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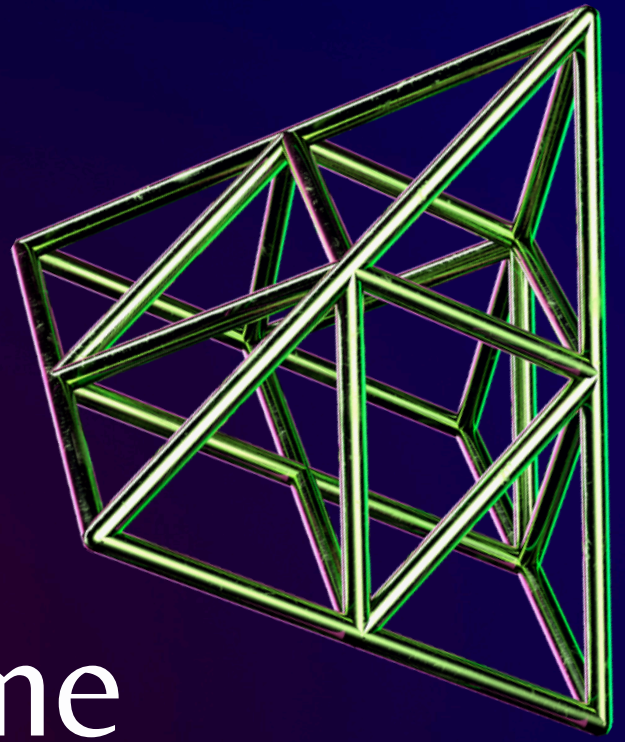
With new beginnings come new hope, new possibilities and new life. As the bright summer transitions into the monsoons, nature showcases its miraculous renewal cycle. The parched earth eagerly drinks in the first drops of rain, and the once-dormant seeds burst forth with vibrant greenery. This seasonal transformation mirrors our own journey of growth and change. Just as the rain breathes life into the landscape, we too are inspired to embrace new opportunities, nurture our dreams and cultivate a future filled with promise.

Here we are at the start of yet another year, each with our aspirations, goals and commitments and our dreams. And to help you realise your dreams, why not take a little inspiration from others on their paths?

Crafted by our fellow students with creativity and dedication, the first edition of our school newsletter for the academic year 2024-25 celebrates the vibrant energies that come with new beginnings. Marvel at the talents of your classmates with various articles, poems and artwork, each an expression of their creator's individuality. Look at life through a brighter lens with Sunny Side Up, and read about inspiring individuals with Insights.

We thank our amazingly talented newsletter crew comprising tasteful editors, keen journalists, and the teachers who made all this possible. As we turn the pages of this issue, we find the motivation to pursue our dreams with renewed vigour and support one another through our collective journey of growth and discovery. Let's start this year with optimism and a commitment to making the most of every moment. Looking forward to a wonderful year

Shuktij M Balaraja, 12A
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Editors-in-Chief



Timeline

1. Investiture - June 4
2. Class Assemblies
3. Career counselling - June 6
4. Orientation (6-12)





Investiture June 4, 2024



The investiture ceremony at National Public School, Rajajinagar, on June 4th, 2024, marked the start of the academic year by bestowing authority on student leaders. After a rigorous nomination and election process, the theme "Lumiere and Veritas" was chosen, symbolizing the quest for truth and enlightenment. The event began with an invocation song and a welcome address by the Principal, acknowledging the newsletter committee. Student council members were introduced and sworn in, followed by a disciplined March Past. Prefects, Vice-Prefects, House Captains, Sports Captains, Club Presidents and Secretaries were inducted, emphasizing their roles in fostering community and competition. This ceremony highlighted the school's dedication to developing future leaders and role models.

Class Assemblies

CBSE's environmental awareness initiative spawned several creative and unique assemblies, promoting awareness of a host of the world's problems, and celebrating our planet.

On World Water Day 2024, Grade 12 C students of National Public School, Rajajinagar, held an assembly advocating for water conservation and addressing global and local water scarcity. The event included an introductory address, an informative talk, a poetry recital, and a mime performance depicting everyday water wastage, concluding with the class singing the Mission Paani anthem, and promoting the message of responsible water use.

Grade 10C students of National Public School, Rajajinagar, organized a special assembly for World Forest Day. Beginning with a welcome speech followed by a poem celebrating Earth's greenery, the assembly included representations of forest-dwelling tribes, a presentation on forest facts, and concluded with the class singing Michael Jackson's "Heal the World," symbolizing their commitment to sustainability.

Grade 10D students of National Public School, Rajajinagar, organized an Earth Day assembly on April 22, promoting global environmental preservation. The assembly began with a welcome address and the song "Teri Mitti," followed by a skit highlighting environmental challenges and a collective pledge. It concluded with a performance of the Earth Day anthem and a closing speech, urging shared responsibility for the planet.

Grade 10B students of National Public School, Rajajinagar, hosted an assembly on the International Day of Biodiversity, starting with a dance performance on the importance of trees, followed by an art exhibition. A skit highlighted the harmful effects of human activities, particularly deforestation. A student then gave a speech with practical suggestions for safeguarding biodiversity. The assembly concluded with a vote of thanks, emphasizing the day's theme.

On June 6th, 2024, class 12B students celebrated World Environment Day with an assembly featuring festive compering, a speech on protecting Earth, a comedic Doraemon skit, and songs from environmental movies like "The Jungle Book" and "Moana." The event concluded with a thought-provoking environmental quiz.

Career counselling (Commerce)

On June 6, 2024, Mr. Abhijeet S. Jain, regional head of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India and a distinguished alumnus of NPS Rajajinagar (2002), held a conference on cost accounting and post-12th career opportunities. Key topics included the importance of early goal-setting, starting courses in advance, and maximizing time by pursuing additional degrees like CS alongside main degrees (LLB, CA, etc.). Mr. Jain detailed the procedures, costs, and timelines for various career paths. An engaging Q&A session provided further insights into degree aspects, starting salaries, and supplementary courses. The conference broadened perspectives and introduced new possibilities, concluding with Mr. Abhijeet presenting a commemorative memento.

Orientation (Grades 6-12)

An orientation was held for parents of students in Grades 6, 9, 11, and 12, as well as for parents of newly admitted students in Grades 7 and 8 for the 2024-25 academic year, to inform them about scholastic and co-scholastic programs.

Sunnyside up

‘Blowing raspberries’

By: Tisya Mahesh Chikodi - 10C
Chief Columnist – Sunny Side Up



It was just a few words.

But yet, it was enough to crush me.

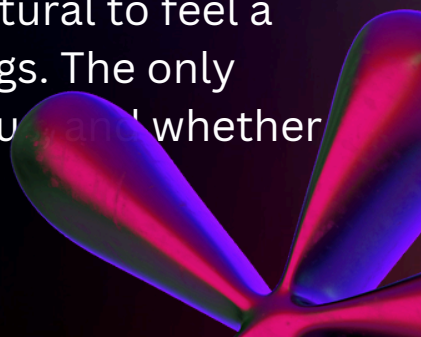
That's the beauty of words. You don't need many to get a point across.

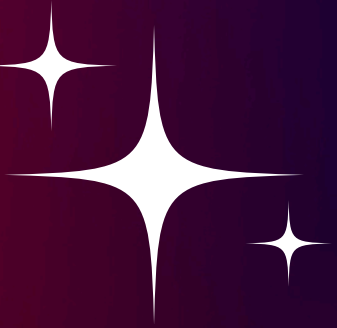
We've all experienced hearing people's whispers and judgy remarks. We've felt that intense rush of fear and restlessness before posting a story, checking it again and again to make sure it was just as good as the first time, and contemplating whether it was even worth posting in the first place.

We've experienced that feeling when you think the entire world has something to say about you. That feeling when you think millions of eyes are on you for all the wrong reasons, or when you feel a wave of mortification wash over you, and all you want to do is hide and never come back.

The worst part? We can't control what people think. But we can control how we respond.

In a world filled with such a diverse range of people, we can only expect them to have a diverse range of opinions. These opinions may not necessarily be something optimistic. It's natural to feel a sense of dislike and judgement towards certain things. The only difference is the way we perceive the views around us and whether or not we let it get the best of us.





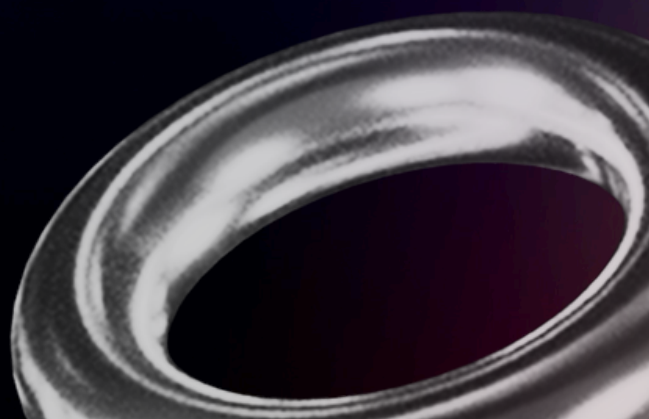
Opinions are put forth for growth. Receiving various viewpoints on different scenarios help us get a better understanding of the situation and allows us to utilise it to the best of our abilities. The only dilemma that arises is the intensity of the opinions.

Insults and disapproval are bound to come our way. Experiencing loss and defeat is a path everyone goes down once, and it's reasonable to feel disheartened and demotivated. But it's vital to remember your inherent worth and strength. People may try to bring you down with their words, but their negativity does not define you. Embrace your uniqueness by staying true to yourself and surrounding yourself with positive influences.

Shifting our concerns from external validation to personal growth can help make a significant change. We must also embrace emotional resilience and build our self-confidence to become less susceptible to external negativity.

Judgement mostly arises from the insecurities and biases of others, rather than an actual, well-intentioned perspective. Recognizing this makes us understand how trivial the remark we once viewed as "demeaning and subduing" truly was.


Fumble that speech. Get that question wrong. Post that story. Because, at the end of the day, other's opinions don't matter. They never mattered in the first place.



INSIGHTS




Vijay Prakash is an Indian playback singer and music director from Karnataka. He has sang songs predominantly for Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu films, in addition to Hindi, Malayalam and Marathi. Prakash won the Karnataka Government's 'Best Playback Singer' award for the year 2016 for the song "Nammooralli Chaligaladalli" from the film Beautiful Manasugalu. He is also one of the artists credited for the song "Jai Ho", which won the 2008 Academy Award for Best Original Song. The song won a Grammy Award in the category "Best Song Written for Motion Picture, Television Or Other Visual Media." He has won the Filmfare Award for Best Male Playback Artist – Kannada twice for the songs Gatiya Ilidu from the Kannada film Ulidavaru Kandante and Belageddu from Kirik Party.



1) A lot of people are afraid in choosing an unconventional path. You have a degree in engineering; yet chose to pursue your passion. When or what incident stirred your inner voice to pursue singing?

I'm not very proud to say but I couldn't finish my engineering. My dream to become a singer was so powerful that I had to choose it midway. That's not something I would ever advice or suggest anyone because in today's time and in fact much later in my life I realized education is very important, no matter how strong your dreams are to pursue something that is outside the academic. Not only as plan B but education is very important as it gives you a broader understanding of life itself and helps you in application of your skills in the right way and approach. In my case, I joined engineering but somewhere my mind was full of music. I couldn't focus on anything else but singing and when you are young you dream a lot, which is good and is important in any age. Specially in your teens, you look forward to life right? There is so much imagination of what life could be and what you would want it to be, that was my fuel.

A certain imagination of me being a singer, me being on stage performing and learning more about music. Today you want to know more about my journey, it means there is something that you see in my journey and that something comes with self-belief and a focus that never gets shaken by the outcome of what you decide. Once you decide you want to become something, you should just keep chasing it no matter what, whether you win or lose, there's hope or no hope, just keep chasing your dream. That's what I did and I'm glad I did it!

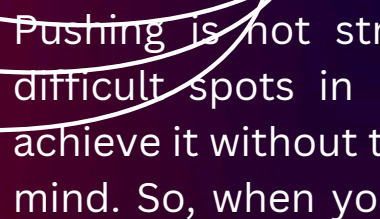


2) You grew up in Mysore, the historical, cultural city. How did the city inspire and ignite your love for music? How did you feel moving to Mumbai to pursue music professionally, from the peace and comfort of your home to hustle and bustle of Mumbai?

Mysore being an organic, historical and cultural city influenced me to a great extent. The people of Mysore are very kind, relaxed and receptive to art and artisans. As a child, Mysuru Dasara and the performances of legends like Yesudas and Balamuralikrishna inspired me. Organically and subconsciously my body and mind absorbed music naturally as my grandparents and parents were musicians too. Hence in a way I would dedicate my musicianship to my hometown. I was 19 when I moved to Mumbai with dreams. Dreams give you strength. There was cultural shock, but I moved out my comfort zone to handle myself emotionally and physically and that's life. That's how Mumbai helped me explore myself and be a better person

3) What has been the challenging piece you have worked on so far in your career? How did you overcome it and handle the pressure and expectation?

Honestly, even today when I go for a recording it is still a challenge. The challenge never ends, every thing that you do in life is a challenge and it is so because you want to excel in it. There is a certain preparation, either you can call it preparation or a challenge, it's just the terminology. Right now, I'm judging three reality shows, Sa Re Ga Ma Pa in Kannada, Tamil and Telugu, for which most of the days I have to take a flight at 5am! Even now, after being in the industry for so many years, it is challenging but you want to do it because you want to give your best every time. Coming back to your question, what was the most challenging piece of music, is something which I really don't have an answer to because every song was a challenge for me. You are born with a certain indigenous quality, in the sense if I say it in a musical way, I can sing in a certain style and range, I have more of a mid and baritone voice. So, if I have to sing in a high pitch, maybe it's out of my comfort zone, if I have to hit higher notes, I have to push myself

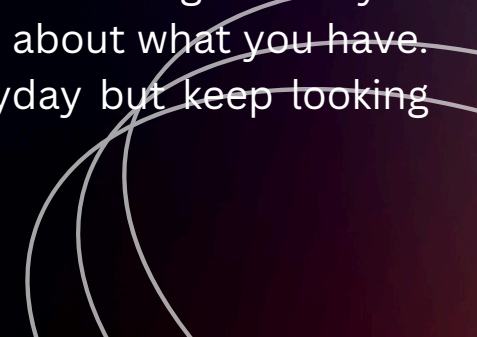


Pushing is not stressing yourself, it is finding techniques to reach those difficult spots in life without stressing yourself. You should think how to achieve it without taking stress, then you will just find a secret path within your mind. So, when you take anything as a challenge it drains you out, but when you take it as something you need to decode and find an answer to it without stressing, then it is a joyful experience. That's what I try to do.

4) In a career like music, where the future isn't foreseeable, did you ever think of doing something else? Has there ever been a phase in your life where you felt overwhelmed by the expectations in your career? What kept you going? No matter what, belief in life is important. I always believed that life is fair to me and in the end we will love our journey against all odds. The universe supports this belief and with hard work the uncertainty of life slowly disappears. Believe in yourself and your talent and be optimistic about your life's journey.

5) You were one of the finalists in the popular singing show Sa Re Ga Ma Pa in 1999. Now you are one of the judges in the Kannada, Tamil and Telugu versions of the show. From being inspired to an inspiration yourself. How does that make you feel?

It is a very natural experience and I can proudly say it is my hard work, there is no other secret to it. I have worked for 18 hours a day for so many years and I'm still working for 17-18 hours a day. Because I get joy out of working, it's not feel like I'm working because I have to work. From being a contestant in Sa Re Ga Ma Pa to being a judge of the same show in three languages is a journey and a very full filling one. Also, it is about sharing with people what you have understood, what you think you have learnt from other people in terms of knowledge and experience. Time is very precious, we often fail to realise it. Every day, every moment is a treasure which we are spending and this is something you can't earn again. But if you are using it in a right way, it rewards you. I was a contestant, and after the contest it's not like I took life easy, I kept working on my music, there's a body of work that kept building. When you achieve something, don't look back and just be satisfied about what you have. Of course you have to keep celebrating yourself everyday but keep looking forward and see how much more you can accomplish.



6) What was that one piece of advice you received that made you stand strong during difficult times? Who were the idols you looked up to in your growing days and still look up to even today?

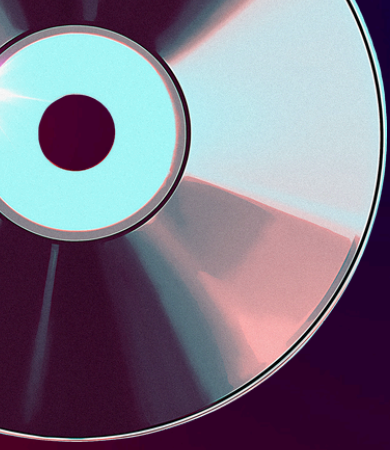
A friend of mine said that I have a good voice. He also said that having a great voice is not life, but what you do with that voice is life. In 2010 while touring the US with AR Rahman sir, I received huge appreciation for my performance in couple of concerts, but that didn't continue in the next few concerts, which upset me. At that moment, when I went backstage, the advice that I received from AR Rahman Sir has stuck with me till date. He said "When things are going your way that's great, but when things don't go your way, how you react shows your character and integrity." That experience taught me that life is always in between the threshold of happiness and sadness. It keeps throwing success and failure at you. How you face it is what really matters. That is our true test of character.

7) For a musician like you, music is a part of your soul. You take your music everywhere with you. Where do you envision yourself in the next few years? What barriers do you want to break to take music forward?

I just want to be an honest musician all my life. As you travel, unknowingly we all become complacent at a point of time, we start taking things easier and I don't want to get into that space where I'm too complacent about my career. I never want to lose my focus. After 25 years, I still want to be excited about what I want to do. If I have to go on stage, I want to have the same excitement and enthusiasm I had when I was 20. Also, as a musician and a responsible citizen, I want to do whatever charity, philanthropy work, especially in the field of music, for young people with talent who cannot afford music education. That is something I have been doing in a small scale, I really want to scale it up and help a lot of budding musicians and find a path that can help them achieve success. For the barriers I want to break, there will always be some inner struggles, like something that you want to change - it could be anything like you want to eat a cake but you want to hold back for your health. If you consider these simple things as barriers then there will be many. There are so many things in me that I want to change with time, some I have managed to, some I may take some time, some I may never! But it's okay, it's a beautiful journey. One good thing about me is I celebrate myself and I know my limits and strengths. That is one thing I want to keep intact as I try to overcome other barriers with time.



Nishka Prashanth 10C
Tia Salian 10B



Music

Melodies that lift the soul,
It makes us feel alive and whole.
Music's magic is pure and bright,
Guides us through the darkest nights.
Music dances in the breeze,
Bringing to heart a gentle ease.
Creating worlds both big and small,
Music unites us all.
Through joys and sorrow, loss and cheer,
Music always stays near.

Sunaina PH, 12B





‘KOHLI’S GRACE’

In cricket's arena, a marvel stands tall,
Virat Kohli, the master of all.

With bat in hand, he takes his stand,
A masterclass, so grand.

Oh, what a beauty, to watch him play
To marvel at this cricketing king.

We behold this greatness,
forever aflame in our hearts,
etched with grace.

Aadya Merathia,12C

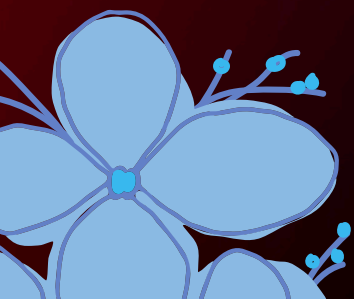


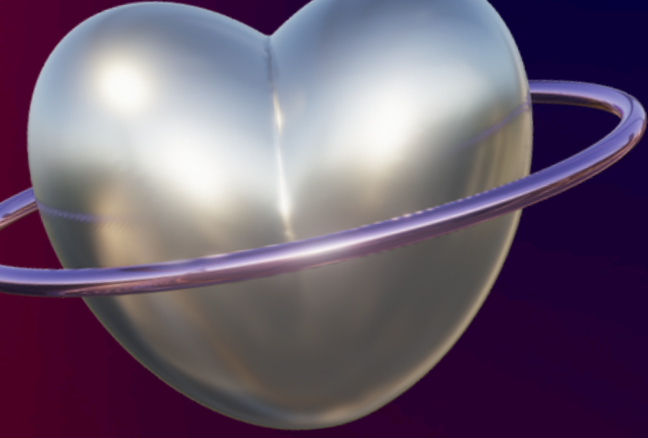
A TEACHER FOREVER



LEGEND.....the one word that comes to my mind when I think of Ms Helen Rajkumar. For forty one long years she has stayed loyal to our school, teaching not only this generation but also that of our parents. Thursday, 28th of March was the last day we'd ever see her set foot on our school grounds as a physical education teacher. Honestly, it still hasn't sunk in. It had never crossed my mind in a million years that I would see our school without a Helen ma'am. She was the pillar that was always there, no matter what. The sound of her voice saying "Children, get into your lines" and whistle in the morning was a wake-up call, something that we never appreciated enough. Every PE period her enthusiasm was unmatched, doing the exercises and urging us to always be better. The number of lives that she has impacted is innumerable. My mother always says, "Whomever you forget, just don't forget Helen ma'am, because she is the one who saw potential in you." And that is extremely true. A large part of the credit for my athletics and basketball career in school goes to Helen ma'am. She took a scrawny 4th grade child to her first athletics meet and made her believe that the sky was the limit. Without her encouragement, I might have never played competitive sports. It wasn't just a single sport, she encouraged us to play and grow in whatever we wanted. Helen ma'am was a force to be reckoned with in school and has definitely left her mark in the history books of National Public School Rajajinagar. The school will never be the same without her. However, as the saying goes, "Heroes come and go, but legends are forever" and her impact on this school will live on for eternity. Thank you Helen ma'am!!!

Nydhile Praveen, 12 C





Smile

Smile at a stranger, make their day

A small smile goes a long way!

It hides a laugh, it hides a tear,

You smile when you're happy

You smile when you're in fear.

We smiled so much as kids,

Farewell to those days we bid.

So, learn to smile for the small things

Like the sun shines or the bell rings!

Aadya Umesh, 12B





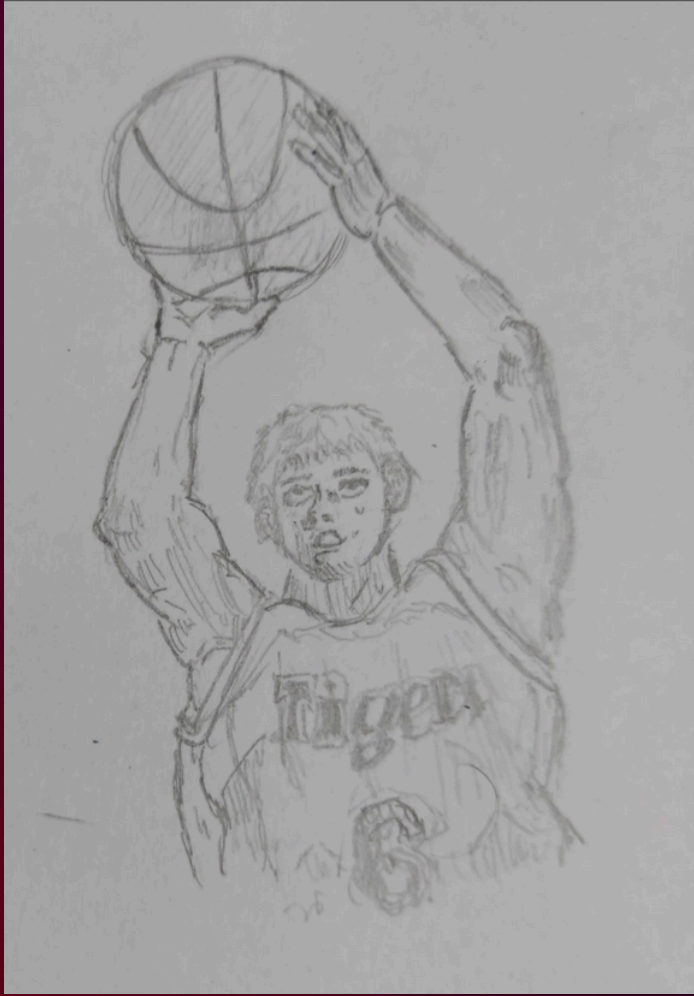
MUSIC

Music is an integral part of all of our lives, be it singing, playing an instrument or simply even listening to it. Taste in music can speak a lot about one's personality and likings too. Music holds the key to several benefits including those in the physical, emotional and therapeutic domain. It has the power to help overcome chronic pain by relaxing the mind. Studies have also shown that athletes who listen to the music of their choice while they train produce better results and at a faster rate. Students playing instruments display excellent, significantly consistent academic performance. As students ourselves, we all face pressure with academics and other extra curriculars; simply listening to music can help us alleviate this stress. It is important that all of us incorporate music into our lives and build a relationship with it in order to improve quality of life.

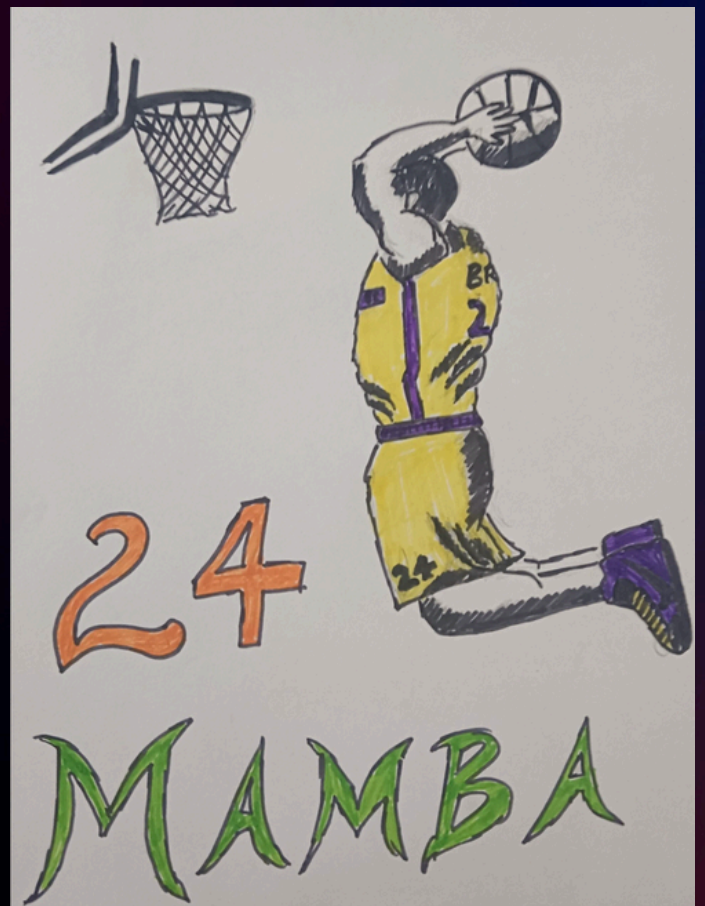
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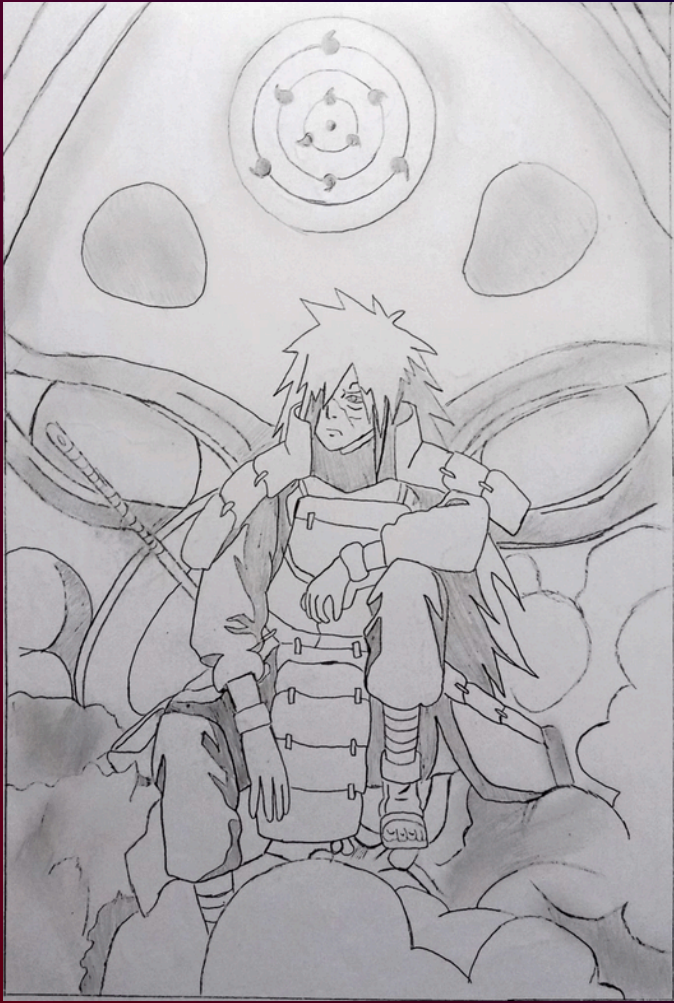


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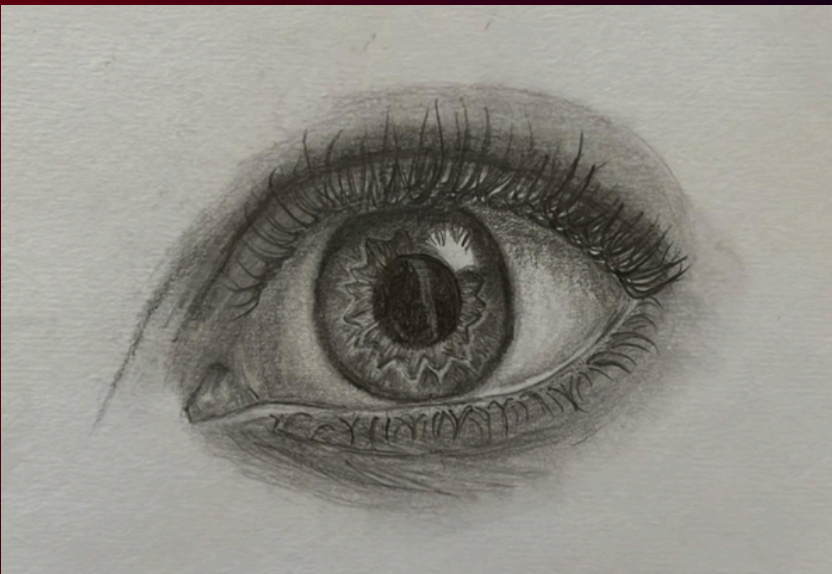
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Faces Galore



Manjari Acharya, 12B

Perception



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Football



Manasvi G Baragur 12A



GORY GLORY

The gates opened and the chariot racers were off, approaching a major curve in the path at breakneck speed. The bravest of them swerved closer to the centre of the track, urging their horses to go faster, despite the perils they faced. A chariot crashed, sending a racer flying. Sandwiched between another racer and the spina (the central barrier), a collision was imminent. The others forged on undeterred. The audience went wild with excitement. Many came here just to watch the accidents. A typical day of 'entertainment' in Rome.

Chariot racing was a sport introduced in Italy around the 6th century BC. It required skilful horsemanship, brilliant tactics and impulsive decision making. Qualities very useful in sports even today! Rome turned this sport into a form of mass entertainment, along with the gory gladiator fights. Although Roman sports are widely known for their gruesomeness, there were also some which were relatively peaceful. Swimming in the river Tiber was very common. A sport called 'harpastum' resembled modern day rugby. Wrestling was popular, though this too was designed to attract bloodthirsty crowds. There were no weight categories, and 'himantes' (straps of leather wrapped around boxers' hands), instead of protecting their hands like boxing gloves were primarily for offence as they left the boxers' fingers free.

So, sports did exist back then in ancient Rome. Although they have greatly evolved for the better over the years, most of the qualities that make a sportsperson successful have remained the same.

Layaa Ananth, 12 A

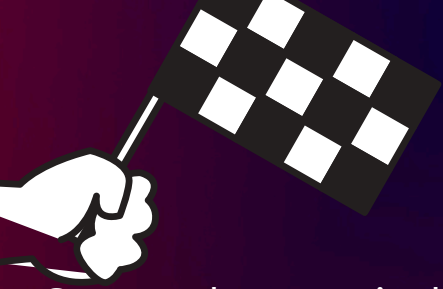


RCB-THE DREAM TEAM?

Royal Challengers Bengaluru - the name resonates with a multitude of people, not only from India but around the world. It is one of, if not the biggest franchise in the cricketing universe. The RCB fan base, also called the 12th man army, is the most loyal you will ever find. For over 15 years, the men's team hasn't won a single trophy, yet our love for the team hasn't changed. At the beginning of every IPL season, the hope of each and every RCB fan reignites. Over the years, RCB has contributed to various unforgettable moments. From Chris Gayle's unbelievable power-hitting to Virat Kohli's skillful masterclass, every single moment remains chained to our hearts.

I started watching IPL from 2013, and I fell in love with RCB. I make it a point to watch at least one match, live from the stadium every year. Watching an RCB match at the M.Chinnaswamy Stadium is a whole new sentiment. The atmosphere of the stadium, the chanting of the crowds and the perfect view of the beautiful pitch all contribute to what makes it a memorable moment for me. The cherry on the top is the roller-coaster of emotions during a nail-biting game. I still remember my first experience at the stadium back in 2014. I couldn't control my excitement whatsoever. I even got a free jersey on the way! But my favorite experience was the one in 2015 where I saw Chris Gayle smack an astonishing 117 off 57 balls.

Even if RCB never wins an IPL, we will keep our hopes up at all times. We will always support RCB no matter what. We believe that RCB can win their first title this year!(not reallyJ) I was genuinely amazed by the way the women's team won their first title within two years of entering into the WPL. The women's team has won it, now it's time for the men to achieve the same!



Sports

Sport plays a vital role in our lives and society as a whole. It has the power to bring people together, to provide common ground, and to promote healthy competition and physical activity. Whether it is at the amateur or professional level, sport brings excitement and joy to millions of people all over the world.

One of the most important benefits of participating in sports is that it promotes physical health. Regular exercise is essential for maintaining a healthy body and mind and participating in sports is a great way to get the exercise you need.

Whether you prefer team sports like basketball, soccer or individual sports like running or swimming, there is a sport out there that is perfect for you. Physical activity can help reduce the risk of chronic diseases, improve heart health, and increase overall fitness levels.

Sports also provide numerous mental and emotional benefits. Participating in sports can help build self-esteem, increase confidence, and improve mood. It provides a sense of accomplishment and can help individuals develop a positive attitude and outlook on life. Whether you're participating in sports for fun or competing at a high level, the thrill of competition and the camaraderie of your teammates can help boost mood and reduce stress levels. Another important aspect of sports is that it provides a platform for social interaction and community building. Playing on a team is a great way to make new friends and to bond with others who share a similar interest.

Whether it's on the field, court or track, athletes can develop strong relationships with their teammates that can last a lifetime. Sports can also provide opportunities for volunteerism and community service, as many sports organizations participate in various charitable efforts and events.

Sports also have a significant impact on the economy. From the professional level to amateur leagues, sports bring in billions in revenue each year. Sports teams provide employment opportunities, from coaches and trainers to administrative staff, while sports events and facilities provide jobs for vendors, ticket sellers, and security personnel. In addition, the sports industry generates billions of dollars in revenue through merchandise sales, ticket sales, and broadcast rights.

In conclusion, sport is a vital part of our society, providing numerous physical, mental, emotional, social and economic benefits. Whether it's for the thrill of competition, the camaraderie of teammates, or the desire to maintain a healthy lifestyle, there are numerous reasons why everyone should participate in sports. So, get out there, get active, and enjoy all the benefits that sports have to offer!



Mohammed Rayan Jameel, 12 C



Beneath the golden sun's warm embrace,
Summer paints the world with vibrant grace.

Fields of green and skies of blue,
Nature's symphony, fresh and true.
Beneath the shade of swaying trees,
We find solace, our hearts at ease.

Laughter fills the balmy air,
As memories bloom without a care.
With each day's dawn, a promise bright,
Of endless warmth and boundless light.

Golden hours stretch into the night,
As summer's magic takes its flight.

So let us savour every day,
In summer's bliss, let's dance and play.
For in its warmth, we find delight,
In summer's embrace, our spirits take flight.

Niharika Hegde, 12C



The Art of Concentration

In today's fast paced world mastering the art of concentration is important, especially for us, students navigating the challenges of academic life. Grade 12 is a pivotal year where focus and concentration can significantly impact one's academic performance and future endeavours.

Mind concentration is not merely about blocking out distractions but it is also about directing one's focus towards the goal. Developing this skill requires practice, patience and persistence. There are a few effective strategies to enhance concentration:

1. Find a place which is distraction free - Find a quiet and comfortable study space free from distractions such as noise, clutter, and electronic devices.
2. Set clear goals - Break down tasks into smaller, manageable goals, and prioritize them based on importance and deadlines. This helps in staying focused and motivated.
3. Meditate - Engage in mindfulness techniques such as deep breathing, meditation, or yoga to improve attention and reduce stress.
4. Manage time - Adopt techniques like the Pomodoro Technique, where you work in short bursts with breaks in between, to maintain focus and prevent burnout.
5. Stay organized - Keep study materials, notes, and schedules organized to minimize mental clutter/stress and enhance focus.
6. Take regular breaks - Allow yourself short breaks during study sessions to recharge your mind and maintain concentration levels.
7. Stay healthy - A healthy lifestyle includes regular exercise, balanced nutrition, and adequate sleep which plays an important role in focus and concentration.

By implementing these strategies regularly, we can sharpen our concentration skills and unlock our full academic potential. Remember concentration is not an innate ability but a skill that can be cultivated with practice and perseverance. So, embrace the journey of mastering mind concentration, and pave the way for academic excellence and personal growth.



Keshav Jhaveri, 12 C



The shore

The shore, my solace, heals my soul.
Grainy sand beneath my toes,
Adorned with shells, each one a memory.
Frothy waves act as a soothing spa for my
legs.

At dawn, the sun's embrace wakes me
gently,
While at dusk, the sky's hues mirror my
calm.

The shore is my solace,
Where I find my peace.

By Shreya B, 12 B

The Sprint of Seventeen

In the halls of youth, where dreams ignite,
Seventeen-year-olds start their fight.

A race begins so fierce and grand,
With hopes and fears, hand in hand.

Books piled high while the pages turn by,
Heart beats quick like the clock's cruel tick.

A test of minds, a battle so bright,
Fought in the silent hours of the night.

Whispers of goals, the lofty peaks,
Pressure builds, no room for the weak,
Friends as rivals, the tension so tight,
In chase for futures, a quiet fight.

Eyes fixed on stars, yet shadows loom,
Ambitions abound waiting to bloom,
For in this race, the soul's unseen,
A whispered wish, to chase a dream.

But beyond the scores and frantic pace,
A life awaits, a gentler grace,
Where hearts find peace, and minds are free,
To learn, to grow, just to be me.

-Chavi R Bhojani, 12 C





STARGAZING

As the starry night falls, forming artistic constellations one
could never paint,

Galaxy shades blend, hiding the moonlight.

I put sugar coated marshmallows through the crackling fire.
Following the path of the sparks as they vanish into the air!

I shift my gaze to the sky,

Rivers of turquoise flash creating the northern lights which
showered the nocturnal canopy with elegance and charm.

As if it was a sign of hope flickering in the black heavens; the
congregation of stars adding to the formation of connected
threads from the celestial sphere to the heart of hell in
disguise. The reverberating sounds of alpha waves pass
through the grounds as I lay down going into a sound sleep.

Heaven on earth is possible!

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