralement pas de films d'horreur. J'adore ma famille.





MA COIN FAVOURITE DANS  
MA MAISON.  
LAVANYA, GRADE 7

Le coin préféré de la pièce que j'aime est mon salon. J'aime mon salon parce que je peux regarder la télévision là-bas, jouer à des jeux et passer du temps avec ma famille. Quand mes amis viennent, nous nous asseyons dans le salon, jouons à des jeux et discutons ensemble. Ce sont les raisons pour lesquelles j'aime le plus le salon.



ADVIT SINGH  
RATHORE, 4A

कहानी लेखन

गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ प्रारंभ हो गई थी एक दिन हम सभी ने बगीचे में जाने का निर्णय किया। जैसे ही हम बगीचे में पहुँचे तो मेरे सभी दोस्त खुशी से झूलों में झूलने लगे। कोई फिसलपट्टी पर सरकने लगा। मैं फुटबॉल खेलने लगा। बगीचा मेरे घर से थोड़ी दूर पर ही है। बगीचा बहुत हरा-भरा था। बगीचे के बाँई तरफ एक खेत भी था अगर हमें भूख लगती तो हम खेत से फल तोड़कर खा लेते थे। इस प्रकार गर्मी की छुट्टियों में बगीचे में खेलकूद कर बहुत मजा आया।





## लॉकडाउन की कविता

कोरोना से अब क्यों है डरना ।  
अब तो है जी भर कर सोना ।  
लॉकडाउन में है बस खाते जाना ।  
खुद बाहर नहीं पर पेट का है बाहर आना ।  
बच्चों को नहीं है स्कूल जाना ।  
घर पर पूरे दिन है आतंक मचाना  
घर पर ही पूरे दिन आराम फरमाना  
इस बार ऐसा वर्ष आया,  
रविवार भी अपना अस्तित्व न बचा पाया ।  
2020 का साल था, कोरोना का काल था ।  
हमारा बुरा हाल था, लुटा सबका माल था ।

ARYA JAIN  
7B

### धन्यवाद

डाक्टर, नर्स, सफाईकर्मी या हो सैनिक बर्दीवाला

दूध, सब्जी, बिजली, पानी या हो टीवी, रेडियो, पेपरवाला

डाल के खुद को खतरे में जग का सम्मान किया है

धन्यवाद है उनको जिसने जीवन आसान किया है।

लेकिन कुछ ऐसे भी हैं जो राजनीति करते हैं

अपनी जिद के आगे परेशान सभी को करते हैं

थू-थू ऐसे लोगों का जिसने अपमान किया है

धन्यवाद है उनको जिसने जीवन आसान किया है।

मिलकर तोड़ें चैन कोरोना वायरस दूर भगाएं

रहें घरों में अपने हम सबको स्वस्थ बनाएं

पीएम ने भी हम सब की खातिर यह संकल्प दिया है

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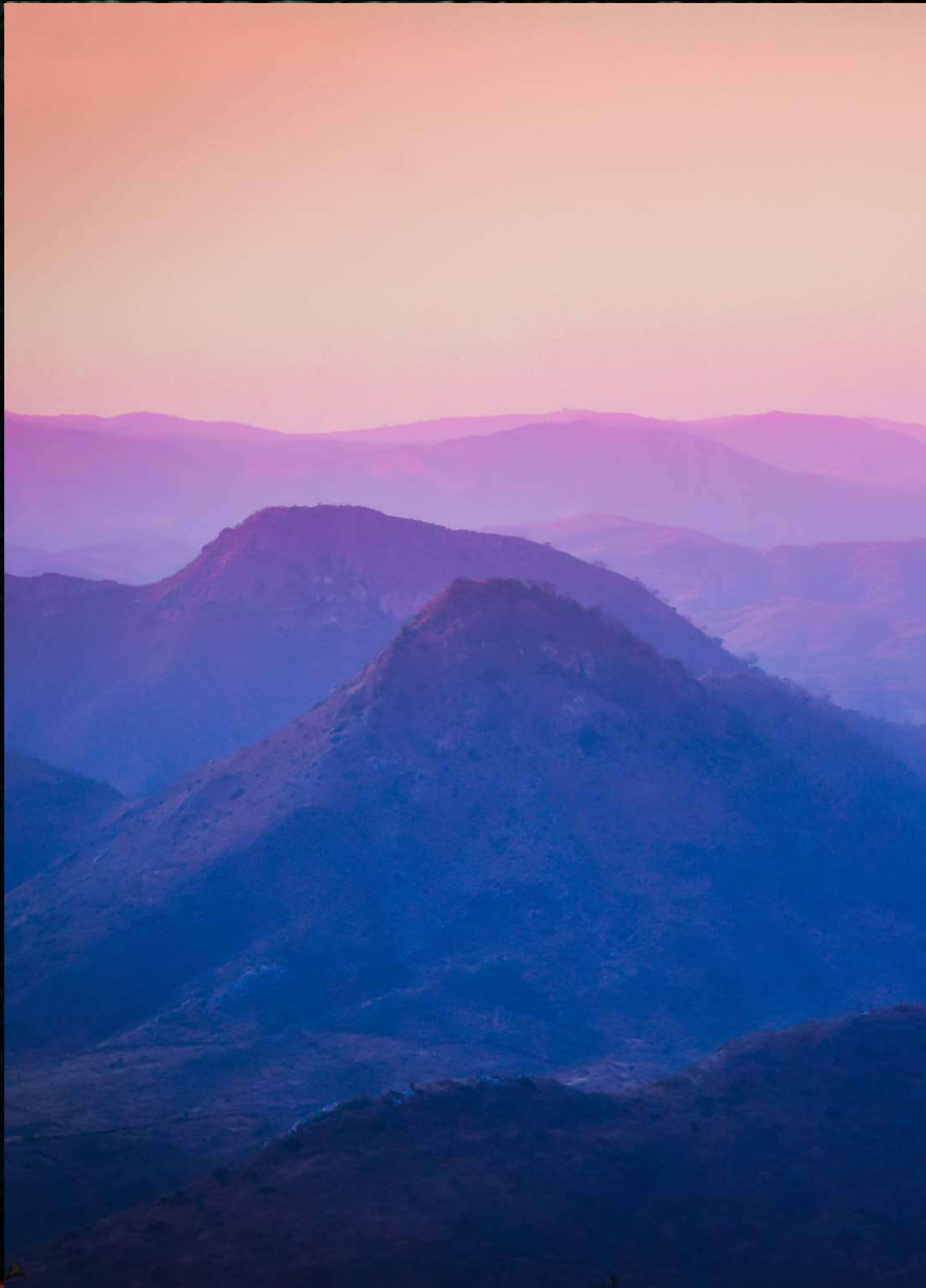
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### कहानी लेखन

गरमी की छुट्टियाँ प्रारंभ हो गई थी एक दिन हम सभी ने वगीचे में जाने का निर्णय किया। जैसे ही हम वगीचे में पहुँचे हम सब खेलने लगे। मैंने अपनी कूदने की रस्सी निकाली और कूदने लगी। आरुष फुटबॉल खेलने लगा। मीरा झूला झूलने लगी। मौसम बहुत ही सुहावना था। वगीचे में चारों ओर हरियाली छाई हुई थी और सुंदर फूल खिले हुए थे। थोड़ी देर बाद हम सभी मित्रों ने हरी घास पर बैठ कर कुछ खाया और अंताक्षरी खेली। हम सब बहुत खुश थे।

*NANDINI  
KULSHRESHT  
3B*





### कोरोना कल में मनाया जन्मदिन

२०२० का साल हम सभी के लिए अनगिनत यादें लेकर आया कुछ अच्छी तथा कुछ दुखदायक। इस वर्ष ‘कोविड १९’ से सारी दुनिया में एक झटके से ठहराव आ गया। ‘लॉकडाउन’ शब्द जो पहले कभी किसी ने सुना भी नहीं था, इस साल घर-घर में चर्चा का विषय बन गया। सारी दुनिया के लोग इस नए तरीके के साथ जीने की कोशिश में जुट गए। मेरी ईश्वर से यह प्रार्थना है कि वह सभी लोगों को इस मुश्किल दौर से गुजरने की शक्ति दे।

इंसान संकटों से जूझते हैं और हर संकट भरी स्थिति में भी थोड़ी सी खुशियाँ ढूँढ लेते हैं। ऐसे ही खुशियों का माहौल मेरे घर में भी होता है जब हम किसी का जन्मदिन मनाते हैं वह भी लॉकडाउन के समय पर। मेरे दादाजी का ८२ वाँ जन्मदिन था जो हमने लॉकडाउन के समय पर ऑनलाइन मनाया। इस जन्मदिन की विशेषता यह थी कि हमारा पूरा परिवार ऑनलाइन के साथ उस दिन उपस्थित था। मुंबई, पुणे, जर्मनी जहाँ कहीं भी परिवार के सदस्य रहते थे सभी ने मिलकर दादा जी को शुभकामनाएँ दीं और उनकी लंबी उम्र की कामना की। सभी ने अपने-अपने घरों में कैमरे के सामने केक काटा उसके उपरांत हम सभी ने नृत्य किया और गाने गाए कहानियाँ सुनाई तथा अंत में मिलकर भोजन भी किया। दादाजी की खुशी की कोई सीमा ना थी उनकी आँखें खुशी से नम हो गईं और हम सभी का भी दिल भर आया। ऐसा पूरे परिवार का मिलाप पहले कभी नहीं हुआ था।

हमें हर कठिन परिस्थिति में इस तरह की खुशियाँ ढूँढ लेनी चाहिए।

### कोरोना कल में मनाया त्योहार

वैसे तो कोरोना की शुरुआत हमारे भारतवर्ष में दिसंबर में हो गई थी परंतु मार्च के महीने में इसने महामारी का रूप ले लिया और पूरा हिंदुस्तान लॉकडाउन की चपेट में आ गया, स्कूल, कॉलेज बंद हो गए। अत्यावश्यक सुविधाओं के अलावा और सभी कुछ बंद कर दिया गया।

त्योहार भी आ-जा रहे थे लेकिन बाहर निकलने की इजाजत न होने के कारण शुरू-शुरू में सब फीक-फीक लग रहा था, लेकिन धीरे-धीरे लोगों ने अपने-अपने तरीकों से इन त्योहारों में रंग भरने की कला सीख ली। घर पर ही केक, मिठाइयाँ और नमकीन बनने लगे। अपने परिवारों के साथ मिलकर सभी पूजा अर्चना करने लगे। दूर के रिश्तेदारों को ‘जूम’ मीटिंग के माध्यम से बधाइयाँ देने लगे। घर पर ही रहकर तरह-तरह के खेल खेले जाने लगे। सच पूछे तो इस लॉकडाउन में लोगों ने खूब आत्मीयता का परिचय दिया। ‘जूम’ मीटिंग से हम दूर रहते हुए भी एक-दूसरे के करीब आ गए। कम खर्चों में भी हमने आनंद उठाना सीख लिया।

इस तरह कोरोना ने हमें बहुत कुछ सिखाया। बस अब ईश्वर से यही प्रार्थना है कि यह कोरोना खत्म हो जाए और दुनिया में फिर से खुशियाँ कायम हो सकें।

### NEIL DESAI 4A



### PALASH 6B



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### ANSHIKA PRAKASH, 3B

#### मेरे प्रिय बाबा और दादी

वैसे तो परिवार के सभी लोगों को हम प्यार करते हैं लेकिन मेरे बाबा - दादी मुझे दुनिया में सबसे प्रिय हैं। मेरे बाबा - दादी मुझे बहुत प्यार करते हैं।

मेरे बाबा बहुत ज्ञानी हैं। वह मुझे बहुत सारी ज्ञान की बातें बताते हैं। बाबा की हिंदी बहुत अच्छी है। इसलिए वह मुझे हिंदी पढ़ाते हैं और नए नए शब्द सिखाते हैं। मेरी दादी का गणित और विज्ञान विषय बहुत अच्छा है इसलिए दादी मुझे गणित और विज्ञान पढ़ाती हैं।

मैं हर शनिवार बाबा - दादी के घर जाती हूँ। तब मैं बाबा - दादी और उनके पालतू कुत्ते सत्री के साथ खेलती हूँ। जब मेरे बाबा बेवकूफी के काम करते हैं तो दादी और मैं बाबा का बहुत मजाक उड़ाते हैं और हम हँसते हैं।

रात को जब मुझे नींद आती है, तो दादी - बाबा अपने हाथों का तकिया बनाकर मुझे उस पर सुलाते हैं। फिर दादी मुझे नयी - नयी और मजेदार कहानियाँ सुनाती हैं।

बाबा - दादी को गले लगा कर मैं फिर मीठी नींद में सो जाती हूँ।





COURS EN LIGNE - L'ÉVOLUTION  
DISHA NISCHAL, 8B

Étudiez dans le confort de votre maison et avec des collations à volonté. C'était passionnant au début, mais maintenant nous manquons le vieil apprentissage traditionnel et amusant de l'école.

Les cours en ligne nous permettent d'avoir un ensemble plus large de ressources sur Internet, mais ils manquent de contact humain, ce qui est l'un des meilleurs moyens d'enseigner ou d'apprendre.

Les cours en ligne peuvent être facilement dérangés par les divers événements qui se déroulent autour de votre maison, qui peuvent être votre animal de compagnie qui veut attirer l'attention ou votre petit frère qui vous frappe au visage. Bien que les cours en ligne s'adaptent aux besoins et aux désires des élèves, ils ne peuvent jamais remplacer les écoles.



VAISHNAVI KAMAT, 4C

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LA TECHNOLOGIE  
ERICA ANN D'SYLVA, 9A

Ironique, n'est-ce pas? Nous vivons dans une génération où la technologie est partout, mais on nous apprend toujours que la technologie gâte l'esprit et que les médias sociaux sont mauvais; Jusqu'à l'arrivée de 2020. L'année où la pandémie a frappé le monde, cela a conduit des gens à perdre leur emploi et cela a rendu tout le monde isolé à la maison. Beaucoup de nos gens ont souffert de la pandémie. Beaucoup de gens ont perdu leur travail et ils n'ont pas pu saisir les possibilités que nous avons. Malgré tout cela, la technologie a aidé les gens à être en contact les uns avec les autres, pour que les étudiants participent à l'école et pour que le grand public conserve son emploi. Nous prenons souvent la technologie pour acquise, comme c'est le cas dans nos vies tous les jours. Une leçon que nous devrions tirer de la pandémie est de ne pas prendre les choses pour acquises. Parce que nous ne réalisons pas à quel point cela compte quand il est enlevé.



*BASIT WALELE, GRADE 1*



*UTKARSH  
SAXENA,  
GRADE 5*



*NIRANJAN  
VAITHIANATHAN, 7A*

Stay six feet away  
Don't sneeze anywhere near me  
Social distancing  
Coronavirus  
Friends to see in the morning  
No I can't no more

*THE NEW NORMAL  
AARIZ ANSARI, 5A*

Wash your hands and  
wear your mask.  
You can do it, it's not a  
mammoth task.  
Kissing, hugging must  
wait for now.  
Parties and picnics, we  
miss you how!  
'Is this the new normal?'  
You might ask.

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*CORONA  
TRISHA KARNAVAT, 4A*

Ever since the lockdown,  
There are no friends around  
The online school  
Is not so cool  
And we always frown





आज बड़े मैदान में मेला लगा है। मैं अपने माता- पिता के साथ मेला देखने गई थी। मेला २६ जनवरी के अवसर पर आयोजित किया गया था। मेले में कई प्रकार के झूले थे। मेले के भीतर तरह- तरह की दुकानें थीं। चाट ,पानी पुरी की दुकान भी थी। मुझे मेले में जाकर अच्छा लगा।

MANREET KAUR  
3B

#### छत्तरपुर का मेला

यह चित्र मुझे अपने गाँव छत्तरपुर के मेले जल विहार की याद दिलाता है। मेला हमेशा भारतीय संस्कृति का हिस्सा रहा है। मुझे मेले में जाने की उत्सुकता इतनी होती है कि मैं अपनी पढ़ाई जल्दी-जल्दी करके तैयार हो जाती हूँ ताकि पिताजी खुश होकर मुझे थोड़े ज्यादा पैसे दे। मुझे वड़े-वड़े झूले पर बैठने में बहुत आनंद आता है। निशानेवाजी की दुकान पर मुझे सही निशाना लगाने पर पुरस्कार मिलता है। हम सब सहेलियाँ खूब खेलते हैं। मुझे मोटर से चलने वाली ट्रेन में बैठना बहुत अच्छा लगता है। सबसे बड़ा झूला तो इतना विशाल था कि उसमें बैठने में रौंगटे खड़े होते हैं पर जब वह एकदम ऊपर जाता है तब बहुत मजा आता है। यह मेले में जोकर रंग- विरंगे कपड़े पहने थे। उनकी टोपी मजेदार थी और उनकी लंबी नाक भी दो रंग की थी। वह अजीब मुँह बनाकर लोगों का मनोरंजन कर रहे थे। अब हम सब सहेलियों को भूख लग रही थी तो हम सब ने चाट खाई और वर्फ का गोला खाया। अब हम दुखी मन से घर लौटे क्योंकि मेले से घर आने का मन नहीं था।



KRISHA VERMA  
3A





नेरूल में एक बहुत मजेदार मेला लगा था। मीरा, रमेश और सीमा नए कपड़े पहनकर मेला देखने गए। मेले में बहुत बढ़िया खेल थे। जैसे एक विशाल झूला, छुक छुक रेलगाड़ी और सर्कस। तीनों ने बहुत मजे किए और खूब सारी मिठाइयाँ खाकर घर लौटे।

ADVITA  
KRISHNAN  
3A



गरमी की छुट्टियाँ प्रारंभ हो गई थी। एक दिन हम सभी मित्रों ने बगीचे में जाने का निर्णय किया। जैसे ही हम बगीचे में पहुँचे वहाँ हमने देखा कई बच्चे खेल रहे हैं। कोई गेंद से तो कोई झूला झूल रहा था। बगीचे में रंग-बिरंगे फूल खिले हुए थे। हमने कई तरह के फूल देखे जो हमने पहली बार देखे थे। वहाँ एक माली भी था जो सारे पौधों की देखभाल करता था। हमको माली काका ने कहा खूब खेलो पर पौधों को नुकसान नहीं करना। हमने बहुत मजे किए शाम होते ही हम वापस घर चले गए।



ZAYAAN  
NADEEM  
4A



## PANDÉMIES VS HUMAINS

*VIRAJ BARTARIA, 9A*

Au début, il y a eu une catastrophe à Wuhan qui est rapidement devenue une épidémie en Chine et en peu de temps une pandémie a été déclarée à tous les continents. Juste quand nous les humains pensant nous avons fait de grands progrès dans les domaines de l'astronomie, de la technologie, des sciences médicales, de la communication et des transports, le l'one vient un microbe effacé les millions de notre population. Il y a des siècles c'était la peste, la variole, la grippe et la fièvre jaune. Puis sont venus le choléra, le HIV/AIDS et la grippe la fois deuxième. Le 21e siècle a été marqué par le SARS, MERS, Ebola, Swine flu et maintenant la pandémie du coronavirus. Peut-être devrions-nous devons rappeler que nous ne sommes pas invincibles. Même le corona-virus microscopique est devenu un prédateur pour des simples mortels comme nous.



## MA COIN FAVOURITE DANS MA MAISON

*AARYA JAIN, GRADE 7*

Il y a un coin spécial dans ma chambre, qui est généralement si frais, bien rangé et doux. Tu as raison c'est un balcon de ma chambre ! Il y a beaucoup de plantes et de table, des chaises pour s'asseoir avec ma famille et mes copains. parfois j'étudie en plein soleil et je l'adore car il a beaucoup d'espace pour jouer et profiter. Le soleil brille le matin et la lune brille la nuit. Je joue au carrom, fais du patinage et joue à de nombreux jeux de société je dors parfois sur mon balcon en voyant les belles étoiles. moi et mon doux balcon. Ma famille et moi faisons un pique-nique là-bas et certaines choses nous nous réunissent avec mes amis. J'aime mon balcon.





**BEDROOM**



*No voyage is complete without a crew. Our crew may have been small and physically distant but we were able to put forth the product of the best of our efforts and I am thankful to the entire team for that. I am thankful to the teachers, Riju ma'am, Nuzhat ma'am and Radha ma'am who guided us through the process and brought us our content. I am thankful to the student editors Aadya, Disha, Erica, Aditi, Yuva and Akshat for going above and beyond to help us put together this beautiful magazine. I am incredibly grateful for my teammate Kanchi who helped me shape the concept of our magazine with the stunning designs which have also illuminated the student's works further. And lastly, I am thankful for the readers- students, teachers and parents alike- for reading this magazine which showcased all our strengths and talents even in the pandemic. Thank you all!*

*-Ishi Jha, Editorial Head*