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The Rain Gods have risen from the slumber that had enveloped their gaze. Once again they look over the ancient citadel with love and warmth. As a result, the Fort has received a copious amount of rain in the days that encircled the finish of the last week of August. Activities were held online with the same gusto and vigour as in the offline mode before the pandemic.

The session 2022 in The Scindia School opened with Online Classes for students on 15 June 2021. The Special Assembly conducted online through a webinar, set the tone for the day as the students came back virtually into the school. The Assembly started with the Sanskrit Prayer. The Principal addressed the gathering and apprised the community of all the changes that are to come into the online mode. He asked the students to keep their focus on academics as well as deeply engage in the extracurricular activities. He stressed on the need



for accountability and continuity in learning to enable the students to make the maximum out of their formative learning years. The Principal announced the names of the various award winners in academics:

Scholar's Badge for scoring 95% in all test cycles in the category- Class VI to VIII:

Aditya Raj, Atharva Tiwari, Sahaj Agarwal, Vivek Sharma, Arnav Joshi, Ayaan Agarwal, Keshav Jhunjhunwala, Pulak Bagaria and Saksham Agrawal

Scholar's Scarf for securing 95% in all test cycles in all (six) subjects in the category-Class IX :

Akshay Suman, Keshav Singhania, Vedansh Balasaria, Aaradhy Shiv Shukla, Ansh Garg, Krishna Gupta, and Aditya Singh

Scholar's Tie for securing 90% aggregate in all test cycles in Class XI - Memoy Mishra, Prashant Agarwal and Shantanu Yadav

Stream Toppers for Class XI:

Science - Memoy Mishra
Humanities - Shantanu Yadav
Commerce - Atherva Karwa
Ujjwal Mehrotra

A Virtual Special Assembly was conducted on 8 July 2021. The Principal, Dr Madhav Deo Saraswat greeted the audience to the Assembly. The Assembly commenced with the customary Sanskrit and English prayers. The Assembly recognized the boys who have optimised the benefits that The Scindia School offers to its students. The Principal emphasized on the sense of responsibility that comes with an opportunity and the capacity to rise above personal gains. The Principal read the Prefect's Oath which was accepted by the Prefects. The Assembly came to a close with the School Song.



The Prefectorial Board for the year 2022 is as follows:

Post Senior School Prefect Deputy Senior School Prefects

School Prefect

House
Madhav
Daulat
Daulat
Jayaji
Jayaji
Jayaji
Ranoji
Mahadji
Mahadji
Jeevaji
Madhav
Madhav
Madhav
Shivaji
Shivaji
Jayappa
Jayappa

The Scindia School Ecology Park (SSEP) is an initiative by the school. The first meeting for the same was attended by H H Maharaja Jyotiraditya M Scindia, Mr R S Pawar, Mr Harpal Singh, Yuvraj Mahanaaryaman J Scindia, the Principal and Mr Pradeep Krishen. Seeds were also planted by the BOG member, Mr Harpal Singh.





Awards and Recognitions Galore!

Yanglem Arjun was invited to be a panelist on a meeting hosted by the United Nations in February 2021 to discuss the prevailing issues of lack in provision of education and healthcare facilities to the rural people. He shared



his views and thoughts and in the panel was joined alongside by various high profile luminaries and businessmen of the country like Dr Nadir Godrej, Mr Boman Irani, Mr Deepak Parekh, Mr Shantanu Mukherjee, Mr Armaan Malik, Ambassador Prakash Shah, Mr Jamshed Bharucha and Mr Nusli Wadia.

Keshav Dudhani was a panelist in a webinar titled 'Ways of learning' where he spoke about 'Learning in the digital era and changing roles of self, teachers and parents/family members. This webinar was hosted by Pallavan Learning Systems and thirteen other schools from different parts of Asia also participated in the same.

Sumedh Potdar has completed a training course on "Speed Mathematics" which was a three days' programme organised by NPOCA currently remotely volunteering with the Cry Organisation- India's biggest NGO for Child Rights which works towards Child Rights and Welfare and provides education and basic facilities to children who are deprived of it.

Abhey Khanna won the first prize in SCI-ART competition that was held in Amity University during the month of March. He also won a cash prize of Rs 11,000 in the same.

Krishnam Singhania has successfully completed a Junior MBA in Business Analytics and Strategy with a company project by Samsonite from Clever Harvey in the month of June 2021.

Veer Raj has started his own talk show called 'The Talk show with Veer' for his NGO Tabula Rasa. Veer has also won the Indian Achievers Award 2021 for Young Entrepreneur for his NGO in recognition of 'Outstanding Professional Achievement' and 'Contribution in Nation Building'.

Yanglem Arjun Singh, Rabindra Moirangthem, Prashant Agrawal and Siddharth Chandel have been selected for Regional Level Finals / National Semi Finals in the category of Science for the India Today Quiz Competition.

Nine students of our school participated in the Daly College Model United Nations from 2 July to 4 July and two delegates- Ayushman Rai and Shirish

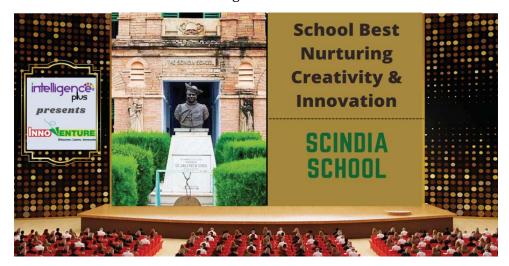




Mehra bagged the award of "High Commendation".

Seven students represented the school in a competition organised by MSU Shah Alam Malaysia for the International Category. The theme for the competition was "Secret Recipe of My Country". Our school secured the 2nd Position for "Street Food" presented by Sidhant Singh and Harvardhan Himanshu Wadher.

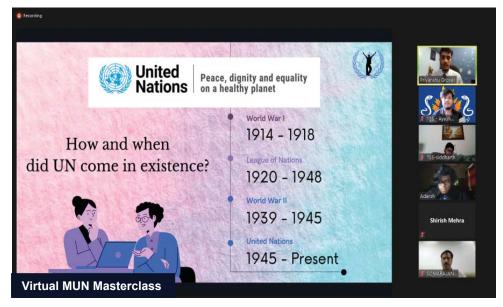
A total of 39 students participated in the first round of Intelligence plus - Innoventure 2020-21. 17 students got selected for the final round. Our school



has been awarded 'The Best School Nurturing Creativity and Innovation' award by Intelligence plus - Innoventure 2020-21.

New York Institute of Finance Selection Team has recommended Ujjwal Mehrotra for awarding of G2020 Young finance Scholar (YFS) South Asia Scholarship (high school), 2021. He will be offered a scholarship with a tuition fee value of US\$ 3500.

The Aspirant India Initiative conducted a two hours MUN Masterclass for the inquisitive members of the Scindia Model United Nations' Society on 12 July 2021. Two coaches from The Aspirant Group – Priyanshu Grover and Adarsh Kumar Singh took the session for 25 members, from Class VII to XI.





Mama Loves me

Dr Timir Banerjee | Ex-Ja, 1959

I am a little duck

Only three weeks old

I don't like the rooster and the frog hanging around my mama duck

When I am excited and say mama mama look

The frog jumps making me spook

And the rooster gives me a dirty look

I don't like it

I want mama all for myself without the riff raff.

I am a little fluffy child with yellow velvety hair

I walk around the water spigot with mama keeping an eye on me to make sure that I am close to her

I like to eat the soft chick feed that is just a bit wet

I like the cracked corn too

But I have to take a drink soon after that to wet the back of my gullet.

I watch the guinea that thinks I am its baby

But the guinea can't swim

Mama duck guides me to the little pond where I dive in and feel the water filled to the brim

We swim together mama and I

Under the blue sky

From one end to the other and free.

The chicks and the hen just peck the ground as their mommy teaches them to use their feet to move the dirt and grass around

The turkey just eats from the feeder and now and then from the ground.

This is spring

We babies make noises and at times I think that I can sing

Much like a guy called Bing

Who sang my baby smiles at me

The old farmer stands around with a bucket in his hand

And a smile of content

Looking at my swimming abilities and proud gait, as though this is some event.

I watch mama duck dip her head in the water bucket fast and repeatedly I watch her clean herself by turning and twisting her head quickly As the water splashes on her body

I realize that I would be able to do that someday.

I laugh and play

Mama walks with me to teach me to eat bugs and worms all day Cause I had heard the farmer say we are free range

The corn is a substitute as I am growing



Soon that will be removed from my diet and I better adjust to the change.

There is a net above us so the chicken hawk doesn't get me

I feel safe and free

This is what I like to be.

I feel like a pretty duckling

With mama loving me

Knowing someday I will be big

And laying eggs from which will come out someone like me.

I have never read Siddhartha

But the farmer has read it many times and he told me

He talks also about Paul and Barnabas

He sits on a stool and reads Galatians 2:10 and tells me to remember to feed the poor

I don't understand all the religious stuff

But I believe in Galatians 5:20 for sure

Cause without love and confidence I would never be able to laugh.

Mama said loving is not just to say I love you or a peck on the cheek when we say good bye

But it is evident only from the way we treat someone all day and how we plan to take care of the person when we die.

So I say to my friends and siblings

Come swim with me under the blue sky

Sometimes rain will get us wet but God has given us enough feathers to shake the water off to make us dry.

Cause it is the cloud that makes the rain and rain makes the rivers flow and the water makes the clouds again only to rain on us as we grow.

वर्तमान में शिक्षा का बदलता स्वरूप

आदित्य सिंह।कक्षा 10 सी

मानव जाति सदैव ही बाक़ी जीवों से भिन्न रही है। चाहे हम उसके हृदय के विवेक की बात करें या उसके विकसित दिमाग़ की। उसके सिद्धांत और कर्म ही हैं, जो उसे मनुष्य बनाते हैं। ये सिद्धांत ही हमारी शिक्षा की नीव हैं और ये मूल्य ही शिक्षा और जीवन के आधार हैं। एक शिक्षित व्यक्ति वह होता है जिसके पास एक दृढ़ चरित्र हो, आध्यात्मिक स्वभाव हो और विशेषज्ञता हो।

शुरुआत से ही शिक्षा का उद्देश्य चित्र-निर्माण, राष्ट्र-निर्माण, एक बेहतर समाज बनाना और जनता को दुविधाओं से निकालना रहा है। पिछले कुछ वर्षों में, मनुष्य शिक्षा का अर्थ भूलता दिख रहा था, वह शिक्षा को केवल पुस्तकीय ज्ञान समझ रहा था। विद्यालयों का हाल भी कुछ ऐसा ही था। छात्रों से यह अपेक्षा की जाती थी कि वे पुस्तकों के पाठ रट लें और परीक्षा में अपने रटने की कला का प्रदर्शन करें। इसके अतिरिक्त और किसी भी चीज़ पर ध्यान नहीं दिया जाता था। परंतु, इस महामारी के कारण एक बदलाव आया है और ज्ञान पुस्तकों से कम्प्यूटर

पर चला गया है।

विद्यालय 'ऑनलाइन-लर्निंग' की क्रिया से कक्षाओं का संचालन कर रहे हैं, जहाँ छात्र कम्प्यूटर के माध्यम से शिक्षा प्राप्त कर रहे हैं। यह एक नयी प्रथा का आरम्भ है, यह माध्यम छात्रों को बहुत सारे अवसर देता है, जिससे न केवल वे अपनी प्रतिभा का प्रदर्शन कर सकते हैं बल्कि अनेकों नयी चीजें और गुण भी सीख सकते हैं। विद्यालय के अलावा, छात्र बाहरी सूत्रों से भी कौशल पा सकते हैं। शिक्षा में इंटरनेट का आना बहुत महत्वपूर्ण सिद्ध हुआ है, यह एक ऐसा द्वार है जो एक विशाल ज्ञान के भंडार की ओर ले जाता है।

अब तो शैक्षिक मंडल भी पाठ्यक्रम और शिक्षा के प्रारूप में बदलाव ला रहे हैं। वे पुस्तकीय ज्ञान के अलावा अब छात्रों की प्रतिभा को भी ध्यान में रखकर आगे बढ़ रहे हैं। वे चाहते हैं कि छात्र अपने पसंद के क्षेत्रों में भी सक्रिय रहें।। शिक्षा का उद्देश्य एक व्यक्ति को बेहतर और उससे बेहतर बनाना होता है, और शिक्षा अपने सिद्धांतों के बिना कुछ भी नहीं। इसे ध्यान में रखकर हमें आगे बढ़ना चाहिए। वर्तमान में शिक्षा का बदलता स्वरूप उनके लिए बहुत लाभकारी है जो इस स्वरूप की स्विधाओं का समझदारी से उपयोग करेंगे।



हिंदी साहित्य सभा द्वारा आयोजित कार्यक्रमों की एक झलक

श्री मनोज कुमार मिश्रा । हिन्दी विभागाध्यक्ष

काव्य-आवृत्ति प्रतियोगिता- 29 मई 2021 को हिंदी टेक व वेदव प्रकाशन, कोलकाता के द्वारा राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर काव्य-आवृत्ति प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया इसमें किनष्ठ वर्ग में कक्षा 8 के विवेक शर्मा व अथर्व तिवारी ने भाग लिया और अपना सर्वश्रेष्ठ प्रदर्शन किया। इसी प्रतियोगिता के विरष्ठ वर्ग में 30 मई 2021 को कक्षा 12 के उज्ज्वल मेहरोत्रा, कक्षा 10 की परीक्षिता सिंह व कक्षा 10 के ही आदित्य सिंह ने भी एक प्रतिभागी के रूप में हिस्सा लिया। इसमें भारत के विभिन्न राज्यों से विभिन्न विद्यालयों के 250 विद्यार्थियों ने भाग लिया जिसमें उज्ज्वल मेहरोत्रा 15वें स्थान पर रहे। फाइनल में पहुँचने पर उज्ज्वल मेहरोत्रा ने किव भवानी प्रसाद मिश्र द्वारा रचित किवता "घर की याद" का वाचन किया।

नवोदित पत्रकारों के लिए अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिता – 12 जून 2021 को जागरण लेकसिटी विश्वविद्यालय, भोपाल द्वारा नवोदित पत्रकारों के लिए एक अंतरराष्ट्रीय प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। इस प्रतियोगिता में भाग लेते हुए कक्षा 12 के उड्यल मेहरोत्रा व कक्षा 12 के ही शांतनु यादव का कार्य सराहनीय रहा। इस प्रतियोगिता के अंतर्गत भारत तथा विदेशों के अनेक प्रतियोगियों ने संकट में विश्व विषय पर रिपोर्ट – लेखन तथा इसी विषय से संबंधित वीडियो आदि का निर्माण किया।

श्री ताराचंद स्मृति निबंध – लेखन प्रतियोगिता – 30 जून 2021 को श्री ताराचंद स्मृति निबंध – लेखन प्रतियोगिता का आयोजन किया गया। अनेक छात्रों ने बड़े मनोयोग से इसमें भाग लिया और अपने विचारों को लेखनीबद्ध किया। किनष्ठ और विष्ठ वर्ग के लिए आयोजित इस प्रतियोगिता में 'वर्तमान युग में शिक्षा प्राप्ति के साधन', 'पर्यावरण और हम', वर्तमान में शिक्षा का बदलता स्वरूप तथा डिजिटल इंडिया जैसे विषय बच्चों के सोचने की क्षमता को आंदोलित करने के लिए निश्चित किए गए थे।

विरष्ठ वर्ग अंतर छात्रावासीय हिंदी वाग्मिता – प्रतियोगिता – 15 जुलाई 2021 को संपन्न हुई इस प्रतियोगिता में सभी आठ वरिष्ठ छात्रावासों के सोलह विद्यार्थियों ने अपनी वाग्मिता – कौशल का परिचय दिया। सभी छात्रों के बोलने का क्रम व दिए गए विषय को लाटरी पद्धित के आधार पर आवंटित किया गया था। इसके साथ ही सभी छात्रावासों के एक – एक सदस्य ने वाग्मिता प्रतियोगिता में प्रस्तुत की जाने वाली विधा के लेखकों व कवियों के विषय में 'पीपीटी' दिखाकर उनकी जीवनी, कृतियाँ व प्रस्तुत की जाने वाली कविता तथा कहानी के संदर्भ में अपने विचार रखे। विभाग द्वारा भेजे गए लिंक के माध्यम से अनेक छात्र, अभिभावक व अध्यापक इस कार्यक्रम से जुड़े। इस कार्यक्रम का सभापतित्व व संचालन कक्षा 10 के छात्र आराध्य शिव शुक्ला ने अत्यंत कुशलतापूर्वक किया। इस कार्यक्रम में विद्यालय के प्राचार्य डॉ माधव देव सारस्वत, उप प्राचार्य सुश्री स्मिता चतुर्वेदी तथा अनेक शिक्षक भी उपस्थित रहे। यह सम्पूर्ण कार्यक्रम, इसकी प्रभारी श्रीमती रक्षा सीरिया के देखरेख में सम्पन्न हुआ।

किनिष्ठ वर्ग अंतर छात्रावासीय हिंदी वाग्मिता प्रतियोगिता – 15 जुलाई 2021 को संपन्न हुई इस प्रतियोगिता में सभी चार किनिष्ठ छात्रावासों के चार – चार प्रतिभागियों ने अपनी वाग्मिता – कौशल का परिचय दिया। सभी छात्रों के बोलने का क्रम व दिए गए विषय को लाटरी पद्धित के आधार पर आवंटित किया गया था। इसके साथ ही सभी छात्रावासों के एक – एक सदस्य ने वाग्मिता प्रतियोगिता में प्रस्तुत की जाने वाली विधा के लेखकों व किवयों के विषय में 'पीपीटी' दिखाकर उनकी जीवनी, कृतियाँ व प्रस्तुत की जाने वाली किवता या कहानी के संदर्भ में अपने विचार प्रस्तुत किए । विभाग द्वारा भेजे गए लिंक के माध्यम से अनेक छात्र, अभिभावक व अध्यापक इस कार्यक्रम से जुड़े। इस कार्यक्रम का सभापितत्व व संचालन कक्षा 8 के छात्र सक्षम अग्रवाल ने अत्यंत कुशलतापूर्वक किया। इस कार्यक्रम में विद्यालय के प्राचार्य डॉ माधव देव सारस्वत, उपप्राचार्या सुश्री स्मिता चतुर्वेदी तथा अनेक शिक्षकों ने भी उपस्थित रहकर सभी प्रतिभागियों का उत्साहवर्धन किया। प्रस्तुत कार्यक्रम, इसके प्रभारी श्री गणपत स्वरूप पाठक के निर्देशन में सम्पन्न हुआ।

इन सभी प्रतियोगिताओं के परिणाम अगली प्रार्थना सभा में घोषित होने के पश्चात रिव्यू के अगले अंक में प्रकाशित किए जाएँगे।

Why Should We Volunteer as a Family?

Siddharth Gupta | XI A

For many people, there is no such thing as being too busy. In fact, many are over-scheduled to the point of near-debilitating fatigue and a decreased quality of life.

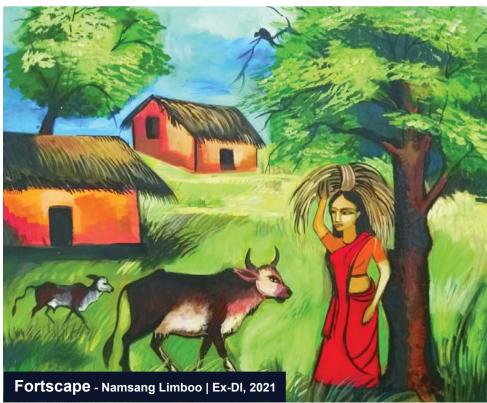
If you are spending most of your day at work or running errands with your kids, there is a good chance that you forget to spend time on yourself. And while it is important to take care of others, sometimes it pays to think about taking care of yourself as well.

That is why I want to share the benefits of volunteering as a family – because sometimes, the best way for us to help others, is with our own families! I hope that this article helps you to find some new ways that your family can give back together while still enjoying quality time and healthy activities. They are running each day, to stay on top of everything that needs to be done. However, parents who volunteer as a family will discover how much more fulfilling and less stressful their lives can be when they take time out for what really matters. Volunteering as a family will give your kids the chance to participate in all kinds of meaningful activities and help them learn valuable life lessons at the same time. Those who spend quality time with their children benefit in many ways, including making better grades and healthier relationships.

Volunteering is one way of making sure that your children grow up with values that matter. This often means that volunteering is out of the question as well. However, if you have kids or even pets, there may be several reasons that you should pursue volunteering as a family. Here are just some of those benefits:

- A family's time together can often lead to bonding.
- Volunteering can be an easy family activity.
- Volunteers tend to be more optimistic and feel connected about life in general.
- Voluntary work decreases stress levels and anxiety because volunteers get to escape their problems almost instantly.

So I really think that you will ponder on this and eke out time for what really matters.





Smiles to Go before I Sleep

Mr Sandeep Agrawal | Ex-Sh, 1980

What is the longest word in the English language? Google tells me that it is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanokoniosis, comprising of forty five letters: Takes approximately half a line to write it. Other similar words we mugged up during our younger days were floccinaucinihilipilification and antiinterdenominationalistically. But the one which shall always remain the longest is the word 'smiles', which purports to having a mile between the two s's. Though it was merely a trick question, often asked during our school days, there is surely loads of merit in it, which I got to appreciate many years later, and then tried to imbibe in daily living. There is truly a lot more in the word, 'smiles' than what meets the eye. It has the potential to achieve great results without uttering a single syllable, or lifting a finger. Imagine the power that it wields!!

Smiles are more contagious than the flu. If you want a demonstration, just try and flash a cute one to your unknown co-passenger, and see how the conversation flows. By the end of your journey, you would be departing as long lost friends, having exchanged telephone numbers and birthdates of your children. And the sweet memory that you carry home is a huge bonus, which naturally radiates onto other family members as well.

In the virtual world, we have scores of these smiles, as they are now called, stored in our gadgets, to be used at will, on different occasions. It is perhaps the most used emoticon, which can convey a myriad of emotions, all at once, where many words fail. Responding to a funny line would be an obvious repartee, but it can be equally effective in offering a comforting shoulder to a difficult situation. It can convey appreciation for a great effort, or remain non-committal where silence would be considered golden. It may therefore be considered the most polite way of expressing an emotion, where none other comes to mind. The interpretation thereof is best left upon the observer.

We all have a special smile reserved for photographs, as also for selfies. So, irrespective of whether someone says cheese, or paneer, we flash it almost instantaneously. This is used liberally by the paparazzi and common folk alike. Speaking of celebrities, viewers of the TV show, Indian Idol would be aware of Pawandeep Rajan's constant smile for every occasion, while cricket lovers know that Dhoni just sports his infectious smile to celebrate even the biggest victory. In the film world, Preity Zinta's smile, and accompanying dimple, is legendary, while Tom Cruise would rule the roost in Hollywood.

On the flip side, a crooked smile may be even considered a smirk. It can display dominance and superiority of one over the other. It can be a forced plastic one, used abundantly by those in the hospitality sector, or worse still, a fake one, openly displaying its hollowness. What about the one that is slightly flirtatious, coupled with a tinge of coyness and embarrassment of that first touch of love? There is also a kind smile, which we give to persons who may not have been so fortunate in life, but we still wish them well. The best would surely be the beautiful ones that are seeped with the fragrance of flowers, warmed by the radiance of the sun, which reward all around with a sense of affection, gratitude, kindness, and love.

One may think how all this could be possible with a simple twist or curl of the lips. Just a millimeter or two on either side could make that world of a difference in conveying your expression. An appreciation may be misinterpreted for sarcasm, leading to unintended or disastrous results. It can convey victory, as also the humility or arrogance of the victor. A child's smile is enough to make you forget all your worries, while that from one who has received your benevolence in some form, is a huge impetus for you to carry on the good work forever. Or a smile of guilt, knowing that what you have done is not fully correct. There is a smile of complacence, when you accept all that is being said, as also a dazed smile when you may be totally ignorant of the happenings around you, and are expected to respond on the same, which would be in sharp contrast to the all-knowing smile, given quietly by a Guru to his disciple who is just learning the ropes.

It is commonly said that the first impression is the last. So, the next time you ready yourself for a big meeting, and decide what you're going to don, wear

a smile. Flash it as you enter, and feel its power. See how it radiates upon everyone else, and the relaxation that it brings along; in the atmosphere of the room, and on the countenance of everyone present. The positivity that it spreads is unimaginable. Grudges may be forgiven, and new beginnings can be made by just that small gesture.

I started off by suggesting that 'smiles' could be the longest word in the English language. But, isn't it also the shortest route to another heart? I would tend to believe that it is only us humans that have been so blessed with this faculty of smiling, and expressing ourselves to our near and dear ones. It's a gift that benefits the giver, receiver, as also the unintended bystander. So, there will be days when couples end up fighting through the evening, and retiring to bed with unresolved issues. What better than to exchange a few smiles just before you doze off, combined with a comforting hug, which can solve all your worries of the day, and give you really sweet dreams. And the glorious smiles that naturally follow on the morrow.... aren't they just priceless?

Hope you do not end up with a wry smile of regret instead.

Just try it once. You are never going to stop.

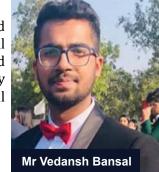
Amen!



Mr Gagan Khosla, (Ex-Je, 1974) did a bicycle expedition from Leh to Kanyakumari, which is nearly 3,802.4 kms in distance. His ride was replayed by Epic television Channel. Congratulations!



Mr Vedansh Bansal, (Ex—DI, 2020) has cleared JEE mains with a percentile of 99.9 and individual scores being Mathematics: 99.8, Physics: 99.8, and Chemistry: 99.7. He has been offered scholarship by many prestigious colleges. Best of luck to him for all his future endeavors!





Mr Shreyansh Agarwal, (Ex - Sh, 2020) has cleared JEE mains with an AIR of 315 and has received Scholarship and cash awards from various institutes worth 3 lakh Rupees. Currently he is pursuing B.Tech. (Computer Science) from IIT Hyderabad. Congratulations!



The Wall: A Hopeless Situation

Jeh Neville Hilluwala | XI B

The wall at Jericho was an impenetrable force to any army that was trying to overtake the city.

Before even dealing with the wall, the attacking troops would have to navigate their way across a 27 feet wide and a 9 feet deep pit that lined the outer edges of the city. Then there was the wall itself, 17 feet high and 5 feet thick pure mass of solid stone. If the attacking army managed to get this far without getting shot down by the archers; all that was left was to defeat the well-trained Canaanite army that was waiting within.

This was the reality for a young leader named Joshua and his ragtag Israelites army. These Israelites who had seen a whole generation live and die while wandering into the deserts, were tired, hungry and facing what seemed like an impossible task, hopeless.

I haven't lived for so long but lived enough to know that running into walls is a part of our life. The bigger the wall the more hopeless the situation can seem. The large wall of sickness, loss, divorce, addiction; they all pop around us and seem impenetrable. And just like the walls at Jericho, these walls rarely stand alone.

The walls of our life are often accompanied by deep pangs of pain, suffering and despair and all the while the army of hopelessness attacks us from every side. The question asked all the time is, if God loves us so much and is so powerful how he could allow these walls to pop up around us.

Now, I don't pretend to have the answer to any of those questions nor do I pretend to understand how deep or dark your suffering has been. I simply want to suggest that maybe God does his best work from seemingly hopeless situations.

When I read any holy book, I read about people and characters, all who have faced seemingly hopeless situations. In fact, I cannot find a single person who walked faithfully with God without facing a seemingly hopeless situation.

Adam and Eve ruined the paradise by inviting sin and death into the perfect world -a hopeless case.

Joseph was betrayed by his brothers for his pride and put in prison – a hopeless case.

Moses was cornered on the banks of the Red Sea with the most powerful army in the world breathing down his neck – a hopeless case.

Gideon was three hundred against three hundred thousand.

David stood across a blood thirsty giant.

Esther was a woman trying to gain a word with a proud king.

Daniel's roommate was a lion. His friends were thrown in an oven.

Peter was a coward.

Paul was imprisoned.

Lazarus was dead.

Timothy was too young.

Abraham was too old.

The youngest son was too stupid.

The walls of Jericho were too strong.

And Jesus was humiliated and hung on a cross and buried in a tomb, burying Svastik Arora all hopes.

Now everybody was ready to close the book on these stories, the end, game over.

But if there is one thing we learn from these scriptures, it's that we can never place a period where God has placed a comma, because where all other options have been worn out, where circumstances couldn't get worse, when everything else has failed, get ready because that is exactly where God shows up.

Because Joseph became second in command.

The Red Sea parted.

Gideon won without lifting a weapon.

Goliath's head was on a plate.

Esther spoke and the king listened.

Daniel tamed the lion.

The oven felt like room temperature.

Petra became a rock.

Paul rejoiced.

Lazarus was just kidding.

Timothy built a church.

Abarham built a family.

The youngest son came home to a party.

The walls of Jericho came tumbling down.

And Christ pulled out himself from the defeat in death and sin.

With God what seems like a hopeless situation is not only possible, it's favorable. Because only God can turn,

Mess into message,

Trial into triumph,

A test into testimony,

And a victim to a victory.

Way to go Scindia!

The Board awards certificate of Merit in each subject to the top 0.1% of the successful candidates in order to recognise their qualities and outstanding performance at School and the Senior School Certificate Examination. 26 students of the School belonging to the batch of 2020, Class X and XII, have been awarded the merit:

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		Chemistry
Suprabha Adhikari	Daulat	Political Science
Lav Asrani	Daulat	Chemistry
Abbas Khan	Jayappa	Painting
Aayush Yadav	Shivaji	Geography, History, Political Science
Yuvraj Singh Solanki	Jeevaji	Painting
Varun Awasthi	Jayaji	Painting
Uttam Rai	Ranoji	Painting
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Abhishek Mahour	Madhav	Geography, Political Science,
		Hindi Elective
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Keshav Dudhani	Mahadji	Social Science
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Rajdeep Singh Semil	Jayaji	Social Science
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OBITUARIES

We are sad to inform you of the demise of Mr Amit Sharma (Ex-Jp, 1994). May his soul rest in everlasting peace.

With immense sorrow we announce the passing away of Mr Mayank Maheshwari (Ex- Sh, 1985). May his kind soul rest in everlasting peace.

We are sad to inform you of the demise of Mr Saumil Marfatiya, School Captain (Ex- Sh, 1977). May his soul rest in everlasting peace.



From the Cartoonist

Raghav Mahajan | XI A











नाराज़

आर्यनील मजूमदार।कक्षा 6 ए

आसमान ओढ़कर बादल बजा रहा था झाँझर, करके पूरी साज़िश बरसाया भारी बारिश।

तालाब में जब मस्ती में मछिलयाँ पकड़ रहे थे चुस्ती में, तभी बरसता आया, फिर मैं ज़ोर से चिल्लाया। क्यों आया तू शाम को बिगाड़ने मेरे काम को? साइकिल, फुटबॉल या क्रिकेट मित्रों से जब भी होती है भेंट, वहीँ बरसने आता है, सबको तू डराता है। अरे ! लेकर साथ तू अपना कहर डुबोता क्यों तू मेरा शहर ?

नाराज़ हूँ मैं तुझसे क्या प्यार नहीं है मुझसे? फुरसत से तू आया कर दोस्त बनकर छाया कर।

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Nights - A Different Perception!

Ansh Garg | X A

These nights Sometimes as shallow as an ocean, As frightening as a jungle, And as empty as a space Yes, I'm talking about them.

The nights that make you crawl in the worst of your fears, That make you stay awake throughout, That make you fall endlessly in an emptiness of stress. The nights that make you a question of who you are.

However, they are at times, As soothing as a lullaby, As lively as a beach, And as calm as the sea Yes, I'm talking about them.

The nights that fill you up with delight and satisfaction, That feel like your mother's touch, That calm you down, That make your fantasies come true.

However as contradictory as they might be, The question remains, From where do they originate? From where do they arise? From where do they come? Where are they born?

It can be answered only by celestials. For the Sun is larger than the Moon, For the Moon shines by the grace of the Sun. For the Sun brings day and the Moon brings night.

Your action determines your night. As it is the Sun who is the one true judge, And it is the Moon who is the one true executer.

What do we not do to pass them through, by hook or by crook. 'cause we are in the mist of the rightfulness of our actions.

Be cautious of your actions, For the Sun is watching. And you might not know when, The long night would come.

Erasing the Stigma against Mental Illness

Anubhav Sachan | XI C

As C.S. Lewis said, "Mental pain is less dramatic than physical pain, but it is more common and harder to bear. The frequent attempt to conceal mental pain increases the burden: It is easier to say, "My tooth is aching" than to say, "My heart is broken." Mental health is intricately connected to the psychological side of people's lives. In many cases, mentally ill people can experience rapid behavioural or mood changes that often lead to difficulties in their communication, work, and everyday life.

More than eight lakh people commit suicide owing to mental ill health every year. It is the most ignored problem in India, not only neglected, but most of the people do not know about it and according to some, it is a disease. If we consider India from every household's perspective, probably at least one person is facing some or the other mental health issues. Depression and anxiety are the most common mental health issues.

This generation spends most of its time on social media than in the real world and it makes most of the people depressed. When a person connects to social media, he sees another person's life and thinks his life is not as good as the other person. There could be many reasons for mental health issues such as societal pressure. Society judges and discriminates against people, for e.g. if a student is getting lesser marks, everyone undervalues his capability and criticizes him; people from the LGBT community are not allowed to live the way they like, stereotypes like men cannot cry and they should be the only earning members in the family. There are many reasons for mental health problems. A study shows that most of the criminals are subject to mental health problems. But still, this issue is not taken seriously.

As the COVID-19 pandemic drags on globally, there is little doubt that it is taking a lasting toll on the mental health of millions of people. Fear of getting sick, the loneliness that accompanies quarantine, and a fragile economy combine to create complicated challenges to mental well-being. Canadian psychology researchers have created a repository of evidence documenting how COVID-19 is affecting people's mental health. 'The body of literature' is a living systematic review, which investigators are continually updating with emerging research. To date, we lack data about effective COVID-19 interventions that improve mental health outcomes. Two small studies have demonstrated some promising outcomes: one found that muscle relaxation exercises help to reduce anxiety among a small number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in China; another found that individuals who received psychologically affirming texts showed improvements in their well-being.

A healthy person is physically, socially, and mentally stable. We should promote mental health and focus on the real world instead of the virtual one. Mental illness should be considered as an alarming issue rather than us undermining or neglecting it. There should be a counsellor in every school so that children can share their problems with them and can find an appropriate solution for it. As we know "Precaution is better than cure", the issue of mental health should be taken into consideration and should be given prominence in the same way as physical health because a physically fit person with poor mental health is not a human in his full capacity and is equally dangerous as an incendiary. The consequences of his acts can be perilous not only to himself but also to the society as an unnerved mind is more contagious than any other disease in the world.

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