

The breeze of spring has brought the blooms back to the garden of Vissanji Academy. The empty corridors are again abuzz with life, the deserted playground has come alive now, and the forlorn library which had lulled the books into a deep slumber has become much sought after yet again. After a long period of online learning, our students are back on campus!

## Let's get an insight into the Significant days of the month

**18th March – Holi** is one of the most significant festivals celebrated with full enthusiasm across the country. The Holi festival is famous as the "festival of colours". It is also called "Dol jatra" or "Basanta Utsav" in West Bengal, Assam, and Tripura.

**20th March - International Day of Happiness** is observed every year on 20 March. Since 2013, the United Nations has celebrated this day to recognize the importance of happiness in the lives of people around the world. At Vissanji, we celebrated the 'Happiness Week' from 21st March to 25th March.

**21st March - World Forestry Day or International Day of Forests** is celebrated every year to raise public awareness about the values, significance, and contributions of the forests to balance the life cycle on the earth.

**21st March - World Down Syndrome Day** is observed every year on 21st March. Down syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement in humans which results in variable effects on learning styles, physical characteristics or health.

**22nd March – World Water Day** is observed annually to raise awareness about the importance of freshwater and advocate for the sustainable management of freshwater resources.

**23rd March - Martyr's Day or Shaheed Diwas** is observed in India twice in a year. March 23 is remembered as the day when three brave freedom fighters, namely Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Rajguru, and Sukhdev Thapar, were hanged by the British.

**27th March - World Theatre Day** is celebrated on 27 March annually across the world since 1962 to raise the importance of the art form "theatre" and to act as a wakeup call for governments, politicians, and institutions that have not yet recognised its value to the people and also have not realised its potential for economic growth.

**1st April 2022** - Popularly known as the '**April Fool's Day**', this day is celebrated in different ways in different countries. People celebrate this day by playing harmless pranks on others and generally it is a day of fun and frolic.

**7th April 2022 - World Health Day.** We've been observing this day worldwide since the 1950s. The World Health Organisation is in charge of several initiatives and agreements.

**13th April 2022 - The Jallianwala Bagh Massacre** took place on 13th April 1919 and is also known as the Amritsar Massacre. On this day, in 1919, British forces opened fire on unarmed Indians who had gathered at the Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar, Punjab to protest against the arrest of pro-Indian independence leaders Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew and Dr. Satya Pal. General Reginald Dyer ordered fire on this peaceful gathering after blocking all the exits except one. The troops kept on firing until their ammunition was exhausted and a large number of innocent civilians were victims to this act of brutality. This indeed was a black day in the history of Indian Freedom Struggle.

**14th April 2022** - To honour Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's memory, B.R. Ambedkar Remembrance Day is celebrated on 14th April. Dr Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar, an Indian politician and civil rights crusader, who is known as the Architect of the Constitution of India, was born on this day.



**15th April 2022** - To commemorate the crucifixion of Lord Jesus Christ, Christians all over the world celebrate Good Friday. The day falls on the Friday before Easter Sunday. On this day, people observe a fast, go to church, and remember Jesus Christ's sacrifice. Black Friday, Holy Friday, and Great Friday are all names for the same day.

**17th April 2022** - We commemorate World Haemophilia Day to raise awareness about hereditary bleeding diseases.

**17th April 2022** - Easter Sunday. The third day after the crucifixion of Lord Jesus Christ is celebrated as Easter Sunday. This day is a sign of hope, resurrection and a new beginning. Christians all over the world celebrate this day.

The story of the Easter Bunny is thought to have become common in the 19th Century.



Artwork by Nicole Andrades, 6B

**Do you want to know some fun facts about the Easter Bunny and the Easter egg?**

Rabbits usually give birth to a big litter of babies (called kittens), so they are considered to be a symbol of new life. Legend has it that the Easter Bunny lays, decorates and hides its eggs to protect the new life. This is why some children might enjoy Easter egg hunts as part of the festival. The bunny doesn't do all the work alone though! In Switzerland, Easter eggs are delivered by a cuckoo and in parts of Germany by a fox. (as per legend)

**18th April - World Heritage Day** The day is celebrated with an aim to enhance awareness about the importance of cultural heritage, national and world monuments and the need to conserve them.

Apart from the fact that it is one of the fundamental duties of every Indian citizen to preserve and protect the heritage structures of our country, it should also become our moral responsibility.

**Isn't life fancier than fiction sometimes? [To celebrate or not to celebrate?]**

**23rd April - Birthday of William Shakespeare**, the Bard of Avon was born in Stratford upon Avon on this day in 1564. William Shakespeare also died on 23 April; in 1616, when he was 52 years of age.

### ALL ABOUT SPRING

Spring is the season that comes after winter and before summer. Spring begins on the Vernal Equinox. It is the time when flowers bloom and trees, plants and bushes grow more green. It is the time when fruits get more ripe, juicy and tasty. This time of the year the forests and gardens look the most beautiful. In spring birds like the sparrow, hummingbirds and cuckoos like to sing.



Ditika Sasmal, 4C

### MY INDIA

My India is the land of different religions, cultures and festivals. It is a perfect place for celebrations. Diwali, Eid and Christmas are the demonstration of different generations celebrating different festivals together. Come to India, to celebrate the festivals of Joy, Peace and Harmony. No family will be left alone in this country. We all celebrate each other's festivals as a united nation.



Burhanuddin Jariwala, 4B

### THE TREASURE THAT CHANGED MANKIND

Books are the treasure that changed mankind, because they are the powerhouse of information and knowledge. With this knowledge, mankind evolves and we discover different things. Books make us wiser and help us to understand the world in a better way. Books boast our imagination and widen our perspective. With the help of books our language becomes rich, our communication gets better and our vocabulary increases. Books enhance our creativity. They also kill our boredom and give us company when we are alone. Books give us knowledge that no one can rob from us. Books are our best teacher and friend as well. That's why we should always read books and encourage others to do the same. This is the only treasure which can help us to make the world a better place.



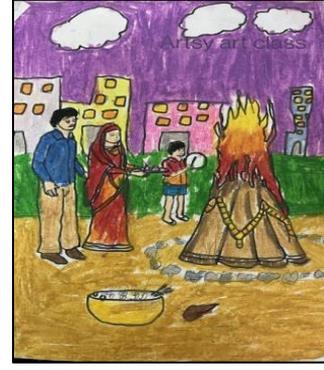
Abir Thakur, 4B

## Holi

Green Orange Red and Cream,  
Colours are hope, love and dream.  
They are deep, a mood, a feeling,  
A language of emotional healing.  
Life, too is a colourful masterpiece  
Dyed with the colours of thoughts,  
Where we, the painter, not the canvas.  
So splash the colours of happiness,  
A celebration of colour-Holi,  
An experience of content harmony, and delight.



Shivanshi Singh , 3 A



Artwork by Aarush Nair 5A

## HOLI

Festivals of India are a symbol of prosperity and peace. Similarly, Holi, the festival of colours is celebrated to mark the victory of good over evil. Let us understand the history of this festival. Once, there lived a cruel king named Hiranyakashipu. He had a son named Prahlad who was a devotee of Lord Vishnu. The king was very upset with his son's devotion toward the lord and ordered his sister Holika to kill his son. Lord Brahma had blessed Holika with a boon saying, " Fire wouldn't burn her." So, Hiranyakashipu asked his sister to hold Prahlad on her lap and set him on fire. Prahlad started chanting Vishnu's name and shlokas. Finally, Lord Vishnu saved Prahlad from getting burnt and killed Holika. He also killed Hiranyakashipu, the demon king. Hence, Holi is celebrated to mark the victory of good over evil.

In modern times, we celebrate Holi in the middle of spring and summer seasons. It is a two - day festival. The first day is called 'Choti Holi'. We burn wood and it is known as 'Holika Dahan'. The second day is known as 'Rang Panchami', we play with colours, water - balloons and water guns. We also distribute sweets. Holi, the festival of colours, helps us understand the importance of being good in life.



Aarav Poduval, 4B

## HOLI – THE FESTIVAL OF COLOURS

Holi is not just the festival of colours, but also the time to celebrate and welcome the spring season with joy and happiness. Holi is usually celebrated in the month of March.

It is a two-day festival. On the first day people make a bonfire of wood and sing religious songs. The next day people of all religions and ages gather together to play with different colours. Nowadays organic colours are used so that it does not harm anyone.

Holi is the symbol of victory of good over evil. It is based on the mythological story of a boy named Prahlada, a devotee of Lord Vishnu, who was saved while his evil aunt Holika was burnt to ashes. Thus Holi is a celebration of not only spring, but also the triumph of good over evil and a festival that unites all Indians just like the colours in which we get mixed in on Holi .



Declan Carvalho, 5A



## होली

होली आई, होली आई,  
रंग -बिरंगी होली आई।  
धूम मचाती होली आई,  
घर- घर में खुशियाँ लाई।  
बच्चों की यह टोली आई,  
हाथ में पिचकारी लाई।  
रंग गुलाल उड़ाती आई,  
होली आई होली आई।



Preetha Gajjar, 5B

## चैत्र नवरात्रि

गुड़ी पाड़वा के दिन हिन्दू नव संवत्सरारम्भ माना जाता है। चैत्र मास की शुक्ल प्रतिपदा को गुड़ी पाड़वा या वर्ष प्रतिपदा या उगादी कहा जाता है। इस दिन हिन्दू नववर्ष का आरंभ होता है। कहते हैं शालीवाहन ने मिट्टी के सैनिकों की सेना से प्रभावी शत्रुओं का पराभव किया। इस विजय के प्रतीक के रूप में शालीवाहन शक का प्रारंभ इसी दिन से होता है। इसी दिन चैत्र नवरात्रि का प्रारंभ होता है।



Vihaan Kalro, 5A

## LET THE COLOURS OF HOLI SPREAD HAPPINESS

Holi is also known as the festival of colours, the festival of spring and the festival of love. It is a popular ancient Hindu festival. It is one of the most important festivals in India. Holi celebrates the arrival of spring and the end of winter.

Holi gets its name from Holika, demon king Hiranyakashyap's sister. Hiranyakashyap had got a boon from Lord Vishnu that he would not be killed by man or animal, at day or night, inside or outside, above or on the ground. So, Hiranyakashyap said that only he should be worshipped, not God. So, whenever a villager worshipped God, he or she would be punished. His own son, Prahlad continued to worship Lord Vishnu. This made his father angry. He asked Prahlad to jump from a mountain, but he remained unhurt. Even when Hiranyakashyap made Prahlad jump in a well, he was unharmed. Hiranyakashyap tried to poison Prahlad. The poison turned to nectar in Prahlad's mouth. Then, Hiranyakashya ordered that a wild elephant should trample Prahlad, but he was not hurt. Next, Prahlad was put in a room with poisonous, angry snakes, but still nothing happened to him. Finally, Holika made Prahlad sit on a pyre with her. She was protected by a shawl that kept her from being burnt. The shawl flew from her to Prahlad. So, Holika got burnt and Prahlad was safe. Lord Vishnu appeared as half-man, half-lion and killed Hiranyakashyap at dusk, on his porch steps.

People celebrate Holi with utmost enthusiasm. One day before Holi, people do "Holika Dahan" by burning a pile of wood, which symbolises the burning of evil powers. On the day of Holi, people play with water guns, throw water balloons at each other, apply colours (gulal) and eat the famous delicacy 'gujiya'. It is a festive day to meet others.

In short, Holi spreads love and brotherhood. It brings harmony and happiness in the country. Holi symbolises the victory of good over evil.



**Vinisha Jain, 5C**

## FESTIVALS

Festivals are the time to bond and have fun  
They spread happiness and affection.

On Holi the world is filled with joy  
We put colours on every girl and boy.  
Old, young, rich or poor  
Everyone will play for sure.

Gudi Padwa is a New Year  
So let's celebrate and cheer!

Baisakhi is a harvest time  
When all crops are cut and they shine.

March and April sun shines bright  
Let's celebrate these festivals with delight!



**Myraa Sangelkar, 5B**

## MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH SNOW

It was my long-cherished dream to visit a place full of snow and play in it. I was attracted to snow from the day I saw it on the television when I was around four years old.

This year during my term break, my parents and I planned to go to Kashmir, which is also called 'Heaven on Earth'. We planned to visit during this time expecting to experience snowfall. We were welcomed by snow peaked mountains before landing in Srinagar Airport, which was a wonderful sight.

I had my first snow experience in Gulmarg. It started to snow in the evening on the day we arrived and the next day there was a very heavy snowfall. It was my dream come true and I started to dance with joy.

It was a beautiful sight to see white snow all around us including on tall pine trees. I made a snowman, but felt bad to leave him behind. I thoroughly enjoyed my first experience of skiing, driving snow bikes and All Terrain Vehicles, sledding and sitting in a cable car surrounded by snow peaked mountains.

I felt that the time passed quickly and was sad to leave Kashmir at the end of my vacation. I promised myself that I will visit this place once again.



**Vihaan Joshi, 5B**

## HAPPINESS

Happiness is all about feeling joyful, excited and proud of ourselves or others.

Happiness gives positive emotions in life. Being happy banishes stress from our lives. It may prevent you from getting sick too. Showing gratitude makes us and other people feel happy. We must also think of making other people happy. Happiness gives people a healthy lifestyle. We can make people happy in the following ways:

- Give clothes to the poor.
- Distribute sweets and gifts to your relatives and friends during festivals.
- Play with people. They do not necessarily need to be your age.
- Make new friends and play with them.
- Help people in any way you can, but only if they want you to help them.
- Calling elderly people will make them happy. If they are staying near you, visit them alternate days or once in a week.



**Dhriti Acharya, 5C**

## A CUP OF HAPPINESS

Happiness is what makes you jump up and down  
When you see a dancing clown.  
Happiness is crying tears of joy  
When you receive a sparkling new toy.  
Happiness is getting wet in the rain  
And not feeling the pain.  
Happiness is having lots of fun  
As you watch the rising sun.  
Happiness is listening to the ringing bell  
With children's screams, shouts and yells.  
Life can be a cup of happiness  
When you are positive and imaginative.  
So spread the infection of joy and happiness  
And pack your life with cheerfulness.



Lorenzo D'lima, 3A

## DO WHATEVER MAKES YOUR SOUL HAPPY!

Happiness is in playing sports, it doesn't matter if I lose or win,  
Football, Cricket or Badminton,  
Competing against opponents, making it a lot of fun.

Happiness is in eating my Mama's food whatever she cooks and bakes,  
Be it Mutter Paneer, Chole or Cakes,  
With pleasure I admire all the efforts she takes.

Happiness is in reading all that you savour,  
Be it a story book or the sports section in the newspaper,  
Or finding new words from the dictionary or Google Translator.

Happiness is in practising to be a mathematician,  
Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication or Division,  
Or my father helping me in my school revision.

This medicine will give you Hope, it will reduce your Stress,  
It frees you from duress,  
You know it very well that the word is Happiness!



Ankan Gada, 5A

## WORLD HAPPINESS DAY

Our students of Std 1 and 2 celebrated World Happiness Day on Monday, 21st March 2022 by spreading joy with their kind words for their peers.

They expressed their gratitude and appreciation for each other by making wonderful cards that made each other smile. Every smile lit up the room so bright that we believed happiness is here to stay.



## VACCINATION DRIVE

In view of the Covid-19 pandemic Vissanji Academy organised a vaccination drive on 26th March, 2022. This drive covered the age group of 12 years to 14 years. Around 132 students got their vaccine.

A well planned and organised vaccination drive which had the consent from the parents since they too felt that their wards should be vaccinated to minimise chances of getting infected through social contacts.

## SPORTS FIESTA!

The Vissanji Sports Fiesta is an event much awaited by our children all through the year. Our students of Class 10 (Batch 2021-22), were also given a chance to experience this day one more time in their school lives. The Sports Fiesta for Class 10 was conducted on 11th April, 2022. Inter House Competitions were held for the following events:

### Dodge Ball for Girls:

Winners:-

- 1st place- **Jokang House**
- 2nd place - **Ganden House**
- 3rd place - **Sera House**
- 4th place - **Drepung House**

### Tug of War for Boys and Girls:

Winners:-

- Boys- 1st place - **Jokang House**
- 2nd place - **Drepung House**
- 3rd place - **Ganden House**
- 4th place - **Sera House**
- Girls - 1st place - **Jokang House**
- 2nd place - **Sera House**

### Football for Boys:

Winners:-

- 1st place- **Drepung House**
- 2nd place - **Sera House**
- 3rd place - **Jokang House**
- 4th place - **Ganden House**



## A MEDLEY OF ART

The Inter House Art Competition [2022-23] for classes 6,7 and 8 was held on The tribal and folk art of Warli, Madhubani and Gond were well presented by the students. Here are the winners of the competition:-

### Class 6 - Warli Painting

- 1st prize - Ms. Eshal Singhania [6C] - Ganden House
- 1st prize - Ms. Nicole Andrades [6B] - Jokang House
- 2nd prize - Ms. Roshni Wajifdar [6C] - Ganden House
- 2nd prize - Ms. Hanaya Jain [6A] - Jokang House
- 3rd prize - Mst. Sparsh Sen - [6C] - Sera House
- 3rd Prize - Ms. Zahraa Sheikh - [6A] - Jokang House



### Class 7 - Madhubani Painting

- 1st prize- Mst. Aashrav Vartak [7A] - Jokang House
- 1st prize - Ms. Jiya Jalakia [7A]- Sera House
- 2nd prize -Mst. Mayank Lachwani [7A] - Sera House
- 2nd prize- Ms. Pashmina Kapadia [7B] - Drepung House
- 3rd prize - Ms. Hiya Chauhan- [7A]- Sera House
- 3rd prize - Mst. Kartik Sharma - [7C] - Jokang House



### Class 8- Gond Painting

- 1st prize- Ms. Preksha Surana - [8A] - Sera House
- 1st prize - Ms. Lavanya Nair - [8A] -Drepung House
- 2nd prize- Ms. Dhruvi Rege - [8C] - Ganden House
- 2nd prize - Ms, Nishi Sampat - [8A]- Sera House
- 3rd prize- Ms. Sarah Pawar - [8A]- Jokang House
- 3rd prize - Ms. Dalika Shah - [8A]- Ganden House



## THE BRONZE WIN

How would you feel if you won a bronze medal in a state-level karate championship? I remember the exact moment when my name was announced and the blue straps with the tablet of my victory were placed around my neck. At that moment, I did not regret my decision of signing up for the tournament. A few weeks before this incident, our karate instructor (sensei) had asked us if we wanted to participate in the State-Level Karate Championship. I was wary at first, but after the encouragement of our sensei and my friends and family, I participated.

The participants from my school were to be given extra karate classes to improve our fighting skills. Our teacher taught us advanced methods of blocking and attacking which he thought would prove useful. I trained harder than ever and the day before the tournament, I was so nervous I could not think straight. I somehow slept, with the nervous knot in my stomach tightening. I got up early and helped my mother pack my tiffin. After getting dressed, we left for school, from where we sat in a bus which took us to Panvel.

The Panvel Sports Club was a huge complex with a football and a cricket ground and a building for indoor sports. The karate competition was held outdoors under a huge canopy. The competitors were to be seated beside the karate mat. As the competition started, I looked at the competitors in awe. They dodged, punched and kicked gracefully. When it was my turn, I noticed that my opponent was three levels more professional than I was. I gathered all my courage, put on an aggressive face (a trick taught to us by our sensei to mentally weaken the opponent). I guess it worked, as she lost within a minute. My next opponent was also defeated within a few minutes. I won against all my opponents. After all the matches were over, we were requested to come on the stage.

As the announcer reached my category, I started chewing my nails. When she called my name for the bronze medal, my joy saw no bounds. Everyone was clapping and my mother had tears of joy in her eyes. That is my most memorable win as my efforts had borne the best fruit.



**Sriya Desai, 8B**

## MY MOMENT OF SUCCESS

Have you ever tried training a bird who is so stubborn that he will not eat his food unless it is placed within a two-inch distance in front of him? Well I have and it is nowhere near an easy task. It takes extreme patience, something that I do not possess.

I got Alex, my cockatiel, in June last year from Crawford Market, a well-known market in Mumbai. As I headed home with Alex after buying him, I was over the moon. He was around four months old, and could not fly since he was still too young. He had dark grey feathers and a yellow crest. He kept chirping as we drove home with him in the car.

After I got home, I let him get comfortable and familiar with his new home. After a few days, I started training him by offering him food from my hand. At first, he was very scared of my hand and refused to eat from it, but I remained patient and tried to feed him every single day. At last, my hard work bore fruit and Alex finally ate from my hand, although hesitantly. I still kept feeding him until one day, he got comfortable enough to eat from my hand without a moment of hesitation. At this moment of success, I was on cloud nine. I went on to teach him how to step up on my arm, and after a few days of teaching him, he learnt it.

Time passed and I taught Alex many new tricks, such as flying to my palm. I was overjoyed by the way he was learning. From this experience, I learned that patience is an important virtue in life.



**Suhana Mukherjee, 8B**

## AN UNFORGETTABLE DAY

It was a bright Sunday morning with the calm breeze and chirping of birds adding to its beauty. I wanted to enjoy this beautiful morning, but I was getting late as I had to go to a mall with my friends.

For ages, we had wanted to spend some fun time together. So after we finished our exams, we planned a joyful visit to the Oberoi Mall. After an hour-long journey, we reached the mall. It was decorated with frills and colourful lights as Diwali was round the corner. The mall was very lively and spacious. After window shopping for some time, we went to our all time favourite, Crossword. All three of us bought exciting books from there. By the time we came out of the bookshop, we were as hungry as wolves, so we proceeded to the food court. A variety of cuisines awaited us there. The aroma of food wafted in the air. We decided to eat the scrumptious pizza along with our favourite cold drinks. We took another round of the mall before we travelled back home. It was a memorable day.



**Mitisha Gandhi, 7C**

## THE BOUQUET OF ROSES

It was a fresh summer morning. The air was cool, and a light breeze blew creating a rustling sound by the green leafy oak trees growing at the corners of every street. A man was walking down the street with a bouquet of red roses in his arms and a wide smile on his face. He had bought these flowers because it was his mother's birthday.

Suddenly, something caught his eye. A small girl was sitting at the edge of the paved footpath crying. The man walked towards her and crouched down on his knees near her. "Why are you crying, little girl? Is something wrong?" he said sweetly. "Oh! Today's my mother's birthday, however, I don't have a penny to spare to buy a single rose for her," she said sadly. Tears rolled down her cheeks. The man felt pity for the little girl. He pulled out a beautiful red rose from his bouquet and gave it to her. She held the rose in her hand and said sweetly, "Thank you so much! Remain kind and it will do wonders for you." The man smiled as the little girl wiped her cheeks and crossed the road with the rose in her hand.

On the other side of the street was a rusted old black fence with an old, rusted gate. Beyond it was an old cemetery. The girl walked up to a grave and knelt down. She carefully placed the rose on the ground. Watching this, the man was grateful that he still had a mother and he could celebrate her birthday. He continued to walk briskly down the street with a bouquet of roses in his arms and a wider smile on his face.



**Nicole Clyde Andrades, 6B**

## PHOENIX MALL

Another cold morning and a sweet dream was shattered as my alarm clock buzzed. I was very excited as I was going to my favourite mall that day.

I had my friend Veer who was always helpful and caring, to accompany me. As we were passing through the scanner at the entrance of the mall, we saw a commotion near the ground floor elevator. A huge stage attracted tons of people and it looked like somebody was distributing money for free.

The mall was decorated with shiny mirrors, crimson ribbons and balloons. It had many floors and two sections for the domestic and foreign brands respectively. I was carried away by the sweet aroma of caramel popcorn that made a popping sound. My friend took a bucket of caramel and cheese popcorn which was a great combination and we munched over the crunchy popcorn. As we passed by, I saw a game zone. I couldn't resist the temptation to play. We ran as fast as the cheetah to the counter and bought some tickets. However, I was flabbergasted when Veer beat me at the game that I was the best at. After we were done with the gamezone, we headed towards our favourite toy shop, 'Hamleys'.

A cute, pleasing and soft panda caught my eye. We bought toys that fascinated us. Soon, the cheesy aroma of the pizza from the adjacent eatery, made our mouths water. As we entered Pizza Hut, we were overcome by irresistible hunger pangs. I took a mouthful of the lumpy, cheesy pizza sprinkled with oregano and chilli flakes. 'Food tastes better when one is hungry,' was an absolutely true proverb.

After an eventful day out, as I prepared to go to bed, I was transported back into the delightful memories of my visit to the mall.



**Kartik Sharma, 7C**

## MY FAVOURITE VACATION WITH MY FAMILY

Our bus started the journey to Mahabaleshwar. With me was my family and all my relatives. We were all heading to the hill station of Maharashtra, Mahabaleshwar. The journey was a bit long, about seven hours. I was happy eating, talking and enjoying the road journey.

After hours of continuous travelling, and stopping for a bite at the food mall along the highway, we finally arrived at our hotel. It was four in the afternoon when we had some delicious South Indian food for lunch. After resting for some time we headed to the famous market of Mahabaleshwar where we shopped for a lot of food, clothes, accessories, toys and what not! It was a long tiring day, we dozed off early planning to be up for our visit to the sunrise point at the break of dawn.

We woke up before sunrise and went to the sunrise point. It was difficult to get there as we had to walk through the exhausting hilly roads but the sunrise view was worth it. Next came our breakfast. Quickly after eating breakfast we visited some temples which were more than a thousand years old. We felt peaceful and spiritual after visiting the temples. I also clicked many pictures over there as its scenic beauty was mind-boggling. I was so hungry that I could eat a horse!

The following day was a relaxing one for us, we didn't go anywhere till afternoon and had a good time in the resort. In the evening we went to Pavana Lake for boating. I was enjoying the ride when suddenly our boat got stuck. My heart started pulsating wildly. But to our great relief the rescue team saved us. After a tense, but spectacular boat ride we played the "shooting the balloon" game. I hit three balloons and was over the moon with joy.

Finally the day came when we bade adieu to Mahabaleshwar. But before that we did some activities such as horse riding at the table land and strawberry picking at the Mapro. The strawberries looked mouth watering. We picked two kilos of strawberries and ate them with fun. This was my favourite activity of the trip. From this vacation I learnt how significant family time was, also I explored a lot about Maharashtra. This vacation was my best and most memorable one!



Nishi Sampat, 8A

### HASTE

Everyday spent in haste,  
Like not one moment must go to waste,  
Feels as if I'm stuck in a glitched-out game  
And the only goal is money and fame.

To impress my people, I am keen  
But all my efforts are never seen.  
"Study hard and study well",  
But it makes my life a living hell.

The whole world moves in fast-forward,  
And I can't even speak up ( like a coward).  
Talk more, smile more, you're too shy  
But nobody is ready to answer my question "Why".

When I'm just tired and they sum it up to being lazy  
But my life's going too fast, it's all so hazy.  
Though it doesn't matter, it's okay  
Coz not one moment must go to waste...



Hiya Rathod, 10C

### GROWING UP

What would it be like,  
having to go your own way;  
Moving in with people,  
you've known for a day;  
College can be tough,  
But it gets easier anyway;  
How should I know,  
'cause I haven't been there even for a day;  
After college comes your career,  
for rents you have to pay;  
Thus, goes most of your time,  
for your dismay;

This is what growing up feels like,  
for now I'm a teen, growing up, anyway;  
Like it or not, this is growing up,  
you might not figure it out today;  
Enjoy now as much as you can,  
'cause you might not the next day!  
Like it or not, this is growing up,  
so, start enjoying the day;  
For this freedom might not be given,  
When we grow up anyway;  
For the fun and joy you have today,  
After all, it is growing up your way!



Aakanksha Narne, 10C

## AU REVOIR

Goodbyes are always sad, especially when it is for people who have been with us for a very long time. Two of our senior teachers, who have been the pillars of Vissanji Academy for the last several years, bid farewell to us this month.

Mr. Nimesh Vora, 'Vora Sir' as children call him lovingly, had started his journey at Vissanji in the year 2000 and he went on to become the Vice Principal taking the school to new heights of glory. In his own words, "Vissanji was my first home and work was my stress-buster." In spite of his gentle demeanour, he managed to wield his magic wand of discipline over the students. After a momentous and fruitful association of twenty two years, Sir has now taken a decision to pursue new realms in his career. Vissanji will miss his ubiquitous presence. We wish him the best in all his future endeavours.



Ms. Bhagwati Rawat's association with Vissanji Academy started in the year 2009. With her vivacious personality and decision-making skills she has always lent a chutzpah and life to the academic and non-academic activities in school. The love and respect that she has commanded from her students speaks of her years of dedication and passion for this vocation. The Hindi events under her guidance and leadership were not just a hit with the students, but also the teachers. She will be sorely missed and we wish her good luck as she moves towards the next chapter life brings her way.



We bid adieu to Ms. Wilma Noronha whose valuable contributions in spite of her short association will be remembered. We wish her a successful future.

### BIDDING ADIEU

Our class 10 [Batch 2021-22] was given a formal Farewell by their Juniors. A highly commendable and sincere effort was made by the juniors to make this day a memorable one for their senior students who gracefully expressed their love and gratitude to their successors. The captivating song and dance performances, the games and the Candle lighting ceremony added more charm to the event.

We wish our students the best in their ICSE Board Exams and in all their endeavours in life!

A Kaleidoscope of the Day [FAREWELL]



### Upcoming Events!

June 2022

- 8<sup>th</sup> June - Inter house Juniors - G.K. Quiz [Elimination Round]
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Inter Class Sub Juniors Poem Recitation Competition  
Class 3: Poem Recitation Activity
- 21<sup>st</sup> June - Yoga Day Celebration – Class 1 to 10
- 25<sup>th</sup> June - Inter House Juniors GK Quiz Competition
- 28<sup>th</sup> June - Sub Juniors Fancy Dress Competition