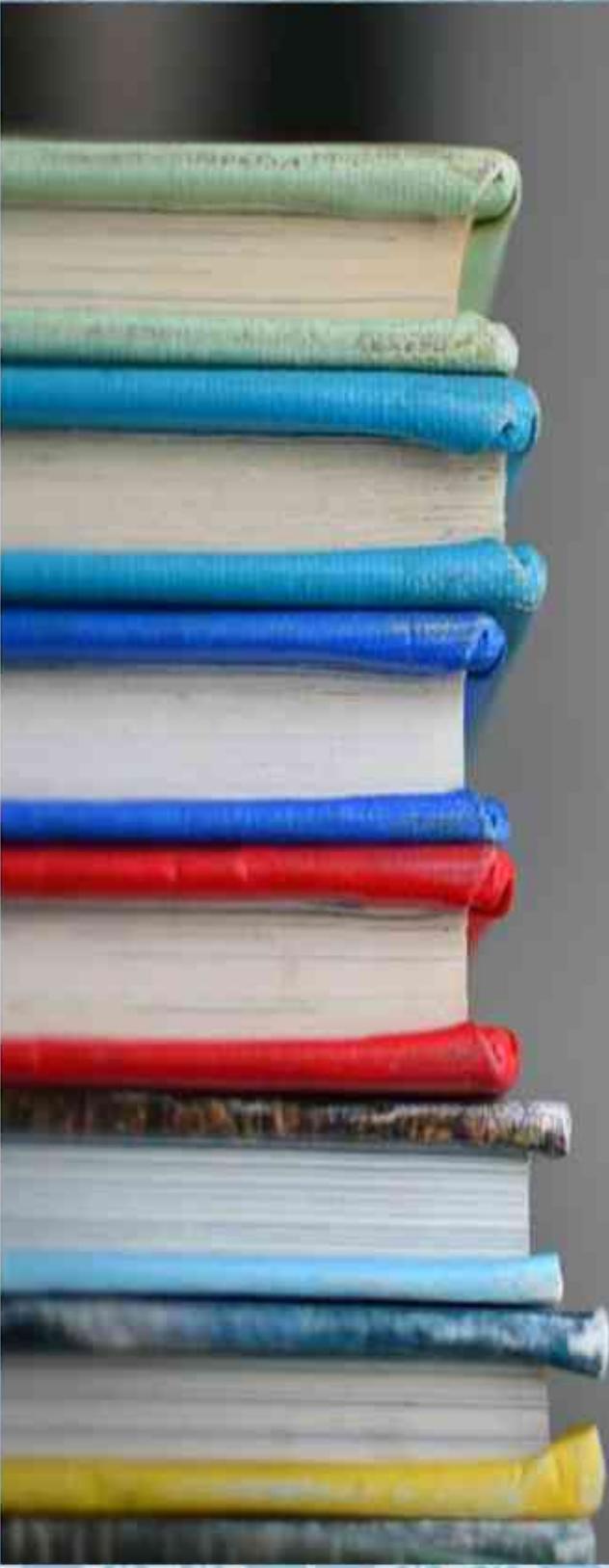




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Perspective

MS Dhoni, the former Indian cricket captain, stated in an interview- " The process is more important than the product." It's a fact when a student takes care of the process, the objective is fulfilled. If the preparation is good and the process is well executed, the goals are achieved~ always. The commitment to the process is reflected in the newsletter and the efforts of the students highlight the fact that determination and hard work lead to a powerful metamorphosis.

Shivendra N S Deo

Editor in-chief

EVERY CRISIS IS ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY !

My dear students, you all must have realised by now that your level of digital literacy has witnessed an exponential jump during this period of pandemic. Moreover, smart phones and gadgets like tabs and laptops are no longer a taboo and are here to stay! Thus, your generation's initiation to the futuristic digital technology has just got fast forwarded! As a side benefit your parents and elders have also benefitted and are more aware and familiar with digital technology. On a lighter note even my mother has become an expert on usage of YouTube as also mastered Whatsapp!!

Our online classes have been well received and we are keeping pace with the prescribed syllabus. As a first we also ventured into the realm of the unknown by organising extracurricular activities like online elocutions which were a great success ! Our students also performed commendably by winning awards while participating in online Art and Photography competitions organised by independent agencies.



I would like to express my profound gratitude to our faculty members for having put in long hours and extreme hard work to adapt to the online platform and making it a success story. Also the students, parents and their family members have to be commended for their seamless switchover to this form of learning!

Going by the current indications this pandemic situation is likely to continue for some time. Hence, we should all adjust and gear up for an extended period of online learning. To tide over this difficult period we have also commenced Yoga and Life Style online sessions which are being conducted by our highly qualified physical training instructors to help you with your mental and physical health. As these sessions are optional, I would strongly recommend that you should subscribe to these regularly and diligently.

STAY HOME STAY SAFE

Yours as ever

Avinash Singh
Principal

Nayagarh, the Land of Tigers (Baghua Nayagarh in Odiya)

(I am going to share with you the mythological story, which is related to the establishment of Nayagarh, the Land of Tigers.)

Long years back in the 13th century A.D., there was a King in Rewa, a clan of Surya-Baghel Dynasty, who had twelve sons. The king was very much worried about his sons' future. So he prayed to God. That night, his deity came in his dream and told him, "Your sons are going to have a very great future ahead and will establish kingdoms in many places. You have to send them abroad". So, the king did as he was advised, which became fruitful as all the ten of his sons were settled with prosperous kingdoms, leaving the twins, Suryamani Singh and Chandramani Singh, who left Rewa on their future conquest. This journey first brought them to the present day Sambalpur in Odisha, where Suryamani Singh had a dream of Goddess Samalei, directing him, "Wherever I show myself to you, there you will install your state!"



Further in their journey, the twins reached near a village known as Guanamat, near Khumbharakhol hills. When the brothers decided to rest under a tree, the villagers warned them against ferocious wild animals but they were undeterred.

They rested attentively, near the fire. As it was late midnight, sleep was overpowering them. So they decided to take guard turn-wise. It was Suryamani's turn to guard; with the drawn sword, he was alert. There was a weird silence in

the air. In the faint light of the fire, the king saw a shadow approaching him, which unnerved him.

Soon he discovered it to be a tiger! He fought bravely with it and killed it; the roar of the tiger woke up Chandramani, who with a mighty courage was successful in killing another tigress lurking there!

As the roar of the beasts was so loud, it clearly reached the village, which made them curious to know what had happened there.

When the villagers came to the twins in the morning, they saw the two brothers fast asleep and the ferocious tigers dead at their feet. By seeing this, they were awestruck. And by seeing their courage,

many generations of people lived peacefully. In the 1500 A.D., during the reign of the 9th generation, Raja Bhaaga Singh, an incident happened. The storyline goes that Raja Bhaaga Singh went for a

hunting expedition and came near the present day location of Nayagarh. Near about Rukhi Mountain, something unexpected happened. A hare pounced upon his hunting dog and killed it! Raja Bhaaga Singh, seeing this spectacle, understood that this is "a land of bravery." So, he built a town on the present day Nayagarh. The dog of Raja Bhaaga Singh, which was killed by the hare, is believed to be buried in the land near Rukhi Mountain, which is known as Kukur Tasara.

This is how the Nayagarh state was found. The palace of Nayagarh, which was built by Raja Bhaaga Singh, got destroyed during the reign of Raja Krushna Chandra Singh Mandhata, so he built a new palace for himself, presently known as Soubhagya Bhawan (New Rajbati).



courageous deeds and I am very pleased with your work. Don't be frightened, worship me and I would endow you with wealth, kingdom and all." From that day onwards, Goddess Maa Bauri became their supreme deity.

Udayaditya Kishore Singh, 10D



Missing My School!

As we all know Corona virus has turned our lives upside down in few months. During the phase of lockdown, we all are at home and studying online. Earlier, we never used to like going to school but now we are getting bored at home! We are missing our chance to attend our school, physically. I am missing my playtime as well as my boarding house time. We are missing our teachers, friends and 'ayahjis'. I strongly believe that this hard phase of life will end soon. Till then, stay home and stay safe!



Shivanshi Pal, 6C

WHAT HAS THIS PANDEMIC TAUGHT US?

The whole world is going through a tough time and the pandemic has brought grief on us, but the current crisis has taught us many lessons as well. Some of them are self-dependency and hygiene, which are of utmost importance and how to expand our hobbies, to maintain social distancing and spending quality time with our family, all of which are very crucial. Acute shortage of household help has increased our self-dependency and our will to work for self. This lockdown has helped us to focus on our health as well and has motivated us to do proper exercise to keep our immunity levels up to the mark. We have learnt

that hygiene is of extreme importance and by keeping ourselves clean, by washing hands regularly, wearing masks whenever we go out, maintaining social distancing will keep us safe from any disease and keep our loved ones too from being harmed.

This lockdown has given us the opportunity to evolve our interests and to try out new things, like cooking, reading, playing an instrument, etcetera. A person, who has been trying to get proficient in a thing, can now proudly say that he/she has succeeded in doing so. India is a land of many festivals and most of the family members were not able to spend time together

being away from their families for education or work purpose but this lockdown has given us the chance to spend most of our time together, with our families and taught us the importance of family time. We know that every single person has been affected in some way or the other by this pitiless pandemic. The more we allow ourselves to be open and help others with our interactions, even while practising social distancing, the more we will emerge stronger and get united in our fight against the virus.



Ananya Choudhary, 8E

DOCTORS ARE ANGELS!

We Indians treat doctors as next to God. But why do we do so?

A doctor is an important person. He works day and night and knows how to treat sick people. He also knows how to dress and heal wounds. A doctor is a great friend of the sick and the ailing. He always speaks politely, so that the patients feel comfortable.

A doctor's life is tough. He has to remain on duty in the hospital as and when required, in emergency. A doctor fights disease and death. He is the last hope for his patients. That is why he is treated as God, as he may also give life to a dying person, through proper treatment.

In the current situation, when not only our country India but the whole world is fighting against the

Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19), many people have lost their lives and many of them are recovering also. But it is our doctors, who are in the forefront. They are rendering their selfless service to the nation and will do so forever, like brave warriors helping us to fight the struggle of life against all odds.

They are saving lives, without caring about their own lives and their families. They are the real 'COVID WARRIORS', whom I salute! We should be grateful to our doctors and must respect them for all that they are doing for us. God can't come down to save us. So he has sent his angels as doctors to save our lives!



Adrija Kumari Devi, 7F

Animal Homes

Everyone knows a rabbit lives in a hutch,
I'm sure, they like it very much!
The bee, has a hive to dwell,
I know they treat it like a hotel!
The horse goes to rest in its stable.
This is a fact and certainly not a fable!
When the pigs have finished their day,
It's time the sty came into play!
When they are tired and want to sleep,
They're off to the pen the humble sheep!
All animals like humans love to be free and roam
Just like humans, they need some place to call 'home'!



Adya Sharma, 6 C

HOME SCHOOLING!

A sad truth is that peer pressure, competition, boredom and bullying are all a part of typical school days. According to recent studies, self-esteem plummets in middle school children. However, similar studies on homeschooled students have shown that their self esteem remains intact and that the kids continue to thrive. Homeschooled kids can dress, act, and think the way they want, without fear of ridicule or a need to fit in. They live in the real world, where lives aren't dictated by any trends. When it comes to home based education, the curriculum can be changed according to the child's needs, pace and personality. The areas where the child excels can be expedited, whereas weaker areas can be addressed with more focus and additional resources. With more personal care and grooming, homeschooled kids tend to pick up things more easily than in schools. They show more interest in studies, which is more customized than the routine based courses in schools. Homeschooling leads to a better student-teacher relationship. Students are able to open up more to home school teachers with their doubts and queries. Hence, their studies are less likely to be affected due to their personal traits like shyness or hesitancy. Therefore, it is proved that homeschooling is better than traditional schooling.

Swati Singh, 11E



“Live and let live”

‘Live and let live’ is a simple principle when heard but not so simple to implement! It tells us about the importance of the spirit of cooperation and brotherhood. In our daily life, if we are tolerant and believe in the policy of give and take, most of our problems are solved! Most of the people are selfish and narrow-minded. They themselves want to live comfortably but the problem is that they do not let others live peacefully! They do not know that all of us are the children of God. They do not realize the omnipotence of God. God is our father and we are all brothers and sisters. Our interests are common and we have duties towards each other.

Guru Nanak, Mahatma Gandhi and later our beloved leader Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, also stressed the need for fellow feeling. ‘Live and let Live’ is one of the principles of “Panchsheel” that Pandit Nehru proposed. If the big powers of the world become tolerant, the clouds of war can disappear in no time but the tragedy is that they want to exploit others! All the holy books, prophets and well-wishers of mankind have been preaching us to practice this ideal principle. The world can be worth living, only if we act upon this principle.

Dhairyा Veer Kiri , 7B



COMMANDMENTS FOR CLEANLINESS

The Students' Role in "Swachh

Bharat Abhiyan" is vital in turning India clean and green. In terms of designing for student involvement, we believe that the following 12 points are attainable, the Twelve Commandments for Cleanliness:

1. Students have to understand the importance of this mission and actively participate in cleaning their own space first.
2. They have to train their younger ones to keep things clean.
3. They can also visit rural areas and discuss about the importance of this great mission and encourage the villagers in contributing to it.
4. It can be done by actively participating in Government programmes, regarding 'Swachhta' or cleanliness. Students can create groups and collect funds required for cleaning equipments for the purpose. This can be successful as it is proved in case of arranging programmes for Republic Day and Independence Day celebrations.
5. They can arrange camps in various regions and share their experiences towards the mission.
6. Students have to recognize that swachhta or cleanliness, which is next to godliness, begins at one's home, school and surroundings.
7. Students should explain the consequences involved in spitting, peeing, defecating or littering in public and how it adversely affects the mission's goal as a

whole.

8. They should also promote the use of dustbins, for garbage. As we all know, it is very much necessary to improve the quality of life of people in remote areas, who are generally left out.
9. Students can go around to different places and start performing street plays, giving speeches, and singing songs and staging dance performance, keeping cleanliness as their theme. Students have to understand that they are the ones who can make a huge difference.
10. The school authorities can also play a major role in infusing the minds of the students about the facts of hygiene. Sanitation facilities should be provided and students should be encouraged to keep every nook and corner of their surroundings, pollutant free.
11. Students can practice segregation of wastes into dry and wet i.e., they can keep vegetable and fruit waste as wet and plastic wastes as dry, by keeping two separate bins.
12. In rural areas, students should spread awareness regarding the use of Bio Toilets. By adopting all these above-quoted measures, we can ensure that our country attains a clean and neat environment.



Mohammad Farhaan Raza Wagdia, 12 A

EUPHORIA

Some questions are floating in my mind.

But I feel no urge to speak,

Nor a desire to hear them!

My eyes are fixated at a point.

If these were laser beams,

They could break walls of obstruction,

Being filled with oppressive silence!

The numbness in my mind,

Often makes me feel for a while.

And never let these passing thoughts, go!

O, these are moments of sadness and gloom.

And are also moments of confusion!

Then there are moments of bliss.

Hence I wish them never to go,

But stay with me forever,

As my eternal and everlasting

Euphoria!



Tarang Saraf, 9B

ROME WAS NOT BUILT IN A DAY

'Rome was not built in a day' is an idiom, which stands befitting in all times. It means that nothing great comes without hard work and true dedication. Rome, the capital city of Italy, famous for its architectural beauty, emerged as the cultural and artistic centre, due to almost four hundred years of hard work, patience and dedication!

The personality, who has inspired me with his dedication and commitment, is our former Indian cricket team captain, M. S. Dhoni. He struggled a lot in the early years of his life. He helped his team win an inter-school cricket match and achieved much fame. After that, he never looked back! He also got selected for the Ranji Trophy. Since he got late in reaching Kolkata, the organization held up his draft notice. Yet, Dhoni did not give up. He joined Indian Railways and worked as a ticket collector following his father's will. In some time, frustrated by his manager, he decided to pursue cricket, while doing his job for his father's sake. Even more, he applied for the Under-19 Indian cricket team but could not be successful in being selected for

the Duleep Trophy because of his work in Railways. Seeing Dhoni's passion for the game, his father allowed him to resign from his job in the Railways and focus singularly on the game. In no time, he got a chance to join the National Cricket Team.

During his entire career, Dhoni faced a lot of problems but he worked hard and took India to the next level in cricket. It goes to his credit that India won the World Cup in 2011 for the second time, under his captaincy after a gap of 28 years!

Having read the story of M.S. Dhoni, you must have realized by now that one needs to work hard against all odds for quite a long and considerable length of time. Rome, one of the most beautiful cities in the world was built after many years of striving. Thus the idiom is linked. It reminds us that all great achievements are the result of much time and trouble.



Ankush Singh, 9 B

Saturday break time

Criiing! Criiing! Criiing!
The bell rings.
Then many voices are heard,
Everywhere, laughter rings and we sing

We are loud, because we are out!
It's the time for lunch break.
There is a *tiffin* and time, for having a cake.

Now the *tiffin* is our aim.
We start snatching, without any shame

After, roaming three floors and banging the doors,
Boys and girls, rush to the ground
Ha! Ha! Ha! Laughter echoed, all around!

We step down to mess!
That fun is also no less!
It is Saturday and it is the time for the week's best breakfast!
The "*Aloo bonda*" on our plates was not to last!

Then, the crowd under 'peepal' tree,

Tells that we are free!
But after seeing the Heads, we flee
Wait, we forgot the main task
The chocolates, we ask
"Everyone be inside your class," Ma'am shouts!

Going to washroom and having our second thought about!
Criiing! Criiing! Criiing!
Again, the bell rings

This bell makes us quiet and not loud!

Because we are in, not out!!



Veerasna Shukla,
10E

"PREPARE TODAY, FOR A BETTER MORROW!"

"EDUCATION IS OUR PASSPORT TO THE FUTURE, FOR TOMORROW BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE WHO PREPARE FOR IT TODAY!"

Education is the criteria for the growth of a nation, be it financially, economically, ideologically or politically. Education gives us knowledge and develops in us the right perspective of looking at life. It changes our perspective to see this mighty world. To prove that education changes our perspective, let me give you a story based on education.

A boy grew up in an environment ruled by poverty, hardship and self-denial. He was taught by comparatively poor teachers but he managed to educate himself in a big university. He did brilliant work and had great interest in the problems of politics, education and social reform. This man grew up to become a great leader of America and had fundamental propositions (1) that a Republic cannot remain free without education. Hence the necessity of universal popular education, (2) that education must be paid for, controlled and sustained by an interested public, and (3) that such education, while profoundly moral in character, must be free from sectarian or religious influence. This was

propagated by Horace Mann, the Father of Education.

Education has the ability to make our ideas and views broad and to see the inner beauty of something. It gives us the vision to see things which other people may not see but you can, because you have the biggest tool – "Education".



Sriraj Gangdeb, 11B

METAMORPHOSIS

As we know the life cycle of butterfly is similar to that of us, human beings. It tells us about the beautiful law of nature, which is "transformation". Every stage of life requires a new version of us, better than the previous one. The cocoon represents the newly born, inexperienced and aimless being. It tells us that every child thinks of becoming a scientist, an astronaut, and so on, whatever they get attracted to, without realising the hard work it will need, to reach the goal. Every child in his/her childhood lives in a self-created fairyland.

Metamorphosis is a term that is used to define the physical

development of animals, after their birth. Similarly, our mental development is also necessary. A child who lives in a fairyland, on reaching his/her adult age, rushes into "life" known as race! Some do so because of their aim that they have found; others do so because of their parents' wishes. But what's most important point that's lacking today, is patience of these youngsters!

We become impatient, to get success in a faster and easier way!

We are too impatient to take out even a moment for self-realization. What we really want is success or happiness by hook or by crook!

When a cocoon turns into a butterfly after going through a transformation, we see the most beautiful creation of God, shining and colourful, flying without any fear! We need to understand the law of life's cycle, to become one, as beautiful as a butterfly. Hence it is aptly said,

"The butterfly counts not months but moments, and has time enough!"



Aarohi Khobrgade, 12A

Schooling in near future

The initial stage of a person's life is his childhood. This stage decides the future of a person. In this period of time he learns, experiments and experiences many things, which change his life. These can either add meaning and purpose to his life or completely spoil it. In order to maintain stability in his life, he needs to have a pedagogue as early as possible in his life, either in the form of parent, a teacher, a friend or a well-wisher. In case parents do not have enough time to continuously guide a child, then schooling is the immediate step available, which can help the child out. In a school, a teacher not only helps a child to be equipped with academic skills, but also guides him/her to choose the right way, so as to lead a happy and contented life. Due to these reasons, the schooling stage is the most important phase of a person's life.

The pattern of schooling keeps on changing from time to time in

keeping up with the needs of the society, because 'nothing except change is permanent'. I think the pattern of schooling should always be based on real life experiences as it would help the child think in a realistic way. The recently proposed pattern of schooling is better than the one in practice because the theory-based pattern of schooling can't give practical knowledge to a student, which is more important than any other kind of schooling, as it helps a person in any field, whether science, commerce, share-market, business, etc. Also, if an outdated pattern of schooling does not give way to a new one, it shows that the overall growth of a country is not taking place.

Nowadays, the child should be equipped with skills like critical thinking, collaboration, communication and moral values. The students must also be encouraged to think out of the box. Education should not just be limited to textbooks but should be able to cater to the

intellectual, emotional, personal and social needs of a person. The global pandemic that we are now facing is having a great effect on the pattern and level of schooling. It has transformed the interactive classes into an online one, which is the need of the hour. So, what will be the new pattern of education? According to me, it will be a fusion of the two kinds of education – online and offline. There would not be any paper work. For instance, children would go to school with laptops and not with notebooks! Their homework shall be sent to them and online tests would be conducted. They will play in playgrounds at school but many other activities would be online! According to me, this is the "SCHOOLING IN THE NEAR FUTURE".



Honeybee or a Fly?

We can learn a lot from Mother Nature, whether it is patience from a hiding deer or steadfast dedication from the tiger looking for it or whether it be the value of hard work from the ant or the value of cunningness from the hyena. Similarly, we can learn about the importance of an optimistic outlook towards life. This is where the story of the honeybee and the fly comes into play. We have heard many stories about the hardworking and diligent bee and how it works very hard day and night to produce honey. This honey is produced with the help of flowers, which provide the nectar that is required for producing the same. But what we fail to observe is the quality of the honeybee to always give back more than it takes; whether it is by helping the flower in reproduction or by producing delicious honey, which is consumed by humans and animals alike. This practice, known as altruism in the human context, is the practice of selfless concern for the wellbeing of others. It does not matter to the honeybee whether there is trash or treasure in its path, as it only has one goal in sight, to extract nectar to produce honey. We can learn much from this puny insect. Just like the honeybee, we should seek for positivity from our environment. But there also is a

very interesting contrast to our friend the honeybee in the animal kingdom. This is where the fly comes in!

We humans are no strangers to flies. Whether one is living in London or in Ludhiana, one is bound to encounter these pesky insects. In contrast to the honeybee, the fly ignores all the cleanliness, or in terms of metaphors, the positives around it, and flies straight to the filth, or the negativity. When applied by humans to humans, this is known as the "fly mentality"! This is the mentality of ignoring all the positive aspects of a person, thing or experience, and focusing on the negatives. This is counterintuitive, as it would prevent us from making new relationships and developing trust in other people. Instead of being like the fly, we should learn from the honeybee and must have a sanguine attitude towards life. It requires no effort in finding flaws in others, but it requires humility and modesty to appreciate one for how one is as a whole. Now whether you want to be a fly or a

honeybee, the choice is yours!



Manan Singh Chawla, 12D

A Friend's Lunchbox Always Meant For Us!

A few years back, I was in grade 7th and studying in Bhopal. At that time, I was a day boarder and as you know that there is a fruitful relationship between Day boarders and their Lunchboxes! And that same relation I had with my Lunchbox! My comrades and I used to bring delicious food in our Lunchboxes and we just shared our food with everyone. But there was one guy whose Lunchbox used to get finished before the recess and you must be thinking, how?

Let me explain. That guy always brought the most delicious food as his father was the owner of a 5-star restaurant and every day, he used to get that super delicious food in his Tiffin box! And its aromatic smell was so good that though we tried our best, we couldn't control our hunger! Due to that aroma, we ate the whole contents of his Lunchbox in the class itself, in a couple of minutes! And that happiness, no one can express in words. That one mischief we did in the school has become an unforgettable memory till today. So this was my story that how my friend's "Lunchbox Was Always Meant For Us!"

Have you ever enjoyed such fun and luncheon?



Snehil Mishra, 10 B

O Wild WINGS!!

She was the Pinckney, stuck in a cruel world,
One who had always wanted to un-cage herself and spread her wings,
To sway with glorious sun rays,
To hear the mellifluous songs.
Was being born as a girl, her fault?
Thinking all the time,
Why her dreams were were permanently put on a halt?

The little angel was looked down upon not only by the society but also her mother,
Whom she took to be different from others!
People yelled, "Why cannot you listen to us for once?"
How could she tell them that they were the ones who had captured her?
And had stapled her lungs?

Always carrying others' harsh words on her back,
Words, which would remind her of the qualities she lacked;
Why was she being prepared to be someone's wife?
Why was she being prepared to live someone else's life?

All day and all night,
She would only think about, having a long flight.
What happened, when her hopes were blown?
What happened when she was woken up from her dream, where

she had once freely flown?
She found herself in heaven!
Saw the Almighty, with her own eyes,
Couldn't stop herself from telling Her Maker,
How badly she was criticized!

How she couldn't hear the bird's mellifluous songs,
How hard it was for her to fly so far,
With her torn wings; and with a life to mar!

Kavya Sharma,
11 B



together. He has taught me how to be friendly with birds, animals and how to save our dear environment. He has also taught me to ride the bicycle. He is an ace swimmer and my swimming teacher too. I have the best father in the world. I love you, PAPA!

I love my mother a lot. She helps me with my studies and homework. She takes very good care of me. Whenever I am sad, she makes me laugh and cooks my favourite snacks. She is my best friend though we fight a lot! She helps me out in every possible way. This is the best part. Thank you, Mumma.

Parents are God's wonderful gift to us. We should always respect them.

My Parents

My parents play a very important role in my life. They love and care for me. I am very lucky to have them in my life.

My father is my Superhero. He knows everything. Whenever I need him, he is always there to help me. He is an excellent chef and has taught me many dishes. He likes gardening. We have planted many plants and trees



Suryakshi Deo, 6C

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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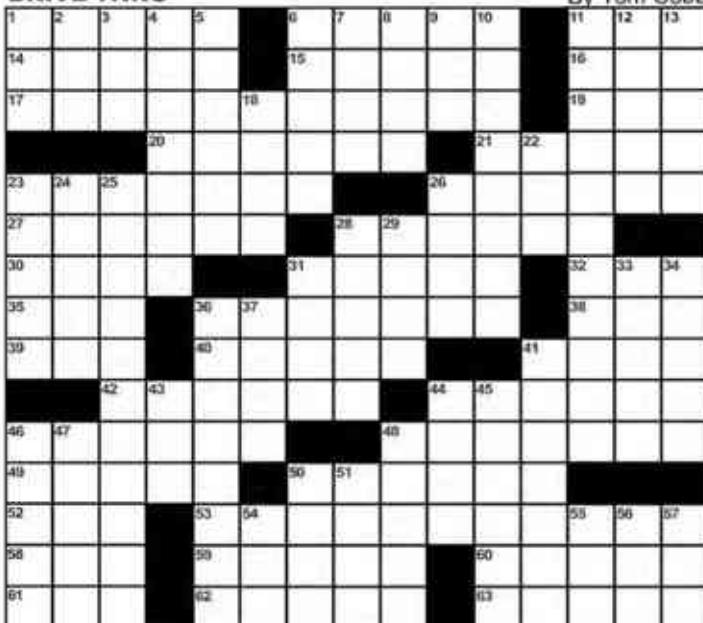
1) Improbable wish
 6) A Muse
 11) Environmental hazard, for short
 14) Maternally related
 15) Ruby or diamond, e.g.
 16) Chicken ____ king
 17) Did a gymnastic maneuver
 19) It may have a nap on the floor
 20) Smart ____ (obnoxious ones)
 21) Likes and dislikes
 23) Most risque
 26) "____ of the Field" (Poitier classic)
 27) Spiral-horned beasts
 28) Type of clock or power
 30) Rocky peaks
 31) Brief period of time
 32) Mauna ____ (Hawaiian peak)
 35) Hamlet's catch
 36) Ancient Roman magistrate

DOWN

1) Christmas mo.
 2) Retrovirus contents, for short
 3) Canal site
 4) Gains
 5) Whimpered
 6) Act the bouncer
 7) Unpleasant smell
 8) Belt-hole makers
 9) Football formation
 10) Aged one
 11) Dramamine prevents it
 12) High-pitched woodwind
 13) Baseball backstops
 18) Amerada ____ (bygone petroleum company)
 22) He fought Frazier three times
 23) '80s fashions, now
 24) How most fans cheer
 25) Material for some bikes
 26) Batty, in Spain
 28) "There's no music in ____" — Ruskin
 29) Former Yugoslavian president
 31) Samoan money
 33) It might come with a few pointers
 34) Jittery
 36) Acme
 37) Huck Finn's boat
 41) Type of resistance
 43) Paddle kin
 44) Ashtabula's lake
 45) Window-shade part
 46) Like Sanskrit, Hindi and Bengali
 47) South Pacific island nation
 48) Up-and-
 50) Raised racehorses
 51) Rush furiously, as a river
 54) Feel pain, perhaps
 55) Use the microwave
 56) Tokyo, formerly
 57) Fix, as a clock

DRIVE-THRU

By Tom Cobb





ध्यान निमाणी

6 E

मैं और मेरा गाँव

मेरे गाँव का नाम है -फुलोदी। यह एक छोटा सा राजस्थानी गाँव है। जहाँ मेरे दादा जी रहते थे। अब सब लोग एक साथ रायपुर में रहते हैं। मुझे एक बार, वहाँ जाना है मेरे दादा जी ने मुझे वहाँ के बारे में बहुत कुछ बताया है। जिसे सुनकर मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगा। मेरी इच्छा है कि मैं भी एक बार वहाँ जाऊँ। उन्होंने गाँव में बिताये अपने सुखद और शानदार पलों के बारे में बताया। वहाँ के लोग बहुत ही मेहनती हैं और खुशी-खुशी अपनी जिंदगी बिताते हैं। वहाँ ढाबै में बहुत ही स्वादिष्ट खाना मिलता है। सन 2016 में सबसे ज्यादा तापमान 51 डिग्री मापा गया था। मेरा एक बार वहाँ जाना हुआ वहाँ के लोगों की सादगी और सरल स्वभाव ने मेरा मन जीत लिया। यह सुनुकर मुझे बहुत अच्छा लगा कि मेरा गाँव इतना प्रसिद्ध है और मैं खुशी से झूमने लगा।

अब मुझे पता चल गया है कि छोटे-छोटे गाँव भी जीवन को खुशहाल बनाते हैं। हमें किसी भी स्थान को गाँव का दर्जा मानकर काम नहीं आँकना चाहिए।

हँसगुल्ले

1. टीचर ने बच्चे से पूछा - “बेटा, स्वर और व्यंजन में क्या फ़िक्र होता है?” बच्चे ने कहा - “स्वर मुह से बाहर निकलता है और व्यंजन मुह के अन्दर जाता है।

2. टीचर ने बच्चों से पूछा - “बच्चों, बताओ वह कौन सा पक्षी होता है जिसके पंख होते हैं पर वह उड़ नहीं पाता।”

बच्चों ने कहा - “मरा हुआ पक्षी।”

3. एक मुर्गी थी उसके दो बच्चे थे एक का नाम ‘ट’ था और दूसरे का नाम ‘प’ था। मुर्गी जब ‘ट’ को बुलाती तो ‘प’ आता और जब ‘प’ को बुलाती तो ‘ट’ आता।

मुर्गी डॉक्टर के पास गयी और बोली - “मैं जब ‘ट’ को बुलाती तो ‘प’ आता और जब ‘प’ को बुलाती तो ‘ट’ आता है।”

डॉक्टर ने सुना और दिया - परेशान मत होइए इसका इलाज बहुत ही आसान है। आप ‘ट’ का नाम ‘प’ रख दो और ‘प’ का नाम ‘ट’ रख दीजिए।

कु. इनाया
अग्रवाल 6B





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पुकार

धरती की है यह पुकार,
पेड़ लगाओ बार-बार।
आओ मिलकर कसम खाएँ,
अपनी धरती को हरित बनाएँ
पेड़ हैं धरती की शान और हैं
जीवन की मुस्कान।
यह हमें बाढ़ से बचाए
और प्रदूषण दूर भगाए
साँसे ही रही हैं कम,
आओ लगाए पेड़ हम।
हम भी पेड़ लगाएँगे, संसार को हरा-
भरा बनाएँगे
अपने जीवन में पेड़ लगाओ,
अपनी धरती को हरित बनाओ।

बाढ़ का एक दृश्य

जल ही जीवन है। जिस प्रकार किसी
इंसान को यदि आवश्यकता से अधिक
मिल जाता है तो वह उसके लिए
हानिकारक हो जाता है, उसी प्रकार
जल की अधिकता बाढ़ के विकराल
रूप में दिखाई देती है और इससे जान-
माल का नुकसान होता है।

गंगायमुना, गोमती, गोदावरी आदि पवित्र
नदियाँ इंसान के लिए वरदान हैं लेकिन
अतिवृष्टि के कारण कभी-कभी ये हमारे
लिए बड़ी घातक हो जाती हैं।
हर साल जुलाई-अगस्त के महीने में
वर्षा ऋतु आती है। तब तपती धरती
को ठंडक मिलती है। यह ऋतु गर्मी के
बाद हमारे लिए वरदान की तरह होती
है। गर्मी से सूखते खेतों में इस ऋतु के
आने से हरियाली लहलहा उठती है।
किसानों के चेहरे पर खुशियाँ नाच
उठती हैं। लेकिन कई बार ऐसा होता
है कि ज्यादा वर्षा होने के कारण, फसलें
बर्बाद हो जाती हैं, गाँव में पानी भर
जाता है और ग्रामीणों को अपनी जान
बचाना मुश्किल भी हो जाता है।
बाढ़ आने से शहर भी प्रभावित होते हैं
। जीवन अस्त-व्यस्त हो जाता है।
व्यापार ठप्प हो जाता है। जो शहर
नदियों के किनारे बसे होते हैं, वहाँ घरों
होटलों, आफिसों में पानी भर जाता है।
बाढ़ से कई जाने भी चली जाती हैं, जान-
माल का नुकसान होता है।

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कु. देविका सिंह आठवीं फ़



हॉरर फ़िल्में

टिन...टिन...टिन...लगातार मेरे फ़ोन की घंटी बजेती ही जा रही थी। एक तो मैं घर में अकेली थी और फिर रात् भी हो चुकी थी। घर के सभी लोग एक समारोह में गए हुए थे। मुझे परीक्षा की तैयारी करनी थी इसीलिए मैं नहीं गई थी। मैंने सोचा- “इस वक्त कौन फोन कर सकता है ?” मैं फ़ोन उठाने के लिए उठी ही थी कि घंटी की आवाज़ बंद हो गई।

तभी अचानक बिजली भी गुल हो गई। मेरा दिल ज़ोर-ज़ोर से धड़कने लगा। मैंने सोचा कि इससे अच्छा होता कि मैं सबके साथ ही चली जाती। अचानक फिर से लगातार घंटी बजने लगी। पता नहीं क्यों पर मैं डर के मारे कापने लगी। बहुत हिम्मत जुटा कर मैंने फ़ोन उठाया। उधर से आती हुई आवाज़ सुनकर तो मेरी हालत ही खराब हो गई। फ़ोन पर ज़ोर-ज़ोर से हँसने की डरावनी आवाज़ आ रही थी। मैं इतनी डर गई थी कि मेरी तो आवाज़ ही निकलनी बंद हो गई।

तभी छ़म्भन... करके एक आवाज़ आई। मुझे काटो तो खून नहीं। खिड़की से आती तेज़ हवा, हिलते हुए परदे और ये आवाज़ !! यह शायद किसी काच के टूटने की आवाज़ थी। मुझे लग रहा था कि काश ! इसी समय सभी लोग वीपस आ जाएँ। तभी मुझे लगा कि मेरे कमरे के दरवाज़े पर कोई खड़ा है। देविका... देविका कहते हुए वह धीरे-धीरे मेरी ओर बढ़ रहा था। एक ज़ोरदार चीख के साथ मैं बेहोश हो गई।

देविका... देविका....उठो ! क्यों चीख रही हो ? क्या हुआ ? यह आवाज़ सुनकर मैंने आँखें खोलीं तो देखा कि मेरे पापा मेरे पास बैठे हुए हैं और मुझे उठा रहे हैं। “वो कहाँ है पापा ?”- मैंने पूछा। पापा ने पूछा- “कौन ?” फिर मैंने उन्हें सारी बात बताई तो पहले तो वे हँस पड़े फिर मुझे समझाते हुए

कहा - “तुमको कितनी बार कहा है सबने कि डरावनी फ़िल्में मत देखा करो। उठो, देखो अभी रात नहीं है। दोपहर के दो बज रहे हैं। चलो, सब तुम्हें बुला रहे हैं।” मैंने तभी सोच लिया कि अब से मैं इस तरह की फ़िल्में बिलकुल नहीं देखूँगी।

दायरा

जब से कोविड -19 का बीमारी ने अपने पैर पसारने शुरू किये तब से हम सीमित दायरे में रहने लगे हैं।

लाक डाउन के कारण सब कुछ ऑनलाइन हो गया है। चाह वह पढ़ाइ हो या कोई सरकारी गैरसरकारी मीटिंग। इस साल मेरा जन्मदिन भी लाक डाउन के बीच मैं ही बीता। हर साल दोस्तों के साथ मस्ती और दूर सारे

उपहार मिलते थे पर इस बार मैं दोस्तों को आमंत्रित नहीं कर पाया क्योंकि हमें भीड़ से बचना था। हमारे त्यौहार रक्षाबंधन, जन्माष्टमी, शिक्षक दिवस को भी हमने दूरी बनाते हुए मनाया।

पर लाँक डाउन में हमने बहुत सी नई बातें सीखीं जैसे रिश्तों का महत्व, कई तरह के आर्ट, विविध खेल जो हमारे बड़े लोग बचपन में खेलते थे जैसे कैरम, लूडो, साँप-सीड़ी, चिड़िया उड़, राजा-मंत्री-चौर-सिपाही आदि।

इस कठिन घड़ी में हमें याद रखना है कि आपकी सुरक्षा आपके हाथ में है। हम अपने-अपने घरों में सुरक्षित रहें।

नवशरीर प्रताप सिंह

नवमी द





कौशिकी पाल

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लॉकडाउन

लॉकडाउन ने हमें मिलाया है।
 इस बार लॉकडाउन हमें साथ लाया है,
 पूरे परिवार को मिलाया है।
 मां ने सहलाया, तो दादू ने बहलाया,
 एक बार फिर दादी ने हाथों से खिलाया।
 इस बार लाकडाउन हमें साथ लाया है
 मैं रोती तो वो हँसा देते।
 मैं रुठती तो वो मना लेते।
 ना जाने किस मिट्टी के बने हैं पापा,
 खुद दर्द में रह कर सबको देखकर मुस्कुरा देते।
 हम सब तो खुद में ही डुबकर,
 इन छोटी-छोटी खुशियों को भूल ही गए थे
 लॉक डाउन ने फिर से याद दिलाया है
 लॉकडाउन ने हमें मिलाया है।

गणेश जी से जुड़ी पौराणिक कथा

पुराणों के अनुसार, एक बार माता पार्वती और भगवान शिव को देवताओं द्वारा भेंट में एक दिव्य फल प्राप्त हुआ। उनके दोनों पुत्र - कार्तिकिय जी और गणेश जी यह फल पाना चाहते थे। परन्तु इस फल की प्राप्ति किसी एक को ही हो सकती थी। इसलिए कार्तिकिय और गणेश जी के पिताजी स्वयं भोलेनाथ ने एक उपाय निकाला। उन्होंने उन दोनों के बीच एक प्रतिस्पर्धा करवाई जिसमें जो पूरे विश्व का तीन बार चक्कर पहले लगा लेगा, उसे वह दिव्य फल मिल जायेगा।

कार्तिकिय जी और गणेश जी दोनों ही इस प्रतियोगिता के लिए राजी हो गए। कार्तिकिय बिना समय व्यर्थ किये अपने मोर पर निकल पड़े। वह रास्ते में हर पवित्र स्थान पर भोलेनाथ की प्रार्थना करते गए। गणेश जी समझ गए कि उनका मूषक

उनकाभारी वज़न नहीं उठा पायेगा और वह कार्तिकिय जी से नहीं जीत पाएंगे। तो फिर उन्होंने एक योजना बनाई और अपने माता पिता की धीरे धीरे तीन बार परिक्रमा की। पार्वती जी चकित होकर गणेश जी से पूछने लगी कि गणेश जी विश्व के चक्कर क्यों नहीं लगा रहे हैं? तब गणेश जी ने उत्तर दिया कि उनके माता पिता ही उनका संसार हैं और उन्हें विश्व का चक्कर लगाने की आवश्यकता नहीं है। माता पार्वती और शंकर जी गणेश जी की चतुराई से प्रसन्न हुए।

थीड़ी देर बाद कार्तिकिय जी विश्व के तीन चक्कर लगा कर वापिस कैलाश पर्वत लौटे। गणेश जी की चतुराई के बारे में सुनकर उन्होंने स्वीकार किया कि उनका भाई उनसे ज्यादा ज्ञानी था और पुरस्कार जीतने का हकदार था।

पौराणिक काल की कहानी से भी यह सीखने को मिलता है कि माता पिता का स्थान संसार में सर्वापरि है। परन्तु

आज के समय में बच्चे अपने बोझ समझते अनादर वृद्धाश्रम में वृद्धाश्रम में और लाचार यह दिखाती पीढ़ी कितनी



जाकर दान-दक्षिणा और पूजा पाठ करना नहीं होता बल्कि ऐसी कथाएँ हमारा मार्गदर्शन करती हैं कि हमें अपने जीवन में कैसे संस्कार लाने हैं और आने वाली पीढ़ी को हस्तांतरित करने हैं। आज कल की पीढ़ी अपने माँ-बाप की बातों की अवहेलना करती है और इसमें उन्हें कोई बुराई नहीं दिखती है। जबकि हम सबको अपने माता-पिता का सदैव सम्मान करना चाहिए।

अंत में मैं एक दोहे से अपने लेख की समाप्ति कर रहा हूँ

"ईश्वर के अस्तित्व पे काहे करे विचार,"
 "घर पर ही मिलता रहे, जब माँ बाप का प्यार।"

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नवमी 'द'**

खोदा पहाड़ निकली चुहिया

बहुत पुरानी बात है एक राज्य में एक राजा राज्य करता था राजा के पास मंत्री ने आकर यह सचना दी कि यह एक ऊँचे असमान में उड़ती चिड़िया की चोंच से एक पत्र गिरा और वह चिड़िया ऊँची पहाड़ियों के पीछे छिप गई। पत्र में एक रानी ने यह सन्देश भिजवाया है- 'यदि उनकी बात नहीं मानी गई वह हमारे राज्य पर हमला कर देगी। महाराज यह पत्र पढ़कर मुझे भी डर लगने लगा है। राजा ने जानना चाहा कि ऐसा क्या लिखा है पत्र में?"

मंत्री ने पत्र पढ़ना शुरू किया। रानी लिखती है आपने अपनी फाज में जिन जवानों को भर्ती किया है उन

द्वाने हूँ और तरफ सुनकर कहा हुआ कहा -



सब को रानी ने वेतन में खरीद लिया वे सब अब उनकी से युद्ध करेंगे। यह राजा ने दुखी होकर यह तो अच्छा नहीं मंत्री जी। तब मंत्री ने महाराज वे सिपाही देशद्रोही हैं। उनका

क्या भरोसा? ऐसे लोगों से जितनी जल्दी पीछा हूँटे उतना ही अच्छा है। राजा ने कहा पर अब हम कमज़ोर पड़ गए हैं दूसरे देश की रानी कभी भी हमला कर सकती है उसके पास हमसे ज्यादा सिपाही हैं। मंत्री ने कहा - महारानी का रहस्य यह है कि आज तक किसी को भी उनका ठिकाना मालूम नहीं चला। हमारे राज्य की सीमा से लगा हुआ जो पहाड़ है उसके पीछे वही एक चिड़िया रोज जाकर अदृश्य हो जाती है शायद रानी उसी के आसपास कोई अज्ञात किले में रहती है।"

तभी एक सिपाही ने बताया कि बहुत खोजबीन करने पर भी कोई ठिकाना नहीं मिला न ही कोई किला मिला। मैंने सोचा शायद पहाड़ के नीचे महारानी ने कोई किला बना रखा है। मैंने पहाड़ की खुदाई शुरू करवाई। राजा ने कहा - आखिर ये बताओ कि पहाड़ के अन्दर कोई किला था भी या नहीं? सिपाही ने कहा - जी हुजर मिला - एक चूहे का बिल जिस के बाहर छाटे से सिंहासन पर एक चिड़िया बैठी थी। यही वह चिड़िया रानी है जो न जाने कहा से धमकी वाला सन्देश पत्र चोंच में

उठा लाई और आपको धमकाती रही। ये सब जानकर राजा और मंत्री जोर-जोर से हँसने लगे और बोल-खोदा पहाड़ निकली चुहिया।

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वर्तमान समय में हमारे कर्तव्य

हर मनुष्य के जीवन में विद्यार्थी जीवन सबसे महत्वपूर्ण होता है। इस समय ही हम अपनी सीखी हुई कलाओं और स्वस्कारों से अपना जीवन का भविष्य बनाते हैं। विद्यार्थी के रूप में मनुष्य के देश समाज और अपने घर के प्रति भी कई कर्तव्य होते हैं, जिसे उसे अच्छे से निभाना चाहिए।

कोरोना जैसी महामारी ने इस समय हमारे देश और दुनिया में कोहराम मचा रखा है। इस समय हम विद्यार्थियों को भी अपने कर्तव्यों का भली प्रकार से पालन करना है। इस बीमारी का सामना हम सबको मिलकर करना है। हमें अपने हाथों को बार-बार धोना चाहिए। किसी व्यक्ति से हाथ मिलाकर अभिवादन ना करके हाथ जोड़कर करना चाहिए। हमें अपने चेहरे को ढक कर रखना चाहिए। आसपास गंदगी ना फैले इस बात का ध्यान रखना चाहिए। भीड़ वाले इलाकों में जाने से बचना चाहिए। साथ-ही-साथ हमें यथासंभव ज़रुरतमंदों की सहायता भी करनी चाहिए, लेकिन स्वयं को सुरक्षित रखते हुए। हमें यही कौशिश करनी है कि जल्द से जल्द यह महामारी हमारे जीवन देश और पूरी दुनिया से विदा ले ले।



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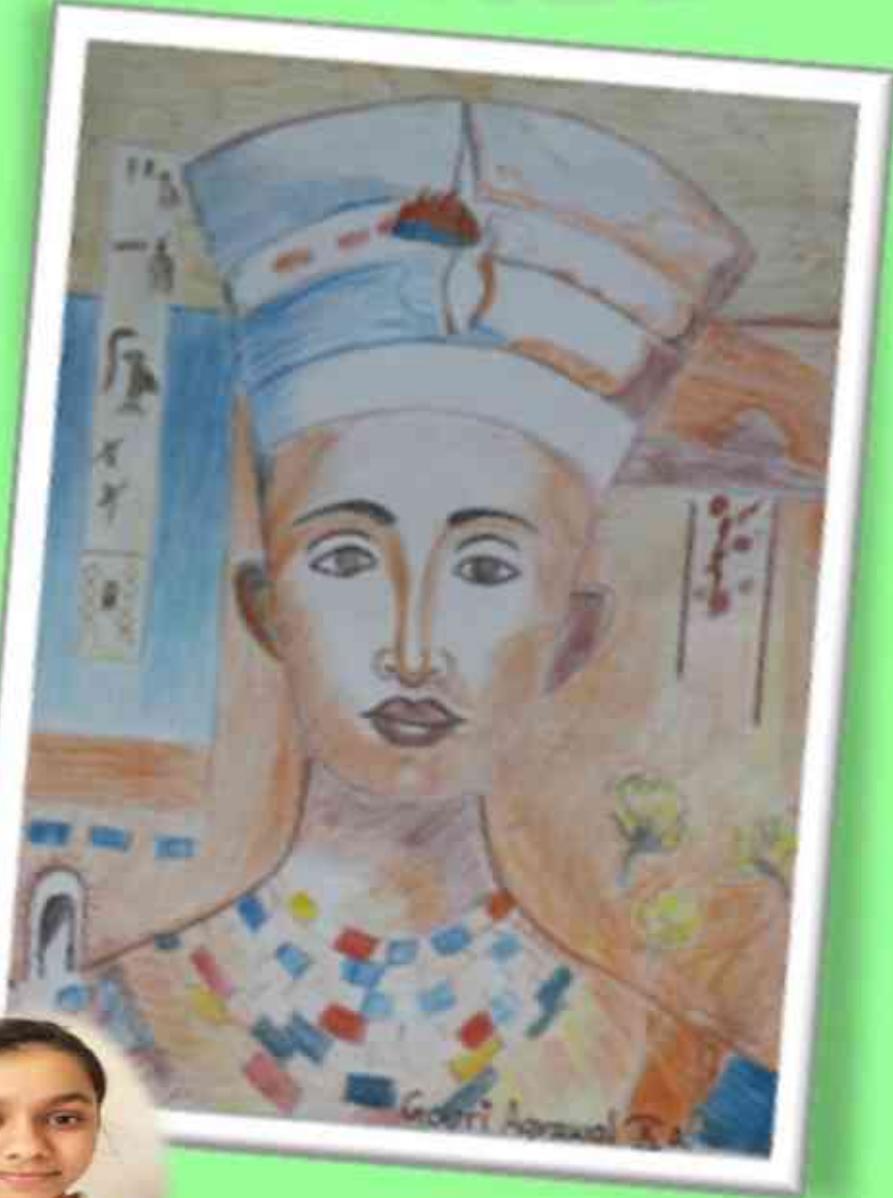
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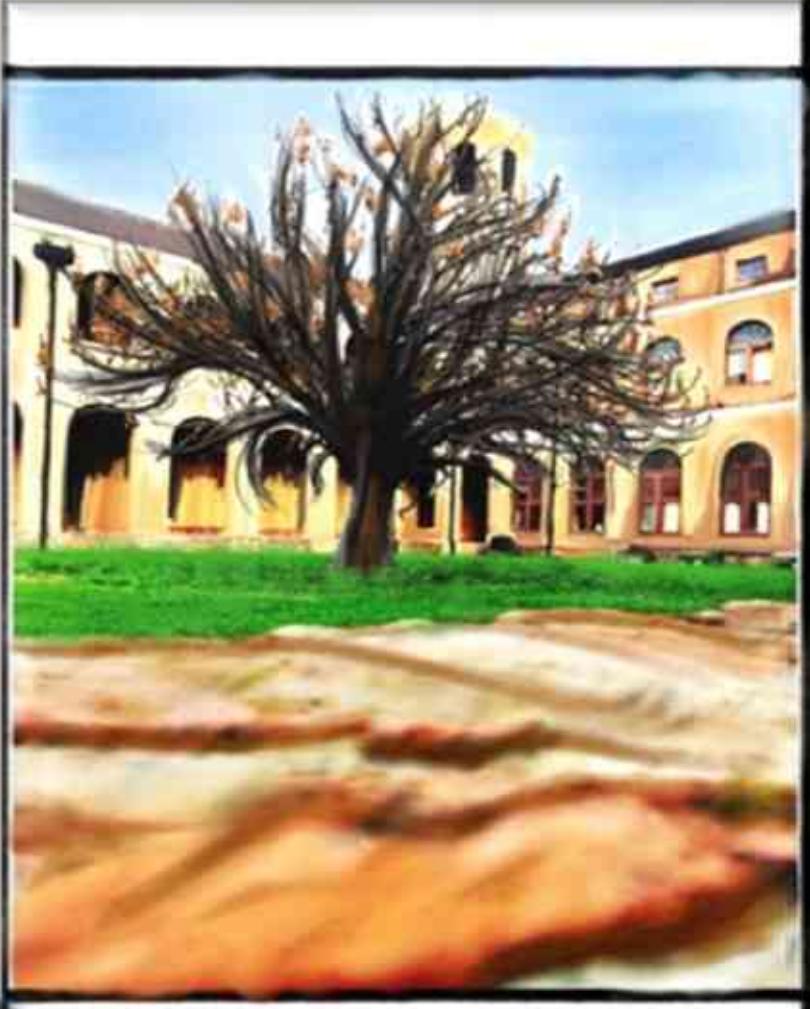


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Gauri Agrawal. 10 A

THE HUE



Anusha Sinha, 12 C

CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTION

ACROSS

- 1) Improbable wish
- 6) A Muse
- 11) Environmental hazard, for short
- 14) Maternally related
- 15) Ruby or diamond, e.g.
- 16) Chicken ____ king
- 17) Did a gymnastic maneuver
- 19) It may have a nap on the floor
- 20) Smart ____ (obnoxious ones)
- 21) Likes and dislikes
- 23) Most risqué
- 26) "____ of the Field" (Poitier classic)
- 27) Spiral-horned beasts
- 28) Type of clock or power
- 30) Rocky peaks
- 31) Brief period of time
- 32) Mauna ____ (Hawaiian peak)
- 35) Hamlet's catch
- 36) Ancient Roman magistrate
- 38) Palindromic Bobbsey
- 39) "Deep Space Nine" character
- 40) "Me too"
- 41) Aphid, to a gardener
- 42) Word on a nutritional label
- 44) Cleans the slate
- 46) New delivery
- 48) In an angry way
- 49) Nigerian currency
- 50) Cook with direct radiant heat
- 52) Add a soundtrack
- 53) Browns, as onions
- 58) Anger
- 59) Feudal vassal or lord
- 60) Sidestep, as an issue
- 61) An inferior dog
- 62) Certain church officer
- 63) Transfer, as at a nursery

DOWN

- 1) Christmas mo.
- 2) Retrovirus contents, for short
- 3) Canal site
- 4) Gains
- 5) Whimpered
- 6) Act the bouncer
- 7) Unpleasant smell
- 8) Belt-hole makers
- 9) Football formation
- 10) Aged one
- 11) Dramamine prevents it
- 12) High-pitched woodwind
- 13) Baseball backstops
- 18) Amerada ____ (bygone petroleum company)
- 22) He fought Frazier three times
- 23) '80s fashions, now
- 24) How most fans cheer
- 25) Material for some bikes
- 26) Batty, in Spain
- 28) "There's no music in ____" – Ruskin
- 29) Former Yugoslavian president
- 31) Samoan money
- 33) It might come with a few pointers
- 34) Jittery
- 36) Acme
- 37) Huck Finn's boat
- 41) Type of resistance
- 43) Paddle kin
- 44) Ashtabula's lake
- 45) Window-shade part
- 46) Like Sanskrit, Hindi and Bengali
- 47) South Pacific island nation
- 48) Up-and-__
- 50) Raised racehorses
- 51) Rush furiously, as a river
- 54) Feel pain, perhaps
- 55) Use the microwave
- 56) Tokyo, formerly
- 57) Fix, as a clock

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