

Meraki

Unleashing knowledge, one headline at a time.

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creativity Leads...

"Meraki" is a Greek word that expresses the passion, creativity and love that goes into one's work. When someone does something 'with Meraki', it means they are doing it passionately, wholeheartedly, and with a sense of devotion and love.

Creativity, while seemingly effortless, is born out of passion as explained earlier but also hard work and perseverance and sacrifice. While an idea can come anywhere, the creative impulse comes alive and is nurtured with diligence at the writing table or in front of the easel, etc.

This edition of the Meraki showcases the immense talent and creativity within the walls of our school.

As you turn these pages, you'll discover storytelling never seen before. Each of the articles follows the principle of letting one's creativity lead.

Those this issue inspires you, too, to not let creativity take a back seat.



-Kaya Kholkar School Editor

Our Tiny Tots

Young architects at work...



Kavya and Rish are in the midst of planning and constructing their home, with a beautiful garden.

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0 K G Jeremy, Abner, and Saheb were in the process of constructing their own portable castle!





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Agastya delivered his
Theme Presentation with
assurance, delving into
the intricacies of the
butterfly's life cycle. His
unique viewpoint
immediately piqued the
curiosity of his peers,
leading to their
enthusiastic participation
during his talk.

butterfly's life cycle. He described the initial egg-laying process, followed by the emergence of caterpillars. He said that the aterpillar weaves the cocoon around them and then a beautiful butterfly pops

out.

Accompanied by an exquisite chart, he walked others through the stages of the

Jace was enthusiastic in crafting his own invitation card.

Nymber Stories

ORDINAL NUMBERS - JEEVISH CHAWLA, GRADE 1

KAAYNA LIVES ON THE 5TH FLOOR. SARRA LIVES ON THE 3RD FLOOR. I AM GOING TO SARRA'S HOME FOR HER BIRTHDAY PARTY. I LIVE ON THE 10TH FLOOR OF THE SAME BUILDING. I WILL GO IN THE ELEVATOR TO THE 3RD FLOOR.

SUBTRACTION STORY - ADVIKA KUBASAD, GRADE 1
ELSA HAD 20 JASMINES. SHE GAVE 2 TO
HER FRIEND ANNA. NOW ELSA HAS 18
JASMINES.

ORDINAL NUMBERS - AVA CHOUDHARY, GRADE 1

FIVE FLOORS BELOW HER. ANYA LIVES ON THE FIRST FLOOR. ELISE COMES TO VISIT ANYA ON THE FIRST FLOOR.

SUBTRACTION STORY - TRAYEE WALAWALKAR, GRI

ONCE UPON A TIME THERE LIVED A FLOWER NAMED ROSE. SHE HAD 20 THORNS. ONE DAY THE GARDENER CHOPPED THE STEM OF THE ROSE AND THE ROSE LOST 8. THE ROSE THEN HAD 12 THORNS REMAINING.

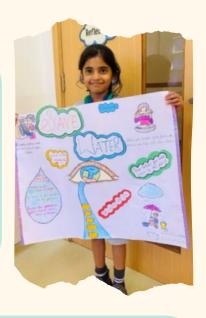


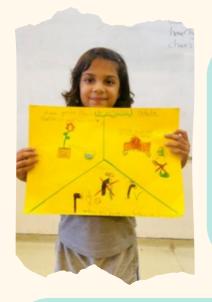
'water You Doing To Save The Earth?



Grade 2A, have some amazing ways in which we can save water and protect our Earth!

Drip, drop, drip, drop, this kind of clock must be stopped. So, use less water to brush your teeth; moreover, user a mug to brush your teeth. Collect rain water to water your plants. It can also be used for washing the washrooms. Use a washing machine that uses less water. Save water, save our life. - Nabeeha





Choose garden plants that do not require much water. Wash your car less often and use a bucket when you do so. Do not leave the water running when you brush your teeth.

- Natalie

Collect the water from dehumidifiers and air conditioners to water your plants. Grow your plants together, according to their water needs. Drip irrigation and micro sprays uses up to 30 to 50% less water compared to sprinklers. Check your faucets and taps regularly to ensure that there are no leaks. Prevent overflows of overhead tanks and taps, by reducing the water pressure; this will help in no water being wasted. - Asher





THE BRAVE FRIENDS

as told by Arvi Kumbhar

Grade 2B

Once upon a time, there lived four friends in a small forest: The deer, the dog, the panda and the snake. They were all kind and brave, and used to play together and have fun all the time. They were very happy.

One fine sunny day, when everyone else was playing together, they couldn't find their friend, the deer. The three friends searched for him around their houses but they couldn't find him. All of them started to get worried.

While everyone was concerned, the panda had an idea and said to the rest of them, "Let's go and search for him in the forest."

There was a deep, dark forest nearby and there were high chances that anyone who went inside might go missing as the forest was very dense. But since all of them were brave and they cared for each other, they all agreed to go inside the forest to search for the deer.

After searching for 2-3 hours, the snake was exhausted and said, "I am tired, we are not going to find him. Let's go home."

Everyone was surprised when the snake said that. The dog didn't agree

and said, "How can you say that? We have to continue to look for our dear friend. We can't let him stay in the forest alone."

Panda said, "Yes, we cannot let our dear friend stay in the forest for a long time. There might be a tiger or lion in the forest and we need to save him."

The snake got furious and said angrily to everyone, "I am going home; you can continue if you want to." When others tried to stop him, he tried to bite them! All of them had to run away from him to save themselves.

After the snake went back home, the dog and the panda continued their search for the deer. After searching for a long time, they finally found their dear friend hiding behind a bush! When they approached the deer, he was very happy. The dog and the panda were very happy to see him alive.

All three of them got back home. On their way back, the deer narrated the entire story about how he lost his way in the dark forest, how he faced the dangerous tiger and how he ran for his life to save himself and finally hid behind those bushes! While talking, they didn't realise that they had finally reached their homes - and they lived happily ever after!

MORAL OF THE STORY: A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED!



Story Writing

Grade 2A tried their hand at story writing

The Adventures of Fuzzy and Spotty!

Once upon a time, there was a little caterpillar named Fuzzy. He lived in a small village and loved chomping on leaves and lazing around all day in the forest.

On a bright sunny day, Fuzzy suddenly saw something red hiding under a tree. Fuzzy was very curious and he slowly crawled towards the tree. Out jumped a little ladybug and said "Hello! I am Spotty. I am new around here. Would you like to be my friend and show me around?" "Of course!" said Fuzzy. "I would love to show you around but there is one big problem! This village is in danger. There is a big bad spider who webs down everyone and replaces them with more spiders. We must do something to stop him! Would you like to help me?" "Oh yes, sure! said Spotty. "Let's have a sleepover and come up with a plan."

The next day, Fuzzy and Spotty decided to set a trap.

They made a delicious-looking bug pie to lure the spider. They quietly hid behind the big tree and patiently waited for the spider to arrive. Suddenly they heard the spider's footsteps. "He is here!" exclaimed Fuzzy. The spider smelled the delicious pie and crawled fast towards it. The pie smelled so good that the spider dug his face into it and started chomping away. Fuzzy and Spotty's plan was working. They dropped a big cardboard box hanging on the tree above the pie and the spider was trapped.

Spotty asks Fuzzy, "What should we do now? Should we kill it?" "Oh, no, no! It's not good to kill anyone," said Fuzzy. "Let's ship it to Australia. It is famous for dangerous spiders and snakes."

So, they pushed the box onto a ship and marked the box fragile and asked the sailor man to ship it to Australia! Then Fuzzy and Spotty found a water hose and washed down all the webs and the village was free again. Everyone was happy and thanked Fuzzy and Spotty for their bravery.

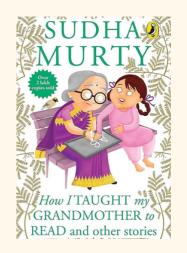
The End.

Moral: Be Nice, Do Not Kill Bugs!

My Favourite Author -Keerat Chawla Grade 3

Sudha Murthy is my favourite author. She has written several books in English and Kannada for people of all age groups. She is a recipient of the Padmashri Award. Despite such fame, she is as humble as a lamb.

It was during my preschool years that I was first introduced to one of Sudha Murthy's books—How I taught my Grandmother to Read. The book was more of her real-life experience. It was after reading this book that she became my favourite author.



Later, I was drawn into reading more of her works. Her book Grandma's Bag of Stories is amazing and as funny as can be. Some other famous works of hers are How the Sea became Salty, The Magic of the Lost Temple, The Bird with Golden Wings, etc.

Sudha Murthy's books transport me to another world. What makes her books stand out for me is that her stories are filled with humour, wit and valuable messages. Sudha Murthy's books are as precious as gold for me.

She is an inspiration and her legacy will continue to flow like a river and delight readers, including myself, for generations to come.



GANGSTA GRANNY

A summary by Naomi Bakhale - Grade 3A

There once lived a granny. Undercover, she was Gangsta Granny. She has white hair, false teeth, tissues tucked up her sleeve and... she's an international jewel thief!

It was a hot sunny day in the afternoon. Ben was sulking as usual because he had to go to his Granny's house. "Ugh! Granny is sooo boring! I hate her, Mum! All she wants to do is play Scrabble and she stinks of cabbage."

"Ben, that's a terrible thing to say!"

At long last, he arrived. He rang the doorbell and in front of him stood his granny wearing thick glasses, white hair, a hairy chin and false teeth. "Oh, my gosh," whispered Ben to himself. "Come on in, Ben! You're just in time to play Scrabble!" said Granny excitedly.

"Oh. no!" sighed Ben.
"Wait, what did you say?"
"I mean, I love playing Scrabble!"
"Oh, good!" said Granny.

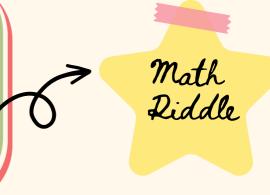


It was time for dinner and Granny shouted out, "I made something special, Ben- CABBAGE!" You can imagine Ben's face. Ben doesn't like his granny at all, but as you read, you'll see that later on, he absolutely loves her!



Riddle Corner

Why was the obtuse triangle always so frustrated with itself?



Biology puns

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What did one cell say to its sister when she stepped on its toe?

What did the American colonists say to the British tea?



History Riddle

Answers at the back!



HISTORICAL FIGURE OF INDIA: SARDAR PATEL

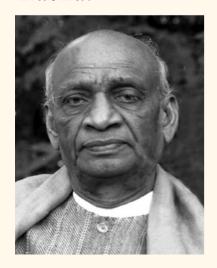
-Contributed by Krishay, Grade 3A

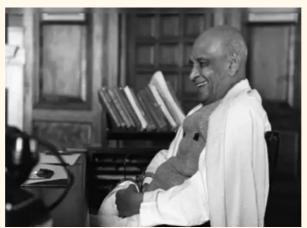
In the 76th year of our Independence, it is a great honour for me to celebrate the "Iron Man of India," Shri Vallabh Bhai Patel.

Sardar Patel, as he was fondly called, was born on October 31, 1875, in Gujrat. He was a lawyer by profession. Under the influence of Mahatma Gandhiji, Sardar Patel joined our national freedom movement. He played an active role in the Salt Satyagraha, the non-cooperation movement, and the civil disobedience movement. Sardar Patel played a big role in securing Independence for India.

After India gained independence on August 15, 1947, Sardar Patel was appointed as the First Home Minister of India. Sardar Patel was responsible for bringing hundreds of diverse princely states together to form the modern nation-state of India. He got the title of "Iron Man" for the way he brought about stability in the country after the partition of India. Sardar Patel was also responsible for the creation of the All-India Services (which included the IAS, IPS, etc.).

On December 15, 1950, Sardar Patel breathed his last. In honour of Sardar Patel, the world's largest statue, the "Statue of Unity," was built, and October 31st, his birth anniversary, is observed as National Unity Day. He was truly a Bharat Ratna.







The Young Grecian Poets

The Things That Happen Around me!



-Ira Paleri Grade 5B

WHILE I HAVE THE FLU,
THE OCEAN IS BLUE
WHILE THE BEES BUZZ
I SNUGGLE WITH MY DOG FUZZ
WHILE THE NEIGHBOUR'S CATS HAVE FLEAS
THE QUEEN ENJOYS HER JUBILEE
THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN AROUND ME!

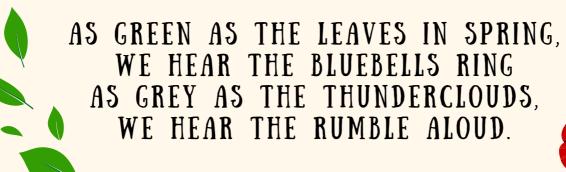


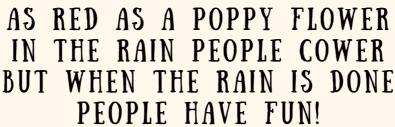




The Colours around me!

-Zayle Fernandes Grade 4B





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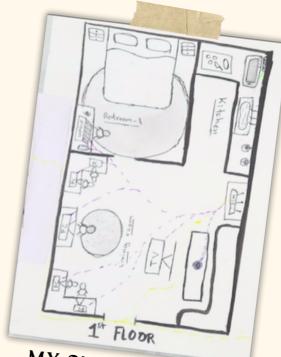
A world of technology: Byte by Byte



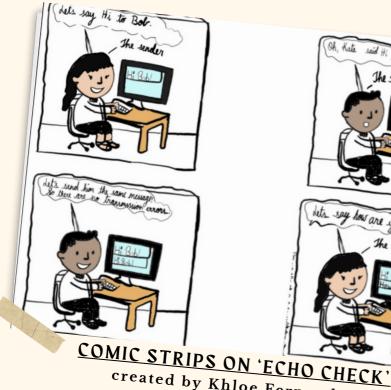
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1 print("Welcome to 'The Door' \N{grinning face}")
  print("\t a danger behind one...")
3 print("\t\t a refuge behind two!!")
4 door_num = int(input("Choose a door from 1, 2 or 3 : "))
5 import random
6 danger_door = random.randint(1, 3)
7 - if door_num == 1 :
        if door_num == danger_door :
           print("You are in danger! \N{fearful face}")
8 =
 9
           print("You are safe!! \N{smiling face with halo}")
10 *
11
12 - else :
        if door_num == 2 :
 13 -
            if door_num == danger_door :
                print("You are in danger! \N{fearful face}")
 14 *
 15
                print("You are safe!! \N{smiling face with halo}")
             else:
 16 *
 17
         else :
 18 *
             if door_num == 3 :
 19 -
                if door_num == danger_door :
                    print("You are in danger! \N{fearful face}")
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                    print("You are safe!! \N{smiling face with halo}")
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                 print("Enter a valid number...")
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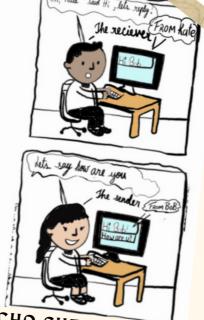
THE THREE DOORS OF MYSTERY!

A guessing game created using Python, by Mahir Thadani (Grade 6B).



MY SMART HOME created by Keneishaa (Grade 7)







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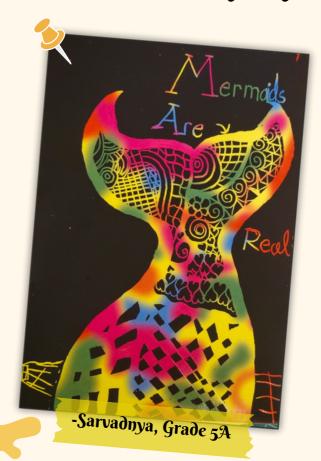
created by Khloe Fernandes (Grade 7)

TGS J. J. J. ART Gallery

"Art is not what you see, but what you make others see."

-Edgar Degas









Fairytale Paradise

Fairy tales frequently contain a moral or lesson intended to help us think about what is right and wrong. We can the risks of poor actions from stories. This was an individual session in which the students were to compose their own version of a fairy tale, with a lesson to take back.

THIS WAS AN ACTIVITY FOR THE GRADE 7 STUDENTS. THEY HAVE DONE A BRILLIANT JOB WITH THESE FAIRY TALES, SOME OF THEM ARE LISTED.

Garden Under The Sea

Once upon a time, there lived a boy named Mateo. Mateo loved to swim! Every day, he used to take a dip in the crystalline water but would do it secretly due to his unsupportive brother who scared him with stories of drowned sailors. As Mateo dived into the icy blue water, a tentacle pulled him under. Mateo struggled throughout what seemed like an endless journey. In the end, he gave in. He took a very deep breath. He expected the water to fill his lungs but found that he could breathe. He had gills! An octopus appeared and calmed him down and burbled. Mateo wandered around and explored. The cave was the perfect place for him to escape reality! He no longer was wary of his brothers' warnings; he knew the octopus would watch over him.

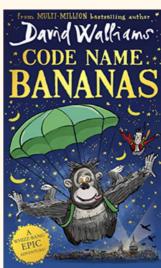
MY FAVOURITE AUTHOR

AADYA DOGRA- GRADE 3

My favourite author is David Walliams. He has written some really funny books such as The Boy in the Dress, Mr. Stink, Billionaire Boy, etc. David Walliams was born on the 20th of August, 1971. His real name is David William. He changed his name when he became an actor.

My favourite book is Code Name Bananas. I like this book because it has animals and one of them can do tricks. There is Eric a young boy and his favourite animal Gertrud, the Gorilla. Eric loves animals so you can guess how much he loved going to the zoo. Plus, his uncle works as the keeper of the zoo. They all go on a thrilling adventure.







My Experience In the Needlework Clyb

-Neel Patil, Grade 8A

The Needlework club is something I had been curious about ever since the list of Clubs was sent out last year. I had been rather hesitant about joining it back then, and signed up for the Movie club, instead. However, this year I had a good, hard, think when the Clubs list was sent out and, after letting curiosity get the better of me, and after being subject to a spot of coercion by my dear old mother, I joined the Needlework club!

Now, as many may or may not know, there is some hestitation among boys about joining what is perceived to be an essentially-for-ladies club, and any attempt to do so is either seen as being creepy or practising for retirement! So when I told the good ol' friend group that I would not be part of the Movie club this year and had joined the Needlework club, the response was, predictably, quite strong!

A Vast majority of my friends expressed surprise and disbelief that I would pick Needlework club over Movies club, where we essentially got to watch a film for the entire last period of the day. As it turned out, one of them also joinedthe Needlework club, which shocked everyone, including me, because he seemed like the last person to join this club!

Finally, D-Day arrived; it was the first session of the needlework club. When I walked into class, I was a bit nervous, and not just because I had, naturally, forgotten to buy all the equipment I was supposed to have. I seated myself amongst all the other members of the club, most of whom were in the club for the second year now. We were given the choice of joining the knitting, embroidery or crochet discipline of the club.



I picked knitting, because I knew people from this discipline, and it was fun according to them. I quite enjoyed knitting, and was able to do a few basic stitches in the first couple of classes. I will never forget the ecstatic euphoria I felt after finally learning how to cast on from a Youtube video I found. It was the joy of learning something new, even if that was more or less one of the few things I learned in the club.

While I still can't knit to save my life, I feel I benefited a good deal from this experience, as I had pushed my boundaries and had done something I wouldn't normally have considered. I am grateful I had people I knew around me, because my friends and my teacher went out of their way to help me, and I wouldn't have enjoyed it as much had they not been there. I would highly recommend this Club to anyone in a dilemma over which one to choose, and I would also advise them to be prepared for the worst when they announce their intentions to their friends.

A new era in entertainment

Zee-Sony Merger Creates Media Powerhouse

-Vaanya Reja, Grade 9

Together, Zee Entertainment Enterprises (Zee) and Sony Pictures Networks India (Sony) have built a massive media colossus with a market cap of close to \$10 billion.

This significant action will alter the media and entertainment industries. The merger was allowed by the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), which is a significant step towards creating a powerful media powerhouse that will transform India's media landscape.

This choice comes after a difficult journey filled with obstacles and legal problems. After the merger was revealed in September 2021, issues arose. The Indian Performing Right Society, IndusInd Bank and Axis Finance were among the creditors who were concerned about payments; Invesco, Zee's largest shareholder, also voiced concerns.

When MD Punit Goenka was informed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) that he couldn't maintain significant positions in public companies, more problems arose. Despite these issues, the NCLT's recent decision to disregard worries ensures that this significant merger can go forward.

Even major firms like Mukesh Ambani's Viacom and Walt Disney India aren't expecting to be in the same league as that of the new business. It will have a large audience, numerous channels and tremendous profitability. The mix, in which Zee owns 47% and Sony owns 53%, is intended to combine their advantages. The new name and vision of this unified force are eagerly anticipated by members of the business and fans.

The financial element of the deal is also intriguing. Shares of the new business will first be delisted from stock exchanges before being relisted. Sony can enter the Indian market in this form without having to do an initial public offering (IPO). It's a novel approach to fusing business and media.

According to experts, this combination will completely alter the entertainment industry. Zee and Sony's greater reach and combined resources enable them to provide incredible content and experiences to people in India and beyond. Zee is relieved that the merger was allowed because it now has a better and more exciting future.

It's not only about money with the Zee-Sony merger. In the world of media, it marks the beginning of a significant journey. The fusion of business, innovation, and creativity promises to wow audiences in fresh ways.

The combination of these two significant media organisations and their different points of view will bring about extraordinary changes in the entertainment industry.

In conclusion, the recent NCLT clearance of the Zee-Sony merger marks a significant turning point in the history of media and entertainment. Despite the issues, the approval ushers in a new era of creativity, cooperation, and development. By revolutionizing the media landscape and providing amazing content experiences, the new company promises a bright future for both businesses and fans.





Grecian Poetry (Hindi Version)

मौके

आँखों में अरमान लिया. मंजिल को अपना मान लिया, तो फिर मृश्किल क्या?आसान क्या? बस ठान लिया तो ठान लिया। बड़ा सपना तुमने देखा है, तो मेहनत तो करना होगा। सूरज जैसा बनना है तो सूरज जैसा जलना होगा। ज़िंदगी का एक कानून है कि वो मौके नहीं देती, जो हमें अच्छा लगता है वही छिन लेती है। जो हाथ में है वो अपना है. जो दूर गया वो सपना है। तू मेहनत ऐसी कर जैसे किसी ने की न हो, फिर देख तुम्हें मिलेगा वो सब कुछ जो आज तक किसी को मिला न हो ज़िंदगी का एक कानून है कि वो मौके नहीं देती,

मौके तो हमें ढूँढ़ने होते हैं,
तू मेहनत ऐसी कर कि तेरी स.फलता की गूँज
कैलाश हिला दें,
तू इंसान ऐसा बन जिसे हर गली में
हर कोई दुआ दें,
ज़िंदगी का एक कानून है कि वो मौके नहीं देती,

पापा का गाँव

Aadhira Ghai Grade 7

पापा का गाँव

Darsh Shirodkar Grade 9

Continues...

मेरे दादा जी

मेरे प्यारे दादा जी,
सबसे दुलारे दादा जी।
मेरे दादा जी शांत हैं,
सबके दिल की शान हैं।

वह जितना भी बोलते दिल छू लेते हैं,
इसलिए तो वे मेरे कोहिनूर हैं।
पापा के गुस्से से मुझे बचाते दादा जी,
बाद में प्यार से मुझे समझाते दादा जी।
नींद में भी मुस्कुराते दादा जी,
गुस्से में भी मुस्कुराते दादा जी।
मेरे प्यारे दादा जी,
सबसे दुलारे दादा जी।



Manar Shaikh, Grade 8B

एक सपना

सपने तो देखते हम सब हैं,
पूरे करते बहुत कम हैं,
बचपन से लेकर आज तक
देखती आई हूँ एक सपना
लेकिन पूरा करना बहुत कठिन है।
सब मुझसे आगे है,करते प्रयास वह सब,
करती तो मैं भी हूँ, माँ मेरा यह सपना क्यों पूरा नहीं
होता?

रात को जागती मैं भी हूँ,

सब छोड़-छाड़ करती कड़ी मेहनत मैं भी हूँ,

देखती हूँ वह एक ही सपना,

माँ मेरा यह सपना क्यों पूरा नहीं होता?

सब यहाँ आए हैं एक मकसद से,

पूरे करने है कई सपने,टूट जाते हैं कई,

जोड़ के उन टूटे सपनों को देखो एक नया सपना

देखते रह जाए सब तुम्हारे नए सपनों का आशियाना।

Aarjan Singh, Grade 6



On a bright and beautiful morning, our school community came together to celebrate Teachers' Day with a theme that was truly out of This World. The entire auditorium was transformed into a cosmic wonderland, with space-themed decorations that left everyone in awe. The event was a tribute to the tireless teachers who guide and inspire us each day.

We expressed our gratitude with heartfelt speeches, comedy acts, and dances. The theme served as a reminder of the limitless possibilities teachers inspire. The event concluded with a resounding message: teachers light the way to new horizons in the vast universe of knowledge, leaving a memorable mark on students' lives. The day was filled with appreciation, from our hearts to theirs..



Inter-house Futsal Competition

"Winning isn't getting ahead of others, it is getting ahead of yourself."







An electrifying Inter-House futsal tournament unfolded as Teams Hercules, Polaris, Phoenix, and Pegasus fiercely competed to bag the 1st spot. The lively matches were a testament to the dedication and skills of each team.

As the dust settled, it was Team Polaris that emerged in victory, securing first place with their remarkable teamwork and skill. Team Hercules fought hard, missing the win by a mere 2-point difference, securing 2nd place.

Phoenix and Pegasus, too, displayed good sportsmanship and dedication, and made this competition memorable.

The event not only showcased the skills of the Houses but also facilitated unity and camaraderie among them!

Hercules, Phoenix, and Pegasus left the field, celebrating their efforts with their heads held high.

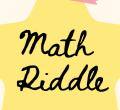
-Kaya Kholkar School Editor

Answers

Answer:

Because it knew it could never be right.

*An obtuse angle is an angle that measures more than 90 degrees (right angle) but less than 180 degrees therefore cannot be right



Biology



Answer: Mi-to-sis!

*mitosis is the division of a cell of the body that results in two cells, each with the same number of chromosomes as the original cell

Answer:

'It's time to leaf, we're having a TEAriffic Party!"!

The Pun Plays on the words "leaf" (leaving) and "tea" to humorously describe the colonists' act of tossing tea into Boston Harbor during the Boston Tea Party in Protest of British taxation



Hope You Enjoyed These!
Thats all from us! See you in the next issue!