

“It is the month of June, the month of leaves and roses, when pleasant sights salute the eyes and pleasant scents greet the noses.”

- Nathaniel Parker Willis

June is here with its close companion Monsoon in tow. The heavy downpour that we received in the beginning of the month has brought some respite to the sweltering heat of May.

As it is the tradition, our students are back in their classes, refreshed, after a short summer break. However, we miss the customary madness that used to be an integral part of our mornings, especially during the first few days after reopening. The rush for the school bus, the familiar pitter-patter of the tiny feet in the school corridor, the palpable excitement on the playground and the school canteen, and so on. Due to the ongoing pandemic situation, education continues to be in the online classrooms this year too. Nevertheless, ‘hope’ is the essence of life and we have a lot of reasons to be optimistic. The unlock process has already started in Mumbai. If all of us are cautious enough and take proper precautions, we will be able to curb the spread of the virus and bring back normalcy into our lives.

Let’s hope that the entire nation is vaccinated against the virus at the earliest.

Important Days in June 2021:-

- **3rd June** was celebrated as **World Bicycle Day** to recognize the versatility and environment-friendly nature of bicycles as a means of transportation.
- **5th June, World Environment Day**, is one of the most important events in June, due to its relevance to nature. World Environment Day is also known as Eco Day or Environment Day. This day, in 2021, was celebrated throughout the world to create awareness of the need to protect the environment around us.
- **8th June** was observed as **World Oceans Day** to spread awareness towards the conservation of oceans and preventing them from being polluted.



Art by Aditi Torne, 4C



- **12th June** was observed as **World Day Against Child Labour** to bring attention to the need to eliminate the practice of employing children as old as you, dear readers.
- **World Father’s Day** which falls on the third Sunday of June was celebrated on **20th June this year**. **Father’s Day** is a day of honouring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society.



Art by Dhriti Acharya, 4B

- **21st June** was a very significant day in June as we celebrated International Yoga Day and World Music Day. **21st June, Summer Solstice** was selected as the **International Yoga Day** as it is **the longest day of the year** in the Northern Hemisphere and shares a special significance in many parts of the world. **World Music Day** is celebrated on **June 21** and is also known as Make Music Day.



Art by Mitra Waghela, 10A

**LET'S SEE HOW THE FIRST SHOWERS OF THE SEASON HAVE KINDLED THE POETIC SPARK
IN OUR BUDDING POETS.**

COME SOON, MONSOON

The wet and cold season of Monsoon,
Is sometimes a naughty and mischievous goon!
The weather makes peacocks joyfully dance,
Creating a magnificent and graceful stance!
The long-leaping and loud-croaking frogs,
Beware, they can get into your clogs!
In the season of Monsoon that is dark and
grey,
We collect the precious rainwater, sometimes
in a bucket or in a tray!
The traffic on the road goes into a huge
muddle,
With the drivers wanting to save their vehicles
going into a puddle!
When the season departs, it leaves children to
adults full of merry,
And the Earth with lots of hope and greenery!



Art by Prisha Desai, 5B



Ankan Gada, 4B

RAINY DAYS

Get happy for every reason,
In full swing is rainy season.
No matter how hard we try,
Our clothes and we will not be dry.

Children wearing raincoats,
Can be seen with paper boats.
Every girl and every boy,
Rainy season they all enjoy.

Cloud looks like a giant pot,
It sprinkles water that it has brought.
Farmers look forward to rain,
So that they can make some gain.

Monsoon has a message to send,
Make the umbrella your friend.
Never know when clouds will burst,
Taking precautions is a must.



Swara Gada, 5B

MONSOON

Season & scenery,
Monsoon and greenery
Mother Nature blooms in ceremony
And everything goes in harmony.

Beautiful children and beautiful umbrellas,
Colourful roofs and pickles in jars
Amazing weather and hot hot tea,
"Well, well, calm down," says the honey bee.

Troubles and hustles, hand in hand,
Clouds get naughty and raindrops on land.
Cars and bikes move slowly slowly,
Hot and cold wind play rolly polly.

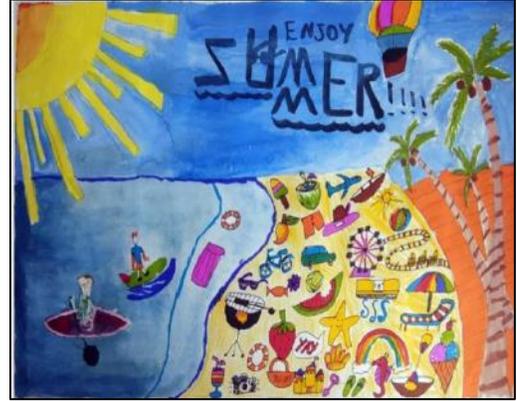
Heart touches heart
Waves touch the sea.
Lovely monsoon,
Enjoy it worry free!



Khushi Fadia - 5B

SUMMER 2021 - MY LEARNINGS

Though summer is the hottest time of the year, it also brings along one of the most entertaining breaks, especially for children like me! Apart from playing with toys, talking with my friends over G-Meet or phone, watching television and a little bit of studies, I spent my summer vacation learning new and fun-filled things. I enjoyed learning smart-art tools, animations and other advanced features like graphs and pie-charts in PowerPoint Presentation from my mother. I was really amazed by the plethora of things that can be done in that application. Further, since I have a passion for drawing, I was keen on learning to mix colours properly with colour pencils and oil pastels from YouTube. For scoring 100% in a Mathematics competition in Class 4, I was presented with a 61-key digital keyboard and the moment I received it, I could not resist practising on it and learnt a few simple tunes like Happy birthday, Twinkle-twinkle, Do-re-mi. I took lessons from an app to read notes and practised playing other songs too. Next, I was elated



Art by Viraj Singhania- 8B

to learn clay modelling from one of my friends' mother. I eventually made a Ganapati, an owl and a variety of dinosaurs. I am also fond of eating, and hence I was excited to learn to make Spanish-omlette and regular omlettes and often made lemonade for the family on hot, summer afternoons.



Art by Rashida jadhliwala-8C

Lastly, in this pandemic and lockdown, when domestic helpers are not entertained at home, I learnt to help my mother in organizing the house, like, making the bed in the morning, organizing my study table and my toy cupboard.

Though we were skeptical about how our summer holidays in 2021 would be like, being locked within the home owing to the pandemic, I must admit that it was one of the most memorable summers that I ever spent at home.



Sparsh Sen, 5A

SUNSHINE: BEAUTY OF THE SUN

Sunshine, Sunshine, bright and yellow,
You make everyone's day mellow.
Friends wait for Summer,
They'll enjoy ice-cream together.
In winter a ray of sunshine
is precious and divine.
It takes rain and sunshine to make a rainbow.
Oh! I see curious children follow.
So good, so near, it makes our day clear.
On the beach, don't you want to reach?
Beware! Don't look at it directly,
your face might get freckly.



Pritvi Pillai- 4C

दुनिया मेरे नजरिये से

दुनिया मेरे नजरिये से देखो,
तो भगवान की अनुपम देन है,
सुरीली ये नदियाँ बहती
पृथ्वी की हरियाली पेड़ों से बढ़ती है
नभ में घने बादल
सितारे आसमान में चमके
सूरज का प्रकाश सारे जग में फैले
दिन ढलते ही रात आती है
ऐसा लगता है
जैसे अंधकार में खो गई हूँ
हर अंधेरा हमें यह सिखा कर जाता है
जैसे सवेरा आता है नया दिन साथ लाता है
यह सुनहरी रश्मि
उजाला फिर से लाती है

यह कह कर चमकती है कि
समस्या तो है
बस हमारे नजरिए की है बात
यह है दुनिया मेरे नजरिये से ।



Janhavi Kotian, 10A

MINDBENDERS

In each of these puzzles, a proverb is written with exactly one letter of each word replaced with another. Can you figure out what the original proverb is? First one is done for you. *[Answers given on the last page.]*

1. **Wetter mate that fever. Ans: Better late than never.**

2. Paint peart newer son pair lads.

3. I switch is dime raves mine.

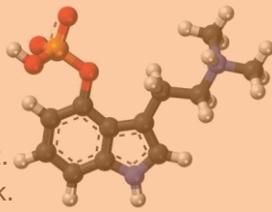
4. So nets if goof mews.

5. Take hat white she sin whines.

6. Won't budge I took my ids covet.

7. Calf I load if wetter that so break.

8. Loot befort yon heap.



9. Binds if I heather frock totether.

10. Won't pit oft pill gomorrow whet yon tan go toddy.

11. Earls so red, earls no rose.

12. Beauts in oily shin beep.

13. Ill word end so plan takes pack I pull toy.

14. I pool ant has honey ale boon panted.

15. Paste net wart pot.

MY FATHER MY HERO

It is true that my father is my hero, here is the proof!

My father and I had gone to the United States of America, to visit my aunt for her birthday celebrations, when I was only four years old. My mother could not come along because my brother was just about a year old and she had to stay back to take care of him.

It was a dark and cold, yet a lively night at the International Airport here in Mumbai. I was fine till the time while in the car but the moment I got out at the airport I started crying, because I wanted both parents to accompany me. My father managed to distract me and I was slightly happier as I waved goodbye to my mother and younger brother. I saw their car disappearing into the roads of Mumbai bedazzled with car lights of yellow and red.

We soon boarded the flight, after which, we just sat there in our seats for sixteen hours! The travel process was made interesting because of my father's presence. We landed there exhausted, my father had carried me around in his arms because I was either sleepy or too cranky to be put down. My aunt arrived to receive us and we went to her house. We went and rested. Oops! correction: I rested while my father and aunt unpacked all of the bags and prepared a surprise for me. After I woke up, we ate a little something and I slept again. I did not get used to the changed timings there, but my father made sure to tuck me into bed and spare some time to talk to his sister before going to bed. We decided to build a tent, in the windy weather of Lake Charles. I am not sure if it was me who insisted or just a random idea that popped up, but whatever it was it was a nice experience. Soon it was time to return home, we set off on our way back to Mumbai, expecting to reach in about a day. But that's not what happened, the day of our flight back home, it snowed heavily in Paris, the aircraft was stuck, unable to move any further. Its wheels were jammed and frozen due to the ice, its windows covered in the white. That night my father took care of me like no other. We booked a room for the night over there in a hotel, knowing that our flight was delayed by a day. My dinner that night was a huge Nutella Cookie! Bigger and rounder than my face was, back then. My father slept in the cold night, not wanting me to fall sick, and covered me with his blanket too. The next day we continued on our way back, safe and sound thanks to my father. He had informed our family about the situation and reason for the delay.

That trip was a lot of fun and memorable not only because of the snowfall but also because my father was a hero, my hero. Happy Father's Day to my Hero.



Sonia Deval, 9B

THE WORLD THROUGH MY EYES

Here is a drawing which represents 'music is in the air'. Music makes a better tomorrow. Music to me is an expression of the heart.

In this drawing, I have described awe-inspiring nature, birds chirping around in the blue sky, winds longing to play with my hair, waves of melodious music, vibrant colors of the rainbow with flowers blossoming all around. This theme lightens up the beauty of nature even in the midst of these trying times.



Kanak Khatod, 8A

लॉक डाउन की ज़िन्दगी

जो सड़कें कभी चुप न होती,
वो अब खामोश सी हो गयी हैं।
जिस शहर की हलचल कभी न रूकती,
वो अब चुप-चुप सी लगने लगी है।
जो आवाज़ें पहले बिलकुल अच्छी न लगती,
वो अब मधुर लगने लगी हैं।
जो चीज़ें पहले उबाऊ लगती,
उनकी अब याद आने लगी हैं।
जिन लोगों की पहले कीमत न होती,
वो अब फ़रिश्तें लगने लगे हैं। (शिक्षक)
जो डॉक्टर्स और वॉचमैन पहले तुच्छ लगते,
वो अब वारियर्स लगे हैं।
पर चिंता न करो,
तुम अकेले नहीं हो,
हम इसमें एक साथ हैं।
और याद रखना,
ये समय भी बीत जायेगा।



Divyanshi Divanji, 7B



Art by Zeel shah- 10A

CREATION OF AN ECO-FRIENDLY WORLD IN THIS PANDEMIC

I love reading books related to science and that's what brought me to read about our environment during this lockdown. The environment has become a burning topic of discussion and debate. I am pretty certain that all of us might have seen, or even participated in one of those rallies for saving the environment at some point in their life. So, the main question arises here... What steps can we take to save our environment even during these days of lockdown?

During this pandemic, the usage of items made of single-use plastic has shot up. These are currently a necessity for sure, but it is imperative for us to adopt an eco-friendly lifestyle. We should reduce the use of carbon footprints and switch to eco-friendly ways of living.

Instead of using single-use plastic cups, dishes and cutlery, we can switch to using homemade reusable cups, porcelain dishes, and bamboo utensils.

Instead of throwing things out, we should reuse and recycle.

This is the perfect time for us to make our contribution to the environment. We should grow plants in the windows and balconies of our houses.

We should keep two separate dustbins in our house - one for dry waste and another one for wet waste.

Instead of using plastic food containers to store food, we should switch to using metallic containers.

If we all together follow these simple but necessary rules, then certainly, there will be a creation of an environment-friendly world.



- Aditi Saple, 9B

NATIONAL DOCTORS DAY

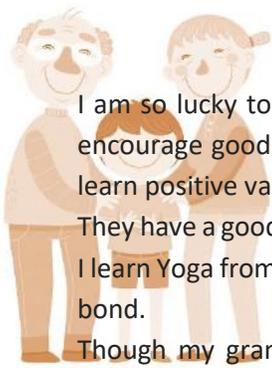
“People pay the doctor for his trouble, for his kindness they still remain in his debt.” - Seneca

Doctors are real life heroes. Doctor's Day is a reminder to all to take some time out to appreciate the doctors who put their lives in danger for others. **National Doctor's day** is celebrated on **1st July** on the birth anniversary of Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, who served as the second Chief Minister of West Bengal, also a very popular doctor, philanthropist, and politician.

Doctors have helped us so much during the pandemic. If not for them, a lot of people would have lost their lives. They are putting themselves in danger to save us from the virus. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and admiration for the sacrifices that they make every day during this pandemic.



Tanishi Mishra, 8B



MY LIFE'S CIRCLE OF LOVE WITH GRANDPARENTS

I am so lucky to have grandparents in my life. They are so lovable, caring and patient. My grandparents always encourage good behaviour with all, especially with our elders. They share their life experience with me so that I learn positive values from them.

They have a good general knowledge about the country and the world as they regularly read newspapers and books. I learn Yoga from them which gives me a healthy mind and body. They are full of kindness and strengthen the family bond.

Though my grandmother and grandfather are seventy-five and eighty-four years old respectively, whenever I visit them, they play indoor games with me. I always notice their commitment towards leading an enjoyable life. They are the most influential people in my life due to their selfless love and care. I am grateful to them for their endless affection towards me.



- **Tanishka Dadhich, 6A**

A SCARY INCIDENT - AT THE HAUNTED HOUSE

On a bright, sunny Saturday morning my friend Julia and I returned home after our weekly marketing. We found a note attached to the main door which said that we were invited to visit a 'Haunted House' close to a famous shopping mall in Andheri. Initially we were perplexed and scared too on reading about the haunted house; but then Julia added that we should visit and experience this spooky sounding place. Both of us were on our way and as we neared the haunted house we were soaked to the bone with sweats of fear. We walked into the weird - looking entrance and sat down into the waiting roller coaster ride. As the ride started, it picked up speed and as the whole area was dimly lit with occasional red bulbs in the corners, we felt shivers running down our spines. Suddenly, background sounds of screeching demons blasted our ears. Robotic bats started flying around us which was horrifying. Human skeletons were dancing around a table. It felt like a horrible nightmare and I pinched myself to check if I was dreaming. Out of nowhere a vampire jumped in front of the roller coaster. I started crying with extreme fear.

Just when I thought that the ride had come to a chilling end, the roller coaster was stopped by a group of scary 'mummies' with broken heads. I was frozen with fear and my mind seemed to have gone numb. Then, out of the blue I felt a bony hand on my shoulder and that was the last thing I could withstand. Julia and I ran towards the exit, trying to run for our lives and not once did we turn to look behind.

When we were out of a safe distance from the haunted house, I could still feel my heart palpitating and could see goosebumps on my skin. Julia and I could not get over the horrifying experience for quite some time and we decided to move around together in the house throughout, not leaving each other alone for a single moment. We kept all the lights on in the house as the evening started settling in. We said our prayers to God to let peace and goodwill dawn upon us. Soon, my mother returned home and explained to us soothingly that 'Haunted House' is a man-made artificially created play centre and such hair-raising events and rides are not reality. We Just have to experience it and forget about it.

Soon, Julia and I were back to our usual selves laughing and smiling leaving the spooky and creepy experience behind us.



- **Pashmira Kapadia, 6C**

ANSWERS - MINDBENDERS

2. Faint hearts never won fair ladies.
3. A stitch in time saves nine.
4. No news is good news.
5. Make hay while the sun shines.
6. Do not judge a book by its cover.
7. Half a loaf is better than no bread.
8. Look before you leap.
9. Birds of the same feather flock together.



10. Don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today.
11. Early to bed, early to rise.
12. Beauty is only skin deep.
13. All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.
14. A fool and his money are soon parted.
15. Waste not want not.