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Change is the only constant thing in this dynamic world. Educators and academicians all over the country have been making earnest efforts to adapt and evolve our curriculum and assessment patterns to suit the changing needs created by the unprecedented events of the last couple of years.

As a result of these collaborative researches, there has been a paradigm shift in the way our Class 10 students are going to be assessed in this very crucial year of their school life. Not to be derailed by any such surprising turn of events, our teachers and students are already on the path to equipping themselves for the challenges ahead. After an exhilarating performance in the first term, our students have started with their second term activities, both academic and non-academic. With their minds ignited and receptive to all new ideas, our young learners are out to conquer the world. We pray to God that this positivity permeates all around and normalcy returns soon in everyone's life.

SIGNIFICANT DAYS IN SEPTEMBER.

1st to 7th September: National Nutrition Week: the goal is to **spread knowledge** about **good nutrition**, and **health**.

5th September: National Teachers Day - The National Teachers Day is celebrated every year on 5th September in India to remember the **birthday** of India's **First Vice President** and **Second President, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan**.

8th September: International Literacy Day is observed to make people aware about the importance of literacy, education and its impact.

11th September: **National Forest Martyrs Day** is commemorated in India every year to **recognise the sacrifice** of those who put their lives to **defend the forests** and **wildlife** across the **secluded corners** of India.

15th September: **International Day of Democracy** - The International Day of Democracy allows evaluating the state of democracy in the world.

15th September - **National Engineer's Day** to recognise the **contributions of Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya**, more commonly known as Sir MV, an Indian civil engineer and statesman. His birthday is celebrated as Engineer's Day in India, Sri Lanka and Tanzania.

16th September: International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

21st September: International Day of Peace - To **encourage** the ideals of **peace**, by **observing 24 hours of non-violence** and **cease-fire**.

21st September - International Red Panda Day: Red pandas are much smaller than the more familiar black and white pandas. In fact, red pandas are not related to giant pandas at all. Sadly, because of deforestation, poaching, and the illegal pet trade, Red Pandas are endangered.

22nd September: World Rhino Day: To **raise** awareness about this critically **endangered species**

22nd September: **World Rose Day or Cancer Free Day**: For the **well-being** of **cancer patients**, people around the world work towards **inducing joy** and **hope** into the lives of all those people who have been **affected by cancer**.

26th September: **World Environmental Health Day** is celebrated **along** with the **International Federation of Environmental Health (IFEH)** to shed light on the important work of environmental health around the world.

27th September: **World Deaf Day**- Celebrated every year on the **last Sunday of September** to draw the **attention of the general public towards** the **successes of the deaf people** as well as the efforts made by the deaf community.

29th September: **World Heart Day** is observed to **raise awareness of Heart diseases** and methods to **prevent heart diseases**. The significance of this day becomes manifold in the wake of the current alarming increase in the number of fatal heart ailments.

29th September: **International Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste** - 'Around the world, more than enough food is produced to feed the global population—but as many as 811 million people still go hungry.' World hunger is on the rise. In this scenario, it becomes the responsibility of each one of us to ensure that not a single morsel is wasted.

TEACHERS' DAY

Teachers' Day is celebrated every year on September 5, to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a prominent thinker and educator. His words, "Teachers should be the best minds in the country" are often remembered. Teachers' Day is celebrated as a mark of respect for all the teachers of the society who enlighten and impart knowledge to the students. They mould the future of the students. A teacher acts as a friend, philosopher and a guide to the students.

A great teacher is not the one who just imparts knowledge but one who brings out the best in the students. No words can express the pains a teacher takes. We whole – heartedly pay our tribute and express our gratitude to the teachers who act as torch-bearers. It is the day on which we appreciate our teachers for helping us in all aspects of life. Teacher's day is the most important day in the life of a child and his teacher. Each teacher makes many sacrifices and we should respect their sacrifices. They are the people who would always support us in our life.

The students of the higher standards used to act like our teachers and also the teacher would supervise the acting of the students. The students would wear shirts, sarees, and some also wear formal clothing. Students tried their

best to act like their teacher. There were many other additional activities that were also done to impress our teachers.

My favourite activity was to make greeting cards for my teachers. It is the day on which the teachers should relax and remember their hard-work throughout the year.



Mysha Jain, 4B



Art work by Sparsh Sen, 5A

TEACHERS ARE THE BEST!

Teachers are the best,
They give us many quests.
When we don't know what to do,
They are the people who give us a clue.
Their teaching helps us in our day to day life,
To make us intelligent and wise.
When we are about to fall,
Just give them a call and they are eager to resolve it all.

Happy Teachers' Day!!



Vihaan Joshi, 4C



Artwork by Eshal Singhania 5C



WE APPRECIATE TEACHERS

Teachers are important because if there were no teachers, we wouldn't be able to learn anything. The best teachers in our life are our parents. They always tell us what is right and what is wrong. Teachers do many things for us like setting question papers, doing extra activities, supervising us, helping us with our doubts and teaching us many things. During the pandemic situation of COVID 19, teachers were in great difficulty, but they kept on smiling.

Teachers even train us practically other than just telling us to read and help students a lot and give them a precise visualization of how things work. The teachers are like our second parents because they give us equal teaching as our parents give to us.

A big thank you to all my dear teachers.



Kanav Bhanushali, 5B

GANESH CHATURTHI

Ganesh Chaturthi is celebrated on Lord Ganesh's birthday. This year it was celebrated on 10th September. During this festival people decorate their homes to welcome Lord Ganesh. They keep the idol for one, five, seven or ten days. During this time they perform arti and make modaks, ladoos etc.

During Ganesh Visarjan the idol is immersed in water with a lot of fun and dances to the beats of the dhol and lezim. However, to protect the environment it is advisable to make the idols eco-friendly and not throw flowers or decorations in the water. My favourite part of this festival is enjoying the yummy sweets and admiring the beautiful creative idols.



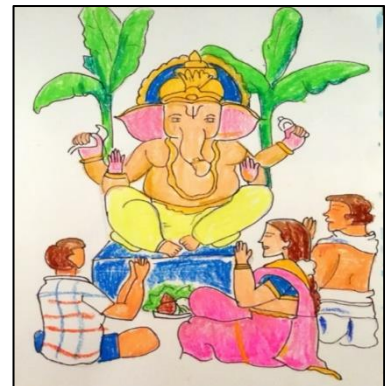
- Zahana Makujina, 5B

GANPATI BAPPA MORYA! MANGAL MURTI MORYA!

Ganesh Chaturthi is one of my favourite festivals. I love this festival as I get Ganpati Bappa home every year and I prepare sweets and modaks and celebrate this festival with complete rejoice.

Ganesh Chaturthi, also called **Vinayaka Chaturthi**, in Hinduism, is a 10-day festival marking the birth of the elephant-headed deity Ganesha, the God of prosperity and wisdom. It begins on the fourth day (*Chaturthi*) of the month of Bhadrapada (August–September), the sixth month of the Hindu calendar.

Last Year and this year, due to this pandemic, there could not be any Ganapati processions carried out. So, my family and I thought of doing something interesting. My parents gifted me a DIY Chocolate Ganesha Kit. The kit consisted of two Ganesha moulds, dark chocolate compound, heart shaped white chocolates, a brush, piping bags, and two semicircle moulds. After making the Ganeshas, they turned out really cute and beautiful. They were small in size and attractive. I brought home some cool and unique modaks. They were Biscoff modak, very Berry modak and Motichoor Hazelnut modak. I made ukadiche modak at home. On the eleventh day, my family and I did the Visarjan by pouring milk over them. I also distributed prasada to the labourers around me. Ganesh Chaturthi ends on Anant Chaturdashi with Ganesh Visarjan. At the conclusion of the festival, I could see the idols being carried to local rivers for immersion in huge processions accompanied by drum beats, devotional singing, and dancing



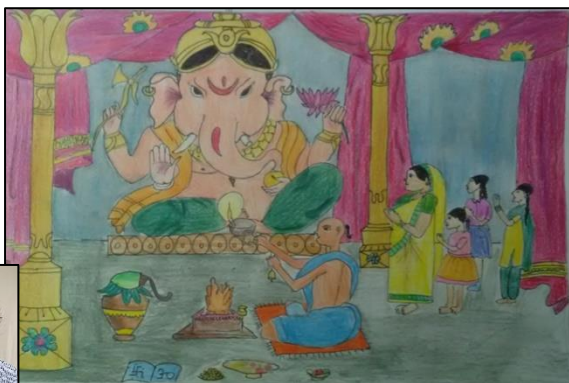
Art work by Arya Salvi 6C

from my balcony. The immersion is a ritual symbolizing Ganesha's homeward journey to Mount Kailash, the abode of his parents, Shiva and Parvati. My family and I sang devotional songs for him and recited various mantras in his praise. We performed aartis in favour of Ganesh ji to seek his blessings.

I hope this pandemic gets over and we can celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi again with a grand celebration. Like every year, I am eagerly waiting for next year's Ganesh Chaturthi.



Prisha Desai, 5B



Art work by Sriya Desai, 7C

होली

गर्मियों में आती होली,
जाकर नानी कर हम मित्रों संग करते हम- जोली ॥
खेलकूद में आता मजा,
पर नानी जब देती खाना,
तो सब्जियों को खाने में,
मानो लगती सजा ॥

नानी की पड़ोसन बंदर जैसी,
बात-बात पर डांट ही देती,
आती जब शिकायत लेकर नानी के पास,
नानी गुस्से से लाल हो जाती,
उसे मनाने में मेरी परीक्षा हो जाती है।



वीर गाला, कक्षा-६/अ

पड़ोसन

आई पड़ोसन कमर लचक- लचकाती,
मोटी हो गई भैंस जैसी लड्डू खाती खाती।
कितनी बार समझाया हरी सब्जियां क्यों नहीं बनाती?
होली के दिन भी मुंह खुला है रहता,
भांग पीकर उसे होश नहीं होता।
खुले मुँह में दूसरे मित्र ने हंसकर पिचकारी मारी- तो दिए उसने
बुरे शब्द ढेर सारे।
हर समय खाने से मुंह चलता रहता सर्दी हो या गर्मी,
20 कटोरी आमरस खाती गर्मी का आनंद उठाती।
हर त्यौहार पर हमारे घर पर खाना चट कर जाती है।
परीक्षा के दिनों में परेशान होकर दुगुनी मिठाई खाती।
मित्र भी उसका साथ ना देते क्योंकि बंदर की तरह उनका
डिब्बा भी लपक कर जाती।
हाथी जैसी पड़ोसन की चाल देखकर हंसी नहीं रुक पाती।
आई पड़ोसन आई पड़ोसन कमर लचक -लचकाती।



परिश्रमा कपाडिया, कक्षा-६ स

FOOD OR FIREARMS

I stand by the statement 'If we continue spending money on firearms, there is bound to be a war.' Firearms have been in use for a very long time for self-defence and hunting but they can lead to wars too. Many developed countries invest their money on firearms and defence to show their strength. Countries like China and North Korea test their firearms and nuclear weapons which pose a threat to other countries, which in response, in future, may lead to wars for the protection of their countries.

When there is excess of firearms in a country, people who are not in support of the government or the leader or do not like the decisions taken by the leaders, may take up these firearms and attack the leaders which can lead to a breakout of a civil war or riots. In the current time of the pandemic, when countries should be focusing on health care, many countries are importing firearms and artillery which create a sense of insecurity and fear in smaller and weaker countries leading to wars. Importing and manufacturing firearms is bound to lead to a war in any way and I stand by the statement 'If we continue spending money on firearms, there is bound to be a war.' And someone has rightly said "War is organized murder" and by spending money on firearms we are organizing a war.



Joash Dsouza, 9C

APPEARANCES ARE DECEPTIVE

Once upon a time a man named Augustus lived in the secluded castle of Elena. His father, Duke Alexander had passed away in a battle just after the day Augustus was born. Everybody thought he was a curse. Augustus hid in solitude inside the old castle away from the people. He thought he was very 'ugly' due to the hatred and resentment he received throughout his life. He did not open his heart to anyone, he would just hide in wrath and distrust. His only joy was to grow flowers in The Secret Garden of the castle. This made him peaceful and delighted. He used to cultivate various types of flowers, but things took a different turn and it transformed the path of his life. A turn that removed the sorrowful scars in his heart forever and brought happiness to his life.

One day a young boy appeared in front of the secret garden. He was dressed in ragged clothes. Augustus watched the boy climb over the walls and steal some of the precious flowers. Augustus was furious. He had spent his whole year cultivating the flowers, but in a brief moment the young boy had managed to destroy his year's efforts. Several nights passed by and the young boy continued stealing the flowers. One day he followed the boy to the village. He found out that the boy was very poor and this was a way to provide a living for him. Augustus decided to help the young boy by teaching him how to grow beautiful flowers. The young boy was initially frightened of Augustus as he behaved mysteriously. He had never expected to receive help from him. However, he treated Augustus with courtesy and listened to him. It was a new experience for Augustus to be accepted and respected by others. The young boy thus taught Augustus that inner beauty was much more powerful. Appearance doesn't define you, what matters is who you truly are.

The young boy succeeded in clearing his mind of all pessimistic thoughts. He was now able to face the world with courage. With time he decided to show the world the beauty of flowers. He was no longer an 'ugly' man. His flowers spread positivity and prosperity in the country. He always remembered the words the young boy said. "Appearances can be deceptive, but the true colours of your soul remain."



Sneha Rane, 10A

FEAR: OUR WORST ENEMY

I had always been the impulsive, cool and fearless girl in my school. But was I really fearless? If you think so, then let me prove you wrong. I had one fear, fear of water. It is scientifically known as Aqua phobia. In addition to having all the above not-so-useful qualities, I was also a person who did not trust someone easily. If a person I did not like tried to come close to me, I immediately got alert and built my walls up so high that they could never break them. I had one friend with whom I could be myself, feel myself without any insecurities of being judged. But what I did not expect from her was that she would be the one who would help me overcome my fear of water.

It was during the summer holidays when my friend and I decided to do something thrilling. My friend had a fear of insects and reptiles. It is called Entomophobia. I was determined to help her overcome her fear, but little did I know that she had something big in store for me. I made my friend hold her first spider, none other than the Tarantula, which she did while sobbing and sniffing the whole time. We moved out of the dangerous pet shop, only to get punched right in the stomach by my friend for playing that prank on her.

Eventually we made up and I told her truthfully that I did not regret my actions at all but I failed to notice the evil smirk plastered upon her face. She dragged me to a destination which I did not want to see ever. The swimming pool! I cowered behind my friend's back apologizing almost immediately for the terrifying experience that she had had at the pet shop. Suddenly, a feeling of boldness was aroused in my body and I decided that I will try to overcome my fear. I entered the swimming pool with my friend and an instructor who patiently guided me as I took my baby steps in the water. My instructor helped me identify the fact that it was the fear of drowning that was the reason for my phobia. I will always be indebted to my friend and instructor for helping me achieve my goal and overcoming my fear. The feeling was indeed euphoric!



Kaniesha Vaidya, 9C

THREE HOURS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD

11th September, 2001 or most famously known as 9/11. This day changed the world. The western world faced the threat of terrorism and radicalism first hand. It's been twenty years since the great massacre, but the memories still haunt us. Al-Qaeda was responsible for the deadly attack, Osama Bin Laden being its head. For the first time, such a horrific attack had been carried out by a terrorist organisation operating from the Middle East. Four US domestic commercial planes were hijacked by nineteen youths who had been brainwashed by their superiors.

Two of these planes crashed into the famous Twin Towers, while a third one crashed into the Pentagon building in Virginia and yet another one crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. The Twin Towers later collapsed due to severe damage and the city of New York was engulfed in a dense cloud of dust and other harmful materials such as asbestos which cause asbestosis. Many people are still suffering from the repercussions of this. In total about two thousand nine hundred ninety-six people died making this the most horrifying terrorist attack. Seven billion US dollars were given by the government to the victim's families as compensation. A new single tower called 'The World Trade Center' stands where the Twin Towers used to be. A memorial fountain with the names of the victims has been made at the base as a tribute.

The western countries soon realised at what risk they were. The US invaded Afghanistan to put an end to these terrorist operations. However, their efforts to provide a democratic front in the region failed, when twenty years later, they left Afghanistan in an even worse state. Four lakh lives and more than two trillion US dollars gone to waste. These organisations have been getting stronger. Radicalism is increasing day by day.

With the Taliban taking over Afghanistan and accessing weaponry left behind by the USA, and countries such as China and Pakistan supporting them, we are at a greater risk than ever before. All countries have to come together and end this, this cannot be a one man show now.



- Yug Shah, 8A

MY HOSPITAL SAGA

There are times in everyone's lives when they realise how loved they are. I had mine lately. I was recently admitted to the hospital twice due to a dangerously low platelet count. I was scared out of my wits.

Going to the hospital was the complete opposite of what I had expected. Confined to a room, and not being able to attend my online school, I felt upset and frustrated. What kept me going was the courage given by my family. Though they were equally terrified, they stood by me like pillars of strength. I realised that there were people whom I had never met in my life who were praying for me. My parents' phones were flooded with get well soon messages.

It was not difficult to understand that it was not only my battle. There were so many people fighting it with me. It was a scary experience but I would like to take it as a learning one. I felt very grateful for my family and everyone around me. This experience taught me gratitude. It helped me understand that one should appreciate all the things that one has in life. It made me value the need to be grateful and courageous in life.



- Divyanshi Divanji, 7B

THE JOY OF SHARING

It is very rightly said that “Education is the most powerful weapon for changing the world.” Any person who is eager to learn and tries his best to learn something by any means is an earnest learner. I came across a person like this in my life. The girl I met had a thirst for knowledge and her parents left no stone unturned to educate her.

I had recently been to my grandparents' house at Pune. It was a wonderful trip and I anticipated learning or experiencing something new as I always did when I was there. Upon reaching home after a very a tiring journey I saw a girl seated at the table. She was our house help's daughter who had been studying in a Marathi medium school till the seventh grade. She didn't know English at all. I was dumbfounded to know that she learnt Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and all the other subjects in the Marathi language. She and her family lived on a shoestring budget, due to which, she could not purchase a mobile phone and thus failed to attend online classes. The entire sixth grade she had managed to study on her own. In spite of the fact that she had started learning English from grade five, she was still struggling with the basics. My aunt and uncle decided to help her learn the language.

The very next day I was told to teach her English. It was a Herculean task translating the entire English prose text into Marathi and explaining it to her. Even Google was not of much help. As always, frustration and impatience decided to hinder my teaching process. Where I couldn't translate or she had trouble learning I got exasperated but tried my best not to show it. She knew I hadn't mastered Marathi so she would patiently wait and give me adequate time to translate the prose to her. I must say she was quite a sincere student and her appetite for learning was boundless. I was always enthused to teach her due to these qualities of hers. It was immensely satisfying to see her understand and pick up the language so well.

I was thrilled to see her read the entire prose of her English textbook and explain it to me as per her understanding. She had started forming sentences and writing short paragraphs on various topics. Her rapid progress as a learner gave me goose bumps. I was proud of her and myself too because this time neither did I throw in the towel nor did I show my frustration.



- Aleina Saigal, 8A

MY RIVER STORY

On the occasion of World Rivers Day on 26th September, I was reminded of the best trip of my life, a trip to the Dubare Elephant Camp located on the banks of the river Kaveri in Coorg, Karnataka. I was about nine when we visited it. We started our trip from Mangalore in Karnataka, as I was staying there with my grandmother. We reached there after a four hour drive. A statue of an elephant's head welcomed us at the entrance.

We started our trip with an elephant ride to an authentic local restaurant, where we were served typical south Indian food on a banana leaf. The food was delicious, and later, we gave the banana leaf to the elephant. After lunch we set out for the river, where we had a great time splashing water on the elephants and getting wet in return. It was an exceptional opportunity to be close to them and spend some memorable moments with them.

Afterwards, we also went river rafting. My mother and I sat on the same raft but my father, who was excited about river rafting, took another raft. It was an exciting and adventurous ride with my mother. Exhausted and exhilarated, we returned to our

hotel room.

There we could see a swarm of fireflies which emitted a green-coloured light. It looked like a cluster of stars flying. This trip was an amazing one with my family. I love river trips as I always get wet in the river and I love getting wet.

I was enthralled by the beauty of the river and it was a truly unique experience as I got to hang out with the biggest animal of the jungle. Rivers have an incredibly calming effect.



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Mehek Kotian, 7B

MY FIGHT TO WIN

I have always wished to have a singing group, something like a band. I write songs and having a band can help you understand how good a singer and songwriter you are, because everyone has a say. When I was about nine years old, I started singing songs, but I did not know that I was passionate about it. Now, I am a part of a self-constructed band with my very talented band mates.

It all started around two years ago when my family and I moved to a new building. At first, I was struggling to find friends to spend time with. And then I found my good friend, Sharaanya. We slowly realised that the both of us liked singing. We ended up writing a song and we loved it, but we did not do anything about it. I wrote a few more, but did not do much about them either.

Around February this year, we met Bhavya, who had just moved into our building. She was an amazing singer and an exceptional lyricist with raw talent. And then when we went to her house, she showed us how she played the piano and it blew our minds. I thought about that one dream that I had always had. I shared my thoughts with my friends, and they loved it. We thought of hanging out for a few days to make a few decisions like a name for the band and songs to sing. We decided on a unique name, 'Wait For It', and now, I must admit, we make a really good band.

It was really close to my heart when we made our first post on Instagram, as having a band means having a music family and I love music. It was emotional, but I held back my tears to show how strong I was. Many people listen to our songs and like the video. This is how I won the fight to accomplish my goal.



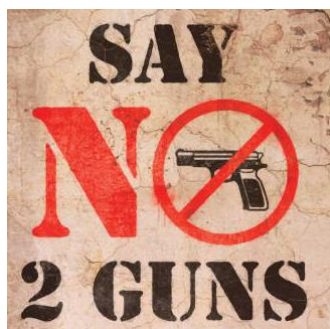
Aakanksha Narne, 9C

BUYING WEAPONS: BUYING PEACE OF MIND

'If we continue spending money on fire arms, there is bound to be a war.'

Firearms are military weapons used for a country's defence and can do great damage if used unwisely, such as causing wars. Wars are armed conflicts between two countries. However, I believe that it is necessary for certain countries to have firearms and thus, I am against the statement that if we continue to spend money on firearms, there is bound to be a war. There are some countries who have had bad blood for years and some even support and breed terrorist organizations. For example, India and Pakistan have not been on good terms for a while and Pakistan has been known to plan quite a few attacks on India over the years. How is India supposed to protect itself in such situations? When some countries refused to sign the NPT, Pakistan was one of them. This means that Pakistan will continue to produce firearms and nuclear weapons which can pose a huge threat to India.

North Korea has also withdrawn its name from the NPT and there have been quite a few concerns regarding their latest nuclear activity, especially in relation to South Korea. Given the history of conflicts between the two countries, the hostility of North Korea could make matters worse. Moreover, it puts South Korea at great risk. In such situations, the only option for South Korea is to take safety precautions before North Korea strikes and that can only be done through the use of firearms.



Countries like Israel have many adverse neighboring countries that not only refuse to recognise them as a country but also get themselves involved in their internal conflicts and use aggressive threats as means to obstruct Israel's path to development. Iran is one of such countries and as a result, Israel is forced to use firearms to ward off such enemies.

As long as such countries use their firearms wisely and only in time of need, wars can be prevented. By cooperating with the United Nations, unnecessary use of firearms can be stopped. It all depends upon the country's judgement.



- Shazmecka Nair, 9A