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## Welcome back to another dazzling edition of SnapShot!

In this issue, we announce the highly anticipated results for the CIE examinations as well as the Intra School Competitions. The need for increasing knowledge and teamwork is also discussed through PBL.

We also show you the many wonders and marvels of Science through the Dazzling Science corner.

This year, video games have been a hot topic and we offer you reviews of easy games that are worth giving a try on your Xbox, PS4 systems and PCs.

If you're interested in automobiles, then we have an amazing section on RC cars that will get you excited and get a feel of the thrill of a race.

Potpourri offers the usual selection of mouthwatering dishes and artwork, photography and writing by the students of APL.

In this edition, you can also coo over the adorableness of the elementary school as you look at their artwork and get a glimpse of their creativity.

So what are you waiting for? Go on and start reading!

We hope to delight you with another savvy edition of SnapShot.

Vrinda, Gr 10

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## Clash of the Houses

There was excitement in the air... children walking around in groups in to various classrooms, which served as venues for the events. There were smiles, there was disappointment and even tears!

The annual Inter-House competitions showcased talent and brought out the best in the participants., who were all there to gain points for their respective houses – Amethyst and Jade.

Several events were organised such as Wear or Tear (designing T-shirts), Junk Art (using waste material to create things of beauty), Music , Quiz Up, Ship Wreck, Through the lens, Eco Chef and Solo singing.

While Jade won in the Senior competitions, Amethyst emerged winner in the Juniors group. And that ensured the top slot for Amethyst overall.

While it was a lot of fun, the number of participants was not too encouraging. Hope that this changes next year.

*Sadhana V, Rudrapriya .L Gr 9 D*



## Fun time at Yercaud!

The students of grade 8 and 9 attended a four-day camp that was organised by Youreka in Yercaud. The excursion was interesting as it included activities that would test and strengthen all individuals, both mentally and physically. Despite the fact that events such as rock climbing and rappelling are usually deemed to not be for the physically inept, it puts forth a larger mental burden as compared to a physically one. Most individuals had to get over their fear of heights to finish everything that they were instructed to do. One student of Grade 9 said, "I was incredibly scared of falling but I overcame my fear when I tried rappelling and found it to be very easy."

In addition to this, students were helping each other and learnt how to work as a team. Despite the fact that some were more successful in completing such tasks, everybody was aided by their friends and acquaintances to do what they otherwise couldn't. Harish Rajan of Grade 9 C stated, "The help from my friends was very comforting in nerve-wrecking situations."

Overall, the Youreka camp helped the students in learning how to work in a team, and overcome their fears to complete tasks.

*Hrsh, Grade 9*

## Winning Laurels

At Revive 2k18, Gateway International School's Interschool cultural competition, many of our students did us proud!

**Quiz 3rd place:** Aarthi Paranthaman, Gr 11, Sneha.B, Gr 12, Saleema Aafiya Muhammad Ibrahim, Gr 12

**Block and tackle: 1st place** Ashwin N Sundaram, Gr 12  
**2nd place** Induvatna, Gr 12

**Music 2nd place:** Siddharth Narayanan, Gr 10, Varun Narayanan, Gr 10, Mallika Rajesh, Gr 10, Priyadarshni Karthikeyan, Gr 10, Allen Melito, Gr 12, Vardhan Athreya, Gr 10

**Shipwreck 2nd place:** Ashwin N Sundaram, Gr 12

**Story telling 3rd place:** Ashwin N Sundaram, Gr 12, Cyndia.B.K, Gr 10, Induvatna.L, Gr 12

**Lexicon 2nd place:** B.K.Cynida, Gr 10, Dinaish Gr 11



Our students Hrsh Venkat - Gr 9, Rohit Kumaran - Gr 9, and Shrinika - Gr 11 were selected among the top speakers and will undergo the selection process for Team India Speakers at the **national level** at Indian Schools of Debating Society.

In the Master Mind Maths School League Math competition, Hriday Sriram secured **3rd place** and qualified for **state championship** by securing **A+**

APL won the **first place** in JAM at Sri Sankara Senior Secondary School. The winner was Mahnas Dhinakar of Gr 7

### Hindustan International School 'Esperanza 2017'

**Junk art 3rd place:** Samyuktha Raja, Gr 6, Niyati Padala, Gr 6, Sameeha Afaaf Muhammad Ibrahim, Gr 6, Aditi Karthikeyan, Gr 6

**Group band (western) 3rd place:** Rachel Robert, Gr 7, Ashni Ashwin Sharma, Gr 6, Adya Srikanth, Gr 6, Tanushree Vijayasanan, Gr 7, Amanda Judith Dsilva, Gr 7, Yu Tae-seon, Gr 7, Dhanissha Venkataraghavan, Gr 7, Vidula Ramesh Babu, Gr 7

### Our students who have come out with flying colours



Top in World Award for AS Computer Science - Mar- May/June session.  
*Gnanaswarup Srinivasan*

High Achievement Award for IGCSE Music - Nov 2016 session.  
*Anniroodh Kumaraja*



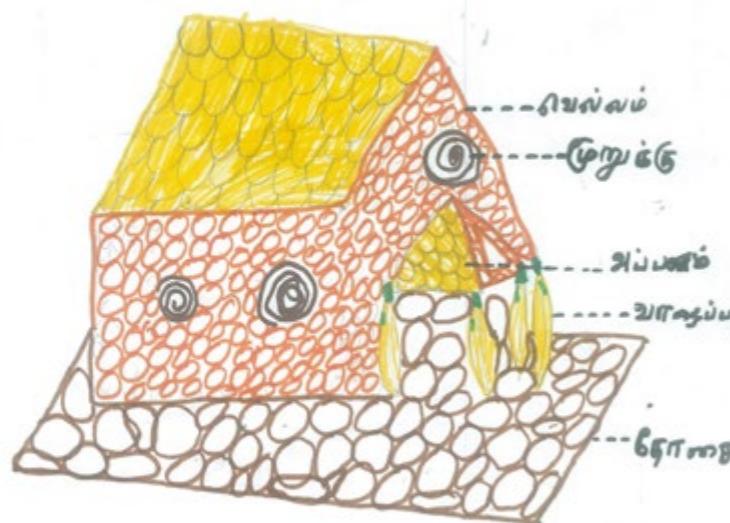
## The dream

A grey sky. A vast meadow. A silent, lone figure. The harsh wind whips the grass and the black coat the tall man wears. His hat is nearly snatched off by an angry gust, but he is stronger. Slowly, deliberately, he turns and walks towards me. A scarred, battle-worn face, proof of years of conflict, is visible, but only slightly. Blue eyes, so cold and malicious, stare greedily at me. I try to run but my feet won't move. I want to scream but my mouth doesn't open. Transfixed with terror, I watch him approach, just as he reaches out a bent arm with crooked fingers, I am jerked away. To a better place.

Beads of sweat line my forehead, and my breathing is heavy. I glance over at my bedside clock. It reads 2:03. Same as last night. Same as every other night.

- Nusaibah, Gr 10

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By - Sanjana J class - 3E



Deepshika, Gr 3 B

Sanjana, Gr 3 E



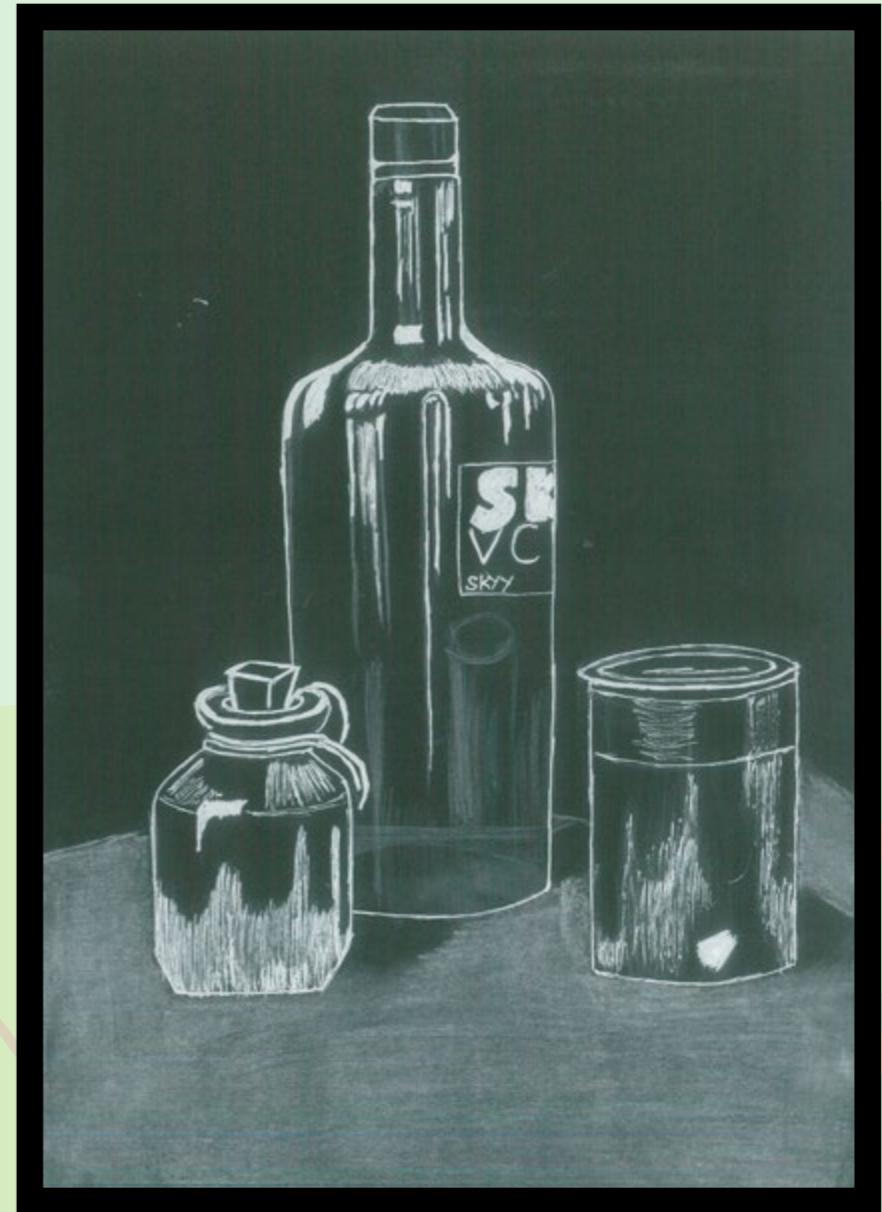
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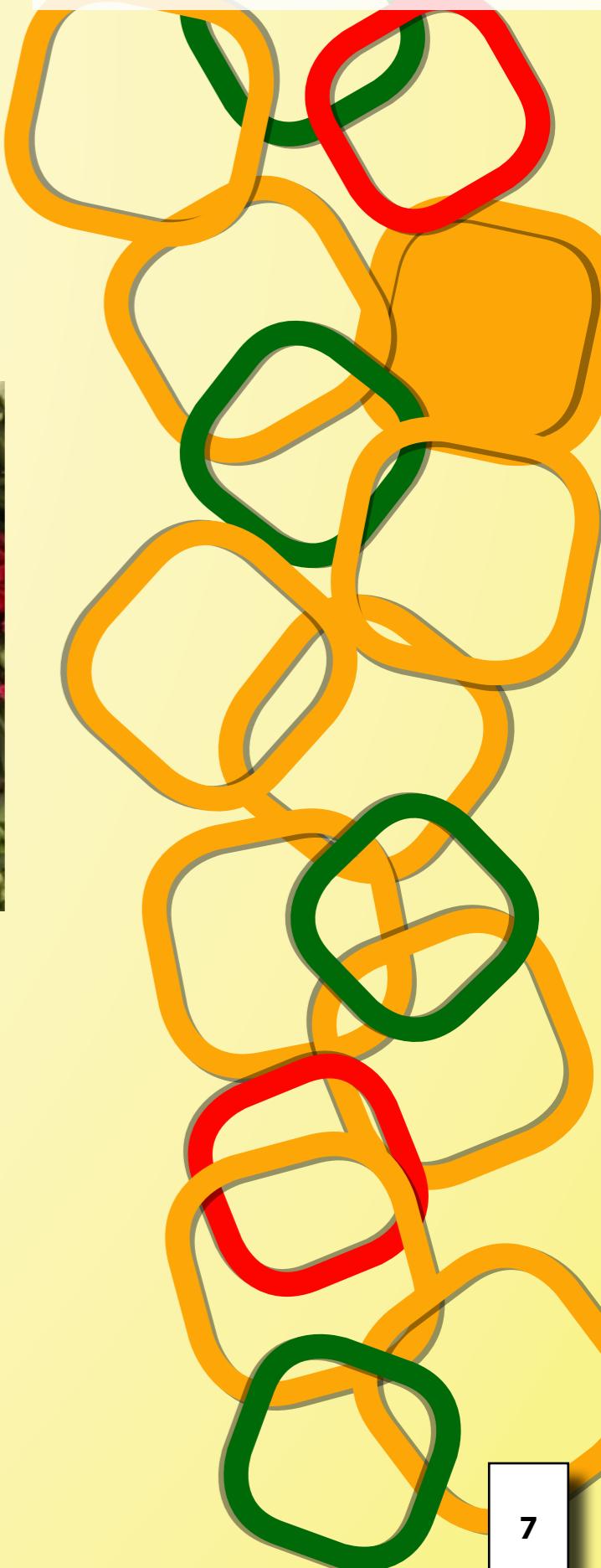
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## Photos Corner



Rudrapriya, Gr 9D





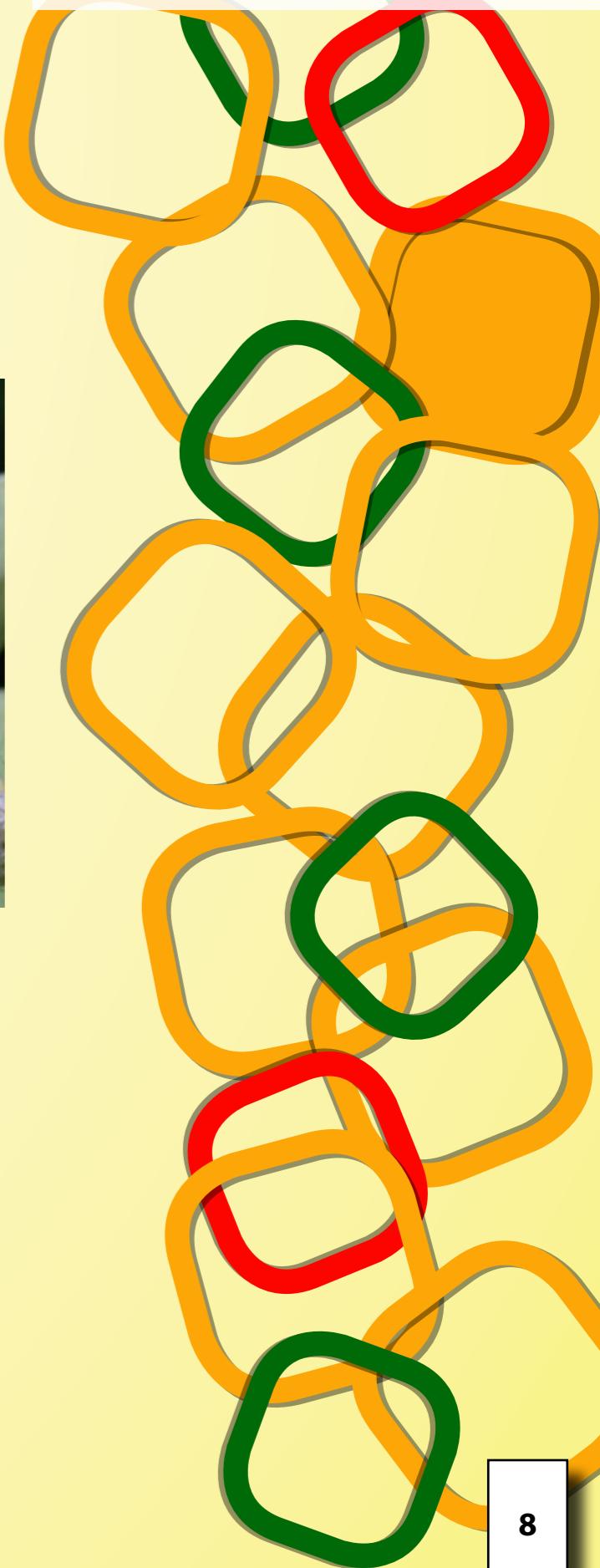
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Anush, Gr 9A





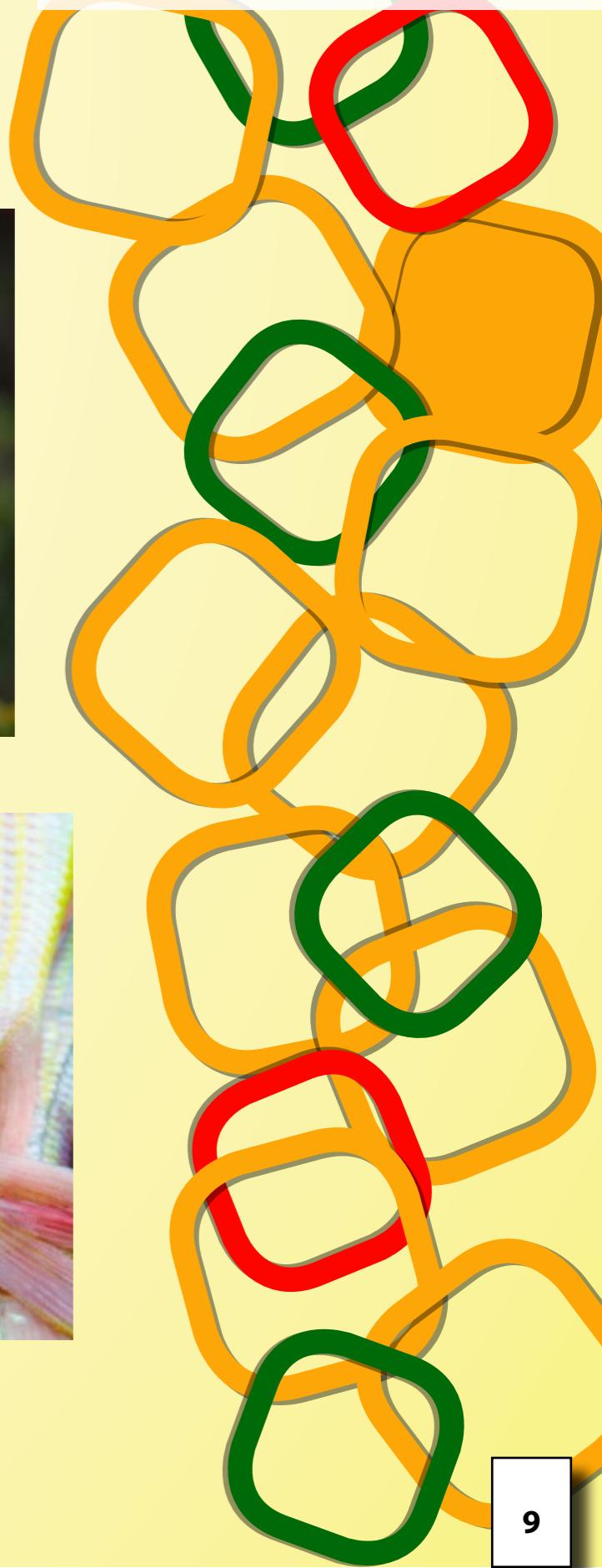
Krithik, Gr10



## Photos Corner



Namratha, Gr10



## Oldest Human Fossil

Hundreds of thousands of years ago, around 62 miles west of what would eventually become Marrakesh, a group of people lived in a cave overlooking a lush Moroccan landscape. They rested there, building fires to keep themselves warm. They hunted there, sharpening stone tools to bring down animals. And they died there, leaving their bones behind in the dirt.

That cave is now called Jebel Irhoud, and bones of its former occupants have been recently unearthed by an international team of scientists. They mark the earliest fossilized remains of *Homo sapiens* ever found.

Jebel Irhoud rose to prominence in 1961, when miners turned the site into a quarry. They were looking for barite minerals, but to their surprise, they found a fossilized skull. Soon, they disinterred more bones: another skull, a child's jaw, and fragments of arm bones and hips. And after a few seasons of digging, they found some—a partial skull, fragments of facial bones, a nearly complete adult jawbone, and other bits and pieces from at least five individuals.

These people had very similar faces to today's humans, albeit with slightly more prominent brows. But the backs of their heads were very different. Our skulls are rounded globes, but theirs were lower on the top and longer at the back. If you saw them face on, they could pass for a modern human. But they turned around, you'd be looking at a skull that's closer to extinct hominids like *Homo erectus*.

### RESHMA 9A



*Comparison of the skulls of a Jebel Irhoud human (left) and a modern human (right)*

## Animals of the Amazon

Here's some exciting news for animal lovers. In recent times, up to 381 new species have been discovered in the Amazon, including a strong-beaked bird named after Barack Obama, a fire-tailed titi monkey and a new pink river dolphin. These species are among species recorded by the Living Amazon Initiative of the WWF Network. Here's a glimpse of some of them...

\* Roadside pond fish, *Papiliolebias ashleyae*, was discovered in Santa Cruz, Bolivia – the only known location where the species occurs.

\* A nocturnal species was found on the Xingu river in Brazil and is known locally as white-ball acari due to its dark grey colouring and large white spots.

\* A new species of pink river dolphin, *Inia araguaiaensis*, was discovered in 2014,

thanks to the analysis of carcasses found in the Araguaia river basin in Brazil.

\* The fire-tailed titi monkey, or Milton's titi, a beautiful monkey from the southern Amazon, was first recorded in 2010. The monkey owes its name to its long bright orange tail.

\* A small bird with well-defined colours, the name manicoré warbling-antbird, *Hypocnemis rondoni*, was given as a tribute to the Brazilian anthropologist Marechal Cândido Mariano da Silva Rondon. The orange-tinted hue of its belly contrasts with its black-and-white chest and head.



## The Tale of Two Galaxies

Boom!

That's what you – or most probably your descendants will hear when the much awaited collision of the Andromeda and Milky Way galaxies will occur, leaving our fate in the hands of the stars.

The Andromeda Galaxy is a neighbouring spiral galaxy , approximately 2.5 million light years from the Milky Way, containing around one trillion stars. It has been recognized as one of the galaxies with the most dark matter. It is comparatively larger than the Milky Way, which has only four hundred billion stars. The Andromeda galaxy is among the brightest of the Messier Objects, making it visible to the naked eye.

The Milky Way is pretty boring – its small, insignificant and unimportant in outer space. But it is about to get whole lot bigger as the Andromeda galaxy crashes into it. The Andromeda galaxy is heading towards the Milky Way at 110 kilometres every second.

Sanjana and Tanushree, Gr 9 A



## Sounds

Splash! Goes the waves,  
in the crystal – clear sea,  
and the smell of fresh air,  
is wonderful to me.

Bang! Goes a balloon,  
which has just burst,  
poor balloon, it didn't  
even last its first day.

Pop! goes a bubble,  
blown by bubble gum,  
strawberry with a dash of mint,  
it all sounds so yum!

Zoom! go the cars,  
on a hotel – infested highway,  
some go past them,  
some stay.

Burp! goes a boy,  
who is drinking soda,  
leaning on the trees in his garden,  
most of them Deodar.

Splat! Goes a water balloon,  
that landed on Viju's back,  
Viju tried to escape,  
but speed, he does lack.

Clink! go the chains,  
of a prisoner in a dungeon,  
poor chap, he just wanted  
a luncheon.

These are some sounds,  
we hear everyday,  
some are already made,  
some we make our way.

*Anahita Kaushik, 5C*

## A rainy evening

It's raining cats and dogs  
And I can't see a thing  
My breath comes out like fog  
And I can't hear birds sing  
Every place I touch is wet  
Raindrops are drumming my head  
Even my smelly cat is clean  
I can't wait to be fed  
Some tasty soup and bread  
Before I go to bed.

*Atri Anand, 3A*

## How I see the world ....

A morning full of joy  
A morning full of light  
An ocean full of waves  
This is the beautiful world we live in today.

A forest full of trees  
A world full of talent  
A delicate deer, a ferocious lion  
All same in the eye of the creator.

Birds fly high, as free as they can be  
Bolt and Phelps are the best that we can be  
This is the beautiful world we live in today.

The emotion of love, the emotion of joy  
That's what makes my day

*Neil 5C*

## The apple tree

I see an apple tree  
That calls a honey bee  
That stings me.

I hear a bird singing  
The joy it's bringing  
Even to the kid that's swinging.

I feel the wind blow  
That makes the stars glow  
The blue sky becomes low.

I taste some coffee  
That makes me glee  
And it makes me really free.

I smell apple pie  
That makes me cry  
Tears of joy.

*Aarna Ahuja, 3A*

## Cycling

Cycling is so much fun!  
I ride my cycle with my mum.  
I ride it to the park.  
When it is not cold and dark.  
Cycling is a blast.  
I ride really really fast  
Cycling is so much fun  
I sit under a shinning sun.  
I ride my cycle to the school  
Which makes me feel very cool.

*Roshan, 5C*

## My Family Tree

Look, look at my family tree,  
Such an important part of me.  
My grandfather,  
My grandfather smells like old powder.  
He is as loud as volcanoes,  
He always says, "Here you go."  
Nice but strict.  
My grandfather.  
Look, look at my family tree,  
They are such an important part of me.  
My grandmother.  
My grandmother smells like multiple food.  
She is happy as gold.  
She always says, "Have happy things."  
Old but hard working.  
My Grandmother.  
Look, look at my family tree,  
Such an important part of me.  
My mother.  
My mother smells like fresh fruits.  
She is as fast as falcons.  
She always says, "Do your work."  
Funny but annoying.  
My mother.  
Look, look at my family tree,  
Such an important part of me.  
My father.  
My father smells like tons of work unfinished.  
He is as strong as an ox.  
He always says, "Please."  
Nice but scary.  
My father  
Look, look at my family tree,  
Such an important part of me.  
My brother.  
My brother smells like a really bad robbery.  
He is as crazy as a brain.  
He always says "Ha ha," and runs away.  
Good but bad.  
My brother.

*Keshav Prabath 4D*

## Winter

The entire place was full of snow  
What was going to happen , I did not know.  
The children ran out wearing coats,  
And the adults went out in their boots.  
  
We rushed back home because of the cold,  
Don't dirty the carpet , we were told.  
Mom baked us a delicious cake,  
Which was left on the table for us to take.

The fire in the living room was bright and warm,  
we ran around the house like bees in a swarm.

*Armaan Sadat, Grade 6C*

## The Bird

Oh how beautiful is the bird  
Soaring in the blue sky  
The wind flowing through its wings  
It tweets and it chirps  
Maybe it burps  
I think it had worms for lunch  
It zooms by the gardens  
Smelling the flowers wild and free  
I wish the bird was me

*Omkaar Shakthi Sharma, 3A*

## My comics

My comics have good names  
And they also include games  
So any paper in front of me  
Gets filled with battle and with glee  
It's usually stickmen or ducks  
But surely not with cluck cluck clucks!  
The ducks can be very nice  
The stickmen will always think twice  
They can include time travel  
Or some duckies which eat gravel!  
I don't really make books  
Just on plain paper is how it cooks!  
I usually keep them to myself  
But just sometimes they stay on my shelves  
So my comics, I make just with pencils  
Is the reason I don't usually use stencils!

*Karun Ragavan 5C*

## Five Senses

I see the red rose bloom  
I sniff their sweet perfume  
I feel the breeze on my face  
I hear the bird chirping on the terrace  
I enjoy the juicy watermelon  
All these make spring my favourite season.

*Siddh Mansinghka, 4B*

## The Trojan Horse

Many years ago, there was an ancient city named Troy. It was on the coast of Turkey, across the sea from Sparta. The city of Troy was protected by high walls, about 20 feet high. It seemed impossible for anyone to break this wall.

In times of war, the gates would be closed and locked to prevent attackers from getting inside the city. The Greek warriors had been trying to get over the walls of Troy, but were not successful, and the Trojans could not drive the Greeks away either. They fought for about ten years, but neither side won.

Odysseus, a Greek general, has a tricky idea. His plan was to build a huge wooden horse. They would leave it outside the gates, and the Greek army would pretend to leave. It would seem as if they had finally admitted defeat and left a gift as art, but the trick was that the horse would be hollow. Thirty men would hide inside it.

The Trojan archers at the top of the wall saw the Greek warriors leaving. The people of Troy rushed outside, cheering and admiring the horse. Hundreds of men dragged the horse inside the city's gates. They were cheering and clapping that the Greeks had never been able to scale the towers of Troy. Trojans bragged about their success and kept the horse on display as a mark of their victory. It was just what the Greek general thought the Trojans would do.

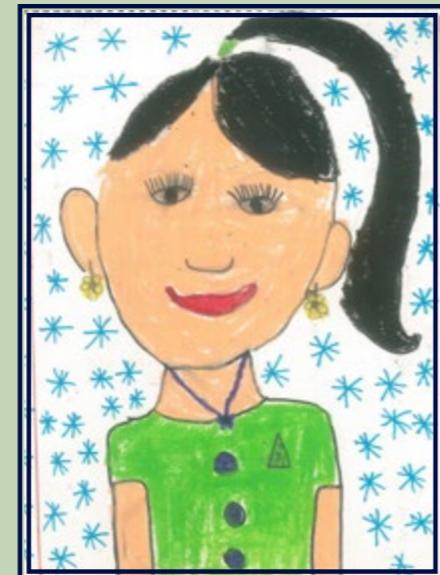
That night, while the Trojans slept peacefully, exhausted from their celebrations of victory, the men hiding inside the wooden horse climbed out and opened the gates. The Greek army waiting outside, entered Troy and won the battle.

**Nivedha, Gr 4C**



**Bharath, Gr 4C**

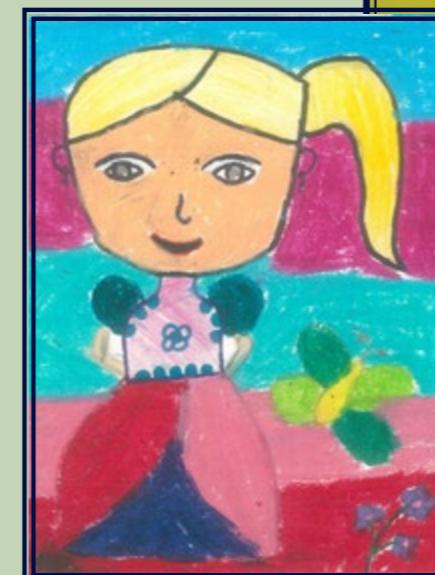
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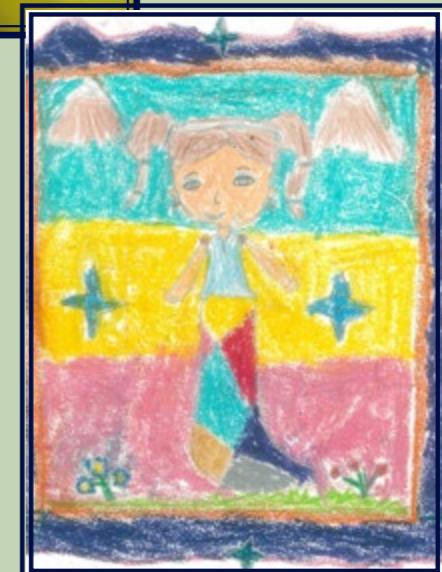
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**Mukilarasan, Gr 7**



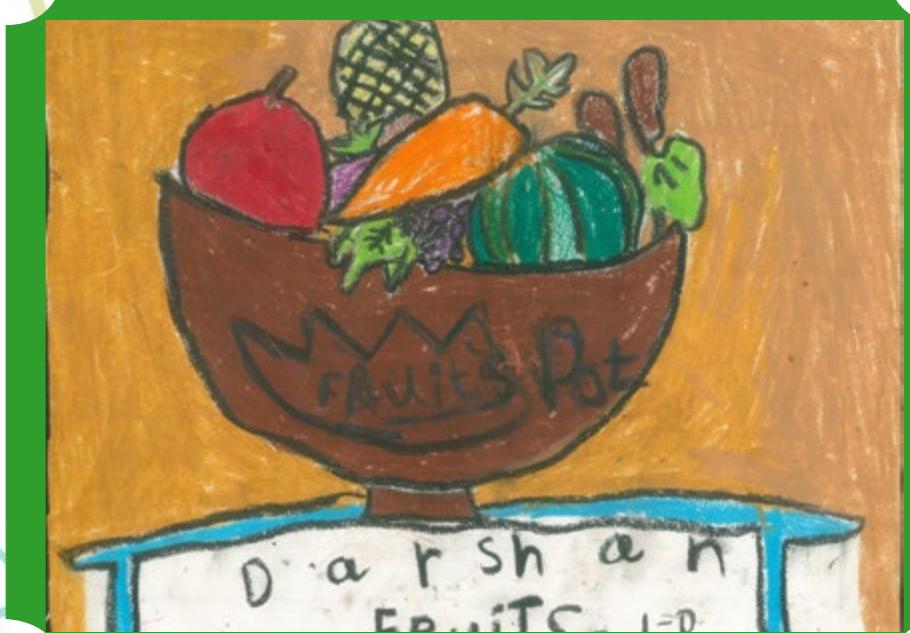
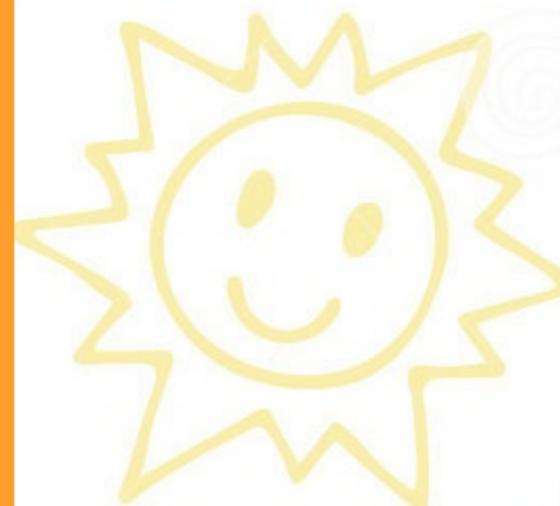
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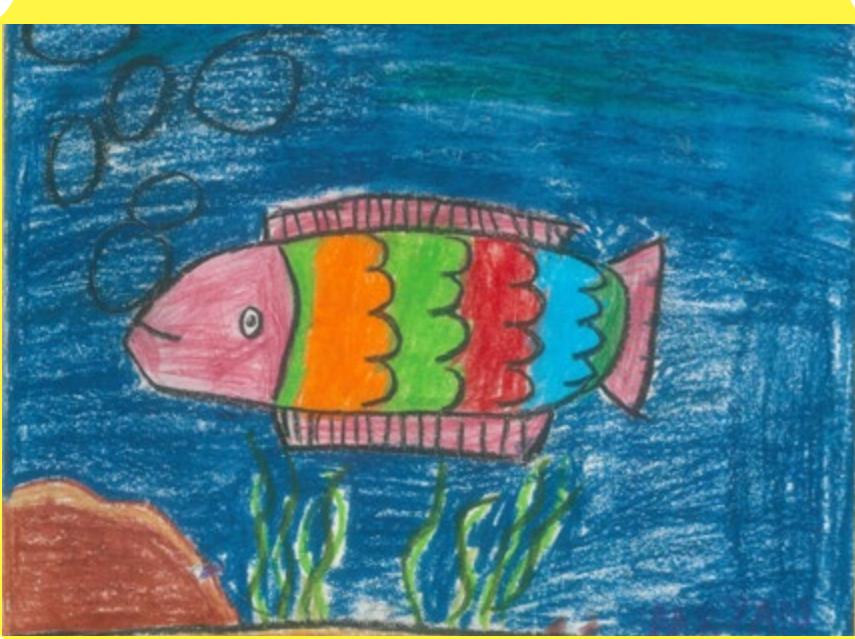
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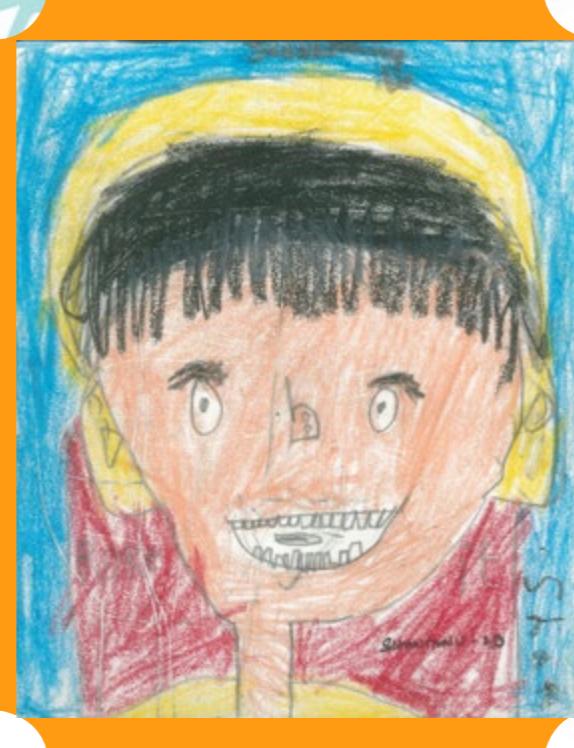
Johi, Gr 4 C



Julinka, Gr 1C



Surya, Gr 1E



Shantanu, Gr 2 D



Kabir, Gr 2 C

## THAI SEAFOOD SOUP – TOM YUM SOUP

### Ingredients:

Squid- 50 grams squid chopped	ginger - 10 grams chopped
fish - 50 grams boneless chopped	tomatoes - 3
shrimp - 50 grams	Fish sauce (to taste)
clams(optional_ - 25 grams	Soy sauce (to taste)
orange leaves -5	Vinegar (to taste)
lemon leaves - 5	Chilli sauce (to taste)
lemon grass - 10 grams	garlic - 5 cloves minced
tamarind - 15 grams	green chillis -2
lemon - 1	Chilli flakes
	Salt (to taste)
	Pepper (to taste)
	Sesame oil

### Method:

1. Blanch the tomatoes till skin easily peels off.
2. Peel the tomatoes and blend them a little.
3. Soak the tamarind in water
4. Slightly crush the leaves and ginger
5. Sauté the leaves, ginger, and garlic in sesame oil
6. Then add the meats.
7. Add the fish sauce, soy sauce, vinegar, chilli sauce, green chillies, chilli flakes, salt, pepper and sauté the mixture
8. Add the blanched tomatoes and stir well.
9. Pour in the tamarind juice and water and let it simmer till it is cooked.
10. Finally, squeeze the lemon on it.

Now, enjoy your meal!

- Nicholas, Gr 9B



# Potpourri

## TEMPURA FRIED ICE CREAM

### Ingredients:

serving: 6  
1 litre ice cream  
610g of pound cake  
1 cup of flour  
1 egg  
1 cup cold water  
oil for frying



### Method:

1. Scoop out 6 balls of ice cream onto a parchment paper-lined baking sheet, and freeze for at least an hour or until firm.
2. Slice pound cake into 1-2 inch slices.
3. Lay 3 slices of pound cake on a plastic wrap side by side and flatten with a rolling pin.
4. Wrap frozen ice cream ball in pound cake so it is fully enclosed.
5. Freeze for at least an hour, or until firm.
6. Make tempura batter by mixing flour, egg and water.
7. Heat oil in a pan.
8. Coat the wrapped ice cream in tempura batter.
9. Carefully lower the coated ice cream into the oil and cook until golden brown ( 15 to 30 seconds). Do not cook for too long or else the ice cream will melt.

Serve immediately with your choice of toppings.

ENJOY!

- Jayson Gr 9B



## SCONES

### Ingredients:

All-purpose flour - 1 cup  
 Sugar - 2 tbsp  
 Cold butter - 1/4 cup  
 Curd - 1/2 cup  
 Water - 1 tbsp  
 Vanilla extract - 1/2 tsp  
 Pinch of salt

### Method:

1. Preheat oven at 200°C
  2. Mix the flour, sugar and salt in a bowl.
  3. In another bowl, mix butter, water and vanilla extract.
  4. Microwave the curd for 30 seconds.
  5. Mix the curd and the rest of the wt ingredients mentioned in Step 3.
  6. Mix the dry and wet ingredients.
  7. Make a few balls of the dough and lay them on a greased baking tray.
  8. Bake for 20 minutes.
- Your scones are ready!



## STUFFED BAKED POTATO (Servings for 3)

### Ingredients:

Russet potatoes -3  
 Olive oil- 2 tablespoons  
 Cream cheese - 114g cream cheese\*  
 Cheddar cheese, plus more for topping - 1 cup  
 broccoli - 1/2 cup chopped  
 Salt- 2 teaspoons  
 Pepper 1 teaspoon  
 Milk - 1/4 cup  
 Sour cream, to serve  
 Chives (to serve)



### Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F/180°C
2. Carefully pierce potatoes with a fork. On a baking sheet, oil the potatoes well and sprinkle with salt.
3. Bake for about an hour. If you are preparing more potatoes, an additional 15 minutes is needed per potato.
4. Once cooled, cut the potatoes vertically, scoop out the inside, and transfer them to a bowl.
5. In the bowl with the scooped out potatoes, add the cream cheese, cheddar cheese, broccoli, salt, pepper, and milk. Mix well.
6. Scoop the potato mixture back into the potatoes and top with cheddar cheese.
7. Bake an additional 15 minutes until the cheese melts.
8. Serve warm with sour cream and chives.

\* (For making cream cheese, just grind panner till it looks like cream cheese., You can use it for any recipe)

- Jayson, Gr 9B

Potpourri

## **What are RC cars?**

This is a new fad that has caught on in recent times... RC Cars.

So what are these new gadgets that seem to have captured the imagination of children and adults alike?

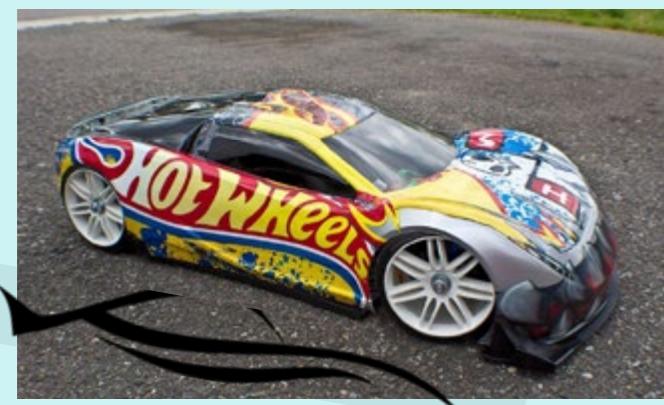
RC cars are nothing but remote controlled or radio controlled cars. The best RC cars have an alarming price of Rs. 64,349.35 for Traxxas Xo-1 and Rs. 38,705 rupees for a traxxas e revo.

But since they are not of everyone's budget, let's look at the Wltoys 12428. This is a low priced car of \$59.99 (Rs. 4000).



**WLtoys A959**

The wltoys A959 is a really well known RC car that is really at a birthday price of Rs. 3000. It is really fast at 50 kmph.



The traxxas XO-1 is the ultimate road going monster and it will top speeds of 132 MPH!



*This is a good beginners RC with a 540 brushed motor. This does not have a really good top speed but it still a ton of fun.*



**Traxxas Bandit**

The Traxxas Bandit is a combination of power and durability. It is a hobby grade dune buggy that can top speeds of 56 kmph. It is really expensive noting the fact that it comes in a brushless and waterproof edition.

The more attentive of you would have seen that I have been talking about dune buggies and not road going cars. My only choice will be the Traxxas XO-1

*If you have any questions, ask at [joshuaalwinking@gmail.com](mailto:joshuaalwinking@gmail.com)*

*- Joshua Alwinking, Gr 9A*

*Potpourri*

# Riddles...



1. What goes up but never comes down?
2. Find me! I start with a 'P' and end with an 'E'. I have thousands of letters, who am I?
3. What has feet but no legs?
4. If I drink I die, if I eat I am fine, what am I?
5. What can you catch but not throw?

- Nishtha Batra Gr 4 C

1. Your age
2. Post Office
3. Snail
4. Fire
5. A cold

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream  
Fresh fried fish, fresh fried fish, fresh fried fish...  
She sells seashells on the seashore.  
-Nivedha, Gr 4 C

1. What can be seen in the middle of March and April, which cannot be seen in the start or end of any month?

2. Everyone has me, but cannot loose me, who am I?

3. I am lighter than air, but a million men cannot lift me, who am I?

- Nivedha, Gr 4 C

3. Bubble

2. A shadow

1. The letter 'r'

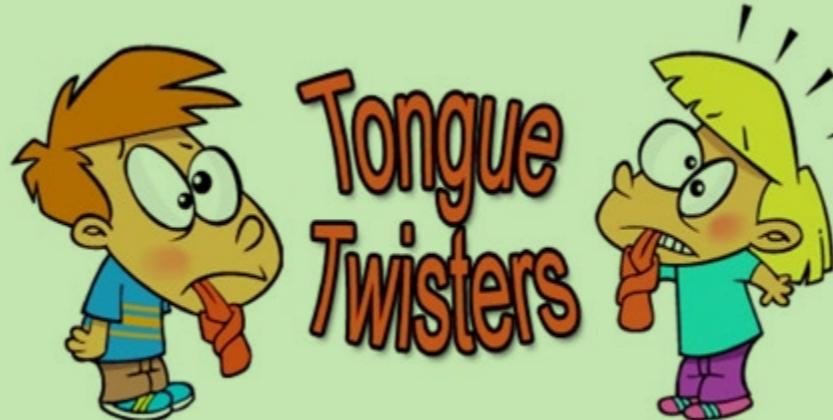
# Potpourri

Tie your lace  
Tie your lace  
Roll the die  
Eat the pie  
Don't tell a lie  
  
Tie, die, pie  
Pie, lie, tie

I see a sea in a sealand  
I sell seashells on the seashore

I love my way  
I love the way  
I come to school  
I come to school to  
Thank you teachers!  
  
I love the way  
I pray to God  
I pray to God to  
Thank you teachers!  
  
I love the way  
I read and write  
I read and write to  
Thank you teachers!

Nishtha Batra, Gr 4 C



## The maid (A simile poem)

Her hair is as smooth as silk  
Her dress is as beautiful as a frock  
Her collar of her dress are like petals of a flower.  
She is as tall as her mother  
Her hands are like claws.  
Her dress has more colours than a rainbow.

- Rachel Gr 4 C

## A gripping page-turner

**In the Name of God - Ravi Subramanian**

**Genre: Mystery/Crime Fiction/Thriller**

A raw and engaging crime thriller, this is a must read for all crime fiction lovers and anybody who loves reading suspense.

Three true incidents make up this story. One incident happens in Dubai and the second in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, and the last incident in Zaveri Bazaar, Mumbai. The protagonist races again time to get clues and tries to link these three occurrences together with the answer lying in Mumbai.

The starting of the story makes you curious about who is behind all the wrong doings and it makes you read the book till the end without stopping. I would rather add a phrase from the first chapter and it will surely intimidate you to read this book. "The Anantha Padmanabha Swamy Temple in Trivandrum safeguards within its sacrosanct walls centuries of customs and rituals, unimaginable wealth and an unwavering calm. Until a dead body turns up in its holy pond".

Let me share an anecdote, At Crossword, the bookstore, I was going through all the novels on the top shelf. Game of Thrones, 13 Reasons Why and many more best-sellers. There was one book in the corner and I took it out to see what it was about. I was surprised in the end on how the author was able to find a convincing conclusion to connect the three crimes, which happen in three different places.

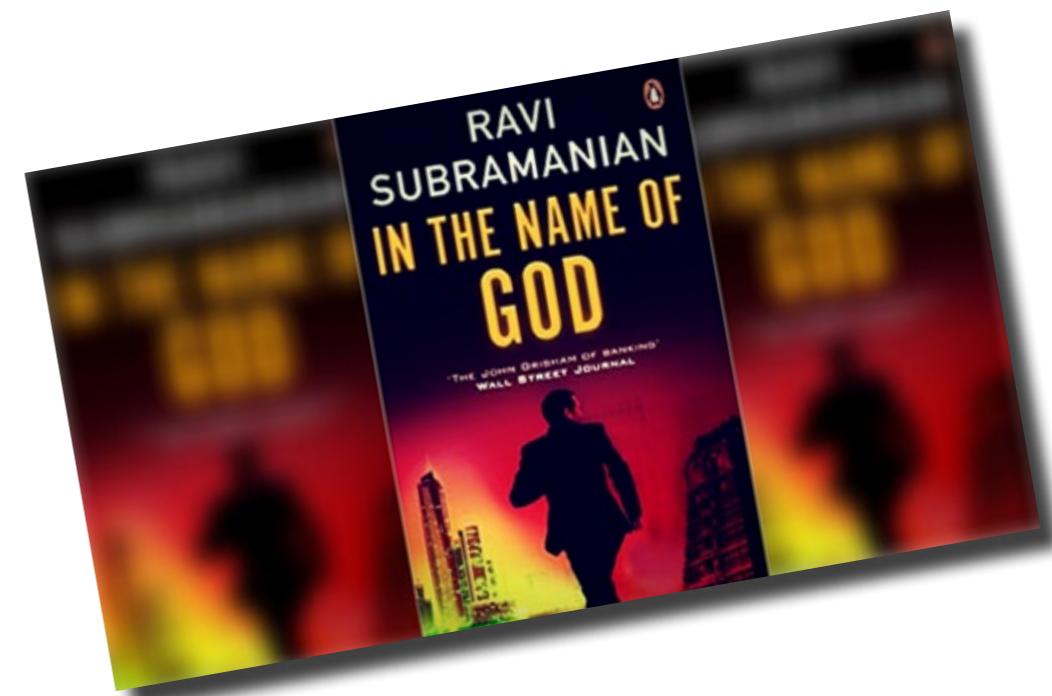
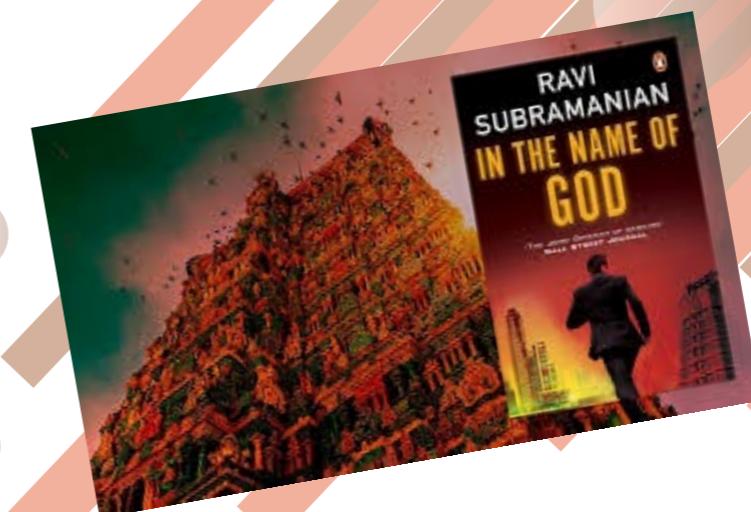
The dialogue spoken by Kabir Khan, the main character, is well scripted. Each dialogue gives you a clear picture of the situation. At first, the crimes may not seem so matching but towards the end, the three crimes will be brought together seamlessly. Some of the crimes have actually happened, including the Wafi mall heist, which took place in Dubai.

The author makes you imagine every situation; in fact, he tries to make you become part of the crisis and think about how to resolve it.

It has a wonderfully written story with a lot of radiance. Every time you try to think that one character is the bad one, it turns out to be false. From the start until the end, you are always wondering about the actual criminal. They say that you are not supposed to judge a book by its cover but in my opinion, I chose this book by judging its cover.

I think this is and will be Ravi Subramanian's best novel.

**PRANAV PONNIVALAVAN, 9B**



# National Institute of Open Schooling

NIOS (National Institute of Open schooling) is “Open School” to cater to the needs of a heterogeneous group of learners up to pre-degree level. It was started as a project with in-built flexibilities by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in 1979. In 1986, the National Policy on Education suggested strengthening of Open School System for extending open learning facilities in a phased manner at secondary level all over the country as an independent system with its own curriculum and examination leading to certification

*Teachers dealing with the NIOS curriculum speak candidly about why they think NIOS as a curriculum has proven to be useful...*

NIOS offers a wide range of subjects to choose from. Hence, flexibility in selecting subjects makes it a special curriculum. It encompasses Vocational Training along with academic pursuits, empowering students. The board also helps to carry forward the passed subjects of other boards and makes a provision to reappear as well.

- Vaijayanthi V

There are various subject choices and the children benefit by choosing the subjects they are interested in. They can give the exams also in a flexible manner.

- Shanmugapriya

Flexible and self-explanatory to the students' level. Creates a good balance between academic curriculum and extra curricular activities.

- HariPriya

A gradual and deliberate journey through concepts leads to an in-depth understanding of the same.

- Anusha

It promotes inclusion of students and encourages participation in a versatile array of activities. Hence, students develop a multi-faceted personality.

- Varalakshmy Raja

It provides a deep insight into various subjects of the students' choice.

- Latha.G

Inclusive learning with universal and flexible access to quality school education and skill development.

- Malarkodi

Extremely useful for students who are able to assimilate concepts on a one-on-one basis.

- Manikandan

I am very happy with the learning program here at APL. The faculty here is very approachable and as a mother of 3, I love having a rigorous curriculum pushing my sons to prove their value, if not to keep them busy. Other than that, my children are exposed to different cultures and activities, I don't believe they will experience in other schools. I also feel the new campus is definitely an upgrade to the last one for the facilities are quite lovely.

**Mrs. Hema**

**M/O Schaum Day (Grade 12A)**

Found the campus to be well lit, airy, spacious and well planned. The extensive use of solar energy is truly commendable and sends the right message to the students. The delay in sports activities, especially after school activities like badminton, cricket etc is an ongoing complaint from my children. They got accustomed to the new campus without any major issues in no time at all.

**Mrs. Tina**

**M/O Karnan (Grade 11 A) & Iniya (Grade 7)**

We moved our daughter to APL in April of this academic year. There was an instant connect for her with the school and the first change we noticed, was her refusal to miss a day of school even when she was unwell. The shift to the new campus with all its facilities opened up a whole new world for her in sports, music, art and more recently photography. The environment fosters a positive culture and allows children to explore various areas of co-curricular activities without the pressure of having to excel in them. The year round activities from MUN right upto the recently held inter house culturals generated tremendous excitement for the children and we enjoy seeing the confidence it seems to be building in her with each passing day. The PLP's challenge her thinking at a whole new level and we are specially appreciative of the structured and well organised parent - teacher communication system set up by the school.

**Aarthi Raghavan**

**M/O Shreya Raghavan ( Grade 8C)**



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