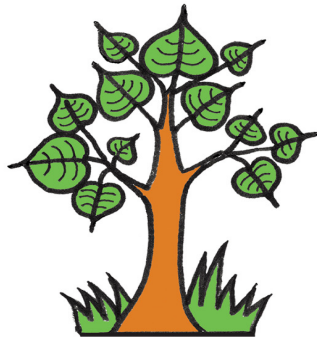


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“The school shall have served its purpose best, fulfilled its object effectively, if, in addition to the teaching of the three Rs and all the things that go by the scholastic name, the wonderful niceties of life are also inculcated, without which man as a gregarious animal would be written down in history as a failure.

Let the school be the centre, the nucleus, the focus, radiating not distrust, not factions, not a spirit of partnership, but the spirit of oneness and harmony towards conjoint effort and the fulfilment of conjoint purpose and the reaching towards that goal for which all of us are yearning.”

Dr. C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar

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The editorial board of THE GROVE SCHOOL worked with great passion, enthusiasm and spirit to bring out **The Sacred Grove 2019 - 2020**, reflecting and celebrating the skills of our young prodigies.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am happy to see the blossoming of the school. The laughter of the children, their enjoyment of classwork, play and activities and the happy parents are all a credit to our Principal and teachers, who have worked very hard to make The Grove School a salubrious place in every way. There is great pressure to increase our numbers but we have stood steadfast in our determination to give the best education to the limited children who can be accommodated comfortably in a classroom.

Academically, we have been doing well with yet another year of 100% first class marks in both ISC and ICSE. Again, this is due to the commitment and efforts of our wonderful teachers.

I am happy that so many of our children have shone in extra-curricular activities, inter-school competitions and state and national sporting events. A healthy mind and a healthy body are the keys to a happy life. Physical exercise is an essential part of mental and psychological well-being. Every child has the potential to excel in the field of his or her choice, academic, artistic or sporting. We, as parents and educators, must help them choose the path they are best suited for and prefer, and not try to fulfil our personal ambitions through our children.

We end the year with a lockdown in response to the Covid19 pandemic. I pray it goes away soon and leaves us to carry on our work.

May God bless the children for a happy and bright future.

Nanditha Krishna

***Dr. Nanditha Krishna
President***

The C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation

CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



I am delighted to record that The Grove School has proved its mettle in securing 100% pass in the ICSE and ISC examinations of 2020. This is due to the dedicated service of the Principal and teachers. The credit also goes to the students for the hard work they have put in and the co-operation of their parents.

The efforts of the management is commendable with the support of the President Dr. Nanditha Krishna, The C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation and Mr. Prashanth Krishna, Correspondent for their efforts to provide all the required facilities and guidance for the implementation of the activities of The Grove School.

I take this opportunity to convey my congratulations to Smt. Sujatha (the Principal), teachers and students.

Prayers to Almighty to bless The Grove School to serve for the future generation of our motherland.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Bargavi Devendra'.

Ms. M. Bargavi Devendra
Chairperson
The Grove School

THE CORRESPONDENT SPEAKS...



The Grove School turned fifteen on June 9, 2020. Since 2004 the School has come a long way and over the years has progressed tremendously in providing our students a holistic education.

In the class X ICSE board examination conducted in 2020, our students secured hundred percent pass for the ninth consecutive year. For the second consecutive year the students secured hundred percent pass in the class XII ISC examination, keeping the glory of our School running high.

The Grove School aims at continual improvement and works to achieve the same. We are never satisfied with achievement in just academics, and we aim to achieve high in sports and other extra-curricular activities as well. Our students have also excelled in sports, and so many other activities. The School conducted a four day excursion for the students to Coorg and Mysore to relax and enjoy the beauty of nature and the fun of being together and learning.

Since March 16, 2020, the School stopped in-person classes and has been in lockdown due to the Covid-19 global pandemic. But the School in its commitment to ensure that the students of Classes IX to XII do not lose out on classes, began online classes on March 17, 2020 thereby ensuring the continuance of education and smooth commencement of classes. Worksheets and assignments were sent for the lower class students. The transition was done in the best and the most effective way possible for the betterment and well-being of the students. The academic year that began and progressed well, got interrupted due to the Covid-19 pandemic and ended abruptly and the school has been in lockdown since then. But we are sure that we will overcome this hurdle and the good old days will return soon.

On behalf of all of us at The Grove School I wish our students all the best for the next academic year and we wish everybody all the very best and look forward to a great and wonderful academic year in 2020-21, and better days ahead.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Prashanth Krishna'.

***Mr. Prashanth Krishna
Correspondent
The Grove School***

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK....



Be the change that you wish to see in your child.

We started 2019 with renewed dreams and aspirations. None of the achievements would have been possible without the unconditional support of the management, care of the teachers, and our parents working in tandem with us. The Grove School imparts quality education and I am confident that our students will do exceptionally well not only in academics but in co-curricular activities as well. Our students in the past years have proved their mettle in the board examinations. For the 9th consecutive year, we achieved cent percent results in the ICSE and 2nd consecutive year in the ISC board examinations solely because of the tireless efforts of our teachers and students.

The Sacred Grove provides an excellent window for the students to showcase their skills through poems, short stories, art, and other creative talents.

Our students have put in their best for the magazine and we do not want their efforts to go in vain. Even in these hard times, we have managed to compile the exhibits of the students and release the emagazine.

We want our students and their families to be happy and always wear a smile on their faces. This joy comes from being compassionate towards others. This pandemic has been tough on everybody and some people are struggling beyond what we can imagine.

It is time to build our relationship with our fellow beings and be compassionate to all because we do not know what difficulties are hidden behind that facade of a smile.

My sincere prayers are with you and your family. Stay safe and take care.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S.M. Sujatha'.

Mrs. S.M Sujatha
Principal
The Grove School

EVENTS & ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GROVE SCHOOL

Helen Keller said 'Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence.' With this thought we are happy to highlight the activities of The Grove School for the academic year 2019 - 2020.

The following teachers were appointed as class teachers for the academic year 2019-2020:

Class	Class Teacher
Pre-KG	Mrs. S. Charulatha
LKG	Mrs. R. Varsha
UKG	Mrs. Reena Gupta
Std. I	Mrs. G. Nagalakshmi
Std. II	Ms. Jemima Jebakumari
Std. III	Mrs. Purna Shukla
Std. IV	Mrs. Annie Jannet P
Std. V	Mrs. A.V. Thamizharasi
Std. VI	Mrs. Nirmala P.P.
Std. VII	Mrs. Dalia S
Std. VIII	Mrs. Revathy Selvaraj
Std. IX	Mrs. Shanmugavalli
Std. X	Mrs. R.V. Ananthi
Std. XI	Mrs. Jayashree Balachandran
Std. XII	Mrs. T. Usha

ICSE & ISC Board Examinations' Results 2020

The ICSE class X board examination results were announced on July 10, 2020 and we are extremely happy to state that we have secured 100% results with distinction. The school topper was Sneha Jaseja with 97.60%. Vijay Karthick secured centum in History, and Neelesh Sarathy secured centum in Computer Applications. Out of 19 students, 14 students secured more than 90%.

The ISC class XII board examination was a cent percent result as well. S. Sidhharth secured first place with an overall percentage of 94.5% and a centum in Commerce. C.T. Muruhappan scored 93.5% percent with a centum in Mathematics.

The election for the School representatives was conducted on June 19, 2019. The students took great pride and joy in electing their leaders.

In the month of June, **the parent-teacher meeting** was held on two different days for KG to class II, and from classes III to XII. Various issues regarding academics, discipline, behaviour, parental support and supervision were discussed.

On June 21, 2019 International Yoga Day was celebrated. Yoga is a holistic approach towards health and well-being with physical, emotional and spiritual dimensions to it. Time and again it has been proved that the ancient science of yoga is India's wonderful gift to the modern world. The Grove School took the opportunity to showcase the importance of yoga in daily life.

Students' Achievements

Competition brings out the best in children. They help them realise the fun of exploring new areas and realise their dormant talents. For the same reason various in-house competitions were held in The Grove School.

The Spell Bee awardees were honoured with medals and certificates. The national level performers who were awarded the medals were:

- ◆ S. Ananth - Class II
- ◆ T. Sharadha - Class II
- ◆ Farhan Feroz - Class VII

The International level certificates and medals were awarded to the following candidates for their commendable performance:

- ◆ T. Sharadha - Class II
- ◆ Sai Keerthana - Class V
- ◆ Farhan Feroz - Class VII

The students participated in the cricket match conducted by National Public School (NPS) and won the runner up title.

They won the FUTSAL football tournament.

On July 6, 2019, our students bagged 19 medals in the PROMPT ATHLETIC LEAGUE sub-junior category organised by Kalam's Sports Academy (and the School also won the best performance award).

Here is a list of students who proved their mettle in various events:

Pre-KG (25 Metres)

- ◆ Pranav krishna - 1st Place
- ◆ Prassanna Narayana - 2nd Place
- ◆ Bragadeesh K - 3rd Place

Pre-KG (Boys 50 Metres)

- ◆ Prasanna Narayana - 1st Place
- ◆ Pranav Krishna - 2nd Place

LKG (Boys 25 Metres)

- ◆ Shabbir - 2nd Place
- ◆ Rithiesh - 3rd Place

LKG (Boys 50 Metres)

- ◆ Shashwath - 1st Place
- ◆ Achutan - 2nd Place
- ◆ Shabbir - 3rd Place

LKG (Boys 75 Metres)

- ◆ Shashwat - 1st Place
- ◆ Shabbir - 3rd Place

LKG (Girls 50 Metres)

- ◆ Riah S. Ram - 3rd Place

UKG - Boys (25 Metres) and Girls (25 Metres)

- ◆ Rishan Dave - 3rd Place
- ◆ A.Mrithula - 3rd Place

Boys (50 Metres)

- ◆ C.A. Parikshit - 3rd Place

Boys (75 Metres)

- ◆ C.A. Parikshit - 2nd Place

STD I Boys (75 Metres)

- ◆ Ashish Subhash - 3rd Place

Std III Medicine ball throw

- ◆ Shashank M - 3rd Place

Ayaan Syed Hashim of Class III bagged the first place in brown belt conducted by Institute of Karate and Holistic Health and purple belt for another event.

“Creativity is a habit, and the best creativity is the result of good work habits.”

A befitting quote for our student H. Afrid Ariff of Class XII who secured the first place in the ASISC Regional Creative Writing Contest hosted by Harishree Vidyashram. He has also secured first place in the Inter-School Creative Writing Competition, Reflections 2019 conducted by Vidya Mandir Senior Secondary School.

- ◆ Abhinav P. Panchal of Class XI secured the first place in the Oratorical (English) state competition conducted by Department of Museums, Government of Tamilnadu for classes XI and XII category.
- ◆ Yohan Mehta of Class VI secured the first place in the Oratorical (English) state competition conducted by Department of Musuems, Government of Tamilnadu for classes VI and VII category.
- ◆ Parikshith C.A. & Rakhsha of UKG secured the championship in the 30th National ABACUS Competition.

Swimming Competitions

- ◆ G. Nittesh Khanna of class XII won two silver medals in 50 metres and 100 metres free style and a gold medal in 50 metres breast stroke in the Regional Swimming Competition under 19 category conducted by CISCE.
- ◆ Sri Manasveni R of class X won silver medal in 100 metres back stroke and bronze medal in 400 metres free style in the Regional Swimming Competition under 17 category conducted by CISCE.
- ◆ Sri Manasveni R of Class X and Nittesh Khanna of Class XII were selected to represent Tamil Nadu at the national level.

- ◆ Krishnan S.G. of class IV secured silver medal in 30 metres breast stroke and bronze medal in 30 metres back stroke sub-junior swimming competition conducted by Decathlon Sports India.

Students' Achievements in Various Competitions

- ◆ Aaliya Nida Ahmed of class III secured the first place in Karate and Aayan Syed Hashim of class IV secured the second place in both Karate and Kumite conducted by Colt Institute of Karate Scholastic Health.
- ◆ P. Heer Baid of class III earned the grade of blue belt and Aaliya Nida of class III earned the grade of brown belt for karate conducted by Colt Institute of Karate and Holistic Health.
- ◆ Avigna Bhooshan of class VI and Pragna Bhooshan of class II, secured silver and bronze medals respectively, in Taekwando female sub-junior category.
- ◆ R. Oviya of class VIII secured bronze medal in long jump conducted by the council's national sports games at the regional level held at SDAT, Anna Stadium, Tirunelveli.
- ◆ A.C. Kamalakannan of class VII, Abhinav P. Panchal of class XI, C.T. Muruhappan and Mohit Mehta of class XII, were selected to represent Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry in the national level junior and senior categories in cricket.
- ◆ Eashwar S Gurumoorthi of class I secured bronze medal in the 28th inter-school swim meet conducted by the Madras Aquatic Association in 25 metres breast stroke and free style.
- ◆ Shraddha T of class II secured second place in the inter-school city level Geetha Chanting Competition conducted by Chinmaya Mission.
- ◆ Various competitions were held by Brain-O-Brain Kids Academy Private Limited and our students secured various trophies.
- ◆ Parikshith C.A. and Rakhsha C.A. of UKG, Sharadha T and Thejaswi of class II, and Avyukt Dasarathi of class III won the championship trophy.
- ◆ The gold toppers were Jayaprajith and Steffi Shalini of class II, and Hariharan M of class VIII.
- ◆ Harshendran of class II, and Nithyashree M of class III won the silver medals.
- ◆ S.D. Harshal of class V was awarded grade 1 and 2 in theory of music conducted by Trinity College London.

- ♦ Shahnaz Aleema of class VIII participated at the Natyathon in the Republic Day Parade conducted by Bharathamuni Samskara Natanam.
- ♦ Yohan Mehta of class VI participated in the under 12 boys' category and secured the 2nd place.
- ♦ Rishi Kesavan of class VIII participated in the under 16 category and secured the 6th place in the chess tournament.
- ♦ Aravind of class V secured the 2nd place in the under 11 category in the chess competition conducted by Emmanuel Chess Centre.

The results of International English Olympiad were as follows:

Students	Class	Type of medal
♦ Eswar Sriram Gurumoorthi	I	Class topper gold medal
♦ Atheendhran Balaji	II	Medal of Distinction
♦ Sharadha T	II	Class topper gold medal
♦ Pradyun Makhija	IV	Class topper gold medal
♦ Arjun Kannan	VI	Class topper gold medal
♦ Mohammed Farhan Feroz	VII	Class topper gold medal

Internal General Knowledge Olympiad

Students	Class	Type of medal
♦ Ananth S	II	Class topper gold medal
♦ Jasveer J	III	Class topper gold medal
♦ Arjun Kannan	VI	Class topper gold medal

Sishya Mitra (July 5 & 6, 2019)

Students	Class	Event	Position
♦ Sahana Shri	XI	Art out of waste	I
♦ Varshitha	XI	Art out of waste	I
♦ Neelesh Sarathy	X	Kaun Banega Quiz Pathi	III
♦ S. Siddarth	XII	Kaun Banega Quiz Pathi	III
♦ Afrid Ariff	XII	Kaun Banega Quiz Pathi	III

July 16, 2019 Guru Purnima, also known as Vyasa Purnima, was celebrated on the full moon day. The students of The Grove School entertained their teachers by arranging short cultural events and games much to the delight of the teachers.

August 8, 2019 The fifteenth Annual Day of The Grove School for Std. III and above was celebrated. The students showcased a grand spectacle which was held at Naradha Gana Sabha.

- August 15, 2019 The Grove School celebrated Independence Day. Students with much patriotism remembered our freedom fighters and cultural programmes were performed.
- August 23, 2019 Krishna Jayanthi was traditionally celebrated by The Grove School and the little Krishnas and Gopikas stole our hearts with added mischief on their faces.
- August 27, 2019 The school hosted a workshop on debating skills for the teachers of CISCE affiliated schools (Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry regions) to upgrade and to enhance teaching skills in the classroom. It was indeed a very insightful and an enjoyable experience. The workshop was anchored by Ms. Kiran Mishra, a resource person and trainer from the council.
- August 30, 2019 Vinayaka Chathurthi was celebrated in a simple yet meaningful way by the school where we invoked lord Vinayaka to remove all obstacles.

Connecting to the real world

School excursions provide every student with real world experiences and provide exposure and enlightenment. It also offers different cultural experiences and gives them a refreshing break. The School organised an excursion to Coorg and Mysore from September 27 - October 2, 2019 and the students enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Students from classes VI to XII joined us and as the saying goes 'The More the Merrier'. They were accompanied by 9 staff members, the Principal and the Correspondent. It was a memorable trip for both the students and the staff members.

- December 6, 2019 This was a very significant day in The Grove School History as Bhoomi Pooja was performed in view of expanding the School. It is a milestone in the process of expansion and the foundation was laid on that day.
- December 20, 2019 The Grove School celebrated Christmas and welcomed the New Year with great excitement before closing for the Christmas vacations.
- On January 4, 2020 Career guidance programme was conducted by Mr. Nagarajan of Deeksha, a unit of the TVS group for class X to provide an insight into the career options available and a detailed statistical analysis of the various courses and colleges. The students of classes XI and XII of the commerce stream were addressed by Ms. Priyanka, a chartered accountant to

- encourage them to take up the course after School. The students were informed about the course duration and the ways to complete it successfully.
- January 8, 2020 The eventful Annual Sports Day of The Grove School was held at Rajarathinam Stadium. We conducted various track events and fun games for all the levels starting from Pre-KG to class XII. The overall trophy for the academic year went to Gulmohar House and the runner-up was Peepal House.
- January 13, 2020 The Grove School hosted the ASISC Tamil Nadu Region and AMPS joint coordination meeting to discuss various agendas. This was headed by Dr. G. Immanuel, Chairman, CISCE, and Mr. Gerry Arathoon, CEO & Secretary, CISCE, New Delhi. Around 65 schools from various parts of Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry regions participated in the meeting.
- January 14, 2020 The harvest festival, Pongal was celebrated in a meaningful way by the students and staff of The Grove School. It was celebrated in a grand and spectacular way with prayer and folk dances by Thanjai Raju and Troupe .
- February 2, 2020 Waves Swim Academy conducted the fifth Anniversary State Meet and our student Krishnan Gurumoorthi of class VI secured the third place.
- February 7, 2020 Our staff Mrs. Nirmala P.P. and Mrs. G. Nagalakshmi attended the workshop “Understanding Fear” conducted by KFI School.

Exams

The common exams for classes IX and XI were conducted in the month of February 2020.

The board exams for class XII commenced on February 11, 2020 and for class X commenced on February 27, 2020 respectively.

Other Events

On March 1, 2020 Colt Institute of Karate and Holistic Health conducted the seventh Colt’s inter-zone karate championship. Heer Baid of class III secured the first place in green-purple belt individual kumite in the under 6-8 years category. She also secured the second place in kata.

Aaliya Nida Ahmed of class III secured the third place in brown belt individual kumite in the under 8 years category. She also secured the second place in brown belt individual kata.

On March 4, 2020 Easwar of class I represented ORCA held at SDAT, Aquatic Complex and secured:

- ◆ Second place freestyle relay
- ◆ Second place 1 metre relay

On March 7, 2020, we had the orientation programme for class IX. Parents were briefed about the syllabus and the promotion criteria.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown period, The Grove School started **Online Classes on March 17, 2020** much ahead of other schools thereby ensuring the continuance of education and smooth commencement of classes. The classes were conducted for classes IX to XII. Worksheets and assignments were sent for the lower class students. The transition was done in an effective way that we received a lot of appreciation from the parents.

On April 30, 2020 the academic year concluded.

Empowering the staff

The School believes in training the teachers in order to update them on the latest trends and methodologies in teaching, which in turn will enhance the student's participation and involvement in the classroom. During the academic year the teachers attended a specialised training program conducted by the council.

The following teachers attended the training program:

- ◆ Mrs. C. Bhuvaneswari for English I for ISC
- ◆ Mrs. T. Usha for English II for ISC
- ◆ Mrs. B. Jayashree for Economics for ISC
- ◆ Mrs. R.V. Ananthi for Geography for ICSE
- ◆ Mr. D. Senthil Kumar for ISC Arts
- ◆ Mr. S. Sundararajan the Physical Education teacher was appointed as the Manager for Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry cricket teams that represented the national level.

The report is with a note of gratitude for all those who had been instrumental in the achievements of The Grove School.

OFFICE BEARERS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019 - 2020

- ♦ Head Boy - C.T. Muruhappan
- ♦ Head Girl - P. Akrithi
- ♦ Sports Captain - Mohit Mehta

House Captains

- ♦ Gulmohar House - H. Afrid Ariff
- ♦ Peepal House - V. Harrinath
- ♦ Tulsi House - Joshua Joseph Julison
- ♦ Neem House - Gurudikshit S

Points Table of the various Houses

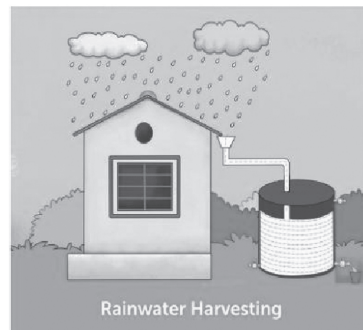
House	House-in-Charge	Points
Gulmohar House	Mrs. Charulatha S	801
Peepal House	Mrs. Prerna Shukla	750
Tulsi House	Mrs. A.V. Thamizharasi	666
Neem House	Mrs. N. Ariyanayaki	579

- ♦ Overall winner for the academic year 2019-20 was Gulmohar House.
- ♦ The runner up for the academic year 2019-20 was Peepal House.

My Apartment

I live in Aashiana Apartment. It is a go green apartment. We have rain water harvesting, segregation of waste, sewage treatment plant, grey water plant and collection of water from the AC outlet. We also have a green club and they teach us how to save our Planet Earth.

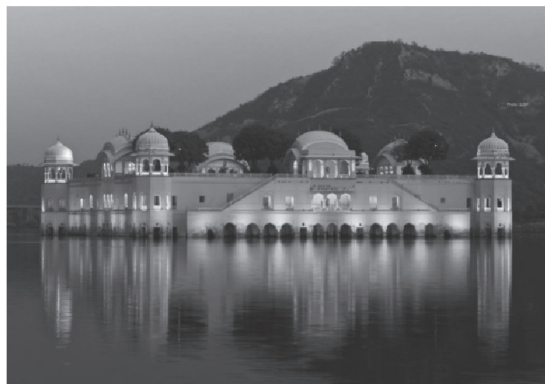
Claudia Deepak
Class I



My visit to Delhi

I visited Delhi during my school holidays in October 2019 with my family. We went to Delhi by flight. We stayed in Delhi at my aunt's place. In my trip, I visited New Delhi, Mathura, Agra and Jaipur.

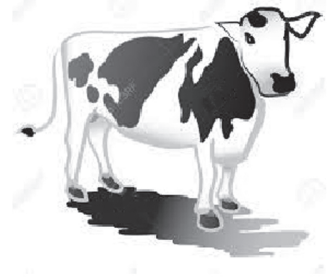
At Mathura, I visited the Temple of baby Krishna. Mathura is the birth place of Lord Krishna. Then we went to Agra. At Agra I visited Taj Mahal. Taj Mahal is white in colour. It is built in white marble. We took many photos at Taj Mahal. After seeing Taj Mahal, we went to Jaipur. At Jaipur, we stayed in Ginger Hotel. We saw many beautiful places at Jaipur and all the places were pink in colour. After visiting Jaipur, we went back to Delhi and there we visited Lotus temple, Red Fort, Gandhiji Samadhi, India Gate, Qutub Minar and Swaminarayan Akshardham Mandir. This was the end of our trip. We enjoyed so much in our trip. Travelling always makes us feel better.



Harivathsa M
Class I

Shadow Fear

One day, **Cowwy** the cow was walking when he saw a strange shape just like him following him. What could it be thought Cowwy. Just then Cowwy saw his friend Catty the cow “Hey, why are you trembling with fear?” asked Catty.



“Look there’s something behind me” said Cowwy. “It’s nothing, it’s just a shadow, see everyone has one behind them” said Catty. “Phew!” said Cowwy breathing in relief. They both took a nap and woke up at dusk. “Hey! Why is my shadow going away from me?” asked Cowwy. “Because the sun is moving that way, so the shadow also goes the same” said Catty.

They played till late evening and Cowwy asked “Why is our shadow gone?” “The shadow is gone because the sun is gone. The shadow is from us. When something blocks the rays of the sun it makes a shadow,” said Catty. “I’m not scared of shadows now, thank you Catty for explaining” said Cowwy. “Bravo! Cowwy” said Catty. “All because of you” said Cowwy.”That’s what friends do” said Catty.

T. Sharadha
Class II

My Tirupati Darshan

We went to Tirupati on 4th December 2019 to pray and take blessings from God Venkateshwara. We stayed at Panchajanyam rest house. We woke up early in the morning. We took bath in hot water. We got ready and went to the temple. We were standing in the queue. When we were standing in the queue, they checked us and then they asked us to go inside to have darshan of God Venkateshwara.

When we entered into the main temple, we saw the main God Venkateshwara very closely. There was no crowd. We went and saw God happily. After having darshan, we got laddu prasadam and then we came out of temple.

After we came out of the temple, we enjoyed the cool climate. I loved the temple and thanked God for giving me this darshan.

Nandhika M
Class I

Books

Books are our best friends
They never quarrel or fight,
They bring to us education,
and make us bright like the Sun.

All get confused with them
As they have many questions,
But if you will read them nicely,
You will become a great person.

They have many subjects
Like English, Science and Maths.
They will give you knowledge
As they are your best friends.

A. Ansh Surana
Class III

Sports

Sports play a major role in keeping a person fit and fine. It increases the blood flow in the entire body. Moreover, the immunity of the body increases by playing outdoor sport. Also, it helps in keeping the body's fat percentage low. Outdoor sports like football, cricket, basketball, hockey and swimming help build stamina.

As all these sports require a lot of running, the stamina and general fitness of an individual automatically increases. Therefore a person can stay active for a longer period of time without getting tired. So, it is important for a person to know how to work together in a team. Only then one can achieve the desired goal. Sports help us achieve this and to build a positive attitude in all stages of life.

Sports can bring a change to your day to day routine and as you are happy all day. Moreover, it can relieve you from stress as your body will experience a positive change. It gives us a boost of enthusiasm and happiness. As a result it will fill you with energy for the next day.



Avyukt Dasarathi
Class III

The Benefits of Exercise

In our daily life we have to exercise regularly to maintain our health and increase our stamina.

Some benefits of exercise are:

1. Exercise improves muscle strength: Strong muscles are needed to strengthen bones and reduce the risk of joint pain.
2. Exercise can help you to maintain a healthy weight: It burns calories and increases your metabolic rate.
3. Exercise improves brain function: Exercise increases blood flow and the oxygen level in the brain.
4. Exercise is good for your heart: Exercise reduces bad cholesterol and increases good cholesterol. It also reduces blood pressure, so it lowers the stress on your heart.
5. Exercise may help to reduce the risk of certain cancers: Being fit may mean that the risks of certain types of cancer are low.

There are many fabulous benefits in doing exercise. So from today let us start exercising and protect ourselves from diseases. I am happy that I have given useful information.

S. Muhil
Class III

Riddles

1. What has 6 faces and 21 eyes but cannot see?
2. What runs around the yard without moving?
3. What do you give a sick lemon?
4. Who keep the ocean clean?
5. What does a snowman eat for breakfast?



Answers:

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| 1. A Dice | 3. Lemon-Aid | 5. Frozen Flakes |
| 2. The Fence | 4. Mermaids | |

Arnav S
Class II

Let's Laugh...!

Three boys called MANNERS, SHUT UP and TROUBLE were playing in the woods one day. When trouble suddenly vanished from sight.... They tried their best to find him but they could not find TROUBLE. They decided to report TROUBLE's disappearance to the Police. When they reached the police station MANNERS waited outside while SHUT UP went in.

The policeman asked him "What is your name Sonny?"

The answer he gave was obviously "SHUT UP!"

The policeman got irritated and questioned "Where are your manners?".....

The answer was "He is sitting outsideon the steps..." was the astounding answer...

The policeman's brow darkened and his face went into a deep frown...

"Hey! Are you looking for trouble? "

"Yes"....said SHUT UP and asked the policeman "How do you know?".....

THE REST OF THE STORY NEED NOT BE TOLD.

Jokes apart....Dear friends ... I would like to emphasis using right choice of words, good manners and courtesy to win over people.

Harshad M

Class III

Reading is Fun

I love reading books. There are varieties of books such as comics, fictions, and non-fiction through which we can gain knowledge. I get very excited whenever my mother takes me out to the market where I can look for some new collection of the series Geronimo Stilton.

I always read books and magazines just like my Dad who reads the newspapers every morning without fail. Some of my other favorite book series are: Tom Gates and Diary of a Wimpy Kid. Whenever I read comics I imagine myself as a superhero who is bashing a villain to save the world! Tantri the Mantri is one of my favourite comics. We should read books and it is important to maintain them with lot of care!

Shreya Raja

Class V

My Birthday

My birthday is always a memorable moment. I am 9 years old now and I celebrated my birthday on 13/7/2019. I invited my friends Pradyun, Ayaan, Kausthub, Shlok, Aditya, Thejas and Siddharth. The rest of the groups were my brothers, sisters and cousins. We went to Funky Monkey in Phoenix mall. We played there for some time. As people came, they gave me presents.

They werereally really exciting

Pradyun gave me a book.

Ayaan gave me a set of 13 games.

Shlok gave me a Scrabble game.

Kausthub gave me a t-shirt.

Siddharth gave me a box of 50 oil pastels.

Thejas also gave me a book.

As I was waiting for Aditya to come, my father told me it was time to go have lunch. So, we went to Pizza Hut and ate pizza. Then everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' with a few extra lines. Those were.....



You are born in the zoo

You are born in the zoo

With monkeys and donkeys

Happy birthday to you!

Ah...These lines were made up by Kausthub.

After they sang, I gave return gifts. Appreciation and gratitude needs to be shown at the right time. We said bye to each other and went home. When I came back to school I received some bad news.... Aditya was unable to come to my party because of ill health. So, he must have been very tired. However, I still did enjoy my birthday and hope I have a nice one this year too.

Krishnan Sriram Gurumoorthi
Class IV

7 Interesting Facts about Taj Mahal

1. The Taj Mahal was built by more than 20,000 workers and artisans.
2. Legend has it that Emperor Shah Jahan intended to build another Taj Mahal in black marble across the river. But the plan was interrupted when he was deposed by his son Aurangzeb.
3. The Taj Mahal changes colour at different times of the day.
4. The Taj Mahal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a famous Indian landmark, attracting several million tourists every year.
5. Most of the precious stones used in its ornamentation were ripped off from its walls by the British army during the Indian rebellion of 1857.



Harshal S.D
Class V

My Pet

I have a pet
It likes to get wet
It is a dog
It plays with a log
It eats his food
When I say you're good
He barks when he sees a cat
It's shorter than my brother's bat
It likes to bark
It is brave in the dark
It likes to see the clock
I always take him for a walk
It has very soft hair
It sits on the dining chair
He drags me when I come from school
And he gets wet in the water pool!

Sai Myuri
Class V

Tiger

The Bengal tiger is our national animal. It is a strong and beautiful animal and belongs to the cat family. Tigers are the largest members of the cat family.

The tiger has a thick yellowish or reddish-orange coat of fur with beautiful black lines or stripes. The stripes are like fingerprints and no two tigers have the same pattern. A tiger's body length can go up to 11 feet and it can weigh as much as 360 kilograms. Tigers are solitary animals. Each tiger marks its territory and occupies a large area of habitat based on the availability of prey.



The tiger has a muscular body with powerful forelimbs, large heads, thick padded feet and long tails. Their claws are very strong and their teeth are stout and sharp. They have a mane-like heavy growth of fur around the neck and jaws. Male tigers have long whiskers. Their small rounded ears have a white spot on the back surrounded by black hair.

Tigers are endangered. Hunting and habitat loss have put tiger population at risk! Their count is reducing.

LET US SAVE TIGERS!!

Sweath B Shah
Class V

If I were a Pencil

If I Were a Pencil,
I would write with extra speed,
and help people in need.
I will write good thoughts,
and make you good seeds.
The more you sharpen me.
The shorter I'll become.
In my death, I won't need a graveyard,
But my graveyard will be the dustbin.
Thank God my creator has made me from wood,
So that I can degrade and decompose too.



S. Diya
Class VI

Facts About India

1. India never invaded any country in her last 100000 years.
2. The game chess was invented in India and the first Chess boards were made in India.
3. The place value system and the decimal system were developed in India in 100 B.C.
4. India has the largest number of post offices in the world.
5. India is the largest democracy in the world, the 7th largest Country in the world, and one of the most ancient civilizations.
6. Martial arts originated first in India and later spread to the rest of Asia.
7. Algebra, Trigonometry and Calculus are studies which originated in India.
8. The largest employer in India is the Indian railways, employing over a million people.
9. India has the second largest population in the world.
10. There are 22 major languages in India.
11. Ayurveda is the earliest school of medicine known to mankind. The Father of Medicine, Charaka, consolidated Ayurveda 2500 years ago.

Sweath B Shah
Class V

Mom is Wow!!!!

My true support and my backbone is my mother. She is my inspiration. She is a bold person who works very hard for us. She is very loveable and caring. She is kind hearted and friendly. She has sacrificed many things in life for us. She is like a friend to me with whom I share everything. My mother is a hard worker who wakes up early in the morning just to cook for us. Once she finishes all the household work she goes to her office. She is such a talented person.

When I grow up, I want to be like my mother. She has so many good qualities. I have never seen a person like her before and will never forget the good values that she has taught me. She has taught me to be bold, confident and good. She always inspires and motivates me to achieve something great in my life.

Avighna Booshan
Class VI

My Grandmother's House

My grandmother's house is very wide,
As wide as a forest,
I can play there and take rest.
My grandmother's house is very tall,
As tall as Phoenix mall,
I can even play ball.
My grandmother's house is so nice,
So good than some flavoured ice,
I play there with my toy mice.
My grandmother's house is so grand,
Big as a stretched rubber band,
I get to play with the garden sand.
My grandmother is so nice,
She also makes very tasty pies,
She is very amazing!
Just like how I am!

Akshita K
Class VI

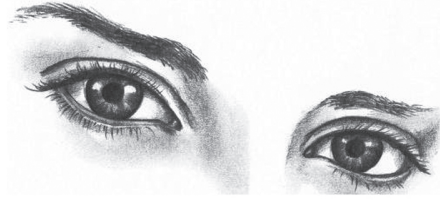
My School Promise

Each day I'll do my best,
And I won't do any less.
 My work will always please me,
 And I won't accept a mess.
I'll shade and paint very beautifully,
My writing will be neat.
 And I will not be happy,
 Until my paper is complete.
I'll always do my homework,
And try my best on every test.
 I won't forget my promise,
 To do my very best!

Pragya
Class VI

Light Up

Inspired by the quote “One eye donation can make two blind people see”, I would like to detail the importance of Eye Donation. Did you know that we can light up the lives of the blind by donating our eyes after death? Eyes are one of the most vital parts of our body; hence, it should not be destroyed by burning or burying them after death.



We have millions of people with corneal blindness which can be cured through corneal transplantation. Corneal transplantation helps to restore vision in people with corneal blindness.

Anyone from the age of one can be an eye donor. There is no age-limit for donating the eye. People using spectacles and those diagnosed with diabetes and hypertension can also donate their eyes. All one needs to do is to enquire about the nearest eye collection centre/eye bank, then register self for eye donation by taking the pledge to donate their eyes after death and provide necessary details. After completion of all formalities, one will be provided with an Eye Donation card. It requires the support of relatives or friends to carry out the donation in the event of death of the registered donor.

In the event of the donor's death, the eye bank needs to be intimated immediately and they will handle all the necessary procedures.

In the famous ancient Sanskrit epic Bhagavad Gita, there is a line said by Lord Krishna to Arjuna, which depicts the importance of eyes “Sarvendriyanam nayanam pradhanam” meaning “It is no exaggeration to say that of all the organs of the human body, the most vital is the pair of eyes”. So, if we have God's Gift of Vision, please do pass it on to somebody who doesn't have it. Hence, Eyes are the most precious gift humans can ever give or receive!

Avighna Booshan
Class VI

My India

India is the best country.
It has crops and fields of paddy.
British came for trade
But betrayed.
But, India didn't give up a single mile.
It fought back with a smile!
It drove out the British
With a dramatic finish!

Jai Hind!



G.V. Krishi
Class VI

Influence of Internet on Kids

What is internet? Internet is a global computer network providing us with information and communication facilities. Using internet we can communicate, play games, send pictures and videos, watch movies etc.

Internet is useful but at the same time it could be harmful too. Recent alarming news is that kids below the age of ten years are using internet through mobile phones and other gadgets. Kids can use the internet for good things like learning and gaining knowledge. But using it for too long can affect the mental health of the user. This leads to anxiety, sadness, drowsiness, loneliness etc. Using the internet for games makes one addictive to playing games. This addiction could make you ignore your studies, parents, family and friends. The games take over your life and start to rule over you. So, we must take some measures to restrain ourselves from using internet unnecessarily. Measures like using internet for a limited period of time and for watching general knowledge videos etc. Being glued to the computer and or other gadgets could also lead to diseases like obesity. We always must do stay active by playing, swimming, cycling, running, doing exercises etc.

Two decades ago we had no such thing called internet. Our ancestors were very adventurous; they went outdoors and did other activities. We must leave the internet and technology and go back to the normal world where we can spend more time with our parents and with the beautiful nature that God has given us.

Shreya Raja
Class V

How NASA was created

NASA was created in response to the Soviet Union's October 4, 1957 launch of its First Satellite Spuntik 1. The 183-pound basketball-sized Satellite orbited the Earth in 98 minutes. The Spuntik launch caught Americans by surprise and sparked fears that the Soviets might also be capable of sending missiles with Nuclear weapons from Europe to America. The United States prided itself on being at the forefront of technology and embarrassed immediately began developing a response signalling the start of the U.S -Soviet space race.

On November 3 1957, the Soviets launched Spuntik 2, which carried a dog named Lakia. In December, America attempted to launch a satellite of its own, called Vanguard, but it exploded shortly after the takeoff.

On January 31, 1958, things went better with Explorer 1, the first U.S Satellite to successfully orbit the Earth. In July of that year, Congress passed legislation officially establishing NASA from the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics and other government agencies, and confirming the country's commitment to winning the space race.

In May 1961, President John F. Kennedy declared that America should put a man on the Moon by the end of the decade. On July 20, 1969, NASA's Apollo 11 Mission achieved that goal and made history when Neil Armstrong became the first person to set foot on the moon, famously declaring

“That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

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Tulasi A
Class VII

The Big Yellow Ball

The Big Yellow Ball
Showers his rays on all.
From the heat he gives
Every creature lives.

His Powerful Light
Makes the World Bright.
He is the biggest Star
Who is very far.

His colour is bright yellow
But he is not a cool fellow.
His anger is no fun
And his sweet name is the SUN.



A.N. Poornima
Class VI

The Best Days of My Life - UKG

The best days of my life were the days I studied UKG. There was not a game, which I didn't play. We had Puppet shows and projects on catching insects. I had lots of friends. We sang, danced and had a lot of fun. Those were our golden times.

After lunch break we got to sit anywhere we wanted to. We had P.T periods every day. We had a separate period for singing rhymes. During the English period if we managed to spell even one word right the class applauded as if we had received the Bharat Ratna. Our birthdays were celebrated like festivals. We wore a gorgeous new dress and distributed our favorite sweets to the whole class. Everyone complimented us, which made us feel like princes and princesses.

Words like fabulous, fantastic, wow, lovely, enjoyable, amazing, remarkable, unforgettable, evergreen, wouldn't be enough to describe my UKG days.

A.N. Poornima
Class VI

Winter

November is over,
And winter's round the corner.
All the dry and windy days,
Yes, they are going away.
When winter comes to city,
I wish we could build snow castles so pretty.
Playing snow-ball battles,
Oh!! That shouldn't be much of a hassle.
Then after all the fun,
We could sit as one,
Sipping hot chocolate,
Talking about rockets and comets,
When Christmas is on its way,
Children would laugh and play.
With the weather bleak and cold,
The warmth in our hearts remain as pure as gold.
Then after all the fun,
We would sit as one,
Our eyes twinkling by the fire,
Forming a nice winter choir.



Arjun Kannan
Class VI

Lessons Learnt in Life

1. Walk your own path.
2. Do not hesitate when you should act.
3. Experience what you have learnt
4. Good things don't come easy.
5. Never fail to try more.
6. Take care of your health early.
7. Make every moment count.
8. Live and let live.
9. Be flexible with your goals.
10. For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

A. Jash Surana
Class VI

Life is Precious

The gracefulness
Of a butterfly,
How gentle,
And fragile they seem.

Gently fluttering,
On a calm summer day,
Floating like,
A dream.

But sadly,
Their time is over,
Hardly before
It began.

So enjoy
Your special moments,
Like a butterfly,
In the Sun.



Jahnvi R
Class VII

Riddles

1. What goes up and never comes down?
2. Lives in winter, dies in summer and grows with its roots upward what is it?
3. What belongs to you but is used more by others?
4. I am full of keys but I cannot open any door. Who am I?
5. A cowboy rode into a town on Friday. He stayed in town for three days and rode out on Friday. How is it possible?

Answers: 1. One's age, 2. An icicle, 3. Your name, 4. A piano,
5. Friday was the horse's name.

Mrithinee Pradeep
Class VII

Riddle Time

1. When I am alive I do not speak. Anyone who wants to take me captive cuts off my head. They bite my bare body. I do not harm to anyone until they cut me first, then I soon make them cry.
2. I am full of holes but I can hold water. What am I?
3. What gets wet when drying?
4. What has 2 hands and a face, but no arms and legs?
5. What are 2 things people never eat before breakfast?
6. What has keys but cannot open any doors?
7. What cannot be used until it is broken?
8. What has 4 legs and 1 foot?
9. This 5 letter word becomes shorter when you add 2 letters to it. What is the word?
10. If you give me food I will live but if you give me water, then I will die. Who am I?

Answers: 1. An Onion, 2. Sponge, 3. Towel, 4. Clock, 5. Lunch & Dinner, 6. Piano, 7. Egg, 8. Bed, 9. Short, 10. Fire.

A. Nehal
Class VII

Unity is Strength

Once upon a time there lived four cows in a forest. They were good friends and every day they used to graze together in a particular spot. One day a lion saw them grazing together and hatched a plan to make a meal out of them. As the lion moved in to attack them the cows saw the lion, stayed together and fought with him and drove him away. A few weeks passed and the cows had a silly quarrel and started grazing separately. The lion used this opportunity and killed them all one by one.

MORAL: UNITY IS STRENGTH

Reshmi Shankar
Class VII

Pride of Indian Army

Indian army needs no introduction. We have respect, love, pride and admiration for our soldiers and the Indian Army. From the scorching deserts of Rajasthan to the freezing heights of Siachen, from battling on the Warfield to nation building, from surviving great struggles to supreme sacrifice with an unbeatable will, our soldiers compromise their lives for our country, India.

Here are some interesting facts about the Indian Army:

1. It was born in 1776.
2. It is the third largest army in the world.
3. India has a total of 1.4 million active army personnel.
4. It controls the highest battlefield in the world, the Siachen Glacier, which is 5000 metres above sea level.
5. The Indian army has never initiated the first attack in any warfare.
6. The Indian army is one of the biggest contributors to the United Nations peace operations.
7. The highest bridge in the world, the Bailey bridge in Ladakh was constructed by the Indian Army in 1982.
8. The Indian army soldiers are among the best in jungle warfare and mountain warfare.
9. The motto of the Indian army is 'Service before Self'. A soldier is an unsung hero who remains in the shadows and plays out a part that is not seen but felt. We are able to live in peace due to the great sacrifice of our army men. Let us salute our Indian Army and pay tribute to the supreme sacrifice which our army brothers are doing every day.

S. Nethra
Class VII

Riddles

1. How can a man go 8 days without sleep?
2. What has to be broken before you can use it?
3. What has a face and 2 hands but no arms or legs?
4. What has a thumb and four fingers but is not alive?
5. Its starts out tall .but the longer it stands the shorter it grows. What is it?

Palak Bajaj
Class VII

My Summer Vacation

Summer Vacation is the time for fun and enjoyment. Every year we plan a trip during summer vacation. Year round we stay in Chennai and as always Chennai was very hot last summer. We made plans to visit a good hill station and spend time with our family. We decided on Ooty and took the train with all my cousins and their families too. It was great to be touring and staying with everyone. We stayed in a resort for three days and visited all famous places in Ooty.

We planned a three day trip to Ooty and booked a resort a week ahead. We packed our luggage and boarded the train to Mettupalayam. We had to rush in last minute as we had seven bags. In the train my cousin Ini and I played many board games and fell asleep late. At three o'clock we boarded the popular "Toy Train" to Ooty and enjoyed the awesome ride and we reached Ooty station. From there; we booked a van and reached a resort in Ooty. In contrast to the summer heat in our city, our trip to Ooty gave us a pleasant feeling. The cold temperature and wonderful natural sceneries is the centre of attraction. The whole environment of Ooty – Dodabetta Peak, Sims Park, Pykara Dam, Tea Garden and many more drew us into happiness straight away. Boating in the lake is more fun with a bunch of people. We took many photos in the most amazing scenery spots.

The most awesome part of Ooty is the Botanical Garden. Thousands of flowers arranged in a mind blowing manner is the main reason so many tourists visit the Botanical garden. The best thing about Ooty is that we will happy in the company of nature. Not only nature, we can also ride horses in Ooty. There are people in Ooty who lend horses for riding; you can enjoy riding if you love to do so. I tried it out and enjoyed very well. We thoroughly enjoyed each and every place in Ooty and felt comfortable with the food and accommodation.

Of all the experiences the most exhilarating was that of the flower show. It was breath-taking to see so many colourful flowers at the same place and time. I feel that Ooty is one of the finest hill stations in our country and she is rightly called the Queen of Hills. We have been planning to go to the best place during our summer vacation. Many suggested Ooty for its cold weather and awesome tourist spots.

If you want to enjoy your summer vacation, Ooty is one good choice to go with your family and friends.

Jayanth K
Class VII

Tom and his Magic Ball

Long ago there lived a boy called Tom. He was studying in the 9th standard. Since he had scored very good marks in his exam, his parents were very happy. His father gave him some money and asked him to use it to buy whatever he wanted. So, Tom went to the toy shop and bought a shining red ball. He loved it greatly and always kept it near him. One day his parents had gone out, and since he had finished his homework he started playing with his shiny red ball. As he was playing the ball bounced outside. A small boy who was walking by saw the ball. He thought that no one wanted the ball and took it home. Tom ran down the stairs and went out and searched for his ball, but it was nowhere to be seen. An upset Tom went back home and sat down quietly, he did not talk to anyone, nor play.

Meanwhile, the boy who took the ball started playing with it. The ball suddenly bounced on his head and bounced off his house. It crossed all the roads and signals and reached Tom's house. The ball bounced up the stairs and went to the flat where Tom lived and kept bouncing on the door. Tom was surprised as his parents weren't expected back so early and wondered who it could be. So slowly he went to the door, and to his surprise found his favourite red ball in front of him. He picked it up with joy and bounced it in happiness. But he was also surprised as to how the ball got there. He wondered if it was a magical ball. So he wondrously threw the ball outside and waited for it at door. As expected, the ball came bouncing to his flat. So Tom was assured enough that he wouldn't lose the ball anymore and even if he did, the ball would come back to him.

The next day, the newspaper delivery boy noticed Tom going to take a bath while his ball was on the table. He quickly stole the ball and left. When Tom came out he didn't see his ball but he didn't worry. He knew that his ball would come back to him. Meanwhile, the ball bounced hard on the delivery boy's head and bounced back to Tom. After that no one tried to take Tom's ball. One day as Tom was studying, he heard people shouting for help. When he went out he saw a thief running with someone's jewels. He immediately took out his ball and asked it to teach the thief a lesson and flung it towards the thief. The ball knocked the thief down and returned to Tom. The people thanked Tom for saving the jewels and also praised him for acting so quickly. Tom and his magic ball were the highlight in the next day's newspapers. Tom used his magic ball to help others many times.

THE END.

Namrita N
Class VII

Navaratri

Navratri is a festival celebrated both in North as well as South India. It is celebrated for ten days and nine nights. The name “Navratri” itself literally means “Nine Nights”. It is believed that this festival is the celebration of the victory of Goddess Durga over the demon Mahishasura. The tenth day of Navratri is called Vijayadasami.

During this festival, people decorate their homes with “golu”. Dolls and idols of Gods and Goddesses, Saints, Sages, people and animals are arranged on steps. In the olden days, people made these steps using boxes and containers and covered them with dhotis or saris. These days we get readymade shelves in the form of steps which are made of metal or plastic. During Navratri time Mylapore in Chennai turns out to be an exceptionally eye – catching place, as a huge number of people visit there to purchase golu dolls. Most of the dolls are made from “Kalimannu” (Tamil for clay), papier-mâché etc.

Ladies and children are invited to other people’s homes to appreciate their golu and receive “thambulam”. The guests are usually given “sundal” (boiled chick peas) as a snack. Devotional songs are sung and girls look beautiful in their traditional attire. This festival brings people together and gives them a chance to show their creativity, hospitality and brings happiness and joy to each other’s homes and that is why this festival is my favourite.

Sriya Srinivas
Class VII

Fun Riddles

1. What is the opposite of Las Vegas?
2. What do you call a doll that cooks?
3. What is the name of the story written by Shakespeare on Apple computers?
4. What do you mean by daze?
5. What do you call a lone corn?
6. What do you call a lone banana?
7. What insects make the best detective?
8. What do you call a female horse from Rajasthan?
9. What do you call a herd of 20 dinosaurs?
10. What is the story written by Shakespeare on a group of cockroaches?

11. What is the favourite software of the sheep family?
12. What do you call a noisy herd of dinosaurs?
13. What is meant by 'fellowship'?

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| 1. Firs' Vegas | 7. Spyder |
| 2. Barbie-Q | 8. Jaisal-Mare |
| 3. iMacBeth | 9. DinoScore |
| 4. Opposite of nightz | 10. TENpest |
| 5. A unicorn | 11. Microsoft Herd |
| 6. Akela | 12. DinoShor |
| 13. A boat sailing right next to yours | |

S. Pranav
Class VII

The Day I got my Wings

One sunny morning, when I got up from my bed, I saw two shiny wings attached to my body. I became extremely happy on seeing that. I got ready and flew towards my school. I couldn't find anyone when I entered into my classroom. I arranged all the benches and started reading for my exams.

After a long day at school, I started exploring the world. On my way, I saw so many people who are sick, disabled and starving. I thought of helping them. Suddenly, I heard a fairy's voice. It warned me that my powers would last only till the next day. So I wanted to help as many people as I could. Once I finished helping the poor and the needy I went back to home and started sleeping. The next day I wanted to visit the solar system. After flying for hours from the earth I could see the planets, stars and meteoroids etc. Then I went straight to the moon where I met a celestial creature. He introduced himself as the moon God. He taught me so many things about the moon and appreciated me for helping the poor people in the world. When I bid them farewell, he asked me what I wanted. I wished that the wings would be forever. They granted my wish and told me to use those wings in a right way. I agreed with them and rushed back home.

The next day, I told my parents, teachers and classmates about my adventure. They appreciated me for all the good deeds I did. I was very happy and continued helping others.

Namrita N
Class VII

Riddles

1. Look at my face I am somebody. Look at my back I am nobody. What am I?
2. When will water stop running downhill?
3. Why was the broom late?
4. You use a knife to slice my head and weep beside me when I'm dead. What am I?
5. Railroad Crossing, look after out for the cars. Can you spell that, without any R's?

Answers: 1. I am a mirror. 2. When it reaches the bottom,
3. It overswept, 4. An onion, 5. That.

Daksh Mishra
Class VII

The Greatest Football Player in the World

He is one of the world's best football players by all means, the only player to have won six ballon d'or awards. He played his debut on 16th October 2004 against RCD Espanyol. He is a true legend on the field, a great captain and a true leader. He won the LaLiga 8 times for his club Barcelona. He also won 4 Copa del Rey and 4 Champions League. He won an Olympic gold medal for Argentina in the Olympics held at Beijing in the year 2008. He has been the top scorer in Europe for 4 years. He was awarded the best player award for the 2014 world cup. He is an inspiration to many and a treat to watch. He has scored more than 600 goals for Barcelona. He is a highly respected footballer and an extremely talented right winger with altruistic attitude. He is famous for his crispy passing, beautiful crosses, lovely finishes, nail biting free kicks. He has received many more awards and is the favourite player for millions of people from all around the World. He is none other than THE GREATEST PLAYER IN THE WORLD "LIONEL ANDRES MESSI"

Keshav P Rao
Class VII

A New Girl in Tamil Nadu

When I decided to write about my own experiences with the festivals and culture of Tamil Nadu from an outsider's point of view for the school project, I didn't know what to name the story... Finally I decided to name it "A New Girl in Tamil Nadu". I used to live in Dubai [UAE] and was very happy there, but suddenly my life changed completely when my father got transferred to India. I cried a lot because I did not want to come back to India. However, I had to because of my father's job transfer. The thought of leaving friends and moving to a new school, house, and locality is deeply unsettling for any child and it was the same for me.....

When I reached Tamil Nadu, it was a totally foreign place to me. Everything was new to me... I am originally from Maharashtra, India and from there I shifted to Dubai. As a Maharashtrian girl, I was unaware of the culture of Tamil Nadu. I faced many difficulties when I reached Tamil Nadu, due to the language, the culture and the food. The official language of Tamil Nadu is Tamil and I did not know even a word in Tamil... and most people here speak in Tamil.

So we came here midterm and although I took entrance exams in many other schools, those schools were unwilling to give me admission as it was midterm. My parents were anxious and frightened. However, within a few days one school which gave me admission was "THE GROVE SCHOOL". Grove school was the only school kind enough to give me admission midterm. The word grove means a group of trees and the school premises actually has lots of trees. I am thankful to all my teachers, the principal and the correspondent who took me into the school. Initially it was difficult to form friendships, as new friendships always take time. But slowly I made new friends in the school. Also all the teachers, the principal and the correspondent helped me a lot. They were full of compassion and patience and helped me settle into the new environment. Therefore, I thank all the teachers in this school who helped me a lot. One year has passed by, now there is a great bond between me and the school, and I love this school very much. I promise that I will never leave this school; I love all my friends and my respected teachers. Even if the teachers reprimand us sometimes we know that is for our own benefit.

There are various colourful festivals which are celebrated in Tamil Nadu; the most important festivals are Pongal and Dasara. Both are celebrated with a lot of colour and pleasure. Bharatanatyam is a famous dance form of Tamil Nadu and is a pleasure to watch. In Tamil Nadu there are various types of delicious foods like sambar rice, tamarind rice, tomato rice, dosa , idli, appam etc which I have never tasted before. I got to taste all of these dishes when my school friends shared their tiffin with me during lunch break. Also in Tamil Nadu, there are many historical places to explore. The seashore here is a lovely place to spend weekend evenings. There are also many temples with splendid and spectacular architecture. Earlier I did not realise that there is so much pleasure and happiness over here. Quickly I got totally adjusted to this beautiful city Chennai. I love Tamil Nadu now and my school has become my life now.

Thank you The Grove School for taking me in. I am proud and happy to be a part of you.

Malvika Pise
Class VII

My Mother's Kitchen

My mother's kitchen is a small hut,
Where she does not make the door shut,
The kitchen has a big chimney spout,
So that she can let the fog go out.
She is interested in making food,
This tastes really good!
The kitchen has some black and white tiles
Which measures each a mile.
My mom's kitchen has a huge wash basin,
That can easily make the water rinse- in.
Big shelves are there to store,
That can hold items of a crore.
Cooking is my mom's favourite duty,
It's all because of her kitchen's beauty!

Pranav S
Class VII

The Cricket Match

It was the first day of my second year in The Grove School. When I entered my class, I saw all my friends except my closest friend Charan. At first, I was a little sad, but I still had other friends to cheer me up. The day was going well up until this new boy named Dilip showed up. He was tall strong and looked cool.

As soon as he entered all my friends started to follow him and this made me jealous. After a few days, my friends didn't seem to care about me. They followed Dilip wherever he went. However, Dilip was polite, soft and friendly, but I did not want to talk to him nor shake hands with him due to my ego.

A few months passed and still, no one cared about me. Soon the inter-house cricket tournament was about to commence and unfortunately, Dilip and I were in the same house. I am usually the star player in my house, but this time all the attention was on Dilip, as he was also a good cricketer.

It was our first cricket match in the tournament. If we won this match we could directly qualify for the finals. The match started and we were chasing. We bowled well and the target we had to chase was 63 runs in 10 overs. Now it was our turn to bat. Unfortunately, I got out in the first over itself, and after my wicket, all the others got out continuously until Dilip entered the pitch. He scored 54 runs and led the team to victory. This again brought him more attention which made me more jealous. However, we were in the finals. We were chasing again. This time we had to chase a target of 108 runs in 10 overs. This time Dilip was opening. Dilip played his own game while we lost wickets on the other end. After some wickets, it was time for me to enter the pitch. I didn't want to play on the opposite end of the pitch with him, but I had to as there were no other players.

I played my game and he played his. Eventually, we created a good partnership and chased the target together easily. We were only a few steps away from the cup. At last with the winning shot I hit we not only won the match but also created a partnership of 103 runs. This victory got us not only the cup but along with it came a new good friend, Dilip. Dilip is the best. At that moment, I realized that my ego had separated me for a long time from a good friend.

A.C. Kamalakkannan
Class VII

Puns and Riddles

1. How do you know carrots are good for you?
2. Why did the wheel sleep?
3. What bird can write?
4. A horse is tied to a fifteen – feet rope and there is a bale of hay 25 feet away from him. The horse is still able to eat from the hay. How is this possible?
5. How does a dog stop a video?
6. If you were swimming in the ocean and a big alligator attacked you, what should you do?
7. How did the football fan know before the game that the score would be 0-0?
8. What clothing does a house wear?
9. What do you have if an axe falls on your car?
10. What is a runner's favourite subject?

Answers:

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| 1) Have you ever seen a rabbit with glasses? | 6) Nothing. There are no alligators in the ocean |
| 2) Because it was 'tyred'! | 7) The score is always 0-0 before the game |
| 3) Pen- guin | 8) Ad-dress |
| 4) The rope wasn't tied to anything | 9) An axe-i-dent |
| 5) He presses the 'paws' button | 10) Jog-graphy |

Mohamed Farhan
Class VII

My Dad

Dad! Oh Dad! You make me very glad.
You are gold but never old.
You are sweet and never beat.
You do many surgeries
That cures many injuries.
You cure many patients
With your patience.
You are the best Dad in the World.

Dedicated to my Dad, The Orthopaedic Surgeon

G.V. Kritha
Class VI

A True Friendship

Once upon a time there were two boys named Ankit and Himanshu. Both were good friends who grew up together and completed their education together. They both were moving to different countries due to their jobs, so they decided to meet at a restaurant before leaving. At the restaurant they both placed a bet that after ten years they should meet at the same place and see who has been more successful.

Ten years flew by fast and the day they had to meet on arrived. The clock was showing 10:00 pm in the month of late December. A man wearing an over coat was waiting by the door of the restaurant. The light from a flashlight fell on him and when he looked up a policeman was coming towards him. The policeman asked him.

Policeman-Who are you?

That man-Sir I am a merchant waiting for someone.

Policeman-For whom are you are waiting?

That man- For my friend!

Policeman-This place is not safe at night, you should leave now.

That man-Sir I would leave after meeting my friend.

Policeman leaves the place. A little while later the saw another person coming towards him.

The waiting person hesitatingly asked - Are you Ankit?

He replied with a yes.

Then they talked and enjoyed their meal.

In conversation Ankit asked Himanshu what he was doing.

Himanshu-I am a gold merchant and you?

Ankit- Just a manager in a small company.

The conversation continued and in the conversation Himanshu realized that the person he thought as Ankit is not really Ankit! This angered him and he rudely asked- who are you?

After hearing this he jumped on Himanshu and caught him. He was a policeman and he gave Himanshu a note. Himanshu read the note.....

Hello Himanshu, this is Ankit..... I came to meet you and I was the policeman you saw. When I saw you I realized I found a most wanted smuggler instead of my friend. Since it is very hard for me to arrest my own friend I left and sent this officer to arrest you. Sorry my friend....Himanshu.

M.S. Yuvandhar
Class VII

Photograph - A Ride through our Memory

When I hear the word photograph, the first thing that comes to my mind is, the smiling faces. Those rare memories are something which we should cherish for a lifetime. In today's world, photographs have gone digital, which are made easier to store. Yet I prefer the method of preserving photographs as albums. They could be childhood pictures, wedding photos and photos of family picnics. Years later, when I look at those photos, my mind will be filled with the beautiful moments that I spent with my loved ones.

Whenever I look at the photographs which I have in my album, I express my feelings by laughing out loud, thinking about some funny incident that occurred at that time. I always love to sit at a corner and gaze at the photos for a long time. Sometimes, I feel so nostalgic that I start weeping, full of sorrows for the good times that have gone by. My friends find pleasure in taking photos of me when I was not really ready for the pictures. Initially, I feel annoyed but later on I managed to laugh with them, looking at those funny photographs. I feel that photos have some meaning to it. It's symbolic in many ways and I would love to understand that symbolism. Photographs can scroll down the memory lane for us. Let us preserve and cherish our photos that mean so much to us.

Parvathy Venkatesh
Class VII

Education

Education plays vital role in one's life. It helps in nurturing an individual into a better person and also gives the confidence to take up challenges in life. Children spend fifteen years of their lives receiving school education. They spend more time at school learning new things, than at home. This long span of time should yield productive results as; the values learnt here are carried till the future.

A well rounded student is equipped to handle real life situations and connect with people at ease, if they had learnt their soft skills right in schooling. This in turn assists them in their workplace, family setup and in any new environment. Hence, values and life lessons come before subject wise learning.

Though some schools might focus on scoring marks in turn to understand subjects, we are also taught how to implement this knowledge in real life. Thus, education should not be limited in the classroom but, is a vast sea beyond this. Subject knowledge is necessary but, it is not 'everything' for a person.

Each individual has a unique talent and several interests, be it music, art, dance, poetry, drama, sports and much more. The sole purpose of education is to help recognise this talent that shall take us to great heights in life. Most of the time, various professions lack scope in our nation, as people have misled the concept of education. The younger generation can create scope for different fields, only if they are given the freedom to choose what they want to pursue for a career. If this concept is spread nationwide, over the years, our nation shall have reached the target in overall development. Generations after that shall witness young people with a lot of potential. Such a breath taking change starts from the school.

Schools should also aid a child's creativity by providing the necessary education. Creativity and Imagination are very important as they lead to discoveries, inventions, changes, solutions or creations that shall benefit everyone in a society. As Albert Einstein once said, "Logic will take you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere. Creativity is intelligence having fun."

Experience teaches one better than simple theoretical learning. The above stated reasons fulfil every aspect of 'true education' by 'interactive learning'.

V. Nivedithaa
Class VIII

Shooting Stars

In the sky,
There are twinkling stars
This has no bars
The night where I see the glorious moon
It is a feast for me to see this glorious boon
I hear somewhere that distant calls
Till date he never falls
Here the silence is deep
I want to see you before I sleep
All above this
Which makes this beautiful symbolic complete
That I wish upon a shooting star
That I should end where you are.

A. Kayal
Class VIII

We Stand Together

Today we separated
But we are together.
Together for always!
From the past
We are friends.
And we are friends always!
Lots of fun moments we have had
But we can never
Never forget it.
Friendship is unity forever
It will never ever end.
We are together
Always we stand
Together and united.



Snehal Mukerjee
Class VIII

Great Trip to Ooty

It was around 4:57 pm on a thunder Thursday when I was watching my favourite show “inquisitor master”, all set with snacks and the air conditioning turned on. I was enjoying it so much. Then my friend came by asking if we could play outdoors. With a sigh I said “fine” because I knew that if I said no we would end up fighting. After sometime there was a call for me. It was my parents. They said they had some great news for me. I ran as fast as I could.

When I reached home, I was thinking about what the “great news” could be. I thought it could be getting a dog or a cat as a pet, or a call from my cousins in America, what not. I tried to appear nonchalant about it. I saw my parents sitting on the sofa. There was an awkward silence between us. Then my dad started saying I had worked hard for my exams and got good marks. He stopped for a second, ‘so’ he continued ‘we both think you have earned yourself a treat’. I felt extremely proud of myself. I asked if we could go on a vacation somewhere and they agreed. My dad also added that my aunt, my cousins, and my aunt’s friend had already made plans to go to Ooty. So he asked if I too wanted to go. I said “yeah duh daddy”. Although my mom was not too happy about it since I had tonsillitis, sore throat and fever. She insisted that I should not go, but I love Ooty. Then I convinced her and we left by train on 26/12/19.

My cousin Jayanth and I played so many fun games on the train. Then our big sister also joined us. Later, other passengers too joined. A beautiful resort was booked for us. It had a very wonderful garden. I also bathed in a big jacuzzi for the very first time. I loved it so much!!

Ooty was a lot of fun! We visited many places like Sims Park, Pykara Lake, Doddabetta Peak, Tea Garden and the Botanical Garden. Boating and horse riding were great activities which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Ini Rao
Class VIII

Education

Education is an important tool which is very useful in everybody’s life. Education is what differentiates us from other living beings on earth. It makes man the smartest creature on earth. It empowers humans and gets them ready to face challenges in life. To many in our country education is still a luxury and non-accessible.

Education is the most significant tool for elimination of poverty and unemployment. In addition, through education an individual also benefits in various others ways.

Education provides the knowledge to take better and informed decisions. With education a person can accomplish more in life.

Education is also responsible for providing an enhanced lifestyle. It gives one more and better career opportunities that can increase their quality of life. Similarly, education also helps in making a person independent. When one is educated enough, they won't have to depend on anyone else for their livelihood. They will be self-sufficient, can earn for themselves and lead a good life. Above all, education also enhances the self-confidence of a person. An educated person has more job opportunities waiting for them. They can choose from a variety of options and not be forced to do something they dislike.

In conclusion; education makes one a better person and teaches one various skills. It enhances one's ability to make decisions. It enhances the individual growth of a person. Education also improves the economic growth of a country. Above all, it aids in building a better society for the citizens of a country. It helps to destroy the darkness of ignorance and bring light to the darkness.

V. Laxman Jayam
Class VIII

Being Invisible

In school we all talk together,
Conversations that go on forever,
We play all the games we like,
But never to us does it strike.
There is always a person left out,
And when she speaks we all shout,
Keep silent! we won't listen to you,
She is the invisible person we knew.
Being invisible is that you are,
Always unnoticed, near or far,
Outside the groups, like you are not here,
That we must never ever fear.
Being invisible can be overcome by,
Being yourself, if you ask why,
The invisible truth that you are great,
Comes out then, surpassing fate.
For all these issues we must not worry,
The great God has made us pretty and merry,
We must be confident about what we do,
Help the invisible, making a great "you".

R. Sri Manasveni
Class X

Plastic a Curse

Plastic has affected the health and life of human beings. We use plastic anywhere and everywhere, which pollutes our environment. Plastic is cheap and widely available, so people use it frequently, dispose liberally. Plastics' pollution has a direct and deadly effect on wildlife. Thousands of seabirds, sea turtles, seals and other marine mammals are killed each year after ingesting plastic or getting entangled in it.

Hawaiian monk seals and Pacific loggerhead sea turtles have become extinct due to ingesting these non-biodegradable polymers.

Ways to reduce use of plastic:

1. Always carry reusable cloth bags.
2. Always carry your own cutlery too.
3. Takeaway food items can be bought in our own tiffin boxes.
4. Stop buying bottled water. Carry your own reusable water bottle.
5. Stop using plastic boxes. Instead switch to steel boxes.

However, wherever and whatever SAY NO TO PLASTIC!

R.S. Shreenidhi
Class VIII

Water

Water, the precious jewel
lake, river and pond it dwells
to clean, cook and drink
hence life and water has a link.
The future surely needs water
which will help to make the world sweeter,
It is as precious as gold,
"To Save Water" are the words untold.
If you try to save water,
I am sure that nobody is greater,
It is water that is to be saved for gain,
And also the little seeds that bring rain.
Play, laugh, you are free to enjoy,
but that will not happen without water,
"We must have saved water" to enjoy
is the sentence you will think sooner or later.

P. Arun Raj
Class IX

CLASS PHOTOS



Class Pre-KG



Class LKG



Class UKG



Class I



Class II



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The Grove School Team 2019 - 2020



The Grove School Team on Annual Sports Day - January 8, 2020



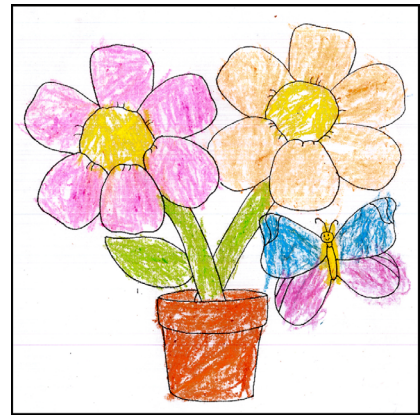
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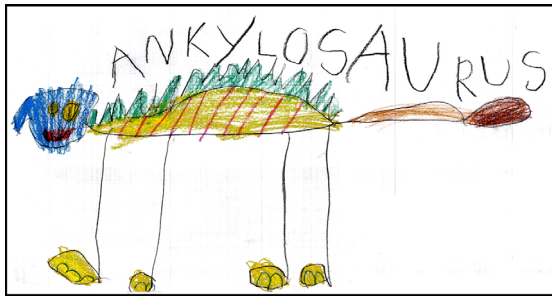
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S. Anisha, Class I



M. R. Kadambari, Class I



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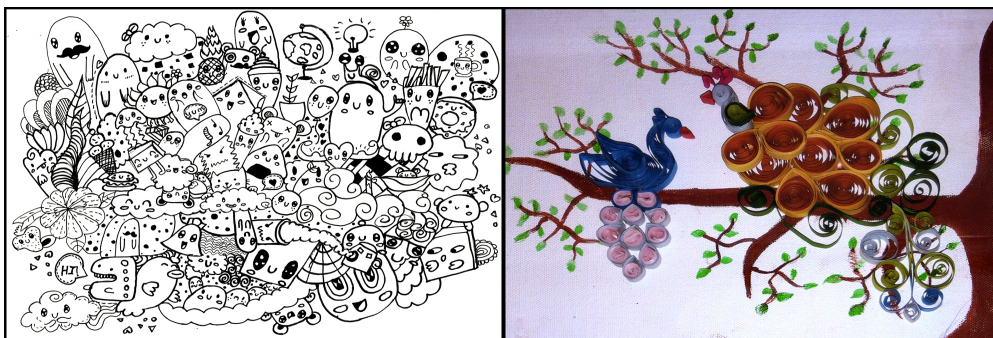
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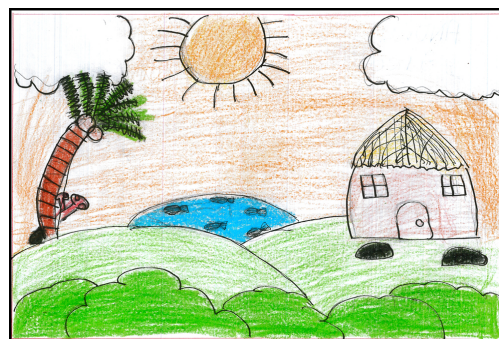
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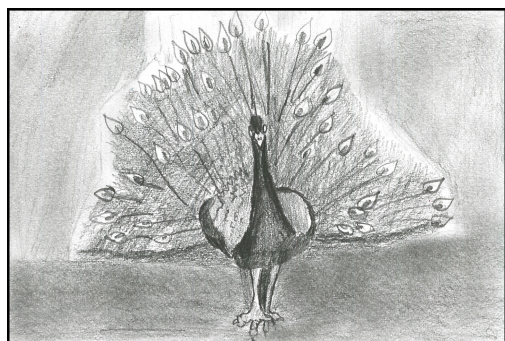
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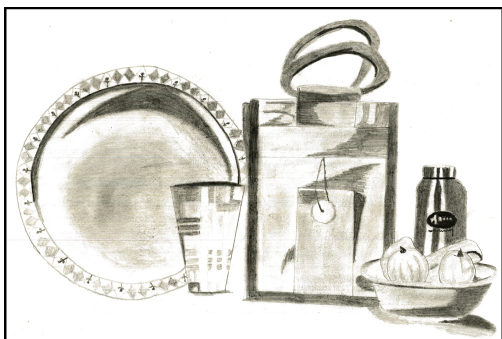
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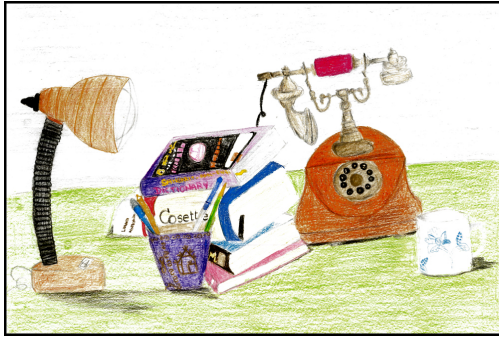
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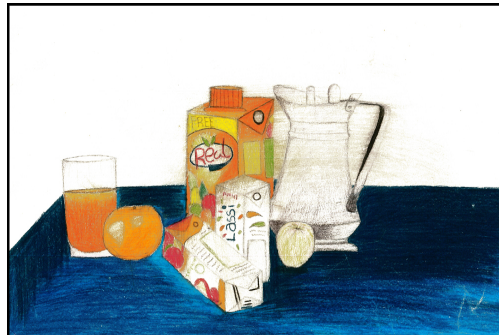
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HIGHLIGHTS OF KG

PRECIOUS MOMENTS WITH GRANDPARENTS

Grandparents and grandchildren are god's gifts to each other. As God could not be everywhere, he created grandparents. Grandchildren are the dots that connect the lines from generation to generation. This academic year the KG students were fortunate to share their Grandparents' laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and love with their peers in class.



LITTLE CHEFS MAKING FRUIT SALAD (UKG)

A fruit salad is precisely delicious because each fruit maintains its own flavour.



A VISIT TO THE SCHOOL LIBRARY (UKG)

A library is a house of hope. It is a place where we all can feed our ideas and develop our dreams.



FIELD TRIP TO THE INTEGRAL COACH FACTORY (ICF) RAIL MUSEUM (LKG & UKG)



WOW!!! WHAT A PLEASANTLY SMOOTH VOICE!!!

It's tricky when you are doing a recording, because the only weapon you have is your voice and the delivery of that voice. You don't have a gesture or a facial expression or costumes. Everything needs to be present in the voice. We are grateful to the following students for rendering their voices for the skit 'Save the Trees': LKG - Baishmi G and V. Shrigirish; UKG - Akhil Krishna, Bhargav Kannan, V.S. Tanishka, Ria Jain, Rishan Dave, Vasudev Krishna, Laya Arunkumar, and Nirav Niranjana ; Class 1 - Vishva Vaibhav, Nandhika, and Kadambari ; Class 2 - Sharadha, Nina and Jayaprajith. A Special thanks to Mr. Pushpakanth Panchal for helping us do the recording in his studio.



ONLINE CLASSES CONDUCTED FROM MARCH 17, 2020 - APRIL 30, 2020

It may be lockdown due to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) Pandemic. But at The Grove School we are survivors.

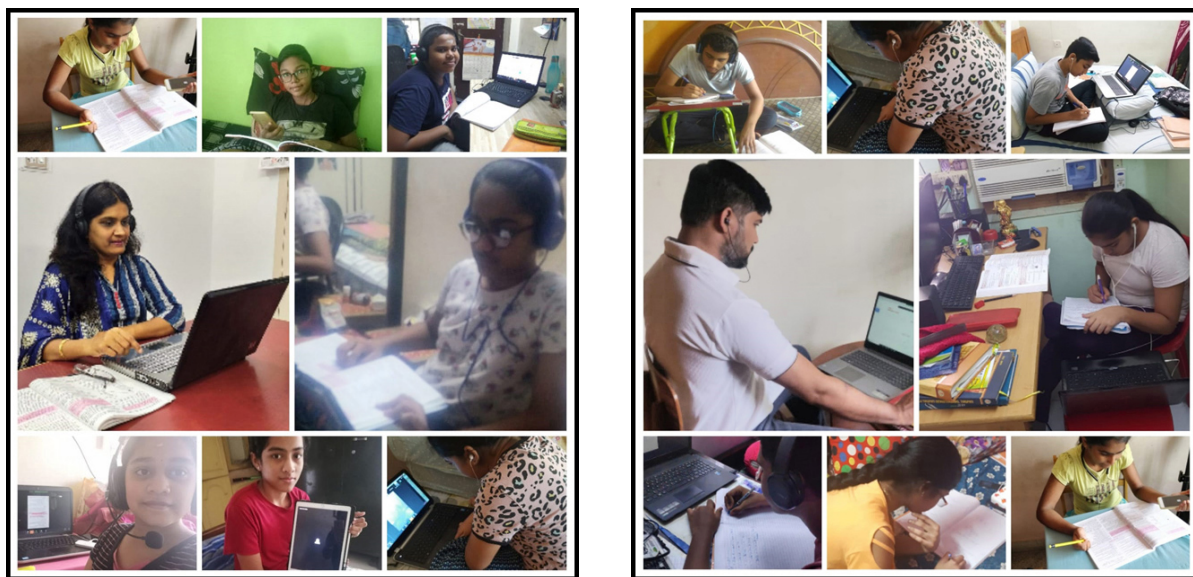
The Grove School rose to the occasion and immediately started online classes on March 17, 2020. We adopted the Zoom platform and though a completely new teaching and learning platform our teachers and students adapted well and the classes were a huge success. For the first week until complete lockdown, the teachers came to School and handled the classes from the School and were trained in the platform for effective delivery of the classes.

Despite all the unexpected challenges, we maintained the timeline and completed the portions as planned.

We thank Dr. Nanditha Krishna (President, The C.P. Ramaswami Aiyar Foundation) and Mr. Prashanth Krishna (Correspondent, The Grove School) for their unfailing support and encouragement. A special thanks to the teachers who conducted the online classes for classes IX to XII.

We would like to thank the parents for being supportive, in providing the required facilities at home for the smooth running of the online classes, during the difficult period of the lockdown. The positive feedback received from the parents was highly motivating and boosted our confidence level, not forgetting the cooperation from our students.

The online classes were a grand success.





SPORTS DAY & ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATIONS 2019 - 2020



Photograph - A Way of Life

The word by itself sounds amazing and brings back memories to me, unforgettable memories. My Grandfather was working with the Army. He was a very brave and truthful man. He liked our country, India so much, that he decided to become an Army officer. He wanted to serve our nation and serve the people of India. After I was born, he taught me to be brave, to be confident and bold. I had an elder brother as well, but he never used to treat us differently. He taught me all that he taught my brother. When I was young, once my neighbour questioned my Grandfather as to why he taught me all that boys do. But, my Grandfather replied her that boys or girls, they both are equal and have to be treated so. One day he gifted me a polaroid camera. I took a photo of myself with my Grandfather as the first click on that camera. This photo has been very close to my heart since then.

A few months later, my Grandfather passed away at warfront. After that incident, I was left lonely, sad, with memories flashing my head always. I was proud that he breathed his last serving the nation, but, was sad, since I could not accept his nonexistence. This made me very aggressive. I did not want to talk to anyone, did not want to go to school and was rude to everyone.

During such tough days, the photo that I had taken with my Grandfather played a great role in my life. It changed my life completely. I used to see this picture daily, after I lost him. Whenever I saw the picture, it reminded me of his teachings. I started seeing his picture while I was happy, excited or even shocked. Whatever I wished for in front of the picture, it became true. Since then, I started sharing all my feeling with that photo first. My behaviour also, thus, started changing slowly. My behaviour towards other also started changing, and I was slowly getting back to normal. My life was back to what it was earlier.

The main lesson that I learned was that – a small photograph also can bring changes in anybody's life. It not only brings back memories, but teaches us lessons and will do many more things to make our life happy always.

M. S. Shahnaz Aleema
Class VIII

Water

A rare, precious jewel,
Clear as crystal.
Deep enough to drown you.
Strong enough to cleanse you.
The tides come and go.
The sea levels drop and rise.
But she stays forever at home,
Never leaving our side.
She may be calming and subtle.
Or she may be raging and harsh.
She has the power to save lives,
As well as to destroy a town.
Mankind cannot survive without her,
But his greed keeps him asking for more.
She has given us her kindness in abundance.
And never asked for anything in return.
We did not protect her,
And now she has become sick.
Sick, of us being ungrateful.
Sick, from us polluting her home.
Now is the time.
The time for change.
We must save the precious jewel.
Who is no longer as clear as crystal
Before it is too late.

Nirupama
Class IX

The Blackout

It was nine a.m. already! I had to be at the airport by half past ten! Yet, I was living an hour away from the airport! I had just finished my packing. I still had to shower and get an “Uber”! I always get so stressed out when I am running late. My human instincts started kicking in, I started to get nervous and my hands started to tremble. My friend and I had planned a trip to Goa. It has been our

dream place to visit since our teenage years. I just couldn't miss this opportunity! Eventually I was ready after the most rapid half-an-hour of my life. I got into my "Uber" and I headed towards the airport.

Fortunately I was lucky enough to reach just five minutes before check in time. Being a great fan of technology I had checked my baggage in online. No matter what people say about the adverse effects of technology I see no harm in making things easier. You might think I'm lazy, but come on! It's the twenty first century. I dropped my bags in the baggage belt and moved forward to security check without a hassle. I went to the waiting lounge and realized that my friend was not there. Usually he would be ready and waiting for me but not today. I picked up my phone and saw that he had tried calling me numerous times and I hadn't noticed. I called him back and to my surprise he picked up immediately. He started jabbering at an extremely rapid rate. It was too much to take in. I heard something about the police not letting anyone into the airport and how they had surrounded the entire place. Only after that did I start to notice things. I began to sense that something was wrong. My friend was still speaking when the line got cut abruptly. I heard along ring.....

I put my phone down and noticed that many devices had blacked out. Then suddenly the big screen in the lounge started echoing something....and their speakers boomed. Everyone could hear a male voice. He hushed a few words..... He said something about a bomb threat in the airport and that everyone should evacuate immediately. I couldn't understand what was going on. I was sweating profusely. A lot of people were rushing out. A lot forgot about their belongings but a spoiled few looked like they would even die for their bags. A few like me couldn't understand what was going on. All of a sudden my senses came back to me and I started a tired run towards the exit. It turned out that an aero plane's e.m.f. neutralizer had been damaged and its effect had affected the whole airport. It was the reason why all devices had blacked out. I let out a sigh of relief and started towards the lounge with my friend explaining what had happened. Finally I could peacefully go to Goa on my delayed flight.

Suddenly I heard someone whose accent I guessed to be Russian counting down.

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Neelesh Sarathy
Class X

The Promise

Promises..... Just like words, promises have the power to make or break ties in a matter of moments. Promises are powerful, as they are a beautiful bond between two people, sealed and connected for eternity. Owing to the burden and huge amount of responsibility, promises, however, can sometimes prove to be fatal.

Dust flew up everywhere around him as Hassan's eyes watered on seeing the sights in front of him. It had been seven days now. Seven ruthless days of ransacking, bombing, looting and firing. Seven days since the sounds of bullets firing aimlessly had not stopped in his head. I had been seven days since the war had begun.....

Hassan stopped in his tracks, his breath coming out in short pants as he assessed the situation. He loved his country and he loved being a soldier, but sometimes he wondered if it was all really worth it. His fellow soldiers ran about, shouting and commanding each other. His mind raced as he stared at what used to be the main bazaar of the city. Numerous civilians were still milling about, trying to scrounge for whatever was left of their belongings. Then, amidst the sounds of the choppers and sorrowful wails of the people, he saw her.

She was a tiny and petite looking thing wearing a torn frock with a bright pink flower design that had faded with time. Her olive coloured skin was soft and her hair fell down in a silky mess. He presumed she was not more than five years old. He crouched down to her level as people ran all around him. Her piercing blue eyes knocked at the door to his soul, begging him to let her in. He reached out to her and in a flash he saw it all. The childlike innocence, the hope, the fear, the strength and the tiredness..... However, what struck him most was the fear. She wrapped her frail thin arms around him as he navigated his way through the ruins. Despite his coaxing, she refused to utter a single word. She gripped him tightly as he tried to decipher the unspoken words her eyes were speaking. Suddenly, he felt someone's eyes on him. He carefully scanned the crowd. His eyes locked with another gruesome pair. They were deep black and menacing. In that moment, the little bundle in his arms suddenly felt heavier. Just as he peered down to look at her, he saw the vest under her dress. His world spun as realization dawned on him. She was a suicide bomber.

He gently placed her down and he quickly sprang into action. He put his mind to work as he tried to strip the ammunition off her. With all his focus on her, he could hear the bomb ticking as a reminder of the situation. Initially the girl did not even flinch. Then suddenly she grabbed his arm and pointed at something behind him. In all his worry, he had completely forgotten about the man with the gruesome eyes. The man was now advancing towards them and with a threat in his hand. As he looked back into her eyes, brimming with tears, his

world turned. In that moment, he made the little one a promise. A promise to protect her. Given the circumstances, it seemed like a deadly promise. He ran without any sense of direction, blindly going wherever his feet carried him. His guns now felt heavier as he has the little girl safely tucked under his arms. A part of his mind fixated on the sounds of the footsteps of the man following them tirelessly. He wracked his brain for a plan of action but nothing came up. He stopped abruptly as he ran into an alleyway with a dead end. She looked up at him, knowing what it meant. It literally meant the dead end!

The man's knife gleamed as he advanced towards them. They were both breathing heavily. Hassan felt the weight of his promise on his shoulders and all his senses came to life. He spotted the barrel behind the man. In a split second, he brought out his gun and fired a shot. The barrel of oil burst with a deafening sound, and shards of metal were flying all around. He crouched low, shielding the cowering girl in his arms.

As she looked up into his eyes, Hassan's heart melted. He had done it. He had kept his promise. As a small smile lit up her face, a shield of protectiveness and compassion emanated from him and enveloped her. Right then, she was his little angel. After all the years of serving his country, with this tiny bundle of happiness, and hope and promise of a beautiful life, Hassan was finally home. Maybe the promise was not so deadly after all?

Nilker Harshita
Class X

The Empty Field

"Ahh, Raman, There has to be some way out of this" said the Chief Minister of Odisha to his associate. "We cannot keep meeting up to their requirements! We have families too! Just because we have been told to, doesn't mean we have to ". But Sir, it's the government and the farmers we are taking about". "I understand Raman, but I see no other way out. Our profit margins are dropping by the hour. Who knows, in a few more days, we might just be earning how much the government pays us! Don't you want to tour with your family across Europe? Don't you have desires?"

Meanwhile in the vastly spread fields of Hirakud, a small nuclear family of three had their small share of fields. These fields had been passed on to them from their forefathers, and had fragmented amongst his siblings. He earned just enough wages a day to fuel his family's frugal meals, skipping dinner. Though he owned fields and was a very talented farmer, he could not earn enough. The monsoon was not for another month, and their problems seemed to have no bounds.

“It is going to be another dry and famishing summer, isn’t it Father?” said Sailesh in a melancholic tone. “I’m afraid it is son, but have faith in God. He will answer our prayers” said his father Tejas, kissing him on the forehead. Sanjana, Teja’s wife was watching the news channel. She always wanted to work for the government as a strategy analyst. But her dreams seemed futile as her dad deemed it necessary for her to marry before she pursued her education.

“Oh! Tejas, look it’s our Prime Minister Sir, look, look!” She was very fond of our Prime Minister. She loved his tactical decisions. He had just announced that the states shall be lowering the prices of seeds and electricity charges.

The seeds used to be forty six rupees for a hundred grams. The farmers were earning twenty thousand rupees per season and spending a walloping sixteen thousand rupees on seeds. Running the family with the frugal balance of four thousand rupees was a huge load on the farmers’ shoulders.

Now that the prices were down to twenty rupees per crop for hundred grams, they had some hope of getting through the summer.

“Raman, we must increase the price to at least twenty nine rupees. I shall take a cut of six rupees, you take three”. The crooked Raman and Lala made a corrupt, selfish agreement. When the farmers got to the ration store to buy their seeds, they were taken aback by the sudden, uncalled for increase in the prices of the seeds.

The farmers protested all day and rushed to the agricultural department of the state government the very next morning. Tejas wanted to make a complaint, and to do so he was compelled and tricked into bribing some of the officers. Tejas was told his complaint was registered and that he would be given justice.

The next morning Tejas got his seeds at twenty rupees but when he got back home, to his astonishment, he found that the gunny bags were primarily filled with rocks and inferior seeds. He wept like a child for days. He was already having a tough time and this was totally uncalled for.

He asked his brother for help but he too was flummoxed and depressed. They approached the higher authorities, but all their attempts were in vain. They were stomped upon like crushed pieces of glass on the floor. Moreover they were robbed of their money, freedom and the only thing that kept them on the path to success so long, hope. Their hope was taken away. They were now like fishes deprived of their right to swim.

They gave up. They could not take it anymore. Their families were famished. The crops too were not given to them as per their rights. A citizen without his rights is a prisoner for life, ruined for life.

Raman and Lala Sir enjoyed the shower of money and the downfall of the farmers. They were earning money in numbers bigger than what Tejas and his family could have ever imagined in their dreams. The farmers were left with empty wastelands, dead lands, just dead lands. Tejas and all his family members died of hunger, on an empty stomach, in an empty field. Their hot bodies lay in the middle of the empty, produce less fields that had taken so many lives.... Claimed them like Raman and Lala claimed their price with greed.

“Ding” rang Lala and Raman’s phones. The notifications from their phones gave them a good chuckle. Their families were skiing abroad in snow covered mountains. They were in their lodge having hot, steaming cups of tea. The notification on their phones said “farmers die of famine in their wastelands!”

Abhinav Panchal
Class XI

A Person's Social Status is not an Index to his/her Character

It was a Monday morning. I was very lazy after spending two days of holidays. I did not want to go to the school which made me give some lame excuses to escape from school. But my mother convinced me to go to school. It was already late but I wanted to delay it more. I got ready and walked a while to the nearest bus stop to catch a vehicle which would lead me to my school. There were many buses but all of them were crowded with people.

I went to catch an auto. When I was bargaining with the auto man, I happened to meet a beggar on the road. He had a white cloth bag which was very dirty. His clothes were torn and had no footwear. His hands were shivering and he looked very tired. He asked me some money. Though I did not have money to offer him I couldn't say no looking at his situation.

At last, I gave him the money I had. Thinking for a while, I started following the beggar to know his day-to-day life. He was wandering through the roads and streets and was collecting money from the people he met on his way. Some people were harsh at his face but some were polite. I was able to understand how hard is to earn money in one's life and that is where I decided not to waste money on unnecessary things. After some time, the beggar entered into tea shop. The shopkeeper gave him a weird and a sick look. The beggar was charged extra and was left with a bun and a cup of tea. I hid behind a house to spy the beggar.

The beggar went to the next street where he was followed by two street dogs. The beggar shared his food with the dogs that followed him with happy faces. He was very happy that he had done a great job by sharing what he had. It was

around 7 o'clock in the evening; the beggar reached the platform, took a ragged cloth, covered himself and fell asleep. Once he started sleeping, the dogs he fed on his way came and placed themselves near him with so much of love. This showed that people who don't have money have so much value for humanity and the two dogs who were sleeping next to the beggar taught me that the person's social status is not an index of his/her character.

Sahanaa Sri J
Class XI

Never Gone

It seemed like only yesterday,
You smiled and I smiled,
You waved and I waved,
But now you seem so far away.

People wondered why I was never like you.
I, the socially inept brother, of an assured you.
Your life seemed perfect and blissful.
Never did I know you were one to miss.

Brother, how could I have never known?
Seen through your eyes, you were all alone.
Now memories of your smile seem like a moan.
I truly wish you told me you were forlorn.

Brother, I never knew being popular was a curse.
I wish I had known this before staring at a hearse.
The mind plays tricks on everyone,
and makes us believe the mirage.

Unfortunately your mind played an awful trick,
It hid the truth that you were dying
from intense hemorrhage.
For me you see, you were never gone.
And this is not a trick of my mind.

For you will always be my big brother John.
Who was never gone!

Joshua Joseph
Class XII

The Illuminati

The audience were all on their feet, cheering for me upon my arrival to the stage. I could feel adrenaline gushing out of my veins as I took each and every step. The correspondent Sir was beaming at me with a prestigious trophy in his hand. As he handed it over to me, a flashlight struck my eye, blinding me for a moment. Trying to look as calm as possible, I took my position in front of the podium.

I cleared my throat, and started my speech: "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen", I let out a heavy sigh. All I could see were anxious eyes looking for intellectual words from me. "This is actually the first time I'm giving a speech in front of such a large audience. I have won the International Math Olympiad, and the principal reason would be the support from my parents and school. Math is my girlfriend....." "Everyone laughed.

I continued, "I would sacrifice anything for Math. That's how close it is to me. Recently I've also published a paper in my blog on Reddit. The topic also includes theoretical physics, which is also my passion. Please support my paper, because I think we finally have the answer to the Unified Field Theory!" I ended with a high tone of excitement. Well, unfortunately, no one else was. The enthusiasm that was present at first was missing, then.....

I exited the stage and sat in a corner, wondering what had happened. My friends sprinted towards me, pulling my tie and fooling around with me.

"You were awesome man, you rocked the stage", said Soddy.

"Shut up man", I replied.

"Why do you have to be so fussy now?" he asked. I just don't get why people don't react to the Unified Field Theory."

"What? When did you even talk about that?" Asked Moddy surprised.

"Do you guys ever pay attention?" I asked furiously.

I interrogated them like they were prisoners but they had no clue about my last few lines. For confirmation I asked all my teachers. The replies were the same. I was stumped unaware of what to do. I stormed out of the auditorium with my medal, wandering about the streets pondering over what could have happened. After a few long minutes, a stranger invited me to follow him. Obviously I refused, but he said, "I know the reason for your sorrow."

He was wearing a hoodie, and walked in a strange manner. He was extremely short, and there was something odd looking about his ears. Reluctantly I followed him slowly, and I also called my friends and asked them to come immediately. The stranger walked for a long time along the crowded streets, and finally turned left into a dark street. As I reached the point of his disappearance, I encountered something that looked like an abyss. There were two complex devices on either side of the street. Before I could make out what it was, a whirlpool of nothingness enclosed my feet pulling me into the abyss... at such an enormous speed that I almost fainted.

After a few moments of intense pain where I felt like someone stabbing every inch of my body, I landed in a dumpster. I got out of the dumpster with great difficulty. What my eyes saw after that was unimaginable. There were not one, but about fifty such guys standing in a semicircle. I was completely astounded.

A guy walked up to me and said "Hand me over the publication." "What?" I asked. "Your paper on the Unified Field Theory, hand it over." "Why? And who the hell are you guys?" He responded with a heavy sigh, "We are the illuminati. We are living in a much technologically and scientifically advanced world. You surely know a bit about it right? We don't allow anyone else to develop. We are monitoring each and every person's move with our technology. How the hell did you think we would allow you puny humans to excel scientifically? The Unified Field Theory was the hurdle that took us a few years to get through. After that, things became completely different. Life became so easy. We found a way to literally rule the world. We were able to mute your voice when you spoke about your paper and blog. You may wonder how we did that.... It's just energy..... And we know how to manipulate energy, and that's all one needs. Your theory will establish that sooner or later. Now hand over the publication or die a harsh death never experienced by anyone in this universe." "Did you delete my blog too?" I asked fearfully. He laughed looking at me with pity.

I had no option but to meekly surrender to these super humans. I handed over my publication which was sealed in a beautiful envelope. He spread out his hand to receive it, but I pulled back. "Can I be a new member of your gang, please" I asked. "No way", he replied. Another guy from a distance said, "I think he would be of use. Let's take him." I silently plotting to expose the scientific advancements of the illuminates' to the entire world I handed over the envelope. He took the envelope and locked it away, where no one could ever find it.

C.T. Muruhappan
Class XII

Discrimination

He was broken into pieces.
His prayers to God turned into curses.
He cried with sorrow, "God, Why did this happen to me?"
He is locked in the world of racism and he longs for a key!

Everyone should be free,
From caste, colour and creed.
There should be no discrimination,
In this bright and beautiful nation.
People should be relieved from these shackles,
And learn to revive and tackle.

His tears dwindled down.
His face changed from a smile to a frown.
He has no friends to console him.
It was not his mistake to be black and thin.

Yet in this world of different people,
discrimination is subtle.
People should voice out and fight against it.
We should take it up and never quit.

He weeps every night,
And tries to make him better to the sight
But he know deep inside
Nothing can change, but the people beside.

Jananee
Class XII

The Room

It was raining cats and dogs when Rubel tip-toed his way to the "room." He chided himself on his cowardice. His parents wouldn't be back for another good sixty minutes. Chennai hadn't seen a heavier rainfall in years, the rainwater was gushing down the streets. BOOM! Rubel jumped, startled. He composed himself and inserted the key into the lock. The door opened with a creak and Rubel's heart thumped violently against his chest.

For Rubel, it was always “the room” – since his earliest memory. “The room” housed his curiosity for years. But that was about to change. He was six when his dad slapped him for his attempt to open the door. He knew he was forbidden to enter the room: the reason he did not know. Since then, there wasn’t a day when he hadn’t thought of what strange treasure lay in the room. He often wondered if his parents were hiding something or rather what they were hiding.

All of sixteen, it was time to know. His parents had gone to visit a relative bedridden with a serious illness, leaving him alone at home with “the room” for company. The recalcitrant teenager in him sensed the perfect opportunity to open “the room” and reveal its secrets. He had the key with him and within no time he was inside the room.

The smell hit him first. Unsurprisingly the room smelled like it hadn’t been opened in several years. He tried in vain to switch on the lights and turned on his phone’s flashlight. Rubel laughed as he dodged the cobwebs. The room had a dusty bookshelf in the centre. Rubel trembled as he walked towards the bookshelf. A bunch of newspapers were stacked on the top shelf. He picked one of them up apprehensively. What was so special about these newspapers? He wondered.

Rubel flipped through the paper. It was “The Hindu” dated eleven years back. As he looked to see if there was anything interesting, he saw something that almost stopped his heart. “Toddler missing” read the headline. That wasn’t necessarily the scary part. His stomach filled with dread as he gaped at the photo of the missing child. It was him and he knew it. Rubel felt his head spin as he scanned through the details.

He paused at, “.....five year old Rubel” and dropped the paper. There could be no mistake about this. He leaned his back against the book shelf and panted. He was a missing child; the truth hit him like a sledgehammer. He sat there motionless for the longest minute of his life. Then he began to shift through the rest of the newspapers as sweat trickled down his forehead like the rain outside. Every item there on the bookshelf brought out a new development.

The times of India dating ten years back delivered the biggest of all shocks. “Rubel, the kid kidnapped yet to be saved!” It took him a good few minutes to recover as he sat there dropping his head between his knees. He wasn’t just a missing kid but also one kidnapped. A tremor of shock passed through his body as he wondered if his so-called parents were his kidnappers. All the pieces of

the jigsaw puzzle fell into place in that instant. No wonder the room was “the room” and he forbidden to enter it.

Beneath all his fear and trepidations, anger rose. It seeped into his veins as he began scouting the bookshelf for more information. An envelope lay there in the bottom shelf and Rubel picked it up apprehensively. He tore it open and pulled out a photo. It was a photo of him with his parents or so he assumed. He peered at his real parents and wondered where they were. He took the envelope and decided to lock it away where no one would find it. There was a lot to do. He left “the room” determined to get to the bottom of this treachery.

H. Afrid Ariff
Class XII

The Last Time I Saw Your Eyes Smile..!

The first time I saw your eyes shut,
Holding you in my arms you looked timid,
That was a different feel in my gut,
In your eyes, I saw the sky reflect so vivid,
A humble growl, tiredness, I suppose,
But this time when you shut your eyes,
I know I had to put you to sleep.

How could I stop stroking your satin sticky fur,
How could anyone not remember this husky any further,
Your beautiful puppy eyes were where,
I saw myself not faking a smile,
And I wondered how your eyes reflect that smile.

Your Aqua blue eyes to your wolf fur,
Spot – light that could reach any far,
Those lashes that flutters casting shadows under your eyes,
Like I would try to sketch them a thousand times and still fail,
How could I bare not to see them flutter again,
This unbearable pain
The stains out of my eyes that restrain

Your brilliant fur is all that I see now,
Now that your eyes cannot shimmer,
Your soul that did wither,
My eyes channelizing a river,
Now I know the cold wouldn't make you shiver.
My little Bella, You showed me motherhood,
Now I am standing in the rain under an umbrella,
Watching you get buried in the woods,
When was the last time I thought that You are the best pet that I would ever
get!
Why didn't I think that,
You're someone I can never forget!
FAREWELL..!!!

Divya Priyanka
Class XII

Life is a Mystery!!!

It was dark. There was no source of light in that hallway! Suddenly I heard a scream on my right side. "Save me!! Please! A girl shouted. I couldn't move. The room was getting colder. My legs went numb. What could I possibly do?

FLASHBACK

It was a hot summer morning. The birds sang a melodious tune and the rays of the Sun peeped in through the window. I woke up at six o'clock, which is pretty early for anyone enjoying their summer holidays. I was a responsible person; therefore I woke up early. My mother and father had gone to Mumbai to run some errands for my ailing grandmother, so I had the entire house to myself.

I quickly had a bath and got dressed up to spend the long day effectively. I made some quick breakfast to feed "the rats" gnawing at my stomach with hunger pangs. After I had eaten my "not so delicious" bread and jam I opened the door to venture out. That's when I saw the envelope in our mail box. The envelope was unusually black in colour and has no seal or stamp. It wasn't authorised by any post office in India. Therefore, the sender was an anonymous person, maybe someone I had never seen in my life. I was hesitant to uncover the mysteries

that waited inside the envelope. However, being a brave boy I decided to tackle the mysterious letter. I took the piece of paper in my hand and read its contents.

It read, “The holder of this envelope is requested to come to the ice house to help a poor child in slavery. Please save the life of this poor child”, Signed, anonymous. The address of the place wasn’t written which meant I had to find it on my own. However, I pondered over the possibility that it could be a prank played by my rather mischievous friends. I couldn’t judge whether it was real or a prank. However, my inner voice was convinced that I should uncover the mystery.

I called my friend Rithvik to assist me in this case. He was a fan of detective stories and agreed to embark with me on my endeavor to solve this curious case of the mysterious child. I used the valuable assistance of Google maps to unveil the address of this “ice house.” There were twenty one ice houses in Chennai, which seemed to wilt my chances of saving this poor child. However, I then got entangled in another muddle. Who gave me this letter? Who could’ve possibly got this letter delivered to me? Why was it delivered to “me”? These questions halted my mission to save that child. However, I was determined. I ruled out seventeen possible addresses from the twenty one which meant only four locations were left. I sat on my bicycle, powered it into the sixth gear and set out on my venture. Out of the four, the first three locations were ruled out. All three were occupied by elderly people and there were no children there. The fourth location was the place I suspected that the kid would be in.

The fourth location was an abandoned mansion which was sealed by the police department. People were banned from entering the building. Any trespassing on the property meant getting arrested. However, I could not let it go. My friend hesitated to enter the building but I successfully managed to climb over the wall of the big black building. We made our entry at night to make sure our sneaking in and out a successful venture. The door was open and the building was too dark to see what was lurking in the dark corners of the house. “Meow!! Meow!! A cat was purring in the distance. The house looked creepy with spiders and cobwebs and had the perfect look of a haunted house. “Help me!!” a voice shouted.

PRESENT

My friend Rithvik was missing. A girl’s voice was heard again and again. I sneaked into a dark corner to protect myself from being kidnapped by the unknown entity.

I heard the voice again. “You cannot escape! You have entered the shelter of doom. You cannot return home boy..... Give up and surrender.” I just realized I was sitting near a white blanket. The blanket was dusty but it made a good disguise. I shouted, “I am the ghost!! Surrender to me!” The man in the shadows crept out and took a lighter from his pocket to light the dark hallway. I saw the flames from the lighter, but I couldn’t see the man.

I used the dark shadow to creep behind him and shouted “Boooo!!” Startled he shrieked “Help me!!” I gave him a reverse flying kick to knock him out. I illuminated the hall by switching the light on; that night I freed eighteen children from that creepy mansion. I was shocked that this man had kidnapped eighteen children. I wore a mask, so that nobody could identify my face. I also found out that the creepy man had sent that letter to lure and kidnap me. I escaped the house after calling the police. I asked my friend Rithvik about what to do with the envelope. The newspaper headlined with two unknown boys covering the front page. I was happy but I did not want anyone to know about my good deed. Rithvik was standing in front of me. He took the envelope and locked it away where no one could ever find it.”

S. Siddarth
Class XII

माँ

घुटनों से रेंगते-रेंगते
कब पैरों पर खड़ी हुई।
तेरी ममता की छाँव में,
जाने कब बड़ी हुई।।

माँ की ममता करुणा न्यारी,
जैसे दया की सागर।
शक्ति देती नित हम सबको,
बन अमृत की गागर।।

उंगली पकड़ चलाती है,
सुबह शाम घुमाती है।
ममता भरे हुए हाथों से,
खाना रोज़ खिलाती है।।

वह सुबह-सुबह जल्दी उठ जाती है,
हमारे लिए नाश्ता-खाना पसंद का बनाती है
रखती है हमारा वो पूरा ध्यान
लगा देती है हमारे लिए दिलों जान।।

मेरी प्यारी माँ तू कितनी प्यारी है,
जग है अधियारा तू उजियारी है
शहद से मीठी होती तेरी बातें माँ,
हम पर तू अपनी जान छिड़कती माँ।।

मुझ पर गुस्सा जब है आता,
दो मिनट में उड़ भी जाता।
मेरी मम्मी, मेरी जान,
रखती मेरा पूरा ध्यान।।

— स्नेहा जसीजा
'दसवीं' कक्षा

हिन्दी अवतरणों

“सफलता” का कोई मंत्र नहीं है यह तो सिर्फ परिश्रम का फल है।
शिक्षा की जड़ कड़वी है पर उसके फल मीठे हैं।
बच्चों को ये सिखाया जाना चाहिए कि कैसे सोचें, ना कि क्या सोचें।
शिक्षा में सबसे ज्यादा ताकत होती है, जिससे पूरी दुनिया को बदला जा सकता है।

— अकिल प्रणव
'दसवीं' कक्षा

सारक्षरत

सारक्षरत का अर्थ है - अक्षर ज्ञान होना। दूसरे शब्दों में पढ़ने-लिखने की क्षमता होना ही सारक्षरत है। आज की दुनिया में सामान्य ज्ञान का बहुत महत्व है। इससे युक्त व्यक्ति को ही सफलता मिल सकती है। अनपढ़ व्यक्ति ज्ञान और जानकारी के अथाह भंडार से वंचित रह जाता है। वह कुएँ के मेंढक के समान अपनी संकीर्ण दुनिया में ही कैद रह जाता है। वह न तो अधिकारों का सही प्रयोग कर सकता है न ही जनसामान्य के लिए उपलब्ध सुख-सुविधाओं का लाभ उठा सकता है। आज सब का साक्षर होना अनिवार्य हो गया। इसलिए आजकल हर कोई पढ़ना-लिखना चाहता है। यदि भारत का हर नागरिक साक्षर हो जाए तो हमारे देश की उन्नति होगी।

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हिंदी में उद्धरण

1. जिन्दगी में एक बात तो तय है, कि
तय कुछ भी नहीं है...।
2. जिन्दगी को आसान नहीं, बस खुद को मज़बूत बनाना पड़ता है,
सही समय कभी नहीं आता। बस समय को सही बनाना पड़ता है।
3. जुनून आपसे वो करवाता है जो आप नहीं कर सकते।
हौसला आपसे वो करवाता है, जो आप करना चाहते हैं।
लेकिन अनुभव आपसे वो करवाता है, जो आपको करना चाहिए।
4. जो चीज़ आपको चुनौती देती है, वही आपको बदलती है।
5. मैं दूसरे के साथ खुद का तुलना नहीं करता हूँ, क्योंकि मूझे पता है कि मैं अपने तरीके से सबसे अच्छा हूँ।
6. हम गिरते हैं, हम तोड़ते हैं, हम हारते हैं, लेकिन हम उठते हैं, हम ठीक करते हैं और हम काबू पाते हैं।
7. गलतियाँ सीखने के लिए होती हैं, दोहराने के लिए नहीं।

– जी. यशस
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पहेलियाँ

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| 1. दो आखर का नाम है मेरा
किन्तु पाँव है चार
उन पाँव से चल नहीं पाता
पूछ पहेली हो तैयार। | 4. जब पक जाती हूँ मैं तो
हरे रंग की टोपी, लाल रंग का होता दुशाल
मेरे पेट में रहती मोती की माला
नाम ज़रा मेरा बात बताओ लाला? |
| 2. सुबह सुबह ही आता हूँ
दुनिया की खबरें लाता हूँ।
सबको रहता मेरा इंतज़ार
हर कोई करता मुझसे प्यार | 5. आँखें हैं पर अंधी हूँ
पैर हैं पर लंगड़ी हूँ
मुँह है पर मौन हूँ
बतलाओ तो मैं कौन हूँ? |
| 3. रंग से मेरा काला
उजाले में दिखाई देती हूँ
अंधेरे में छिप जाती हूँ | |

जवाब:

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| 1. मेज़ | 2. अखबार | 3. परछाई |
| 4. हरी मिर्च | 5. गुड़िया | |

– ए. हरिण्या
'आठवीं' कक्षा

प्रकृति

हरी हरी खेतों में बरस रही है बूंदें,
खुशी-खुशी से आया है सावन,
भर गया खुशियों से मेरा आंगन ।

ऐसा लग रहा है जैसे मन की कलियाँ खिल गई,
ऐसा आया है बसंत,
लेकर फूलों की महक का जशन ।

धूप से प्यासे मेरे तन को,
बूंदों ने भी ऐसी अंगड़ाई,
उछल कूद रहा है मेरा तन मन,
लगता है मैं हूँ एक दामन ।

यह संसार है कितना सुंदर,
लेकिन लोग नहीं है उतने अकलमंद
यही है एक निवेदन,
मत करो प्रकृति का शोषण ।

— नम्रता कृष्ण
'दसवीं' कक्षा

रंग

रंग उस चीज़ होता है,
जो आँखों पर रसों भरता है ।
इन रंगों के बिना हम,
रुचि न होने पर देखें कम ।

शांति का प्रतीक हैं सफेद,
और पीला तो ज्ञान और वेद
बुराई का रंग हैं काला,
आकाश का रंग तो नीला ।

स्त्रियों का पसंदित रंग हैं गुलाब,
रहे रंग से मिलती हैं लाभ ।
क्रोध हो तो लाल भरता है ।
प्रार्थना करो कि हमारा जीवन रंगीन होना है ।

— आर. मनस्विनी
'दसवीं' कक्षा

पहेलियाँ

1. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है जो हमेशा बढ़ते रहने पर कभी कम नहीं होती? ————— उम्र
2. रमेश अगर सीता का पिता है तो रमेश, सीता का पिता का क्या है? ————— नाम
3. ऐसे कौन सी चीज़ है तो बारिश में चाहे जितनी, वह कभी गीली नहीं हो सकती? — पानी
4. छोटे से है मटकुदास, कपड़े पहने एक सौ पचास? ————— प्यास
5. दो अक्षर का मेरा नाम है, सर को बना मेरा काम है? ————— टोपी
6. ऐसा कौन सा फल है जिसके पेट में दाँत होता? ————— अनार
7. ऐसा कौन-सा जानवर है जिसकी पूँछ मेरा पैसा होता है? ————— मोर
8. तीन अक्षर का मेरा नाम उलटा सीध एक समान । ————— जहाज
9. चौकी पर बैठी एक रानी, सिर पर आग बदन में पानी । ————— मोमबत्ती
10. पैर नहीं पर चलती रहती, दोनों हाथों से अपना मुँह पोंछती रहती । ————— घड़ी

— विजय कार्तिक
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हिन्दी पहेलियाँ

1. अधिक दिनों तक जीनेवाला ————— चि...जी...
2. अनुचित बात के लिए आग्रह ————— दु... ...ह
3. एक ही समय में वर्तमान ————— स म यी
4. किसी प्राणी को न मारना ————— अ
5. कलम की कमाई खानेवाला ————— ... सि ... वी
6. कम बोलनेवाला ————— मि त
7. एक महीने में होनेवाला ————— ... सि ...
8. इतिहास से संबंधित ————— ...ति... .. क
9. अन्य देश का पुरुष ————— उ
10. किसी भी बात को जानने की इच्छा ————— ... ज्ञा ...

उत्तर: 1. चिरंजीवी, 2. दुराग्रह, 3. समसामयिक 4. अहिंसा, 5. मसिजीवी, 6. मितभाषी, 7. मासिक, 8. ऐतिहासिक, 9. उपही, 10. जिज्ञासा

— सुचरिता सम्पत
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बस इतनी सी हैं आदमी की औकात

मिट्टी से बने हुए,
मिट्टी में ही मिल गए,
सब धन-दौलत
उस कलश में हैं पड़े हुए ।
एक हस्ती तस्वीर पर फूलों की माला
अपने से ज्यादा दूसरों के लिए जिए
खुद हर दिन मर कर, दूसरों के लिए काम इतने किए
आज सब भूल गए ।

उस घाट पर हम है पड़े
धूल में हम है मिले पड़े
समाज की सब जंजीरों तोड़, भूल गए जात-पात, औकात
तब भी अंतिम समए पर कोई न था,
बस इतनी सी है आदमी की औकात ।

— स्नेहा सुतर
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पानी की बूंदें

प्रकृति के अनेक भेंटों में से ईश्वर द्वारा दिया गया सबसे महत्वपूर्ण भेंट है पानी । विज्ञान ने कहा है कि सदियों पहले पृथ्वी पर जीवन पानी के अंदर से ही प्रारंभ हुआ था । भूमि पर ज़मीन से ज्यादा नीर है । छोटे-छोटे झीलों से लेकर महासमुद्रों तक हर जगह पानी ही है । लेकिन क्या यह पानी वरदान है या शाप ?

जीवन में हर एक कार्य करने के लिए हमें पानी की जरूरत है । पौधों से लेकर बड़े से बड़े जानवरों तक हर एक जीव पानी पर ही निर्भर है । धरती पर इतना पानी होते भी उसमें से सिर्फ़ दो प्रतिशत पानी ही पी सकते हैं । यह पानी हमें बड़े-बड़े पहाड़ों में से पिघलते हुए बर्फ से, झरनों से और वर्षा आदि से मिलता है । इतना पानी होकर भी हम इसका सही उपयोग नहीं करते ।

समय के साथ-साथ जब मानव की उन्नति हुई तो उसी के साथ किसी तरह से उसकी अवनती भी हुई । मनुष्य ने कई नए आविष्कार बनाए लेकिन उनका बुरा असर प्रकृति पर पड़ने लगा और प्रदूषण का जन्म हुआ । यह प्रदूषण पानी का सबसे बड़ा दुश्मन है । हमारे समुद्र आधे से ज्यादा जीवों का घर होता है । प्रदूषण के कारण इन्हीं पर खतरा पड़ रहा है और वे अक्सर तट पर मरे हुए दिखाई दे रहे हैं ।

प्रदूषण के अलावा मनुष्य पेड़-पौधों को भी काट रहा है । इसके कारण कई जगह पर वर्षा और बारिश नहीं हो रही है । लोग नीर की कमी से तड़प रहे हैं ।

जल हमारे जीवन में सबसे महत्वपूर्ण है और उसका हर एक बूंद को बचाने हमारा कर्तव्य है । अगर हमें इसका एहसास नहीं हुआ तो जल्द ही पानी का मिलना सबसे बड़ी समस्या बन जाएगी ।

— निलकर हर्षिता
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भारत के बारे में कुछ अनसुनी बातें

1. तैरता हुआ डाकघर - वैसे तो भारत में डाक का सबसे बड़ा नेटवर्क है, जहाँ १,५५,०१५ डाकघर हैं। एक अकेला डाकघर लगभग ७,१७५ लोगों की मदद हेतु तत्पर रहता है। देश के ऐसे डाकघर में श्रीनगर के डल झील का डाकखाना भी शामिल है। यह तैरता हुआ डाकघर की शुरुआत २०११ में हुई थी।
2. दुनिया में सबसे ज्यादा बारिश होने वाली जगह भारत में है - भारत के मेघालय प्रांत के खासी पहाड़ियों पर मौसिनरम नामक जगह में लगभग ४६७ इंच की बारिश होती है।
3. चंद्रमा भारत ने ही पहले पानी खोजा था - २००९ की चंद्रयान नामक सैटेलाइट ने चंद्रमा के मिनरलॉजी मैपर की मदद से चंद्रमा के सतह पर पहली बार पानी खोज निकाला।
4. भारत के पहले रॉकेट को साइकिल पर ले जाया गया।
5. दुनिया में दूसरी सबसे अधिक अंग्रेज़ी बोलने वाले भारतीय हैं।

- ओ. प्रणती
'दसवीं' कक्षा

हिन्दी चुटकुले

1. टीचर : “क्लास में लड़ाई क्यों नहीं करनी चाहिए?
संजू : “क्योंकि पता नहीं एग्जाम में कब किसके पीछे बैठना पड़ जाये।
2. टीचर : वाक्य को अंग्रेज़ी में ट्रांसलेट करो 'वसंत ने मुझे मुक्का मारा'
संजू : वसन्तपंचमी
3. टीचर : तुम परिंदों के बारे में सब जानते हो?
संजू : हाँ
टीचर : अच्छा ये बताओ कौन सा परिंदा उड़ नहीं सकता?
संजू : मरा हुआ परिंदा
4. टीचर : संजू यमुना नदी कहाँ बहती है?
संजू : ज़मीन पर
टीचर : नक्शे में बताओ कहाँ बहती है?
संजू : नक्शे में कैसे बह सकती है? नक्शा गल नहीं जाएगा?
5. टीचर : एक टोकरी में १० आम हैं, उसमें से २ आम सड़ गए, बताओ कितने आम बेचे?
संजू : सर, १० आम
टीचर : वो कैसे?
संजू : सड़ने के बाद भी आम तो आम ही रहेगा ना, केले तो बन नहीं जायेंगे। आज संजू एक वकील है।

- आशिक रसूल
'आठवीं' कक्षा

पहेलियाँ

जाऊँ मैं आसमान में
एक डोरी के साथ ।
पेच लड़ाते सारे बच्चे
मिलकर साथ-साथ
ग्यारह-ग्यारह मिलकर खेले
बनती है तब बात ।
चौकें-छक्कों का खेल हूँ,
करते हैं सब बात ।
खेल-कार्टून में दिखलाऊँ,
दिन हो या रात ।
मेरे चलते ही सब घर पर,
बंद कर देते बात ।



– पतंग



– क्रिकेट



– टेलिविशन

– प्रेम कुमार
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मेरे पापा

उंगली को पकड़ कर सिखलाता
जब पहला कदम भी नहीं आता ।
नन्हे प्यारे बच्चे के लिए,
पापा ही सहारा बन जाते ।
पापा हर फर्ज निभाते,
जीवन भर कर्ज चुकाते ।

बच्चे की एक खुशी के लिए,
अपने सुख भूल ही जाते ।
प्यारे पापा के प्यार भरे,
सीना से जी जग जाते हैं ।
सच कहती हूँ विश्वास करो,
जीवन में सदा सुख पाते हैं ।

– डी. श्रद्धा
'दसवीं' क

गर्मी

गर्मी आई
लेने आम
घर निकले
बुध्दुराम ।
नहीं लिया हाथों में छाता
गर्म हो गया उनका माथा ।

दौड़े-दौड़े घर को आए
पानी डाला खूब नहाए ।
फिर तो बोले
हे भगवान!
कैसे लाऊँ
अब मैं आम?

– डी. मेहक
'आठवीं' कक्षा

हिन्दी के बारे में कुछ दिलचस्प बातें

- 1950 में हिंदी भाषा को भारत की आधिकारिक भाषा का दर्जा मिला।
- बीस से ज्यादा देशों में हिंदी भाषा का इस्तेमाल किया जाता है।
- सात भाषाएँ ऐसी हैं जिनका इस्तेमाल वेबएड्रेस बनाने में किया जाता है, उनमें से हिन्दी एक है।
- हिन्दी का इस्तेमाल करीब 60 करोड़ लोग करते हैं।
- दुनिया के 176 विश्वविद्यालयों से हिंदी पढ़ाई जाती है।
- विदेश में 25 से ज्यादा पत्र-पत्रिकाएँ रोज़ हिंदी में निकलती हैं।
- 1805 में प्रकाशित लल्लू लाल द्वारा लिखित श्रीकृष्ण पर आधारित किताब को हिंदी में लिखी गई पहली किताब मानी जाती है।
- हिंदी को अपना नाम एक परासियन शब्द हिन्दू से मिला।

– निलकर हर्षिता
'दसवीं' कक्षा

शब्द कोश

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- हरा
- नीला
- भूरा

– पी.पलक
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हिन्दी पहेलियाँ

1. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है जो पानी पीते ही मर जाती है?
2. ऐसा कौन सा दुकनदार है जो आपका बाल भी लेता है?
3. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है जिसे लड़की खाती भी है और पहनती भी है?
4. ऐसी कौन-सी चीज़ है जो लड़की के पास शादी से पहले नहीं रहता और शादी के बाद रहती है, जो पहनता है वो खरीदता नहीं है?
5. दो अंगुल की सड़क, उस पर रेल चले बेधड़क।
6. एक फूल यहाँ खिला, एक फूल कलकत्ता, एक अचम्बा हमने देखा, पत्ते के ऊपर पता।

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– वी.रूपेश कुमार
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परिवार के साथ एक यात्रा

मैं सुबह जल्दी उठ गयी क्योंकि मुझे एक हवाई जहाज़ पर जाना था। मौसम बहुत सुहावना था और चिड़िया का आवाज़ बहुत अच्छा लग रहा था। बारिश तो हो ही नहीं सकती थी। सूर्य की रोशनी खिड़की से कमरे के अंदर आकर फैल रही थी।

मैं और मेरे परिवार के लोग जल्दी-से-जल्दी तैयार हो रहे थे ताकि हम सही समय पर एयरपोर्ट पहुँच जाए। हमने दोसा खाया और टैक्सी लेके चल पड़ी।

हम तो एयरपोर्ट सही समय पर पहुँच गए। हमें दिल्ली जाने वाली हवाई जहाज़ को पकड़ना था। आधे घंटे होने के बाद हम हवाई जहाज़ के अंदर गए। जल्दी ही हवाई जहाज़ उड़ने लगी और हम दो घंटे में दिल्ली पहुँच गए।

हम होटल पहुँच गए। उस दिन हम कहीं बाहर नहीं चले और होटल में आराम करने के लिए रुके।

अगले दिन हम कुतुबमिनार देखने के लिए चले। कुतुबमिनार तो बहुत लंगी थी। हमने बहुत सारे फोटो खिचवाए।

कुतुबमिनार देखने के बाद हम रेडफोर्ट देखने गए। रेड फोर्ट के अंदर तो बहुत सारा जगह था। बहुत गर्मी लग रही थी और हम सब को बहुत पसीना आ रहा था।

हमने सोचा कि थोड़ा तो मौसम अच्छा होगा।

दिल्ली घूमने के बाद हम आग्रा गए। आग्रा में हमने बहुत सारे जगह देखे।

परिवार के साथ एक यात्रा पर जाने से हमें बहुत मज़ा आता है। यह यात्रा मुझे बहुत पसंद आया। मैं यह यात्रा को कभी नहीं भूलूँगी।

– सुचरिता संपत
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हिन्दी अवरतणों

1. मेरा धर्म सत्य और अहिंसा पर आधारित है। सत्य मेरा भगवान है, अहिंसा उसे पाने का साधन।
2. प्रार्थना मांगना नहीं है। यह आत्मा की लालसा है। यह हर रोज अपनी कमजोरियों की स्वीकारोक्ति है। प्रार्थना में बिना वचनों के मन लगाना, वचन होते हुए मन न लगाने से बेहतर है।
3. निर्मल अन्तःकरण को जो प्रतीत हो, वही सत्य है।
4. चलिए सुबह का पहला काम ये करें कि इस दिन के लिए संकल्प करें कि मैं दुनिया में किसी से नहीं डरूंगा। नहीं, मैं केवल भगवान से डरूँ। मैं किसी के प्रति बुरा भाव न रखें। मैं किसी के अन्याय के समक्ष झुकूँ नहीं। मैं असत्य को सत्य से जीतूँ और असत्य का विरोध करते हुए मैं सभी कष्टों को सह सकूँ।
5. भूल करने में पाप तो है ही, परंतु उसे छुपाने में उससे भी बड़ा पाप है।
6. भविष्य में क्या होगा, मैं यह नहीं सोचना चाहता। मुझे वर्तमान की चिंता है। ईश्वर ने मुझे आने वाले क्षणों पर कोई नियंत्रण नहीं दिया है।
7. मैं हिन्दी के जरिए प्रांतीय भाषाओं को दबाना नहीं चाहता, किंतु उनके साथ हिन्दी को भी मिला देना चाहता हूँ।
8. अपनी गलती को स्वीकारना झाड़ू लगाने के समान है, जो धरातल की सतह को चमकदार और साफ कर देती है।
9. केवल प्रसन्नता ही एकमात्र इत्र है जिसे आप दूसरों पर छिड़कें तो उसकी कुछ बूँदें अवश्य ही आप पर भी पड़ती हैं।
10. जो समय बचाते हैं, वे धन बचाते हैं और बचाया हुआ धन, कमाए हुए धन के बराबर है।
11. व्यक्ति अपने विचारों से निर्मित एक प्राणी है, वह जो सोचता है वही बन जाता है।
12. काम की अधिकता नहीं, अनियमितता आदमी को मार डालती है।
13. गुलाब को उपदेश देने की आवश्यकता नहीं होती है। वह तो केवल अपनी खुशी बिखेरता है। उसकी खुशबू ही उसका संदेश है।
14. हम जिसकी पूजा करते हैं, उसी के समान हो जाते हैं।
15. श्रद्धा का अर्थ है आत्मविश्वास और आत्मविश्वास का अर्थ है ईश्वर में विश्वास।

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मेरे पापा

पापा हर फर्ज निभाते हैं,
जीवन भर कर्ज चुकाते हैं
बच्चे की एक खुशी के लिए
अपने सुख भूल ही जाते हैं
फिर क्यों ऐसे पापा के लिए

बच्चे कुछ कर ही नहीं पाते
ऐसे सच्चे पापा को क्यों,
पापा कहने में भी सकु चाते
पापा का जीवन सुखदाई
पर बच्चे भूल ही जाते।

— इनि राव

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जिंदगी : एक पहेली

अगर किसी आम इंसान से पूछा जाए कि “जिंदगी क्या है”? तो वह कहेगा कि “जीवन ही जिंदगी है” परंतु मुझे इस बात से मैं सहमत नहीं हूँ। मेरे अनुसार जीवन और जिंदगी एक ही सिक्के के दो पहेलू हैं। जीवन तो खाली किताब होती है जो भगवान हमें उपहार स्वरूप देते हैं परंतु जिंदगी वह कोरें कागज़ होते हैं उस किताब के जिन्हें भरना हमारा काम होता है।

इस जीवन की किताब को हर व्यक्ति अपने अनुसार भरता है। हर किताब एक नयी कहानी कहती है और कहानी आपके जीवन के हर पहलू को खुल के बताती है। परंतु हर किताब सफल नहीं होती, हर किताब को सब पढ़ने की इच्छा नहीं रखते। सिर्फ़ कुछ ही किताब अपनी छाप सदा के लिए छोड़ जाती है। हर कहानी अपने लेखक की सोच, समझदारी एवं बहादुरी को बतलाती है। जीवन तो सब के पास होता है, किसी किताब मोटी होती है और किसी पतली परंतु जिंदगी की यही खासियत है कभी वह उस छोटी सी पतली से किताब को भी इतने सौंदर्य से भर देती है कि चाह कर भी हम उस किताब को त्याग नहीं पाते और कभी-कभी वह एक बड़ी एवं मोटी किताब को ऐसे भर देती है कि उसमें लिख हर शब्द दवात से बना कलंक लगने लग जाता है और किताब में शब्द होने के बावजूद वह खोकली सी लगने लगती है। परंतु सवाल यह आता है कि अपने जीवन को सफल कैसे बनाए और इसका सिर्फ़ एक उत्तर है - अपनी जिंदगी जी कर। हमें अपने जीवन के हर पल को ऐसे जीना चाहिए जैसे वह हमारे जीवन का आखिरी पल हो। सम्मान, आदर, प्यार एवं खुशियाँ बाँट कर ही एक व्यक्ति का जीवन सफल हो सकता है। अन्यथा वह और कुछ नहीं परंतु व्यर्थ कहलाएगा।

जिंदगी भी हम कई कसौटियों पर खड़ा करती है। कभी गिराती है, तो कभी उठाती है। कभी रुलाती है, तो कभी हँसाती है। वह बराबर मात्रा में हमें सुख और दुख देती है। अब वह बस हमें यह सिखाता है कि हम हर दुख में भी पहले दिए गए सुख का विचार करके, दुख को जिंदगी के तराजू पर संतुलन बनाने के आवश्यक समझते हैं। हर सुख की घड़ी में भी दुख का विचार करके निराश रहते हैं।

धन और काम दोनों आते-जाते हैं परंतु खुशियों की घड़ी इंतजार नहीं करती। हमारे जीवन में पल तो बहुत होते हैं, पर हर पल में जिंदगी होना आवश्यक है क्योंकि जीने का नाम है जिंदगी।

स्नेहा जसीजा

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भ्रष्टाचार

एक - दो, एक - दो
भ्रष्टाचार को मिटा दो।
जब से आया दुनिया में भ्रष्टाचार
तब से लोग कर रहे हैं दुराचार।
इसकी छाया बन रही है सर्वव्यापी
पर परमात्मा के प्रति यह है पापी।

है नेता भ्रष्टाचारी, तो है दुनिया दुराचारी
हे भगवान! पकड़ों बैया और पार करो नैया।
लोगों! भ्रष्टाचार को मारो ऐसे गोले
हर बच्चा सिर्फ़ यही बोले।
एक - दो, एक - दो
भ्रष्टाचार को फेंक दो।

– आर.एस. श्रीनिधी

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भूत-बंगले का सफर

बचपन से मुझे भूत, आत्मा में शैकिन था। मेरा कमरा पुरा भूत के फोटा और उनके बारे में भरा रहता। इस घटना के बाद मैंने ये सब कुछ छोड़ दिया।

यह घटना मेरे कोलोनी में घटा था। मैं शाम को अपने ट्यूशन से घर लौट रहा था। उसी समय मैं एक पुराना घर देखा जो मेरे दोस्त उसे भूत बंगला कहते हैं। उस घर का ६६६ नंबर था जो भूतिया नंबर माना जाता है। मुझे उस घर में जाने की इच्छा थी। तो मैं उस घर में घुस गया।

मैंने दरवाज़ा खोला तो मैंने देखा कि पूरा घर गंदा पड़ा था। मैं और थोड़ा अंदर गया तो दरवाज़ा अपने आप बंद हो गया। मुझे लगा कि मेरे कुछ दोस्त मज़ाक कर रहे हैं, तो मैंने सोचे बिना अंदर चलता जा रहा था। मैं एक कमरे में गया मैं जो देखा वह दृश्य बहुत खराब था, पूरे कमरे में खून और कुछ हड्डियाँ पड़ी थी। मैं उसे देखते ही रोना शुरू कर दिया। मेरे रोना सुनते हुए आजु-बाजु के सभी लोग दरवाज़ा, पहले खट-खटाने लगे, फिर दरवाज़ा तोड़ने लगे। दरवाज़ा उन्होंने खोल दिया और सभी लोग मेरे पास उसी कमरे में आए उन्होंने भी वही देखा जो मैंने देखा। उनमें से एक ने पुलिस को बुलाया। पुलिस ने जाँच किया तो एक चोर जो बच्चों को उठाकर मार डालता।

इस घटना के बाद मेरा परिवार उस कोलोनी को छोड़कर चले गए। उस कमरे का दृश्य अभी भी मेरे मन को डराती है।

— नील
'सातवीं' कक्षा

அழகு (கவிதை)

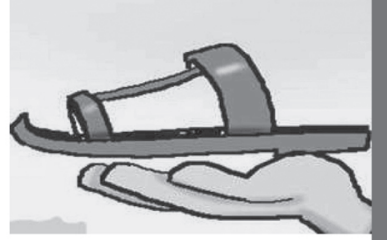
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சூரியனுக்கு ஒளி அழகு
மலருக்கு நிறம் அழகு
கண்களுக்கு இமைகள் அழகு
விலங்கினங்களுக்கு காடு அழகு
பறவைகளுக்கு இறக்கை அழகு
கடவுளுக்கு உள்ளம் அழகு
குழந்தைக்கு கருவறை அழகு
மாணவர்களுக்கு அறிவூட்டும்
புத்தகங்கள் அழகு...

ச.ஏஞ்சலின் கிறிஸ்டினா
(தமிழாசிரியை)

காலணி (கவிதை)

காலை முதல் மாலை வரை
நம் பாதங்களைக்
கல்லிலும் முள்ளிலும்
காப்பது காலணி...

அதை அணியாமல்
நாம் இருந்த நாட்கள்
உண்டோ?...
எண்ணிப் பார்த்தாலும்
கூற முடியாது...



அது நம் காலில் இருக்கும் பொழுது
அருமை புரியாது! ஆனால், ஏதாவது
ஒரு நாள் நாம் அதனை அணியாமல் இருந்தால்
ஒவ்வொரு அடியும் அதன் நினைவூட்டும்.

வெ. அர்ச்சிதா
எட்டாம் வகுப்பு



ஓர் அரிய உறவு... நட்பு!

பழகும் முன் முகம் பார்த்து
வரும் நட்பு...
பழகிய பின் அன்பு
பார்த்து வரும் ...
சுயநலம் பார்த்து வரும் நட்பு...
பணத்தை எதிர்பார்த்து வரும்...
ஆனால் துன்பம் வரும் போது மட்டுமே
தெரிந்து விடும்
உண்மையான நட்பு!!

மு.சுவப்னா
பத்தாம் வகுப்பு

அன்புக்கு நான் அடிமை...



என்னைப் படைத்த என் தாயின்
அன்புக்கு நான் அடிமை...
என்னை வளர்த்த என் தந்தையின்
பண்புக்கு நான் அடிமை...
என்னை மகிழ்வித்த என் சகோதரி
நட்புக்கு நான் அடிமை...
என்னை மனிதனாக்கிய என் ஆசிரியரின்
சொல்லுக்கு நான் அடிமை...
என்னைக் காத்த என் கடவுளின்
அருளுக்கு நான் அடிமை...

வி.கிரிஷா

ஏழாம் வகுப்பு

பள்ளி (கவிதை)

பள்ளி என்ற கலைக்கூடம்- நம்
வாழ்வைச் சிறப்பிக்கும் அன்றாடம்.
சிலையாய் நம்மைச் செதுக்கும்- நல்ல
கலையாய் நம்மை ஆக்கும்.
கேள்வி கேட்கும் ஞானம்- அங்கு
பதிலைக் கொடுக்கத் தோன்றும்.
வேற்றுமை அகற்றும் பந்தம்- நம்
ஒற்றுமை ஒன்றே சொந்தம்.

கோ.சர்வேஷ்

ஏழாம் வகுப்பு

வாழ்க்கை... வாழுவே...



நீ நடந்து போவதற்கான
பாதை இல்லையே என்று
கவலைப்படாதே, நீ நடந்தால்
அதுவே ஒரு பாதையாக மாறிவிடும்...



வாழ்க்கையில் துன்பத்தை
அனுபவித்த காலத்தை
மறந்துவிடு. ஆனால்,
அதுகற்று கொடுத்த
பாடத்தை மறந்துவிடாதே.

குறிக்கோள் இல்லாத
வாழ்க்கை முள் இல்லாத
கடிகாரம் போன்றது. அது,
நின்றாலும் பயன் இல்லை...
ஓடினாலும் பயன் இல்லை...



மா. சுதர்ஷினி
ஒன்பதாம் வகுப்பு

விழிப்பதற்கே உறக்கம்...
வெல்வதற்கே தோல்வி...
எழுவதற்கே வீழ்ச்சி...
வாழ்வதற்கே வாழ்க்கை...



குபீர் சிரிப்பு...

- ஒருவர்** : என் மனைவியை நான் 'உ' போட்டுக் கூப்பிடுவேன்.
மற்றவர் : நான்... உ போட்டுட்டு அப்புறம் கூப்பிடுவேன்!
- மாணவி** : ஆசிரியை... என் பாட ஏட்டில் ஏதோ எழுதியிருக்கீங்களே...
 என்ன அது? ஒண்ணும் புரியலையே?
ஆசிரியை : கையெழுத்து தெளிவா இருக்கணும்னு எழுதியிருக்கேன்!
- பயணி** : பணிப்பெண்ணிடம், கொஞ்ச நேரமா விமானம் குலுங்கி
 குலுங்கிப் போகுதே. என்ன காரணம்தான் விமானிகிட்ட
 கொஞ்சம் கேளுங்களேன்!
பணிப்பெண் : முடியாதுங்க விமானத்தில் கோளாற்று இப்பதான்
 விமானி உயிர்காக்கும் கருவி மூலம் கீழே குதிச்சார்!
- கணவன்** : இன்னுமா சமையல் ஆகலை? நான் உணவகத்துக்குப் போறேன்.
மனைவி : அஞ்ச நிமிஷம் இருங்கோ.
கணவன் : அதுக்குள்ள ஆயிடுமா?
மனைவி : இல்லை... நானும் கிளம்பி உங்களோட வரேன்.
- ஒருவர்** : தேர்தல் நடக்குமா?
மற்றொருவர் : அதுக்குத்தான் காலே இல்லியே, எப்படி நடக்கும்?
- மனைவி**: ஏன் நான் பாட ஆரம்பித்தவுடன் வெளியில் போய் நின்று விடுகிறீர்கள்?
கணவன்: அக்கம் பக்கத்தில் இருப்பவர்கள் நான் உன்னை அடிக்கிறேன் என்று
 தவறாக நினைத்து விடக்கூடாதுல்ல அதுக்குதான்.
- ஒருவர்**: ஏம்பா! கடன் வாங்கறதுக்கு மட்டும்தான் என்கிட்ட வர்றே! அதுக்கப்பறம்
 வீட்டுப் பக்கமே தலையே காட்ட மாட்டேங்கறியே!
மற்றொருவர்: நீங்க மட்டும் என்னங்க? அந்தக் கடனை வசூல் பண்ண மட்டும்
 தானே எங்க வீட்டுப் பக்கம் தலையக் காட்டறீங்க!



சௌ.தியா
 ஆறாம் வகுப்பு

தோழி

பள்ளி முதல் நாளில்
உன்னை சந்தித்தேனடி
வருடம் பல சென்றாலும்
நீயே என் உயிர் தோழியடி...
ஒன்றாய் கூடி
நித்தம் விளையாடினோம்
கதைகள் பல
பேசி மகிழ்ந்தோம்
ஒன்றாய் படித்தோம்
ஒன்றாய் சுவைத்தோம்
பொழுதுகள் யாவும்
ஒன்றாய் கழித்தோம்
பிரியமான என் உயிர்
சினேகிதியே
என்றும் எனை பிரியாத
அன்புத் தோழியே...



அ.நி.பூர்ணிமா
ஆறாம் வகுப்பு

உணவே மருந்து

சாமை சோறு ஆமை ஆயுள்...
குதிரை வாலி தந்திடுமே
குறைவில்லா வாழ்வு...
கோல் ஊன்றி நடப்பவரும்
கம்பங் கூழால் கால் ஊன்றி
நடப்பார்...
திணை உண்டால்
தேக்கு போல் உடல் வலுவாகும்...
வரும் நோய்களை
வரகால் விரட்டுவோம்...
ராகியில் பலகாரம்
கால்சியத்தின் அதிகாரம்...
சிறு தானியத்தை உண்போம்
வளமாய் வாழ்வோம்...



மு.பிரதிக்ஷா
எட்டாம் வகுப்பு

செய்வன நேரத்தே செய்...



காலையில் நேரத்தே எழுங்கள்...
பள்ளிக்குச் செல்ல தேவையான பொருட்களை
முன்தினமே எடுத்து வையுங்கள்...
சற்று முன் கூட்டியே பள்ளிச்செல்ல பழகுங்கள்...
உற்சாகமாக நண்பர்களுடன் பழகுங்கள்...
எந்தச் செயல் செய்தாலும் தன்னம்பிக்கையுடன் செய்யுங்கள்
ஓடி விளையாடுங்கள்... கைபேசி, தொலைக்காட்சியை
விடுத்து குடும்பத்தினருடன் நேரம் செலவிடுங்கள்...
நேரத்தே உறங்குங்கள்.

ஜி.வி.பரத்வாஜ்
ஆறாம் வகுப்பு



கொஞ்சம் சிரிங்களேன்...

- ஆசிரியர் : உன் பெயர் என்னப்பா?
- மாணவன் : பசுவுக்கு உடம்பு சரியில்லை.
- ஆசிரியர் : என்னப்பா சொல்றே? புரியலயே?
- மாணவன் : என் பெயர் கௌ சிக் சார்...
- ஆசிரியர் : நீ ஒண்ணும் தூய தமிழ்ல பேசவேண்டாம்...
ஆங்கிலத்திலேயே சொல்லு.
- மாணவன் : சரி ஆசிரியரே...!
- ஆசிரியர் : உங்க அப்பா பேரு என்ன?
- மாணவன் : எங்க அப்பா பேரு கிங்க் கௌ மில்க் சார்!
- ஆசிரியர் : ஏண்டா மறுபடியும் என்ன கொழப்பற?
தமிழிலே சொல்லு.
- மாணவன் : எங்க அப்பா பேரு ராஜ கோ பால்
- ஆசிரியர் : !!!! இனிமே உங்கிட்ட எதுவுமே கேட்க மாட்டேன்!.
- நோயாளி : மருத்துவரே! நீங்க சொன்ன மாதிரி தினமும் அல்வா
சாப்பிடுறேன். தொப்பை குறையவே மாட்டேங்குது?
- மருத்துவர் : நாசமாப் போச்சு... தினமும் அளவா சாப்பிடுங்கன்னு
சொன்னது உங்க காதுல தப்பா விழுந்திடுச்சே...!

ந.நம்ரிதா
ஏழாம் வகுப்பு

விடுகதைகள்

1. முத்து வீட்டுக்குள்ளே தட்டுப் பலகை... அது என்ன?
2. கண்ணில்லாத என்னால் அழமுடியும்... பார்க்க முடியாது... நான் யார்?
3. ஊரெல்லாம் ஒரே விளக்கு அதற்கு ஒரு நாள் ஓய்வு. அது என்ன?
4. இரண்டு அப்பாவும் இரண்டு பையனும் மீன் பிடிக்க சென்றார்கள். ஒவ்வொருவரும் ஒரு மீன் பிடிக்கிறார்கள், மொத்தம் 3 மீன்கள் எவ்வாறு?
5. தொப்பி போட்ட காவல்காரன் உரசி விட்டால் சாம்பல் ஆவான். அவன் யார்?

விடைகள்: நாக்கு, மேகம், நிலா, தாத்தா – பேரன் – மகன், தீக்குச்சி.

ந. ஸ்ரீ ஆகாஷ்
நான்காம் வகுப்பு

தமிழ்! நம் உயிர்மூச்சு... (கவிதை)

என் ரத்தத்தில் கலக்கும் தமிழ்
பழமொழி கொண்ட மொழி
பல மொழியில் நின்ற மொழி
திருக்குறள் கொண்ட மொழி
அதிகாரங்களைக் கொண்ட மொழி
தமிழைப் போன்ற மொழி
நாம் எங்கும் காணாத மொழி
தமிழ்! எம் உயிர்மூச்சு மொழி...
தமிழ் என்னும் மொழி...
தரணியிலே தடையின்றி
செல்லும் மொழி...

ரா.த.லக்ஷிதா
ஆறாம் வகுப்பு



விடுகதைகள்

1. மண்ணுக்குள்ளே கிடப்பான் மங்களகரமானவன், அவன் யார்?
2. ஊர் சுற்ற கூட வருவான்; ஆனால் வீட்டுக்குள்ளே வரமாட்டான். அவன் யார்?
3. ஏழு குதிரை பூட்டிய தேரில் வரும் மன்னவன். அவன் யார்?
4. தொட்டு விட்டால் ஏதும் இல்லை; அரைத்து விட்டால் சிவந்துவிடுவான். அவன் யார்?
5. பாட்டி வீட்டு தோட்டத்தில் தொங்குகின்ற பாம்புகள். அவை என்ன?



விடைகள்: மஞ்சள், செருப்பு, சூரியன், மருதாணி, புடலங்காய்.

மு.சே.ரோஷன்
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ஒரெழுத்தில் விடை...

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| 1. இதைத் தட்டினால் ஓசை வரும் | — கை |
| 2. இது மணக்கும் | — பூ |
| 3. இதை அனைவரும் வெளியில் செல்லும் போது பயன்படுத்துவார்கள் | — பை |
| 4. இதைக் கண்களில் இடுவார்கள் | — மை |
| 5. இந்த மாதம் உழவர்கள் சூரியனை வழிபடுவார்கள் | — தை |
| 6. உன்னைக் குறிக்கும் சொல் | — நீ |
| 7. இதைத் தொட்டால் சுடும் | — சூ |
| 8. இது ஒரு பூச்சியின் பெயர் | — ஈ |
| 9. இந்த விலங்கை கடவுளாக வணங்குவார்கள் | — கோ |
| 10. ஒருவரிடம் இருந்து பொருளைப் பெறுவதற்கு பயன்படுத்தும் வார்த்தை | — தா |



ச.தான்யா
இரண்டாம் வகுப்பு

விடாமுயற்சி விசுவரூப வெற்றி தரும்

ஒரு சின்னஞ்சிறு கிராமத்தில், மூன்று சகோதரர்கள் வாழ்ந்து கொண்டு வந்தனர். தங்கள் வாழ்க்கையில் எந்தப்பிரச்சனைகளும் இல்லாமல் மகிழ்ச்சியுடன் வாழ்ந்து கொண்டிருந்தனர். ஒரு நாள் அவர்களுடைய தந்தைக்கு உடல் நிலை சரியில்லாமல் போனது. தந்தையை குணமாக்குவதற்காக பக்கத்து கிராமத்திற்கு அருகே உள்ள காட்டுப்பகுதியிலிருந்து ஒரு மூலிகையை எடுத்துவர வேண்டிய சூழ்நிலை ஏற்பட்டது. அந்த மூலிகையை எடுத்துக்கொண்டு வந்து தந்தையை குணமாக்குவதற்காக மூன்று பேரும் பக்கத்து கிராமத்திற்கு புறப்பட்டனர். அங்கு சென்ற பிறகு, அங்கிருக்கும் மக்கள் மூவரும் எங்கு செல்கிறீர்கள் என்று விசாரித்தனர். மூவரும் நாங்கள் காட்டுப்பகுதிக்கு மூலிகையை எடுத்து வர செல்வதாக கூறினார்கள். இதைக் கேட்டதும் கிராமத்து மக்கள் காட்டில் இருக்கும் ஆபத்துகளைப் பற்றியும், அங்கு நடந்த சம்பவங்கள் பற்றியும் அங்குச் சென்றவர்கள் உயிருடன் திரும்ப வரவில்லை என்றும் இல்லாததையும், பொல்லாததையும் கூறினார்கள். இதைக் கேட்டதும் மூவரும் ஒருவன் பயந்து தன் வீட்டிற்கு திரும்பிவிட்டான். மற்ற இருவரும் காட்டை நோக்கிச் சென்றனர். மூலிகையை நோக்கிச் செல்லும் பாதி வழியில் மற்றொருவன் காட்டினுடைய தோற்றத்தினாலும், அங்கு கேட்கும் சத்தங்களினாலும் அச்சம் கொண்டு தன் கிராமத்திற்கு

பயந்தோடிச் சென்றுவிட்டான். ஆனால் மிச்சம் இருக்கும் ஒருவன் மட்டும்தான் மூலிகையைக் கண்டுபிடித்து அதன் பின்பே தன் கிராமத்திற்கு திரும்பினான். திரும்பி வரும் வழியில் பக்கத்து கிராமத்தினர் அவனை விசாரித்தார்கள். அவன் காட்டிற்குள் சென்றுவிட்டு உயிருடன் திரும்பியதைக் கண்டு ஆச்சரியம் அடைந்தார்கள். ஆனால் அவனை விசாரித்த பிறகுதான் அவர்களுக்கு தெரிய வந்தது அவனால் காது கேட்க இயலாது என்று... இக்கதையிலிருந்து நாம் என்ன அறிய வேண்டும் என்றால், நம்மைப் பற்றி மற்றவர்கள் என்ன கூறினாலும் அதை கவனிக்கக்கூடாது. கூறுபவர்கள் நம்முடன் இருப்பவர்களாக இருந்தாலும் சரி அல்லது சமுதாயமாக இருந்தாலும் சரி, நாம் எப்பொழுதும் தன்னம்பிக்கையுடன் நம் இலக்குகளை நோக்கிச் செல்ல வேண்டும்.

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‘முடிஞ்சா சிரிங்க’...?

- கணவர்** : “மருந்து கடையில் செல்லாத பழைய 500 ரூபாயை
கொடுத்து, மாத்திரை வாங்கிட்டு வந்துட்டேன்!”
- மனைவி** : அதான், காலாவதி ஆன, மாத்திரை, மருந்துகளை உங்க
தலையில் கட்டியிருக்கான்.
- நோயாளி** : என்ன எப்போ வீட்டுக்கு அனுப்புவிங்க டாக்டர்?
- மருத்துவர்** : உங்களுக்கு ரொம்ப அவசரமன்னா, இன்னொரு நோயாளிய
கூட்டிட்டு வந்து, நோயாளியா சேத்துட்டு, நீங்க போகலாமே.
- மன்னர்** : பதுங்கு குழியில் இருக்குறது; யாருன்னு பாருங்க மந்திரியாரே...
- மந்திரி** : மன்னா! நம்முடைய தளபதிகள் தான்!

சாய் கீர்த்தனா ராஜன்
ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பு

அடிமையான குதிரை (சிறுகதை)

ஒரு குதிரைக்கும், கலைமானுக்கும்
இடையில் சிறுபகை ஏற்பட்டதால்
அக்கலை மானை ஒழித்துக் கட்ட எண்ணிய
குதிரை ஒரு மனிதனின் உதவியை
நாடியது. அதன் வேண்டுகோளை
ஏற்ற மனிதன் குதிரைக்குச் சேணமும்,
கடிவாளமும் போட்டான். அதன் மீது சவாரி
செய்து கலைமானை விரட்டிப் பிடித்துக்
கொன்றான். தனது பகைவன் ஒழிந்ததைக்
கண்டு மகிழ்ந்த குதிரை களைத்தது. தன் எதிரியை ஒழித்த மனிதனுக்கு நன்றி
கூறியது. தன் கடிவாளத்தை நீக்கித் தன்னை விடுவிக்கும்படி வேண்டியது.
ஆனால், மனிதனிடம் அடிமையாக சிக்கிக் கொண்டது.



குறிப்பு: நம் பிரச்சினைகளுக்கு நாமே காரணம்...
அப்பிரச்சினையைத் தீர்க்க வேண்டிய பொறுப்பும் நமதே...



மு.சே.ரோஷன், ஒன்பதாம் வகுப்பு

ஏன்ட்ரோசிலும் சிங்கமும்

பல வருடங்களுக்கு முன் என்ட்ரோசில்ஸ் என்ற கிரேக்க அடிமை ஒருவன் தன் அரசனுக்கு பணிவிடை செய்து வந்தான். ஆனால், அந்த அரசன் அவனிடம் மிகவும் கொடூரமாக நடந்து கொண்டான்.

ஒரு நாள் அங்கிருந்து சமயம் பார்த்து தப்பி ஓடி ஒரு காட்டை அடைந்தான் அடிமை. தான் வசிக்க ஒரு தகுந்த இடத்தைத் தேடினான். திடீரென அவன் சிங்கத்தின் கர்ஜனையை கேட்டான்.

ஒரு சிங்கம் நொண்டிக்கொண்டே அவன் முன் வந்தது. அதன் காலில் முன் தைத்திருந்தது. ஏன்ட்ரோசில்ஸ் சிங்கத்தின் காலில் தைத்திருந்த முள்ளை

எடுத்தான். அதற்கு சிகிச்சையும் செய்தான். சிங்கம் மிகவும்

நன்றியுடன் அவனைப் பார்த்து விட்டுச் சென்றது.

சில நேரத்திற்குப் பின் அவன் காவலர்களிடம் சிக்கிக்கொண்டான். பசியுடன் இருக்கும் சிங்கத்திற்கு அவனை உணவாக்கும் படி அரசன் ஆணையிட்டான்.

அவன் ஒரு அரங்கத்திற்கு அழைத்துச் செல்லப்பட்டான்.

சிங்கத்தின் கூண்டின் கதவு திறக்கப்பட்டது.

என்ட்ரோசிலை நோக்கி சிங்கம் பாய்ந்தது. அவனருகே சென்றபின் அவன் பாதங்களை நக்கியது.

அரங்கில் கூடிய மக்களும் அரசனும்

ஆச்சரியத்துடன் கண்களை அகல திறந்து அந்தக் காட்சியைப் பார்த்தனர்.

அரசன் அடிமையிடம் காரணம் கேட்டதும், அவன் நடந்த அனைத்து சம்பவத்தையும் கூறினான். அரசன் தன் தவறை உணர்ந்து அவனை அடிமைத்தனத்திலிருந்து விடுவித்தான்.

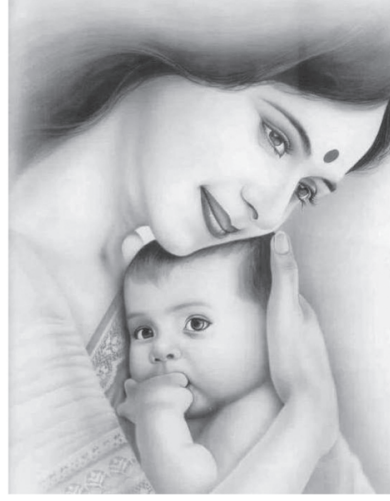
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சிரேயஸ் ராஜா
ஐந்தாம் வகுப்பு

அம்மா

(கவிதை)

பிறக்கும் வரை உன்
வயிற்றில் சுமந்தாய்...
வளரும் வரை உன்
மடியில் சுமந்தாய்...
இறக்கும் வரை உன்
தோளில் சுமந்தாய்...
இறந்தபிறகு உன்
நெஞ்சில் சுமந்தாய்...
ஆனால் உனக்கு மட்டும் தான்
இது தெரியும்
சுமையல்ல சுகம் என்று...



ஜான்வி.ர
ஏழாம் வகுப்பு



பாட்டி அடிக்கடி சொல்லுவாள்

(இலக்கியம் சார்ந்த செய்யுள்)

நீரால் கோலம் போடாதே
நெற்றியைக் காலியாய் விடாதே
குச்சியைக் கொளுத்தி வீசாதே
இரவில் ஊசியை எடுக்காதே

கால்மேல் காலைப் போடாதே
காலையில் அதிகம் தூங்காதே
தொடையில் தாளம் போடாதே
தரையில் வெறுமனே கிடக்காதே

எண்ணெய் தேய்க்க மறக்காதே
சந்தியில் நீயும் உண்ணாதே
விரிப்பைச் சுருட்ட மறக்காதே
பகலில் படுத்து உறங்காதே

தீய வார்த்தை பேசாதே
நின்று தண்ணீர் குடிக்காதே
எதையும் காலால் தட்டாதே
எச்சில் பத்தை மறக்காதே

எல்லாம் சொல்லிக் கொடுத்தாரே!
எந்தன் குடியில் மூத்தோரே!
எல்லாம் கேட்டு வாழ்ந்தோரே!
என்றும் வளமாய்த் திரிவோரே...!



மீ. ஹர்ஷத்
மூன்றாம் வகுப்பு

நம்பிக்கை வரிகள்...

1. எழுந்து நடந்தால் இமயமலையும் நமக்கு வழி
கொடுக்கும்... உறங்கிக்கிடந்தால் சிலந்தி
வலையும் நம்மைச் சிறை பிடிக்கும்...
2. எந்தச் சிக்கலுமே உன்னைச் சிதைக்க வந்தது அல்ல.
செதுக்க வந்ததே...
3. வெற்றிக்கும் தோல்விக்கும் சிறு வித்தியாசம்தான்.
கடமையைச் செய்தால் வெற்றி...
கடமைக்குச் செய்தால் தோல்வி...
4. விலகி நிற்பவன் வெல்வதில்லை;
வெல்ல நினைப்பவன்
விலகுவதில்லை...
5. பூமிக்கடியில் இடம் பிடிக்க பூமிக்கு மேல் நடக்கும்
போராட்டம்தான் வாழ்க்கை...
6. செல்லும் பாதை சரியாக
இருந்தால்; வேகமாக இல்லை
மெதுவாக ஓடினாலும் வெற்றிதான்.



அ.லீமா
ஒன்பதாம் வகுப்பு

पर्यावरणस्य संरक्षणम्

निरन्तरं वर्धमानं प्रदूषणं सर्वेषां चिन्तायाः विषयः जातः । अतः प्रदूषणेन अधिकाः मनुजाः रुग्णाः भवन्ति । अनेन प्रकृत्याः हानिर्भवति, जीवनमपि हानिर्भवति । अतः प्रदूषणसमस्यायाः समाधाने वैज्ञानिकाः प्रयतन्ते किन्तु पर्यावरणस्य रक्षा अस्माभिः सर्वैः करणीया ।

यावत् देशस्य नागरिकः पर्यावरणस्य रक्षणे दृढनिश्चयः न भवति तावत् अस्याः समस्यायाः समाधानं न भवति । स्थाने-स्थाने विविधाः वृक्षाः रोपणीयाः तेषां संवर्धनमपि अवश्यं कर्तव्यम् । विद्यालयेषु "वृक्षारोपण" दिवसस्य आयोजनं भवेत् । वृक्षारोपणं सर्वेषां नैतिकं कर्तव्यमस्ति । जलप्रदूषणनिवारणार्थं जलशुद्धिः करणीया । अवकरः मार्गे न क्षेपणीयः । सर्वत्र पर्यावरणविषये गोष्ठीनां आयोजनं भवेत् । ध्वनिप्रदूषणमपि निवारणीयं । ध्वनिप्रदूषणं निवारयितुं ध्वनिप्रसारयन्त्राणां प्रयोगः न्यूनतमः करणीयः । यदि सर्वे नागरिकाः पर्यावरणविषये कृतसंकल्पाः भवन्ति, तर्हि किमपि दुष्करं नास्ति ।

पार्वती वेङ्कटेशः - VIII

मयस्य सदुपयोगः

समयस्य समुचितोपयोगः एव समयस्य सदुपयोगः कथ्यते । समयस्य सदुपयोगः मानवसमाजस्य हितसाधकेषु साधनं वर्तते । संसारे बहूनि वस्तूनि बहुमूल्यानि सन्ति परं सर्वापेक्षया बहुमूल्यः समयः एव वर्तते । यतः अन्यानि वस्तूनि विनष्टानि अपि पुनः लब्धुं शक्यते परन्तु व्यतीतः समयः केनापि उपयोगेन पुनः लब्धुं न शक्यते । विद्या विनष्टा पुनः अभ्यासेन लब्धुं शक्यते, धनं विनष्टं पुनः उपार्जनेन लब्धुं शक्यते, यशः विनष्टं पुनः सत्कर्मणा उपार्जयितुं शक्यते परं विनष्टः समयः सहस्रैरपि प्रयत्नैः दुर्लभः एव । अतएव समयः सर्वाधिकं बहुमूल्यं वस्तु मन्यते ।

जे.एस. सत्यनारायणः - VII

शोभना ईश्वरस्य सृष्टिः

एकदा शिखरः प्रतीकः च द्वे मित्रे आस्ताम्। ते विशाले उद्याने भ्रमतः स्म। शिखरः प्रतीकं अवदत् "अहो रमणीयं उद्यानं सर्वत्र पुष्पिताः वृक्षाः सन्ति। शोभना ईश्वरस्य सृष्टिः। प्रतीकः मध्ये वदति "अलं प्रशंसनेन, ईश्वरस्य रचना तु दोषयुक्ता अस्ति। सः शिखरः अपृच्छत् कथं? तदा प्रतीकः अवदत् " पश्य तत्र दुर्बलासु लतासु स्थूलानि कूष्माण्ड-कालिन्द-सदृशानि फलानि लगन्ति। अत्र स्थूलाः शाखायुक्ताः वृक्षाः परन्तु तेषु जम्बू सदृशानि फलानि लगन्ति। तावदेव प्रतीकस्य खल्वाट-शिरसि जम्बूफलं अपतत्। अधुना प्रतीकः अचिन्तयत् - यदि अत्र कूष्माण्डः पतेत् तर्हि मम शिरसः खण्डानि भवेयुः। सत्यं सृष्टिः तु रमणीया अस्ति।

श्यामप्रसाद विठ्ठलः - IX

मूर्खाणां कृते उपदेशः हानिप्रदः

एकं वनं आसीत्। तस्मिन् वने प्रचुराः वृक्षाः आसन्। वृक्षेषु खगाः नीडान् निर्माय सुखेन वसन्ति स्म। खगाः स्व-शावकैः साकं दिने इतस्ततः भ्रमित्वा नीडेषु आगच्छन्ति स्म। तत्र वानराः अपि वसन्ति स्म। एकदा वने महती वृष्टिः अभवत्। वृष्टिकाले वानराः वृक्षस्य अधः आसन्। ते वृष्टिजलेन आर्द्राः अभवन्। आर्द्रताकारणात् ते कम्पिताः आसन्। वृष्टिकाले खगाः स्वनीडेषु सुरक्षिताः आसन्। शीतेन कम्पमानान् वानरान् दृष्ट्वा खगाः उक्तवन्तः भोः वानराः भवन्तः कथं कष्टं अनुभवन्ति। वयं स्वचञ्चुभिः नीडस्य निर्माणं कुर्मः। शीत-आतपेन रक्षिताः भवेम। भवन्तः तु करचरणवन्तः कथं न नीडं निर्मान्ति। खगानां वचनं श्रुत्वा वानराः अतीव कुपिताः अभवन्। ते चिन्तितवन्तः - एते क्षुद्राः खगाः अस्मान् निन्दन्ति। वृष्टिकालस्य पश्चात् उत्तराणि दास्यामः। यदा वृष्टिः समाप्ता तदा वानराः उपरि वृक्षस्य गतवन्तः खगानां सर्वान् नीडान् वृक्षस्य अधः पातितवन्तः। खगाः उच्च-स्वरेण कोलाहलं कृतवन्तः। वस्तुतः मूर्खाणां कृते उपदेशः हानिप्रदः भवति।

साय् कार्तिकः राजन् - X

प्रहेलिका

अपदो दूरगामी च साक्षरो न च पण्डितः।
अमुखः स्फुटवक्ता च यो जानाति स पण्डितः॥

उत्तरम् - पत्रम्

किमिच्छति नरः काश्यां भूपानां को रणे हितः ।
को वन्द्यः सर्वदेवानां दीयतामेकमुत्तरम् ॥

उत्तरम् -मृत्युञ्जयः

अस्थि नास्ति शिरो नास्ति बाहुरसति निरङ्गुलिः ।
नास्ति पादद्वयं गाढमङ्गमालिङ्गति स्वयम् ॥

उत्तरम्- युतकम्

स्नेहं ददाति यो मह्यं नित्यं तस्मै ददाम्यहम् ।
ज्योतिः पदार्थनानार्थं कोहं वदतु साम्प्रदम् ॥

उत्तरम्-दीपः

स्वच्छच्छवदनं लोकाः द्रष्टुमिच्छन्ति मे यदा ।
तत्रात्मानं हि पश्यन्ति खिन्नं भद्रं यथातथम् ॥

उत्तरम्-दर्पणः

यानस्याङ्गं हरेःशस्त्रं चिन्हं भारतभूपतेः।
चलन्तं वर्तुलाकारम् यो जानाति स पण्डितः॥

उत्तरम्- चक्रम्

मेघश्यामोपि नो कृष्णो महाकायो न पर्वतः ।
बलिष्ठोऽस्मि नभीमोऽस्मि कोऽस्म्यहं नासिकाकारः॥

उत्तरम् -गजः

नृत्यामि नित्यं धवलान्तरेषु सङ्केतिताङ्कैः प्रकटीकरोमि।
भावं जनानां हृदयेषु गूढं कृष्णाननालोच्य वदन्तु कोहम्॥

उत्तरम् -लेखनी

का पाण्डुपत्नी गृहभूषणं के को रामशत्रुःकिमगस्त्यजन्म ।
सूर्यैकपुत्रो वद वेत्सि चेत्त्वं कुन्ती-सुता-रावण-कुम्भ-कर्णाः ॥

उत्तरम्- कुन्ती-सुता-रावण-कुम्भ-कर्णाः॥

अविघ्ना भूषण - VI

सुभाषितानि

स्वायत्तमेकान्तहितं विधात्रा विनिर्मितं छादनमज्ञतायाः ।
विशेषतः सर्वविदां समाजे विन्मूषणं मौनमपण्डितानाम् ॥
सम्पूर्णकुम्भो न करोति शब्दं
अर्धो घटो घोषमुपैति नूनं ।
विद्वान् कुलीनो न करोति गर्वं
मूधास्तु जल्पन्ति गुणैर्विहीनाः ॥

न दुर्जनः सज्जनतामुपैति बहुप्रकारैरपि सेव्यमानः ।
भूयोऽपि सिक्तः पयसा घृतेन न निम्बवृक्षो मधुरत्वमेति ॥

ऋणशेषोऽग्निशेषश्च शत्रुशेषस्तथैव च ।
पुनः पुनः प्रवर्धन्ते तस्माच्छेषं न रक्षयेत् ॥

अति परिचयाय् अवज्ञा सन्तत गमनात् अनादरः भवति ।
मलये भिल्ल पुरन्ध्री चन्दन तरु काष्ठं इन्धनं कुरुते ॥

मनो मधुकरो मेघो मद्यपो मत्कुणो मरुत् ।
मा मदो मर्कटो मत्स्यो मकारा दश चंचलाः ॥
जाड्यं धियो हरति सिञ्चति वाचि सत्यं
मानोन्नतिं दिशति पापमपाकरोति
चेतः प्रसादयति दिक्षु तनोति कीर्तिं
सत्संगतिः कथय किं न करोति पुंसाम् ॥

न चोरहार्यं न च राजहार्यं न भ्रातृभाज्यम् न च भारकारी ।
व्यये कृते वर्धत एव नित्यं विद्याधनं सर्वधनप्रधानम् ॥

निन्दन्तु नीतिनिपुणा यदि वा स्तुवन्तु
लक्ष्मीः समाविशतु गच्छतु वा यथेष्टम् ।
अद्यैव वा मरणमस्तु युगान्तरे वा
न्याय्यात्पथः प्रविचलन्ति पदं न धीराः ॥

प्रारभ्यते न खलु विघ्नभयेन नीचैः
प्रारभ्य विघ्नविहता विरमन्ति मध्याः ।
विघ्नैः पुनः पुनरपि प्रतिहन्यमानाः
प्रारब्धमुत्तमजना न परित्यजन्ति ॥

उद्योगिनं पुरुषसिंहमुपैति लक्ष्मीः
दैवेन देयमिति कापुरुषा वदन्ति ।
दैवं निहत्य कुरु पौरुषमात्मशक्त्या
यत्ने कृते यदि न सिध्यति कोऽत्र दोषः ॥

संसारकटुविक्षस्य द्वेफले ह्यमृतोपमे ।
सुभाषितरसास्वादः सञ्जनानां च सङ्गतिः ॥

कर्णस्त्वचं शिबिर्मांसं जीवं जीमूतवाहनम् ।
दधौ दधीचिरस्थीनि नास्त्यदेयं महात्मनाम् ॥

रेचल् माया - VI

शब्दरञ्जनी

खे	*	*	पि	ड	प	*	*
*	ल	*	ब	य	*	त	*
*	*	तः	ति	तः	गा	*	न्ति
प	ठ	तः	खा	*	*	य	*
लि	*	*	द	*	स्तः	*	तः
*	ख	*	न्ति	स	*	*	*
*	*	न्ति	*	न्ति	*	*	*

- | | |
|---------------|--------------------|
| (1) तौ ---- | (6) वानरौ----- |
| (2) ते ---- | (7) शुकौ ----- |
| (3) बालौ----- | (8) विद्यालय:----- |
| (4) सः ----- | (9) पत्राणि----- |
| (5) ते ----- | (10) बालिके ----- |

कृता - VI

1			*	*	6	*	*	*
*	*	7	*	*		*	*	*
2			*	*		*	*	*
*	*		*	8		*	*	*
3						9	*	10
4							*	
*	*	*	*		*		*	
5			*		*		*	

Left to right

- 1) Farmer (3 - letter word)
- 2) A Cook (2 - letter word)
- 3) Gardener (4 - letter word)
- 4) Doctor (4 - letter-word)
- 5) Player (3- letter word)

Up to down

- 6) Driver (6 - letter word)
- 7) Teacher (4-letter word (Feminine))
- 8) Postman (5 - letter word)
- 9) Merchant (4 - letter word)
- 10) Police (4- letter word)

तृतीयभाषा छात्राः - VI

शब्दरञ्जनी

म	ता	*	*	वा	*	*
हि	नि	त्वं	*	*	न	*
ले	*	*	यू	यु	*	राः
ग	जः	व	*	यं	वां	*
आ	*	*	यं	*	अ	*
*	वां	*	*	*	हं	*

(1) ----- नृत्यतः |

(2) -----पश्यति|

(3) -----धावन्ति |

(4) -----वदसि |

(5) -----पचथ |

(6) ----- लिखामः|

(7) -----पतन्ति |

(8) ----- हसामि |

(9) ----- खादावः|

(10) -----पिबथ |

कीर्तना राजन् - V

द्रविडनीतिः

पितरौ वेद्यौ प्रथमौ देवौ ।
आलयसेवा नितरां श्लाघ्या ।
दुर्लभं भारते जन्म, मानुष्यं तत्र दुर्लभम् ।
सूची प्रवेशे मुसलः प्रवेशः ।
दुःसगात् एकाकी वरम्
कृतमन्यैः न विस्मरेत् ।
युक्तिः शक्तेः गरीयसी ।
अनभ्यासे विषं विद्या ।
वृक्षपोषणं जीवनव्रतम् ।
सत्यमेव जयते नानृतम् ।

प्रणवः - VII



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