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EDITORIAL

The chariots of time hasten unhindered and with a pace uncontrolled. As the year 2003 rolled by, I.L.S. marked it with multifarious activities. **Flying High** once again presents the annals of the enterprising strides taken in the year gone by. The pictures and the articles attempt to trap those past moments in a tangible form.

The magazine cover this year is yet another innovative reconnaissance into the world of Art- A Frame- that mounts the multitudes of emotions of our beloved institution.

Sportacular features the Annual Sports Day. This section encapsulates the spectacular day that was... The sweat and toil of the students bore fruit when much appreciation was lauded to their performance. **Rhymesters' Work** and **Reflections** are offerings from a child's luminous universe. The flame of ingenuity is fanned here with a purpose- so that the children's skills in expression attain greater heights. Another notable section, **Reader's Delight** constitutes book reviews penned by children. This is an attempt to rekindle in the children the magic of the written word. Let me seize this opportunity to affirm that aspiring writers and future expressionists must turn to voracious reading. Books cater to the wider needs of the young minds and aid in the metamorphosis of an individual.

Vox Populi voices the popular sentiments of the students on issues of the heart.

As the fountainhead of inventiveness and innovation resonates in the world of I.L.S., the Magazine Committee of the year 2003 presents to its readers the **XVII Volume of Flying High**.

Shalini Ramaul



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Yet another vibrant school year draws to an end and it is time for introspection. I find myself in a reflective mood and would like to share my thoughts with all the readers on certain impending issues.



Being an educationist is a challenge in itself. Education helps one to achieve transcendence but it must be marked with soul searching. I.L.S. has been a sounding board for everyone who plunges into its vast depths with the desire to learn. It is here that we mould the clay into conclusive shapes, provide an environment conducive to nourish the burgeoning minds and tutor the river not to meander from the righteous path except for the benefit of others.

Our aim is to engender progenies with character in the stormy billows of the world where true conscience is their sole guide. The school is not merely an edifice; it is an institution with a soul meant to awaken the souls of its denizens. Once the values are right, no one can deter you from realizing your aspirations.

Resolutions need to be made from within, as character is man's greatest safeguard; it is higher than intellect. Man is capable of conquering the unimaginable, the infinite but he should not let the demands of time take their toll on his conscience. He must develop an attitude and influence based on integrity and a desire to stand unshaken amidst all adversities.

Fame is what you have taken,
Character is what you give;
When to this truth you waken,
Then you begin to live -

Bayard Taylor

So live on and live right don't merely exist.

Jumar barwa

DR. (MRS.) S. KANWAR



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I am happy to note that the 17th issue of the annual magazine '*Flying High*' of Indian Language School, Lagos is due for publication by April 2004.

It gives me immense satisfaction that the annual school magazine provides the students an opportunity to express their creative abilities.

18 February 2004
Lagos

(Atish Sinha)
High Commissioner of India

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ADVERTS

...Our strength

It's cool to be you

Grade X Examination March 2003



TANVI SAVARA
TULSI CHANRAI AWARD
&
BINATONE AWARD
For securing overall Highest (92.2%)



SOUNDARYALAKSHMI KEDARNATH
K. L. MEHTA AWARD
For Securing Highest In Mathematics (100%)



ANANYA TANDON
J.T. PUNJABI MEMORIAL AWARD
For securing Highest in French (97%)

90% AND ABOVE IN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS

ENGLISH:	Sobitha Ravichandran
HINDI:	Chandrika Gaggar, Snehal Patel.
FRENCH:	Ananya Tandon, Reetika Borate, Rohit Deshpande, Neema Iyer, Vysali Janardhanan, Pooja Kapoor, Soundaryalakshmi Kedarnath, Srividya Leeladharan, Apurvasena S. Parikh, Sobitha Ravichandran, Tanvi Savara, Preethi Sundaram.
MATHEMATICS:	Soundaryalakshmi Kedarnath, Nimisha Agarwal, Reetika Borate, Rohit Deshpande, Neema Iyer, Vysali Janardhanan, Pooja Kapoor, Pallavi Karnatakam, Satwant Kaur Advani, Sivaraman Krishnan, Sobitha Ravichandran, Tanvi Savara, Neha Singh, Rahul Sinha, Ananya Tandon and Nimrita Udhwani.
SCIENCE WITH PRACTICALS:	Satwant Kaur Advani, Nimisha Agarwal, Reetika Borate, Rohit Deshpande, Neema Iyer, Vysali Janardhanan, Pooja Kapoor, Soundaryalakshmi Kedarnath, Karishma Lalchandani, Apurvasena Parikh, Snehal Patel, Tanvi Savara, Preethi Sundaram and Ananya Tandon.
SOCIAL SCIENCE:	Snehal Patel, Tanvi Savara, Preethi Sundaram.

Grade XII Examination March 2003



LEKHA MUKHERJEE
TULSI CHANRAI AWARD

For securing Highest in the Commerce Stream (87.8%)

&
B. D. RUSTAGI AWARD

For securing Highest in Accountancy (82%)



AMBIKA JANGIR
TULSI CHANRAI AWARD

For securing Highest in the Science Stream (PCB 93%)

BHUNIA AWARD

For securing Highest in Biology (94%)

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

For Securing Highest in Chemistry (95 %)

&

R. P. MATHEW MEMORIAL AWARD

For securing Highest in Physics (90%)



SHRADDHA SINGH

R.K. ZACHARIAH AWARD

For Securing Highest in English (88%)

90% AND ABOVE IN INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS (GRADE XII)

Physics:	Ambika Jangir
Chemistry:	Ambika Jangir; Madhav Jagannathan; Namrata Joshi
Biology:	Ambika Jangir
Economics:	Lekha Mukherjee
Mathematics:	Nikhil Bhardwaj
Business Studies:	Lekha Mukherjee

Grade XI Awards



NATASHA KHOLGADE
J. MATHEW AWARD
For securing Highest in Physics (96.3 %)



KAVITHA SRINIVASAN
V.M. HEMNANI AWARD
For securing Highest in English (89.6 %)

Cash Award Winners For Securing Highest In Respective Classes



ADYA JHA
GRADE VII



PRERNA INGLESHWAR
GRADE VIII



ARPIA GANTAYET
GRADE IX



NATASHA KHOLGADE
GRADE XI
HIGHEST IN AGGREGATE
(SCIENCE)



HANISHA LALWANI
GRADE XI
HIGHEST IN AGGREGATE
(COMMERCE)

Merit Awards



SUVISH MELANTA
TULSI CHANRAI AWARD
Best All Round Performance



NATASHA KHOLGADE
B.B. GARG AWARD
For General Proficiency



NATASHA KHOLGADE
MAJOR MOHNANI MEMORIAL AWARD
For Excellence in Character & Conduct



ROHAN GULATI
MAJOR MOHNANI MEMORIAL AWARD
For Excellence in Sports

PRIZE WINNERS 2002-03

HIGHEST MARKS IN:

IA			II D		
English	-	Suprateek Bose	English	}	Nikita Gantayet
Maths	-	Avinash Santosh	Maths		
Hindi	-	Natasha Kutty	Hindi		
		Avinash Santosh			
I B			II E		
English	-	Shruthi Srinivasan	English	-	Rohan Menon
Maths	-	Aanchal Thadani	Maths	-	Rahul Gianchandani
		Pranay NandaKumar	Hindi	-	Rajan Bhatnagar
Hindi	-	Pranay NandaKumar			
I C			III A		
English	-	Simran Melvani	English	-	Ruchika Hiranandani
		Ashi Saxena	Maths	-	Varun Behani
Maths	-	Ashi Saxena	Hindi	-	Ruchika Hiranandani
Hindi	-	Simran Melvani	Science	-	Deepika Chivukula
		Ritu Shradha Ojha	Social Sc.	-	Ruchika Hiranandani
I D			III B		
English	-	Saakshi Dewan	English	-	Yeshas .V.Sagar
		Kavya Jacob	Maths	-	Varshitha Sai Suresh
Maths	-	Saakshi Dewan	Hindi	-	Siddharth Chaudhari
Hindi	-	Kavya Jacob	Science	-	Varshitha Sai Suresh
			Social Sc.	-	Varshitha Sai Suresh
					Yeshas .V. Sagar
II A			III C		
English		Vidisha Devnani	English		Somnath Deshmukh
Maths		Vidisha Devnani	Maths		Amogh Luxminarayan
		Vidisha Devnani	Hindi		Subhashini Venkatesh
Hindi		Mehak Kamboj	Science		Somnath Deshmukh
			Social Sc.		Chaitanya Waikar
II B					Vraj Delhivala
English	}	Sneha Kavishwar			Somnath Deshmukh
Maths					Somnath Deshmukh
Hindi					
II C			IV A		
English	-	Pratik Ramchandani	English	-	Subramaniam Kedarna
Maths	-	Pratik Ramchandani	Maths	-	Anshul Kapoor
		Akshay Sood	Hindi	-	Anshul Kapoor
		Akshya Arunachalam	Science	-	Anshul Kapoor
		Saloni Deshmukh	Soc. Sc.	-	Subramaniam Kedarna
Hindi		Mishra Akanksha			Divya Maria Jacob

VI B
 English - Dishaan Ahuja
 Maths - Nehal Kamat
 Hindi - Dishaan Ahuja
 Science - Dishaan Ahuja
 Social Sc. - Nehal Kamat

VII A
 English }
 Maths } Priyanka Bhatia
 Hindi }
 Science }
 Social Sc. } Nitin Gupta

VII B
 English }
 Maths } Vivek Falod
 Hindi }
 Science }
 Social Sc. }

VIII A
 English - Chandni Sawlani
 Maths - Vidushi Ramchandani
 Hindi }
 Science } Mayuresh Pai
 Social Sc. }

VIII B
 English - Yash Siddhartha
 Maths - Vigneshwar Kesavan
 Hindi - Rashi Gupta
 Science - Vigneshwar Kesavan
 Social Sc. - Vigneshwar Kesavan
 French - Hardik Jasani
 Dinika Mordani

IX A
 English }
 Maths } Saumil Shah
 Hindi }
 Science }
 Social Sc. }
 French } Kushal Jajoo

VI C
 English - Manya Bangalore
 Maths - Aman Gulati
 Hindi - Sonal Jain
 Science - Surbhi Purwar
 Social Sc. - Keerthy Jalakam
 French - Hardik Damania
 Keerthy Jalakam

VII A
 English - Ajay Ninan
 Maths - Ajay Ninan
 Hindi - Arshi Agarwal
 Science - Diganto Choudhury
 Social Sc. - Diganto Choudhury
 French - Vivek Behani

VII B
 English }
 Maths } Adya Jha
 Hindi }
 Science }
 Social Sc. }
 French }

VIII A
 English - Aditya Venkatachalam
 Maths }
 Hindi } Sidharth Garg
 Science }
 Social Sc. }
 French - Nandita Khosla

VIII B
 English - Perna Ingleshwar
 Maths - Ishwar Saxena
 Hindi - Vidita Bhargava
 Science - Perna Ingleshwar
 Social St. - Perna Ingleshwar
 French - Makarand Bidikar

IX A
 English - Arpita Gantayet
 Maths - Arpita Gantayet
 Science - Arpita Gantayet
 Social St. - Ramyasita Palacholla
 French - Ramyasita Palacholla
 Mithila Rajagopal

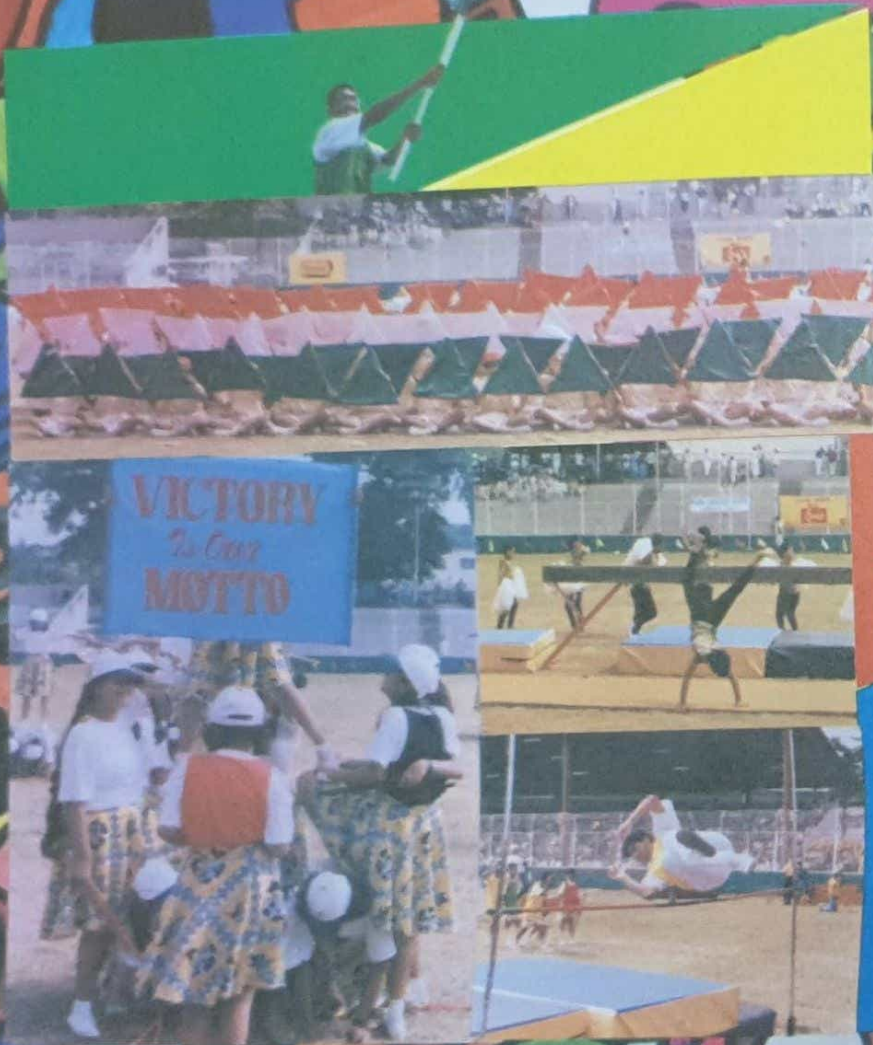
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English	-	Aditi Sinha
Maths	-	Harish Wadhwa
Hindi	-	Sneha Badam
Science	-	Aditi Sinha
Social Sc.	-	Aditi Sinha
French	-	Aparna Rao

XI		
SCIENCE & COMMERCE		
English	-	Kavitha Srinivasan
Maths	}	Natasha Kholgade
Physics		
Chemistry	}	Hanisha Lalwani
Biology		
-Pol. Sc.	}	Promeeta Chandr
Economics		
Accountancy		Ankit Khanna
B. Studies	-	
Informatics Practices		

INDIAN CULTURAL ASSOCIATION MERIT AWARDS

SR NO	GRADE	SUBJECT	NAME
1.	I	ENGLISH	SHRUTHI SRINIVASAN
2.		ENGLISH	KAVYA JACOB
3.		ENGLISH	SAAKSHI DEWAN
4.		MATHEMATICS	SAAKSHI DEWAN
5.		HINDI	SIMRAN MELWANI
6.		HINDI	RITU SHRADHA OJHA
7.	II	ENGLISH	NIKITA GANTAYET
8.		MATHEMATICS	SNEHA KAVISHWAR
9.		HINDI	LA KSHMI PRATUSHA SRIPADA
10.	III	ENGLISH	SOMNATH DESHMUKH
11.		ENGLISH	AMOGH LUXIMINARAYAN
12.		MATHEMATICS	SUBHASHINI VENKATESH
13.		HINDI	SOMNATH DESHMUKH
14.		HINDI	CHAITANYA WAIKAR
15.		HINDI	RUCHIKA HIRANANDANI
16.		SCIENCE	VRAJ DELHIVALA
17.		SCIENCE	SOMNATH DESHMUKH
18.		SCIENCE	VARSHITHA SAI SURESH
19.	SOCIAL SCIENCE	SOMNATH DESHMUKH	
20.	IV	ENGLISH	DISHAAN AHUJA
21.		MATHEMATICS	NEHAL KAMAT
22.		MATHEMATICS	ANSHUL KAPOOR
23.		HINDI	DISHAAN AHUJA
24.		SCIENCE	DISHAAN AHUJA
25.		SOCIAL SCIENCE	NEHAL KAMAT
26.	V	ENGLISH	VIVEK FALOD
27.		MATHEMATICS	VIVEK FALOD
28.		HINDI	VIVEK FALOD

SPORTACULAR



Section Cover By
Evelyn Thomas
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ANNUAL SPORTS DAY 2003

The Annual Sports Day for the year 2003 was held at the Onikan Stadium on the 2nd of November 2003. The Chief Guest for the occasion was the Deputy High Commissioner of India in Nigeria, Mr. Praveen Verma. After the Head Girl had welcomed the gathering, the programme for the day commenced with the Opening March Past. Students of the four houses, in their bright sports vests and white trousers, marched smartly to the beat of the Army Band vying for the March Past Trophy. Once the houses were lined up on the field, the House Captains took the oath, administered by the Head Boy. Next on the agenda was the performance by the twenty-nine students of the school band. This was followed by the 'Sunny Serenade' drill by the tiny tots of L.K.G. and U.K.G. These hip hopping cherubs gave a heart



The Chief Guest Mr Praveen Verma (Deputy High Commissioner) being welcomed on the occasion

warming performance. 'Echoes of Exuberance' was the drill performed by the students of Grade I and II. Grades III-V presented an intricate 'Traingle Trapeze'. After this, the girls of Grade VI-XI, draped in colours of festivity, performed the 'Fusion Fiesta'. The boys of Grade VI-XI showed the spectators what balance and strength are all about in a drill called 'Balance Ballistics'.

The drills concluded with the students of Grades III-XI forming the tricolour. They also made formations to propound the message - HOPE FOR ALL. A display of Gymnastic skills came next, followed by the finals of various Athletic events. There was tough competition and it was a neck to neck race between the houses. Races, High jump, Shot Put, Long Jump, Relay Races and Obstacle Races were among the events. The ever popular 'Tug of War' between the parents and the teachers was a cause of great excitement for one and all. In the end, the parents came out triumphant. By midday after the prize distribution, the houses lined up for the Closing March Past. Yamuna House won the March Past Trophy while Ganga House was the over all victor closely followed by Cauvery and Krishna.

*Naveen Mathew
IXB*



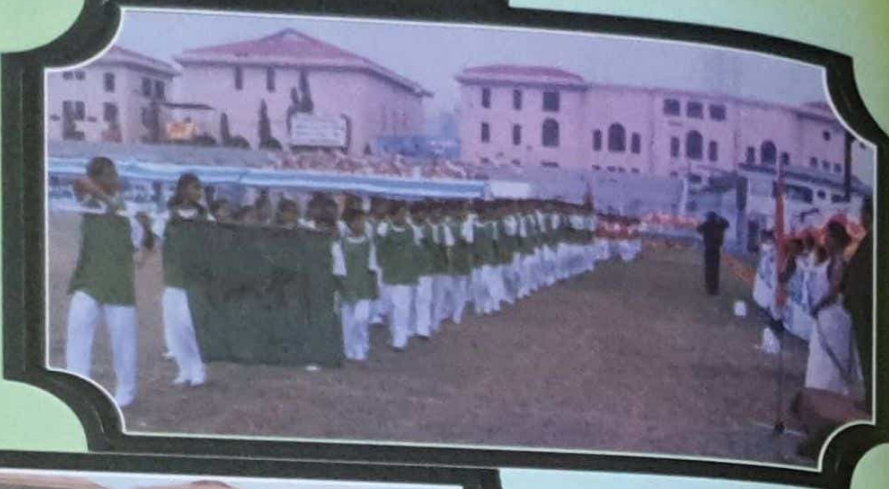
Mr. Lalchandani being welcomed by Dr. Mrs. Suman Kanwar



All Charged Up
The
Ganga
Squad



Ready For The Action -
The
Ganga
Regiment

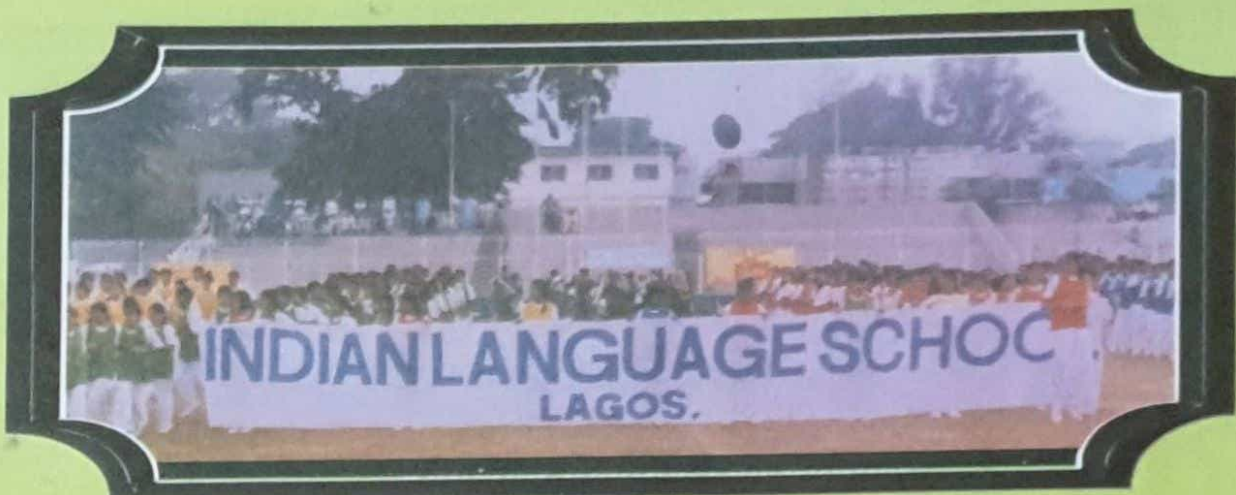


Victoriously
Marching Past -
The
Yamuna
Platoon



Valiantly
Striding Forth -
The
Krishna
Battalion





Rallying Behind The Banner.

Here Comes Sports Day...

Here comes the Sports day,
Studies seem distant and away
A warm season for the gay.
A chance for everyone to play,
Four houses compete for Victory
Yamuna, Cauvery, Krishna
and Ganga
Playing against each other
enthusiastically,
Showing everyone their skill and
stamina.
Talented young kids and teenagers,
Put up a talent laden performance,
Assisted by the very helpful teachers,
For here comes the Grand Sports Day.

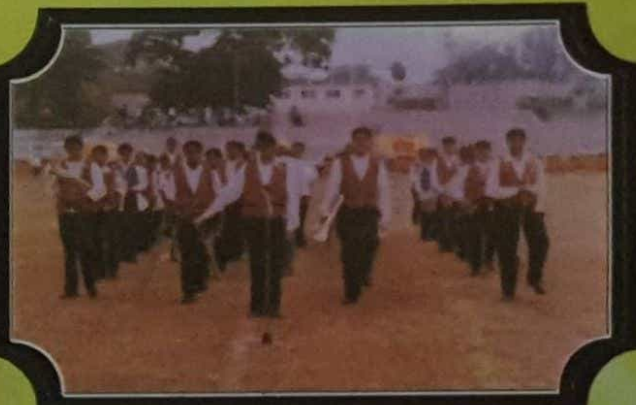
*Nitish Kholgade
VIII B*



We Will Always Hold The Banner High.



Pledging to Play it Fair and Square.

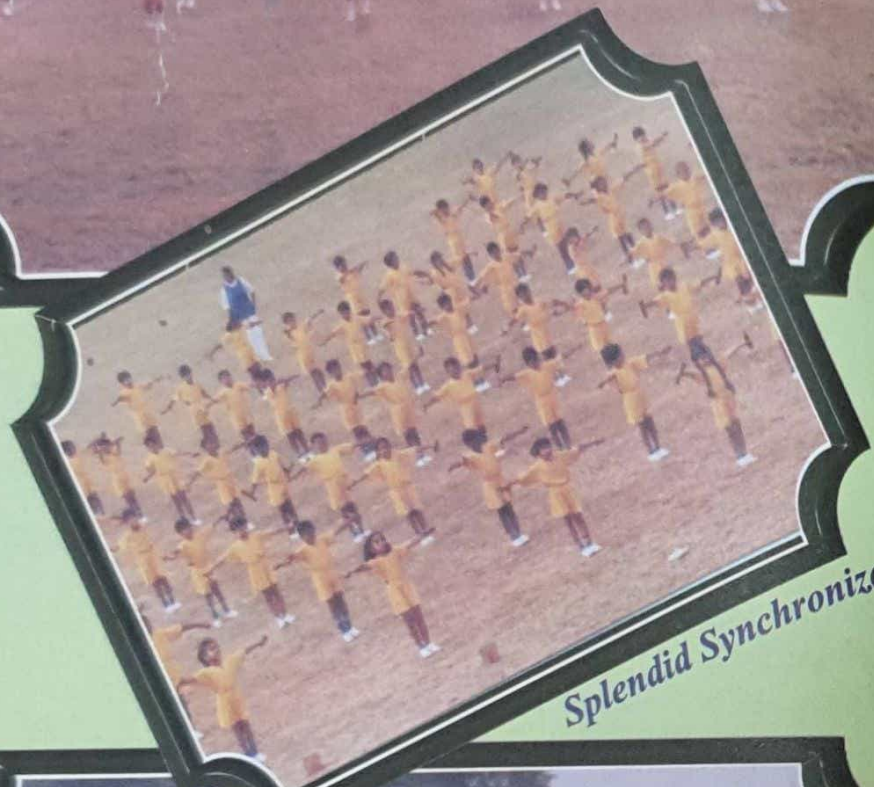


In Pace With The Music.

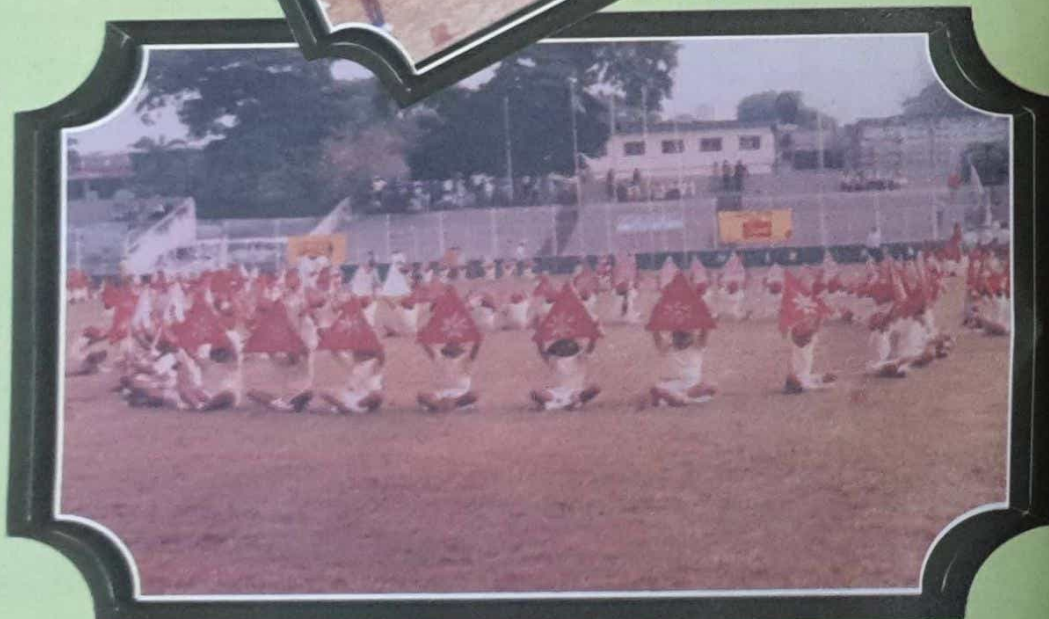




Sunny Serenade



Splendid Synchronizatio

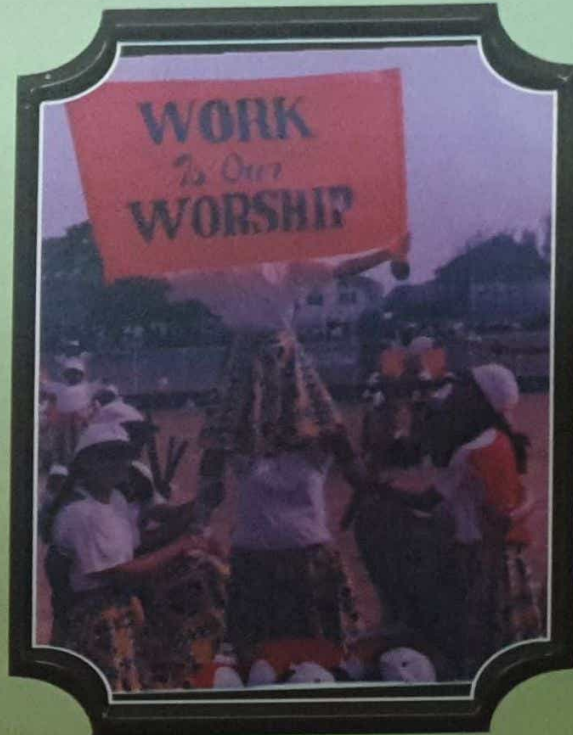


Coordinated Efforts To Steal The Show

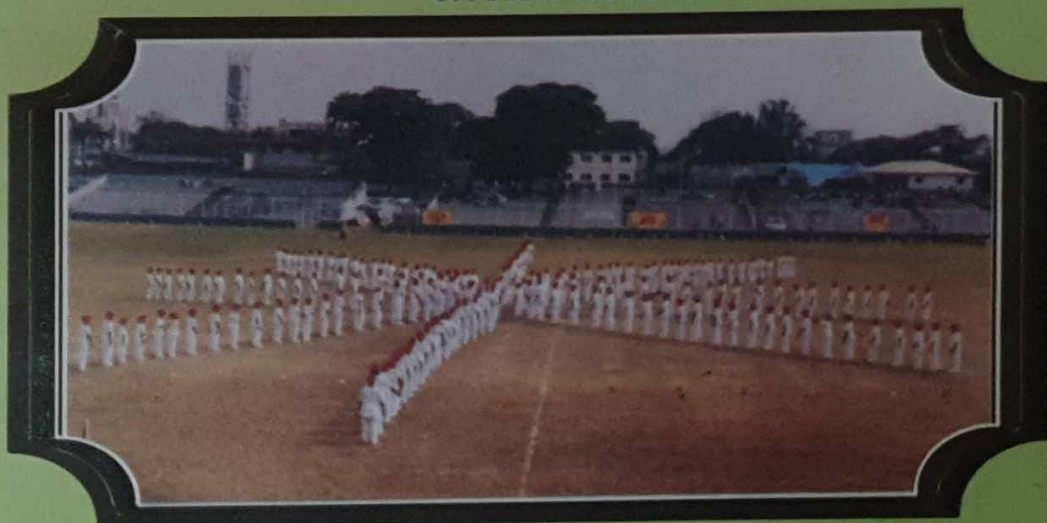




Stretching To The Sky

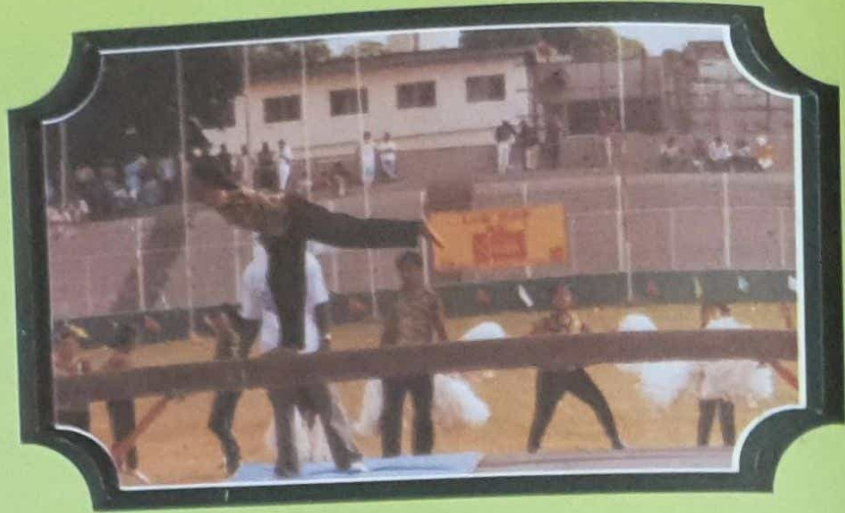


... And So It Is.

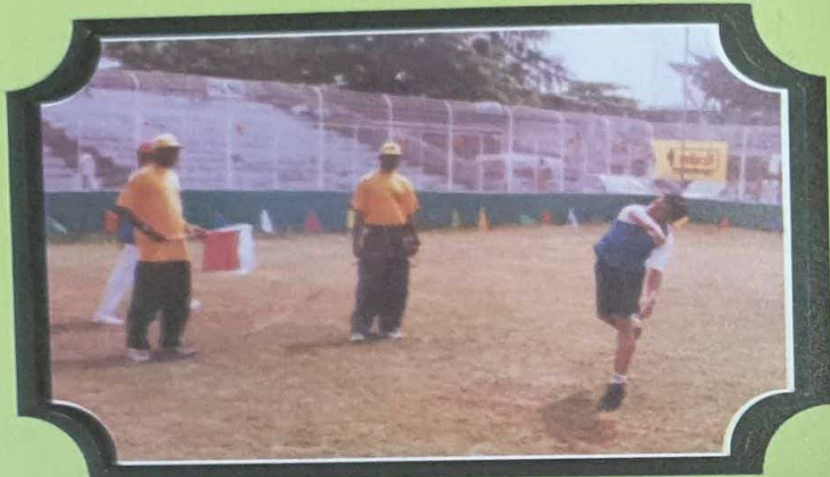


The Asterix of Aspiration

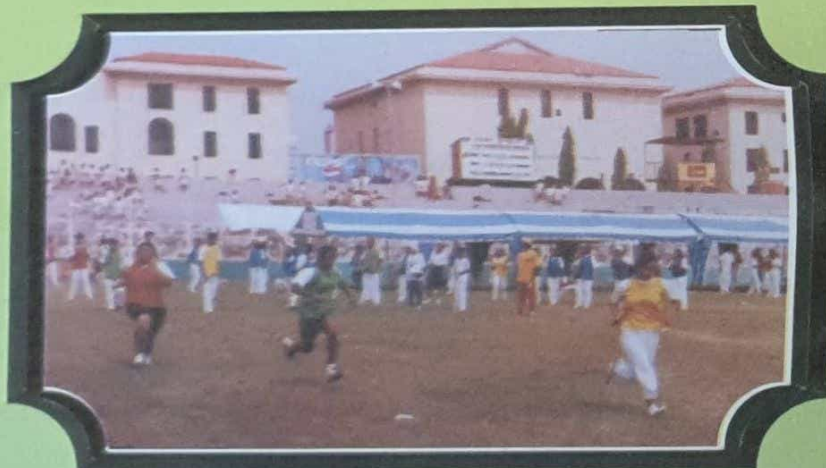




A Balance In Time



The Invincible Throw

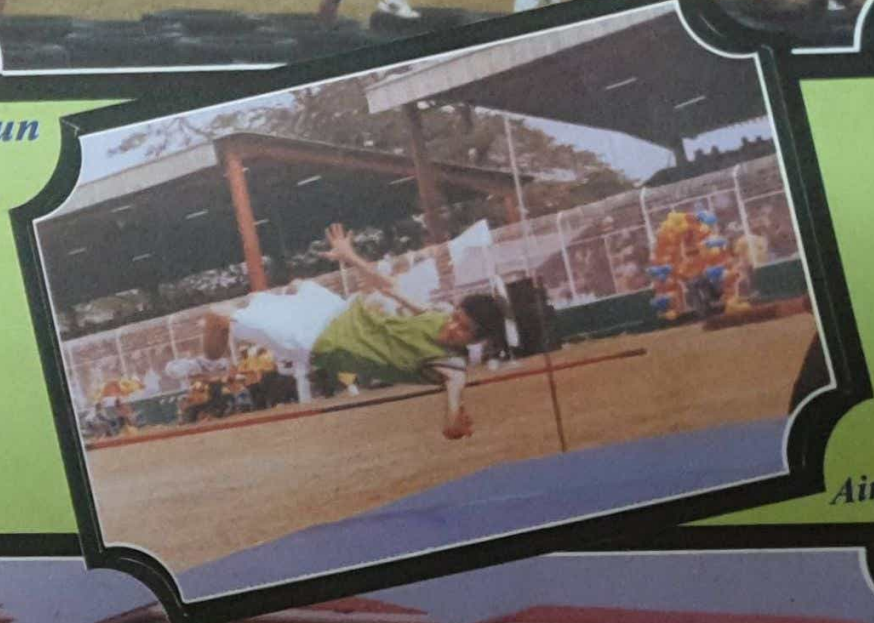


Action Packed Moves

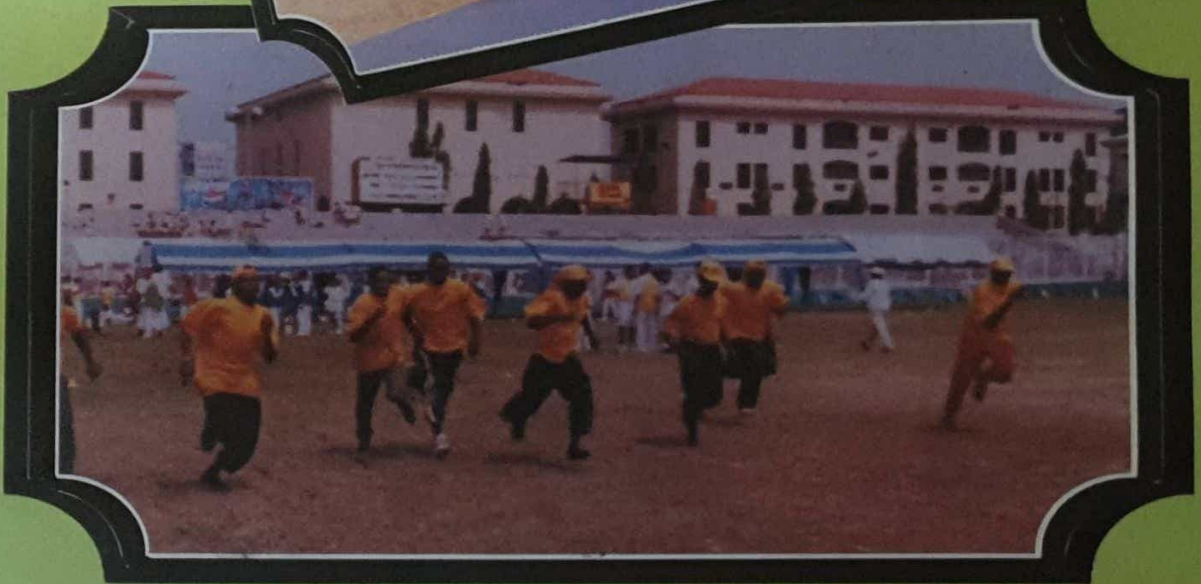




Tyresome Run

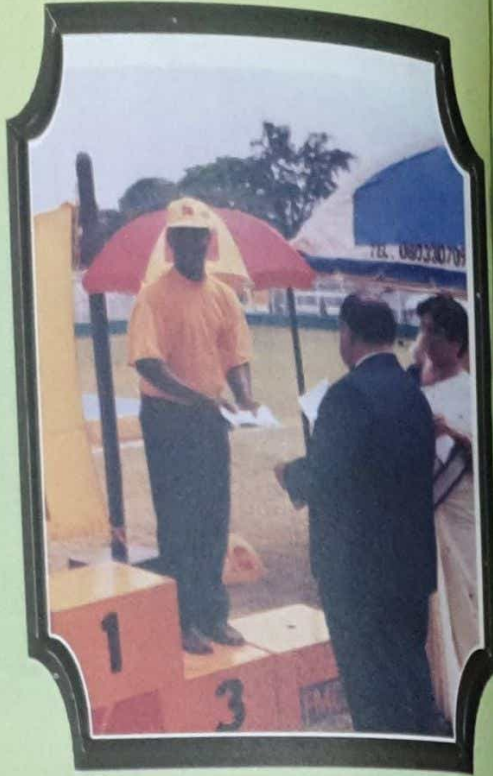


Airborne



Always Ready For Challenge





Proud On The Podium

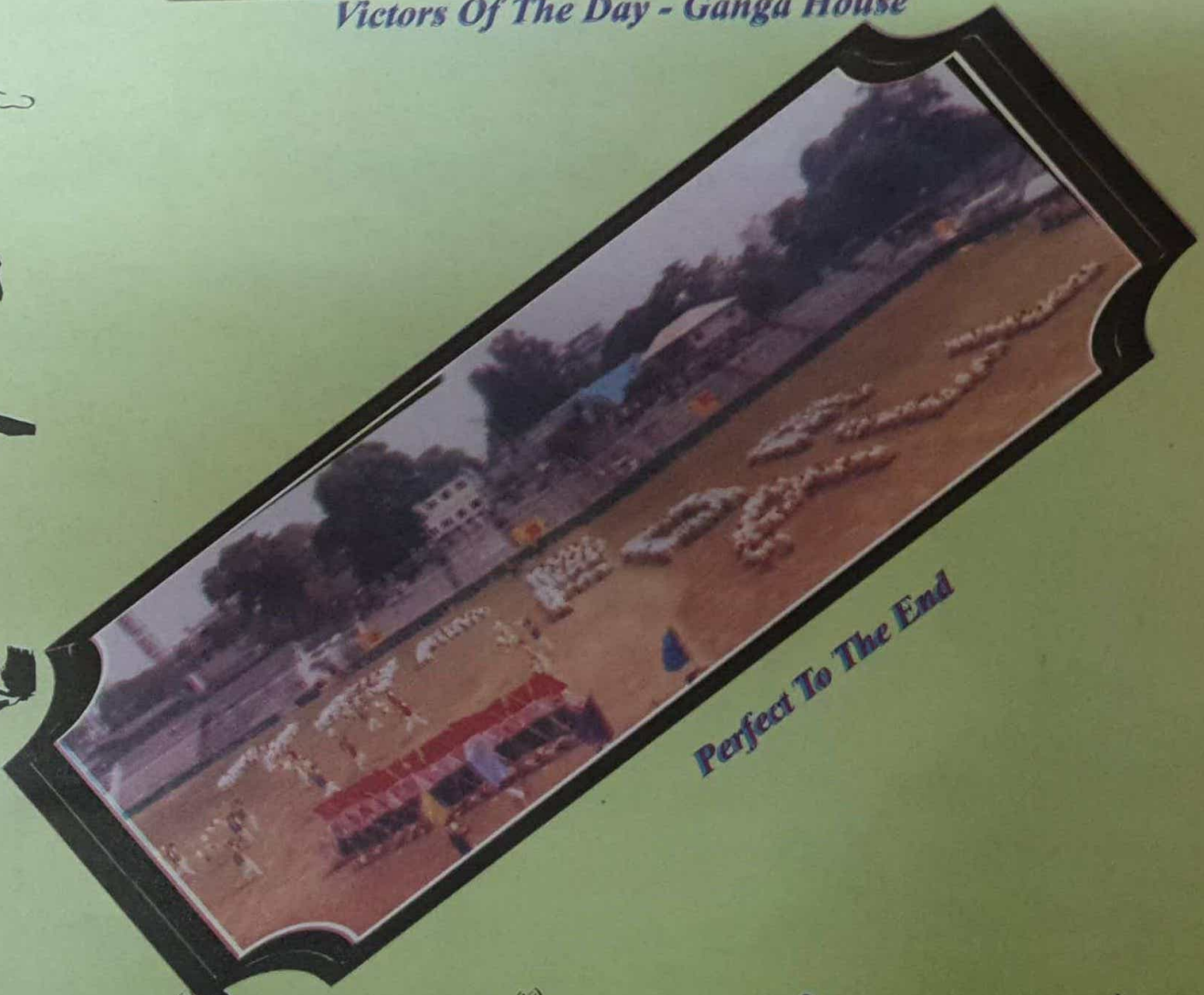


The Hearty Donation





Victors Of The Day - Ganga House



Perfect To The End



STUDENTS' COUNCIL



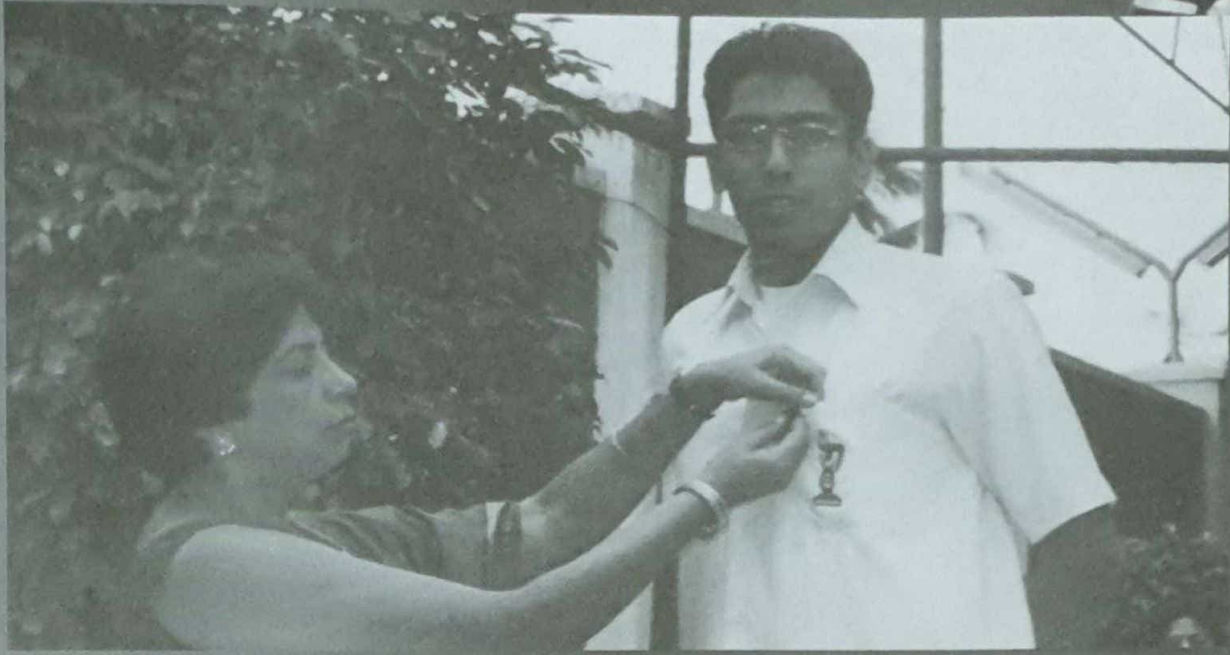
THE FINAL TEST OF A LEADER
IS THAT HE LEAVES
BEHIND HIM
THE CONVICTION AND
WILL TO CARRY ON.

Walter Lippman

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INVESTITURE CEREMONY



DINESH GIANCHANDANI

Our Head Boy, with his zealous nature, is a well informed and willing worker. He is always ready to lend a listening ear, he is sportive and a shining star among the young.



SUVISH MELANTA

Our present Head Girl is rational and logical. A morale boosting team worker, Suvish has confidence in herself that helps her conquer the hearts of all

INVESTITURE CEREMONY



SIVARAMAN KRISHNAN

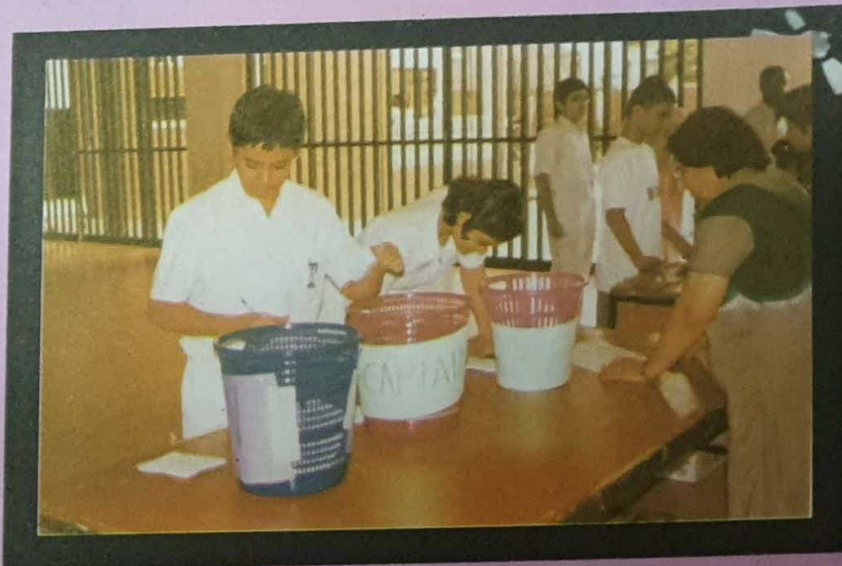
Our Vice Head Boy is friendly and courteous. He fulfils his duties whole-heartedly. His commendable skills in sports and his talent for poetry have made him very popular. He is well liked for his cheerful and adept nature.



NEEMA IYER

A bundle of sweetness and fun - that's Neema Iyer our Vice Head Girl. She is an effervescent person who spreads the cheer wherever she goes. Excellent in academics, sports and other co-curricular activities, she is an all-rounder.

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THE STUDENTS COUNCIL OF 2003 - 2004



Left to Right - (Sitting): K. Sivaraman, Suvish Melanta, Dr. (Mrs.) S. Kanwar, Dinesh Gianchandani, Neema Iyer.
(Standing) 1st Row: Rashi Gupta, Yash Siddhartha, Harshitha Krishnan, Mohit Devnani, Kunal Sarkar, Pawan Makhija, Saumil Shah, Nayan Yadav.
2nd Row: Nicole Concessao, Lopa Meishery, Prithvijit Basak, Sidharth Garg.

On Being The Head Boy of ILS...On Being The Head Girl of ILS...

INDIAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL - an institution that is synonymous with joy, happiness and fulfilment. The experience of being a part of it has been an enlightening one.

I joined ILS when I was in kindergarten, in the year 1991 and today when I look back, now being in the senior most class, I feel enriched with knowledge, experience, discipline and confidence.

As to being the head boy, it had been a childhood desire, fanned by the inspiration I got whenever I would see the head boys who took oath in the past years.

With my dream realised this year, I noticed that I carried with the badge a greater responsibility to fulfil the expectations of my fellow students. There was an air of importance and respect that prevailed and I knew that I had to learn and use my abilities to their best. The students have given me the power to steer them but I, in all humility, have tried to work for their welfare and be a part of their team.

I am extremely grateful to Dr. (Mrs.) S. Kanwar for her guidance and encouragement and to the students for giving me this opportunity to lead them. Indeed it has been a journey of comprehending and learning.

DINESH GIANCHANDANI

Head Boy - 2003 - 2004

In August, the most awaited elections were held and I was delighted to know that I was the next Head Girl. The post of the Head Girl meant great joy for me and even greater responsibility. Being the Head Girl has taught me various facts and moral truths. I've realised that out of the 1200 students in school, each one is unique. I've learnt to be firm yet gentle and to always look at matters positively.

Being the voice of the student body was a very rewarding and fulfilling experience. The journey was not always smooth, but the Student Council never ceased to overcome the challenges that came its way. This post and the various experiences accompanied with it have contributed to my growth as an individual. The whole process is a give and take affair and requires dogged determination. "Never fear for then your journey will be a successful one" - that is the motto I live by.

'HEAD GIRL' - These two words mean Responsibility and I sincerely hope that I have fulfilled my duties efficiently. All I have to say to the students is "Never let the ILS flag, which stands so high, come down. Follow your heart and do ILS proud."

SUVISH MELANTA

Head Girl - 2003 - 2004

Juniors



Section Cover By
Ayesha S. Aham
III B.



L.K.G. A CLASS TEACHER - Mrs. G. Bajaj



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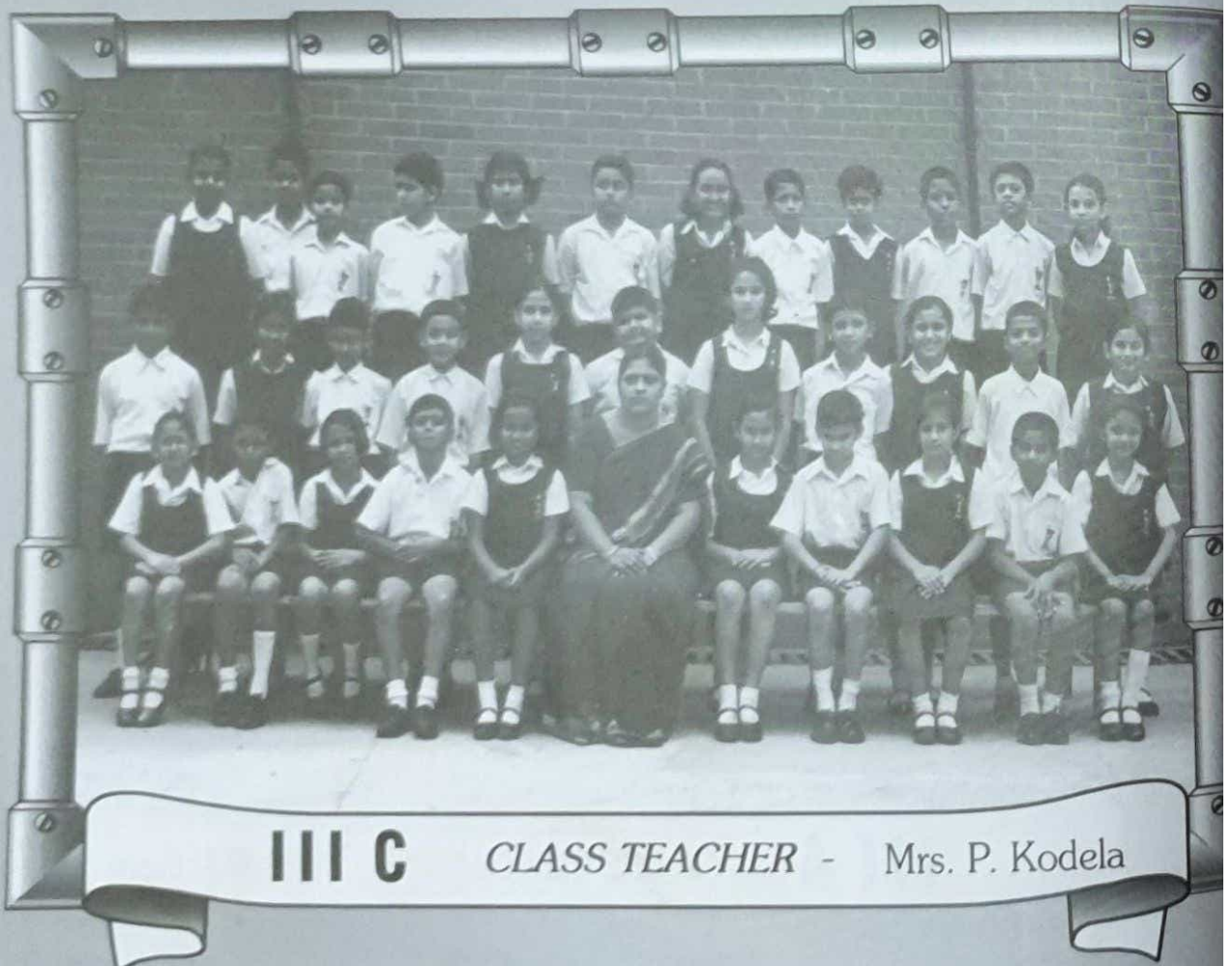


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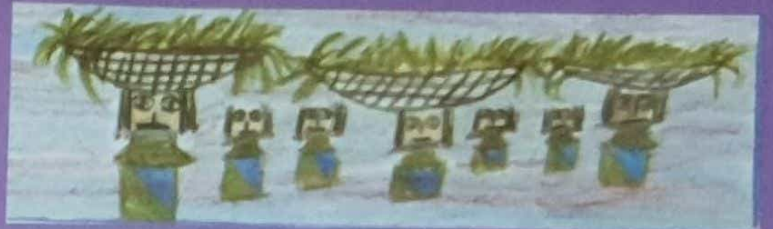
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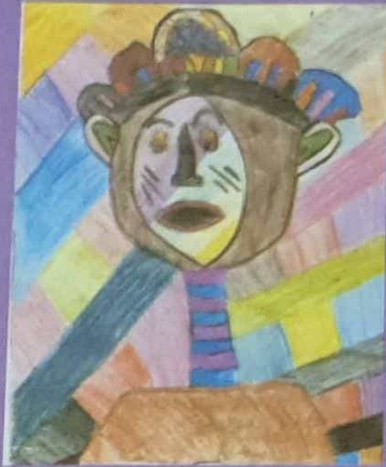
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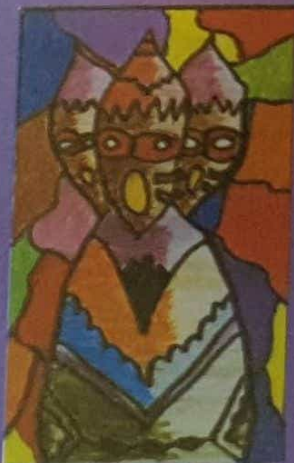
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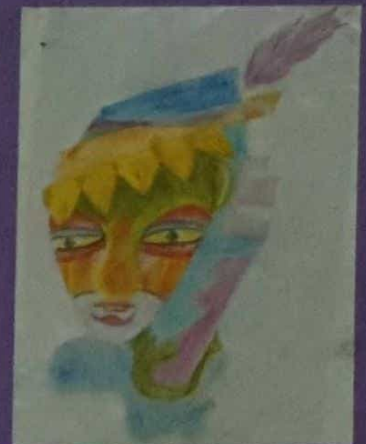
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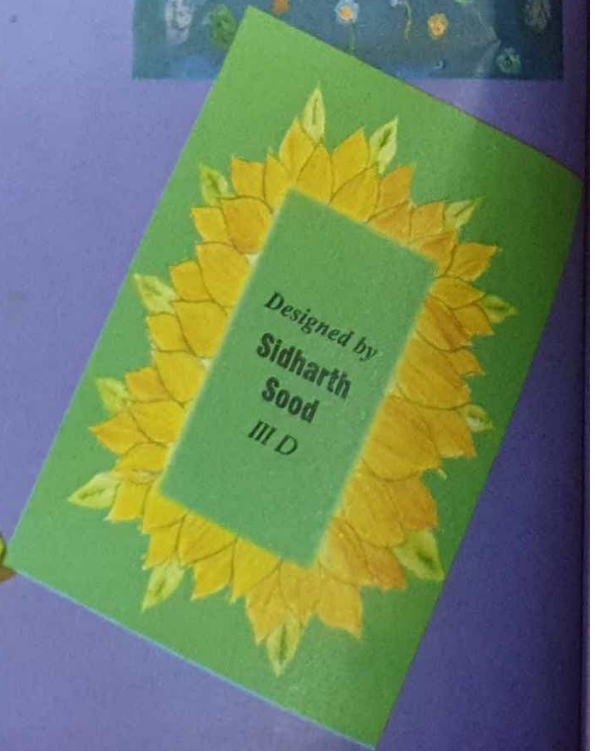
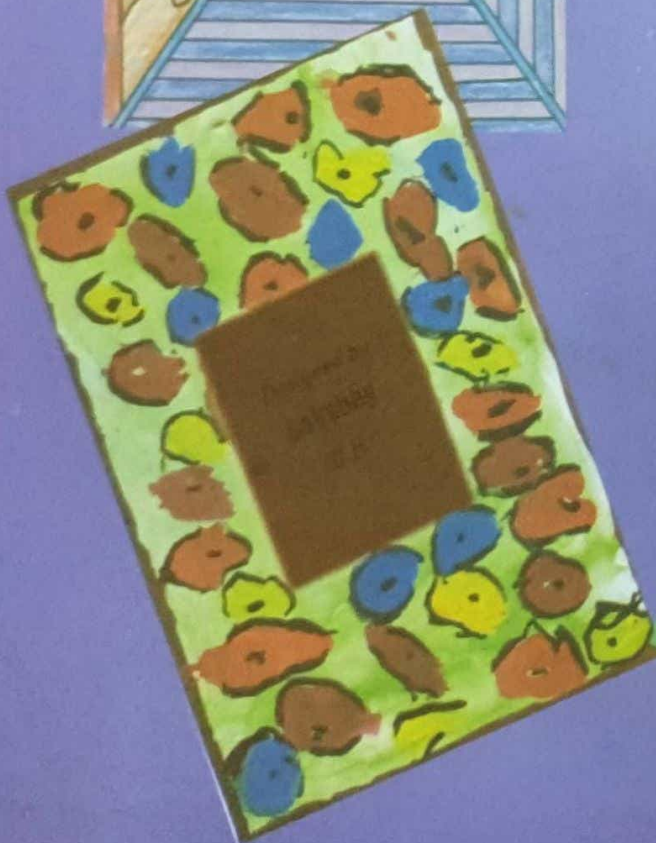
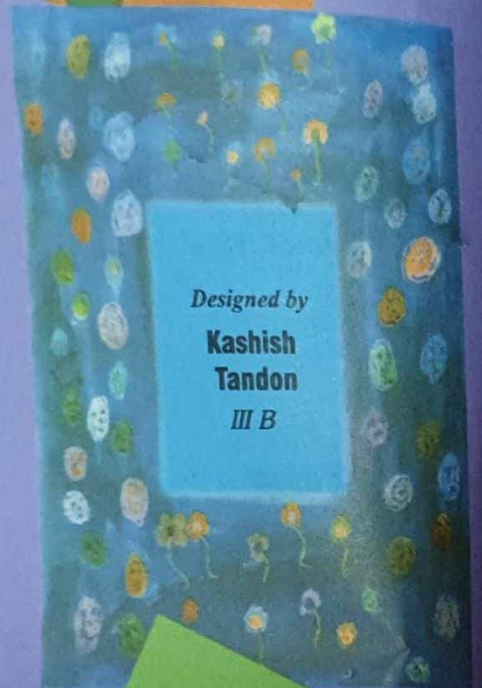
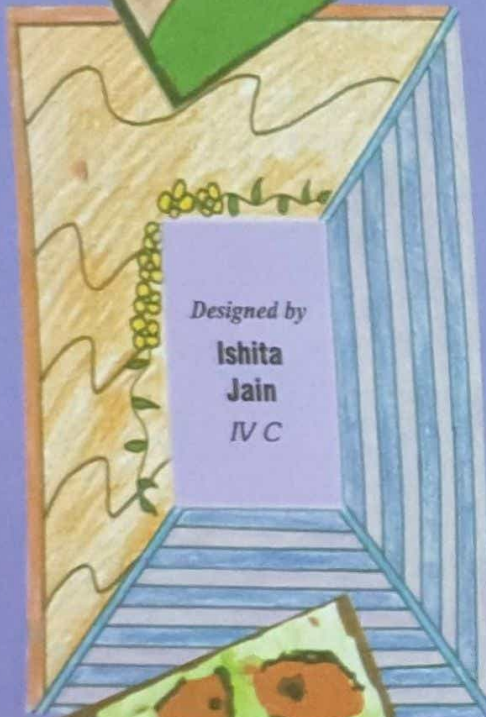
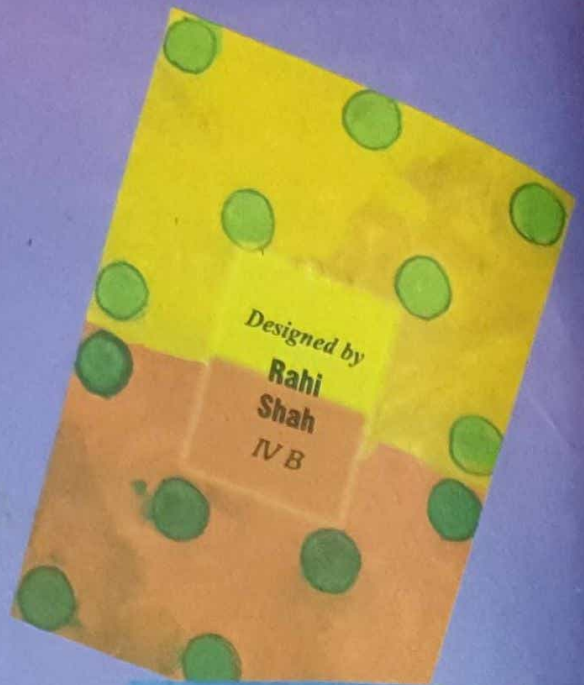
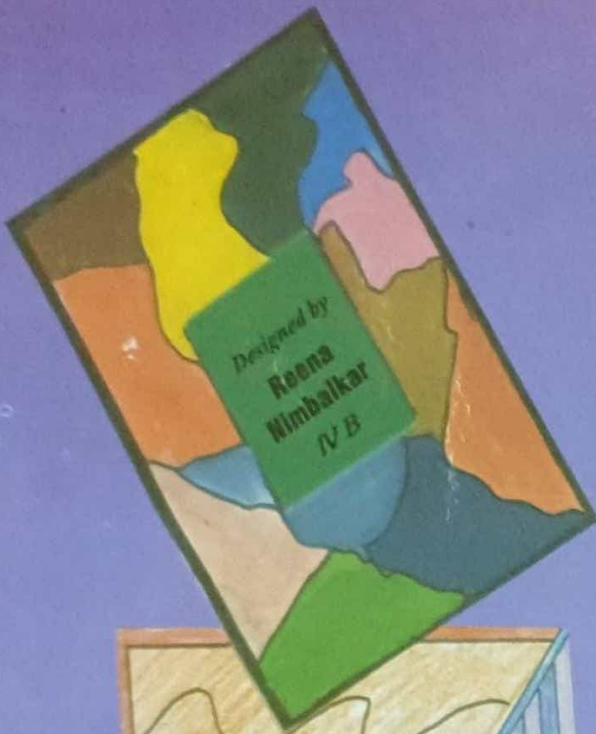
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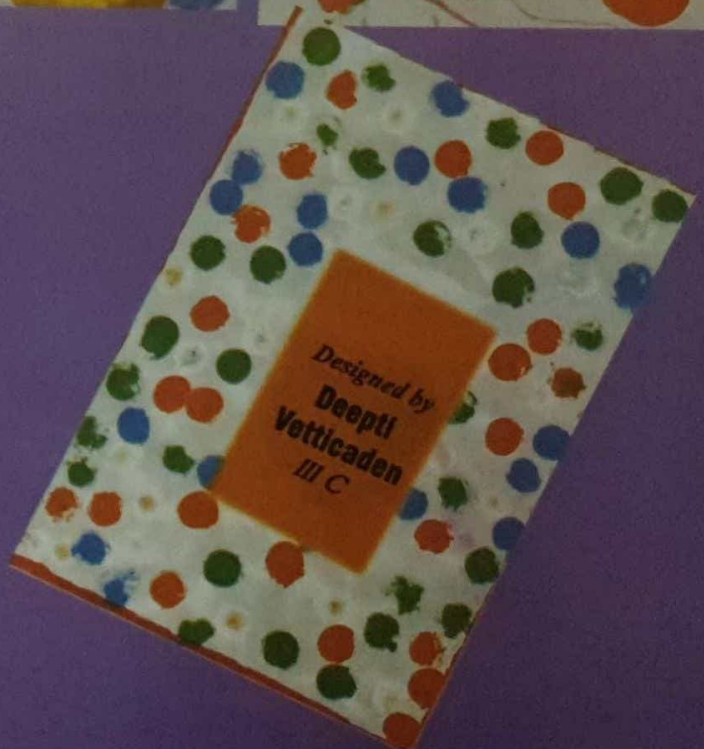
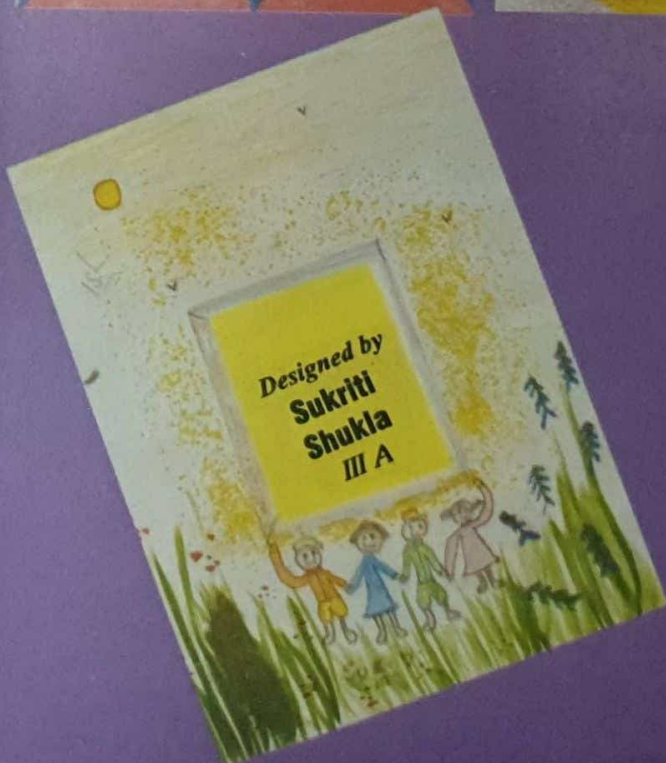
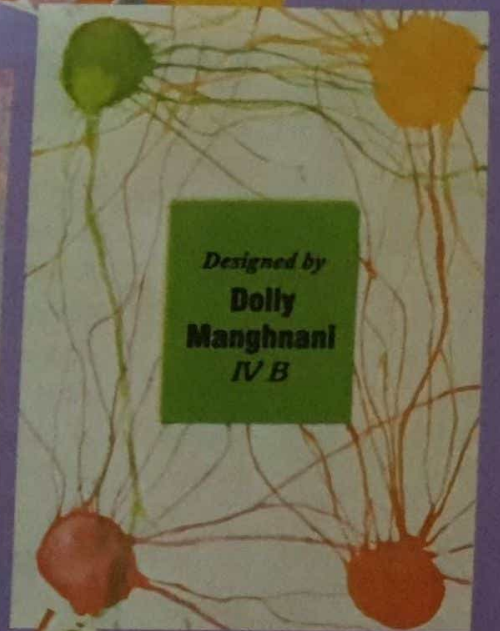
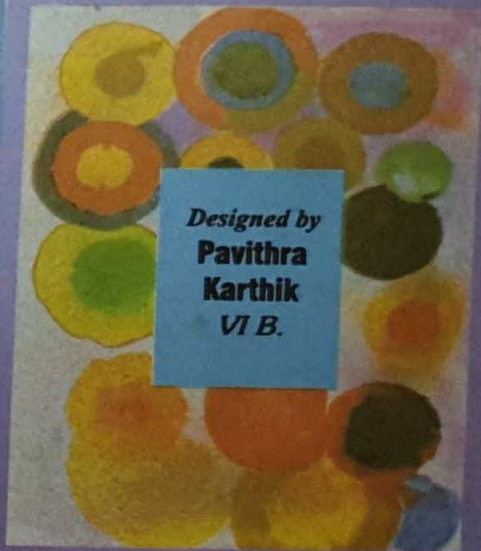
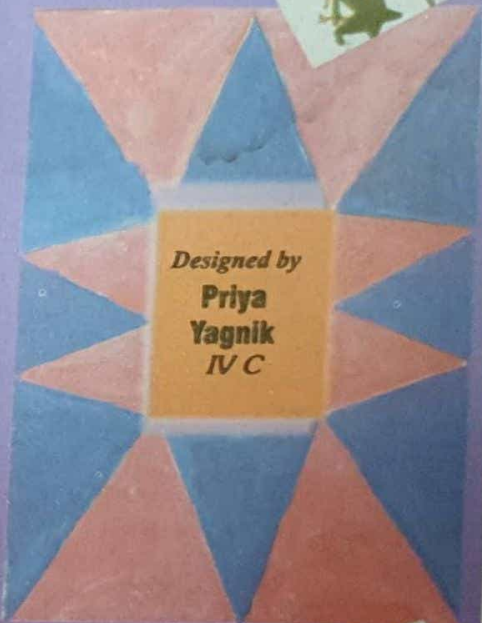
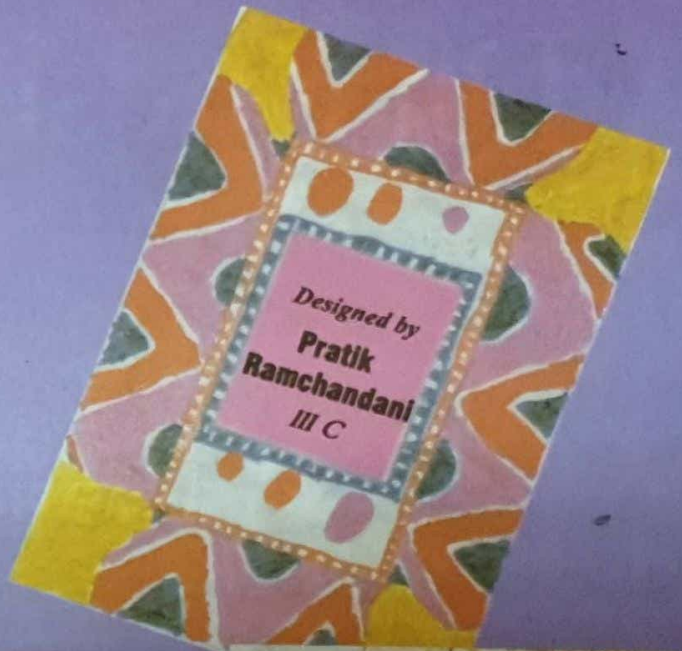


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Indi Indi India

Himalaya for apples,
Madhya Pradesh for tribals,
Bihar for minerals,
Punjab for fighting,
Bengal for writing,
Andhra Pradesh for duty,
Kashmir for beauty,
Haryana for milk,
Mysore for silk,
Gujarat for peace,
Assam for tea,
Uttar Pradesh for sugarcane,
Rajasthan for History,
Maharashtra for victory,
Kerala for spice,
Tamil Nadu for rice,
All said and done
Aren't we all nice?

Abilasha Moorthy
IVC

Another You

Another You
Another month,
Another Year...
Another Smile
Another Tear...
Another Winter,
A Summer Too...
But there will never be,
Another You....

Hridyesh Mordani
XIB

When I Saw An Alien

It was a Saturday night,
My parents had gone out for a bite
The maid gave me a pizza and jelly,
I sat watching my favourite cartoon on telly.
My dog, Ruffelina sat near me cosily,
And we were eating noisily.
When suddenly she gave a growl,
I told her not to growl,
I looked out and saw a shadowy figure,
It seemed to grow bigger and bigger.
It extended a strange looking paw,
And I took it, for I liked what I saw.
I wished time would stand still,
And the 'alien' and I would play and
have our fill.
Later I went to bring food,
For my dear 'alien' hood
But alas! When I came back,
I saw it vanishing along the track.
I waved to my 'alien' a tearful bye,
I thought I could hear it sigh.
I hope I see it soon,
So that I get out of this gloom.

Saakshi Dewan
IID

Our Guides

When we are small,
You guide us by our hands.
As we grow bigger,
You guide our minds.
When we grow older still,
And have to leave your side,
Fond memories remain our pride.
Your teachings we shall never forget,
Leaving you, being our only regret.
Our appreciation for you will never diminish,
Though from your sight we shall vanish.
So, we thank you all from the bottom
of our hearts,
Our love for you all shall never depart.

Bhanvi Ramchandani
IIID

Solitude

When lost in deep thought
The mind is in
Close contact with you
All problems could be sought.
Spending time in solitude,
Brings you closer to yourself.
It makes you ponder
What's right what's wrong,
It brings out the real you
Making you feel more mature,
More confident to face the world.
So if your mind
Is in vigour
And ridden with fear,
Transcend far away
From the crowd,
From the jealous and the proud
Spend some time in Solitude
Delve into your thoughts
And get back the confidence.
Believe in yourself and
Trust everything else to be well.

Promeeta Chandra
XIIB



Rhymesters' Work

Life is Such

Everyday brings a brand new morning,
Everyday, you can say is another story
One more dream carved into history,
One more chapter, some more laughter,
Another mystery...

Life's a game as people say,
A complicated mess at times,
A day of stress,
Another process
The rules are hard
And sometimes you end up giving
A slice of your heart.

No one's ever ready for what tomorrow brings,
No one wants to learn to dance or to sing,
If life's tough today,
They think tomorrow will be too...
But no one really knows
What another day's going to bring.

Richa Verghese
IX A

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Richa Verghese
IX A

Friends

Friends are jewels,
And like coins of gold.
Friends give you company
As life unfolds.
Friends will feel your every pain,
And stay beside you,
Whether you lose or gain.
Friends will always be by your side,
That's why true friends aren't easy to find.
Should the time come for friends to part,
Though they would never really be apart,
Friends may go and come back again
As they are forever friends.

Aman Gulati
VIIA

My Winged Friend

My bird's name is Milli,
It likes to eat chilly,
Its chest is green,
And it likes it to be clean.
It has a red beak
And likes it when we play hide and seek!
It has a beautiful neck,
And wishes to fly far,
Onto a ship's deck.
It just hates eating carrot
Do you know why?
After all it's a parrot!

Garima Lakhanpal
VA

Geography - Its so easy!

In Holland they have tulips
And windmills too
In China they have chopsticks
As the Japanese do
In Egypt they ride camels
That cross the sandy dunes
In Italy they have operas
With sad and happy tunes
In Hawaii and Tahiti
When the weather is breezy
They grow sugarcane and
coconuts
See? Geography is easy!!!

Binil Babu John
IXB

A White Dove

So white a dove I had never seen
It was proud and never mean.
Such was the beautiful dove
I often wonder why it didn't glow?
It had beautiful feathers
Which stuck together.
I wish I could fly with its feathers
My friends and I together...

Siddharth Sood
IIID

Save Our Planet

Save our planet,
Our beautiful planet,
Help us to make it clean,
And to make it green
This is our only opportunity,
To do this duty
We should all work together,
To make it greener
Save our Earth! Save our Earth!
Our big beautiful Earth.

S. Vaishnavi
IV C

Midnight Forests

Dark in the forests,
At the time of midnight,
I was lost somewhere,
Where should I go I asked myself?
A low long noise,
Perhaps it was a roar
Oh! How do I describe it?
I was filled with fear
Suddenly there was lightning
Which made it more frightening
Dark in the midnight,
Everything was out of sight
I was lost in the woods forever
But it was a dream however!

Ritesh Rathee
VIB

Butterfly

I saw a butterfly,
Flying in the sky
Its wings were red and brown,
And it spread happiness all around.
It is very clear,
That it brings a lot of cheer.
It sucks nectar from the flowers,
Which are precious and rare.

Devyani Ahuja
IIIA

Robby

I took Robby to the market,
He pulled away someone's basket.
Everybody got scared of Robby,
Scaring others is his hobby.
Then he tore some flour packets,
Everybody's eyes popped
out of their sockets.
Oh! He had created a racket!
It seemed as if there had been a war
When I took out Robby,
my dinosaur.

Sounak Majumdar
IV C

The Hidden House

There is a house down the lane,
With nobody to share its pain
The front door is broken,
The windows are open.
The Hidden house, they call it,
The Hidden House...
The chimneys are bare,
Cats and dogs make it their lair.
Moth-eaten carpets are spread,
To go there I dread.
The Hidden house, they call it,
The Hidden House...
The wall-clock is ticking,
The pendulum is swinging.
Green eyes shine in the dark,
Someone's singing, is it the lark?
The Hidden house, they call it,
The Hidden House...

Mrudul Nilangekar
VIII B

Oh China!

What a wonderful place is China
So old and so far...
Full of history is China
Full of mystery, for me.
I wish I knew the secrets
Of the Kung-Fu masters,
Oh what technique and what acumen!
They can fight a whole regiment,
Amazing how they fly,
Swiftly through the air...
Hayee yah! They cry,
As they kick and leap in the sky.
Oh if I could be one,
It would be such fun,
I would never be afraid,
To fight the bad and the evil ones.

Vishal Kirpalani
VA

A Prayer

Oh God! Save our planet!
You have always done so.
Earlier forests were plenty,
Now they have all become empty.
Everywhere temperatures are rising
It's becoming hotter,
And the rainy seasons
are becoming shorter.
Oh God! Please give it a try,
Or your children tomorrow will cry.

Rachita Gejji
IIID

My Friend and I

My friend and I go out to play.
She comes and calls me everyday
We skip around the whole playground,
We play with her cute little dog
He runs around every bush and bog,
He always jumps over roots and logs,
I wonder why? He always fools around,
Its lots of fun when he's around.
We all run round and round
The place echoes with the sound.
When it is time to go, I feel sad,
Couldn't we play for some more time,
dad?

Arushi Gupta
VIC

Wishes...

I wish I could send you
The warmest rays
To make your day
A little happier...
I wish I could send you
Some magic
To make your heart a little lighter...
But, I can only send
This cheerful song
And my best wishes to you
To let you know
That you are in my thoughts
And in my prayers too.

K. Sivaraman
XIA

Catch Me A Snowflake

The tiny snowflake
Unique from every other
As beautiful as ever
Lighter than a feather
It caught the little boy's eye
And he put out his hand
Gently and delicately
The tiny snowflake landed
Protected in his palm.
He ran to his mother,
To give her this jewel,
Nature's enchanting wonder...
He opened out his little fingers
And all that was left
To his total dismay
Was an ordinary water droplet!
Sad eh?

Neema Iyer
XIA

My Wildest Dream

Study, study, study
Say all my teachers
Eat English drink English
Learn English says Mrs. Mehan
Solids, liquids and gases
Are matters says Mrs. Gopal
Learn North America, South America,
Says Mrs. Bhargava
Multiply, divide and do problem sums,
Says Mrs. Jain
'Ling badlo, vachan badlo, vakya banao',
Says Mrs. Krishnan
I was so confused and slept with
All my books on the bed
What did I do in my dream?
I ate gases, drank solids and breathed
liquids!
I multiplied North America with South
America
I made sentences on multiply, divide
and problem sums,
I changed ling of English to hinglish,
Ultimately, I changed Maths to solids,
Social Studies to liquids and science
to gases!
When I got up I realized it was just
A dream!
And my mummy as usual
Was telling me to study!

Dhruv Khullar
VIIB

Chocolates

Tough outside,
Creamy inside
Yummy to taste
But not to waste
Smacking my lips,
Licking my fingertips
I eat my chocolates
For they are my favourite
Kitkat in one hand,
Dairy milk in the other
The best is the éclair
With confidence I declare
Glaring and staring
Huffing and puffing
Out comes my mother
Should I now bother?

Raksha Meera Sridharan
IIIC

Lollipops

I go hop hop hop
To the sweet shop,
To buy some tasty lollipops.
I share them with others,
My friends, sisters and brothers,
And mom says she will
Give us ten dollars
To buy some tasty lollipops.
So we go hop hop hop
To the sweet shop
To buy those lip-smacking
lollipops.

Sekh Nilofar Banu
VA

Oh! A Rainy Day

Oh! What a wonderful day!
It's a rainy day!
It's so cool!
There's no school
On a rainy day.
No fan, no. A.C.
There's no need to be sweaty
or queasy,
There's no sun and hence no heat
me scream
No hot burning rays that make
It's all on a rainy day
It's fun, I say
To go out and splash and play,
Why don't you try it some day?
Enjoy it my way
All this happens only on a rainy
day.

Vidushi Ramchandani
VIC

Me, the Detective

Me, the detective
I am very active
Always moving around
Searching for those
Who have to be found
Getting a clap
For making a trap
Me, the detective
I am very active
Working on the clues
To find the truth
Going deep into history
To solve the mystery
Me, the detective
I am very active.

Kunal Deshmukh
IIID

Friends

Friends are rare,
You don't find them everywhere.
You should learn to play and share,
And also show that you care.
When a friend is in pain,
You shouldn't turn away
But make them feel you're
always there.

Sneha Kavishwar
IIIB

The Little Girl

I saw a little girl
Sitting on a tree
Playing with squirrels
And eating her ice cream
Suddenly she fell down
And broke her knee
'Oh!' said the girl
'What did I do!'
'Oh!' said the squirrel
That must be painful!

Arushi Tewari
IIC

If I was.....

If I was a doctor,
Then I would save
People from dying
If I was a pilot,
Then I would fly planes
If I was a leader,
Then I would go for rallies
But as I am myself,
I am very happy.

Chhaya Ranka
IVB

My Pet Dog

My pet's name is Yellow
He's a nasty little fellow,
He has a short tail
Which he wags when he is hale.
When we play cricket,
He always takes my wicket
And catches the ball,
Whenever I call.
When it is cloudy
He barks very loudly,
He doesn't like to be slighted,
And always seems to be excited.
When I go to study,
He looks very unhappy,
When I go to play
He looks very gay.

Chinmay Savant
VB

Chocolate Buns

Yum! Yum! Yum!
I love chocolate buns
They're so tasty!
Oh! I love to go the bakery,
They sell them in the streets too
Wrapped in butter paper sheets,
And buns with honey
Make me feel all funny.
I always dream of these buns
Oh! Isn't it so much fun?

Andrea Fernandes
VA

My Neighbour Next Door

Believe it or not
My neighbour is from Mars!
They say girls are from Venus,
And boys are from Mars.
Believe it or not
My neighbour's from the stars!
Beneath his skin,
Is a gooey green-eyed monster,
With a spaceship, jet pack
And rocket launcher,
He's out to take over the world
But nobody knows about it.
He'll have humans under his control
And to him we'll all have to bow!
I'll pass him a word or two
He might just about
Not vaporize you!!

Neema Iyer
XIA

To My Dear Teachers

Lovely, lovely, lovely you are
Roaming about like butterflies
in the garden,
You are the flowers which
spread joy
You are the sun that spreads light
You are the rain that pours love
You are the only ones I like.

Shelly Sharma
IIIA

Boredom

On Sunday the twenty-fourth of June
I had nothing to do,
I sat on the sofa hoping the day would fly
But to my surprise only a minute went by...
I finished all my home work,
And got bored of colouring.
I tried to read a story book
But the pages seemed blank, with nothing!
I sat on the floor gazing around
Then stopped and stared at the door bell,
Hoping to hear its sound ...
Hoping a friend would pop in and say,
"Let's go and play!"
It seemed years had passed by...
Suddenly I felt a pat on my back
And my mom said, "Go down and play."
I jumped into my shoes feeling relieved
And ran down the stairs
Boredom had vanished
And excitement had filled the air!

Shruti Arvind Kumar
VIB

Red Roses In My Garden

Of all the flowers in my haven,
Red roses I love best
Their slender stems, laden
With red roses at their crest.
They spill out of every bed,
Gleaming in the sun,
With pride they hold high their heads
Reminding us of lazy long summer days...
Of innocent joy and fun.
With dusk they grow more subtle
They seemingly lose their pride
Drooping little by little
But with the new day, they revive!
And so the year rolls through,
Bringing both joy and sorrows
But which ever direction the wind blows
I always find a true friend,
Unchanged by a thousand morrows
In my garden,
In my red roses.

Mithila Rajagopal

XA

Your Angel

If ever you need to talk
If ever you need some cheer
Remember you have a friend
Who always will be there.
She doesn't want a lot,
Only to see you happy,
She'll wear that proverbial smile...
Always know she cares,
No matter what you do
You'll always find her there
To give you hugs when you are blue.
There is a saying that goes,
You don't have to love in words,
Because even though the silence
prevails,
Love is always heard.

Pooja Kapoor

XIA

True Friends Are Forever

True friends are forever
They never go, come what may
True friends last a life time,
Their friendship never ends.
They are faithful, they are true,
They are caring and loving too.
True friends are hard to find
They are rare and one of a kind
And when I think of a friend
that is true,
I always think of you.

Manali Patel

IXB

For a Wonderful Sister

Every time I sit back and take a
Walk down the memory lane
I'm always reminded of
The wonderful past which is filled with
Infinite magical moments of fun,
Laughter and unexpected fights,
Love, care, warmth and excitement,
Our bonding is beyond comparison,
That's my true sentiment.

Chandrika Gaggar

XIB

The Famous Atal

You must have heard of the famous Atal,
A fight between him and Musharaff
could be fatal!
The charismatic and old
Our Prime Minister balding and bold,
So talented and so right for his post,
This diligent man, I admire the most.

Ramya Sita Pallachola

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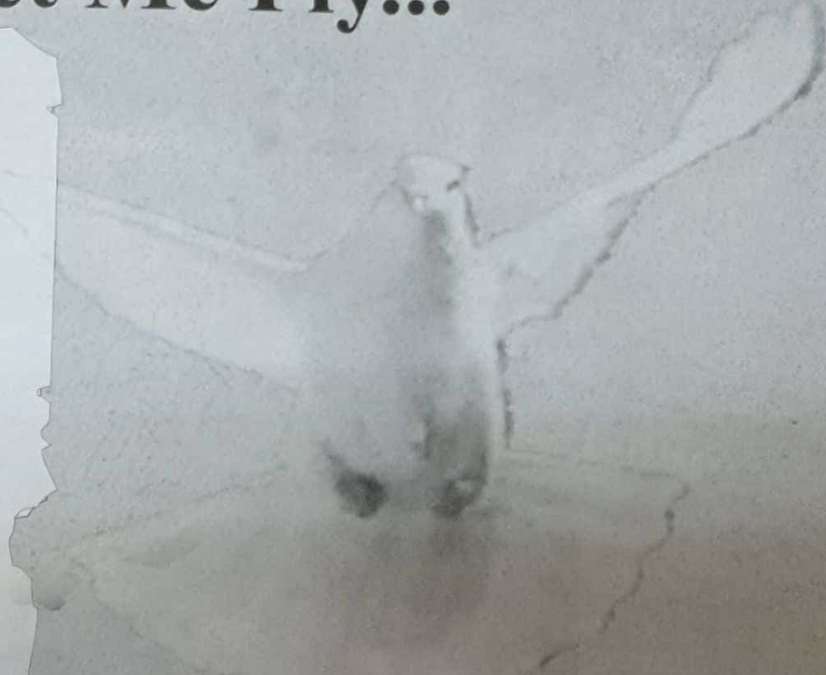
The Mysterious House

It's huge and wide
The front porch
Has got a single hanging light
The place is abandoned
And yet so alive
At night just after
The nightly howls
The front door creaks
Though no one's around
There's a strange wind about
Blowing inside and around the house
The curtains suddenly flutter out
Who opened the windows,
Who pushed them out?
Was that a flicker of light?
Up in the attic on this cold night
Was that a sudden movement inside?
Beside the kitchen table's many knives
Who is the nightly visitor
Who opens the door?
When no one is around
Who roams in the attic
And is awake all night?
Who plays with the kitchen table's knives

Richa Verghese

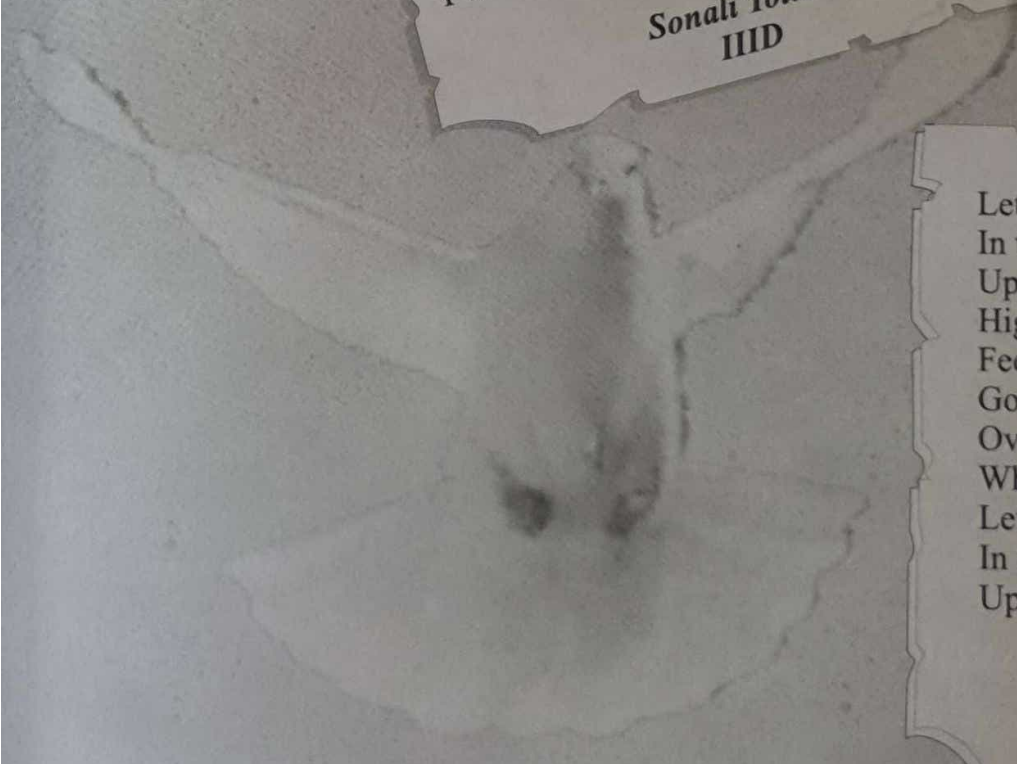
IXA

Let Me Fly...



Sometimes when I,
Look up at the sky,
I just sit and watch,
These little birds flying.
I'd like to fly too,
High into the blue.
I will fly soon
Someday, somewhere,
Perhaps to the moon.
Oh! One day I'll fly,
And reach out
And touch the sky.
If I could, I would fly
Over the land and
Into the sky.
I want to reach the sky,
So let me fly...

Tanoy Biswas
IIIB



I wish I could fly high
Up in the sky
Then the whole world I could see
And great fun it would be.
We could fly like the birds in the open sky
I wish I could fly...

Sonali Tolani
IIID

Let me fly
In the sky
Up so high
Higher than the trees
Feeling the breeze
Going here and there
Over the gardens
Which are green
Let me fly
In the sky
Up so high

Vinayak Jain
IIID

INTERMEDIATES



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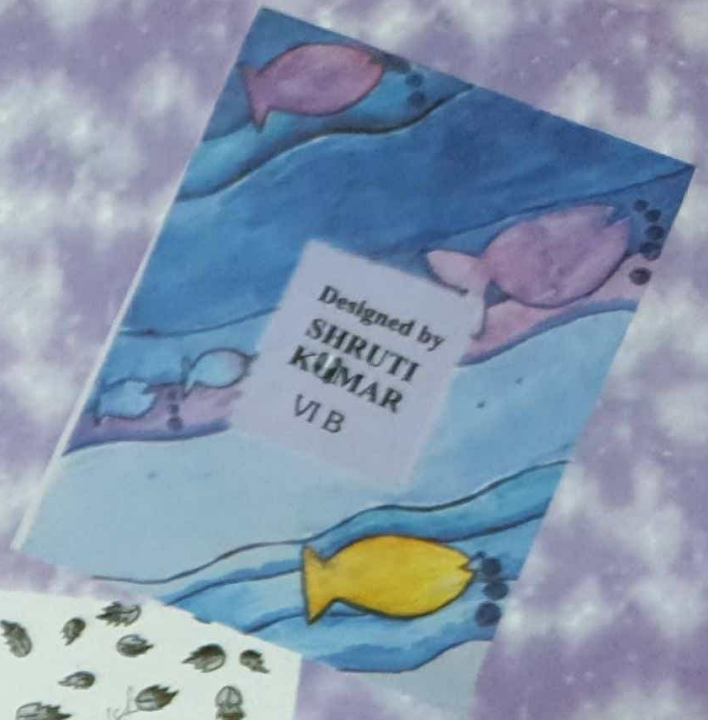
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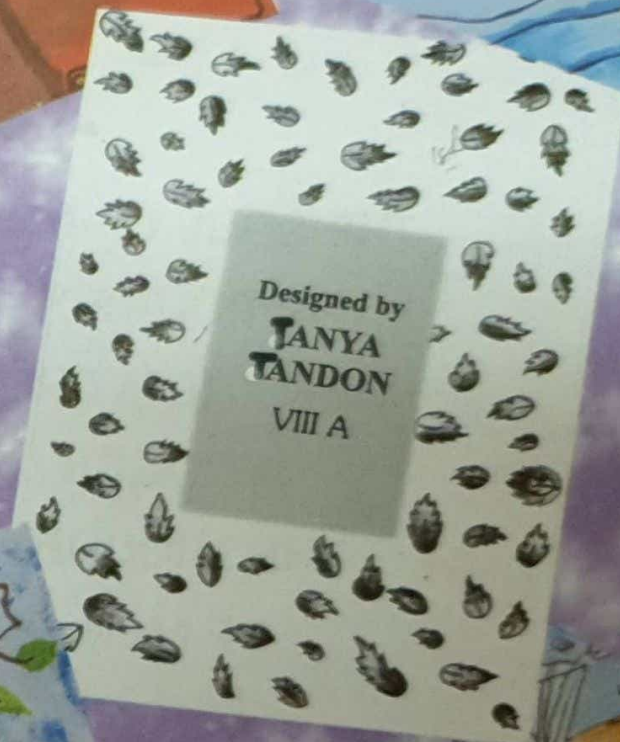
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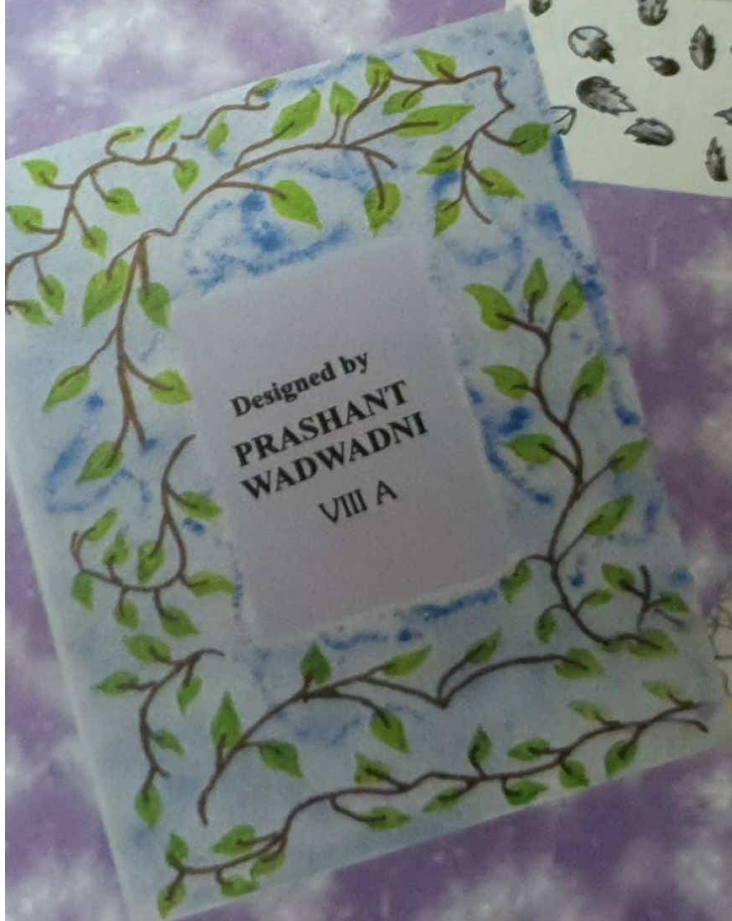
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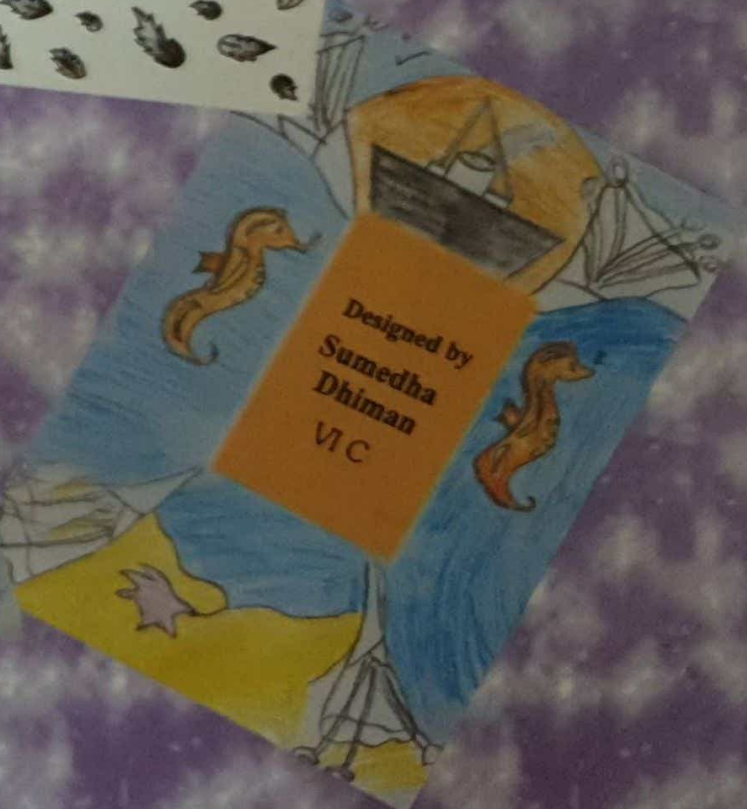
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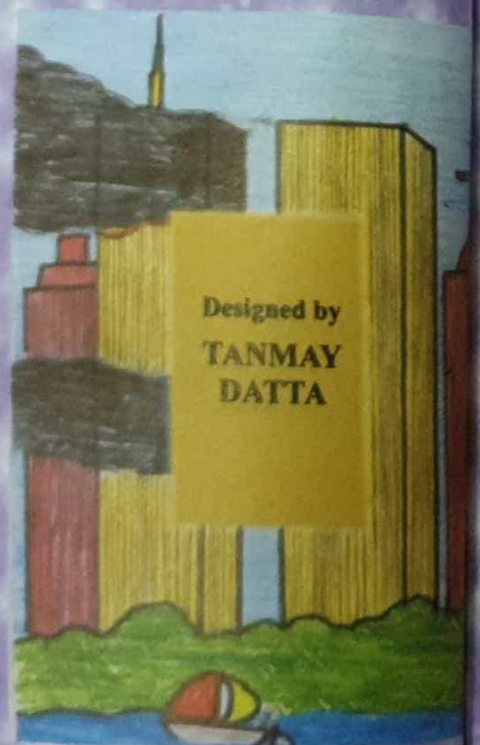
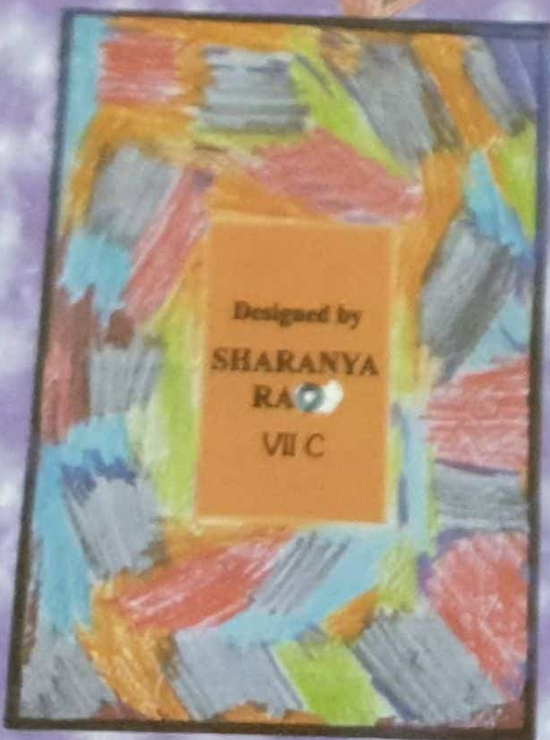
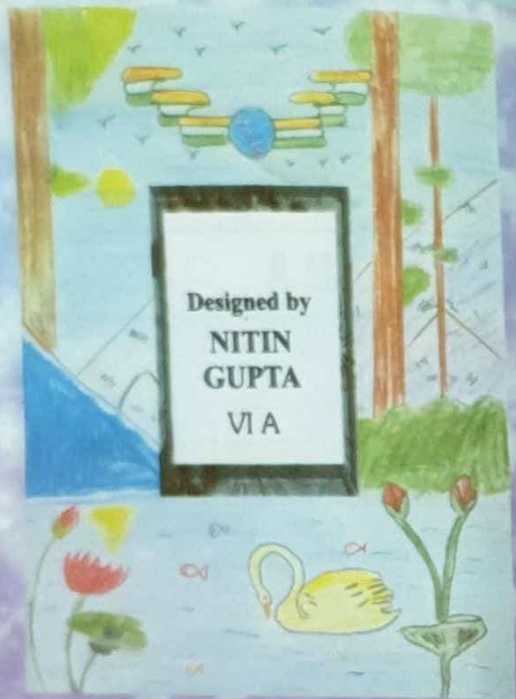
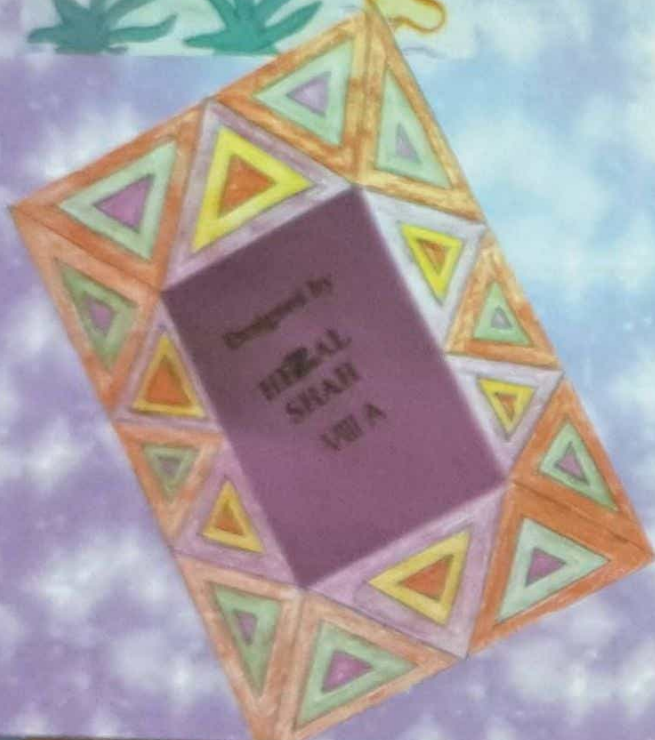
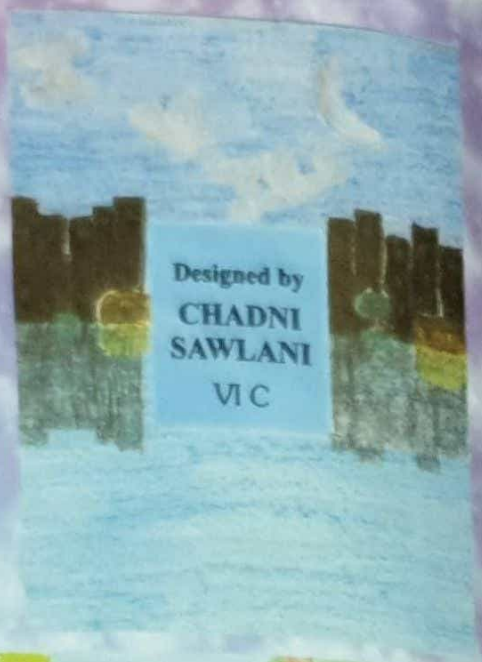
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THE SOUL OF GOD
IS POURED
INTO THE WORLD
THROUGH
THE THOUGHT
OF MEN.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



THE BEAUTY INSIDE

They say that the lucky ones always get the breaks and this is true as far as beauty is concerned. Beauty on the outside has always been used as an indicator that tips the odds in the concerned one's favour. It is often debated over whether internal beauty precedes external beauty, in importance. It should be accepted that internal beauty by far, surmounts beauty on the outside.

This is no new discussion, as this has already been portrayed in numerous fairy tales. The Hunchback of Notre Dame is one of the classic examples of human prejudice against those 'not blessed with beauty' and the 'unblessed' one's struggle against injustice. 'Shrek', a motion picture released in the year 2001, was deemed the ultimate fairy tale where the message was, 'Beauty lies in the eyes of the beholder'. This touching tale again runs the gauntlet down to one's human prejudices as it shows an ogre's struggle against other creatures for being simply judged by his looks. Countless tales will be produced to display this battle, but in the real world unfortunately this moral is hardly put into practice.

Human beings have openly promoted external beauty in pageants and events transforming nobodies or the ordinary into celebrities. This can be explained by the fact that external beauty is an outstanding trait unlike internal virtues which need close examination and analysis, but such a truth does not qualify as an excuse for unjust prejudice. On observing keenly, it is seen that because of this prejudice, 'beautiful people' believe that beauty itself can find them a job. Studies have also shown that attractive children are spared more often from their parents' corporal punishment than their 'lesser blessed' counterparts. This undue advantage has often let the blessed people fit the quote, 'Pretty as a picture, but rotten to the core'. As a result of this widely accepted error many more comely individuals rise to the top while others fall behind without the acknowledgement of their longer lasting talents. They are longer lasting because, as beautiful people later realise, beauty also lies with age.

Asif Algur XIA

ANAGRAMS

An Anagram is a word or phrase made by transposing or rearranging the letters of another word or phrase.

The following are exceptionally clever.

Dormitory	:	Dirty Room
Evangelist	:	Evil's agent
The morse code	:	Here come dots
Slot machines	:	Cash lost in'em
Animosity	:	Is no amity
Mother-in-law:	:	Woman Hitler
Alec Guinness	:	Genuine class
Semolina	:	Is no meal
A decimal point	:	I'm a dot in place
The earthquakes	:	That queer shake
Eleven plus two	:	Twelve plus one
Contradiction	:	Accord not in it
Princess Diana	:	Ascend in Paris
The public art galleries	:	Large Picture Halls, I bet

Compiled by Aditi Singh - XA

INSTANT MESSAGING MANIA

Would our parents comprehend the English we use? Language is fast undergoing a change. For once our parents should be happy that at least we kids are writing and our typing skills are improving too. What I like most about IM Slang (Instant Messaging Slang) is that you needn't bother to spell out words correctly or punctuate. Is it at the expense of proper English? Not as long as we learn the difference between formal and conversational English. Translate this conversation into formal English.

'Hey Andy was ^ ???

NZM, u ???

NZM, JC... Doing homework BLAH!

OIC...BFN'

No. dictionary can help you but this guide

BFN - Bye for now

BRB - Be right back

L8R - Later

JC - Just Chillin'

NZM - Nothing much

OIC - Oh, I see

Wat - What

Aviran Malik - VIA

MY SILLY DREAM

I dreamt that I was a farmer in the Mewar kingdom. I was going to the farm when I saw Humayun running and I told him to hide in my house. I took him in and gave him some thing to eat. He seemed exhausted and was injured seriously. I served him very lovingly and I cured his wounds. When it was night and I was almost asleep, I heard a knock at the door. I went and opened the door. It was Sher Shah. He asked me if I had seen Humayun. I was scared and so I denied the fact. Then he asked if he could check my house. I was alarmed and told Humayun to run away. At that very moment, my mother woke me up asking me why I was shouting. I realized that it was a silly dream. Humayun and Sher Shah are in the pages of history but my dreams had beckoned them to come. Perhaps it's all because of my fascination for Humayun...

Kunal Sarkar - VIIA

GOD-DOES HE REALLY EXIST?

Most children are taught in their childhood to believe in God and worship him. They are told stories and myths in praise of the Almighty and taught prayers. Thus a child learns to believe in God. Once he or she grows up, he will but naturally ask if God is for real...

Human beings have always worshipped something that has puzzled and impressed them. The cave men used to worship and rever the forces of nature. For them, these forces were all powerful. Then people were ruled over by kings who tortured, killed and forced people into absolute surrender. In their misery they started praying for their deliverance and safety from these wicked kings. Hence came into existence the saviours, the messiahs like Lord Rama, Jesus Christ and Guru Nanak.

Evolution proves to us that the galaxies, stars, solar systems and our very planet was formed scientifically. Human beings evolved from the apes. Hence, for those like me the assumption is that God isn't responsible for the creation of existence.

God is said to be present everywhere and looking upon every individual but where is he when there is war and destruction? If God has his ways of teaching man from experiences then why does he make those experiences so bitter? What causes anger and disgust is when people in the name of God, resort to violence and malpractices. People choose to pray to the object that manifests the presence of God but they choose to ignore the suffering humanity; his very creation.

Hence each individual should believe in the essential and inherent goodness present within, pursue the 'Godliness' that urges one to put into practice, the endearing virtues of humanity.

Rohit Deshpande - XIA

'MAN WAS BORN FREE AND EVERYWHERE HE IS IN CHAINS'

'Man was born free, and everywhere he is in chains'. Thus wrote Rousseau, the great eighteenth century French philosopher, in his famous book 'The Social Contract'. Though man was born free, restrictions on all grounds have confined him in an otherwise free world. In every corner of the world restraints of all kinds of the discouraged the free thought process of man.

Social chains have always bound man. Some of the chains are that of racism, casteism, gender differences and religious differences. White people think that they are superior to black people just because of their colour. Slavery is an example of racism. It persisted in most parts of the world for centuries. Some castes are considered to be inferior to others resulting in social friction. Girls are considered to be fit to work in the darkest corner of the house while their male counterparts are given all the freedom they could possibly get. Religion, the path that leads to heaven, has become the cause of communal violence. Hence the politically sponsored riots against the Sikhs that were witnessed in 1984, in the wake of the assassination of Indira Gandhi, the demolition of the Babri Masjid, the Mumbai riots and bomb blasts, the insurgency in Kashmir and the recent Godhra Massacre in Gujarat, in India.

Economic problems like poverty, debtness and unemployment have created havoc in man's life. Aristocratic classes have always been dominating the society. Politically, women need to be encouraged to participate more actively.

Such man made barriers should be fought against. A feeling of fraternity and brotherhood should be developed among people. The desire for integration should be inculcated in this world of diversity. Therefore, man should break the chains that have been binding him since ages.

Shreyans Sahu - VIII B

CONSIDER THIS THOUGHT

We should not try to control the life and actions of the people we love. If we try to do so it makes the person feel that he is in chains. He feels restricted and bound by walls. Negative thoughts strike the person's mind making him or her feel that we are against his or her happiness. Instead of trying to control the person's life, we must give him freedom from all the chains and do what makes the person happy.

Vishal Narayan - VIII B

SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK

From where did we derive the names of the seven days of the week and why are they seven in number?

The week is a division of time, which includes seven days. We do not exactly know how this division of time began, but the ancient Hebrews were the first to use it. 'The Book of Genesis' in The Bible says that the world was created in six days and the seventh day, or Sabbath, was a day of rest and worship.

The ancient Egyptians named each day of the week after one of the planets. They considered the seventh day merely as a day of rest and play.

The later Romans named the seven days of the week after the sun, moon, and five planets which were known then. Each day was considered sacred to the Roman God who was associated with that planet. The days were known as SUN'S-DAY, MOON'S-DAY, MARS-DAY. The English names for the days Wednesdays, Thursday and Friday were derived from the names of Norse gods. Sunday was the day sacred to the sun among the old Teutonic people, and so we have the 'day of the sun'.

The word Monday comes from the Anglo-Saxon *monandæg*, which means the moon's day. Tuesday is the name of the third day of the week. Its name comes from *Tiu*, or *tiw*, the old anglosaxon form of *Tyr*, the name of the Norse god of war.

Wednesday is the English name for the fourth day of the week. This day gets its name from *Woden*, or *Odin* the chief god in Teutonic mythology, to whom it was sacred. At the beginning of the Christian Era, the Germans called the day *woden's-day*. Its name later changed to *Wednesday*.

FUNNY LANGUAGE, FUNNY WORLD!

The nuances of the English language have often evoked laughter and amusement. The following examples prove the above thought. What can one say about an eggplant that contains no egg? A pineapple, that has neither pine nor apple, a hamburger that is made of beef and not ham, and a cocktail party with no cock or its tail? Why do people drive on a parkway and park on a driveway? A guinea pig is neither a pig nor does it hail from Guinea. Come to think of it, even if English is not as funny as I would want the readers to think, it is certainly interesting and sometime leaves people questioning whatever it implies. Why is it he, his, him but not she, shis, shim? According to the English language, one who sings is a singer and one who teaches is a teacher. But what do we call one who prays or one who laughs? Prayer? Laughter?

Ray Mathew - VIA

HALLOWEEN RIDDLES

- Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
- He didn't have the guts.
- What do skeletons say before they begin dining?
- Bone appetite.
- What do ghosts serve for dessert?
- Ice Scream
- What do you call a friendly dead Egyptian?
- A chummy mummy.
- What do you call a fat Jack O Lantern?
- A plumpkin
- What do witches put on their hair?
- Scare Spray
- What was the favourite game at the ghosts birthday party?
- Hide and Shriek!
- What is Transylvania's national sport?
- Drac racing
- Who won the Skeleton beauty contest?
- No body!
- What's a monster's favourite play?
- Romeo and Ghouliet
- What has webbed feet, feathers, fangs and goes quack quack?
- Count Duckula
- Where do baby ghosts go during the day?
- Dayscare centers

HOME SWEET ICY HOME

'Home sweet home' for Eskimos in the Arctic region is sometimes an ice house, with temperatures inside not too different from temperatures outside.

Transport yourself to a world of snow and imagine what it must be like to build and live in an icy home - a snow house called an igloo. In order to build yourself an igloo, you would need snow that has hardened into ice. Then, you have to cut it into blocks about three feet long, two feet wide and six inches thick. A typical igloo is about ten feet wide so you'll need quite a few of these blocks.

Now you can start building. First, you arrange the bottom layer of blocks in the shape of a circle. The second layer is spiral shaped, and each layer that is added is slightly smaller. This makes for the rounded shape of an igloo. The entire building job should take anywhere from two to four hours. Now you're ready to walk in. The entrance is a low, narrow passageway, where cold winds from outside are trapped and warmed - hopefully!. The floor here is low and continues to rise as you walk into the next room and then the final room. This way as the air rises, it is warmed. The next room or two might be used for storing food and other goods, and the last room is the main living room with perhaps a tiny window to let air flowing through the igloo escape. Also, you'd find raised benches or platforms on which you could sleep. But those benches are made from snow too! Sleep on them? Yes, but a layer of furs over the ice would keep you warm. Warm? Not really!.

Today, Eskimos use igloos only for temporary shelters. Most Eskimos live in more permanent houses that have heat.

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ARE WE CIVILISED?

Are we civilised? This is a question we often ponder over, in regard to our responses to the various situations occurring in our daily lives. Man has the ability to rationalise and behave accordingly. Countries, communities and even individuals, who regard themselves as being civilised throw this ability to the wind and engage themselves in needless wars, rifts and petty squabbles, which can and should be avoided. This is possible only with a little rationalisation and the renouncing of egos, which we as human beings fail to do. What is it that makes us so? Is it the aberrated thinking of certain individuals or is it just the way we are?

The Romans built huge empires and cities, contributed greatly towards development in all fields and were the masters of the ancient world. Yet they were not civilised in the true sense of the word mainly due to their barbaric customs and twisted practices like the gladiator fights and not to forget their ruthless conquests. One example that I came across in C.E.M. Joad's, 'A Dialogue on Civilisation' was that Romans often ate enormous amounts of food and when they could eat no more, they would take something to make them sick. Then when they were empty, they began to eat again. This kind of behaviour is hardly what one could relate to being a civilised one. After all pigs do the same thing and we definitely do not regard them as being civilised, do we? Being civilised could be thinking new thoughts and inventing new things, because if everyone thought in the same manner and had the same thoughts nothing would ever change. A part of being civilised or even civilisation itself is being appreciative towards the inspiring work of others and being innovative in one's own thoughts. Being civilised also means respecting the liberty of other people. After all as the saying goes, "Exercising individual liberty can lead to social anarchy". We are liable to forget this and unfortunately are more conscious towards other people's imperfections rather than our own. The fact is that we can neither be complete anarchists nor be complete socialists in this complex world. Hence a judicious mixture of both is necessary. One must learn to exercise individual liberty with restraint lest it interfere with the liberties of others.

The greater moments of courage, heroism and sacrifice are rare hence we usually conclude that we are civilised or uncivilized judging ourselves by the smaller matters of conduct. It is because of these smaller and humane actions of common place intercourse that the journey of life becomes fruitful.

Sunil Balachandran - XIB

DOES FREEDOM BREED INDISCIPLINE?

Ever since the dawn of civilization, man was born free to lead or to live life according to his conscience and instincts. So, where does the question of freedom breeding indiscipline arise from? We all must agree with, 'Caged birds accept each other but flight is what they long for.' This is a universal truth. The more one is suppressed, the more one revolts, and this leads to indiscipline which leads to adamancy, stubbornness and non-cooperation.

At times, freedom can lead to a wrong choice, but the very experience teaches one several lessons for life. Nature too is competent enough to support and tame its creatures through known and unknown designs. Who disciplined the water drop to transform into a pearl within the oyster? Where do the ants enrol themselves to learn to be meticulous? Can there be a better symmetry than that of a beehive? Likewise, we human beings have also been endowed with a pure consciousness. It is only when we as parents, teachers, guardians attempt to create an unnatural mould, do we give birth to all kinds of problems and chaos. Hence discipline is a function of your independent will. We are disciples and followers of values generated by our own mindset.

As bone to the human body, axle to the wheel, a song to the bird and air to the wind, freedom is the very essence of life and one must learn to use it carefully.

Arushi Jain - VIII A

DID YOU KNOW?

- A zebra is white with black stripes.
- Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of long words.
- Didaskaleinophobia is the fear of going to school.
- 55% of people yawn within five minutes of seeing someone else yawn.
- Reading about yawning makes most of the people yawn.
- The Hippopotamus can run faster than man.
- A snail can sleep for three years.

FAILURES ARE STEPPING STONES TO SUCCESS

Success is not a matter of luck or mere intellect but of effort. In the battle of life, the man who wins is one who tries to win and believes he can. Nothing in this world can replace hard work, deep faith and unfaltering persistence. Sitting still and thinking wishfully makes no one great. The only thing that stands between a man and his ambition is merely the will to do it. Do not shirk from trying because someone else does not believe in you. Know what you want and work it out. Throw yourself into the valley of your ambition without fearing the depth.

Do not get discouraged by failures. Remember that glory does not lie in never falling but in rising every time you fall. You cannot avoid falling but you can definitely avoid lying down once you've fallen. Endeavour with rejuvenated spirit, re-animated determination and fearless courage. Remember the task before you, is not as great as the power within you!

No problem in this world can defy solutions - there is an answer to every question, a way out of every trouble and solution to every riddle. There is nothing which is impossible to achieve. The word 'impossible' itself spells 'I'm possible'.

'Fortune favours the brave', they say... It helps those who help themselves. It has been rightly said that, 'Little strokes fell mighty oaks'. Life is a playground on which winners are those who plan towards the goal, chase it and achieve it. History is replete with innumerable examples of men and women such as King Robert, Bruce of Scotland and Columbus, who with their strong will and determination achieved their goals.

Remember only dead fish are swept away with the stream. But look at the flying kite, it often flies in the opposite direction of the wind. So stand up and begin to fly like the kite.

Ramyasita Pallacholla XIA

ANSWERS WORTH READING

Q1. Why do you bite your nails?

- a) Hammers are too big to fit in my mouth!
- b) I don't bite my nails, I file my teeth.

Q2. Would you like a piece of my mind?

- a) Absolutely not. You can't spare it.
- b) No, we don't accept defective merchandise.
- c) No thank you, enough has broken off already.

IF ONLY ANIMALS COULD TALK

If only animals could talk we would not be ill-treating them as we do now. Consider the case of a bullock pulling a heavily loaded cart. It is because the bullock is unable to talk, it silently bears all the hardships and beatings from the master. However if the bullocks were able to talk they would have staged demonstrations against their masters and would have complained to the police or gone to court. What about the hunters shooting and killing animals in the forest? If only animals could talk, they would have driven away the hunters and poachers from the forests and they would never be in the slaughter house. If only animal could talk we would have been more considerate towards them...

Yeshas Sagar - IVB

CONSIDER THIS

- An Irishman was telling his friend of a narrow escape in the war.
"The bullet went in me chest and came out me back," said Pat.
"But," answered his friend, "it would go through your heart and kill ya"
"Me heart was in me mouth at that time," came the quick reply.
- If a dog lost his tail, where would he get another one?
At the retail store, naturally!
- "I'm really worried."
"Why?"
"Well my wife read 'A Tale of Two Cities' and we had twins. Later she read 'The Three Musketeers' and we had triplets. Now she is reading 'Birth of a Nation!'"

ON BEING LOVED

When going through our family pictures, apart from those who are dear to us, whose face do we look for? Ours of course! Should this be considered as a selfish act? We want to be liked by everyone. We see so many people around us who are popular with everyone. The moment they enter a room, everything brightens up and by the time they leave, they carry the goodwill of everyone present. These people leave a smile on everyone's face and brighten up the day. We often want to be like them. Infact, we are born with all these qualities. We just have to mould ourselves. The rules are simple. For others to like you, you have to start liking people first. Take genuine interest in them, appreciate them. Help people and at times go out of your way to do things for them. Smile at people, it costs nothing! Laugh and make people laugh. You will draw people towards you like bees are drawn to honey. Be tolerant, respect and accept people for what they are. Before long your name will be at the top in a popularity poll!

Lovish Melanta - VIII B

WHAT IF ANIMALS GOT A CHANCE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES?

If animals could talk it would be wonderful but if you come to think of it, this could lead to chaos. If this was really possible our pet dogs and cats would talk and express themselves. And then so would my dog! He would then respond to whatever I would say. For those who are not kind to animals, who beat them, trouble them-they would be taught a lesson. When they would ill-treat the animals, the animals would be able to retaliate. These animals would tell other animals about their cruel owners and then all the animals together, would fight for their rights by forming unions against our cruelty. So I think its better animal can't talk and this also gives us the opportunity to correct our unfeeling behaviour.

Arzoo Singh - IVB

THE DEEP BLUE SEA

The deep blue sea has always been a source of mystery to mankind. Its varied and multitude life forms make it even more interesting. About three-fourths of the earth's surface is covered with water. Oceans are the largest water bodies and were formed several millions of years ago. My thoughts often trail off to the treasures there might be at the bottom of the ocean. The possibilities of the ocean beds having sunken ships and skeletons of pirates evoke an eerie feeling. The blue oceans are as deep as our thoughts. At the surface, oceans are at times violent but deep down the ocean is serene and calm. The ocean is a source of inspiration for poets and writers. Adventure and romance are inseparable emotions from the experiences at sea. The deep blue sea hence holds in itself promises and threats, inspiration and destruction.

Arpita Gantayet - XA

TO ALL MY SENIORS

We like you because you are elder to us. All of us, (your juniors) look up to you and admire you. When we juniors see you during the assembly, you look so impressive, responsible, smart and capable of facing all difficult situations. We feel good and cared for when you help us and look after us. We like it when, you take us around on the 'Bal Din'. Do you know that we admire everything you do? - the way you walk and the way you talk... A kind and friendly action from you makes us feel happy. One day when I fell down, a senior girl helped me. I still remember her kind eyes! So dear seniors always remember that we juniors are very grateful for everything you seniors do for us and we always look up to you for love, care and inspiration.

Laavanya Ramaul - IIIA

DID YOU KNOW?

- If you jumped off the Mount Everest it would take you two minutes and forty three seconds to hit the ground!
- Some people use sand to clean dirty dishes if they have no water!
- The Dead Sea is so salty you cannot sink the salt keeps you floating!
- The fastest flashes of lightning move at 140,000km per second-fast enough to go around the equator three times in a second.
- It takes eight and a half minutes for sunlight to reach the earth from the sun!
- The highest mountain on Mars (Olympus Mars) is 27km high three times as high as Mount Everest!
- An Albatross (a bird) has a wing span of about four meters.
- The Grizzly bear is as heavy as eight grown men-that is 750 kilograms
- A Diplod dinosaur's tail was so far from its brain, that you could have stepped on his tail and run away before the message reached its brain!

MY FAVOURITE AUTHOR

My favourite author is J.R.R. Tolkien. He has written quite a few books but by far the best of his books are 'The Lord of the Rings' and 'The Hobbit'. It is my belief that the English speaking world is divided into those who have read 'The Hobbit' and 'The Lord of the Rings' and those who haven't. 'The Hobbits' are the main characters in 'The Lord of the Rings'. Tolkien can portray his characters very well and you can actually visualize the characters. His books are also adventure books with a tinge of romance, a theme which I adore. He also can make fiction so believable that you could actually imagine the place or incident being talked of. This is the reason why he is my favourite author.

Yash Siddhartha - VIIB

ENLIVEN YOUR PERSONAL SPACE

Brighten up your study area with pencil tubs. Use paint and glitter to decorate a useful storage tub for pens and pencils. Choose a cylindrical container to recycle into a pencil tub and cover it with a layer of paper Mache to make it stronger, this will provide a good surface to decorate.

Materials Required:

- Cardboard containers
- Newspapers
- Glue
- Paint
- Glitter
- Paint brushes
- Scissors

METHOD

1. Start with covering the container with a layer of newspaper squares using glue. Cover the container and leave it in a warm, airy place to dry.
2. When the paper Mache is completely dry, paint a base coat and allow it to dry. You may need two coats of paint.
3. Now paint the desired design with various colours. Make sure you paint one colour at a time.
4. When the paint is dry, spread glue on areas you want to apply the glitter and sprinkle on the glitter. Do this using one colour at a time and leave it to dry as you change the colours.

Pranav Mukhi - VIB

DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD?

"He who shall keepth me shall neither sleep nor slumber."
This phrase keeps me going in life. Whatever I do or whatever I want to do, I have the faith that there is someone who is always there for me, supporting me. There are many people who say that there is no one called God. But I do feel that there is someone or some force which keeps me moving in life. One does not need to worship all the time but must have the faith in his being there. Worship helps me sail through the rough waters. This invisible and invincible power helps me to recognize the goodness that is there in this world. Whenever I come across an honest or righteous person my faith is reassured and my belief ascertained. It is my belief that every single person has a devil and an angel in him. It is the person's individual choice to follow the voice of goodness or that of the evil devil. Ultimately we realise that God exists when our heart confirms of his existence-when he helps us to emerge from all trials and tribulations as winners.

Shayeri Das - XIB

DID YOU KNOW?

- Ø The largest employer in the world is the Indian Railways, employing over a million people.
- Ø A Female Bee in a beehive would have been queen if she had been fed the necessary Royal Jelly. All female bees in a beehive are sisters.
- Ø Bees do not have ears.
- Ø The deadliest plant in the world is the Castor Bean. It is estimated that the proteins found in it are 6,000 times more poisonous than cyanide.

MAN'S GREATEST ENEMY

It is said that fear is man's greatest enemy. Fear is beyond failure, sickness and poor human relations. Millions of people are afraid of the past, the future, old age, insanity and death. Fear is an upsetting thought in one's mind and consequently one is afraid of his or her own thoughts.

A little boy can be paralyzed with fear when he is told there is a ghost under his bed who is going to take him away. When his father turns on the light and shows him that there is no ghost there, he is healed of a false thought in his mind. Hence he realizes that the thing he feared does not exist.

Likewise most of our fears have no basis. They are merely a conglomeration of similar shadows and shadows have no reality.

Varun Chauhan - VIIIA

ANGRY WITH SOMEONE? THINK AGAIN

A woman at Heathrow Airport in London was waiting to fly back to America. She purchased a box of cookies and a book while waiting for her flight. With cookies sitting on the table next to her, she began reading her book. Suddenly a British gentleman sitting on the other side of the table reached over, opened up the cookies, took one out and ate it. He smiled at her as he did it. The woman was horrified but didn't say anything. She just reached over, grabbed a cookie and ate it herself. The man smiled, reached over and took another cookie and ate it. The woman, becoming very upset and angry (but not speaking), took another cookie and ate it.

Hence back and forth they went, until all but one of the cookies were eaten. And then, as though, to add insult to injury, the British gentleman took the last cookie, smiled, broke it in two and slid half of it over to the woman after eating his half, got up, smiled again, bowed politely and walked off. By this time the woman was livid. But before she could confront the man or do anything else, her flight was announced. She opened her bag to put the book away.

It was then that she noticed that her box of cookies was in her bag. She had been eating his cookies! And, more importantly, she had been generating false feelings of anger, resentment and accusation towards this man who himself had actually been experiencing what she thought she was experiencing. Yet, his reaction was not of resentment, not of anger, but one of pleasant sharing.

Compiled by Varsha Budhrani - XIB

VISIONS

Life at our age is a riot of blazing colours. It encompasses all experiences that enrich us without our even realizing the impact of events and incidents. But sometimes, just sometimes in moments of solitude, when the mind is at peace and the soul is tranquil, I see fleeting visions which slowly begin to take shape.

These visions are not consciously imagined, they come unbidden, as do most thoughts and slowly a white canvas stretches before my eyes. And on it I see the etchings of a better world, a better tomorrow.

A world where racial prejudice is a thing of the past, where "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity" is not merely a slogan of a long-lost revolution, where men and women walk shoulder to shoulder sharing success as well as responsibilities, where political intolerance, social discrimination and religious fanaticism have seen a peaceful burial and where people of all colours, origins and orientations have realised the need to move together onto the path of progress, unitedly.

In my visions, the fertility of conflict has finally been realised and there is mutual understanding and sympathy in the hearts of people as they have realised that the world is on the brink of collapse. It is only unity that can save us from complete annihilation. My visions have no place for nuclear arsenals or wars of ethnic cleansing. People are not bound by chains of servitude, there is freedom of speech and action and there is democracy in every corner of the world, in every sense of the word.

My visions seem utopian, even to me, and I understand that there is a long way to go. There is a lot of work to be done. However, if we all work together, each contributing in our own way, maybe a golden day like the one I see in my visionary moments will be realised. From far away comes the lilting music of an oft-heard song, "We shall overcome, someday, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome, someday..."

Aatreyi Dhar - XIB



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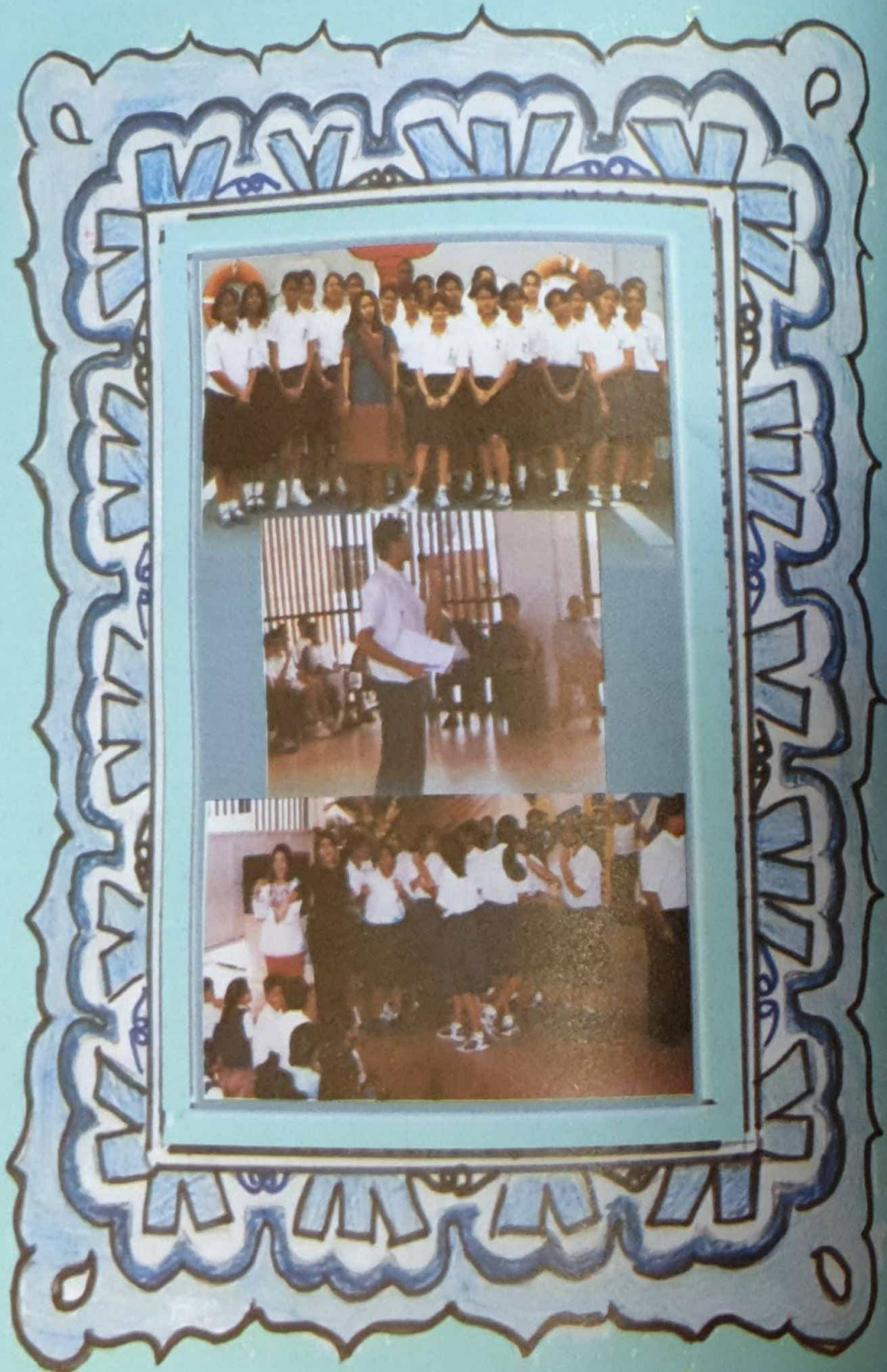


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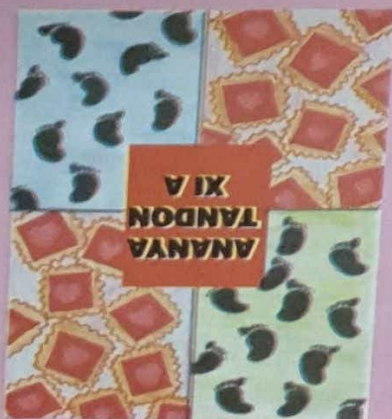
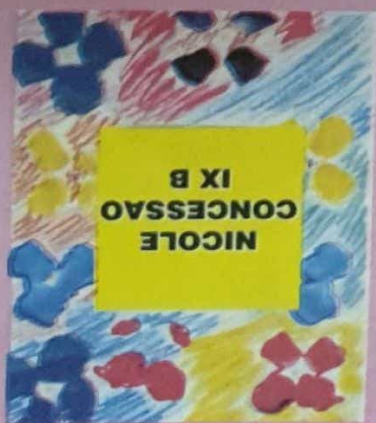
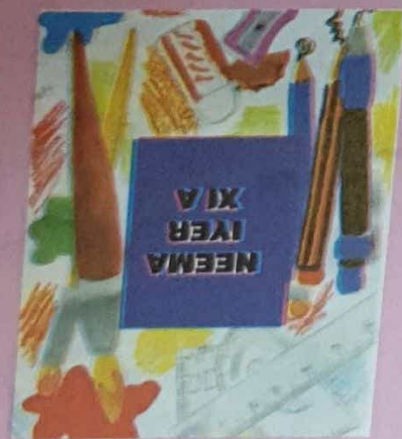
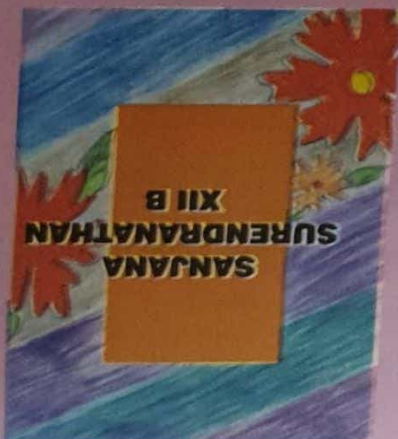
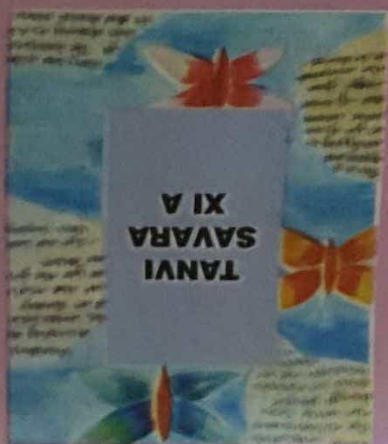
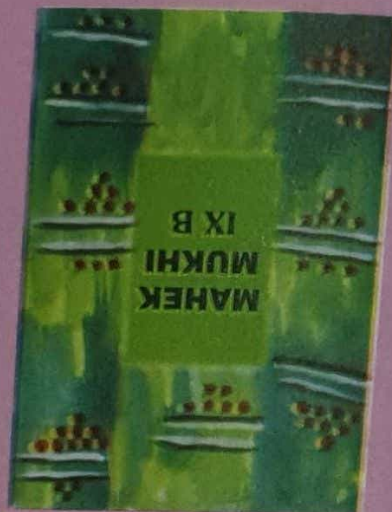
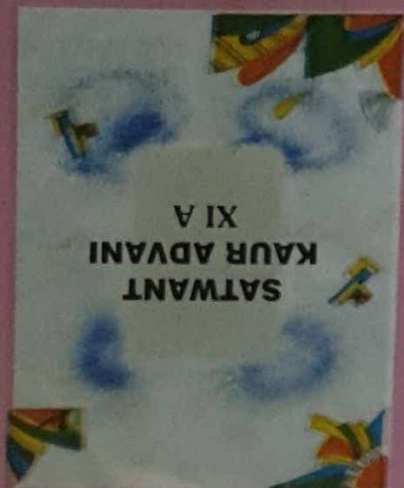
Grade XII

Adieu Grade XII

*The gates were closed,
And held you in,
Till you were ready,
Ready within,
Your lessons learnt,
Your tears spent,
Parting is hard
No one knows what to expect...*

*But you are ready,
Your feet stand steady,
The gates have opened
Goodbyes and kisses,
Pride and excitement,
As you step into the world
And you move onwards
Once children
But now adults.*

*Richa Verghese
IX A*



Charlie And The Chocolate Factory

By Roald Dahl

This book is about adventure and fantasy. It is very interesting to read because it is about a boy called Charlie Bucket, who is very poor. He is one of the lucky five children to find a golden ticket and win a trip of a lifetime around the most famous chocolate factory in the world.

Mr. Willy Wonka is the owner of this factory whose inventions of chocolates are out of this world! He's thought up every kind of sweet imaginable in his amazing chocolate factory. I feel that the best character in this book is Charlie Bucket because he is very sensible and very caring. The language used in the book is simple and clear. It is easy to understand.

I thought of the different kinds of sweets and chocolates that appear on your T.V. and what if you just had to put your hand into the television and take them out to eat them up? There is a sweet mentioned in the story, a bubble gum, and the flavour of the gum never wears out! The most interesting part was when Charlie went inside the factory with five other silly children. I would certainly want my friends to read this book because it is so interesting. I took only two and a half days to read this book. It's a lovely book with amusing pictures in it. This book is very interesting for children who like imaginative stories.

Anaita Kini VIB

The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

By Washington Irving

236 Pages

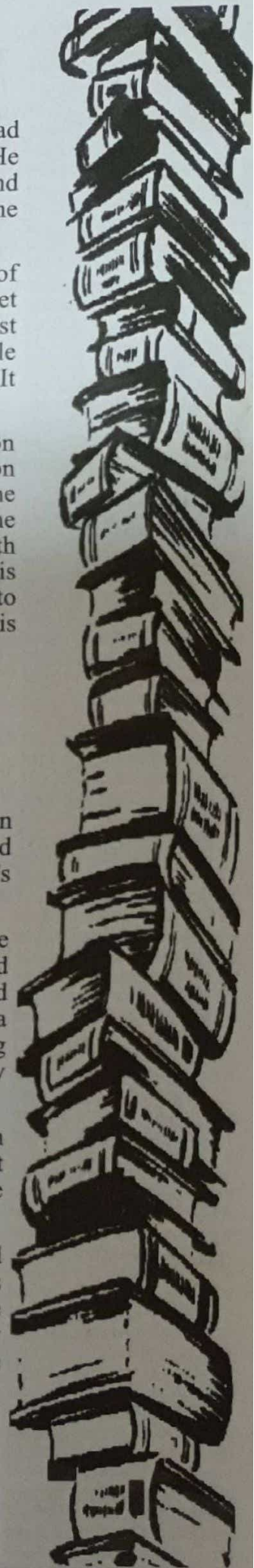
This story is about spirits, ghosts and goblins. The story takes place in Tarrytown in New York. The characters of the story are Ichabod Crane, folks of Sleepy Hollow, farmers and their wives, Ichabod's pupils, the headless horseman, fearful shapes and shadows.

The character from the story which I liked the best is Ichabod because he didn't like punishing his pupils. He became the companion and playmate of older boys. He helped the ghosts with their chores and farmers to make hay. He lent a hand in mending the fences as he was a very helpful person. He earned very little yet he did not regret doing the job even though he could get another job easily as he was highly educated.

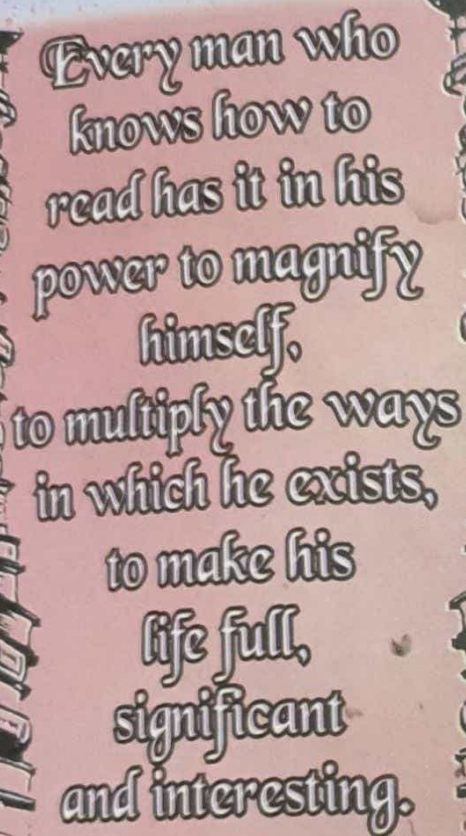
The characters in the book behave like real people. The farmers in olden days used to think that schooling costed too much and that schoolteachers were just lazy brats. As people are easily led onto the wrong path to acquire money, later Ichabod did the same thing.

The language of the book was easy to understand. New ideas and thoughts came to me when I read this book. Maybe ghosts and goblins still exist. Maybe spirits prowl around at night when I am asleep. The part when the headless horseman chased Ichabod was very interesting. I enjoyed the book because it is written well. The language used is simple and descriptive.

Arushi Gupta VIC



READER'S DELIGHT



Every man who knows how to read has it in his power to magnify himself, to multiply the ways in which he exists, to make his life full, significant and interesting.

- Aldous Huxley

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Secret Seven On The Trial

By Enid Blyton

98 Pages

The characters of this book are Peter, Jack, George, Colin, Janet, Pam and Barbara. All these characters belong to the Secret Seven Society. They also have a dog called Scamper.

I like Peter the best because he is very smart and quick-witted. I like the way the characters have been presented in this book and this makes the book more realistic. A false trail led by the rival Famous Five club leads the Secret Seven to a real mystery. The language of this book is very clear and simple. When I read this book, the thought that came to my mind was that when we are determined to do something we certainly find a way to do it.

The part I liked the most was when the four boys made a plan to catch the thieves. I didn't find any part boring in this book. I would certainly tell my friends to read this book as it is very interesting and exciting. I took three days to read this book.

Saurabh Deshmukhe VIC

Claudius Bald Eagle

By Sam McBratney

89 Pages

This story is about a bald eagle that is proud of himself. I like him because he is brave and funny. He has one friend namely Edward Moose.

The Bald Eagle likes him as he always allows him to perch on his antlers. Besides the Bald Eagle and Edward Moose there are many characters such as Curly-Wurly the snake, Jimmy Raccoon, Long Tom John the alligator, Quincy Porcupine and Harry Enid. The action in the story begins when the Bald Eagle perches on Edward's antlers thinking them to be a blasted tree. Harry, a millionaire is another character in the book who isn't satisfied until he gets a pair of Moose antlers to hang above his mantelpiece.

The language is simple, clear and easy to understand. It is a very funny story and is ideal for reading aloud.

Vivek Falod VIB

The Hunchback Of Notre Dame

By Victor Hugo

The entire city of Paris hates and taunts Quasimodo, the hunchback bell ringer of the city who lives among the carved gargoyles of the great cathedral's roof. Everybody thinks he doesn't have feelings and is another gargoyle himself because of his monstrous looks. I like Quasimodo the most because he is strong willed, determined and sincere. In this World Classic one comes across the beautiful Esmeralda and the men who loved her. They are Pierre Gringoire, Captain Phoebus and the tragic Quasimodo, who risks everything, even his own life for the young dancer. The language of the book is simple and clear. I took one hour fifteen minutes to read this book. All The events in the story are incredible. If you are looking for the riveting drama full of surprises and danger, this is the book for you.

Vigneshwar K. VIIC



Much Ado About Nothing
By William Shakespeare

CLASSICAL COMEDY
HUMOUR AND WIT

Much Ado About Nothing is Shakespeare's glittering comedy. The story is about a merry war between Beatrice and Benedick. It is a war of sarcasm and caustic wit. Their family and friends [Claudio, Hero and Leonato] contrive to spark up love amid their battles and try to bring them together - one a pronounced bachelor and the other a resolute maid. The results are highly comic.

Beatrice's gentle and virtuous cousin, Hero, is a part of the conspiracy and while making this match, she falls in love herself. However, darker elements lurk in the shadows in the shape of the villain- Don John, who threatens to plague the atmosphere of merriment in the play.

'Much Ado About Nothing' is the first comedy that I have ever read, written by Shakespeare, a master playwright. I liked the book for its humour and incidents of the innocent fights between Beatrice and Benedick. For anyone who wants to read a real classical comedy of Elizabethan times, I think this is the play for them.

Somya Chhadha VIIB.

Little Women
By Louisa May Alcott

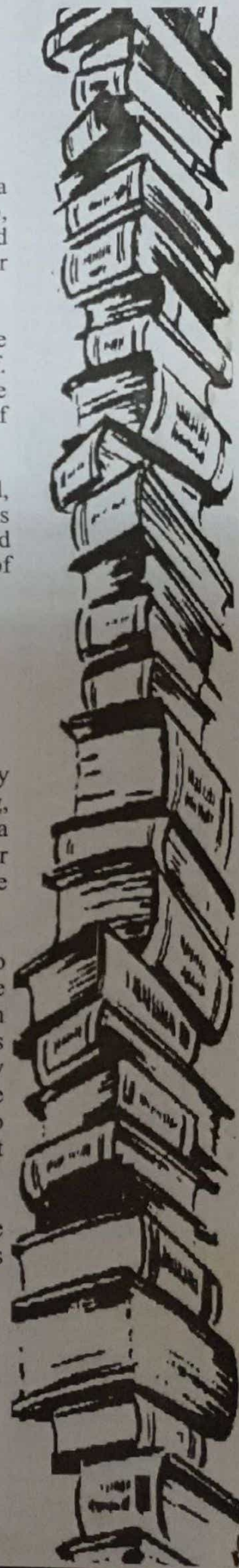
139 Pages

This story, that unfolds in America and is about the March family consisting of Mr. March, Mrs. March and their four daughters- Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy. Jo is an extremely lovable character. She is a tomboy and is always full of fun. I admire her as she sacrifices her greatest asset-her long thick hair when the situation demands it. The characters are realistic and language is simple.

When I read the part where the girls started a club, I too decided to start a club with my friends! The story is interesting from the beginning to the end but it has a touch of sadness. The way in which the poverty stricken family struggles to make Christmas enjoyable is touching; so is their preparation for the New Year Party with burnt dresses, cold gloves, tight slippers and so on. The simple and warm family life in the story makes the reader's heart go out to the characters. I would recommend this book to my friends because it is worth reading.

Though the story is not an autobiography, anyone who reads 'Little Women' can find in Jo's early experience, the story of Louisa's painful beginnings as an authoress.

Risa Verghese VIB



Peter Pan
By J.M. Barrie

185 Pages

**FANTASY
ADVENTURE**

Peter Pan is a wonderful book. It is filled with fantasy and a lot of imagination. The characters of this story go on a lot of adventures. In this story, James Matthew Barrie also writes about family relationships and friendship.

The story takes place on the Island of Neverland; when Peter Pan invites the 'Darling children' to Neverland so they never have to grow up! The characters in the story are Peter Pan, Wendy, Peter, John, Michael, Tinker Bell, the Lost Boys, the mermaids, Captain Hook and his pirates!

The characters in the story do not behave like normal people. My favourite character is Wendy because she is very caring and smart. The language of the book is quite difficult to understand so one should keep a dictionary at hand. The best part that I liked about this story is the part when Wendy and Peter go to see the mermaids. The most boring part is when the 'Darling children' meet Peter and Tinker Bell. This is because they only talk and hardly go on any adventure.

This book is for children who like to go on adventures and meet lost boys, mermaids and dangerous pirates. This book does not take long to read.

Farah Rodrigues VIB

Garfield
By Jim Kraft.

I liked this story because it teaches us a very important moral - that longing for more and more destroys inner peace while sharing brings joy.

Kirti Chaturvedi IVB

Around The World In Eighty Days
By Jules Verne

136 Pages

The book is about the adventures of Mr. Fogg. He accepted the challenge of his friends to go around the world in eighty days. The central character, Mr. Fogg is very interesting. He is very punctual and particular about things and works like a machine. I was quite surprised when he accepted the challenge so calmly and left for the journey without any preparation.

Another interesting character is his faithful and lovable servant. The story is very thrilling and keeps the reader's interest alive. I wish I could go on an adventure like Mr. Fogg who completed his journey to different lands in a boat, sledge, train, ship and even an elephant!

I admire Mr. Fogg because he never showed any signs of agitation even in difficult times. He was a warm-hearted person and did not hesitate to help people. I was glad that he saved a woman from being Sacrificed as a sati.

The book is so interesting that I read it in just two days. Anyone who Loves adventure and stories of courage should certainly read this Book.

Dhruv Khullar VIIB



The Swiss Family Robinson

By Johann Wyss

This famous adventure story is in the form of an autobiography of Mr. Robinson. The others in his family are his wife Elizabeth and their four sons, Fritz the eldest, then Jack, followed by Ernest and the youngest, Francis. The family leaves home aboard a ship bound for the sparkling blue waters of the Pacific Ocean when the ship runs into a storm and is shipwrecked. Luckily the family is able to save themselves and dock ashore a tropical island inhabited by beautiful birds, fragrant flowers and rare animals. They have no choice but to stay on the island and so begins their new life.

The family undertakes many challenges and overcomes several hazards as they struggle to live from day to day. In the process they discover hidden strengths in themselves and their love for each other takes on a new meaning. In this way many years pass and they are well settled in their new surroundings. When a ship sails into their bay, they are faced with the question of whether they would like to leave the island they have made their home.

The Swiss Family Robinson is a wonderful story of keeping family ties and never losing hope. The Robinson family is a great example of people who stand by each other and overcome obstacles. My favourite character is Fritz as he is very courageous, brave and always at hand to help out others. If you ever dreamt of being stranded on an island, which is like paradise, this book will help you realize those dreams.

Aman Gulati VIIA

A Christmas Carol

By Charles Dickens

This ghostly tale is one of the best loved Christmas stories the world over. This is a story of hope. It revolves around the fate of one old man, Ebenezer Scrooge, and it shows that even the worst among us have the potential of doing well. This story takes place in Victoria England, in 1840.

Dickens has created an unforgettable miser in Ebenezer Scrooge who has to learn to be more giving in life. Marley, another character was a miser like Ebenezer Scrooge. Later he becomes a benevolent ghost. I hate Ebenezer because he is a crotchety old man who lives in a dark world of his own making. Bob Cratchit is someone I admire in the story, as he knew how to remain happy inspite of the adversities he faced. The language is a bit complicated but the book is wonderfully crafted.

Ebenezer Scrooge's transformation as a human being who learns to love and share is indeed something each of us can learn from. We also realize that the spirit of Christmas is to be revered and cherished; Dickens narrates a most gripping story.

Monisha Tyagi VIIB



Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
By J.K Rowling

223 Pages

ADVENTURE
FRIENDSHIP
CHALLENGE
COURAGE

Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone is about an orphaned wizard, Harry who lives with his aunt and uncle. His parents were murdered by Lord Voldemort. He is special because when he was a baby he reflected the curse of Voldemort. Harry goes to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry and has many adventures there. He even rescues the Philosopher's Stone from Voldemort.

I like Harry because he is daring, courageous, adventurous and a true friend. He fought a troll to rescue his friend Hermione. I would be too scared to do that... I enjoyed the part when Harry comes to know that he is a wizard. It is very exciting and as the book progresses, the reader just can't stop asking for more.

I recommend this book to my friends because it gives the readers a chance to realise their fantasies.

Nitin Gupta VIA

Oliver Twist

By Charles Dickens

This book is extremely interesting. Oliver Twist, a small boy whose parents die soon after he was born, tries to earn a living after being brought up in an orphanage for nine years. He lives a hard life. Two pickpockets known as Fagin and Dodger started troubling him because they think that Oliver was the one who had cheated them.

Oliver, the main character is very lucky to be adopted by Mr. Brownlow and is later given moral support by Mrs. Maylie. His life is eventful and the best part is that he didn't know that a great fortune was coming his way.

I think Oliver is a very strong and brave boy as he faced so many difficulties. I am very impressed by him, especially because Oliver had the fortitude to go hungry for days. I wouldn't have survived such hunger pangs. A 'must read' for those who like adventurous and courageous people.

Nandan Sharalaya VIIC

Black Beauty

By Anne Servell

128 Pages

This is the autobiography of a horse called Black Beauty who has a pretty white star on its forehead, one white foot and a soft black coat. Black Beauty begins life in a loving home but his owners are forced to sell him and his life changes. He is moved from place to place and job to job, often suffering cruel treatment and harsh conditions until chance leads him to a change of events and a loving home.

I like Black Beauty because it does not bite or kick anybody and does not harm anyone even in jest. The language of this book is simple and easy to understand. When I finished reading this book I continued thinking how I would have behaved if I was in Black Beauty's place.

If you think you would like to read about the life of a horse, this is the right book for you.

S. Vighnesh VIA

DRAMA

CHALLENGE

ADVENTURE

CLASSIC

ADVENTURE



Goosebumps - Don't go to Sleep

By R.L. Stine

118 Pages

This is a very scary book because once you read it, you will not be able to sleep. Matthew Amsterdam, the main character, hates his tiny bedroom. It's so small it's practically a closet! Matt asks his mom if he could sleep in the guest room. His mother refuses because she thinks that they might have guests, some day or year.

Then Matt does it. Late one night, when everyone is asleep, he sneaks into the guest room and falls asleep. While he's sleeping he falls into the hole of reality. Since then, the reality police is after him. They want to put him to sleep forever, so that he does not break the reality law.

Poor Matt, He should have listened to his mom, because when Matt wakes up, his whole life changes for the worst. Every time he falls asleep, he wakes up in new nightmare... He turns into a monster! Matt's worst enemy is the dog Biggie. Biggie is friendly with everyone except Matt.

When I finished reading this book, I was afraid to fall asleep as I thought I too would turn into a monster like Matt. If you like reading horror books, this book is exactly for you, otherwise I advice you not to read it or you too will be afraid to sleep.

Shikhar Bhargava - VIA

Danny -The Champion of the World

By Roald Dahl

214 Pages

'Danny - The Champion of the World' is about a boy and his father who live in the countryside of England. Danny's mother had died suddenly when he was four months old. I like Danny's father the most because he has a wild imagination and is very adventurous. He is skillful at the art of poaching. He also has a great sense of humour. I was touched by the father and son relationship portrayed in this book.

The other characters in the book, such as Doctor Spencor, Charlie Kinch, the taxi driver, Mrs. Clipstone, the local vicar's wife, and Sergeant Enoch Samways-all behave like real people. They stand by Danny's father throughout his troubled times, when he is charged with the conspiracy of poaching the pheasants from Mr. Hazell's woods. Danny's father is grateful to get two out of the one hundred and fifty pheasants he had poached. Even these, he was ready to share with the doctor and his wife when he gave them a supper party.

I recommend this book to my friends, as it is humorous and interesting.

Priyanka Bhatia VIA



Robinson Crusoe

By Daniel Defoe

ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

Robinson Crusoe is the story of a boy who, against his father's wishes, leaves to find adventure at sea. The book is written by Daniel Defoe. The story takes place at sea and on an isolated island.

The main characters in the book are Robinson Crusoe and Man Friday. My favourite character is Robinson Crusoe because he had the courage to stay alone and survive for so many years on an isolated island. He also has the courage to live a life fraught with danger and hardships. He is captured by Pirates, sold into slavery and shipwrecked on a deserted island. The characters in the book are quite realistic. The author has etched the characters in a convincing manner. Robinson Crusoe's delight in finding Man Friday, his pleasure teaching him everything useful and handy and training him to observe the civilized ways of the world are all interesting accounts to read. The language used in the book is easy to understand.

While reading the book it struck me that a life of adventure is much more interesting than our dull and prosaic lives. In fact, I found the whole book interesting and not for a minute did my interest lag. I would recommend this book to my friends, as it is a tale of survival - triumphant.

Danish Sodhi VIIA

Not Without My Daughter

By Betty Mahmoody

COURAGE

CHALLENGE

SURVIVAL

This is a true story about an American lady, Betty Mahmoody trapped in Tehran by her husband, Dr. Sayyed Bozorg Mahmoody. Betty Mahmoody was living happily in the U.S.A. with her husband and daughter, Mahtob.

A few years after their marriage, Betty's husband asked her to visit Iran for two weeks to meet his parents. She was a little hesitant but finally agreed. When she went to Iran, she was ignored and no one liked her since she was an American. She consoled herself thinking that she would soon return to the U.S. but that day never came. After a few days her husband told her that they were going to stay in Iran forever. Betty began to arrange an escape for herself and her daughter. She secretly met sympathisers but every scheme suggested that she would have to leave her daughter behind. Finally, she was given the name of a man who could help her escape from Iran. While doing this she had to overcome many obstacles but her determination saw her through.

This book is an autobiographical account of the author's life. Her Travails through the rough terrain of Iran to Pakistan and then to America, enlightens the reader that with a little courage one can overcome all adversities. Betty Mahmoody is my favourite character for the above-mentioned reasons. The language of the book is easy to understand. The narrative is extremely captivating.

Gitanjali Ramchandani IXB

HAPPENINGS



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Our Enchanting Larks At The Muson Competition

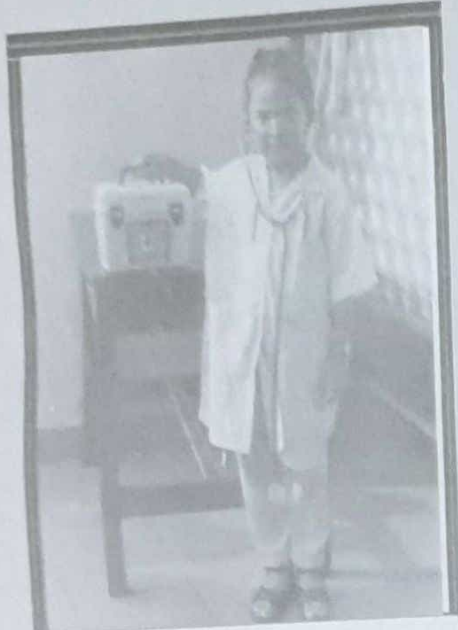


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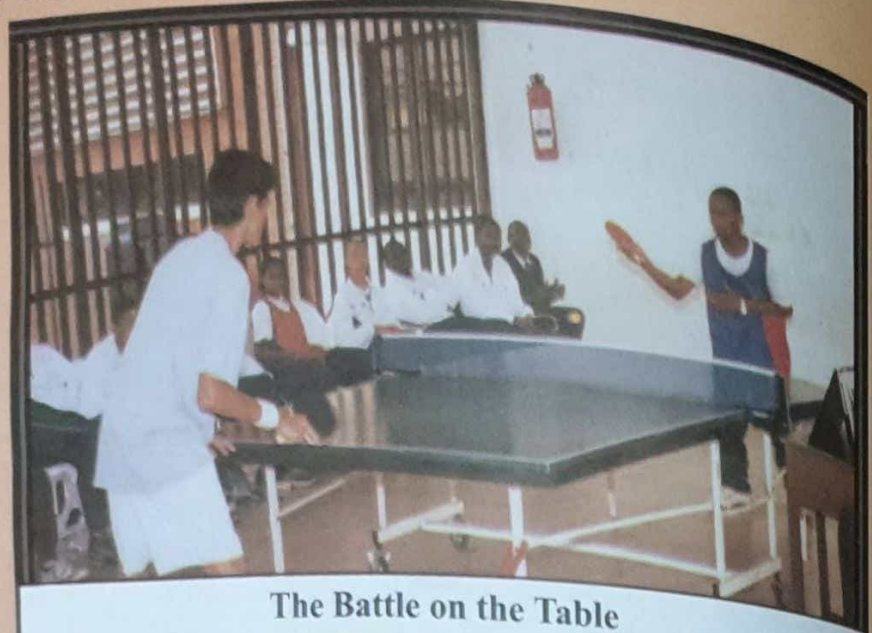


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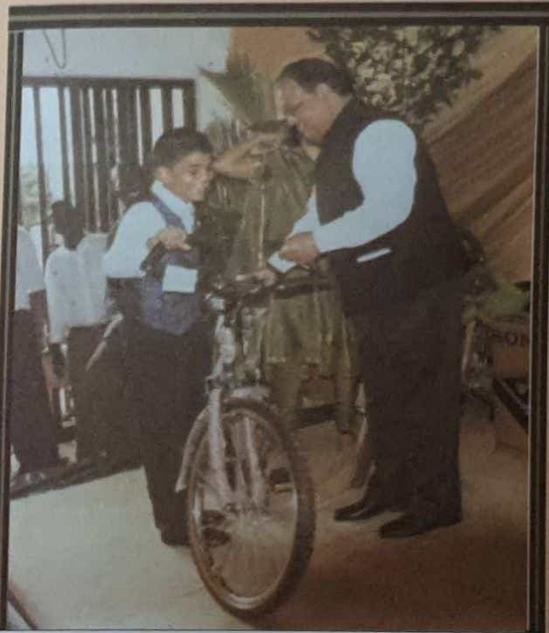


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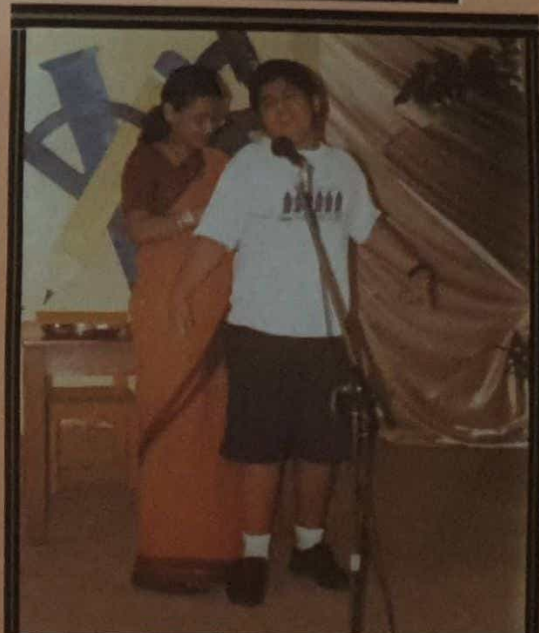
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Hard Work



Enacting a Play on the Day



Ganga House - House of the Year

We were fortunate to have in our midst Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Kant, Senior Consultant, Escorts Hospital and Research Centre. She gave our girls a talk on adolescent problems.



Dr. (Mrs.) Anita Kant



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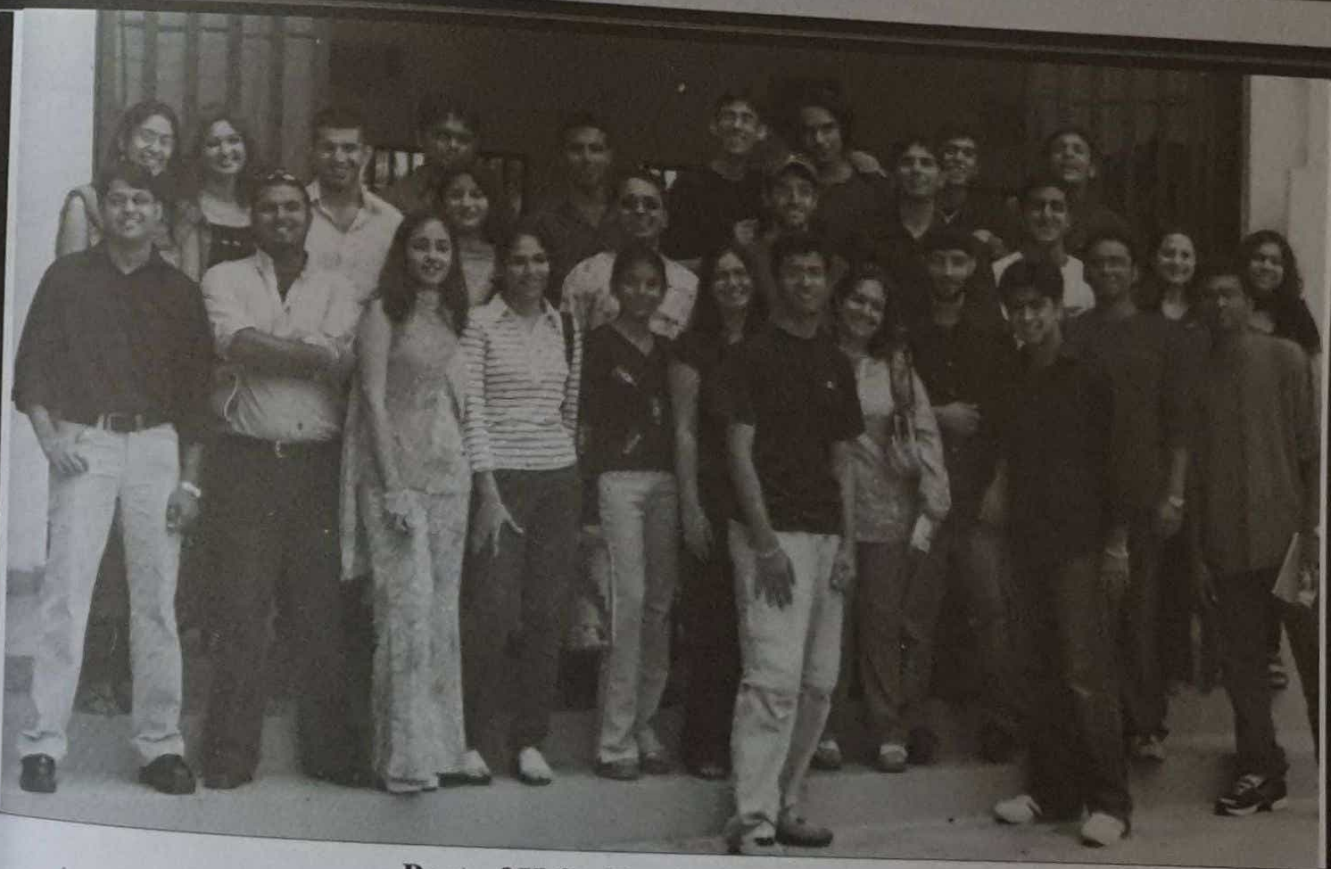


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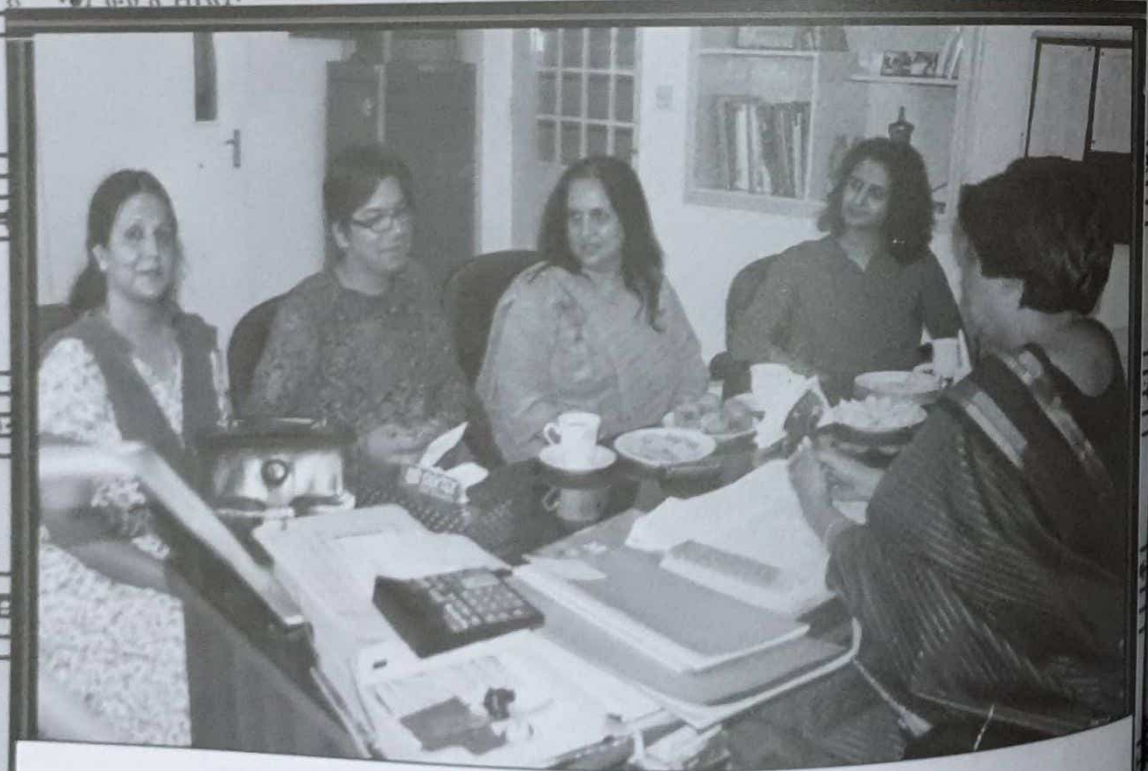


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Penaz Masani-The Gazal Queen on a visit to ILS

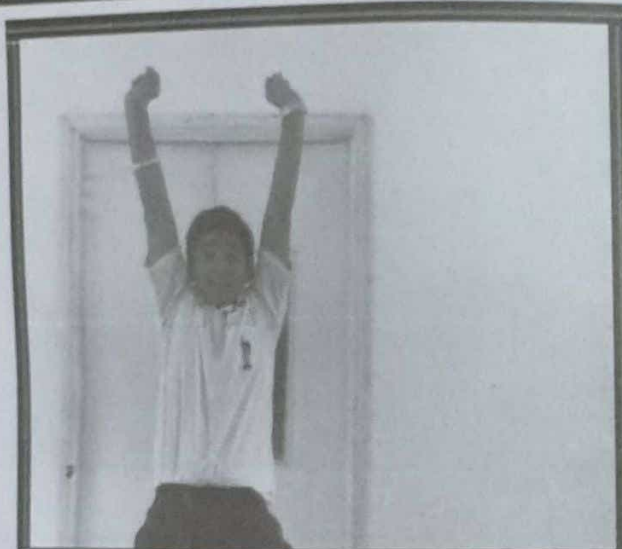
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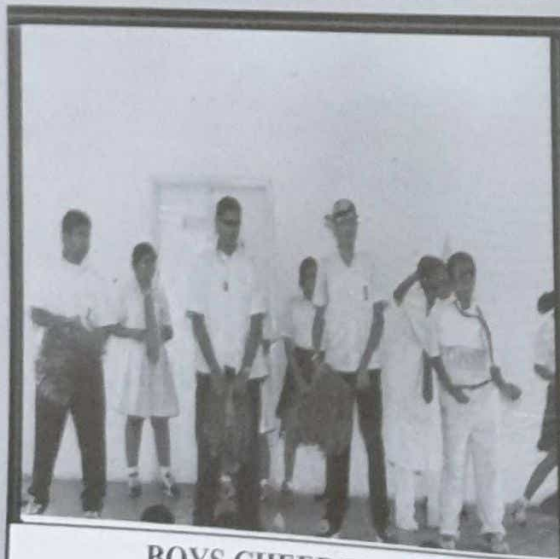
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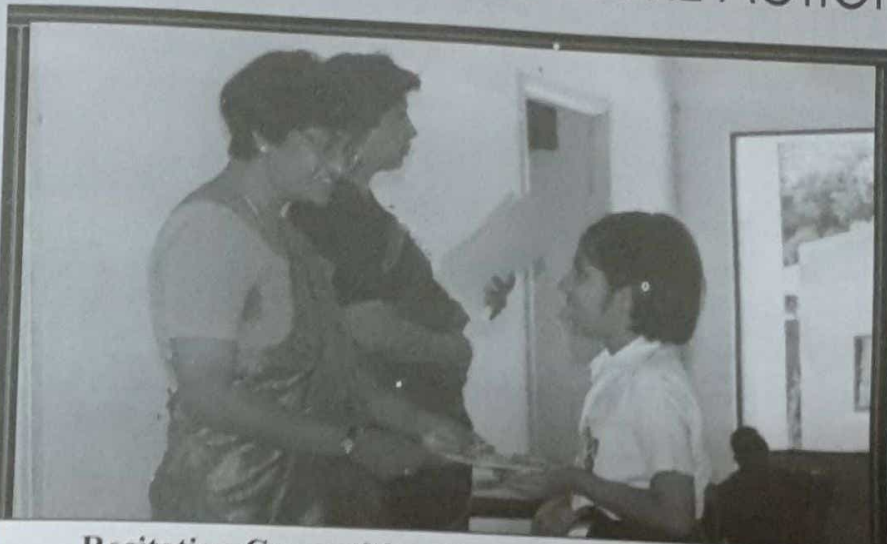


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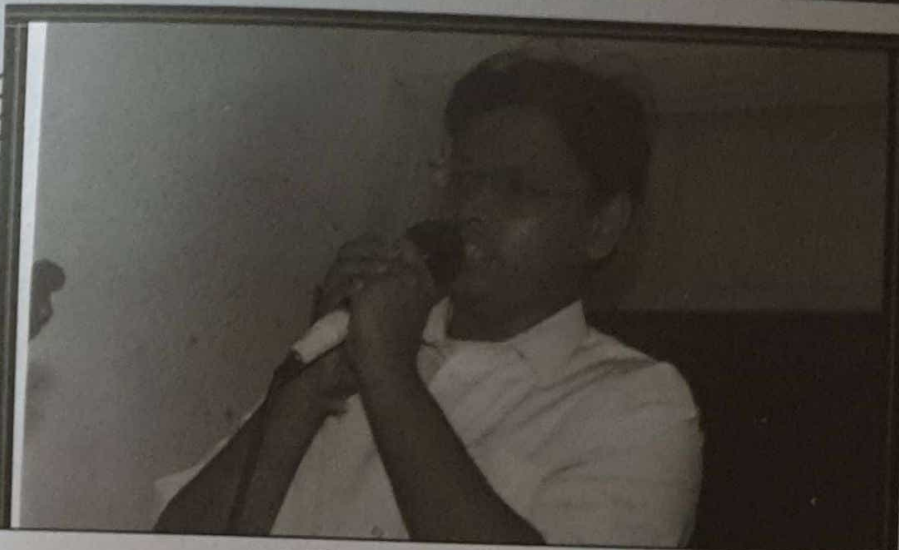


GANGING UP FOR A GETAWAY

MORE COMPETITIONS-MORE ACTION



Recitation Competition-Young Talent Recognized



A Singer in The Making



Feet Move To The Beat.



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Parents At a Yoga And Good Manners Workshop.



The Indian Cultural Association Felicitates
The Exceptional Performers



On An Excursion to The Coca-Cola Factory (Grade VII)

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Special Assembly On Children's Day - Enacting Chacha Nehru.



Installation Ceremony Of The Members Of The Interact Club



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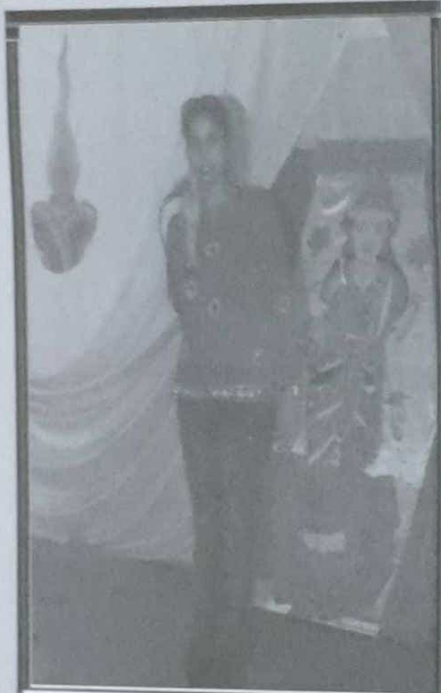
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Our Illustrious Principal Lights The Lamp



Traditional Evocation.



Ex-student And Now A Pop Singer-
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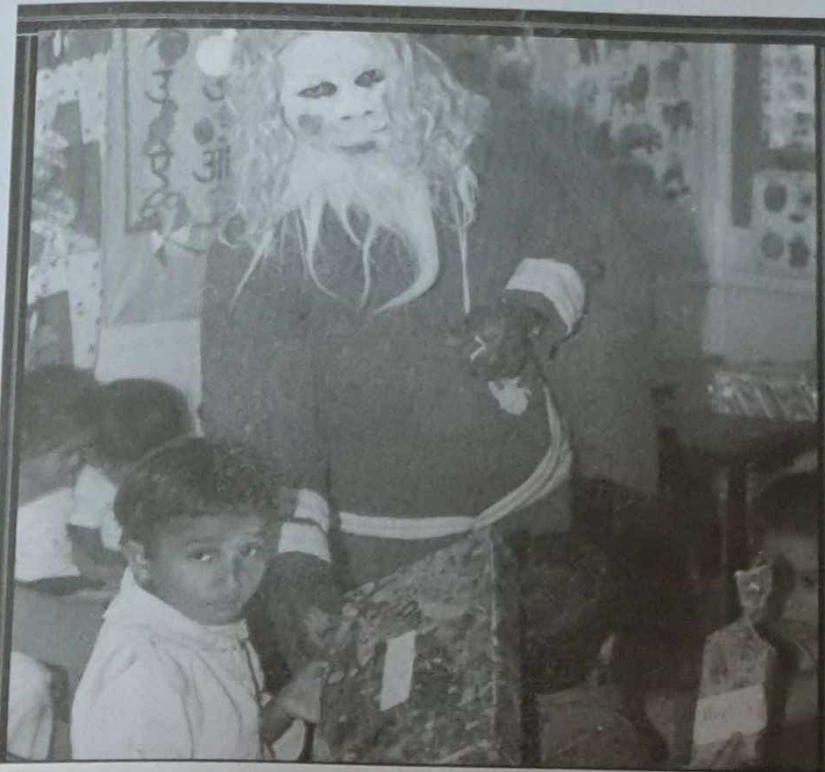


Sharing The Joys Of Diwali



Diwali Blast

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS



Santa Spreads The Spirit of Christmas



Jubilant Pixies At The Year Ending Party

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XI-B

Life At Indian Language School

School for every child is nearly the same-going to school, learning, coming back home and doing homework. But it is not so in our school. Our school does not only teach us about things written in schoolbooks, but provides us with the essential information about our culture. Being far away from our country, the school has taken the responsibility to impart to the children, knowledge about their cultural heritage. No day goes without some extra-curricular activity taking place. Sometimes there are Independence Day celebrations taking place or a Diwali function; while at other times Inter-Class and House Functions are conducted which bring us closer to our Indian music and dance. Hence with each passing day, we are brought closer to our values and traditions.

Bhanvi Ramchandani IIID

Life at I.L.S - It is AMAZING! What a wonderful time I have had in these ten years of my life. I still remember the first day I stepped into I.L.S. It was the 5th of April 1994. I did feel a bit scared entering a new world but after meeting my friends from playschool it was all the more exciting. I consider myself very lucky to have seen the new school building coming up in front of my eyes. I am very fortunate to have studied in the new building. The teachers and the staff at I.L.S are friendly and encouraging. Everyone here just makes you feel at home. We have Annual Days and Sports Days and I have been an active participant in everything. My Life at I.L.S has been an unforgettable experience for me.

Nandita Khosla IXB

At I.L.S we learn to work very hard. Sometimes, I wonder as to why we have tests every Wednesday. Then I realize that it is because of these tests that we are up to date in our studies. We also have many extra-curricular activities in our school such as Music Competition, Art Competition and Story Telling Competition. Such competitions help in bringing out the best in the students. They are also taught to be disciplined and not use foul language. It is good that the school authorities are strict with us. This will help us to be good human beings when we grow up. I am proud to be a student of I.L.S.

Raketa Kavishwar IIA

Life at Indian Language School is an absolute joy and a fruitful experience. The best thing about the school is that the lessons taught here are interesting and easy to learn. There is enough time to play and enjoy as well as to study. The teachers here are good and kind. Though they are strict at times, I like them very much. Another thing that I like about the school is that there are several special events such as Sports Day, Annual Day and Bal Mela. The children eagerly look forward to these events. The students are also taken for picnics and excursions. The school also conducts many competitions, which help us to realise and improve our talents in all the fields. With all these specialties, life at Indian Language School is extremely interesting.

Vignesh VIA

Life at I.L.S. ummm...lets see..., a lot of fun, excitement, mischief and lot of hard work, of course. School is fun all year round except during exams. That is the time we have to study real hard. There is excitement in the air when we have the Annual day and Sports day or Inter School matches and other competitions. In school I am so busy with my friends and my work that I don't have time to think about anything else. I forget my worries and tensions about the exams and tests. My school is like my home. When the time comes to go home, I don't feel like leaving. In a place like Lagos where we don't have friends living close by, school is the best place to meet, spend time together and learn. I think I.L.S is the best.

Anjali Ramchandani IXB

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I love the life at Indian Language School because of my friends, my loving teachers and the pleasant atmosphere. I started my schooling in Canada where we were not made to study very hard. When I joined I.L.S. it was very difficult getting used to the hard work. Later I started liking it because it has made me a stronger person. I would like to thank everyone at I.L.S. who has helped me to adapt to this environment.

Rashika Subbiah IIA

I.L.S is the school of my dreams because it has good teachers, a homely atmosphere and discipline that inculcates good habits. Many of us wish to be adults so that we attain freedom from studies. Studying is not only learning but also an enjoyable experience to me. The Principal of our school Dr. (Mrs.) Suman Kanwar is a role model for all the students. She is loved and respected for her caring and considerate nature. I feel so comfortable in school that I would not change it for any thing in the world. The school has two computer rooms and a very big library for the students to access and spend their time fruitfully. The school teaches its students to serve the society with an open heart. I feel fortunate to be a part of this school and I am sure that my life and experiences at the Indian Language School will always guide me in the right direction.

Preeti Foudar VIB

Life at I.L.S is fun. The teachers give us projects, which make our studies easy. Apart from studies we also have a lot of activities. My favourite periods are Mass-Drill and Physical Education. I have many friends in school. During break time we share our food. We eat and then play together. I do not like to be absent even a single day. When school is over we rush out to go home, only to eagerly come back the next day.

Sanjeev Ramesh IC

Life at I.L.S is nothing like the mind-numbing and routine life of most other schools. Here even subjects which are otherwise considered to be extremely boring, are taught with such enthusiasm that it is nearly impossible for anything to distract the student's attention. Apart from studies this school also considers sports very essential for the physical well being of the students. Sports like Basketball and Football are a very important part of the school curriculum. A variety of Inter-Class as well as Inter-School competitions are held at I.L.S., which provide opportunities to the students to display their talents.

Sneha Nayak IXB

Things That Make Me Happy Or Sad

This year I will be turning fourteen. There are many things that make me happy or sad. The happy things are visible and may sometimes be materialistic like my new clothes, a new disc man, perfumes, jewellery etc. This list is endless. Apart from this I am reminded by my parents to be happy and thankful for good education, good health and all my wonderful senses. Happiness lies in belonging not belongings. I am most happy in the company of my friends and parents where I can discuss and talk about a lot of issues. I am happy when I can do my bit to help somebody. Things like child labour, ill-treating animals and abusing the environment are issues that make me sad.
Shubhangi Chaturvedi VIII A

One of the most important things that make me happy, is when I am of use to someone - be it... feeding the poor, looking after the sick and helping the blind to cross the road. Apart from these, other things that make me happy are coming first in the class, swimming, dancing, music and having my friends come over to stay at my house.
Khushbu Vaswani IIA

My biggest happiness lies in the simple and small things of the world. The early morning travel to my school, the natural fresh air, the pink flowers from the plant that I nurtured, the humming of the birds, the little baby's smile, the warm hug of my mother, the chocolate bread spread, sleeping under the cozy blanket during winter nights, the swimming session with my dad, computer games and playing with my friends in my toy room- all these things give me immense pleasure and make me happy. Above all, when I light the little lamp in front of God, I feel a special happiness that compares to none.
Akshya Arunachalam IIIC

Things that make me happy are a smile on someone's face. When my friends talk to me and play with me, they make me happy. And the things that make me sad are people crying or begging, ill people, sadness and death.
Akanksha Mishra IIIC

I am a happy-go-lucky person by nature. It takes very little to make me happy. I am happier outdoors playing with my friends in the garden. When I am praised by my teacher and parents I feel happy-in fact I feel great. I love surprises, chocolates and ice cream and most of all I am very happy and excited when I travel to see new places. The things that make me sad are when I don't get what I want, and get yelled at... In short all the DON'TS make me very unhappy and sad.
Anvish Dudani IIC

I am very happy when I go to school. I get to meet so many friends and get to learn new things. Sometimes I feel sad if I have to study too much, but I know I have to. So it is better to be happy and study with a smile. I feel happy when I go to the temple and sing bhajans and that I have such wonderful parents and a loving grandmother. It is always better to be happy and not be sad. God loves us and wants us to be happy children.
Aninati Hingorani - IIIC

Recently I went to Kodaikanal for my holidays. I was breathless when I saw the high mountains, tall green trees and beautiful flowers all around. My happiest moments were when we went boating in the lake with lotus flowers all around. I felt as if I was in God's land. Being close to nature makes me feel very happy. What pains me most is the lack of care of God's beautiful creations. Every year a lot of trees are cut thoughtlessly for our comfort. We are all aware of the importance of forests as a valuable resource. Let's together 'Save our Planet Earth' and make it a beautiful place to live in.
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Patriotism

The word 'Patriotism' ignites in the mind names such as Bhagat Singh, Balgangadhar Tilak, Subhas Chandra Bose and the names of many other Indian leaders. The International scenario includes names such as British General Nelson at Trajalgar, the German General Rommel, Nelson Mandela of South Africa, Ho Chi Minh of Vietnam-people who have dedicated their lives for their countries, for causes such as racism and foreign interference. Patriotism can be summarized as love for the people, contribution to country's development and defending the country when needed. Patriotism is a noble virtue that inspires us to work for excellence and make the nation proud.

Kunal Sarkar VIIA

Patriotism means love for one's country. Patriotism is one of man's greatest feelings. History is replete with examples of those who sacrificed their lives for their country. India has had some brave sons and daughters like Mahatma Gandhi and Rani of Jhansi. We should try to learn from their lives to live for our country. We should always ask ourselves like John F. Kennedy did, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country". We can serve our nation in simple ways such as keeping it clean, helping in its progress and by being good citizens. We can also guard it against our enemies and when needed fight for its security. Thus, we can all be patriots who love, respect and help our motherland.

S. Vaishnavi IVC

Patriotism is a noble sentiment. It is the love for one's country. Its force is unquestionable. History is replete with the names of those great souls who in the name of patriotism laid their lives for their motherland. In our country Bhagat Singh, Lokmanya Tilak and Subhash Chandra Bose are patriots worth remembering. It is the conviction that helps our soldiers to fight wars. Freedom can neither be achieved nor maintained without the spirit of patriotism, without it a nation cannot lead an honourable life. A submissive country can have no national or international achievements. The loss of the true sense of patriotism is reflected in the character of the corrupt people who sell the interest of the nation. Several patriots on patriotic grounds have kissed the hangman's knot. A salute to those great souls!

Ramya Sita Pallachola XA

Patriotism -literally, it means the feeling of love for one's country and the willingness to make sacrifices for it. It is such a powerful word that the mere mention of it is enough to make anybody's heart beat faster. It's the natural emotion of the readiness to fight for one's country and to defend it. Some people misunderstand the meaning of patriotism as being a fanatic or a fundamentalist. In the changing modern times, one needs to have a liberal and global outlook. As an Indian, to me, patriotism doesn't necessarily mean following the age-old obsolete traditions. After winning our independence more than half a century back, things have changed. It now means thinking and working towards the overall progress of the country. Irrespective of the place one is staying in, all Indians need to work towards the goal where every Indian will be educated, where there will be no poverty, no corruption, no unemployment and no communal disharmony. In a place where there will be no social evils like dowry and technology wise, the country will be amongst the world leaders. There's no point just remembering our glorious past and sitting on those ancient laurels. We need to have a vision, to make India an extremely powerful nation. Jai Hind.

Aashna Gupta VIA

The Best Part Of My Day

The best part of my day is the morning. I love the crispness of fresh morning air, the sounds of the birds chirping, the scent of flowers and the warmth of the early morning sun. I love the sound of my mother getting breakfast ready and the aromas drifting from the kitchen. I enjoy the ride to school and meeting my friends before assembly. Most of all I love the hidden promise each morning brings of an exciting day ahead.

Siddharth Singh IVB

My day begins very early when my mother wakes me up for school at 6 o'clock. The day passes very soon with my friends and teachers, but the best part of my day is when I reach home and find my mother waiting at the door with a glass of refreshing fruit juice for me. Then she allows me to watch my favourite cartoon network show. I really enjoy the show and feel fresh and ready for my studies. This is the best part of my day.

Aditya Banerji IA

A Good day starts with a good morning. I feel, that early morning is the best part of my day. After a deep sleep when the sweet sun rises and welcomes the day, I feel very happy. The silent early morning and the calm atmosphere helps me to get ready to face the day. I exercise in the morning, pray and prepare myself to go to school. These activities take up my mornings and when I go to bed at night I want the morning to dawn again so that I can start yet another happy and fun filled day.

Adithyan Muralidharan IIA

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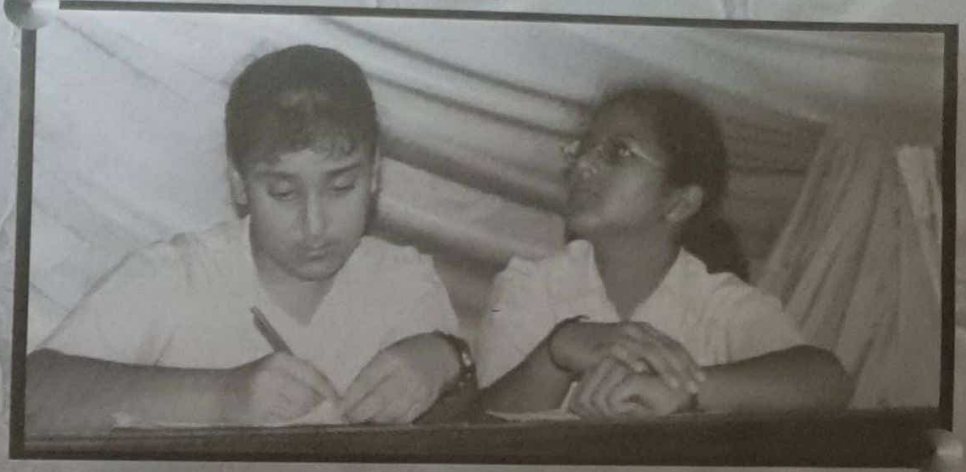


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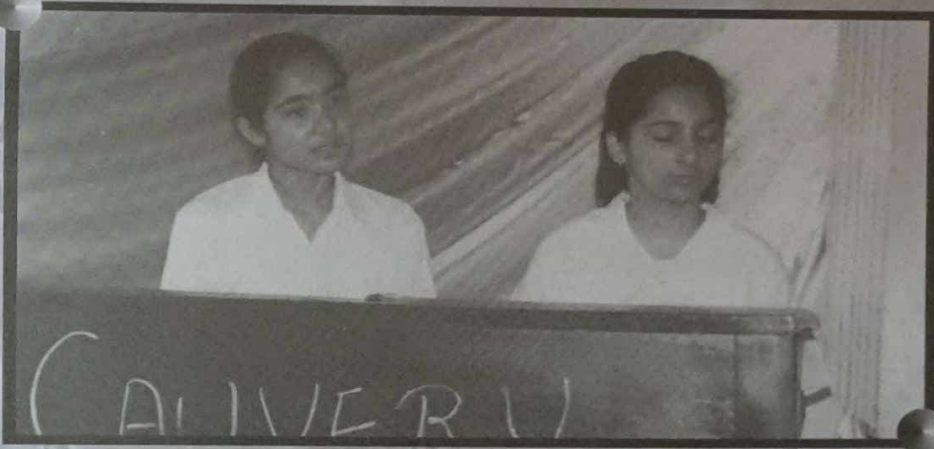


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THE TRUE REWARDS OF TEACHING

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And idly fashioned it one day
And as my fingers pressed it still
It moved and yielded to my will
It came again when days were past
The bit of clay was hard at last
The form I gave it, still it bore
But I could change that form no more

I took a piece of living clay
And gently formed it day by day
And moulded it with power and art
A young child's soft and yielding heart
It came again when years were gone
It was a man I looked upon
He still that early impress bore
And I could change that form no more.

There are no promises of fame, no outpourings of wealth. There is only blood, sweat and tears. Yet this is the place from where one can undergo what may be the most rewarding experiences in life. Sounds exciting, doesn't it? It's only what a teacher's life is.

The dictionary defines Teacher as one who helps you learn and makes you understand. After that the dictionary is silent.

What exactly is the beginning of a partnership - between the learner

and the teacher, the tiny tot led by his parents taking his first apprehensive steps into school - that first day when he so trustingly puts one hand and takes his first step into the long tunnel of seeming ignorance - that is the moment a bond is formed, a fragile one which grows stronger day by day.

The most important legacy of a teacher is the contribution she makes to the lives of other human beings that are thrust in her care. Material things are subject to

moth and rust and death but the human soul is the only true immortal thing in life and so our true heritage, our contribution to society is moulding the future generations into good human beings.

And when you are tottering and old, a man comes at your elbow and says, 'M'am...may I help you?' His face seems familiar to your fading eyesight, and then he says... 'Ah! my teacher'... and that is when your cup runneth full... and that is when you get your just rewards.

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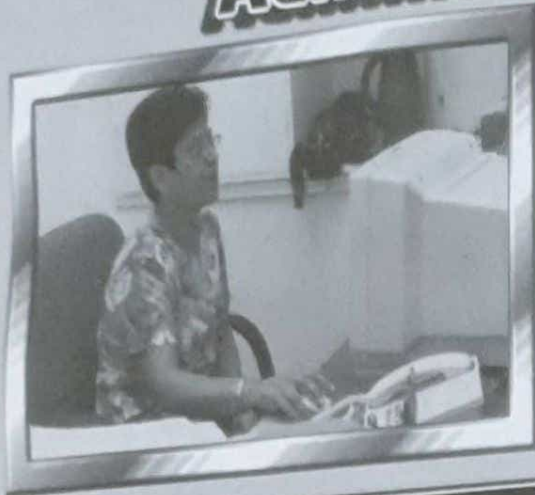


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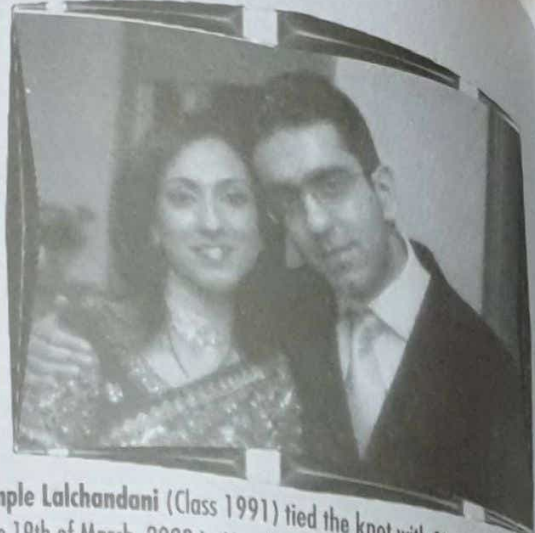
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Osails' News



EKTA PRIMLANI (Class of 1998) tied the knot with **JITENDRA JAISINGHANI** (Class of 1996) on 30th August, 2003. Ekta is a **Computer Science** graduate and is now studying **Fashion Designing** at F.I. T. In New York. **Jitendra** is presently working as an **I.T. Analyst** in Deutsche Bank at Wall Street, New York.



Dimple Lalchandani (Class 1991) tied the knot with **Mahesh Pagarani** on the 19th of March, 2003 in Mumbai. They are currently residing in London. Mahesh is a **Banker**, working for Citigroup whilst Dimple is experiencing the many joys of married life. Presently, they are looking forward to the arrival of their first child and the adventures of parenthood. E-mail: dimple-ml@hotmail.com mahesh.pagarani@citigroup.com



ANDREA D'SOUZA (Class of 1997) was wedded to **RAUNAQ D'SOUZA** on the 20th of December, 2003.



SAURABH BIDANI (Class of 1994) got married to **SHVETA**. Saurabh is an **Electronic Engineer** and an **M.B.A.** He is working with **NOVARTIS LTD.** in New Jersey as **Associate Brand Manager**.



NISHA GIRGLANI (Head Girl, Class of 1996) got married to **TONY SAJNANI**.



URVI SHAH (Class of 1997) got married to **MALAY PARIKH** on the 20th Dec 2003. Urvi was working with **H.D.F.C** and is now between jobs.



DEVAL BHALJA (Class of 1994) was married to **PREETI PATANKAR** on the 26th of December, 2003. Deval is working as a **Co-relation Trader** in the Bank of America Securities.



HEMA PRASAD (Class of 1995) is married to **SUNIL KRISHNA**. Hema is a **Financial Consultant** with Progressive Insurance Company and her husband is a **Software Engineer**. He is working with Verizon. They have a two year old daughter- **Nikita**. They now live in **Tampa, Florida**. E-mail: hemaprasad@hotmail.com



VEENA MANJUNATH (Class of 1997) tied the Knot with **D.V. MANOHAR** who is a **Chartered Accountant** by profession. Veena is a **Software Engineer**.



TARA PRASAD (Class of 1993) is married to **RAVI CHANDRA**. Tara is a **Financial Consultant** and her husband is a **Software Engineer** at Bloomberg. They now have a son - **ARYA** who is one and a half years old. They live in **New Jersey**. E-mail: nagabhyrut@financialnetwork.com



SUMIT MALIK (Class of 1999) passed out from the **NATIONAL DEFENCE ACADEMY, Khadakvasla, PUNE** in May 2003 as an **INDIAN NAVY OFFICER** Executive Branch). He is presently deputed on board the **INDIAN NAVAL SHIP RANA** at Visakhapatam.



PRITPAL DHARIA (Class of 1992) and **HARMEET SINGH** have recently been blessed with a son **Armaan**. They live in **San Jose, California**. Telephone: (408)225- 3847.

Transition

MY FRIEND...

Holding Hands looking at me
May be she wanted something to see,
May be she wanted something to say,
But her entangled words could not find a way.

May be she wanted something to share,
Which I could not guess in her stare,
Her behaviour was quite like a child,
Made me sad and made me wild.

I tried to answer all her queries,
Tried my best to remove her worries,
Couldn't read her pain stricken eye,
Kept on encouraging her to fight.

If I knew it was death
Knocking at the door, shaking my faith,
If I knew the curtain was dropping,
I would try to stop life from stopping.

If I knew my friend was leaving,
Her smile, her looks all were deceiving,
I would hold her tight and never let her go,
Make life fight with death as her foe.

Now I feel it is easy to die,
When life leaves the body with a quiet sigh,
I have never seen death so closely
So very real, we all fail to see.

Saswati Biswas.



MRS S. DAS

OUR DEAR MRS. DAS

We never know what a day brings forth
When times are good be happy,
When times are bad consider
God has his plans and ways
Hence no one knows anything about the fut

She was a teacher who lived well
And was known for her compassionate nature
A good name is better than anything else
She had made a name for herself.

The day of death is better than that of birth
For that is the ultimate destiny
The living must comprehend this reality
To live in the hearts of those left behind
Is not to die
Where O death is your victory?
Where O death is your sting?
Richa Ver
IX A

AND SO HE MOVED ON ...

Adieu Prashant
So soon you are gone ...
What then happens to the dreams
That we dreamt of?
But never shared them with all...

I remember the years we spent
Talking about our tomorrow
And now when tomorrow has arrived
You are not there ...

Prashant, you laughed
Your laughter healed the hearts of many...
Your disarming smile,
Your self-respecting nature,
Taught lessons to all ...

I think of the time we shared together
And now that you are gone,
The sun has set for all of us.
I am certain that you will always smile
Where ever you are
We want you to know
That in our hearts you'll live forever
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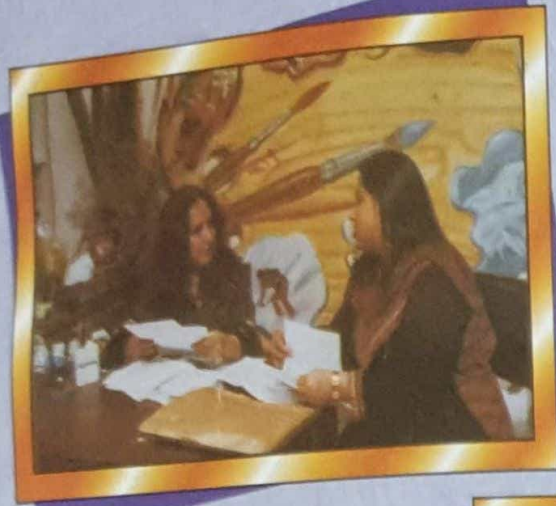
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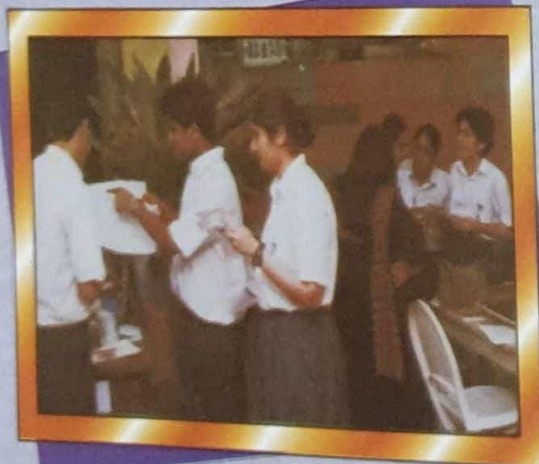
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Coleridge

**THE POWER OF IMAGINATION
MAKES US INFINITE.** - John Muir

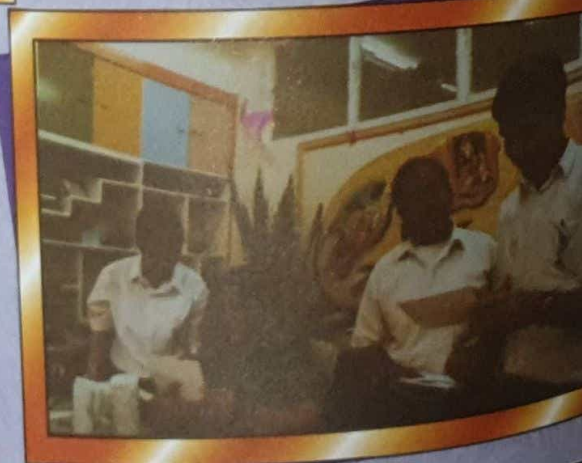


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THOUGHTS ARE MIGHTIER
THAN ARMIES** - W. W. Paxton



OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS



DAILY SUNSPORT, Friday, November 14, 2003

School boy wins MTN/Virgin Caribbean ticket

BY SAM EMEHELU

Pavan Sumanth, a tenth grade student of the Indian Language School in Lagos has earned himself a week-long golf trip to Trinidad and Tobago.

The 15-year-old India-born player stunned guests at the Ikoyi Club 1938 golf section presentation night when he clinched the overall best net prize on Sunday night.

"I am very happy. I thank my dad for this victory because he encouraged me by giving me all the support," he said.

Sumanth returned a brilliant 64 nett on the second day of the MTN/Virgin regional finals at Ikoyi Club. His score complements his early 69 carding on day one, which put him ahead of the over 200 competitors at the Lagos centre.

Afam Edozie, MTN's chief strategist, said at the occasion that he was delighted at the height of interest shown by golfers for the MTN/Virgin honour and promised that subsequent editions would feature improved package.

Other winners at the four-day event included wife of Virgin Atlantic General Manager, Anna Ban, who carted home the runner-up prize in the second day gross category. Carol Majoroh, Evelyn Oyome, Chinyere Alamu, Nike Marinho, Edo Ukpo, Gbo Ashiru and Mrs Keswari were all honoured at the event.

So far, eight of the earmarked 12 tickets to the Caribbean Island have been won. Organisers informed that other tickets would be given out at the Port Harcourt leg of the qualifying series.



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During 'The World Computer Literacy Week' AVIRAN MALIK of Grade VI participated and supervised classes held by NIIT. He was their star performer. He has been declared as a 'Microsoft Professional'



SHANTANU GAWDE of Grade II was offered a scholarship for Maximedia-Prodigy by NIIT-INDIA. He has finished the Maximedia course and is now learning SQL at NIIT, Ikeja. He has been interviewed by MICROSOFT for the World Records. Shantanu will soon be appearing for his M.S.C.E. Examination.



AMOGH LUXMINARAYAN won a prize in an Art Competition conducted by the USIS. He was consequently invited to paint a part of wall at the entrance of the U. S. Embassy with the other winners of the competition.



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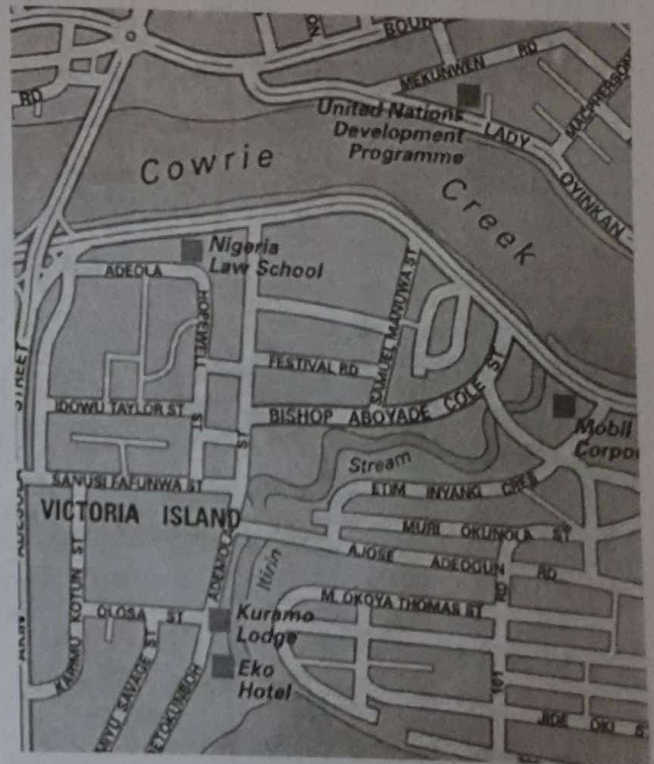
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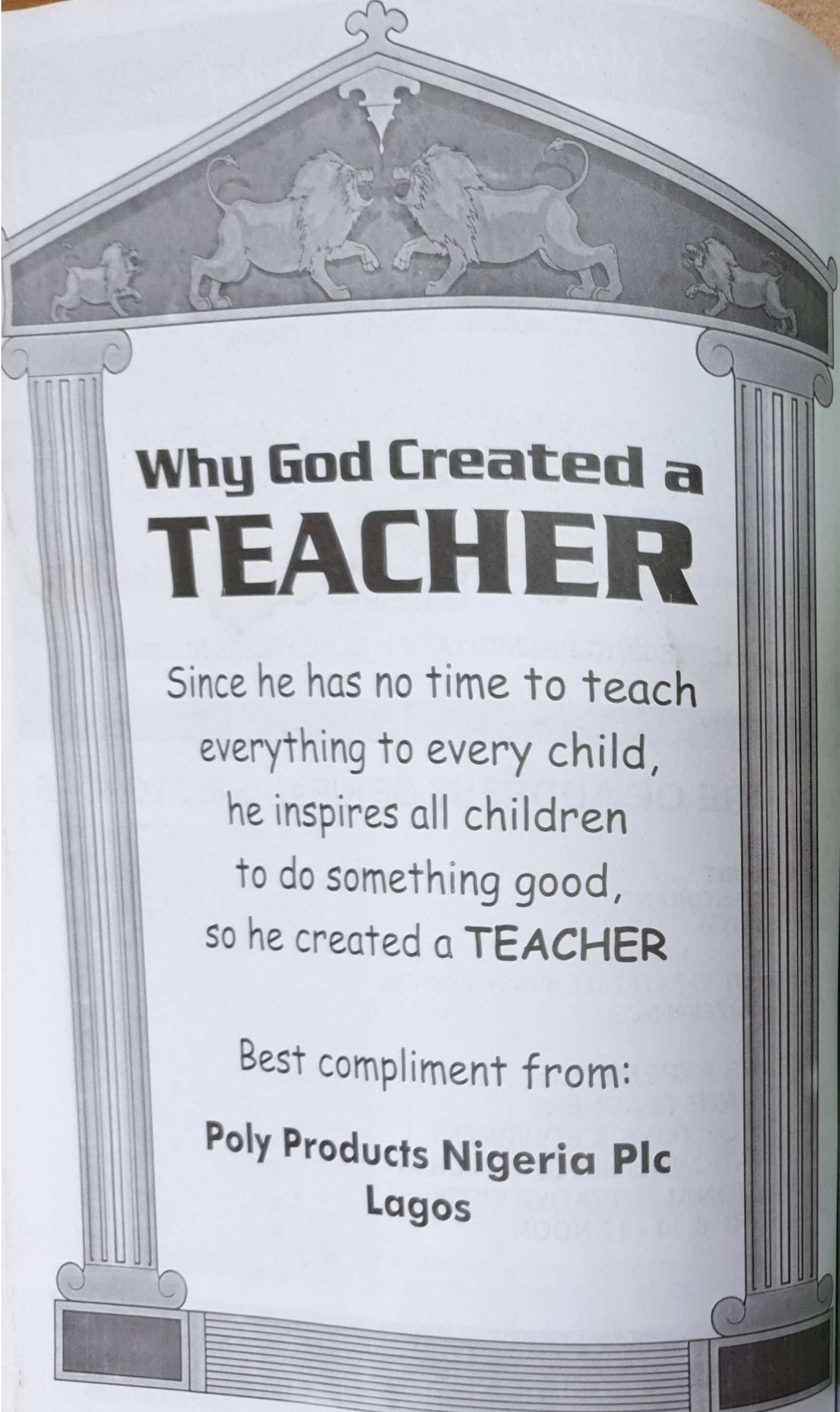
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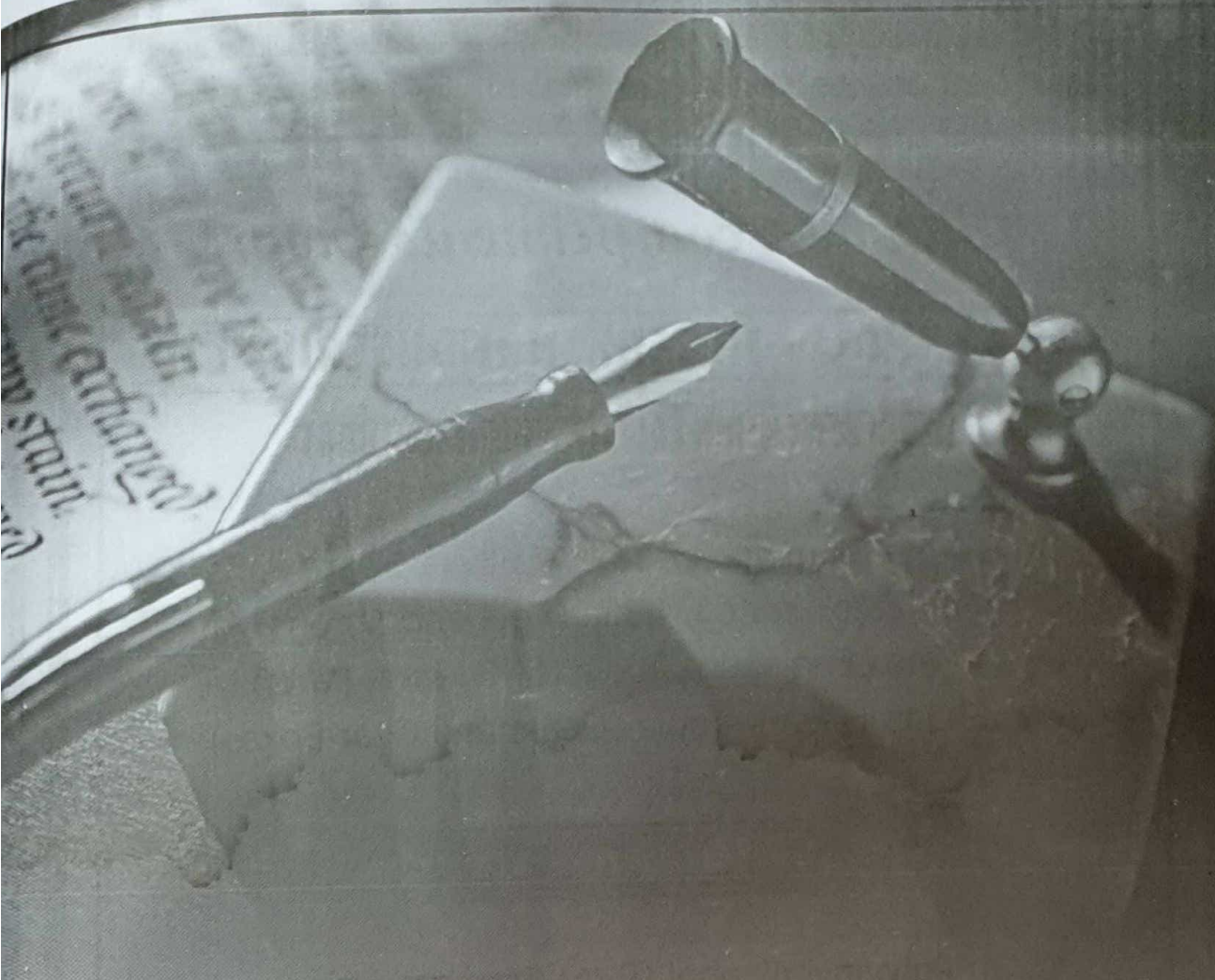
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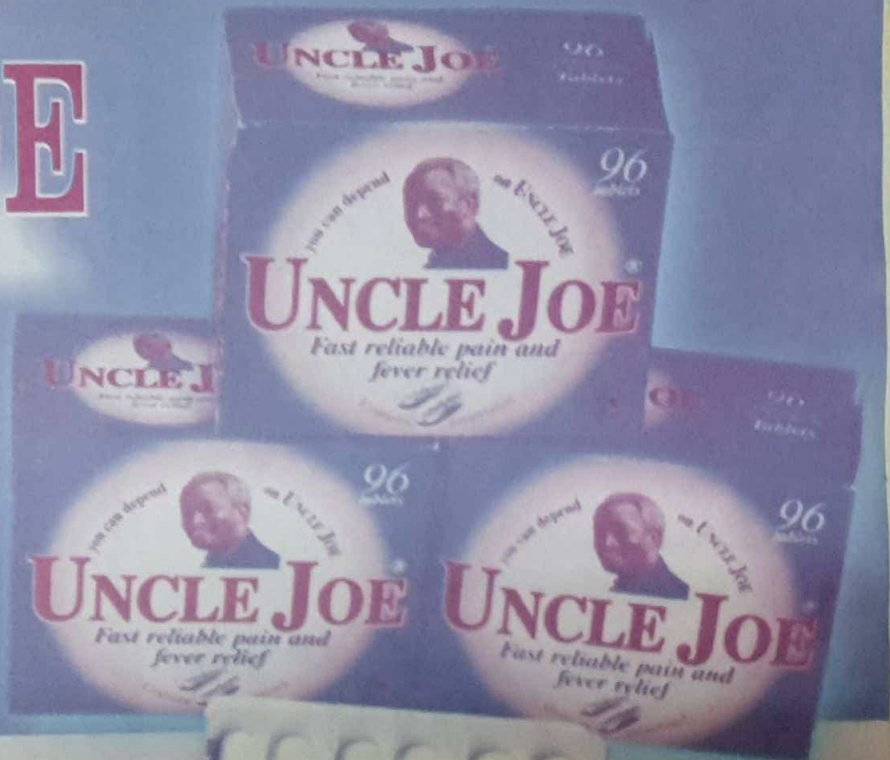
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CURRENCY	NIGERIAN Naira
Opening Balance	2,078,456.00
Total Withdrawals	3,665,000.00
Total Lodgments	2,500,000.00
Closing Balance	923,456.00
Cleared Amount	923,456.00
Uncleared Amount	—
Overdraft Limit	500,000.00

CURRENT ACCOUNT - INDIVIDUAL

Date	Transaction Details	Reference	Value	Withdrawals	Lodgments	Balance
01-Dec-03	Opening Balance b/f	1184	63,000.00	—	—	2,078,456.00
02-Dec-03	Overdraft facility granted	7185	—	—	—	2,078,456.00
03-Dec-03	Standing Order Payment to Cash TV	8418	11,000.00	11,000.00	—	2,067,456.00
04-Dec-03	Cash Payment by Mr. High	8419	11,000.00	11,000.00	—	2,056,456.00
05-Dec-03	FT 370 Account (2411111111103)	6778	17,000.00	17,000.00	—	2,039,456.00
06-Dec-03	Overdraft facility granted	7810	—	—	—	2,039,456.00
07-Dec-03	Overdraft facility granted	8801	—	—	—	2,039,456.00
08-Dec-03	FT 370 Account (2411111111103)	—	20,000.00	20,000.00	—	2,019,456.00
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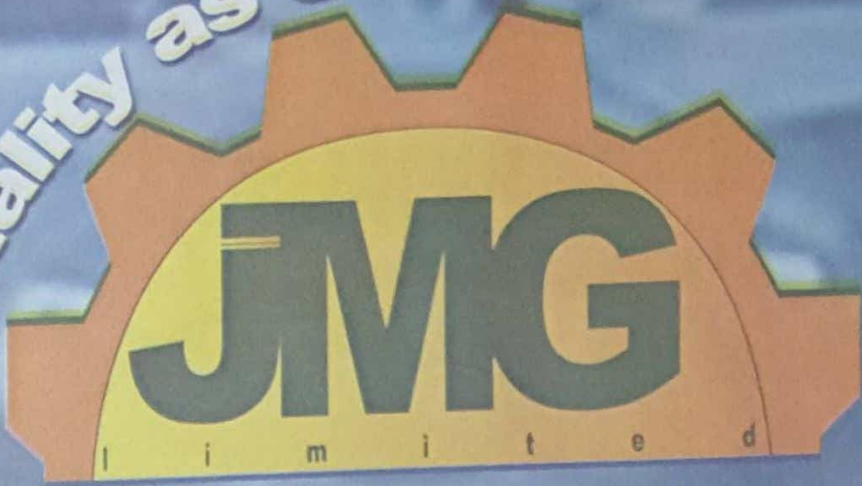
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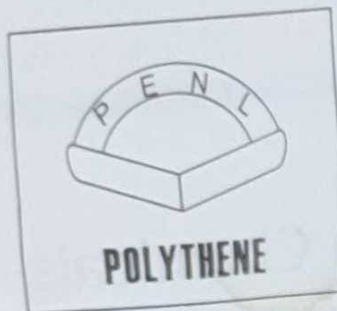
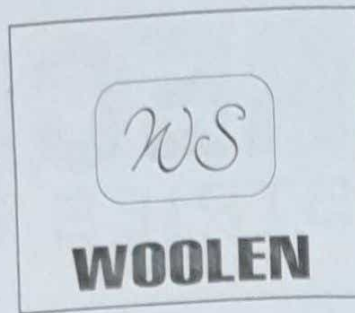
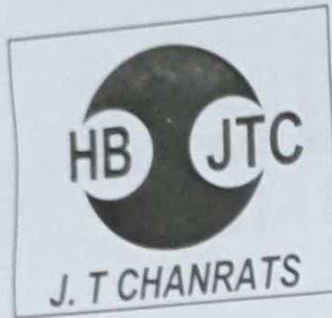
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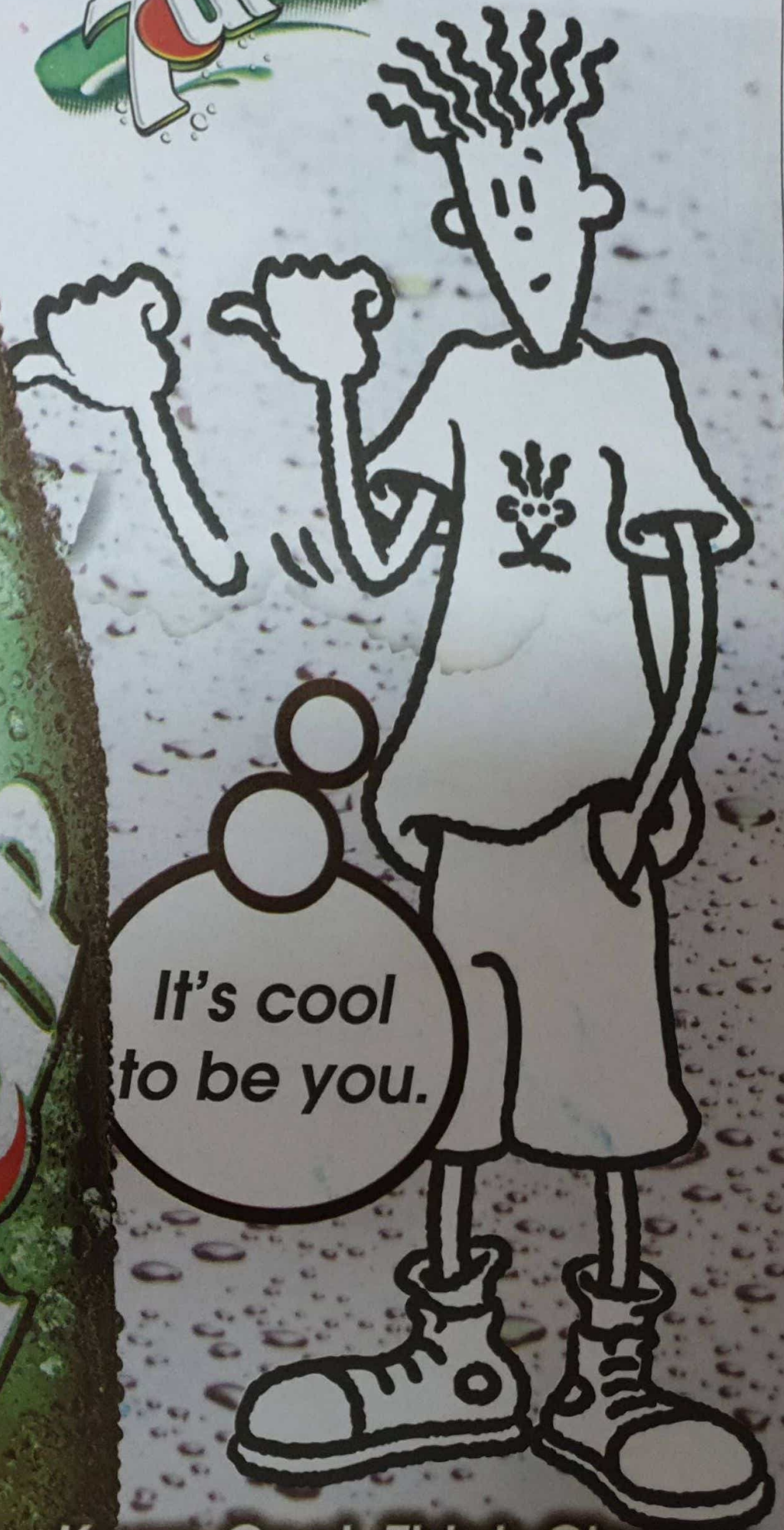
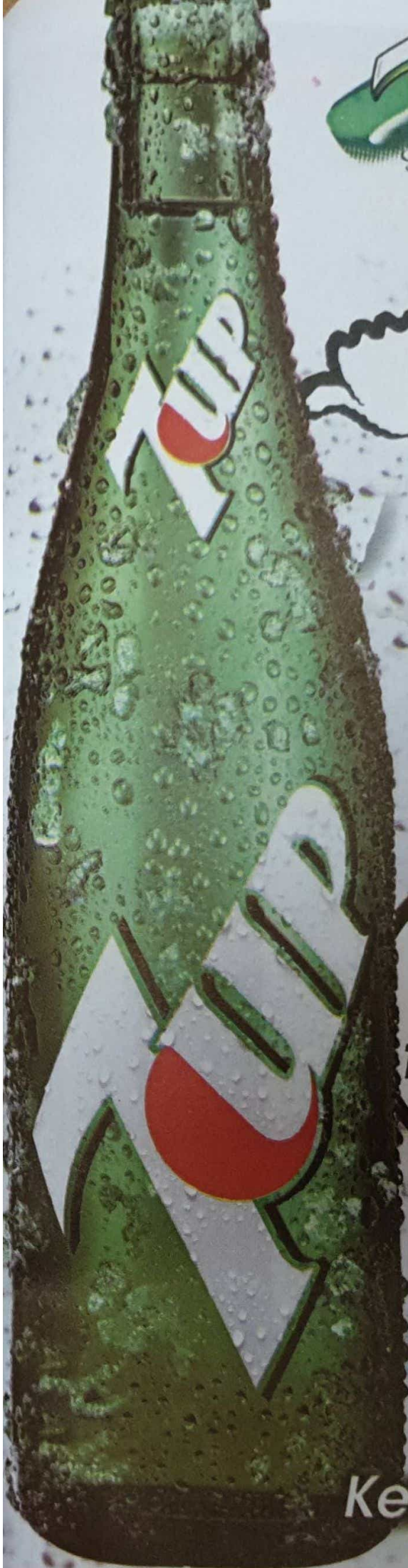
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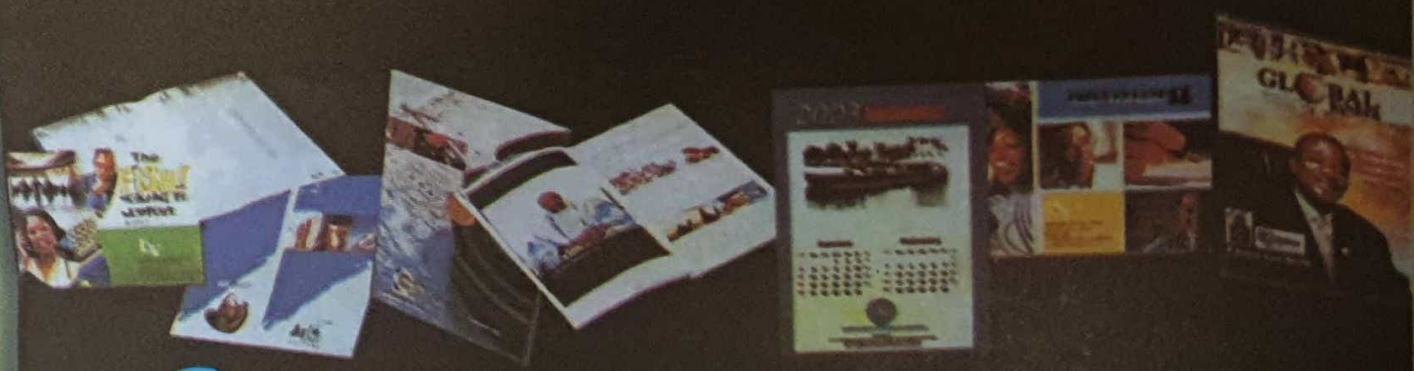
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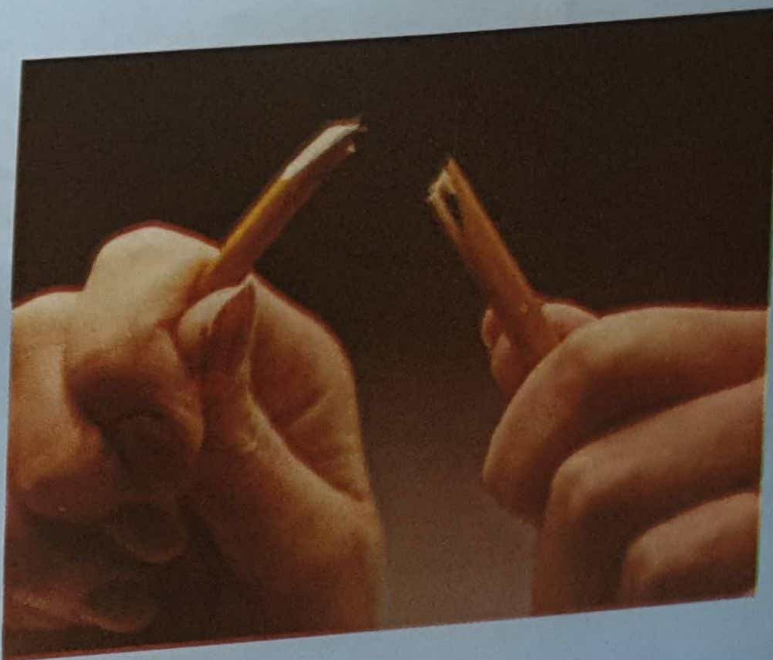
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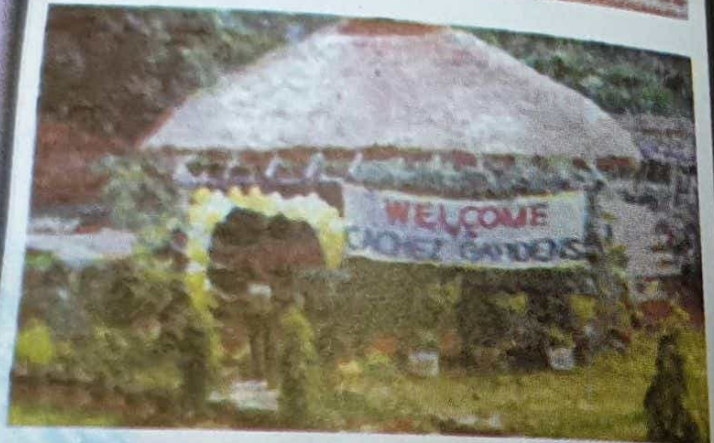
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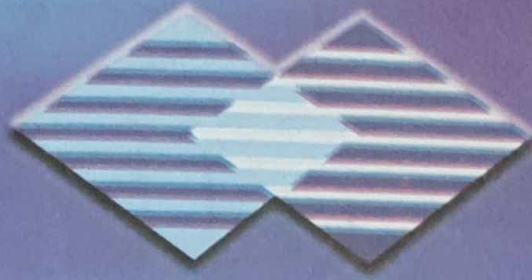
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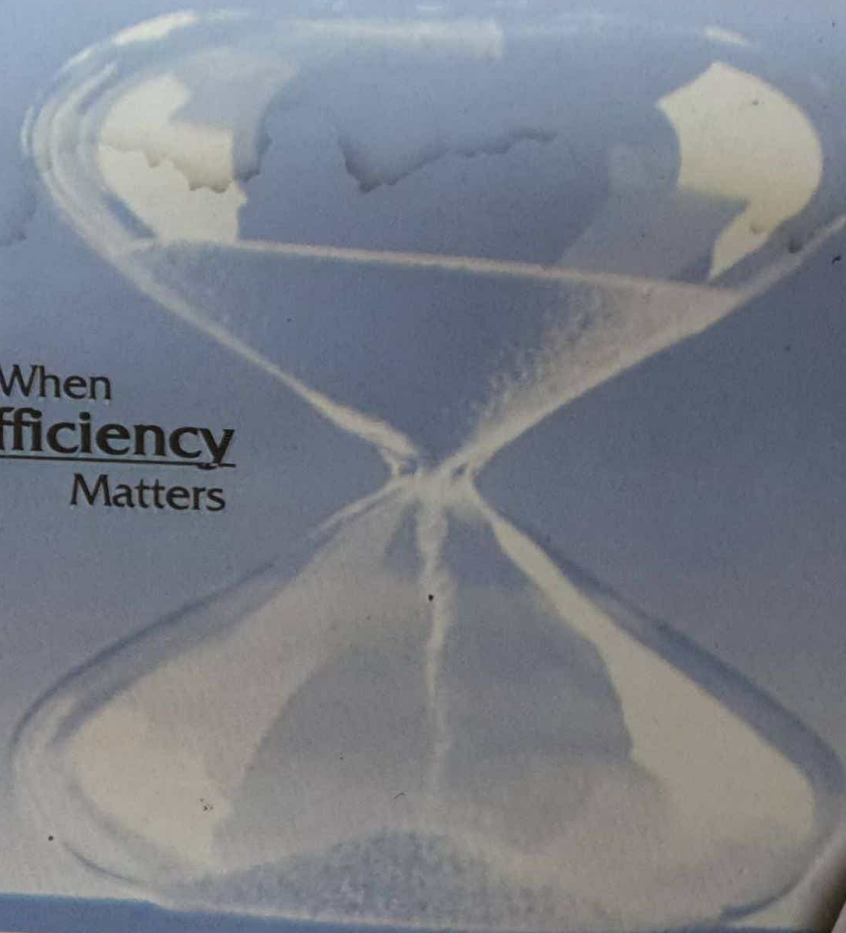
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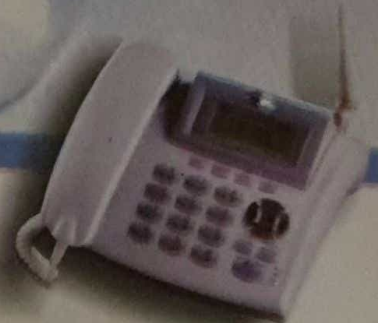


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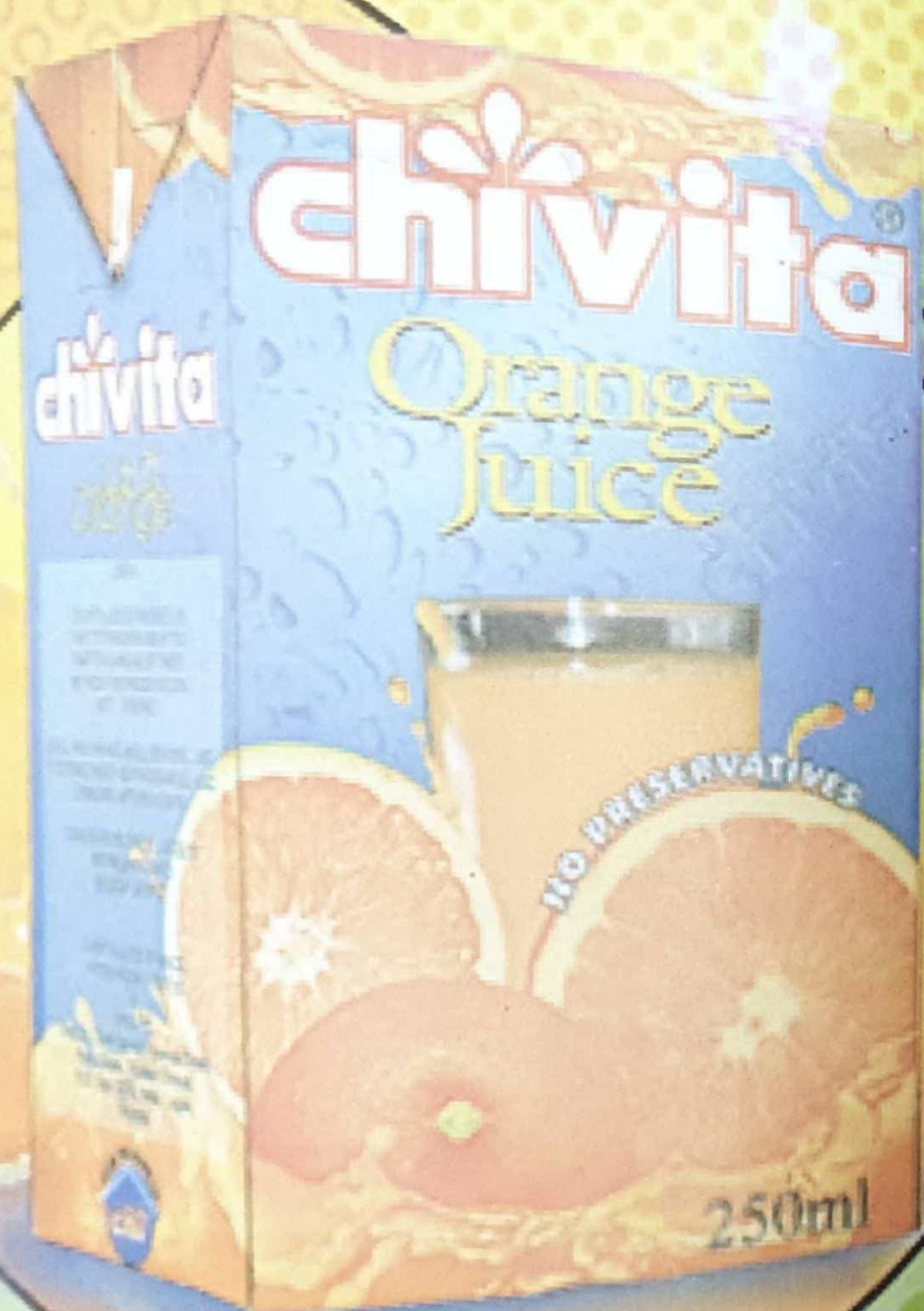
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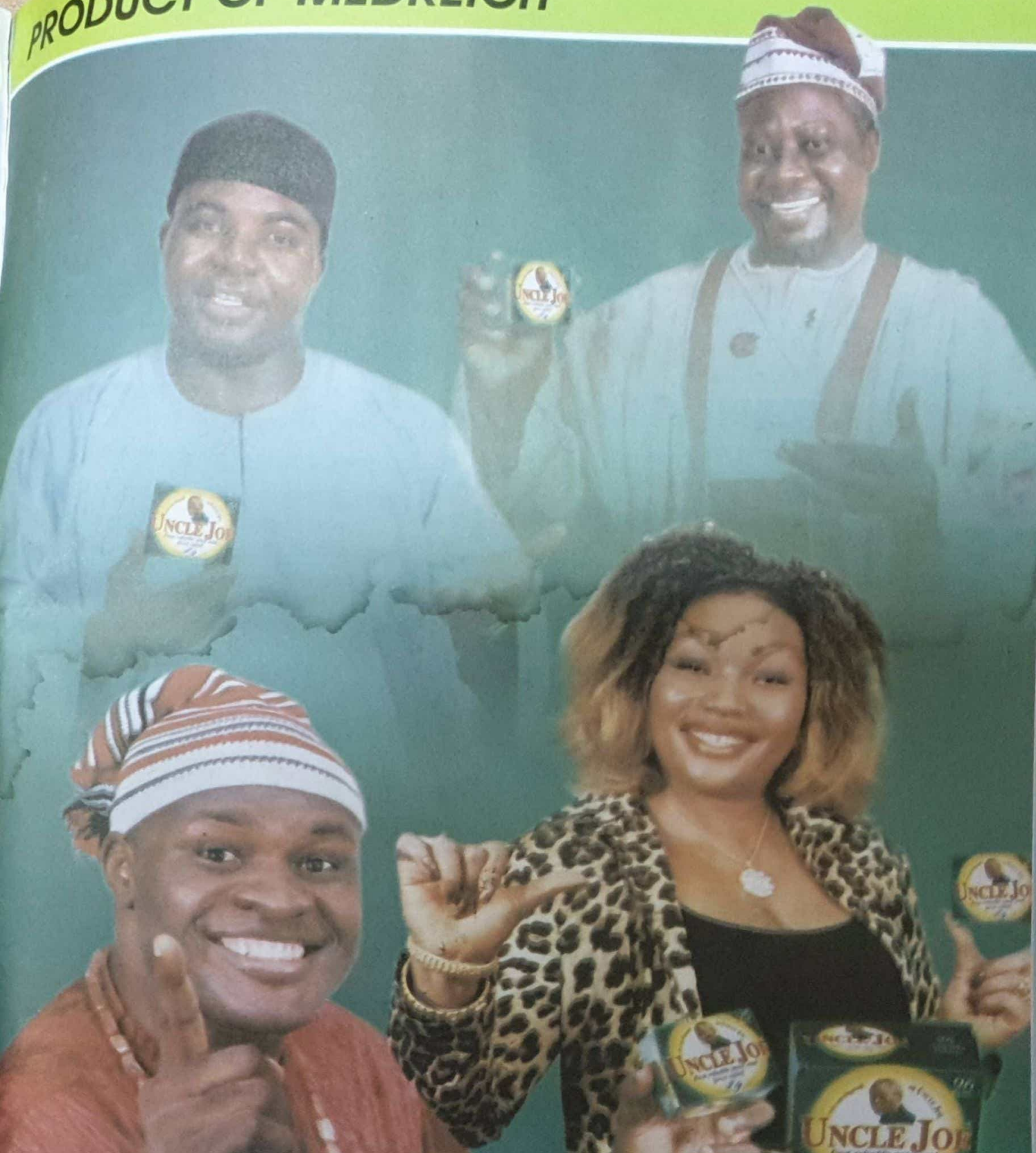
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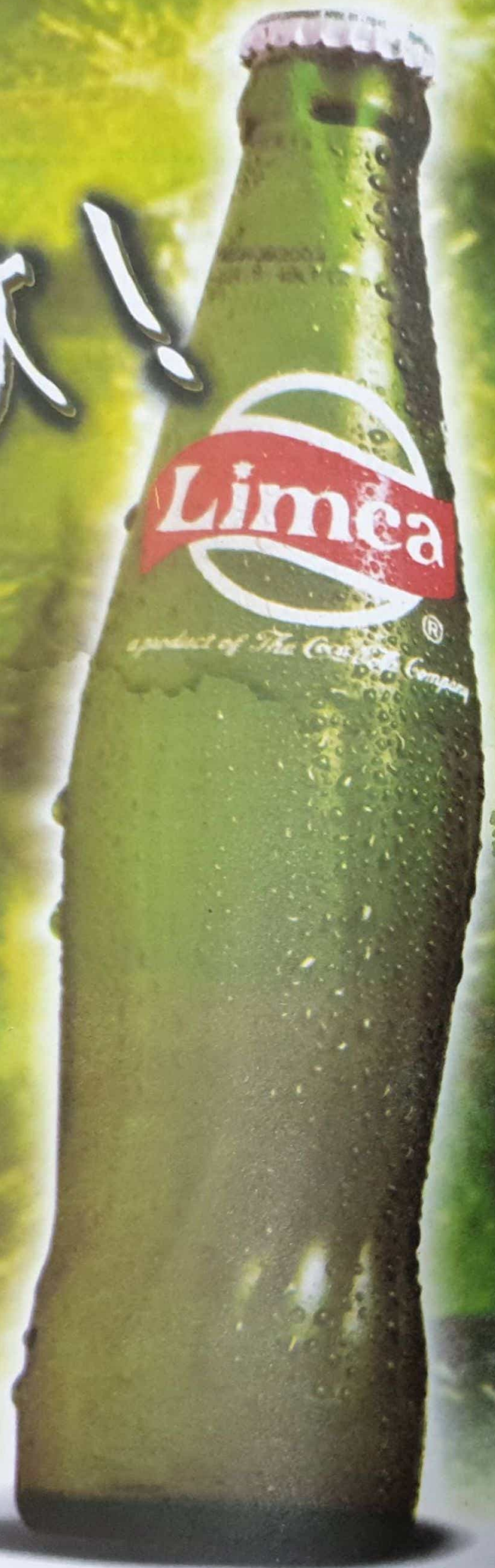
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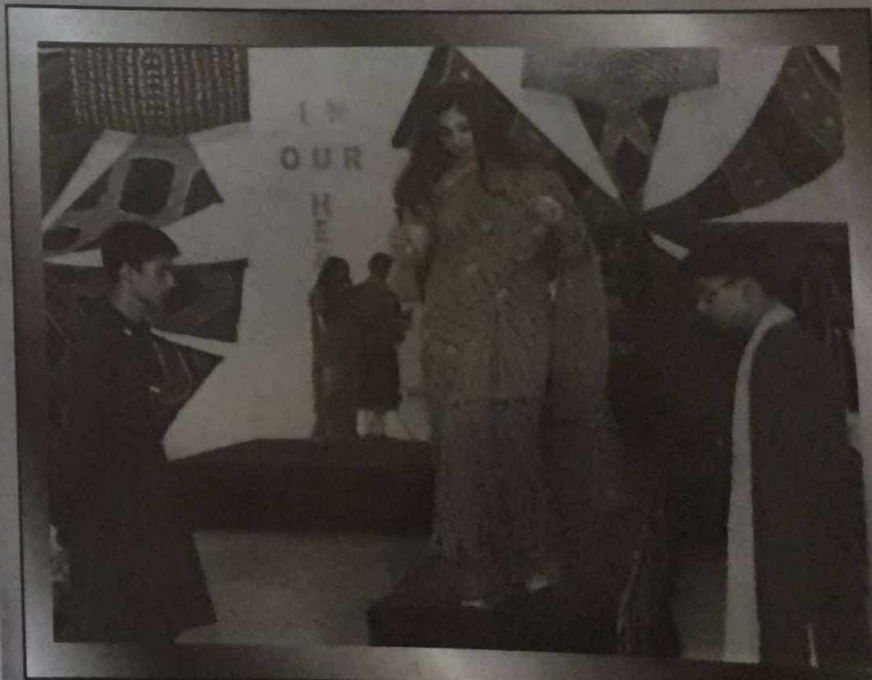
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 I could lengthen the days in school,
 For life at ILS was really cool.
 And when I stop
 To think about it,
 Counting the minutes
 I spent here are not
 The most important thing...
 What is more important
 Is that ILS has bound me
 With a love that's strong
 That goes beyond the parameters of
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 And so, in my last days here
 I just want to say once more
 How much I love ILS
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 And the time I have spent here.

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I love certain incidents that
 Will remind me of the school,
 For they will bring back
 memories
 Of things I used to do.
 I love certain corridors
 Where I used to go
 And just the thought of it
 Gives me an inner glow.
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Weeks to months
Blue and White
Turned Brick Red
Even a millennium came to an
end
Didn't realize how time
Passed by...
You were always there
Always supporting
Ever encouraging
Moulding and improving
And then came time to part
And to say goodbye
A tear trickled down my cheek
You too
Did not fail to cry...
You bid your farewell
I bid mine
And I wish for one thing,
ILS may you keep
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Yours lovingly
Bhawna Gulati XIIA



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Messages From The Heart

Life at I.L.S. has been a learning experience I have been in this school for thirteen years. I have very special memories of my school and am now leaving it, really saddened. I.L.S. has been the foundation stone for building my character. I will always miss I.L.S.

Promeeta Chandra XIIB

I have been studying at I.L.S. since kindergarten. It is very difficult for me to think that soon I won't see my friends, teachers and the school children. I have had the best of times here. Thank you teachers for guiding me at every stage, GOODBYE ILS...

Sanjana Surendranathan XIIB

At I.L.S., I have grown with experience and knowledge. It has taught me to face the world with courage and confidence. Now it is time to make a mark in the world outside and make I.L.S. proud.
Ashutosh Sharma XIIB

I have been studying at I.L.S. since Grade VII and have spent the most memorable moments here. I have learnt a lot in these past years I have lots to say and write but cannot find any words to express my emotions for my alma mater. I have got such great teachers and such great friends. I shall always remember them. I feel sad with the thought that the time has come to leave I.L.S; it has always been a second home for me. I will always miss I.L.S. and it will occupy a special place in my heart forever.
Shalu Sewani XIIB



A Memento To Preserve...

It was in the 90's when I first stepped into this school which is an island of excellence in a sea of mediocrity. I sought shelter in a place where I believed, no rain could ever fall on me and now I have learnt to weather all the storms of life. The great fear, timidity and naivety that had once burnt within me has been replaced by ambitions, confidence and anticipation. We, carry with ourselves precious gifts - our youth and faith in our potentials. We, like astronauts stride to the launch pad full of hope, ready to fly to the moon and beyond where horizons never end. We resolve to bring esteem to this great school, the Indian Language School, where we spent the most memorable moments of our lives.

So till we meet again at some time, at some place, at some juncture in life, Fare thee well...Adieu
Thank you!!!
Neeta Shringi XIIB

I've spent my entire childhood here under the care of loving teachers and friends. It is time to thank each one of you for the immense contribution you have made to my life. I say Au revoir with a promise to meet again!
Rohan Gulati XIA

Kar chale hum fida yeh dil yeh man sathiyon,
Ab tumhare havale I.L.S. ka yeh chaman sathiyon!
Rohan Bhatnagar XIA

I.L.S. is that soil that nourished us when we were young seeds. And when we cast forth our shoots, it fed our roots, and gave us a sense of direction that led us towards the light of our ambition.

I.L.S. is a garden that bears sweet flowers. In this garden we learnt to bear the heat and live through thunderous showers.

I.L.S. has been our protected world at whose gates today we stand, one foot in a world of adventure, one foot yet behind. One foot longs to meet the future, one foot yet on known land. And as we move forth onto the journey of life, I.L.S. has taught us to live a life of courage and determination.

My experience at I.L.S. has been a very memorable one and I'll always cherish the time spent here.
Natasha Kholgade XIA



What An Honour !

Life at I.L.S. has been a sort of a roller coaster ride. It has had its highs and lows. But on the whole it has been an exciting and memorable ride. Being the only school I have ever known, every part of this school and the memories associated with it shall stay with me wherever I go. I.L.S. has been instrumental in preparing us for the tough and competitive life ahead. Though it is with a heavy heart that I bid I.L.S. Farewell, I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead.

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