

Brother Joseph's Insights

his year has been a testing year for most of us. The torments and the trauma, endured by mankind have been immeasurable. Still, the faith and hope in our Lord has kept us afloat, for His love is immeasurable too. That's why the month of December, though being the last month of a year, carries a promise of rebirth, revival and resurrection of mankind. It's the month of celebrating God's merciful love as we welcome Jesus, the son of God, in our homes and hearts.

Christmas is not only the season of celebrating and praying; it's also the season of giving. Let's extend God's gift of generosity by reaching out to the poor, the needy and the sick. When we perform an act of kindness, Christ is born in our hearts- for the Saviour is available to all, no matter who you are, where you live or what you do.

Christmas brings simple messages of peace, goodwill, hope and joy to the world. God loves the entire earth and so we should by experiencing his divine presence in all.

A Merry and Blessed Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!





Brother O. J. Joseph Principal

The Premise and Purpose 🥼









As Christmas is around the corner, many children all over the world are wondering whether Santa would be able to bring and deliver gifts this Christmas due to the pandemic or not. 2020 has been a year of anxious times, stressful times and difficult times, but it cannot it take away from us 'joy de vivre'. Thus, the 'joy to the world' must be celebrated with all the reverence and gaiety. Dr. Kluge, regional director of WHO, has said:

It will be a different Christmas, but it does not mean that it cannot be a merry one.

So children, if Santa is too busy this year, let's become Santa's helpers and reach out to the ones who need us. Now if you are wondering that you are too young to make a difference, please check what the following children have been doing to change the world:

- Sadat Rahman, 17 years old from Bangladesh, recently won International Children's Peace Prize 2020 for his involvement in setting up his social organization and mobile app 'Cyber Teens' to stop cyber bullying.
- Greta Thunberg, a 17 years old Swedish teen activist, has become a leading voice for climate change activism.
- Alice Imbastari, a ten year old girl from Italy, has made it her mission to go a stretch of Mediterranean coastline near her home to pick up the trash every day.
- Ridhima Pandey, an activist who campaigns against climate change from Uttarakhand, has made it to BBC's top 100 women for 2020.

So what do you think? You don't need to know a lot of things to make a difference; you just need to have the will and the intent.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you!



Uitwaaien: (out-vwy-ehn) (v).to take a break to clear one's head; lit. "to walk in the wind."

"Take a break and give your soul what it needs..." -Audrey Kitching

The world is changing and so is mankind. Our world keeps evolving and moves from one era to another. This era is full of concrete forests and skyscrapers that never seem to cease from growing in numbers. Nowadays, people are so engrossed in their worldly affairs that they

forget to pay attention to themselves. 2020 has itself been a quite difficult year. The pandemic has caused us numerous problems in one or the other ways. Often we find ourselves stuck in strange and difficult situations. Do we not realize that we are unconsciously paying unnecessary attention to topics that do not benefit us or the others in any possible way? Therefore, all that we need is an opportunity to rejuvenate ourselves. We do not realize that we have been given an opportunity to take the well-deserved break we all need.

Christmas is round the corner and we are soon about to be buried under loads of presents from our loved ones and undoubtedly, we too would return this favour. But have you thought about what would you gift yourself? A Break! A break that would make us find something that keeps us going through our tough situations. I believe that if we try to distract ourselves from our troublesome surroundings, we may come out as better individuals than we were before. Clearing up our minds and moving on, definitely helps us in being what we call as 'better people'. So this Christmas gift yourselves a break from the noisy world and allow your soul to rediscover joy and experience freedom. Let yourself be a thaumaturgist for yourselves and make all the Christmas positivity flow through you. Take a break and let the halcyon spirit of Christmas and the New Year to come fill you up with optimism. It is extremely essential to be able to calm ourselves through small steps and practices. Music is often considered calming and refreshing, which renders it as an extremely effective escape from our problems. Doing things that we love will surely help us in strengthening our inner selves and help us find out what actually matters in our lives. Let's fill our hearts with the feeling of gratitude for what we have been given and what we will achieve in the future.

"Sometimes, we just need a break. In a beautiful place. Alone. To figure everything out."

Srijna Ghale IX A

From the Student Reporter

"Christmas isn't a season it's a feeling!" as rightfully said by Edna Ferber. Yay! it's finally December! After the long year of 2020 that hasn't been quite what dreams are made of, the best time of the year is finally here. The holiday season, Christmas time is here. 2020 started with a blast but the spread of the COVID-19 virus has turned this year into a nightmare. We all had to go through the lockdown, which was a first for our generation. It was quite difficult as humans are social animals. The studies also took place through electronic devices and mediums such as Zoom and Google Classroom. As practise makes perfect, we all are also excelling in online education. Even after the awful events of this year we all have our hopes high for the magic of Christmas, as it is the only harbinger of hope for an amazing 2021. Even though this year wasn't the best and was nowhere close to our expectations, it has taught us a lot of things. This year, we adapted ourselves to the online learning, learnt many new things and gained many new experiences that will be told as tales in the future. The year 2021 will be much better, fingers crossed! Our school, St. Patrick's Academy had introduced the concept of the newsletter and this is the second edition. This newsletter contains the experiences of students faced by them through the year and struggles of the pandemic. In this edition, the wait for Christmas is expressed, as all of us are excitedly waiting to welcome Christmas and the new year, I would like to thank our Principal, Brother Joseph and the editorial board for their execution of the second instalment of 'Lit and Woke'. We all have been quite happy with the response of students to the newsletter and are looking forward to reading more articles by our Patricians.

Manaar Khan

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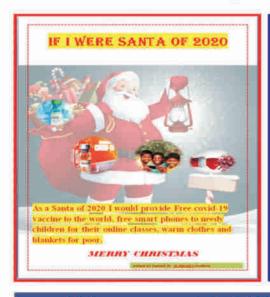
Hello everyone,

As we all know Christmas is around the corner. We all are very excited, but the most exciting thing is to wait for gifts from Santa. I thought of becoming somebody's Santa this year. Every year we expect somebody to bring us gifts and make us happy. So, just think how happier somebody would be when unexpectedly he/she will receive the gifts from me. Every Christmas we are busy in preparing for the celebrations and we forget the poor ones whom we should not. We should help them So, this Christmas I promise that before celebrating my Christmas I will help the poor ones to celebrate their Christmas.

Thank you!!

Hemakshi Class-6E







I would still give out presents but it would be very hard. First, I would sanitize my whole body before going to any house then as I go down the chimney I would sanitize the presents and attach masks and sanitizers to them. After that I would leave a letter, Merry Christmas and have a safe and corona free Christmas. HO HO HO!!!



Devansh Mehra

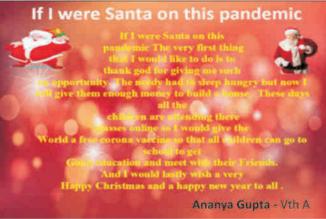
If I were a santa in 2020

- Santa Claus is most loved character on the day of Christmas.
- Santa Claus is in itself a symbol of joy, happiness and euphoria for kids.
- Santa Claus brings gifts to children who are well behaved throughout the year on the eve of Christmas.
- If I were Santa Claus in 2020/ would finish this pandemic, bring joy everywhere and make sure that there is no problem in 2021.

Aditya Rana 5th C







•If I were a Santa in 2020, I would have given gifts to the children who have behaved properly throughout the year. And I would have written their names in my golden list.

Shubhika Negi - V C



CHRISTMAS

& ME

"Christmas is all about love and happiness. Because God loved this world so much, he sent us Baby Jesus who is nothing less than a bunch of happiness. Christmas is a truly magical season, bringing families and friends together to share the much loved customs and

traditions which have been around for centuries".

Some Facts & me

- In 1823, Clement C. Moore wrote "A Visit from St. Nicholas', which showed Santa Claus driving a sleight drawn by "eight tiny reindeer." (Clement! I heard that word somewhere).
- The three traditional colors of most Christmas decorations are Red, Green and Gold.
 Red symbolizes the blood of Christ, green symbolized life and rebirth, and gold represents light, royalty and wealth.
 (Wait a Minute! I think these colours are in our School Logo).
- The reason why we wish people a "Merry Christmas" instead of a "Happy Christmas" is because with "Merry Christmas" an extra twinkle is seen in the eyes(Photograph above is proof).
- Santa Claus is a beloved character of Christmas who brings gifts to children. Do you know that Santa Claus's bag can hold gifts one less than infinity. Why one less? Because there's a limit to everything (Latest update message: two less now-I got mine).
- Santa Claus rides his sleigh and reaches the chimneys of households and keeps the gift that children asked from him under the Christmas tree on the eve of Christmas (Let me open the Chimney first.)
- In 1980s, the highest selling Christmas toy was a Rubik's cube (Guess What! I just solved it in less than a minute).
- 7. The brand statement of Coca Cola company is happiness and joy and this coincided with what Santa Claus represented which was happiness and joy and that is the reason Coca Cola company created the modern Santa Claus (Santa is Present with presents, but why Coca Cola is absent?).
- Have you ever wondered why people go door to door singing carols? The tradition is based on the English custom of
 wassailing, which was a tradition to toast to someone's good health and fortune. St. Francis of Assisi took this tradition
 and converted it to the modern form of carolling. (Ah! There's my Carols Piano Notes).
- In some cultures, it is believed that the sleigh that Santa Claus uses is the fastest vehicle on the planet (Iam also fast, it's just that it takes a while to find my shoes in a mess).
- Santa Claus brings gifts to children who are well behaved throughout the year on the eve of Christmas (Spoiler Alert:
 All my friends are lucky. They all are getting gifts this year).
- One of the best parts about Christmas is the Christmas cake, and we all love eating it (Thisyear I will be more careful, as last year it got burnt).
- 12. The tradition of nailing Christmas stockings near a fireplace came about in order to help Santa have a place to stuff candies and goodies for bright and cheerful children of the world. It also serves as an endless supply of socks for Santa (Any suggestions to find the other pair of socks easily?).
- 13. Christmas is also the time of exchanging gifts. Do you know which is the largest Christmas present ever given? It is the Statue of Liberty! The Statue of Liberty was gifted by France to the USA as a Christmas gift in the year 1886 (I personally checked it and would like to confirm that it's really a beautiful and huge Christmas present).
- 14. In Poland spiders are considered to be symbols of prosperity and goodness at Christmas. In fact, spiders and s p i d e r webs are often used as Christmas tree decorations. According to legend, a spider wove baby Jesus a blanket to keep him warm. (Sorry for the delay: I just spotted a spider).
- 15. 25th of December is celebrated as Christmas (Can we get 2nd term result after Christmas).

Merry Christmas to everyone!



Christmas Night



The stars shine with a holy light Let's rejoice for its christmas night. The angels sing in the heavenly abode And the earth dances for the new born lord.

> Thy shall come to save the good And guide the ones who are misunderstood. Here comes the son of lord divine The heaven and stars gave a sign.

Joy filled the air in the sky
Praises were sent to god on high.
His birth was more precious than daimonds and gems
he was born on the holy grounds of bethlehem.

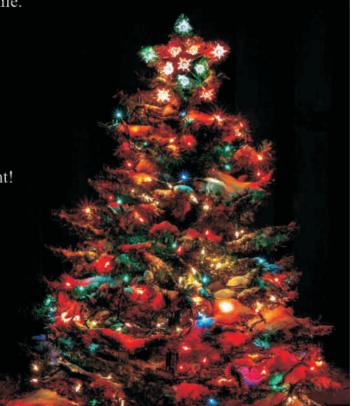
After a long travel no shelter to lay The new king was born that day. Virgin mary kissed the child His face broke into a heavenly smile.

He comes to deliver peace within He came on earth to wash our sins. shone brightly the christmas star And led wise men from near and far.

> The stars shine with a holy light Let's rejoice it's the christmas night!

ANISHAAW. 7A





Christmas



hristmas is celebrated as the birth of Jesus Christ on 25thDecember by Christians all over the world. Christmas means the Feast day of Christ and it is observed as a cultural and religious celebration. Jesus Christ, the king or messiah was born nearly 2000 years ago in the town of Bethlehem. Jesus Christ was born from Virgin Mother Mary and the purpose of his birth was to save all the people from sin , because one cannot enter the Heaven with a Sinful heart. On Christmas, people decorate their homes with beautiful stars and lights to mark that Jesus is born here meaning: Christ, the Saviour, is born in their homes. Christmas carols are played in Churches. Christmas trees are put up and decorated with gifts in western countries. Many children believe that on this day Santa Claus would come and fulfill their wishes. But the original message of Christmas is that God loved the world so much that he gave his only son to it who redeemed the believers. God did not send his son into the world to be its judge, but to be its saviour. Merry Christmas!



Akshank Chauhan

8th B



Oh, creator of the world!

Oh, propounder of the new way of life! For us, Christmas is the auspicious occasion.

To Express our gratitude and obeisance to you.

The festival precedes the new year,

Thus signifying the new beginning.

Alas! The current year

Challenged the humanity, normal way of life was forgotten.

New normal was set, even the sacred places were out of bound. Humans were confined to their dwellings.

I think to introspect and respect...

For all the misdeeds they have created to thou beautiful world. But now the jingle bells have started ringing.

What a coincidence, well awaited Corona vaccine is on the anvil...

I firmly believe that Christmas will set the tone for restoration of normalcy in the world.

Wish you a MERRY Christmas and a happy new year!

Shrivriddhi Thapliyal Class 8 B





Chris mas

s the winter begins, I also start thinking about Christmas. It is one of my favorite festivals because it reminds me of my childhood memories. When I was little, I spent my early years in Lisbon (Portugal). As in other European countries Christmas was celebrated there also with great joy. They call it 'NATAL'(means New Birth). There they decorate the city with lights a few days before Christmas. Every year my parents took me to see the city lights. When I was four years old, my teacher planned a Christmas activity. In this activity I and my friends had to become Jesus, Mother Mary, sheep etc. I got a chance to become Mother Mary. They invited our parents to see the act. We were all very excited and at that time I also understood more about Christmas. Even after returning to India my friends and I here still celebrate Christmas. In my school also Christmas is celebrated with great enthusiasm. I always enjoy Christmas and New Year holidays.

I am very lucky and thankful that we have Christmas which gives me an opportunity to cherish and adore my childhood memories.

Merry Christmas!

Aditi Saini

6D





Being Positive in Covid- 19

These days sitting at home, has really made us all very lazy. Everyone may not agree with me on that......but it is true!!! The most harmful thing is that we are becoming negative....!! The most stressful is that we can't go outside. Everything is not same as before. But it does not mean that we have to take stress. My opinion is that we should be happy. By stressing on 'when will this virus end'; will not end the pandemic... So, we need to be free of tension. I think we should entertain ourselves by watching comedy shows. We have so much time to spend so we should spend some quality time with our family as well. We should think that "Yes, This corona virus will definitely end. We need to be

patient and enjoy the time till then". The most important thing is that we should even spend time in meditating and gaining good wishes, that's the best thing to do!! The key point is that we should be happy and not take tension about anything and take every precaution for our health as well. Nowadays, life seems to be difficult it seems we are stuck but we don't need to lose faith and overcome all the circumstances. I would like to end with these words of Stephen Hawking-"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do, and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up!!

Be positive!! Stay home Stay safe and Stay happy!!!

Thank you !!!!

-Unnati Raturi

7th A

SUICIDE - IS LIFE WORTH ENDING

Suicide is the act of intentionally causing one's own death. As an estimate, globally, eight lakh people commit suicide every year. But why? What drives so many people to enter a well of death? The reasons for such suicide attempts are psychological like depression, drug misuse and autism. In youth, suicide attempts have been noticed due to academic pressure, alcohol consumption, loss of valued relationship and poor family pattern. The 'pressure by society' is also one of the most common causes for suicides. Nowadays, people exaggerate one's successes or achievements that the suicidal person thinks he/she is 'USELESS'. Blinded by such feelings of selfloathing, hopelessness and isolation, a person can't see any way of finding relief except through DEATH. What can be done in such a situation? The fact which will decrease the growing suicide rate is 'TRUST'. Trust on oneself and future. Always be happy, optimistic and realistic. Share your worries and feelings with a person you are close to. As it is said that just when a caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly. The moment one is ready to quit, is usually the moment right before a miracle happens. 'NEVER GIVE UP!'

> Shivika Bansal Class 9A

My School

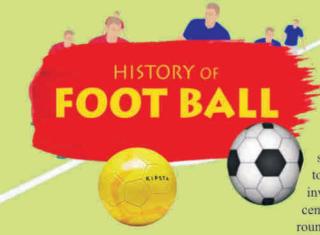
I miss my school; I miss my school,
Miss my teachers and friends
The fun I had, the games I played,
Were done only in our school.
The grounds of my school,
The classes of my school,
Are really very wonderful.
The Teachers are nice,
The Principal is the best.
And yes, my school,
Is the world best.

My school is the best, And I know it very well. And no need to prove it, To anyone else!

Aanya Gairola

VIA





ootball is one of the most popular games and is played by more than 20 million people all around the world. Butdo you know it has been one of the most dangerous games in the past? One of the first examples of a team game involving a ball was made out of a rock, occurred in old Mesoamerican cultures for over 3,000 years ago. According to the sources, the ball would symbolise the sun and the captain of the losing team would be sacrificed to the gods. The first known ball game which also involved kicking took place in China in the 3rd and 2nd century BC under the name Cuju. Cuju was played with a round ball on an area of a square.

The game of football takes its form from the game which was developed in England in the 12th century. The game not only involved kicks, but also punches of the ball with the fist. The rampage of these games would cause damages on the towns and sometimes death.

These would be among the reasons for the proclamations against the game that finally was forbidden for several centuries. But the football-like games would return to the streets of London in the 17th century. However, it was for bidden again in 1835, but at this stage, the game had been established in the public schools. For a long time no rules were set up to play the game.

The game was often played in schools and two of the predominant schools were Rugby and Eton. At Rugby the rules included the possibility to take up the ball with the hands and the game we today know as rugby has its origin from here. At Eton, on the other hand the ball was played exclusively with the feet and this game can be seen as a close predecessor to the modern football. The game in Rugby was called "the running game" while the game in Eton was called "the dribbling game".

An attempt to create proper rules for the game was made at a meeting in Cambridge in 1848, but a final solution to all questions of rules was not achieved. In 1863, London the first Football association was formed in England. It was decided that carrying the ball with the hands wasn't allowed. The meeting also resulted in issuing a standard size and weight of the ball. The London meeting decided that the game was divided into two codes: association football and rugby. The game, however, continued to develop for a long time and there was still much flexibility concerning the rules.

Kaustub Gairola







Trees are beautiful with all shades of green
They beautify mother Earth like a Queen
Trees are the noblest things I know
They do not harm as they grow
They offer shade and juicy fruits toall
Don't discriminate- big and small
To enhance the nature is my dream
Grow more trees lest we should scream.

Meher Bhamra

4th A

A visit to Jim Corbett National Park



am a wildlife enthusiast, so my father planned an exciting trip to Jim Corbett Park in November 2019. We went to Ramnagar by car. It takes half an hour to reach Corbett National park from Ramnagar. I couldn't hold my excitement to see the wildlife park. Jim Corbett Park is the oldest national park in India which is located in the national district of Uttrakhand. It is divided into different zones. We went to the Dhangarhi gate (Dhikala Zone Entrance). There we could see a statue of the great hunter, Jim Corbett and a museum.

We stayed in the Dhikala Forest Rest house; the view from the rest house of the river bank and greenery all around was scenic. The deck area of the resort was amazing but sound of the wild animals was a bit scary during the night.

Next morning, we decked up ourselves in woollen clothes as, the weather was quite cold, and got ready for thejeep safari. The morning breeze, the chirping of the birds and the natural beauty around, refreshed our mood. We spotted monkeys, deer, majestic elephants—and other animals near Ram Ganga river. The entire area was pollution free where the animals were able to stroll and graze freely without any commotion. The kingfisher bird was a visual delight but the magical moment transpired for me, when I saw the Bengal Tiger that gave me an adrenaline rush. After three hours of thrilling ride, we returned to our resort and rested.

The memories of this visit to the paradise will always remain fresh in my mind. It is a place where man and animals can get united for a while and enjoy being near to each other. This trip taught me that nature is the best gift given to all of us by God.

Satwik Gupta

5B

The Story Telling Competition

Stories always give ways to our imagination and take us to places beyond the boundaries of the physical world. Competitions are the best way to boost the confidence in children. Therefore, an online Story Telling Competition was conducted for the Junior School (classes 1-5) in the first week of December. Despitethe issues being faced by the students and the teachers presently, everyone did their best to make the event a success. The topics of the stories varied and were picked from almost all the walks of life. Most of theparticipants got dressed up as characters from the stories to narrate theirs. They used beautiful props, hand puppets and presented their stories with appropriatefacial expressions and voice modulations. The lessons drawn from the stories were given towards the end of tales. It was a great learning opportunity for the participants and a great entertainment for the ones who attended the event.















- (I) Which Mughal Emperor in India held 1000cheetahs in his menagerie?
 - 1. Humanyun
 - 2. Akbar
 - 3. Jahangir
 - 4. Aurangzeb
- (II) Unlike most big cats, this cannot roar. Name the cat.
 - Snow leopard
 - 2. Jaguar
 - 3. Ameu leopard
 - 4. Common leopard
- (III) Where was the first tiger found in India?
 - 1. Nagpur
 - 2. Delhi
 - 3. Rewa
 - Bhopal
- (IV) How many species of big cats are found in India?
 - 1. :
 - 2. 6
 - 3. 4
 - 4. 8
- (V) Which is the tiger state of India?
 - 1. Karnataka
 - 2. Madhya Pradesh
 - 3. West Bengal
 - Orissa

Answers - (I) - 2, (II) - 1, (II) - 3, (IV) - 3, (V) - 1 Kaustub Gairola - 9th-A



I am ready for Christmas!

Morning Motivation

When I wake up in the morning

Lying in bed

I ask myself

What are some secrets of success in life?

I found the answer right there,

In my very room,

The fan said to be cool

The roof said aim high

The window said see the world

The clock said every second is precious

The mirror said reflect before you act

The calendar said be up to date

The door said push hard for your goals

The carpet said kneel down and pray.

Carry a heart that never hates

Carry a laugh that never fades

Carry a laugh that never hurts

Have a purposeful day in the World!

God blesses us to be a blessing onto others.

Krishna Khanna -9 A

1 Believe

I believe in my dreams

I will never lose hope

I believe in my ambition

So with competition, I can cope

I believe in my talent.

And will make the best of it

I believe in my future

For which I will work bit by bit

I believe in my abilities

I will make my own name,

I believe I can do it

So I can run life's game

I believe in my strength

I want to lead the throng

I believe in Almighty God

Who keeps us away from wrong

I believe in my vision

I trust my instinct,

I believe in reality

So my fate never gets dimmed

I believe in myself

Thought the world may not

Now everything is possible

Because of belief it is

Krishna Khanna-9 A

THE ALLURING CITY OF DEHRADUN

Between the hills, stands a ravish city with pride.

With all sparks and lights, it looks like a newly wedded bride.

Known as the education kingdom,

The peaceful city is full of wisdom.

There is something suspicious in the city's air.

Is it something strange or something really rare?

The aroma of harmony and the culture divine,

Turns the sparkling city into a holy shrine;

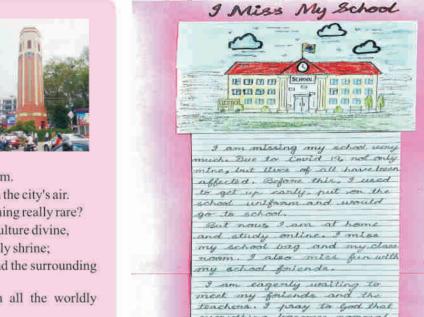
The bustling shopping streets and the surrounding hills touching the heights,

Adorn this beautiful city with all the worldly delights.

Resembling the lustre of moon,

Stands the city of Dehradun.

Manshika Bhan-9A



Anchish Bajaj Class – II 'A'

like before and I start

going to my school again.

Our Coders & Game Developers









हिंदी हैं हम



कित बड़ा समय है, धैर्य बनाए रखना, दो गन का फासला बनाकर, खुद को बचाए रखना।।

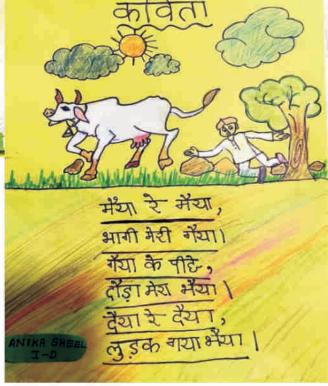
है जिंदगी नियामत, असमय वे खों ना जाए, इस देश पर मोरोना, हावी ना होने पाए।।

ये वक्त कह रहा है, घर से नहीं निकलना, संकल्प से ही अपने, इस रोग को हराना।। हाथों को अपने साथी, कई बार घोते रहना, उनको नमन करें हम, सेवा में जो लगे हैं।

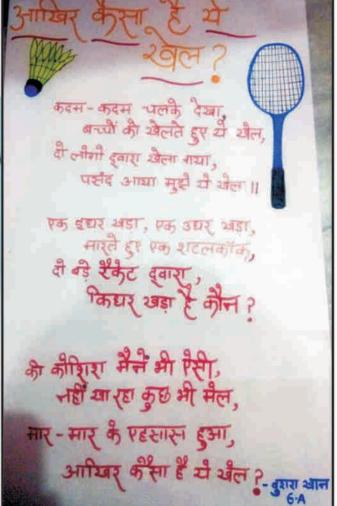
सब कुछ भुला के अपना, दिन रात जो जुटे हैं, रहकर सजग हमेशा, अफवाहों से भी बचना।

कित बड़ा समय है, धैर्य बनाए रखना, दो गन का फासला बनाकर, खुद को बचाए रखना।।

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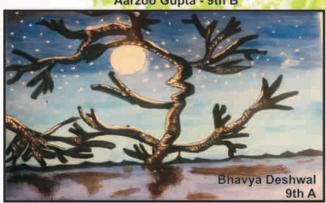


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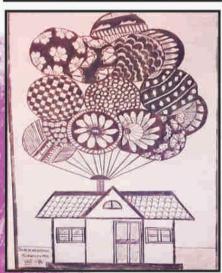














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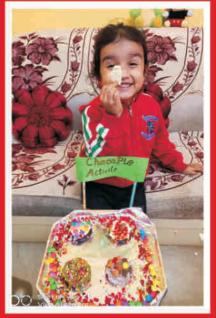


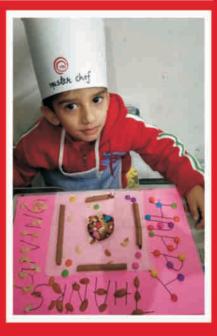






















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