

Snapshot

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Voice

Creative Artwork and Photos

Open Boat

Our regulars Junior Corner and Tiny Tots

Learn about our students' achievements and activities

Hot News

Our French teacher Mr.Koffi opens up on his life at APL

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Editorial

So here's the first issue of Snapshot for 2017! We've had a lot going on in the mere two months since the beginning of this academic year, with elections, MUN, Annual Day prep, and so on. Nevertheless, our entire team has pushed hard to get this edition of Snapshot to you in time for Annual Day, and we hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it. Being Editor-in-Chief has really been a fantastic experience.

Hot News has quite a lot this time, especially Winning Laurels, as our students have already gone out and bagged several prizes at over 5 culturals. The third session of APLMUN and the Investiture Ceremony also went off fantastically. Not to forget our junior section, we also have a report on a very enjoyable field trip our 2nd graders took.

In Voice this time, we have the very relevant topic of the state of humanity in today's world, and a relatable interview from our new SPL, Karthik. In Open Boat and the Junior Corner, we have some great drawings, photographs, and poems from students of all grades (the response was fantastic this time!).

For TeacherSpeak, we have some insightful interviews from the NIOS and Language departments. ParentSpeak has some great feedback for our school.

As always, Readers' Response is an invaluable section for us as it's what allows us to strive to consistently improve SnapShot, and please make sure to share your thoughts with us on this edition as well!

***Signing off for now,
Sanjuktha Athreya, 12 B
Editor-in-Chief***

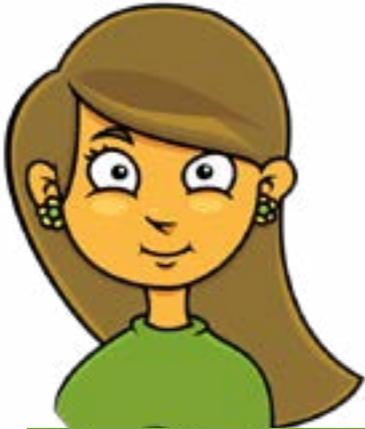
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The latest SnapShot issue is good. The section I like the most is ParentSpeak. SnapShot is an amazing magazine for budding writers to express their thoughts. The design is vibrant and attractive, though it can be improved. There could be a "Coffee with APL" section in which students can interview each other.

Vidhyakshaya Kannan, 6A

SnapShot is a good effort. I like the sections Hot News, Voice, Dazzling Science, Open Boat, Junior Corner, TeacherSpeak, Expressions Unlimited, Readers' Response, and Tiny Tots. A very interesting and modern magazine. Some articles written by the children are very mature and knowledgeable. Keep up the good work!! Excellent design and bright visuals make reading the magazine a delightful and exciting experience. Maybe you could include names and photos of high achievers in the various classes so that parents and children are inspired by them.



Shilpa Thakrar, mother of Aman Thakrar, Gr 12

The latest issue of SnapShot is amazing! I especially like the sections Voice and Open Boat. Looking at a school magazine is like touching a reflection, a reflection of that whole one year that has passed and suddenly comes alive now. There are always some happy memories and some teary ones as an aftereffect. Snapshot felt like the same. Felt like a little APL memory ball in our hands.

Designwise it was good. In addition, maybe a black and white section could give an old world charm to it, like black and white photos of teachers where there is something written about what they have learnt in life. This may give a new tangent to a learner's thinking process. I'd get better ideas with time on what more could be added. For now it's just beautiful the way it appears.



Sakshi Chowdhry, Former Faculty, English

GRADE 2 - FIELD TRIP



We went to a lake, we went to the beach. And then we went to marshland at last we saw the birds. I liked all the places. There was too much garbage in the marsh. There was lots of air. The beach had the largest water body, the marshland had the least water and the lake had some water.

- ABDULLAH PACKEER MOHAMED, 2 B

PSBB MILLENIUM CULTURALS

Hot News



We drove into what seemed like the endless parking space of one of the better known schools in the state. My colleagues and I descended from the bus, sports injuries galore! With a casual fluidity, we each found our events amidst packed rooms and buzzing corridors. The volunteers were each dressed in a blinding red, making them easy to find but not as easy to approach. Nevertheless, they were helpful and empathetic towards my poor navigational skills. The events I attended received a surprisingly immense participatory response. Never before had I to face 20-30 competitors at a relatively unpopular event like a debate. After two gruelling rounds, I came in as the second runner up.

After such an eventful day, I took the rest of the time left to relax. I walked around dizzying buildings and impossibly crowded food stalls, watched a dance event and then finally went in search of the others. The boys had placed second at the football tournament, but had found a pizza stall and so were quick to shrug off any disappointment. The APL participants of the video game tournament ('FIFA') had won the event. All of us returned to school with a general sense of satisfaction.

- MAITREYI SUNDAR, 11 A



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

After hours of practising, the day of the Investiture Ceremony had dawned, and I was excited. When the event started, this excitement turned into nervousness as I watched the former council members hand over their badges and flags. I felt an immense sense of pride hearing the cheers and claps as we marched up to the stage. I tried my best to keep a smile off my face when collecting my badge and flag. After my speech, it was a great feeling to take charge for the first time.

-Karthik Shymsundar, 12 B



FIRE DRILL

When we heard the fire drill alarm for the first time this year, it was quite exciting. All of us had to file out to the ground, with student marshals from each grade doing a great job getting us all out in a very calm and organised manner. Then we had a short demonstration out in the field of the various types of fire extinguishers and their uses, and it was fascinating. Most of us had no idea there were differences, and watching the people from the Fire Education and Safety Department was fun as well as very educational.

-Sanjuktha, 12 B



APLMUN

Whilst heading into the monumental endeavour that is journalism, we came across a quote by the infamous Sebastian from The Little Mermaid that we thought befitting in the light of this APLMUN: "...Listen to me. The human world - it's a mess." (No argument there, for sure. And yes, we just quoted Disney. Disney is more profound than one might think.)

APLMUN has been a venture to deal with the uglier parts of humanity - the recent messes, blood, and insurmountable deaths. We, the organizing committee of APLMUN, are more than glad to see the number of students that have been part of this venture. Over 10 schools from across Chennai participated enthusiastically. We as hosts are undoubtedly proud that this APLMUN turned out to be a grand and enriching success.

-Saleema & Shwetha, Gr 11, Heads of World Press 2016



WINNING LAURELS

Hot News

The students of APL Global eagerly participated in and managed to bag many awards in the various culturals held recently.

The proud laurel winners are:

- Ashwin N Sundaram, 11 A, won 1st place in **Shipwreck** at Vizha 2016 (Chettinad Hari Shree Vidhyalayam).
- Vardhan B Athreya - 9 C, Aman Gopinath - 12 A, Varun Narayanan - 9 A, Kabir Cama Bhalla Lal - 11 D, Meghana Ravishankar - 11 D, Sadhana Shukla - 11 D, Anirudh Sundaresh - 11 B, Muskaan Bhandari - 11 D and K.Anniroodh - 10 A all won 1st place in **Bandwars** at Vizha 2016 (Chettinad Hari Shree Vidhyalayam).
- Sandhya Vidyashankar - 11 C and Sanjuktha B. Athreya - 12 B won 1st place in **Decrypt** at Kalanjali Ventures 2016 (BVM Adyar).
- Muskaan Bhandari - 11 D, Kabir Cama Bhalla Lal - 11 D, Sadhana Shukla - 11 D, Meghana Ravishankar - 11 D, Allen Melito - 11 A, K Jonathan Samuel - 11 A, Anirudh Sundaresh - 11 C and Vardhan B Athreya - 9 C won 1st place in **Symphony Soldiers** at Kalanjali Ventures 2016 (BVM Adyar).
- Akil Karthik Giri - 12 B and Utkarsh Jain - 11 C won 1st place in **FIFA** at Tarang'16 (PSBB Gerugambakkam).
- Aman Gopinath - 12 A, P.G.Rahul - 12 A, S.Varshini - 12 A and Sahana Kumar - 12 A won 2nd place in **Lexicon** at Vizha 2016 (Chettinad Hari Shree Vidhyalayam).
- Rhia Gopinath - 9 B and Poorvesh Muthuraman - 11 A won 2nd place in **focus** at Vizha 2016 (Chettinad Hari Shree Vidhyalayam).
- Kabir Cama Bhalla Lal - 11 D and Udit Samant - 9 A won 2nd place in **Cubing, Solving it Now** at Vizha 2016 (Chettinad Hari Shree Vidhyalayam).
- Mishel Mani Varghese 12 A, Hanuragav Muthiah Giri 12 B, Aman Thakrar 12 A, Nikith Senthilkumar 12 A, Ankit Das 11 C and Pradeep Nithianantha 11 A won 2nd place in **Futsal** at Tarang'16 (PSBB Gerugambakkam).
- Austin Emmanuel Paulraj, 9 C, won 3rd place in **Playwriting** at Vizha 2016 (Chettinad Hari Shree Vidhyalayam).
- Ishani Mehta - 12 A and Arcot Sanjeevi Mahima - 10 C won 3rd place in **Fireless Cooking** at Vizha 2016 (Chettinad Hari Shree Vidhyalayam).
- Maitreyi Sundar, 11 A, won 3rd place in **Lawyer Up** at Tarang'16 (PSBB Gerugambakkam).

ANNOUNCING RESULTS!

Hot News

Elections 2016



SPL – Karthik Shyamsundar

Karthik was born in Cardiff, Wales and lived in England for seven years. He loves to play and watch football. He is also a movie buff and has his own blog for movie reviews. He is a fun-loving and able leader.



Junior SPL – N.A. Raghavan

Raghavan, a friendly and well-mannered student, has been with APL for the last 6 years. Popular amongst his peers and juniors, Raghavan likes reading books and playing video games. As the SPL for the junior school, he wishes to bring in positive changes that will help school be a better place.



ASPL – Poorvesh Muthuraman

Poorvesh is an aspiring techie, who loves photography. He is a very social person who loves to talk to everyone. He is fun-loving and is a good motivator. This is his second year as ASPL.



Junior ASPL – Hariaravind Murugavel

Hari is a friendly and helpful student who has gained recognition amongst his peers in the span of the mere year he has been with APL. Playing football and sketching comics are his favourite pastimes. As the junior ASPL, he wants to be a positive role model for his fellow students.

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Cultural Captain – Neeyati Batra

Neeyati is a very hardworking and sincere individual. She loves to bake, and also to travel whenever she gets a chance. Her interests are reading, especially books written by Paulo Coelho, and she loves meeting new people. This is her second year as Cultural Captain.



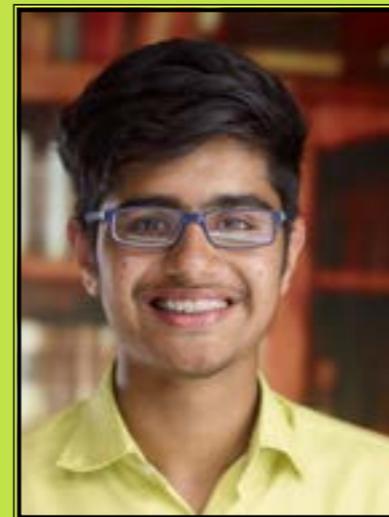
Jade House Captain – Anniroodh Kumaraja

Anniroodh is a music composer, pianist, and guitarist. One of his favourite hobbies is drawing portraits. As the Jade house captain he would like to encourage his house members to participate in various activities and perform well in all of them.



Junior Jade House Captain – Sambit Samanth

Sambit, an active and enthusiastic leader, is a sports lover. He cycles, plays football, and loves cricket too. As a hobby, he wishes to pursue landscape photography. As the junior Jade house captain, he wants to encourage and help his house members to participate in activities they are individually good at.



Jade Sports Captain – Anish Bhandari

Anish is a very exuberant and enthusiastic individual. He loves playing squash and has won many medals in squash and golf. He is a good team player and is popular with classmates and juniors alike.

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Amethyst House Captain – Niranj Shobana Daniel

Niranj was born in British Columbia, Canada and went to school there from KG to grade nine. He moved to Chennai in October 2015. He would like to become a businessman someday and combine his interests in psychology, sports, and music. He also loves travelling and volunteering for causes he believes in.



Junior Amethyst House Captain – Ji Hun

Ji Hun, a popular football player, has been in APL for the last four years. Good at cracking math puzzles, he hopes to use his problem solving skills to be a good leader. He is determined to lead Amethyst to victory this year.



Amethyst Sports Captain – Simha Badri Narayan

Simha is part of the school football and cricket team. He won many city level badminton tournaments when living in Saudi Arabia. He has also been a passionate golfer since the age of four.

ANNOUNCING RESULTS!

AS & A Level



HANURAGAV GIRI MUTHIAH
a[^]-Mathematics/ Physics



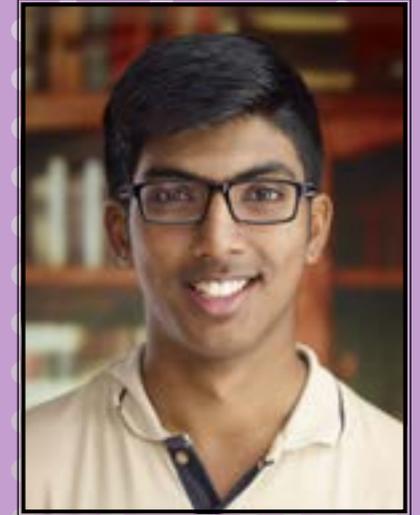
NIKITH SENTHILKUMAR
a[^]-Biology/ Chemistry



KENNETH GRACE. D
a[^]- Physics/ Chemistry/
Mathematics/ Biology



VARUN ANAND RAVIKUMAR
a[^]- English Language
A - Maths/ Physics
A* - Biology



KARTHIK SHYAMSUNDAR
a[^]- Business Studies



SANCHITA SHEKHAR
a[^]- Economics/ Physics /
Mathematics



VARSHITA RAMESH
a[^]- English Language



SAHANA NARAYAN KUMAR
a[^]- Mathematics/ Physics



ANIRUDH RAMANUJAM
a[^]- Mathematics



CYNTHIA DAMODARAN
a[^]- Physics

a[^] denotes AS level

ANNOUNCING RESULTS!

AS & A Level



RENYTA MOSES
a^- Biology

★ **AKIL KARTHIK GIRI**
a^- Chemistry/ Physics

★ **RANGANAYAKI NARASIMHAN**
A - Economics

IGCSE

★ **SCHAUM U DAY**
A - Chemistry/ Information and
Communication/ Mathematics
(without Coursework)/ Physics

IGCSE



MAITREYI SUNDAR
A*- Chemistry/ Biology
A - Economics/
First Language English/
Mathematics(without
Coursework)/ Physics



UTKARSH JAIN
A - Accounting



ANUSHKA PRAKASH
A* - First Language
English/ Mathematics(with-
out Coursework)/ Physics
A - Chemistry/ Biology/
Economics



SIMHA BADRI NARAYAN
A*- Chemistry/ Biology
A - Mathematics(without
Coursework)/ Physics



RUDRA NARAYAN
A* - First Language
English
A - Literature (English)

ANNOUNCING RESULTS!

IGCSE



DIVYA GOVINDARAJAN
A*- Biology/ Chemistry/
Economics
A - Mathematics(without
Course Work)/ Physics



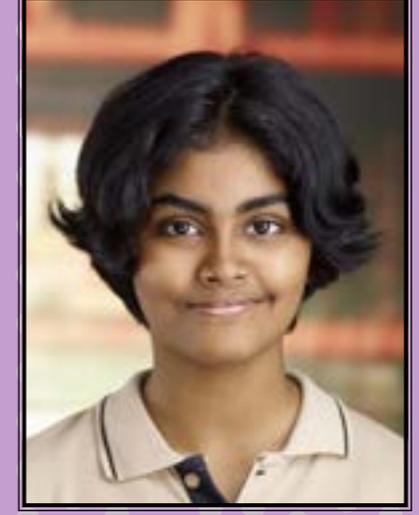
SRIRAM NAIR
A - Biology/ Business Studies/
Chemistry



SREENIKETH RAGHAVAN
A* - Biology/ Chemistry/ Math-
ematics(without Coursework)/
Physics
A - First Language English



SHWETHA NAGARAJAN
A* - Biology/ Economics/
Foreign Language French
A - Business Studies/ First
Language English/ Mathe-
matics(without Coursework)



SNEHA . B
A* - Accounting
A - Economics



**SALEEMA AAFIYA
MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM**
A* - Biology/ Chemistry/
Physics
A - Mathematics (without
Coursework)



SNEHA SRIRAM KANNAN
A* - Chemistry/ Informa-
tion and Communication/
Physics



ANANYA GOPALAKRISHNAN
A* - Biology/Business Stud-
ies/ Chemistry/ Mathemat-
ics(without Coursework)/
Physics



T. SACHIN KRISHAN
A*-Biology/ Chemistry/
Mathematics(without Course
work)/ Physics



NISHIKAA RAMESH
A*- Chemistry
A - Physics/ Biology

ANNOUNCING RESULTS!

Hot News

IGCSE



YEONG CHAN YUN
A - Biology/ Chemistry/ Mathematics (without Coursework)/ Physics



ARMAAN C RAO
A* - Biology/ Chemistry/ Mathematics (without Coursework)/ Physics
A - EVM



GIRISH. S
A* - Biology
A - Chemistry/ Mathematics (without Coursework)/ Physics



PRESTON SUNDAR NARCHETTI
A* - Biology/ Chemistry/ Physics
A - Mathematics (without Coursework)



POOJAA SRINIVASAN
A - Business studies



GANESH KUMAR SOMASUNDARAM
A - Chemistry/ Physics



POORVESH MUTHURAMAN
A* - Chemistry
A - Mathematics (without Coursework)/ Physics



SHRINIDHI KANNAN BHARADWAJ
A* - Biology/ Chemistry



S.RISHI KUMAR
A*-Biology/ Physics
A - Chemistry



ZULAIKHA ABDUL
A - Foreign Language
French

MR. APPROACHABLE

A movie blogger, an avid player of Pokemon Go and a footballer, Karthik Shyamsundar, our recently elected SPL likes to spend his time interacting with people. During breaks he can often be found engaging in casual conversations with fellow students which lends well to his ideal of being a leader. As we interviewed Karthik, he talked about what being SPL means to him and what qualities he believes an SPL should have.

How does it feel to be the SPL?

Being SPL gives me a great sense of pride in being able to lead the school. And a large part of what gives me confidence in my ability to lead the student body is the trust the students put in me by voting for me.

What qualities do you think are important in a SPL?

Leadership is synonymous with hard work and is something that is crucial towards being someone who people can look up to. However, the most important quality I think any leader should possess is approachability. Because if students cannot approach you with problems or ideas then there is no point in having a student leader in whom others can confide in. While an approachable leader is important, it is also important that they be open minded about any situation so as to make a just judgement.

What are your plans as SPL?

My main goal is to encourage more students to get involved in sports as well as provide those who already enjoy it more mediums to participate in. Also since coming to APL, I was inspired by the eco-friendly environment of the school and

I hope to improve the already fantastic measures the student body before me has implemented. Basically, I want to create an environment in which students are unified and come together with their diverse talents to make APL a place that resonates teamwork.



Why did you aspire to become SPL?

The main motivation for me in applying for the post came from my experiences at other schools. When I was in the 9th grade, I felt that I wasn't able to have a normal conversation or introduce ideas to the school pupil leader. So I promised myself that when the same opportunity was provided to me I would do my best to be a leader who any student could talk to or approach without any fear.

HUMANITY: AN ENDANGERED VIRTUE?

Unfortunately, humanity is a virtue seldom found anymore. I think almost everyone is aware of some recent events. There are many versions and the facts are unclear, but to sum it up - Gautham Sudarshan and Ashish Pal, two medical students at Madha Medical College in the Kancheepuram district, shot a video depicting the former throwing a 5 month old pup off the second storey of a residential building while the latter filmed it. The video went viral over Whatsapp and Facebook, enraging activists all over the world. The two students have been suspended from their college. Most importantly, however, the puppy (named Bhadra) is alive. She was found hurt, confused and frightened, but still wagging her tail just as she was in the video. She has sustained a few fractures and is unable to walk properly.

I was shocked, to say the least. These two men were training to become doctors, a profession usually associated with benevolence, and yet found it so easy to smirk at the camera while committing a completely barbaric act. What shocked me even more than their callousness was the penalty imposed. The men were arrested, but bail was set at a meagre 10 and 50 rupees. Not only does this give the two offenders the illusion that what they did was comical and amusing, but it also gives potential offenders the impression that no grave action will be taken against them should they commit a similar crime. Such offenders are criminals and should be treated as such.

Lately, I've found that more and more people tend to regard animals as if their lives aren't just as important as ours. About two weeks ago, my mother was driving down the road adjacent to the Perumbakkam church. Five bulls had been hit by a large car and were on opposite sides of the road, bleeding profusely. The short division wall between lanes had been broken. We still don't quite understand what happened but the car had been abandoned by the side of the road, with no driver in sight. My mother called Blue Cross to collect them but the injury was so great that one of the bulls died before any help could arrive. The bulls were so badly injured that it was difficult to comprehend whether it was really an accident, or if the driver had hit the animals intentionally.

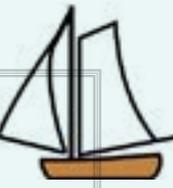
I hear horror stories of dogs and cats being abandoned and ill treated, and I wonder just how horrible a human being would have to be in order to harm such innocent creatures. Being a dog owner myself, I truly appreciate the love and happiness an animal can give you. Animals depend on us in so many different ways, I feel as though it is our mandate to protect and help them however possible. To be indifferent to the extent of abusing the unwavering trust they place in us is a truly heinous crime.

A friend of mine recently adopted a dog who had been the victim of abuse. Less than a year old, the dog had been tied up in a room and never allowed to roam freely while her 'owners' used the opposite room to smoke. She was never attended to, and rarely fed. Fortunately, her situation was reported to an animal welfare organization in Bangalore. She was promptly rescued and now she has a loving family that cherishes every moment with her.

What breaks my heart is that through the abuse and abandonment, the animals probably don't understand what they did wrong. They don't realize that the fault isn't theirs, but the fault of the inhuman people who choose to abuse and abandon them. What joy could one possibly get from throwing a dog off a building, or from hitting placid bulls and leaving them to die on the roadside? Does callously ending a life elicit happiness? Does hearing the whines and cries of a living being in pain give pleasure?

I still maintain that we, as humans, should do our part in preventing such abuse and helping these animals. So next time, when you long for a pet to keep you company, consider adoption. Next time you find yourself with a free or idle weekend, try volunteering at an NGO for animal welfare. Not only does it help others, but I've found that it is also quite therapeutic. It's time we give back to those who have greatly improved our lives.

- **Shwetha Nagarajan, 11C**



Reading Tree-- Must Reads

Heidi- the golden classic

On a beautiful June day in the Swiss Alps, five year old Heidi trudges up a mountain with her aunt Detie. The young orphan is being sent to live with her grandfather whom she has never met before. He lives in a one room hut on the mountain away from the villagers of Dörfli, which is located down in the valley. Her grandfather is a gloomy, brusque man, accustomed to living his solitary life. However, he softens at the sight of Heidi. Heidi knows that she has found her true home.

After living with her grandfather for some time, and befriending Peter, the goatherd, one day Heidi is collected by Detie and sent as a companion to a rich invalid girl living in Frankfurt. Heidi does not enjoy her luxurious life a bit, missing her home, grandfather and friend terribly.

Will she ever see her grandfather again?

Aditi Narania, 9 C

OLD SCHOOL LOVE

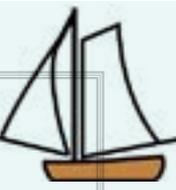
O sweet beauty,
My heart sings your praises
Forever and 'til the end of time.

I feel 'tis my duty
As my heart yearns for your caress,
To express my love for you in this rhyme.

Your sweet lullaby,
Through the bitter cold
Ignites in my heart a spark
To light up the dark.

For your love alone
Keeps the flame in my eyes ablaze.
I shall love you 'til my heart stops beating;
And maybe—even then...

Hannah Deepika, 11 D



Indo-Japs Talk

India, the land of history, culture and food.

Japan, the land of science and technology and also referred as, "The Land of the Rising Sun".

When you have to compare these two great nations it's not that easy. So now I have done a comparative report of India and Japan on various aspects.

Culture:

India: As a way of respect, the people press their hands together and say Vannakam or Namaste or Namaskaram. There are temples with a big entrance. There is an altar in which God sits. There is an outside path in which you go around once. There is a coin dropping place (Hundial). You also use agarbathis to do your prayer.

Japan: As a way of respect, the people bow at each other. There are temples with a big entrance known as Shinto Gate. There is an altar a little deep inside in which people do meditation and is the place where God sits. The coin dropping place is called, "Saisen Box". Burning incense is kept in front of the entrance.

Government:

India: Is a federal republic nation. The legislature size is 790 members.

Japan: Is a constitutional monarchy and also follows parliamentary leadership. The legislature size is 722 members.

NOW THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT-- ECONOMY!!

India: India's GDP is about \$2.07 trillion. The GDP growth rate is 7.57%. The GDP per capita growth rate is about 5.98%.

Japan: Japan's GDP is about \$4.6 trillion. The GDP growth rate is 0.47%. The GDP per capita growth rate is about 0.06%.

India's economy has started to improve although we are way behind in the GDP rate and GDP growth rate of the Japanese. The main reason is POVERTY. If poverty is decreased in India our economy might achieve a higher GDP rate, which is a bonus. Another disadvantage is that in India, there are more rural areas than urban civilized areas whereas 93.7% of Japan is urban cities.

Miscellaneous (But Important):

India: The total population is 1.3 billion. The urban population is just 32%. The life expectancy is quite low at 68 years. India has a very small percentage of internet users with 18 per 100. India stands on top with a very high amount of proven natural gas reserves with 1.4 billion cm³, but India failed on CO₂ emission with 2.07 million. India is a member of the United Nations.

Japan: The total population is 127 million, which is quite large for a small island nation. The urban population is 93%, which is very high indeed. The life expectancy is very good with an average of 83 years. The number of internet users is 90.5 per 100, which is pretty high. Proven natural gas reserves are quite low with 20.9 million cm³. CO₂ emissions are a little less with 1.19 million. Japan is a member of the United Nations.

- **Pranav Ponnivalavan, 8 C**



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Harini, Gr 8

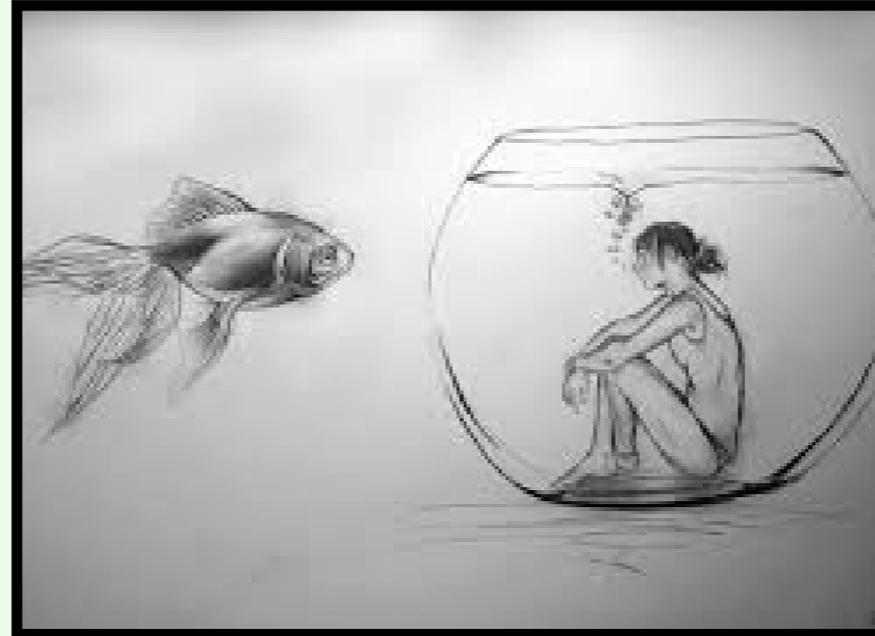


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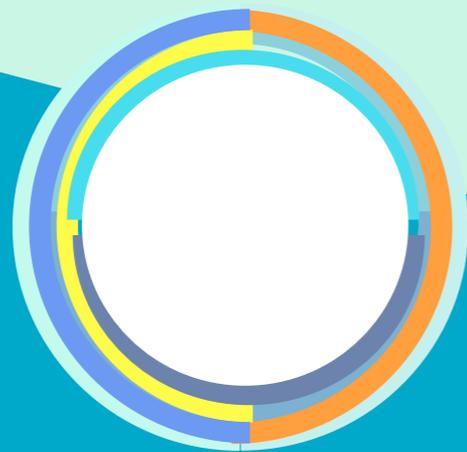


Hannah Deepika, 11 D





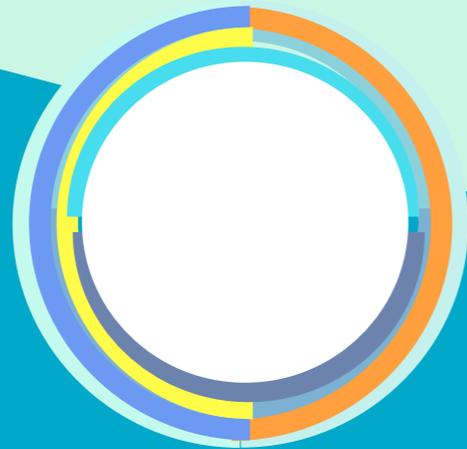
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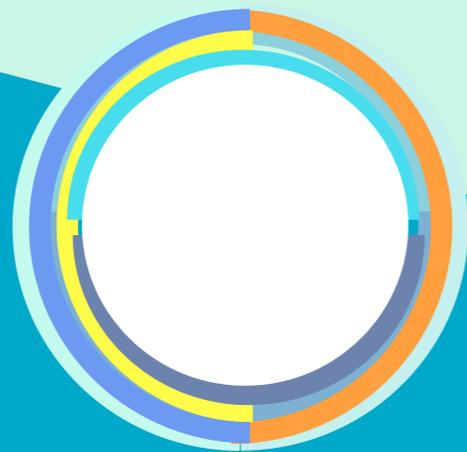




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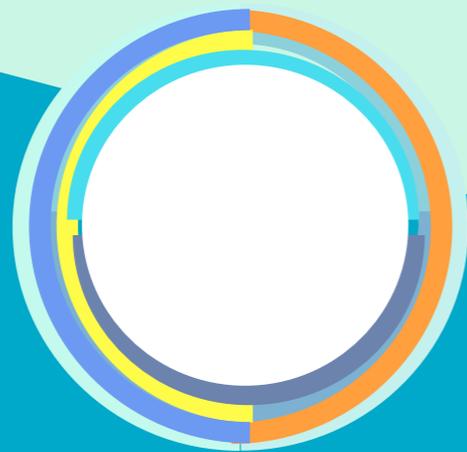


Sai Ajeet, 12 C





Subiksha Priyal, 11 D



Fun with Rhyme

My Doll

Oh, my doll is lost
 Oh, it loves a ball
 Oh, it had a house
 Oh, inside the house there was a mouse
 Oh! Ouch! a sound
 Oh, it was a duck from the pond
 Oh! it is big!
 Oh, but it hates fig pig
 Oh, the fig pig is thick
 Oh so the doll sees it and says, "Sick!"
 Oh I found my doll with a ball!

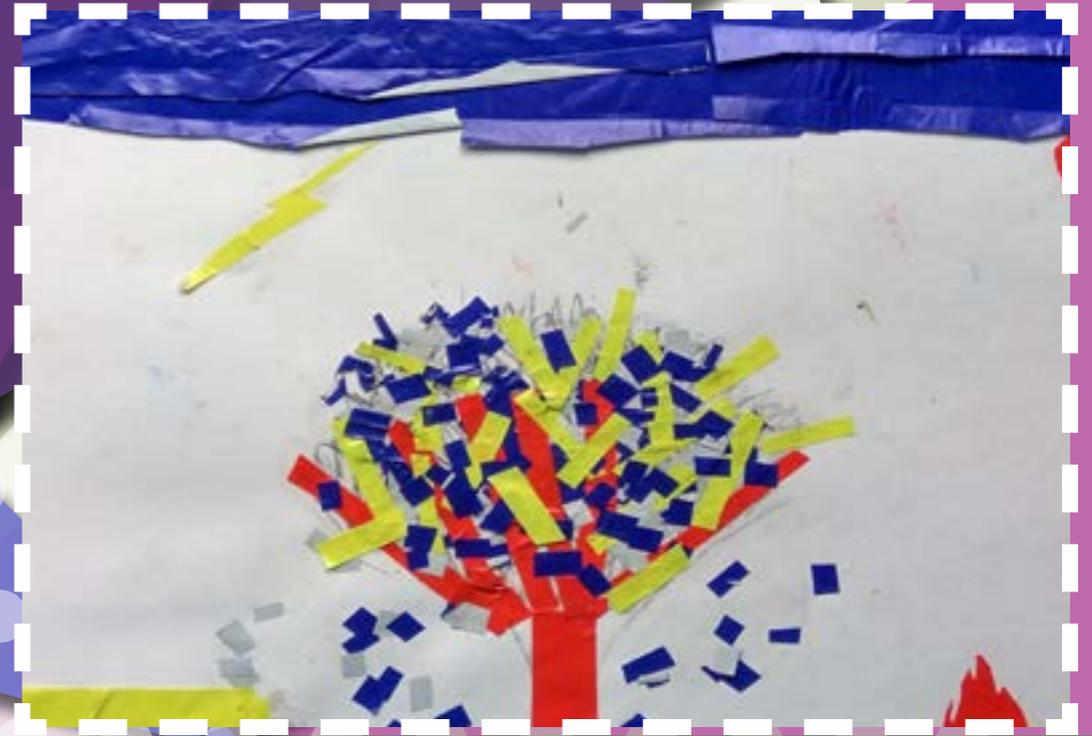
Arubthra, 3 A

My Day

I am sad because I was bad.
 It was morning, I was yawning
 It was sunny, the day was funny
 We played hide and seek
 With a loony stick
 It was dirty, Oh!
 No it was a beauty
 I am great but I am late.



Angel, 3 D



Asish, 7 C



Sanvi, 3 D



Shivani, 3 D



Bala, 3 D



Dong Yeon, 4A



Devya Gupta, 6 C



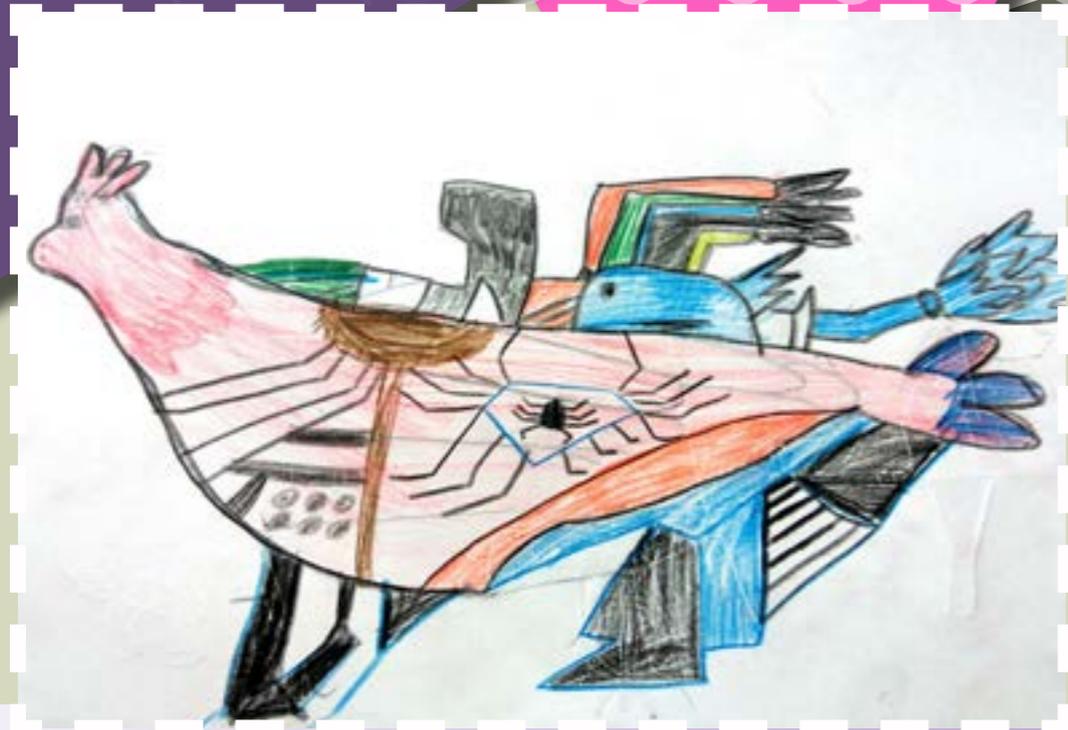
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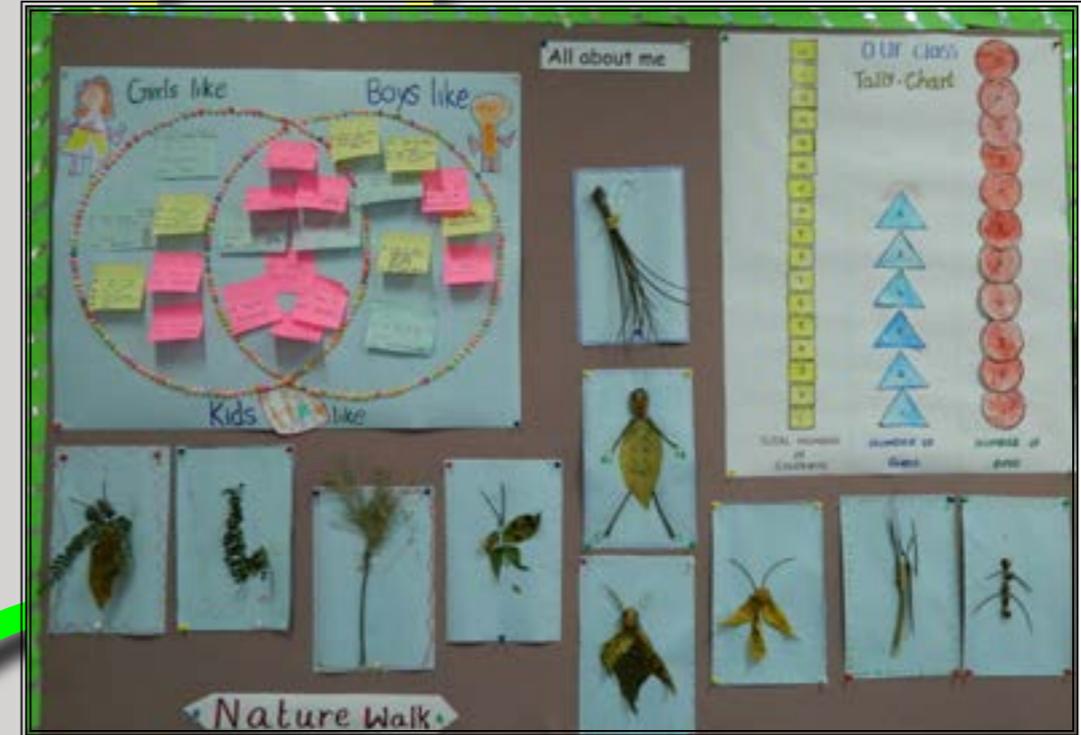


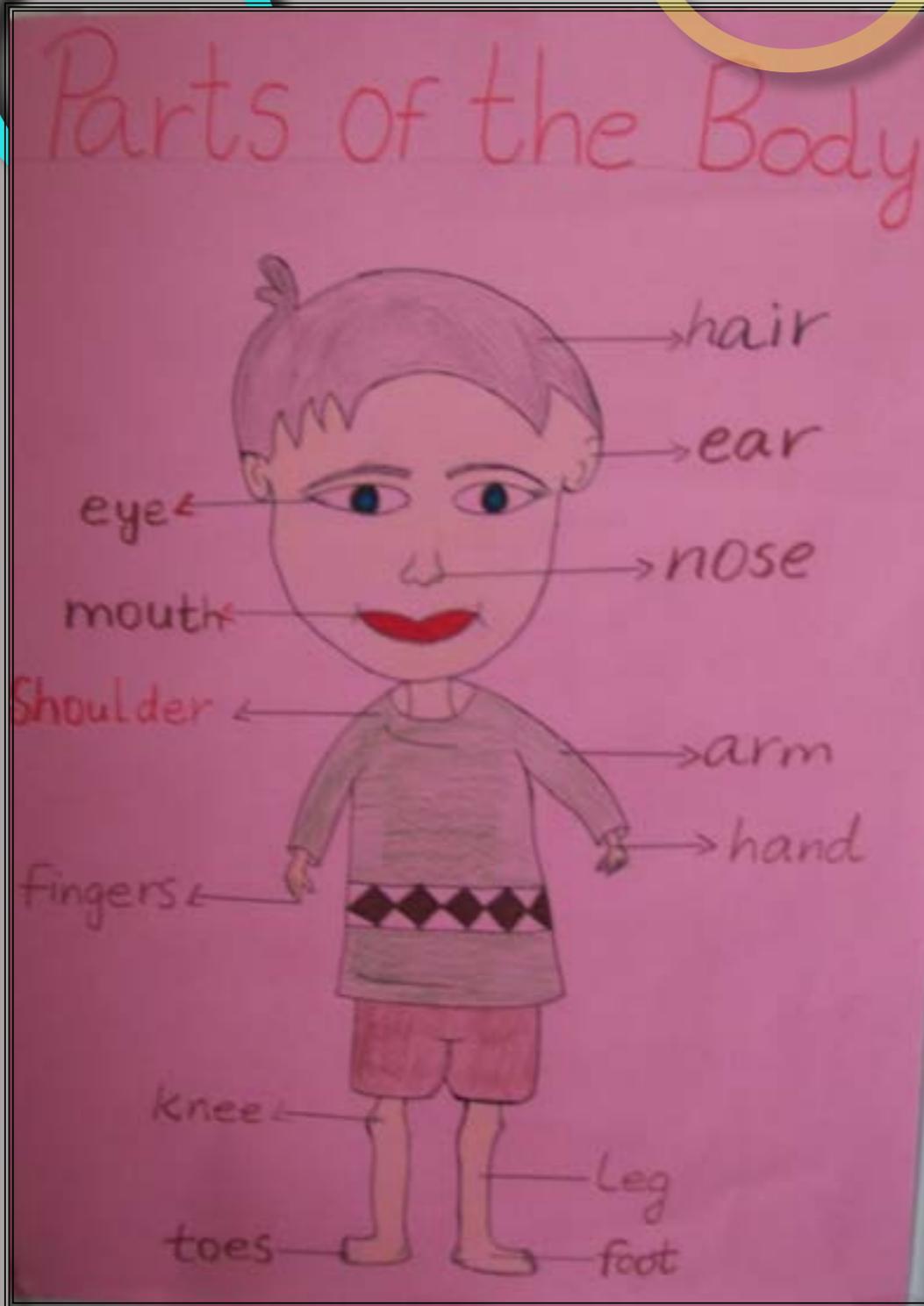
Pradyun, 4 C



Jabitha, 6 B

Enjoy this peek into the crafts and activities of our little ones in kindergarten!





COFFEE WITH KOFFI

Friendly and cheerful, Mr. Koffi is the one to approach to clear your doubts in French!

What motivated you to become a teacher?

Earlier, I used to help my friends and classmates in subjects like Math and Physics. Then I realised that I liked teaching and decided to pursue it.

Where are you from?

I am from Cote d'ivoire, which is known as Ivory Coast. It is in western Africa.

What drew you to APL?

I came to Bangalore to do a computer course, which I completed. It was then that I got a job opportunity in Chennai and I came here. After completing that project for which I came to Chennai, APL seemed like a better option and here I am.

How long have you been here?

I have been in India for five years and in Chennai for 18 months. I joined APL at the beginning of the current academic session.

What difficulties did you face in the classroom and how did you overcome them?

I found it difficult to remember my students' names and so I had to go to each desk and communicate with them on an individual basis. Then I got the hang of remembering their names and now I am much more comfortable. I can stand in front and still address them with their names.

Have you gotten used to the climate and culture?

Chennai is very hot indeed compared to Bangalore. I am still getting used to the heat. Communication is a little difficult. I speak English and French. Although most of the people around here understand English, it is a bit of a struggle.

What is your philosophy of life?

As a Christian, I believe that we have a goal to learn through the ups and downs, the situations that we are going through in life, for that is what makes us better people. I am a religious person and according to me life is about the Bible.



IN THE WAKE OF SUCCESS

Ms. Varalakshmi, one of our seniormost teachers, is currently basking in the glow of the exceptional results of her NIOS students. Chatting with her, I was inspired by her love for learning and teaching.

How long have you been in APL and how has the experience been?

I have been with APL for the past 3 years. It has been a very enriching experience with lots of challenges and surprises every other day. It has been very interesting.

This year the NIOS results have been exceptionally good. How do you feel about that?

Happy, of course. The entire team of teachers who work with the NIOS students are thrilled. To see your efforts paying off is the ultimate joy for anybody.

What is your area of expertise? How did you come to be interested in your field?

Numbers have always fascinated me, which is how I chose this subject of accounting. Learning is another pursuit I enjoy. Teaching, of course, involves a lot of learning and so here I am.

What are the surprises and challenges you come across?

Surprises and challenges are part of a teacher's life. Every student is a surprise package and comes with challenges. Students are constantly changing and we teachers are used to handling this; it's just a part of our routine.

What do you enjoy most about teaching?

Watching my students grow in confidence, the changes in their personalities - when they're totally transformed, it's truly fulfilling.

Interview by Samyuktha, 10B

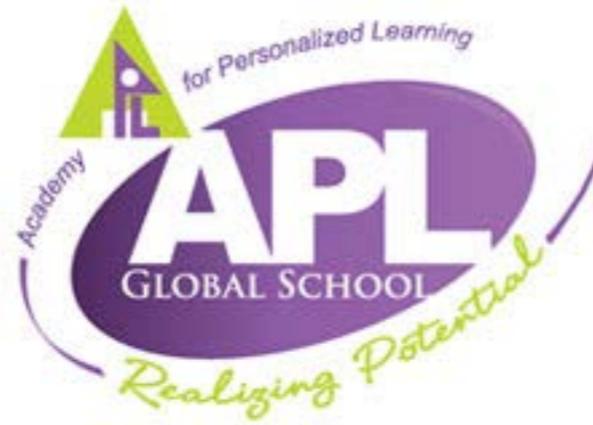


As a parent of two students in attendance, so far our experience with the school has been good. The support of teachers has been great and they are willing to try new things to help kids grow and learn at their pace. Also, they address our concerns in a prompt fashion. The curriculum is challenging for my third grader, but not so hard that they can't figure it out.

**Anusha Prabhath,
Mother of Keshav Prabhath, 3B &
Vaibhav Prabhath, UKG B**

APL has made a world of difference to both my children. From being an introvert, my daughter has come a long way. As a parent, it is very satisfying to see this kind of a change in your children. They are more confident and forthcoming individuals now. I find them showing a lot more interest in academics too. All credit goes to the school.

**Fiza Abubacker,
Mother of Reshma, 8C & Armaan, 5D**



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