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Editorials

Welcome back, readers!

With the dawn of a new semester, we're thrilled to bring you the latest edition of our school newsletter. After a well-deserved break, we hope everyone has regained the rhythm of growth, learning, and shared experiences. This issue is full of tales that bring out the accomplishments and spirit that make our school remarkable. As editors, it is our joy to document and share the pulse of our school community.

In this edition, you will find inspiring stories of students who have excelled in academics and extracurricular activities. From creative projects and athletic feats to community initiatives and artistic showcases, our students' dedication to their passion is remarkable. You'll also find insightful recaps of recent events and assemblies that brought our school together in the spirit of curiosity, collaboration, and fun. Our popular Whimsical Writings and Sunny Side Up segments return with fresh perspectives, and our much anticipated- nature log, for students of grade 6-9 has in store exciting surprises for you! These segments, as always, are driven by students, highlighting their impressive creativity and initiative.

As we embark on this semester, we encourage everyone in our community to stay engaged, be curious, and lend their voice to the ongoing story of our school. The newsletter is a testament to the hard work and enthusiasm of countless contributors-teachers, staff, the editorial team, student writers, and our supportive principals, whose encouragement keeps us striving for excellence.

Thank you all for being part of this journey with us. Here's to a semester filled with discovery, achievement, and memorable moments for everyone!

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Timeline

- *Magical Children's day (NOV 14)*
- *Fr R-NPSMUN 24 (NOV 25 & 26)*
- *SAPA workshop (Nov 26)*
- *A Journey to Janapada Loka*
- *A day of fun and frolic*
- *Online Safety*
- *Mangrove restoration – An insightful session*
- *National Human Rights Day and Armed Forces Flag Day (Dec 10)*
- *Christmas Cheer (Dec 20)*

A Magical Children's Day Celebration

This Children's Day, the environment transformed into a whimsical wonderland bursting with giggles, joy, and jaw-dropping talent as teachers morphed into showbiz superstars, dazzling the students with electrifying performances! The morning assembly began with the teachers' choir singing the prayer, followed by speeches on the significance of Children's Day and how special students are to us. They also enjoyed an entertainment programme where teachers became singers, dancers, and actors on stage. Each child was sent home with a memento to mark this year's special day.

Jr R- NPSMUN

On November 25 and 26, our school held its first Junior R-NPSMUN, which included committees such as UNHRC, DISEC, HUNSC, FJCC, and IPC. Over 200 delegates showcased their oratory and diplomacy skills during this two-day conference. Participants tackled diverse agendas, addressing modern challenges and historical crises while enhancing their critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. The event provided a dynamic environment for new delegates, preparing them for the world of diplomacy and negotiations. Overall, it was a successful gathering of young diplomats eager to make a difference.

Workshop on online safety

As part of the Adolescent Education Programme, students of Grade 9 attended a workshop conducted by Ms Anjana Palamand, alumnus and founder of the NGO Maya. She addressed the issue of online harassment and bullying and provided ways to safeguard or counter them. A few tips included restricting social media use, being aware of online predators, how to spot fake profiles, and filing a cyber complaint. Students then worked in groups on case studies with follow-up questions that they answered to enhance their level of understanding of the topic.

A Journey to Janapada Loka

Students of Grades 6 to 8 explored Janapada Loka, a museum showcasing Karnataka's folk art and traditions. They engaged in hands-on activities like carpentry, pottery, and games such as Kabaddi, Tug-of-War, and Laggori while also enjoying traditional dances and a wholesome meal.

A Day of Fun and Frolic

Meanwhile, the students of Grades 9 to 12 enjoyed a well-deserved day of relaxation and recreation at the Signature Club Resort. From running across the lush green lawns to engaging in various indoor and outdoor games, it was a day filled with energy and excitement. The students relished a hearty breakfast, fresh fruit juices, and a delicious lunch, topped off with tasty fried snacks in the evening. This picnic was a perfect blend of fun, friendship, and laughter.

SAPA Workshop on Morsing

On 26th November 2024, a workshop was held on the classical instrument Morsing, conducted by Vidwan Ghantasala Satyasai and organised by SaPa. He showcased the instrument's role in Carnatic music, performed captivating solos, and engaged students in interactive activities. A lively Q & A session explored its history and pioneers.

Mangrove Restoration - an insightful session

Students attended an insightful session on mangrove forest restoration by Ms. Anupama Appukuttan, a seasoned social development professional with 15+ years of experience. She highlighted mangroves' role in restoring degraded lands, supporting biodiversity, and sustaining livelihoods. The talk emphasised the interconnectedness of ecosystems and the urgency of conservation. Engaged participation from students made the session impactful, serving as a strong reminder of our collective responsibility to protect nature.

National Human Rights Day and Armed Forces Flag Day

National Human Rights Day and Armed Forces Flag Day were observed with a well-organized assembly that celebrated human rights and honored the dedication of the armed forces. The event began with a welcome speech, setting the tone for the day. This was followed by an insightful address on the significance of human rights in fostering justice and equality. It also acknowledged the invaluable role of the armed forces in maintaining peace and security across the nation.

The highlight of the assembly was a moving rendition of the patriotic classic Jhanda Ucha Rahe Hamara, which evoked pride and respect. A dramatized panel discussion brought the concept of human rights to life. Students portrayed NGO heads, teachers, and media personnel, discussing fundamental rights such as education, equality, freedom from exploitation, and freedom of speech, showcasing their relevance in today's world.

The event concluded with a speech emphasizing the importance of constitutional rights and saluting the armed forces' commitment to safeguarding the nation.

Christmas Cheer

The Christmas celebrations came alive with a vibrant special assembly organised by Grade 11 students. The event radiated the festive spirit and filled the school with holiday cheer. The assembly showcased students dressed as iconic characters from beloved Christmas movies. Energetic dance performances set to lively Christmas music mesmerised the audience, while a meaningful story underscored the true essence of Christmas. The choir enriched the atmosphere with heartfelt renditions of timeless carols, spreading joy and warmth throughout the event. Adding an extra touch of magic, students in their festive costumes engaged with the younger audience, creating moments of excitement and laughter.

Their interactions brought an uplifting sense of camaraderie and joy to the celebration. The captivating performances received thunderous applause, ensuring a delightful experience for everyone involved. Teachers also embraced the holiday spirit, complementing the festivities by dressing in cheerful hues of red, white, green, and silver. In conclusion, the Christmas celebration at National Public School, Rajajinagar, was a heartwarming and meticulously organised event that perfectly embodied the spirit of the season, spreading the joy and warmth of Christmas far and wide.



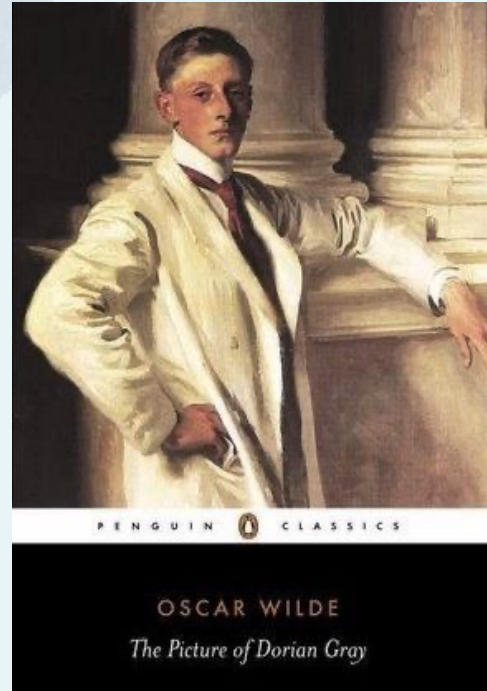
The Review Shelf

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Welcome to The Review Shelf, a space for students who want to dive into the world of books but aren't sure where to start. Whether you're a beginner or just love reading, this section will help you discover your next favourite read. Join us as we explore stories, genres, and everything in between.

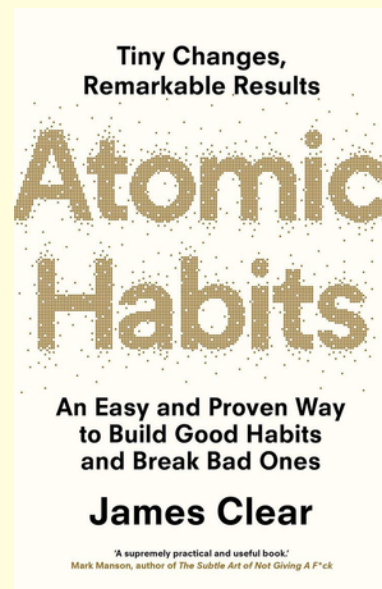
The Picture of Dorian Gray by Oscar Wilde



Genre - Gothic fiction

The Picture of Dorian Gray is a dark tale about vanity, obsession, and what happens when you live only for yourself. Dorian Gray is a handsome young man whose portrait ages and gets uglier while he stays flawless. Thanks to the influence of the cynical, pleasure-seeking Lord Henry, Dorian dives headfirst into a life of excess—chasing thrills, beauty, and indulgence, all while ignoring the moral fallout. His portrait, hidden away, becomes a reflection of the bad decisions and darkness growing inside him. Wilde's novel is like a warning about what happens when you prioritise looks, fame, and instant gratification above everything else. It explores the tension between your public image and the messiness of your true self. Dorian's downfall is a commentary on how chasing beauty and pleasure without caring about the consequences can destroy you from the inside out. With sharp writing and timeless themes, The Picture of Dorian Gray is a cautionary tale on how running away from reality—whether through looks or fun—eventually catches up with you.

Atomic Habits - James Clear



Genre - self-help

‘Atomic Habits’ by James Clear is an engaging guide to mastering the power of small changes. Rather than focusing on radical transformations, Clear emphasises the value of tiny, consistent habits that, over time, lead to significant improvements. He uses practical examples and compelling stories to explain the science behind habit formation, making complex ideas feel accessible. The book is packed with actionable tips for building good habits and breaking bad ones, all with a clear, motivational tone that keeps readers inspired. Clear's writing style is straightforward, making it easy to apply these strategies to everyday life. Overall, ‘Atomic Habits’ is a practical read for anyone looking to make lasting changes in their life without feeling overwhelmed.

Sunnyside up
‘The Art of Not Yet’

By: Tisya Chikodi – 10C

Chief Columnist at Sunny Side Up

I rolled down the windows and peered out. The stars seemed brighter at the midnight hour, the deafening silence of the empty roads contrasting the music blasting through my headphones. The breeze poured in, the chill numbing the tip of my nose and my cheeks, but I couldn't tear myself away. This day marked the end of the first term and the beginning of our first vacation—the midpoint of the year. With exams behind us and my mind free to wander, I began thinking about the impending events of my life on my way to the airport. The music softened, muffled by my overflowing thoughts. We've now reached that awkward stage of the year: the point where we're way beyond the beginning but still not close to the end. Our first term flew by, undeniably filled with countless memories and experiences, and now, we're back to square one.

Only this term, a new factor gets introduced: preparation. It starts as usual, proceeding with new chapters and new notebooks but with an irrefutable change in atmosphere. We start asking teachers whether next year is harder than the current one. We start getting serious about exams. We start thinking about our future.

Even though we're starting fresh with a new term, deep down, we're preparing for the end. Preparation is an element we often overlook until it becomes unavoidable, lingering in the background like an afterthought. But as we delve deeper into the term, it shifts to center stage, setting the tone for everything we do. We've all experienced those moments of hastily catching up, only to realise that a little foresight could have prevented the stress. Being prepared serves as our compass, assisting us in overcoming obstacles and approaching every project, test, and new assignment with direction and clarity.

It's not just a matter of staying ahead; it's the groundwork that turns uncertainty into confidence. It becomes a tool, a security blanket for your future self. Because, in the end, what we prepare for is not the test or the project. It's the future—the unknowns that lie ahead. And with every bit of preparation, we lay a little more of that uncertainty to rest, making the world feel less intimidating and chaotic.

The weight of the future becomes lighter and manageable as long as we're ready to meet it, to face it, with everything we've carefully set into motion. When the inevitable challenges come, preparation turns into resilience. It's the calm confidence we carry with us because we know we've done everything we could to get here. And that, perhaps, is the real power of preparation: not in avoiding failure, but in ensuring we can meet it head-on, whatever shape it takes.

As we continue on this path, preparation starts to feel less like a chore and more like a strategy. It gives us room to breathe, to adapt, to think beyond the next deadline and to focus on long-term goals. With every step taken in advance, we're building pliability, laying down the pieces of our success one plan at a time. Because, in truth, it's not just about getting to the finish line but about how well we handle the journey there. After all, reaching the end is only half the story—the other half is the way we prepared to meet it!

सच्ची दोस्ती

सच्ची दोस्ती की पहचान यही है,
साथ हो तुम, तो दुनिया की कोई भी मुश्किल नहीं है।
हँसी-खुशी में हर पल को जीते हैं,
हमेशा एक-दूसरे का साथ निभाते हैं।

तेरे बिना तो सब सूना लगता है,
तेरी यादें दिल में बसी रहती हैं।
जिंदगी की राहों में तू है तो डर क्या,
तेरी दोस्ती ही सबसे प्यारी चीज़ लगती है।

My World

- Akshat Jain, 9A



- Ahana U Bhat, 9C

Why AI is the Future of Mankind

Artificial Intelligence or AI, is rapidly transforming our world and holds incredible potential for the future of humanity. AI refers to machines or computers that can learn, think, and solve problems, much like humans. It's already impacting our lives in many ways, from the voice assistants on our phones to smart home devices that help manage our daily routines.

One reason AI is considered the future of mankind is its ability to process massive amounts of information quickly and accurately.

This means that AI can analyze data faster than humans ever could, making it valuable in fields like medicine, where it can help doctors diagnose diseases earlier and with greater precision. In transportation, AI is being used to develop self-driving cars, which could make roads safer and reduce traffic accidents.

Another reason AI is shaping our future is its potential to take on repetitive and dangerous tasks. Robots equipped with AI are already performing jobs in factories, and they can work in hazardous environments where human workers might be at risk. This not only increases safety but also allows humans to focus on more creative and meaningful work.

As AI continues to evolve, it offers endless possibilities. It has the potential to improve lives, solve global challenges like climate change, and drive innovation in countless areas. Although we must be cautious and mindful of ethical concerns, AI stands as a powerful tool that could help shape a brighter future for humanity.

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Crochet

One of the most calming yet tense activities I have done in my life is crochet. It can give you peace and increase your concentration span as you need to know how many stitches or rows are left to make a full, proper



project. As a child, I was always fascinated by knitting. Knitting is subtly different from crochet. When I voiced my wish to learn knitting to my mother, she encouraged me to turn to crochet. So, I started my journey learning crochet.

One day, my sister asked me to make a shrug for her. I said that it will take a long time to do so, but I will attempt it. And I did. I found a pattern online that I could follow to make the shrug. Within two weeks, I was done with the shrug. It was a long project, the longest I had ever done, but I made it. When I tried to fit it on my sister, it was too small for her and hence she let me have my first handmade shrug. Crochet is not only calming. It is also very rewarding. It gives you a sense of accomplishment. It makes you happy.

- Shreya Kanjur, 9B

Square-1 is the only officially recognised Rubik's Cube that changes its shape when you turn it. I got interested in it while looking at videos of it. So, I got my first Square-1 in October 2020. After one and a half months of struggle, I managed to solve it. I uploaded videos and got few 10-15 views on YouTube. My interest died down after May 2021. I got interested in gaming that pulled me away from this. So, for the next 2 years, I stopped taking the puzzle seriously.

Then, in May 2023, I went to my first Cubing competition. It was an excellent experience being with the people of my interest. Then, I realised that to win some prize in a competition, I must be good at Square-1. From then onwards, I started practicing every single day and day by day, I started improving. From the mid of 2024, I started solving it under 20 seconds, which was a great achievement for me. Then, I heard that there was a competition in which they had Square-1 as one of the events.

On that day, I knew I had to be at my best. After good performances in other competitions, I warmed up for Square-1 seriously. Then, the event started- I was so confident that I would get Top 3 that most of my solves were better than what I usually got during practice at home, with competition nerves. I ended up getting 2nd in first round with a decent average of 20.2 seconds. In the next round, I was racing with the No.1 person as I deeply wanted to win. In the process, I got too nervous and messed up most of my solves and got 22.03 seconds as average.

During the award ceremony, when my name was called out, I was filled with joy- not only did I get the 2nd place, but I did this the first time in a competition event.

This experience is nothing short of hard work and a miracle!

- Sudhanva H Kashyup, 9B

The True Joy of Physics

The laws of nature are unknown to living organisms when they are born, and an understanding of the relevant information about the way the world around us behaves only comes with time. However, when we, as humans who believe we have at least a rudimentary understanding of this world, must describe these seemingly obvious and evident truths, we struggle to explain the most basic topics in a simple, clear and concise way. By this, I mean questions that perhaps a child may ask, such as, “Why is the sky blue?”

Having lived through our childhood, having asked these queries to our parents or teachers, do most of us now have a better understanding of the causes of these phenomena? I would say no as we have stopped being curious about the little things, the little wonders we see around us, every day. We have come to just accept them as they are, rather than inquiring why they are so.

Knowledge of physics is not required to ask these questions, but it is helpful in answering them. This is the true essence of physics; it is not to be viewed as an extraordinarily difficult branch of science, but an attempt, a tool to express the behavior of our world in a fundamental, precise, unbiased and universal manner.

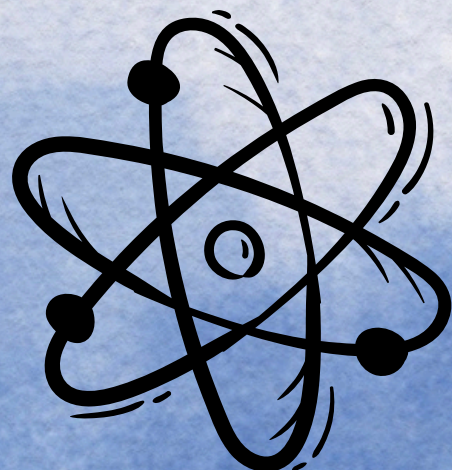
The prime appeal of physics to me is the feeling of discovery, of learning about something and thinking about it in a different way, from a new perspective. Solving a physics problem gives you a unique sense of gratification and fulfilment that is seldom found in ordinary life; you use something general or abstract that you know and apply it to explain the real cause and evolution of a phenomenon that might seem totally unrelated or completely new to you. That is what makes physics so special.

In the modern era, physics is vast and complex, splitting into many different fields that are easier to work with in specific situations. The prime appeal of physics is the feeling of discovery and learning from a new perspective. Solving physics problems gives a unique sense of satisfaction and fulfillment that is seldom found in ordinary life.

Despite its reputation for using incredibly nuanced mathematical terms, physics is its own subject, unlike anything else. Learning physics in a purely conceptual manner, you can still use your knowledge to explain things you previously didn't understand using foundationally simple concepts.

Overall, physics is a tremendously interesting, important and rewarding subject to learn, as long as you have a desire to understand the world around you. Those of you who already liked physics before reading this, I have just provided a review or new way of looking at your motivation/drive to master it. Those of you who disliked physics, I hope this article has given you a new positive outlook/viewpoint toward it. Either way, I hope you gained a glimpse of the true joy of physics! Thank you!

- Sumanyu Bhandiwad, 9B



In a capitalist system, individuals or corporations own and control most of the factors of production. For instance, labour receives wages while competition in a free market determines production, prices, and distribution of goods. Capitalism drives economic activity. It is also essential to note that protection of private property rights encourages investment and productivity. Among other systems, capitalism differed from others by using accumulated capital for productive capacity.

Socialism

Socialism is an economic and political system where the government plays a significant role in managing resources and wealth distribution.

This includes important industries such as healthcare, education and utilities which are often publicly owned or subjected to heavy regulations in socialism. Its aim is to reduce inequality by providing basic services to all citizens irrespective of their background. Countries like Sweden, Canada, and Bolivia practice democratic forms of socialism.

Communism

Communism takes socialism a step further. Communists imagine a society without classes that shares everything equally including resources. In communism there is no private property, rather it is the state that owns major resources; Karl Marx who fathered communism called for a working-class revolt against capitalism turning communist regimes into authoritarian dictatorships in Soviet Union and China.

What is best for a country's growth?

The best for a country's growth is right between capitalism and socialism.

- Sushil S Prabhu, 9C

Black Holes: The Universe's Darkest Secrets

Black holes are regions in space with such intense gravity that not even light can escape. Formed when massive stars collapse, they contain an incredibly dense point called a singularity, where space and time are thought to warp infinitely.

Black holes come in several types: stellar (created by collapsing stars), supermassive (at the centers of galaxies), intermediate, and the hypothetical primordial black holes from the early universe.

Surrounding each black hole is the event horizon, a boundary where the gravitational pull becomes inescapable. Matter crossing this line is stretched by immense gravitational forces, a process known as "spaghettification."

While black holes are invisible, they can be detected by observing nearby objects' behavior and light bending around them (gravitational lensing). The Event Horizon Telescope captured the first image of a black hole in 2019, revealing its shadow.

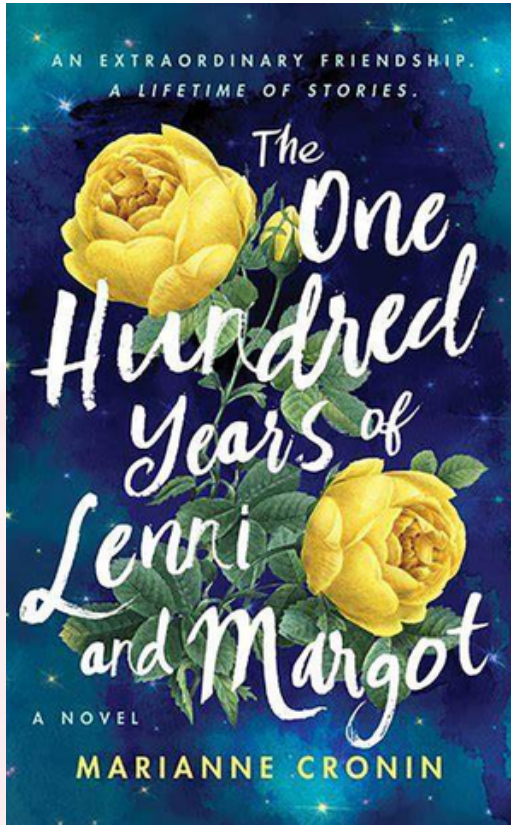
Stephen Hawking proposed that black holes emit "Hawking radiation," slowly losing mass over time and potentially evaporating.

Additionally, black holes are central to exploring unresolved cosmic mysteries, like dark matter and dark energy. Some scientists theorize that primordial black holes could even be a candidate for dark matter. Their influence extends beyond astrophysics to other fields, pushing the boundaries of quantum mechanics, thermodynamics, and even information theory.

Studying black holes offers us a unique glimpse into the extreme and often hidden aspects of the universe, potentially unveiling fundamental truths about the nature of space, time, and reality itself.

One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot

This heart wrenching story follows the unlikely bond between seventeen-year-old Lenni and eighty-three-year-old Margot. Brought together in a



hospital where Lenni is fighting a terminal illness and Margot is facing heart surgeries, they see life in a newfound light.

Margot and Lenni decide to encapsulate the collective hundred years of their lives through a series of paintings. Their emotional journey while recalling their life brings forth the feelings of pain, loss, death and unrequited love in a poignant and heartbreaking way.

The author portrays Margot's unimaginable courage and strength in a way that our heart aches for her loss and yet admire her resilience.

On the other hand, Lenni's yearning to live even if it is within the restrictions and confines of the hospital and her illness provides us with a fresh perspective on life. The light Lenni brings into the lives of everyone at the hospital, her innocent curiosity and enthusiasm does not fail to endear.

Despite treading on heavy themes, this book will make you laugh, cry and leave you with bittersweet emotions. The complexities of both the leads and the lessons they learn from each other is definitely the highlight of this book for me.

As someone who usually has her nose deep in thrillers and mysteries, *One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* was a welcome breath of fresh air. This is once in a lifetime must read.

"And I will forever be changed by the people I have met and their bravery, their courage and their light"

Shaping Tomorrow: Breakthroughs in Science and Technology

Innovations in science and technology are transforming the world at an unprecedented pace, promising a future brimming with possibilities. Cutting-edge advancements in AI are revolutionizing industries, from healthcare to transportation. AI-powered diagnostics improve early disease detection, while autonomous vehicles promise safer, more efficient transportation systems.

In the field of Renewable Energy, the enhancements have been remarkable. Solar and wind energy technologies are becoming more efficient and affordable, paving the way for a sustainable future. Breakthroughs in battery storage are addressing the occasional nature of renewable energy sources, ensuring a steady supply of green power. In biotechnology, gene editing tools like CRISPR and Prime Editing offer the potential to cure genetic disorders and improve agricultural yields. Bioengineering techniques can create microorganisms that break down pollutants, offering innovative solutions for cleaning up oil spills and reducing plastic waste. Additionally, advances in synthetic biology enable the development of biofuels and biodegradable materials, reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and lowering our carbon footprint. Meanwhile, advancements in space exploration, such as reusable rockets and ambitious Mars missions, are pushing the boundaries of human knowledge and capability. Private companies, like SpaceX and Blue Origin, are revolutionizing space travel with reusable rockets, reducing costs and increasing access to space. Space tourism is becoming a reality, allowing civilians to explore space travel and inspiring a new lineage of explorers. These innovations herald a future where technology enhances our quality of life, addresses global challenges, and opens new frontiers of human achievement.

- Aditi S, 9E

The Impact of Sports

Sports are not just a form of entertainment or physical activity; they embody values deeply within individuals and societies. Whether on a professional stage or a neighbourhood field, sports play a significant role in shaping our lives.

Firstly, sports promote physical health and well-being. Engaging in sports activities help maintain fitness levels, and improve health. It encourages individuals to lead active lifestyles, reducing the risks of various diseases.

Secondly, sports support social connections. Whether as part of a team or competing individually, sports provide opportunities to build friendships, build trust and develop skills.

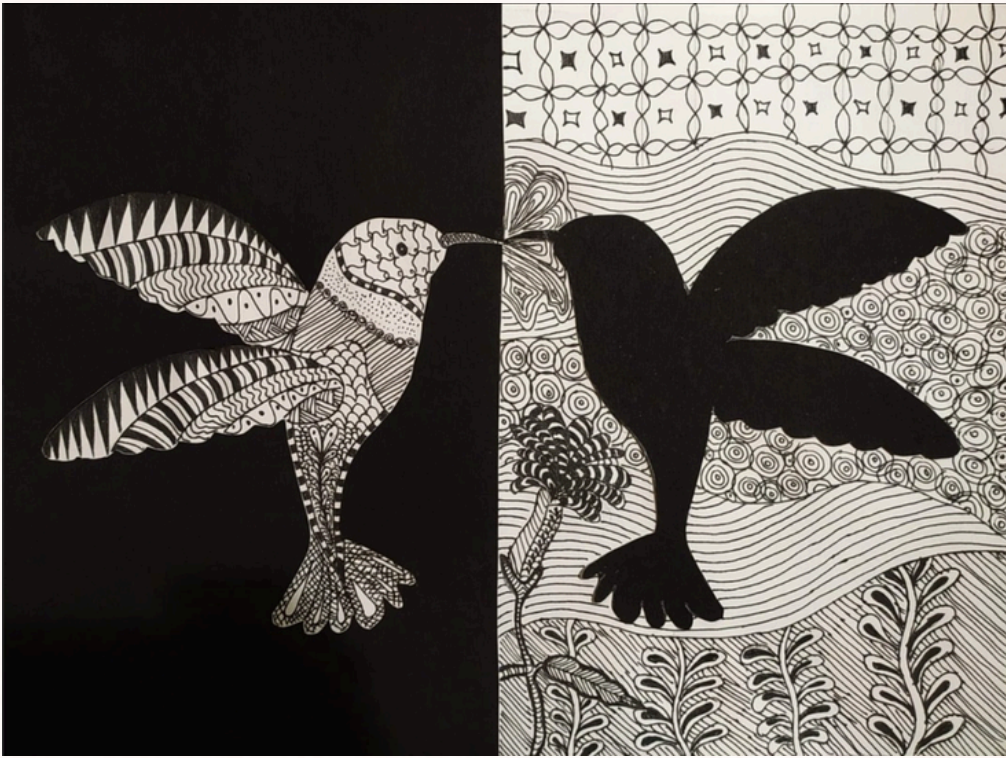
Moreover, sports serve as a platform for personal growth and development. Athletes learn the importance of perseverance and discipline.

Furthermore, sports have the power to inspire and unite communities. Sports play a pivotal role in personal development. Participation in sports develops essential life skills such as teamwork, leadership, and sportsmanship.

In conclusion, sports are much more than a pastime; they are a fundamental aspect of human experience. They promote physical health, build social bonds, encourage personal growth, and inspire collective achievement.

- Rohit R, 9E

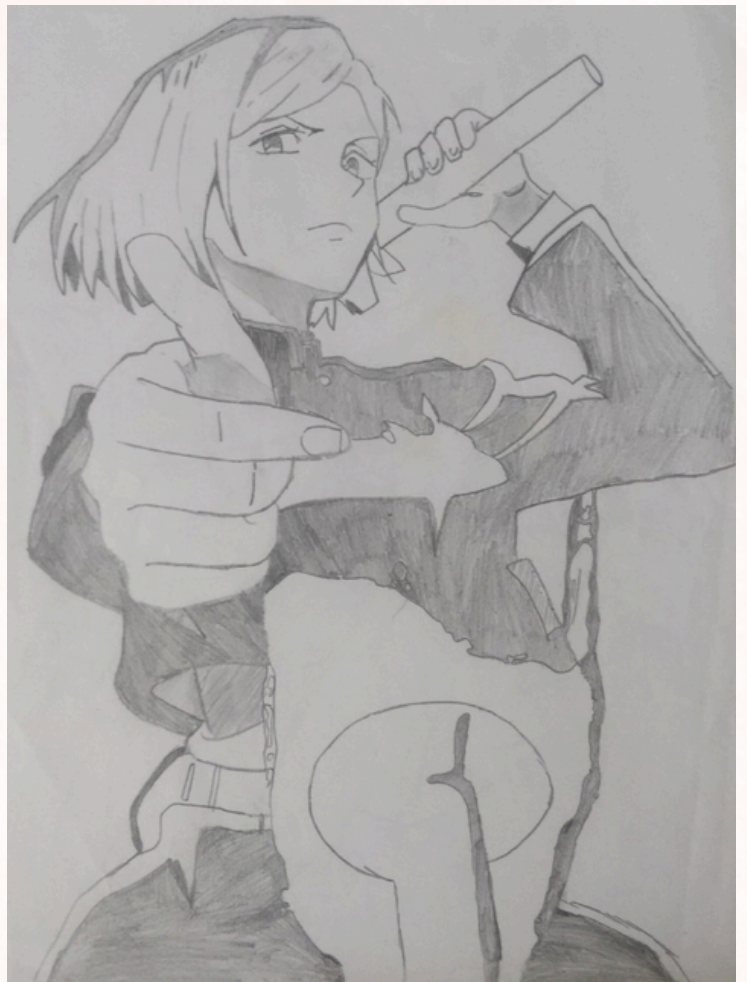
Crafting Dreams with Every Stroke



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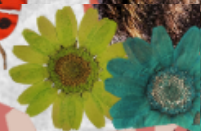
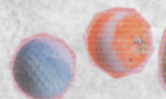
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Beauty Around Every Bend



Nature's Blueprint
Pradyumna S Murthy, 9A

Nature Log





Nurturing Nature

Let's be team green
For, the past can't be unseen

Our enchanted forests filled with greens
And those breathtaking scenes

Like how Ralph Waldo Emerson once said
"Nature always wears the colours of the spirit"
Let nature be in the top merit

So save the Earth
Or we will lose more like the mammoth

Keep in mind that we don't inherit the earth from our
ancestors

we borrow it from the upcoming generations
To stop pollution, let's start our preparations



Nature Study



Nestled in the lush greenery of Singapore lies the Mandai Zoo, a sanctuary for animals from around the world. My experience with nature and animals at the Mandai Zoo was nothing short of magical and awe-inspiring! As I entered the zoo, I was greeted by the chirping of birds and the rustling of leaves. The air was filled with the sweet scent of blooming flowers, giving me a sense of peace and tranquility. I felt like I had stepped into a different world, away from the hustle and bustle of the polluted city life. One of the first exhibits I visited was the Rainforest Walk, where I was surrounded by towering trees and exotic plants. The vibrant colours of the flowers and the melodious sounds of the birds created a symphony of nature that left me in awe. I could feel the energy of the rainforest all around me, and I was overcome with a sense of appreciation for the beauty of the natural world. Then I made my way to the animal enclosures, where I had the opportunity to see a wide variety of animals up close. From majestic lions to playful chimpanzees, each animal had its own unique beauty and charm. I watched in fascination as the animals interacted with each other, showcasing their natural behaviours and instincts. The highlight of my visit was the chance to feed the rhinoceros! As I stood face to face with these gentle giants, I was struck by their grace and beauty. As you approach them, you might feel its immense size and power. The zookeeper gave us the appropriate food. As I extended the food towards the rhino, and with its rather huge upper lip, it delicately grasped and pulled the food into its mouth. The sensation of its rough skin and gentle yet powerful movements was amazing! Throughout my time at the Mandai Zoo, I was constantly reminded of the importance of conservation and protecting our planet's precious creatures. The zoo's dedication to preserving endangered species and creating sustainable habitats was evident in every exhibit and interaction. I left the zoo feeling inspired to do my part in caring for our world and all its inhabitants. In conclusion, my experience with nature and animals at the Mandai Zoo was truly unforgettable. The sights, sounds, and smells of the natural world immersed me in a sense of wonder and appreciation. I left the zoo with a renewed sense of respect for the beauty and diversity of the animal kingdom, and a desire to continue exploring and learning about the wonders of nature. OBSERVE, LEARN, CARE

- Sayukta Girish 6E





Whispers of Nature



Can't afford to miss this moment
The one that's quite sparce,
Nor can I stop staring at that beauty
Something that doesn't last.

Are those just the mesmerizing Eyes of Nature,
Or something that thy fail to perceive,
Is this thou decent individual's stature,
Or is it just me?

Smog filling my ears and nose,
Thou polluting with glee,
Poison in our sources of survival,
Or is it just me?

Fragility in this charm,
Though not one seems to see,
A fading whisper of harmony,
Or is it just me?

One end trying to reinstate,
A world with tranquillity,
But the other wipes the efforts,
Or is it just me?



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