



# ZEN

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Readers,

Greetings!

Once again, I take this privilege to address you all through our E-Magazine 'ZEN'.

My heartiest congratulations to all the students for their performance in the past session. I am sure each one of you must have learnt skills to be better human beings. As you embark on a new journey in the session 2018-19, I pray that you continue to persevere and push your boundaries to scale new heights.

We strongly believe in healthy home school partnership in bringing up a balanced human being. We began the academic year with our Parent Orientation programs for classes Sr.Kg to X and XII. These successful sessions with parents, where we had fruitful interactions and sharing, helped us in deciding certain changes needed to facilitate our children actualize their potentials.

Children, I hope you will utilize the summer holidays for a perfect break from school but not from learning. This time should be best utilized by reading books, taking up a sport or a creative hobby. Socialize with friends and family in real time rather than virtually. I am sure you will make the best of this month and a half and come back rejuvenated for another successful innings in school.

My best wishes to all the students awaiting the Board results.

*"There will be obstacles, there will be doubts, there will be mistakes,  
But with Hard Work, there are no limits."*

God bless you!!!

Alka Murthy

Principal

# ZYDUS ON THE GO

## SPORTS

**Kritee Shah** is a talented chess player. She has always secured a position for herself in the arenas of chess. In the Jito Games she bagged the first position. The Jito Games for Chess was held at the Rajpath Club on 5/2/18.

She also won accolades at the ASIAN YOUTH Chess Championship.



### Shito Ryu Karate Champs

**Hosvan Ginwala** bagged a Gold medal in 14th All Gujarat State Level Shito Ryu Karate Championship 2018 held on 11th February 2018.



**Prisha Joshi** has won the Silver medal in the Shito Ryu Karate championship which was held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Prisha always had an interest in martial arts. With practice and perseverance she has progressed remarkably in this field.



Yashvi Chauhan (Class V) is a budding star in the field of Dance & Figure Roller skating. Following are her achievements-

Medals received at National event				
Event : Dance and Figure Roller Skating				
Year	Event Name	Place	Age Group	Medals
2017-18	55th Artistic Roller Skating Championship	Chennai, Tamilnadu	10 to 12 years	Bronze - solo dance
2016-17	54th Artistic Roller Skating Championship	Noida, UP	08 to 10 years	Bronze-Figure Bronze-Solo Dance
Medals received in Gujarat State				
Event : Dance and Figure Roller Skating				
Year	Event Name	Place	Age Group	Medals/Position
2017	37th Gujarat State Roller Skating Championship	Ahmedabad	10 to 12 years	Gold - Freestyle Gold - Figure Gold - Solo Dance First- Pair skating
2016	36th Gujarat State Roller Skating Championship	Ahmedabad	08 to 10 years	Gold - Freestyle Gold - Figure Gold - Solo Dance Gold- Pair skating
2015	35th Gujarat State Roller Skating Championship	Ahmedabad	06 to 08 years	Gold - Freestyle Silver - Figure
KheMahakumbh - Open Category				
Event : Artistic and Figure Roller Skating				
2017	KhelMahakumbh	Baroda	Open age group	Participation



**Nishk Davawala** has won silver medals in swimming in the Jito games. The details are as follows- Free Style-50 M, Backstroke- 50 M, Breast Stroke-50 M & Butterfly Stroke- 50 M. **Nishk is going for national at NSCI (National Sports Club of India) in Mumbai in May.**



**Heer Sheth** is also a champion who has come out successful in the swimming competition. She has also won accolades for herself. She has received Bronze medal in the following- Backstroke- 50 M, Breast Stroke-50 M, Butterfly Stroke-50 M & Free Style-50 M



### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

**SCIENCE SKIT COMPETITION AT VASCSE (Vikram Sarabhai Community Centre for Space Education)**

The show was held on 22-23 January 2018. Painting and Quiz competitions were also held. Students from Zydus School For Excellence were active participants in it. The participants for the science skit competition were Shreya Mittal (IX), Kavvya Chedda (IX), Kashish Goplani (IX), Divyansh Sharma (IX), Pranjal Doshi (VIII) & Darshan Talati (VI).

In the Painting competition at VASCSE, Subhojit Roychowdhary of class 7B got the first Prize. His topic was Vacation in Space. Keya Kakkad and Dhwanit Madrasi both won the second prize.



Divit Kakariya of class 1 A (2017-18) secured the 3rd rank across Ahmedabad in the **Logical Reasoning Exam** conducted in our school premises during month of December 2017.



### Faber Castell National level Art Contest-2017-18

All children from Std 1<sup>st</sup> to Std 7<sup>th</sup> participated in Faber Castell competition 2017-18.

- 1) Namya Chheda of Class – 2 C in Group A won **National Prize** -Faber Castell All India Calendar Art Contest 2017-18 and won Trophy, American Tourister bag, colour kit & Word scrabble game.
- 2) Ishanvi Bharadwaj of Class – 3 A in Group B won **National Prize** – Faber Castell All India Calendar Art Contest 2017-18 and won Trophy, American tourister bag, colour kit & Kindle. Namya & Ishanvi's paintings are published in yearly calendar of Faber Castell 2017-18.



### Camel Art Contest -2017-18

All children from Jr. to Std 8<sup>th</sup> participated in the Camel Art contest.

- 1) Aanya Thacker- Std 6- A got 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in **Group D** Zonal Level.
- 2) Mahek Kothari- Std 7-A got 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in **Group E** Zonal Level.
- 3) Aashka Shah – Std 1- C got Appreciation prize in **Group B** Zonal Level.

They received certificates and trophies.



**Aryan Tewari** of class IX participated in the "Open Source" online program by Google CODE-IN. He successfully completed 4 tasks and won a T-shirt and a certificate .



### National Championship of Mars International Math Bee

The competition was held on **28<sup>th</sup> January 2018** at **Dayanand Sagar College of engineering** at **Bangalore**.

**Ms Mihika Chokhadia** a brilliant scholar of Zydus School, Vejalpur has won the national Championship of MaRRs international **MATH BEE** .

She won the first prize, ranking first in the competition and was awarded a cash prize of five thousand rupees.



### NSEJS Certificates

Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education and Research (HBCSE) in association with the Indian Association of Physics Teachers (IAPT) organises the National Science Exam in Junior Science (NSEJS) for school students of class VIII & IX. 44 students (academic session 2017-18) appeared for National Science Exam in Junior Science (NSEJS) during November 2017. IAPT gives certificates to top 10% of students from each centre. 4 students from our school were awarded certificates. Their names are as follows :

1. Jay Parikh
2. Ayaan Shaikh
3. Aryan Tiwari
4. Dhairya Shah

**Shayan Patel**, Class 4 and **Sivan K**, Class 8 have been declared as the Sparkie Champ (National level) for sparkling performance in Mindspark (15th January - 21st January 2017).





## SCHOOL NATIONAL LEVEL ACHIEVERS HUMMING BIRD SPELL BEE - 2017-2018



### HUMMING BIRD SPELLING COMPETITION



GOLD MEDAL		
1	RAGHAV DALAL	GRADE 1
2	NAVIN NAIR	GRADE 2
3	AADYAA KEKRE	GRADE 3
4	MEGHAV LADANI	GRADE 3
5	PRIYANSHI SHAH	GRADE 4
6	JUI BHATT	GRADE 4
7	AGASTYA RAGHVAN	GRADE 5
8	MIHIKA CHOKHADIA	GRADE 6
9	JISHNU SEN	GRADE 7
SILVER MEDAL		
1	PEARL MASHRUWALA	GRADE 1
2	ISHANVI BHARADWAJ	GRADE 3
3	RIDHAAN PATEL	GRADE 3
BRONZE MEDAL		
1	DIVIT KAKARIYA	GRADE 1
2	JESAL AVATTHI	GRADE 3
3	DEVAAN MEHTA	GRADE 3

### HANDWRITING OLYMPIAD

**Meghav Ladani** of class III participated in the Zonal Level Handwriting Olympiad and was selected to represent Gujarat- at State Level at Indore. He won the State Champ Trophy, certificate and gifts.





As a part of the YOUNG AUTHOR AWARDS-2017, conducted by The School Post, our school sent in a whopping 62 entries for competition in the two different categories- i.e. Classes IV to VII- the Junior Category and classes VIII to XII- the Senior Category.

The School won the 'Runners Up Trophy' for its commendable participation as well as performance. Fourteen of our students made it to the List of Honor in this event. They are:

1. Chelsy Ghiya (V)
2. Vrisha Mehta (V)
3. Shlok Raghvani (V)
4. Mihika Chokhadia (VI)
5. Sanidhya Shah (VII)
6. Yami Gandhi (VII)
7. Anshul Banker (VIII)
8. Riddhi Bobda (VIII)
9. Shashvat Sheth (IX)
10. Kavisha Parikh (X)
11. Shachi Vaghela (X)
12. Sana Lokhandwala (X)
13. Shruti Sinha (XI)
14. Achintya Baghela (XI)

We have published some of these stories in the "Students' Corner" section of the magazine.



### Zydan Child Artist

A student of class IV from Zydus school for excellence, Krishil Rajpal had acted in a movie Dhh. He performed the role of student in the movie. He had played the main role. This movie has got national award. It has gone for audience choice in UK. It has also gone for Asian Film Festival and Toronto International Film Festival. It is indeed a great achievement for the students as well as a matter of great pride for the school.



**‘ઢ’ બની શ્રેષ્ઠ, બેસ્ટ ગુજરાતી ફિલ્મ માટેનો નેશનલ એવોર્ડ જીત્યો**

મનીષ સેની દ્વારા દિગ્દર્શિત આ ફિલ્મમાં નરસિંહન શાહ પણ મહત્વના ભૂમિકા ભજવેલા છે.

બુલેટ મેન્ટલ હેલ્થ એન્ડ સોશિયલ સર્વિસીસ, અમદાવાદ.



### GSA-INSA Competition – A PPT on Nobel Prize Presentation

The GSA-INSA competition was based on scientific presentations on Nobel Prize for Physics for the year 2017. It was held on January 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Gujarat University. The participants for this competition were Yash Thakkar (XI), Sanjana Shah (XI) and Yashika Singla (IX). **Yash Thakkar** was declared the winner.

### Neuroscience QUIZ

A Neuroscience Quiz was organized at Zydus Hospital on 4/2/18. The name of the competition was Regional brain bee competition. The Incharge teacher was Ms. Sreeja. The participant students were Muskan Abhichandani and Kanisha Shah of class XI.

### Poster Presentation

On 22/02/18 a poster presentation was held at Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad. The participants were Ms Sanjana Shah, Yash Thakkar, Deeptha Srikant of class XI-A. They presented posters on “Useful & Harmful Effects of Micro-organisms” and “Air Pollution”.

## External Examinations

**ASSET TALENT SEARCH 2017-18**

Jyot Kikani of Class VII won recognition as the 'ATS Gold' Medalist & Siddharth Patolia won the honour of 'ATS Scholar'. Following students have been selected for the ASSET Summer Programme:

1. Jyot Kikani
2. Siddharth Patolia
3. Stavan Mehta

**2<sup>nd</sup> Level SOF International English Olympiad**

Sr.No.	Name of Child	Class	Awards Won International / Zone
1	MIHIKA P CHOKHADIA	6	Certificate of Zonal Excellence
2	ACHINTYA SINGH BAGHELA	11	Certificate of Zonal Excellence
3	OJASVI K KAUL	12	Certificate of Zonal Excellence

**2<sup>nd</sup> Level SOF National Science Olympiad**

Sr.No.	Name of Child	Class	Awards Won International / Zone
1	MEGHAV LADANI	3	Certificate of Zonal Excellence
2	MANIT KATHIARA	3	Certificate of Zonal Excellence

**2<sup>nd</sup> Level SOF International Mathematics Olympiad**

Sr.No.	Name of Child	Class	Awards Won International / Zone
1	MEGHAV LADANI	3	Certificate of Zonal Excellence
2	TAKSHIL S DALAL	4	Certificate of Zonal Excellence

**SOF NATIONAL CYBER OLYMPIAD**

Sr.No.	Name of Child	Class	Awards Won International / Zonal / School
1	MANIT KATHIARA	3	Gifts Worth Rs. 1000/- + Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
2	PARSHWA R SHAH	9	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence

**SOF INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD**

Sr.No.	Name of Child	Class	Awards Won International / Zonal / School
1	ALBERT BERKMANS	2	Gifts Worth Rs. 1000/- + Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
2	SWARA PRABHUNE	3	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction
2	ACHINTYA SINGH BAGHELA	11	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction
3	OJASVI K KAUL	12	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction



## SOF INTERNATIONAL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD



Sr.No.	Name of Child	Class	Awards Won International / Zonal / School
1	RAGHAV DALAL	1	Rs. 1,250 + Zonal Gold Medal + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
2	JENIL DALKI		Rs. 1,000 + Zonal Bronze Medal + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
3	ADVAIT VYAS		Gifts Worth Rs. 1000/- + Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
4	JIIYA YAGNIK		Gifts Worth Rs. 1000/- + Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
5	KAYAAN PATEL		Gifts Worth Rs. 1000/- + Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
6	'DIVIT KAKARIYA		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
7	PRAMITNIL MAITI		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
8	ANAYA PATEL		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
9	DEV MEHTA		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
10	JAIVAL TRIVEDI		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
11	NIYANSH SHAH		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
12	AASTHA BHATT		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
13	MANAV JARIWALA		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
14	PRATHAM SHAH		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
15	VIRATEE SHAH		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
16	JAY PAREKH		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
17	VYAPTI SHAH		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
18	SAGNIK BANERJEE	8	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence



## SOF INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD



Sr.No.	Name of Child	Class	Awards Won International / Zonal / School
1	TANAY GANDHI	3	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction
2	MEGHAV LADANI		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction
3	MANIT KATHIARA		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction
4	VANSH SHAH		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction
5	SHAYAN J PATEL	4	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction
6	MIHIKA P CHOKHADIA	6	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction



SOF NATIONAL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD



Sr.No.	Name of Child	Class	Awards Won International / Zonal / School
1	ALBERT BERKMANS	2	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction + Certificate of Zonal Excellence
2	ANAMAYA SHARMA	3	Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction
3	MEGHAV LADANI		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction
4	MANIT KATHIARA		Medal of Distinction + Certificate of Distinction

### OLYMPIADS – PHOTO GALLERY



**OLYMPIADS – PHOTO GALLERY**



# CAMPUS HULLABALOO

## Republic Day Celebration

The **69<sup>th</sup> Republic Day** was celebrated by the staff and students with patriotic fervor on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The celebrations began with the hoisting of our national flag by our Principal Ma'am, Mrs. Alka Murthy who was escorted by the school Deputy Head Boy Raj Shah and Deputy Head Girl Deeptha Sreekanth. This was followed by a Hindi recitation by Hriday Rathi whose poem echoed sentiments of patriotism. Thereafter, Keya Kakkad expressed her patriotism by delivering a speech in English on this important day.

Bringing the day to a 'sweet' end, sweets were distributed special day amongst all students and staff.



Painting by Priya Patel (Class X)



**PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT FOR CLASSES XI & XII**

In an effort to help our students to introspect as very soon they are going to venture into the bigger world, personality assessment was done for classes XI and XII on 13.12.17. In all 42 students had appeared for the test and an individual personality profile was generated for all.

**SESSION ON 'IELTS – PREPARATION'**

A session on preparation on '**IELTS – International English Language Testing System**', in association with IDP (the co-owners of IELTS testing) was organised for the students of classes IX and X on 3.1.18. As IELTS is one of the pre-requisite for admission to any foreign University, thereby students need proper guidance on the same. The resource person Mr. Rupinder Duggal gave an insight into what all is the sections of the tests, what all needs to be kept in mind while appearing for this test. The band system was explained to them. The session was concluded by 'Question/Answer' session by the students.



### Career Counselling Session

A **career counselling session** was organised for the students of classes XI and XII on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. For this session an extensive webinar was arranged between the students and university representatives of USA, UK and Canada universities. This gave students an opportunity to directly know about the admission process, various undergraduate programs and other related queries directly from the university representatives.



### Farewell to Batch- 2017-18

The farewell for class twelfth 2017 batch was held with a lot of fanfare and camaraderie. The eleventh standard left no stones unturned in conceiving the idea, preparing and executing it. The decoration, the parting gift-Yearbook, the disk jockey and the food was all part of the meticulous planning. As always the evening reverberated with nostalgic notes, the outgoing class sharing moments about their twelve year long journey, with juniors and their teachers.

This nostalgia though was soon drowned in the beats of the foot-tapping numbers played by the DJ.

All in all it was an evening to be remembered by all.



**ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME FOR EDUCATORS**

Ms. Richa Bhasin, school counsellor, conducted enrichment programme for all the educators on 17.2.18 and 24.2.18. This will help in generating a personality profile, which will help them with introspection.

**WORKSHOP ON ACTIVE LEARNING**

Ms. Richa Bhasin, school counsellor, conducted a workshop on 'Active Learning' for the educators on 28.2.18. In all there were 30 participants. The workshop was based on Howard Gardener's Theory of Multiple Intelligence and how as educators we need to cater to the need of the students and give them the best days to cherish throughout their life. It was a interactive workshop with many activities and sharing session.

**COACHING CAMP FOR ATHLETICS, BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL****16th to 26th March 2018**

A coaching camp for Athletics, Basketball and Football was organized in the school premises from 16<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The camp was conducted for students of Classes VI to IX and Classes III to V during the vacation before the beginning of new academic session. The camp received an overwhelming turnout with 58 participants in athletics, 55 in basketball and 146 in football.



**ONLINE TALK BY PRIME MINISTER SHRI NARENDRA MODI**

Students were taken to witness a live talk show on “Handling Exam Stress” by honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. Children eagerly listened to the various difficulties put up by students all over India and the responses of Shri Modi. It was undoubtedly a day of learning for the students.

**VOTER'S PLEDGE**

The 8th National Voters' Day was observed on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. The significance of this day is to encourage youngsters, who have reached the age of 18, of the country to participate in the electoral process, by enrolling or registering themselves in electoral rolls and to exercise their franchise. January 25th is also the foundation day of the Commission, which came into being on this day in 1950.

The students of Std. X-XII took pledge as the Election Commission of India has appealed people to Join them in celebrating this day by taking the National Voters' Day Pledge on 25th January 2018.



### ZyShow – Annual School Exhibition

#### **Life skill exhibits & models and oodles of talent displayed by students of ZSE, Vejalpur during ZyShow – Annual School Exhibition**

ZyShow – Annual School Exhibition was held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 in which students of Classes 3 to 10 had enthusiastically presented their exhibits and models. The exhibition was inaugurated by Mrs. Alka Murthy, Principal, ZSE Vejalpur.

The exhibition held at the premises, was a culmination of talent and knowledge acquired during the club activities conducted round the year. It aimed at developing skills for life-long learning.

The corridor was adorned with photographs clicked by the Photography club students. The Soft Toys, Needlework and Art section saw an array of colorful cuddly soft toys, crocheted items, variety of colourful useful items such as fridge magnets, paper bags, tray with elegant Egyptian painting, miniature painting and portraits of freedom fighters. It was a visual treat in the Carpentry section where students had made wooden tables, chairs, serving trays.

The Science section showcased some brilliant and exciting projects on robotics through working and non-working models. The students of Non-Fire Cooking club activity left visitors craving for more with scrumptious snacks laid on the table prepared by them.

The students of Quiz, IT, Mental Maths & Logical Reasoning and Community Services did not leave any area for boredom with their peppy, interesting and informative presentations. Besides presenting the activities conducted throughout the year, the Community Services also showcased beautiful plants nurtured by them.

The parents also witnessed fun-filled extravaganza put up by the students of Dance, Drama and Music club activities. Feet tapping musical medley by students of music left the audience mesmerized. Blossoming young talents bloomed into a colorful effervescence and with their colourful and bright attires, students put up beautiful fusion dance forms. The drama group of children enthralled the audience with various significant messages.

The yearlong effort of the students was definitely worth the visit and it was evident from the large turnout of parents who were seemingly impressed and elated with the work of their children.





### **Amogh - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition**

Amogh – 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Exhibition was held at L&P Hutheesingh Visual Art Centre on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Splendid work of art was exhibited during the exhibition which included canvas paintings, paper work, colourful mobile pouches, clay art and other craft items. Around 275 artworks prepared by children were on display.



### **SUPW PROJECT**

Socially Useful Productive work is important aspect of children's lives. It helps them to develop into sensitive and responsible human beings. SUPW is also an important parameter of ISC and ICSE evaluation.

Students of standard 10 & 12 engaged in SUPW activities on 29th January 2018. The objective of the activity was to carry forward the government initiative of Swachta Abhiyaan.

It involved 130 students of ICSE and ISC. Students prepared slogans and conducted rallies in different parts of the city. It gave them hands on experience and inculcated social values of cleanliness in them.



### **IITE TRAINEE TEACHERS VISIT**

A group of 22 Teacher Trainees from the Institute IITE, Gandhinagar were in our school for 4 days from 22nd Jan to 25 Jan 2018. Their main aim was to get a glimpse of how a school and teachers work, before embarking on their journey as an educator in the professional world.

The trainees were divided into 2 groups of 11 teachers each. The first group came on 22nd and 23rd Jan while the 2nd came from 24th to 25th Jan. Each trainee teacher was given a Time Table and they observed the classes of various subject teachers. They also learnt about the ways our school functions.

The trainee teachers appreciated the students, teaching methods, club activities, and the organized system of our school.



### **Scholar's Trophy for Academic Year 2017-18**

The Scholar's Trophy for Academic Year 2017-18 was held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The function was graced by the Ms. Kiran Sethi, School Administration and Academic Consultant who was invited as the Guest of Honor. Mr. Madhav Kulkarni, Member, ZyduS CSR Committee also graced the occasion. The programme began with a prayer and welcoming the Guest of Honor and Parents. This was followed by the welcome address by Principal Ma'm Mrs. Alka Murthy and a speech by Guest of Honor, Ms. Kiran Sethi. The awards were handed over by the Guest of Honor and dignitary for the occasion Ms. Kiran Sethi and Mr. Madhav Kulkarni respectively.

The function was held to felicitate the Student Council and outstanding performers in Academics and Club Activities for session 2017-18. The function ended with the Vote of Thanks addressed by the Head Boy of our school followed by our school song and the national anthem.

The Scholars of Classes I to V for Academic Year 2017-18 were felicitated on 19.4.2018 during assembly.





### Teacher Inspiration of the Month

Teachers at school are acknowledged for their hard work and support to students every month. The teacher awardee for the month of March was Abraham Sir and for April was Ms. Evelyn.



Mr. Abraham Berkman's



Ms. Evelyn Beluah

### **STAFF CELEBRATION – KITE FLYING**

Teachers enjoyed a fun-filled afternoon in January to celebrate Makar Sankranti. It provided respite from regular routine and the kite fights stole the show. The staff- members also had a light snack and games as add-ons.

### Gujarat Literature Festival

The students of class 8<sup>th</sup> visited the **GLF- Gujarat Literature Festival** on 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 at the Kanoria Centre for Arts. There they participated in the workshop on 'Reading Theatre' which was conducted by Minal Desai. Students were taught the basics about the reading theatre by the mentor. The children acquired the skills of voice modulation, use of proper gestures and body language. They acquired a great insight on the topic. They also wrote their own scripts and presented it in front of the audience.



### Trip – Jambughodha

The students of Class 4 went to **Jambughoda** on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.

On the first day itself the students enjoyed various adventure activities like zip-line and double rope walking. In the evening they were taken to see Pithora Art. On the way back they enjoyed collecting wood for campfire. At night when the campfire was lit the students performed various skits, danced and sang.

On the next day after having breakfast they were taken for trekking in the Jambughoda Wildlife Sanctuary which is a home to a large population of many kinds of wildlife- the leopard, jackal, hyena, deer, sloth bear to name a few. They saw a termite hill and various trees like teak, mahua, bamboo. They enjoyed a few tranquil moments near the picturesque lake in the sanctuary.

On the way back home they visited Champaner which has been declared as the World Heritage Site by UNESCO. They also visited the Jami Masjid. They reached Ahmedabad after a memorable trip, having learnt about the lesser known Pithora Art, information about the termites and their nest-building, difference between a Wildlife Sanctuary and a National Park.

### Anala Trip to Zainabad was held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February

In all 77 students of Class 5 had enrolled for the trip.

The most important attraction of this trip was the desert safari. They saw the wild ass, cranes, black drongo, Luni ( wild ass food). The sunset in the desert was unique. It was a great learning experience for the children.



# Inter House Competitions

<b>GYAN</b>	<b>DHARMA</b>
<b>KARMA</b>	<b>BHAKTI</b>

## Results Inter-House Collage Competition – 16.04.2018

The Inter-House Collage competition held on 16<sup>th</sup> April was a showcase of the children's creativity and the skill.

**Results :**

Class 1	Name	Class	House	Rank	Class 2	Name	Class	House	Rank
	Falak Thawani	1B	Dharma	1 <sup>st</sup>		Tashvi Sharma	2B	Karma	1 <sup>st</sup>
Prisha Mathukiya	1B	Bhakti	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vyom Gandhi	2C	Gyan	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Bhavya Bhatt	1A	Dharma	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dev Mehta	2A	Bhakti	3 <sup>rd</sup>		



## Results Inter-House Spell Bee Competition – 22.01.2018

Children of Classes 1 & 2 participated in the Spell Bee. Their knowledge of words at an early age was spellbinding.

**Results :**

Class 1	Name	Class	House	Rank	Class 2	Name	Class	House	Rank
	Pramitnil Maiti	IA	Bhakti	1 <sup>st</sup>		Anvi Gupta	IIB	Gyan	1st
Raghav Dalal	IA	Gyan	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dhyana Shah	IIC	Dharma	2nd		
Diya Parikh	IA	Gyan	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dhruv Shah	IIC	Karma	3rd		

### Results Inter-House Patriotic Song Competition – 22.01.2018

A competition which was well competed, it highlighted the talent of singing and playing an instrument.

#### Results :

	House	Rank	Participants
Classes 3 - 5	Karma	1 <sup>st</sup>	Dishwa Shah, Aryan Kataria, Tarang Jain, Khushi Vaidya, Trisha Thacker, Pearl Dave, Hrim Shah, Mrunalini Jadeja, Krishiv Tikmani, Havya Choganwala, Reet Banvet
	Dharma	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Siddharth Gupta , Shanvi Shah, Dhruvi Thakkar, Vrisha Mehta, Satva Shah Jaynil Soni, Manit Shah, Aarav Rawal, Drashya Shah, Sampada Gargeshwari Yashvi Shah, Kashvi A. Shah
	Bhakti	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Riyaan Shah, Kathan Kotak, VEDI Leuva, Mishka Pandya, Jesal Avastthi Ishanvi Bharadwaj, Shami Vaghela, Palash Shah, Manit Patel Vaishnavi Desai, Vansh Ruparelia



### Results Inter-House Nature Drawing Competition – 9.04.2018

Nature Drawing for Classes 3-5 held on 9<sup>th</sup> April showcased a plethora of plethora of colours and ideas.

Results :

Class	Name	House	Rank	Class	Name	House	Rank	Class	Name	House	Rank
Class 3	Anaaya N. Shah	Karma	1 <sup>st</sup>	Class 4	Vansh Shah	Gyan	1 <sup>st</sup>	Class 5	Tvishaa Shah	Karma	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Manav Parikh	Karma	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Swara Prabhune	Karma	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Divya Shah	Gyan	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Hridayi Shah	Karma	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Aanshi Joshipura	Gyan	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Khushi Vaidya	Karma	3 <sup>rd</sup>



### Results Inter-House Chess Competition – 9.04.2018

Competition held on 16<sup>th</sup> April was a showcase of talent and skill that makes our children special.

Results :

Classes	Name	Class	House	Position
3 - 5	Shiv Shah	5C	Dharma	1st
	Om Oza	4B	Karma	2nd
	Vihaan Shah	4C	Bhakti	3rd



### Results Inter-House Creative Writing Competition – 6.01.2018

Creative Writing for Classes 6 – 9 & 11 was held on 6<sup>th</sup> January. The budding writers showed how well they could master the English language and produced some exceptional work.

Results :

Classes 6-8	Name	Class	House	Rank	Classes 9 & 11	Name	Class	House	Rank
	Nikhitha G.V.	8C	Gyan	1 <sup>st</sup>		Anjasi Mehta	11B	Gyan	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Rajee Dhruva	7C	Gyan	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Shreya Mittal	9C	Bhakti	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Nitvi Shah	8B	Bhakti	3 <sup>rd</sup>		AchintyaSingh Baghela	11A	Gyan	3 <sup>rd</sup>

### Results Inter-House Handkerchief Painting Competition – 20.01.2018

The competition threw up a riot of colours as their work was put on display. Extreme precision was the icing on the cake.

Results :

Classes 6 - 8	Name	Class	House	Position
	Aashna Kanodia	7A	Gyan	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Nishka Trivedi	6B	Bhakti	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Tanisha Seth	7A	Gyan	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Pearl Modi	6C	Karma	3 <sup>rd</sup>



### Results Inter-House Stamp Designing Competition – 23.04.2018

Held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April for Classes 6 -8, the designers showed us how the 'profession of the future' was well within their grasp.

Results :

Classes	House	Name	Class	Rank
6 - 8	DHARMA	Hirdya Rajpal	8C	1 <sup>st</sup>
	KARMA	Manav Patel	8B	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	KARMA	Ananya Patel	8B	3 <sup>rd</sup>



### Results Inter-House Pooja Thali Decoration Competition – 17.02.2018

A peep into the culture and tradition, The pooja Thali competition was a cultural fiesta.

Results :

Classes	House	Name	Class	Rank
6 - 8	Bhakti	Netra Shah	7B	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Dharma	Jyoti Prajapati	7C	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Karma	Jash Bhadreshwara	8B	3 <sup>rd</sup>



### Results Inter-House Paint A Bag Competition – 23.04.2018

Out - of - the box creativity was the hallmark of all entries, a combination of Art with utility.

Results :

Classes 9 -12	House	Name	Class	Rank
	DHARMA	Priya Patel	10B	1 <sup>st</sup>
	BHAKTI	Kavya Chheda	10C	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	KARMA	Amoli Shah	10B	3 <sup>rd</sup>



Painting by Amoli shah (Class X)





# Play group in Action

## Convocation Ceremony

The convocation function of Sr.Kg. children was held on 24<sup>th</sup> March,2018. Parents of Sr.Kg. were invited to witness the convocation ceremony. The Guest of honour was Dr. Anupama Vyas (Pediatric ophthalmologist and strabismus). The programme began with the welcome speech, followed by a prayer song by class-1 students.

Principal Ms. Alka Murthy shared her thoughts with parents, which was then followed by a dance performance by class -1 students.

The Guest of honour Dr. Anupama Vyas also enlightened the invited guests, teachers and tiny tots. The convocation hats and certificates were distributed jointly by Dr. Anupama Vyas and Principal Ms. Alka Murthy to tiny tots of Sr. Kg., followed by the convocation song which was sung by Sr. Kg. students.



### Field Trip to Fire Station

The students of Sr. Kg. visited Bodakdev **fire station** on 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 2018 as a part of reinforcement on the topic Community Helpers. The children learnt about the various tasks done by firemen for e.g. how to rescue people or animals from a deep pit, rescue a drowning person, extinguishing fire etc. The children saw the fireman in uniform, Fire Fighters, Rescue Trucks, Hose Pipe etc.



**Show 'n' Tell Competition**

**Show 'n' Tell Competition** was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2018. In the semi-final round of the competition the children had to speak a few lines on the object which they had brought. The final round was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2018. The judges selected the best 5 performers out of the semi-finalists.

Winners	Sr.Kg A	Sr. Kg. B	Sr.Kg. C
	Utsavi Joshi	Vernica Jain	Aanya Sheth
	Shanaya Asnani	Sahej Kaur Bagga	Dhviti Shah
	Manya Shah	Harshit Baxi	Pahal Chawat
	Kashvi Shah	Shravi Jhaveri	Rishit Shah
	Aarnav Thakore	Shivali Vora	Sara Chokhadia
			Tanisha Sanghavi
			Viha Vyas

**Handwriting Competition**

**Handwriting Competition** was held on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. Kids had to copy the passage written on the black board. They were judged on the basis of the formation of letters and neatness in their written work.

Winners	Sr.Kg A	Sr. Kg. B	Sr.Kg. C
	Aaradhya Yadav	Diya Soni	Aditi Patro
	Kanav Jain	Vernica Jain	Aleena Talukdar
	Utsavi Joshi	Sanvi Soni	Aanya Sheth
	Reyansh Shah	Mahi Shah	Divakshi Vihol
	Tanaya Shivnani	Vrushti Doshi	Falak Thawani
		Parv Pujara	Hiya Doshi



### Recitation Competition

**Recitation Competition** was held for Jr.Kg. on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018. The tiny tots came prepared with beautiful poems and delivered them confidently on stage.

Winners	Jr.Kg A	Jr. Kg. B	Jr.Kg. C
	Aarna Gosaliya	Himja Sheth	Het Desai
	Prina Parmar	Anushka Shah	Jihan Shah
	Diti Vithalani	Vihaan Bhavsar	Kavya Patel
	Shrihan Jain	Kabir Das Thakker	Pranali Mehta
	Rishaan Patel	Kenisha Shah	Siddh Mashruwala
			Rishaan Thacker



### Word-building Competition

**Word-building Competition** was held for the students of Jr.Kg. on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. Word-building competition is about making words from the given vowels and consonants. The child who made the maximum words was declared the winner.

Winners	Jr.Kg A	Jr. Kg. B	Jr.Kg. C
	Aaradhya Senapati	Dhyana Parek	Het Desai
	Aarna Gosaliya	Himja Sheth	Arnav Shah
	Daneesh Bengani	Hiyanshi Acharya	Kavya Patel
	Medhya Shah	Kashvee Bagodia	Mishika Patel
	Dviti Kothawala	Parshav Kapadia	Rishaan Thacker
	Nitya Jasani	Sharanya Trivedi	Shaurya Shah
	Prina Parmar	Vaishnavi Gupta	Kashvee Shah
	Rishaan Patel		Saanvi Shah
	Shrihan Jain		
	Vacha Shah		
	Vyom Gadani		



# Students' Corner

Among the chirps of awoken birds and the grumble of the rubble, she lay still. Darkness. She was still as she could be. Only the blood within her veins and small rocks around her moved. She breathed cautiously, avoiding any movement. She blinked very less, even though she had not slept for two days. Her gaze was fixed a large metal ball lying motionless on a big rock. The fallen debris all around her did not seem to influence her right now, but the falling rocks near her and the giant ball did. Her heart skipped a beat every time a piece of rubble slid down to Earth. Life never seemed so slow.

Melinda was stuck under numerous rocks in a big crater. It seemed as if time had halted. She felt as if only moments ago, she was having her supper with Margo and her mother. She could still hear her younger sister giggling every now and then on their mother grunting about the cook and the horrid food. Melinda was among these hallucinations when a big chunk of rock fell on the Earth with a thump. It moved the giant metal ball slightly, but shook Melinda's soul immensely. The metal ball seemed quite stable now as the rock had moved in front of it, stopping it. Mel thought this as her golden opportunity to swoop out of the debris crushing her.

After hours of wriggling and twisting, Mel finally managed to escape out the ruins, but the joy of relief persisted long enough for her to finally blink properly and see the world around her for the first time in days. Her throat dried. Darkness all around. She thought that the day had just begun!

*Why was it getting dark already?*

She limped forward, her legs searing with pain. Her body rebelled, but her soul scoffed and ordered to move forward. Mel walked for a couple of hours until her legs completely gave up and she fell on the floor with a thud.

Mind is one naughty part of our body. Of all times, it decided to play games right now. She saw double and heard nothing but a slow and steady hum coming from nowhere. Lights were growing bright and dim. She felt dizzy and puked on the ground. Suddenly she widened her eyes. Margo! She rose at length and gave out a frail call to her sister and her mother. Her voice was distorted and broken. It took her effort to speak loudly. But she gathered strength and shouted only once, "MARGO!" Right after her voice faded away, there was a sudden shake in another crater. "MEL?!"

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Melinda was more than pleased on hearing Margo's voice. Fearless. She hurried towards the sound and found her sister motionless, just as she was. There was another metal ball, smaller than what she saw earlier. The rocks kept on tumbling in the crater. Margo helplessly sobbing. Mel steadily lowered herself and slid down the slope and fell on the ground with a soft bump. Her pains were not there right now. All she could feel was the diminishing breaths of Margo. She tried to move the big rocks but her efforts were in vain. She sat down, tears rolling down uncontrollably. Her throat was dry but she turned to ask Margo how was she, but not everyone can bear loads for long. Mel could not help but weep. There was a surge of anger and sadness erupting within her.

She climbed out of the hole and stood on her weak legs. Dust and doom. Nothing more could be seen. Peaceful nights charred and morphed into nights of horrors in hell. Mel took some time to realise that there were metal balls of varying size everywhere. All with small flickering lights of red and green. Broken buildings, swirling dust and stirred up sky could not conceal the truth from the innocent soul. She realised that what had to be hers was no longer hers to command. She was at the mercy of those who believed that only fire brings purity. She was at the mercy of those who believed that to enlighten the world, they must first set it on fire.

She limped a bit forward where she saw a speck of white amongst all the brown and red. She staggered towards the blinding light amidst the darkness. She was completely exhausted and was dragging her feet, making her way between the rocks and rubble. The speck grew larger and brighter, making her askew. She was feeling a sudden gush of energy rise within her. Her thoughts were never so clear. The radiance was eternal. She never felt so contented. She felt as if her journey had finally come to a halt. Slowly, all the murk and dust started dissolving in the radiance from the speck. She extended her arm to reach out for the light when she suddenly heard a loud boom. And everything went black again.

- **Achintya Singh Baghela XI**  
(Winner of Young Author's Award)

LOOKING DOWN FROM THE WINDOW

Here I am, in a high-raised building,  
With a pen in my right hand,  
And sandwich in left.

Tired out from doing homework,  
I sigh and keep my pen down;  
And look down from the window.

I see the poor children playing in the sand;  
Not a care of getting their homework done,  
Not a care of getting their clothes dirty.

My envious eye keeps on staring them,  
Until my mother passes by,  
So I pretend to be studding.

After she leaves,  
I continue my daydreaming,  
Not showing my sympathy to whom I should.

Until I hear a pitiful voice,  
It was my mother saying:  
"How unlucky they are!

They get nothing you get,  
Neither the fine pen,  
Nor the vegetable sandwich;

Neither daily T.V.,  
Nor weekly restaurants,  
Or yearly schools;

They have to help their parents  
To make the two ends meet;  
Instead of studding in a cosy room."

A stream of realisation  
Flowed though my mind,  
When I understood my selfishness;

Tears came to my eyes  
When I saw the reality  
My mother showed me

I steal a look  
From the sandwich in my hand  
To the children playing in the sand

Without wasting a second,  
I run down towards the children  
To offer them my sandwich

As soon as I reach there,  
The children come rushing over me  
To see what I had for them.

When I show them the sandwich,  
Their eyes began to shimmer,  
Their mouth began to water.

Their mother comes,  
Pushing her way forward  
And takes the sandwich from my  
hand

She looks reviled,  
That her children won't starve  
tonight,  
As they always did.

She divides it into four parts  
And gives her children each piece  
From that already half piece

I see the children eagerly chomping  
Like they never tasted anything  
Such as nice as it

I look up to my window  
And I see my mother  
Staring at me

I climb upstairs  
Expecting a punishment  
For my running away

As soon as I reach up  
My mother embraces me  
And it makes me feel the luckiest  
girl in the world

**- Chahat Vyas**  
**VIII**

Falling

I'm green and bright and fresh  
A new leaf among thousands more  
And I know I will fall

I'm warmed by the light  
The soil quenches my thirst  
But I know, I'll be alone once I fall

At times, the ground scares me  
The mud and dirt are disgusting  
And that is where I will fall and lay

I am working harder than I should  
Trying to be noble and brave  
Probably it might matter when I fall

I hate to think I'll be useless  
But it might console to think  
That I do my best even when I fall

Though there is no point in asking,  
I ask, "Why is fate like this?  
Why do I have to fall?"

No, I won't like that,  
After all why to worry about an inevitable fall?  
Fall I might and fall I will

I would rather fall with a crash  
Then be on the whims of wind  
Why prolong the painful fall?

Yes, it will hurt my weary veins  
But it's much better to hope  
For there will be wending peace after the fall

If I turn to darkness,  
It will make me sad  
Better to face the sun when I fall

So, I make preparations for it  
To make sure it won't hurt  
As I was warned by my friends

My fall's near  
I can feel it come  
The wait finally ends

The sun is shining on my face  
The wind is blowing on my back  
This is my fall

It feels wonderful  
To ride this roller coaster  
I wonder why I feared it

This is a great thing  
I was afraid before even feeling it  
But now I do and I feel brave

I softly kiss the ground,  
And close my eyes;  
I can feel the peace now.

**- Chahat Vyas**  
**VIII**

### Whistleblower: The Murderer

A wonderful morning; I got up a bit late, yet managed to get ready for work in time. It was a peaceful day until I descended stairs, when I found my younger brother, Arthur Peterson, glued to TV news with very high volume.

"Charles Dog Training Camp has been sealed by the Court of London", the news reporter announced.

For me, this was a shocking piece of news, as I believed it was a great training camp. My brother laughed and exclaimed, "This was bound to happen one day. Charles had given a bad review and expressed total disagreement about the latest research done by Professor Diana. I just hope she didn't have to bribe the judge to get the camp and its illicit activities sealed."

"Professor Diana - the one who lives next door? She is such a nice lady", I protested.

Arthur looked at his watch and said, "Check the time, you may reach late at work". I hurriedly picked my coat and rushed for office. "Professor Diana- a nice lady? I guess so", my mind kept wandering.

The day went well for me; I managed to escape warning for being late at work. Arthur too had a busy day with his university studies. At night though, Arthur confessed that something had been bothering him all day. He had a feeling that Professor Diana may get in some trouble that night. I consoled him not to worry and that he was rather stretching the morning news too far. While we disagreed on the subject, we both slept.

In the middle of the night, our doorbell rang and I went downstairs to open the door. The police had come to seek help of Arthur, who is reckoned one of the best teenaged detectives. I woke him up; they all sat down while I offered to serve them tea.

Arthur inquired, "What's the matter, Inspector? Is it about Prof. Diana?"

"Indeed, Prof. Diana died; COD a slit throat. It seems Charles' dog bit around her neck", Inspector replied.

"I had a feeling that something would happen to her tonight. I have a pretty good clue that this must be a murder", mourned Arthur, while I served the tea, which I think no one was interested in.

The Inspector continued, "Charles and his dog have been remanded to our custody. However, I am afraid, Charles has a strong alibi. The murder took place several blocks away from here and a security guard is an eyewitness to the crime."

"Let's rush to the crime-scene, Inspector" Arthur said.

I accompanied them to the crime-scene. Arthur examined the dead body, which was blood-stained and it was clear that she died due to slit on her neck. A message written in blood was found on the street which was presumably Diana's last words, or say last number....21.

Arthur murmured, "21? What could this number mean? I must talk with the eyewitness security guard and hear his account." He walked up to the guard and asked him, "Tell me what you saw."

"I saw Charles and Professor Diana both walking across the street in opposite directions. The dog walking with Charles saw Diana and got crazy. He lashed out onto her and slit open her throat in a flash", the eyewitness narrated.

Arthur probed, "Did you notice anything strange? Can you recall any such thing?"

"Not sure if this is strange, but Charles had his mouth covered with his hands just when his dog went berserk", the security guard said.

We left with a feeling that there was no key to unlock this crime. The motive for Charles to kill Diana was clear, as she obstructed his training camp; there was however no proof against him. Upon Arthur's instructions, I borrowed Diana's research papers from the police. He read and re-read these, and kept on repeating, "Clue to solving this case must lie in her research itself."

It was wee hours in the morning when Arthur announced, "I found it; now I need to find it", and exited from our house. I accompanied him to the crime scene, and on the way, we called up the Inspector informing him to reach there too.

Arthur approached the eyewitness and asked, "Did Charles touch anything after the incident?"

"As far as I know, he had not touched anything then and has since been in police custody", he replied. By this time the Inspector too had arrived.

Arthur started looking around; on the streets, in garbage bins, here, there and everywhere. After a thorough search of one of the bins, he found a whistle inside and gestured the inspector to collect it as evidence.

"I know the murderer! It is Charles", Arthur announced.

We were all startled as Charles had a strong alibi - an eyewitness who vouched that Charles was not even near Diana when she was killed by the Dog. How could he be the murderer?

Arthur explained, "His alibi is hollow. Remember security guard telling us about Charles covering his mouth before the Dog's attack? At that time, he blew this whistle which instigated his dog to attack. Obviously, the Dog was well-trained to attack upon hearing a certain pattern of the whistle-blow."

"But someone would have heard the whistle when it was blown", I interrupted.

"This is not an ordinary whistle -this is Galton's Whistle. Its frequency is higher than range audible to human beings i.e.20Hz to 20kHz. This means even if it was blown, no one would have heard it, except Dogs. We will find fingerprints of Charles on it. And, '21' is the page number of her research work where information about this whistle is given. Case closed!" Arthur said.

Charles had no choice but to accept his crime. I wondered, "Why did Arthur read entire research, if he knew clues were on page 21?" I didn't ask him but I guess his reply would have been, "Her work was damn interesting!"

- **Shashvat Sheth IX**  
(Winner of Young Author's Award)

**My Sister**

She was born when I was two  
I never knew, who she was?  
The day I became so big, it felt  
Like the heaven's most proud moment!

I love her like crazy, you see  
When I am sad or I am in glee  
I got jealous, a couple of days  
'Cause she was small, and got a graceful place

But when she grew up, like she is now  
She just knows to yell, and to caw  
My secret keeper and a friend of mine  
(She still doesn't know how to draw a line).

But I fight with her, and kiss her too,  
Then too she doesn't ask me, "How're you?"  
She is my sorrow, my regret  
I love her more than anyone, I bet!

I wonder what her future holds,  
She is growing up with cakes and moulds,  
She wants a cake shop, 'Candy Bliss'  
But whatever she is, I love you, my cute lil' sis!!

- **Kavya Gotecha**  
**VIII**

**Return to my nest**

As the sun sets  
And another day comes to an end,  
I see the birds returning to their nest  
As soon as the darkness begins to cover the rest.

Why would they do that?  
Why not face the darkness  
Rather than running to the nest?  
Cowardice in bird blood,  
Can't even face the night alone....

But then I realized the unexplained truth  
That we humans bear the same booth,

When the gloom becomes prevalent  
And staying in the darkness tends to our doom,  
When the depression strikes up  
And the loneliness strikes you out,  
Do we not choose  
To return to the nest,  
Where we feel the warmth  
And can let go of the rest?

So are we cowards?  
Or in a constant search of warmth?  
Are we homesick?  
Or just want to find places where everything just  
clicks?

Is it necessary to be strong  
And face the darkness alone,  
Rather the setting your ego aside  
And sharing your troubles with someone worth it all?

- **Sanjana Shah**  
**XI**



Painting by Priyanshi agarwal (Class X)





## GUILTY CONSCIENCE

## PROLOGUE:

*He lay motionless. Blood is still oozing out from his wounds but there is no sign evident on his face to showcase his pain. Thick crimson fluid is dripping from the shiny metal surface of my knife. I wipe it carefully with a napkin and stuff that blood soaked napkin back into my pocket along with my knife.*

*Before leaving I remark, "Everything pays back, sooner or later." I glance at him one last time and leave that room.*

Murder. Conspiracy. Suspects.

Police inspector, Ajit Ranade's thoughts were captivated by these three words for past few days. He was in charge of 21 year old, Lakshit Chauhan's murder case. Lakshit Chauhan was the son of chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, Mr. Adhiran Chauhan. Lakshit's murder had created waves of anxiety among the masses of Madhya Pradesh.

Inspector Ajit Ranade was perplexed by the facts of the case. sitting in his cabin he tried to recall the major facts of the case.

Lakshit's dead body was found in his own room situated on the second floor of Chauhan Villa. "Lakshit was stabbed multiple times and he bled to death. His body was under the influence of high dose of alcohol while he was being murdered. The time of murder can be estimated from two a.m to four a.m in the morning" said Avinash Malhotra, the forensic expert. This information did not suffice to draw any conclusion regarding his murderer.

While Ajit was engrossed in his thoughts, enter Sahil Nair. "Sir, may I come in?" asked Sahil, sub inspector of police. Ajit greets his junior with a smile and takes the file from his hand. "Have a seat" ordered Ajit.

Ajit inquired from Sahil, "What's your say in the case?". Sahil replied, "Sir I believe murderer is right among the inmates of the house because the CCTV footage recorded no evidence of any intruder and the technical experts assure us that the footage is not tampered at all."

"Hmm. Even I believe so." Ajit remarked.

He took a pen and a notebook and listed down names of five suspects in total. Then he started analyzing the statements and conclude their possible motive of murder.

First in the list was Adhiran Chauhan and second was Vireesha Chauhan, Lakshit's father and his mother respectively. Ajit spoke, "Both of them claim to be sleeping during the time of murder and they hadn't heard any suspicious sound. What's your opinion on this Sahil?"

"Sir I believe they are right. Lakshit's cries wouldn't be loud enough to reach his parents room on first floor. And for the motive of murder, I have heard Adhiran is an ambitious demagogue and there were rumors that he shared a rough relationship with his son as his son being a loafer spared no stone unturned to spoil his political image."

"Possible. What about Vireesha, his mother?" said Ajit

"I don't find any significant motive for her." Sahil said plainly.

Ajit nodded. He went further in his list and spoke, "Sahil I believe Ranjan Chauhan and Sneha Chauhan have really strong motive of murder against Lakshit. They would gain greater access to the ancestral property after Lakshit's death. Plus they claim that they have heard nothing at all even though their room was just beside Lakshit's room."

"I agree sir. And what about Lakshit's sister, Jigyasa?" Sahil asked impatiently.

"Frankly speaking I didn't understand her reaction. She seemed uninfluenced by her brother's death. She never bothered to shed a single tear." Ajit said with a doubtful expression.

"Sir you can have a look at these set of pictures of crime scene. Maybe it will help." Sahil said with hope.

Ajit took those pictures and started going through it with rapt attention. Suddenly a faint smile appeared on his face.

"Everything was perspicuous. How did we miss it?" cried Ajit in jubilantly.

He dialed a number on his mobile and spoke in a composed manner, "I am Ajit Ranade. Can I have a word with you in Radiant Park? I have got a important lead."

Completing his short conversation he started to leave. Sahil interrupted him and offered his company but Ajit refused and promised to update him later.

Ajit was waiting in the park patiently, sitting on a bench. After a while, Vireesha Chauhan arrives and sits beside him. Vireesha begins the conversation.

"So what's the lead inspector?" Vireesha asked with hope.

"Why did you murder your son Mrs. Chauhan?" Ajit asked in a calm tone.

"Are you out of your mind?" Vireesha exclaimed.

"Mrs. Chauhan I saw a diamond stone lying near the dead body and a diamond stone is missing from your mangalsutra. Plus, we found your fingerprints on the weapon of murder which was lying in the backyard." said Ajit.

"That's not possible. Fingerprints cannot be present on the knife. I was wearing gloves while I was murdering him." said Vireesha impatiently. The next moment she realized her mistake and tears rolled down from her eyes.

"So how did you kill him?"

"Firstly, I mixed sleeping pills in his uncle and aunt's food so that they could not hear his cries. I used kitchen knife to murder him and as he was under influence of alcohol he could not protest much." she confessed.

"Motive of murder?" Ajit asked.

"I had to choose between justice for my daughter Jigyasa who was raped by her own brother or my love for my son. I chose justice. It was not easy but this was the only way out. When I complained about Lakshit's deed to his father he asked me to remain silent as he was concerned about his political image. I had to provide justice to my daughter myself." Vireesha completed. Ajit listened patiently and then he remarked, "You did the right thing. I won't arrest you and for your punishment you will always carry your guilty conscience to remind you of your act" Then he left.

Guilty conscience needs no accuser

**CHILDHOOD**

The days were golden and young.  
 I remember it was my childhood which was fun.  
 The days were long,  
 As my playing never stopped at all.  
 And the nights were short,  
 As my sleeps were not enough.

I had no studies so no need to pay attention,  
 But now my life is full of tension.  
 Whom to share,  
 Because now no one cares.  
 When i was young I loved to solve mysteries,  
 But now it is difficult to learn chemistry and history.

That time things were easy to ask,  
 But now I get only one reply 'Shut up'.  
 I was crazy at that time,  
 But now everybody says you are a lazy guy.  
 How to make them understand -  
 I was always like that.  
 It is not me who has changed,  
 But my duties have increased.  
 Still I will always dream of,  
 What?  
 My childhood.

- Prishaa Joshi (VII)

**TO BE WHAT YOU ARE**

The courage to be what you are  
 To bare every scar  
 Is one quality that is rare  
 To heartily with everyone share  
 Your inner self, your true image  
 And not to lock it up in a cage

For those who hide  
 Have none by their side  
 Neither through the thick nor the thin  
 Just because of not letting others in  
 So jump above these obstacles  
 And let your voice be audible

And when you do  
 There may be a problem or two  
 But it will pass  
 And your life will be fresher than new-mown grass  
 That's why you must believe  
 Let your worries leave

It's a fresh beginning  
 A start of winning  
 Every goal, every dream  
 And raising your self esteem  
 Acceptance make you new  
 Makes you among the brave few

You are you, forever and ever  
 Accept it and you'll be sad never  
 Have the quality that is rare  
 To with everyone share  
 The courage to be what you are  
 To bare every scar.

- SHREYA MITTAL (IX)



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