



ENDEAVOURS

2020-2022



-The pursuit of knowledge is more valuable than its possession- Albert Einstein

THE THEME

The theme represents the perseverance it takes to overcome the struggles during the pursuit of knowledge, the determination and will one must have to challenge ones limitations and break down boundaries, leading to eventual success. The cover contextualises this by displaying a child engulfed in darkness and gloom, yet undeterred from his goal to pursue knowledge. The treacherous conditions such as doubts, fears and struggles must be overcome so that the light at the end of the tunnel can be found as seen in the warmth and light the child finds in seeking knowledge.



بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ





يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَصْبِرُوا وَصَابِرُوا وَرَابِطُوا وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ
لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ

"Oh you who believe! Persevere in patience and constancy. Vie in such perseverance, strengthen each other, and be pious, that you may prosper." (3:200)





VERSES

(2:153) BELIEVERS! SEEK HELP IN PATIENCE AND IN PRAYER; ALLAH IS WITH THOSE THAT ARE PATIENT

(94:5) INDEED, THERE IS EASE WITH HARDSHIP

(14:7) AND REMEMBER WHEN YOUR LORD PROCLAIMED, 'IF YOU ARE GRATEFUL, I WILL CERTAINLY GIVE YOU MORE . BUT IF YOU ARE UNGRATEFUL, SURELY MY PUNISHMENT IS SEVERE.'

(20:124) BUT WHOEVER TURNS AWAY FROM MY REMINDER WILL CERTAINLY HAVE A MISERABLE LIFE, THEN WE WILL RAISE THEM UP BLIND ON THE DAY OF JUDGMENT."

(25:70) AS FOR THOSE WHO REPENT, BELIEVE, AND DO GOOD DEEDS, THEY ARE THE ONES WHOSE EVIL DEEDS ALLAH WILL CHANGE INTO GOOD DEEDS. FOR ALLAH IS ALL-FORGIVING, MOST MERCIFUL.

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SUBHAN MOHSIN'**



AHADITH

THE BEST OF PEOPLE ARE THOSE THAT BRING THE MOST BENEFIT TO THE REST OF MANKIND

RICHNESS IS NOT HAVING MANY BELONGINGS, BUT RICHNESS IS CONTENTMENT OF THE SOUL.
[SAHEEH MUSLIM, NO.2287]

THE BELIEVER DOES NOT INSULT OTHERS, DOES NOT CURSE OTHERS, IS NOT VULGAR, AND IS NOT SHAMELESS.

I SAID: 'O MESSENGER OF ALLAH! WHAT IS THE MEANS TO SALVATION?' HE SAID: 'THAT YOU CONTROL YOUR TONGUE, SUFFICE YOURSELF, YOUR HOUSE, AND CRY OVER YOUR SINS.'
JAME TIRMAZI-2406

**THE PROPHET (PBUH) SAID:
"TAKE BENEFIT OF FIVE BEFORE FIVE:
YOUR YOUTH BEFORE YOUR OLD AGE,
YOUR HEALTH BEFORE YOUR SICKNESS,
YOUR WEALTH BEFORE YOUR POVERTY
YOUR FREE-TIME BEFORE YOU BECOME
PREOCCUPIED AND YOUR LIFE BEFORE
YOUR DEATH- (HAKIM)**

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**"In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity" -
Albert Einstein**

**"Do not let your difficulties fill you with
anxiety, after all, it is only in the darkest nights
that the stars shine more brilliantly".**

Ali Ibn Abi Talib (RA)



QUOTES



**BELIEVE YOU CAN AND
YOU ARE HALFWAY
THERE - TEDDY
ROOSEVELT**

**A MISTAKE THAT MAKES YOU
HUMBLE IS BETTER THAN AN
ACHIEVEMENT THAT MAKES
YOU ARROGANT - ANON**

**IF I PERSIST LONG
ENOUGH I WILL WIN. - OG
MANDINO**

**DISCOURAGEMENT AND
FAILURE ARE TWO OF THE
SUREST STEPPING STONES
TO SUCCESS - DALE
CARNEGIE**



MISSION STATEMENT

To nurture the child of today into a complete personality of tomorrow, who, with a robust heart and mind and good health can confidently face the challenges of life to achieve success in this world and the Hereafter.

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to present to you the latest edition of our school magazine which has been prepared entirely by our talented and dedicated students. As the Editor, I am immensely delighted at the hard work and creativity that our students have put into this magazine.

This magazine is a reflection of the diverse talents and interests of our student body. The articles are well-researched, well-written, and demonstrate a deep understanding of the topics covered. What is particularly impressive about this edition of the magazine is the level of collaboration and teamwork that our students have demonstrated. From coming up with ideas, conducting research, and writing articles, to designing and laying out the magazine, our students have worked together seamlessly to produce a polished and professional publication.

But this magazine is not just about showcasing our students' talents; it is also a platform for them to express their opinions and share their perspectives on issues that matter to them. These articles are not just informative, but also thought-provoking and inspire readers to think critically about the world around them.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the students who have contributed to this magazine. Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and the result is a beautiful and inspiring publication that we can all be proud of.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Afsheen Hameed
Editor - Endeavours

Editorial by the Sub-Editor

**"In the presence of trouble, some buy crutches, others grow wings." Harold W. Ruoff
You may fall in problems, but these are to test you to do your best.**

**We should always face a challenge with "How can we?" and not with "Why we cannot?"
Patience, will power, determination, courage and confidence are the sterling qualities
of the mind and indispensable in the struggle of life. Lives of great people are nothing
but success stories, where it has been proved that sooner or later the man who wins,
is the man who thinks he can. So have a positive attitude because by being an optimist,
you can turn scars into stars and thus win laurels in life.**

**As we all know, a magazine mirrors a school - its aims and objectives. It also highlights
events, academic prowess and achievements. In this edition, we have tried to capture
last year's excitement and activities. I do hope that the magazine encourages many
more students to use it as a platform to express their creativity and enhance their
knowledge.**

I sincerely hope that this edition makes for an interesting read.

**Hina Wahab
Sub-Editor - Endeavours**



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When we sat down to put together this magazine, we didn't just want to put it together for the sake of it, we wanted it to stand for something, a legacy of sorts that we could leave behind. However, this proved to be a lot more challenging than we initially anticipated. Late night discussions and countless ideas thrown around finally culminated in a flash of inspiration. Perseverance - it was the very thing we were doing and what countless students around the world do, pushing through the highs and lows in pursuit of the light at the end of the tunnel.

This struggle defined our purpose for the magazine, and we did our best to live up to it. As you go through the magazine, you will find indicators and sentiments denoting the paths of struggle, and the joy and beauty to be found in success. If there is one thing we want the readers to take away from this, it is to know the power of perseverance. Even little steps taken one at a time eventually build up over the years. This magazine and all that it contains is the product of years of education, time and money invested.

I would be remiss if I didn't devote this section to the countless people who took precious time out for the magazine-our patrons Ms.Afsheen Hameed and Ms.Hina Wahab, and the entire editorial board. Every obstacle thrown our way-exams, the severe time-crunch and various school events were not enough to deter us from our goal of completing the magazine. It was not uncommon to find us awake well into the dead of the night, pushing through to complete our work. I hope all of you found a great deal of joy and satisfaction in how this magazine turned out.

To the readers, we hope you enjoy this collection defining life at EBS, and find inspiration in our message.

Zakariya Ali Samir
Editor-in-Chief



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It would not be a stretch to say that Endeavours is the literal product of our blood, sweat, and tears. We spent 5 months hoping to create a legacy worth looking back on, one where we would have recorded and portrayed our students' talents and achievements, all our teaching and non-teaching personnels' hard work, and our school's progress. However, the journey to attaining this was no means a walk in the park.

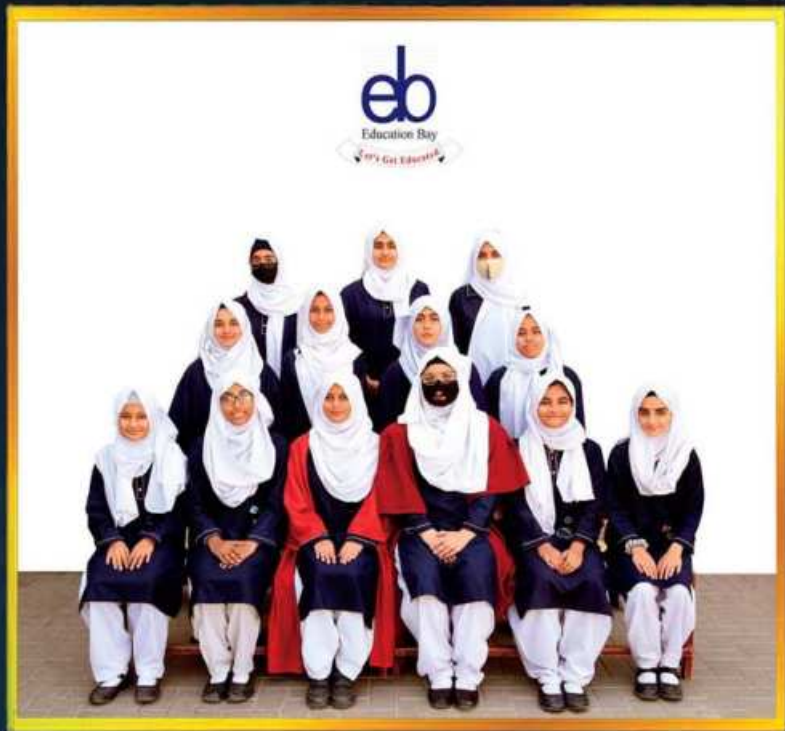
Creating this magazine was an arduous process of transforming crude ideas onto paper through a number of trials and errors, rushing around to collect the materials, pouring hours over essays and pictures, trying to choose the right one. Obstacles upon obstacles met our way including time restraints, logistical issues, getting approvals, and our exams. However, all these difficulties couldn't discourage us from continuing to edit, proofread, and bring this magazine together. It taught us perseverance, the very thing we based our theme on, as we pushed through those hurdles sacrificing at times our lessons, studies, and free time. It was not uncommon to be burning the midnight oil deep in discussions with the team.

It would be a crime not to acknowledge all those who contributed into creating this magazine. Firstly to the entire editorial board, thank you for your efforts, all of you did an astounding job and I hope you are proud of your work. To our patrons, Ms. Hina and Ms. Afsheen, who guided us from day one, compelled us to meet deadlines, encouraged us to experiment and gave us the freedom to bring our ideas to life, thank you. To the numerous teachers and admin staff, you were truly integral in helping us finish this endeavour- providing us with a number of materials at moments' notice, processing the huge number of emails and requests, and not forgetting the number of periods you gave us free.

To the readers, you will witness how sheer persistence, perseverance and determination towards a goal can achieve as you peruse the magazine and I hope you will enjoy undertaking this journey down the memory lane, witnessing and cherishing EBS's moments as much as we found joy in our journey bringing this magazine to life.

Fakeha Salman
Editor-in-Chief

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As we embark on publishing another edition of our school magazine, Endeavours I am filled with gratitude and enthusiasm for the wonderful community that makes up our school. EBS has always been more than just a center for academic excellence - it is a place where character is nurtured, and values are instilled.

In addition to providing a robust curriculum that equips Ebians with the knowledge and skills necessary for success, our commitment extends to cultivating strong moral and religious values.

We believe that education is not merely about acquiring information but about shaping compassionate, responsible individuals who contribute positively to society by developing a sense of integrity, empathy, and respect for diversity. Through various activities, discussions and programs, we aim to create an environment where our students not only excel academically but also develop into well rounded individuals with a strong moral compass.

May our students' journey to be a transformative and enriching experience for each of them. Together, let us continue to strive for excellence in both knowledge and character.

Mohsin Aftab



MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR PLANNING

I have been the Director for Planning at this school for more than 4 years now, but this is not my only connection with EBS, it runs much deeper. I have been a student here from class III till O Levels. I am a member of the founding family.

I would like to share with my readers why EBS stands out from other schools, and how it is the paramount example of what a school should be like in an Islamic country such as Pakistan. This school was envisioned due to the absence of schools in the city that provided holistic form of education. In fact, Alhamdulillah, we pioneered the idea of a learning space that created a bridge between contemporary learning and basic religious knowledge, where under one roof we teach the Cambridge syllabus, along with the language, the recitation, and the entire translation of the Holy Quran without compromising on the other aspects such as sports and various extracurriculars

"To nurture the child of today into a complete personality of tomorrow, who, with a robust heart and mind and good health can confidently face the challenges of life to achieve success in this world and the Hereafter."

Every single time I read this statement I am amazed at how timeless, extensive, and meaningful this mission statement truly is and we always endeavour to implement it in letter and spirit and use it as our North star. Apart from providing our students with excellent curriculum and extra curricular activities, our prime focus is the character-building of our students.

We understand the importance of helping our children become all-rounded individuals who have a sound soul with a caring heart; who are honest and competent in what they do, who are considered principle-centred and trustworthy among their peers, who have the patience and confidence to lead, who win with humility and lose with respect, who have tolerance and respect the differences in the views and beliefs of others, who are creative and imaginative enough to dream of a better tomorrow and who, most importantly, are God Conscious in everything they say and do personally and professionally and are able to differentiate between what is right and wrong.



We want our children to realise that it is more important to live a satisfied life than a so-called successful one. Our beloved Prophet (PBUH) said "Richness is not having many belongings, but richness is contentment of the soul."

In fact, as parents and teachers we need to redefine the meaning of success. Success should not only mean getting an education in top-most schools with the highest grades culminating in a lucrative job that sustains a luxurious life... yes, all this is a part of what we may call success — but I would like to add that a successful life is one in which a person is able to think beyond one's self and use his or her skills and resources to improve the lives of people around them.

The Quran says about our Prophet : Wama Arsalnaka Illa Rahmat ul Lil Aalameen, which means:"And we have not sent you O Muhammad(PBUH), except as a mercy to the worlds ." And he should indeed be our ultimate role model. Furthermore, the Prophet said: "The best of people are those that bring the most benefit to the rest of mankind."

I feel there is a very strong connection between being happy and being successful. During my time at Oxford, I once invited Prince Ghazi of Jordan to give a talk on happiness. While walking with him from his car to the auditorium, I asked him if he could define happiness in a few sentences for me and he said : It's just one word, "giving", and it really made me ponder how right he was . Mostly people think that "getting" is happiness, but if we think deeply, we will realise that true happiness is only attained by giving.

On the same lines there is a wonderful quote by Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give." So what is it that we should give? It is a few caring moments from our time, a kind word, an encouraging gesture, a simple thank you, some heart-felt praise, help without expectations in return and dignified tolerance ... the list goes on but it is such generous acts of kindness and respect that can mould our children into successful individuals who are a blessing to the society.

And raising such kids is not an easy task. It involves a lot of patience and hard work especially in these challenging times. In fact one of the biggest challenges of modern day that I wish to share with you all is the



blurring of boundaries ; the boundaries between right and wrong, reality and fantasy, data and information and the boundaries of gender identity, and media, especially the social media which is amplifying this challenge and we really need to be aware and mindful of it. In such times it is more important than ever to understand our children , be there for them as a friend and be actively involved in their lives to help them grow into successful adults.

Here I must emphasise that the role of a parent in a child's life is pivotal. I'm sure you 'll agree that if you want your child to become a respectable member of the society, he must at first learn to respect others.

Teach them to speak well of others - and often praise others rather than condemn. Teach your child to respect his teachers and classmates. Praise teachers in front of your children and make study time a happy time-if they dread study time or don't respect their teachers, they will never develop the love for learning. Also make them realise that being able to go to a school is a blessing that many have come to take for granted. Teach them to be grateful for what they have. Eventually, once they've learned to respect this small community called school, they 'll mirror the same behaviour within communities outside the school. Teach them tolerance. They need to learn that the outside world does not revolve around the sensitivities or habits of one individual - tolerance and patience are **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**, in fact, **RARE** qualities that we must teach our children. Teach them that their behaviour & actions today will have consequences tomorrow and they must have the strength of character to reap what they sow. Stay involved in your child 's school life from the earliest years. Encourage your children to compete with themselves, and try to be better than the day before.

We both have high expectations from our kids and we can only realise our shared goals through mutual co-operation and understanding. Let us take a brief moment to reflect on how you and I want our children to define success for themselves.

Subhan Mohsin Ahmed



MESSAGE FROM DIRECTOR ADMINISTRATION

Imparting education is to facilitate a formal learning process that enables students and adults in a school community to understand, care about and act on core ethical values such as respect, justice, civic virtues and responsibility for self and others. With the blessings of the Almighty our school has continued to accomplish this goal for the past twenty three years.

The diligent school management and staff members strive to attain objectives that encompass academics, co-curricular activities and personality development programs calibrating with fundamental Islamic moral codes and principles.

May Allah bless our pursuit to nurture young minds with wisdom and compassion to walk on the path of life and hereafter successfully.

Salman Mehtab



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It is with great pleasure that I write this editorial for our school magazine, Endeavours, which has been prepared entirely by our students. As a principal, I am thrilled to see the incredible efforts and dedication that each one of my students has put into making this magazine a reality.

This magazine serves as a platform for our students to showcase their talents, share their ideas, and express their opinions. I am delighted to see the diversity of topics covered in this edition, ranging from literature and art to sports and community service. The articles, poems, and stories in this magazine are a reflection of the creativity, passion, and intellect of our students. I believe that education is not just about academic excellence but also about developing critical thinking, communication, and leadership skills. This magazine is a testament to the fact that our students are not just learners but also, leaders who can take charge and make a positive difference in our community.

I want to commend the editorial team and all the students and teachers who contributed to this magazine for their hard work, dedication, and commitment. It is no small feat to produce a magazine of this caliber, and I am proud of all of you for your efforts. To our readers, I encourage you to read this magazine with an open mind, appreciate the talent and hard work of our students, and engage in constructive dialogue. Let us continue to support and inspire each other to reach our fullest potential and make a positive impact on our school, community, and the world.

Amna Zubairi



MESSAGE FROM THE PRE-PRIMARY SECTION HEAD

The children of today are the real discoverers, explorers, and inventors of tomorrow. Thus, we must respect their individuality, while providing them with the best possible environment to help them undergo different experiences, and explore their potential to the fullest.

I feel lucky to have been a part of Education Bay School as Section Head Pre-Primary. For almost five years, I've been associated with EBS and each year has been rewarding and a new learning experience in its own way, not only as a Section Head but also as a mother of an Ebian. Here, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Subhan Mohsin, Director of Planning and Development for his continuous support and encouragement. I would also like to thank EBS management, admin and the efforts of my pre-primary teachers and helping staff because without a strong team, one cannot achieve the desired result.

Alhamdulillah! Together as a team, we were able to win the confidence of our parental body and the love of our little learners by providing them with fun-filled and lifelong hands-on learning experiences. With new approaches being introduced and the acquiring of soft skills from a very young age becoming a new norm, I am glad to share that each year we work on the enhancement of our environment and teaching methodologies to cope with the evolving education system and, Alhamdulillah, we have been successful in bringing a positive change in our students' lives by building self-confidence and developing creative and critical thinking in young minds through our integrated curriculum.

I hope we will be able to continue moulding more lives, developing them into positive, balanced, law-abiding, and God-fearing individuals. Ameen!

Saima Masud



MESSAGE FROM THE PRIMARY SECTION HEAD

Being the Section Head of an academic institution with the mission to make education coherent with the tenets of Islam, my team and I are committed to guiding our students to grow up as productive Muslims; training and educating them through activity-based learning in order to make them high achievers and develop in them the ability to comprehend, understand and correlate the knowledge they acquire to real-life problems, possessing excellence of character and courage to take challenging initiatives.

We want them to excel in all aspects of life to become inspirational individuals who can compete with the rest of the world and be a Sadqa-e-Jariya for all of us.

Sumera Farrukh



MESSAGE FROM THE GIRLS SECTION HEAD

"The illiterate of the future are not those who can't read or write but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn." Alvin Toffler. Alhamdulillah, another year has started with loads of opportunities to learn, unlearn and relearn. A new year often heralds a host of exciting changes: resolutions, renewed hopes, and most importantly, new opportunities to learn. Few things excite us more than lifelong learning. Learning something, if you're interested in it, is always enjoyable. We learn something every day.

When individuals can identify their own knowledge gaps and are willing to broaden their perspectives and embrace changes, they can truly thrive and grow. The world regularly presents situations that require people to learn, unlearn, and relearn. Many students are used to a learning process that involves accumulating information. While this approach has its merits, it also has limitations. It doesn't account for the need to adapt as new technologies, methods, and attitudes emerge.

In this era of unprecedented changes, we have to unlearn a lot. Unlearning is not forgetting what one has learned but it is giving up what is no longer true, relevant, or helpful. This can be challenging because many of us have been taught to constantly acquire new knowledge. In contrast, the learn, unlearn and relearn cycle engages more critical thinking skills, encouraging one to continually analyse, evaluate and challenge knowledge to ensure it is relevant and up to date.

I always start a new academic year with the commitment to create a learning environment for my students where they can look for what is unfamiliar, foster curiosity, do things differently, engage in meaningful discussions, and step out of their comfort zone.

Happy Learning EBIANS.

Tehmina Adil



MESSAGE FROM THE BOYS SECTION HEAD

I am honoured to have been asked to pen down my message for our School Magazine. I have had a wonderful career experience and learned a lot from not only my seniors but also from my colleagues and my students.

Education is basically a shared commitment between dedicated teachers, motivated students, and enthusiastic and helpful parents. I believe as a Section Head, my role is not only to pursue academic excellence but also to empower my students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and productive members of our society. All members of my team constantly endeavour to always live up to this ideology and do their best to ensure that our students grow to their full potential and graduate from this school as competent individuals able to bear responsibility in all walks of life.

I am a strong advocate of providing equal opportunities to all students, and nurturing an environment of growth and learning alike. During the past four years of my affiliation with this institution, I have remained resolute in building a student-centered model that aims toward academic and personal growth. This growth based mindset enables students to not only grow within the school environment but also take these values forward into their professional lives.

I would like to end my message by quoting Christian D. Larson, an American author, and teacher. He says: 'Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle.'

Aysha Bilal



Faculty and Students



FACULTY



DOMESTIC STAFF



Student Council 2022-23 Girls



Student Council 2022-23 Boys





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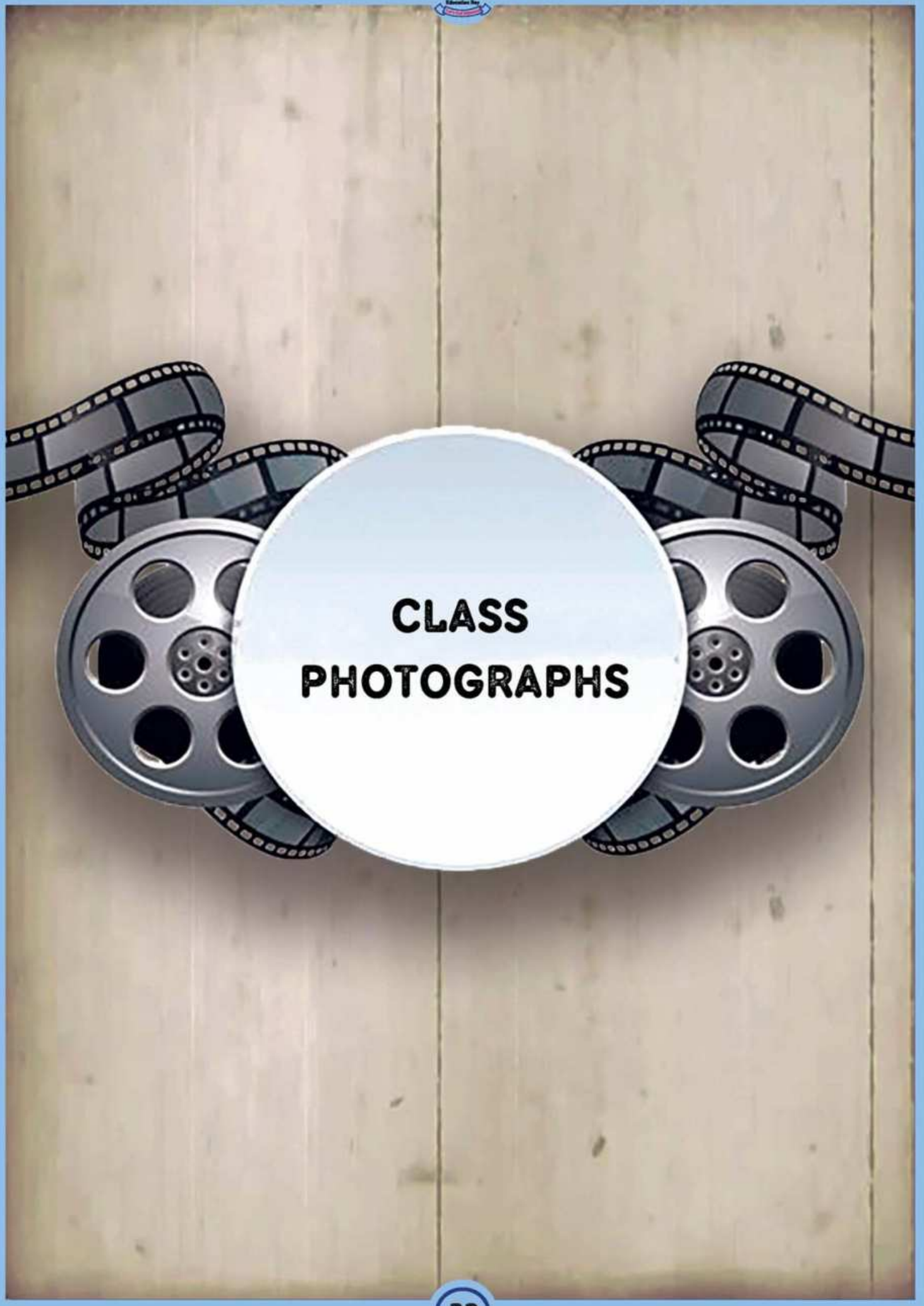
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**CLASS
PHOTOGRAPHS**

DISCOVERERS



EXPLORERS



INVENTORS



CLASS I A



CLASS I B



CLASS II A



CLASS II B



CLASS III A



CLASS III B



CLASS IV A



CLASS IV B



CLASS V A



CLASS V B



CLASS VI A



CLASS VI B



CLASS VII A



CLASS VII B



CLASS VIII A



CLASS VIII B



CLASS VIII C



CLASS IX A



CLASS IX B



CLASS X A



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CLASS XI A



CLASS XI B





EBS
Events





14th August and Defence Day Celebrations



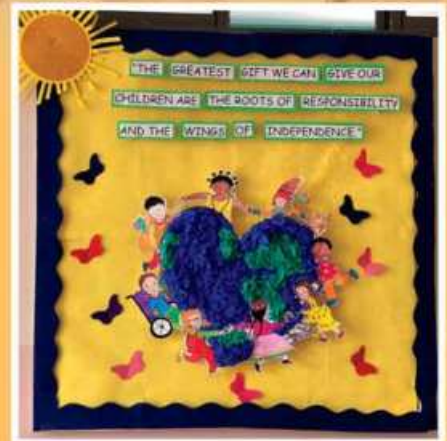


Transportation Day and Ramadan Festival





Childrens Day





Fruits and Vegetables



Spending Time with Grandma



Sadqa Matka





Breakfast with Mommies and Graduation Ceremony





Make the Best out of Waste





End of Term Party

The end of term party is the final activity for the pre-primary where they go on exciting field trips, engage in creating colourful art projects and have a fun-filled pajama party.



ANNUAL EVENT

Our annual event entailed talented displays on a variety of topics, engaging skits and thought-provoking elocution performances. A live art competition and mind boggling math games and magic tricks ensured an exciting evening for all.









Urdu Declamation Competition And Arabic Speech Competiton





Bake Sale

Bake sales are our annually occurring events organised by the secondary girls and boys. The tradition is a sell-off between the four houses who each bring delectable items in a competition to raise the most money which is then donated to charities.



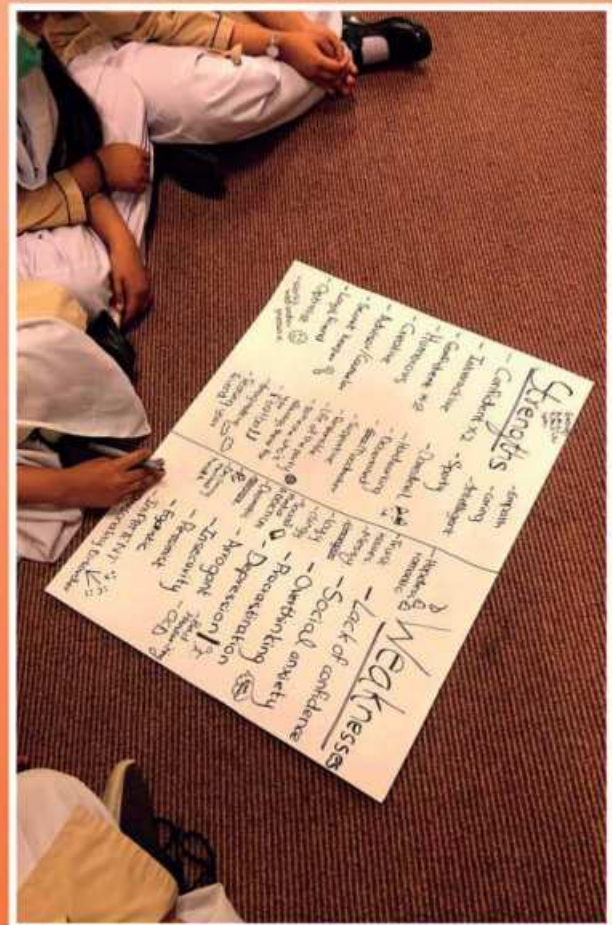
Lyceum Social Enterprise Summit

LSES was a business event hosted by Lyceum, in which 18 teams, comprising mostly of A-level students, competed against each other. EBS O-level team displayed excellent business and marketing skills bringing home the Second-Best Delegation Award.



Workshop with Kamila Ciok

Kamila Ciok, CEO & Founder of Alimuradova Organization visited EBS as a guest speaker and had an interactive training session with the secondary girls on leadership, character assessment, building confidence and youth empowerment.



Sports Day



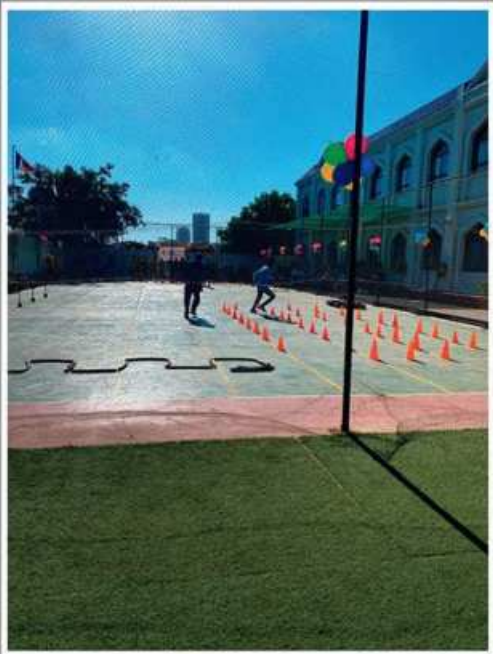


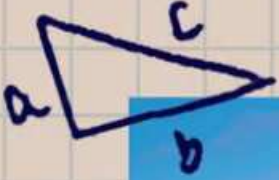
The Sports Day is an annual event held by EBS to promote the spirit of competitiveness within their students and nurture their physical and mental well-being through a series of races, inter-house matches, and displays for the parents. Displays put on by the students include the forming of a pyramid, exhibiting their Taekwondo prowess, and putting on synchronized displays to show their unity.

Various races devised by the sports department challenge the dexterity and coordination of the students who compete against their classmates not only to win individual accolades, but also to garner the most points for their respective houses in hopes of securing the house cup at the end of the year.

The event concludes with the students gathering in the Futsal court for an award ceremony, lauded on by both their parents and teachers which always causes students to look forward to the next edition.







MATH MANIA





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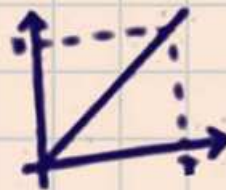
In this Inter-House event, students from the same house were divided into different teams and made to compete to collect the highest amount of Peshas (the currency for the Math Mania).

The first challenge for the teams was "Escape the Facility." The first three teams to successfully escape the facility within the given time were presented with an advantage; they could visit the eye-catching stalls to play mini-games including Twister, Pop-it, Tick Tock and Jenga in order to earn more currency for their team.

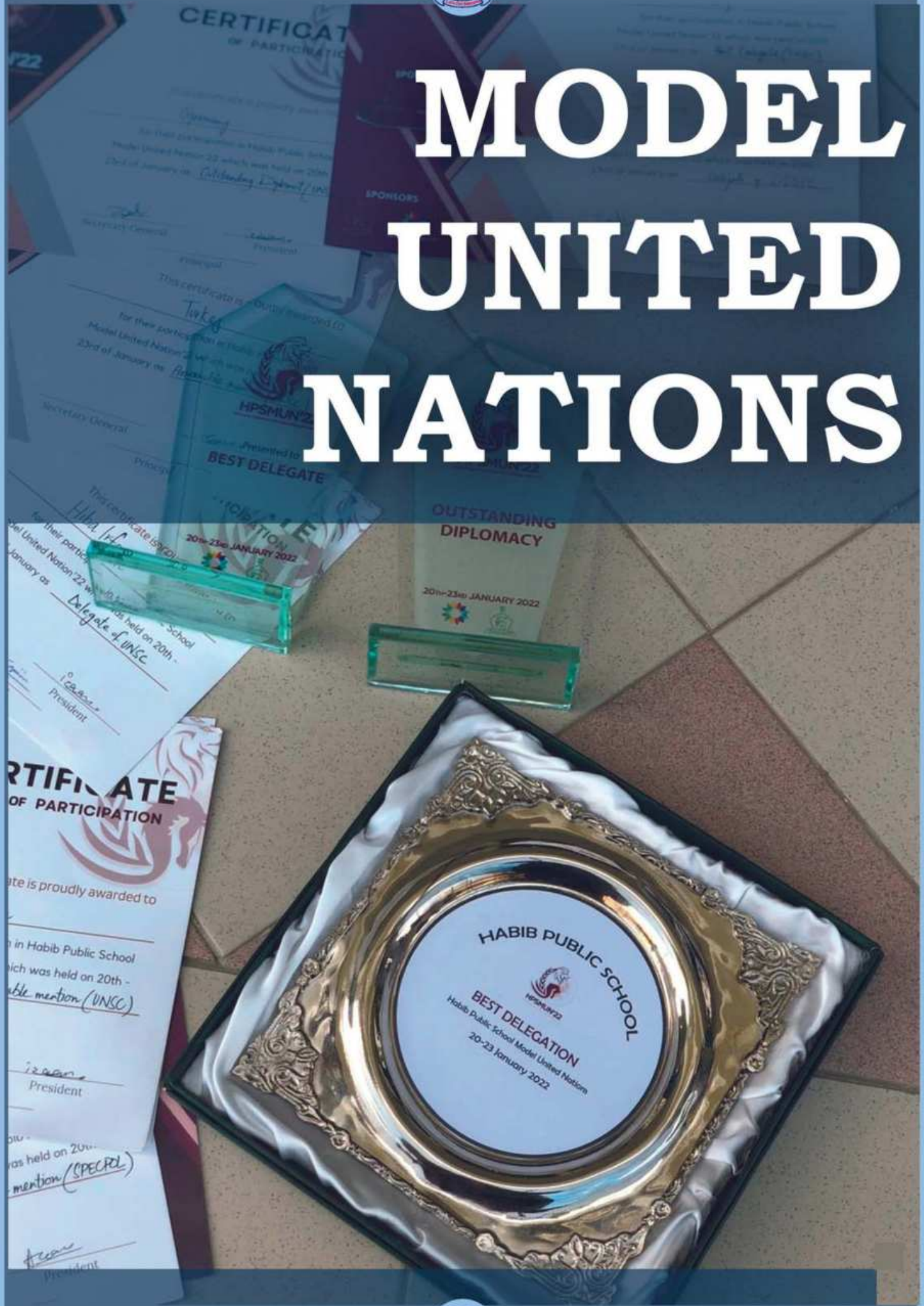
Peshas from each team were collected and counted, with the 1st and 2nd teams from both sides qualifying for the final round of the Math Mania. All four teams were given a question during the rapid fire round, and the team which was the first to answer was awarded points to determine a winner.

The purpose of the Math Mania was not only to improve students' mathematics skills, but also to enhance their cognitive function by forcing them to think on their feet and develop practical problem solving skills.





MODEL UNITED NATIONS





EBMUN



The opening ceremony of EB MUN 2021 being initiated by the president, in the auditorium.

The debate coach and patron of EB MUN, Sir Afham Saya being awarded a shield for his contribution.



To the right, EBS's delegation at the first iteration of KGSMUN in August, 2022.

To the bottom, EBS's delegation having bagged the Best Delegation Award at HPSMUN 2022.



KGSMUN Recap, Abdul Rafay Mursaleen 11B

When it was announced that this MUN would be taking place, I decided to join the official school delegation as I knew it was a great opportunity to grow my public speaking skills. Prior to the conference, we trained for a week.

Day 1: We made our way to Karachi Grammar School. My committee was IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency) and its topic was "Maintaining Nuclear Security in the 21st Century."

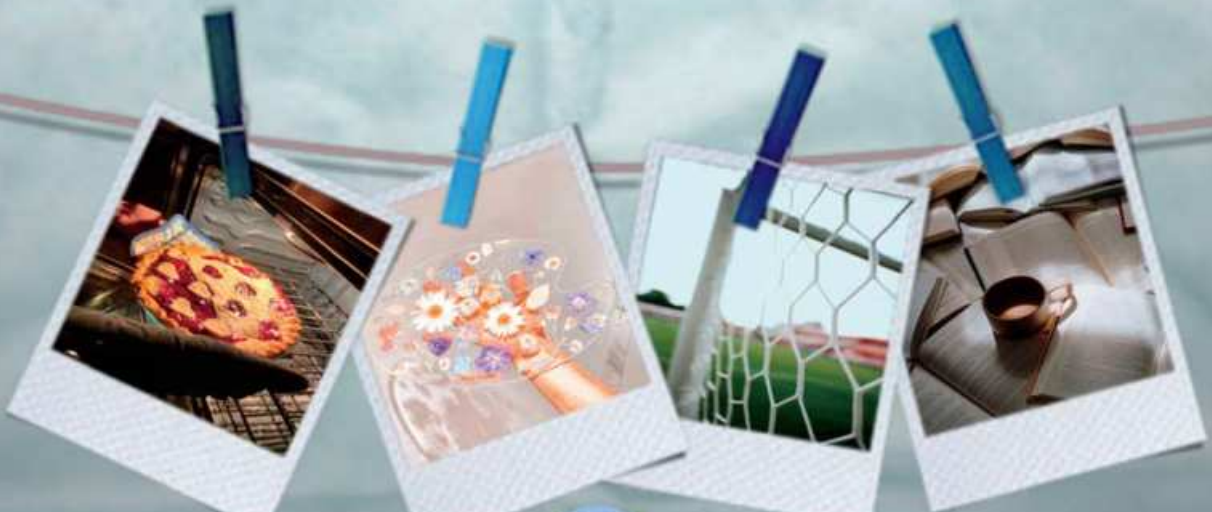
The country that was allotted to me was IRAN. Day 1 was very dry as I didn't speak much, regretting my decision later on. I was mindful of the fact that day 2 would be filled with debate so I needed to be ready. I conducted a little more research, prepared a few speeches, and called it a day.

The next day we made our way to our respective committees. I showed my intent to be recognized by raising my plaque card and I was acknowledged and thus allowed to speak. When I ended my speech, everyone clapped, which felt really satisfying. I wanted to give more speeches and over the next 5 days, I gave a total of 9 speeches. Unfortunately, I didn't win, but I gained something very invaluable from this conference-experience. One thing I learned is that in life you need to get out of your comfort zone to grow and overcome your fears, a lesson that I will always carry with me.





Clubs



Lab Rats



Resin Art





Helping Hands



Culinary Arts



Green Fingers



COMMUNITY SERVICE



Orphanage trip

In 2022, the girls of class 10A visited Aisha Islamic Academy- Orphanage for girls, as part of their community service. They had a unique opportunity to interact with girls hailing from different cultures and backgrounds, and learned lessons of humility and gratitude.



Beach Cleaning



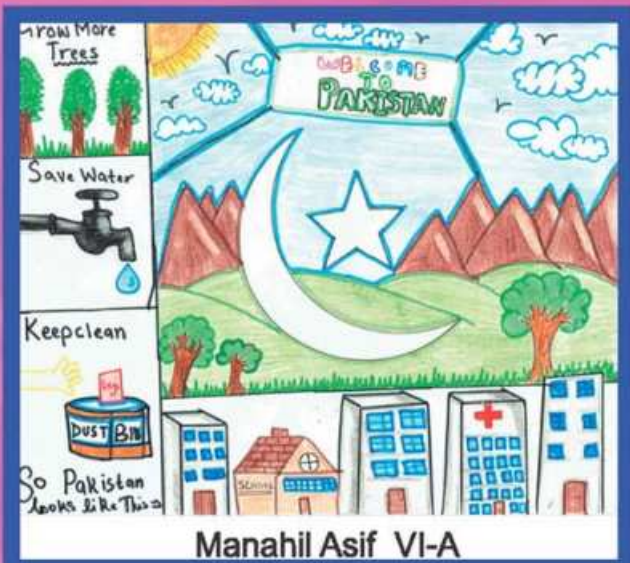
Manzil

2022 - Class XB visited Manzil Educational Organization (MEO) which provides free and quality education to the children residing in the marginalized areas of Karachi. This trip aimed to instill compassion in our students for the underprivileged and teach them social responsibility and how to give back to the community.

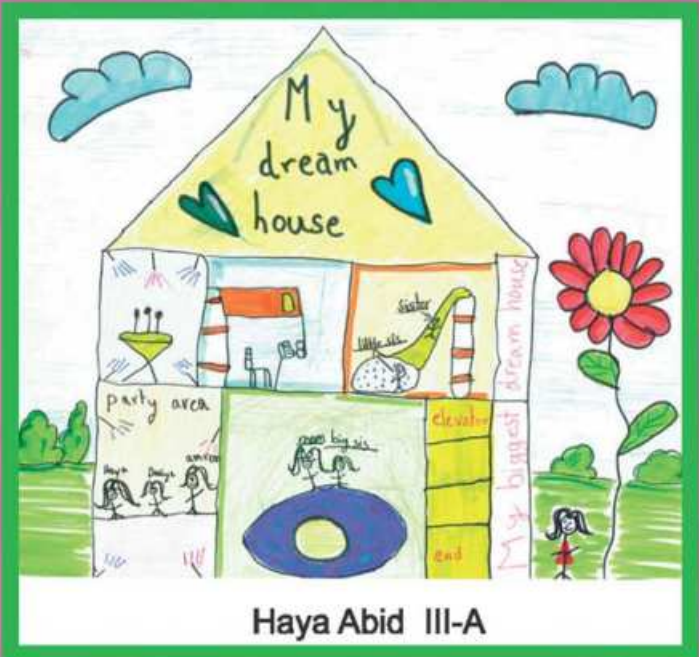


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Ebony Art Gallery



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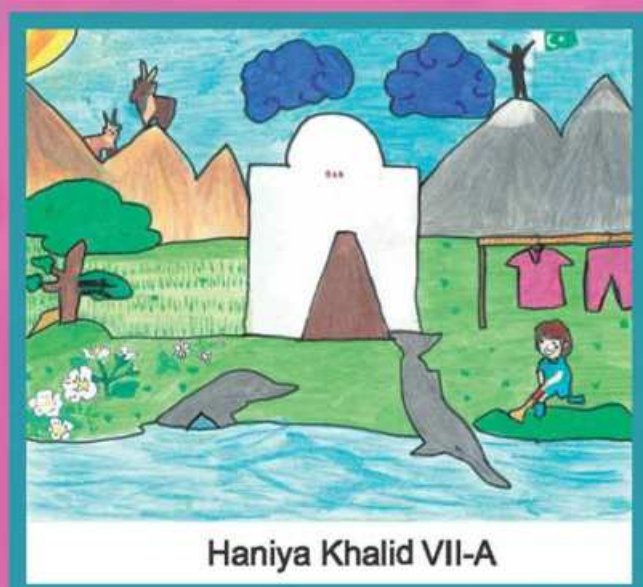


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Ibrahim Yasir III-A

Art is not what you see, but what you make others see'
-Edgar Degas



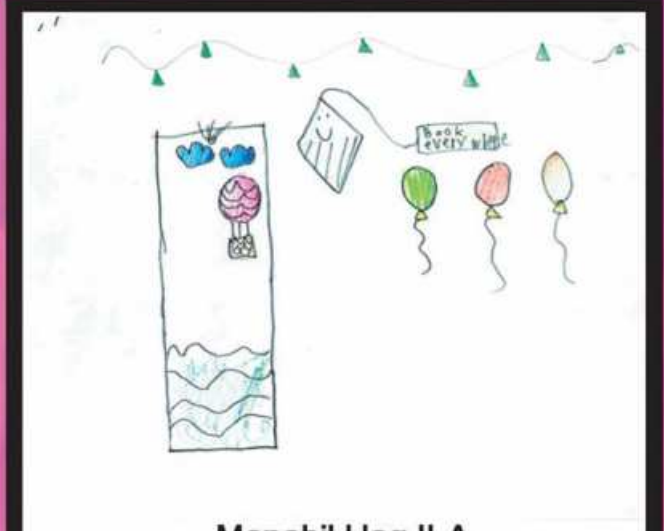
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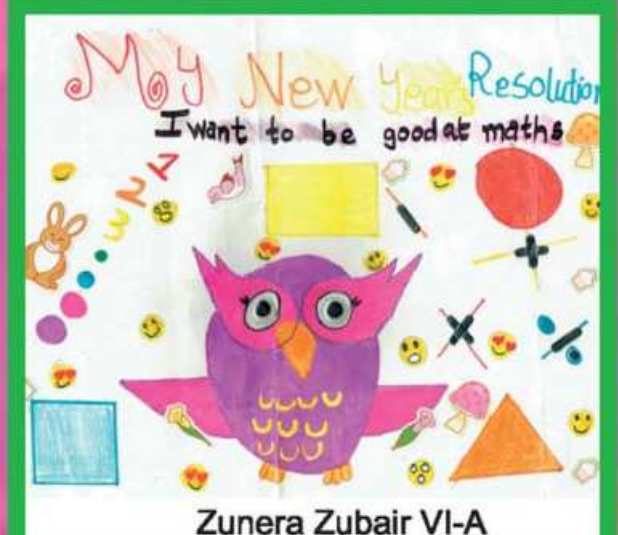
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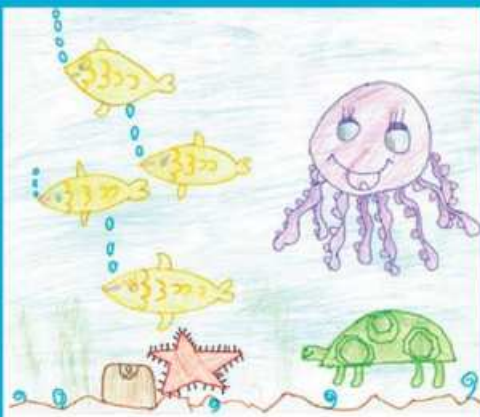
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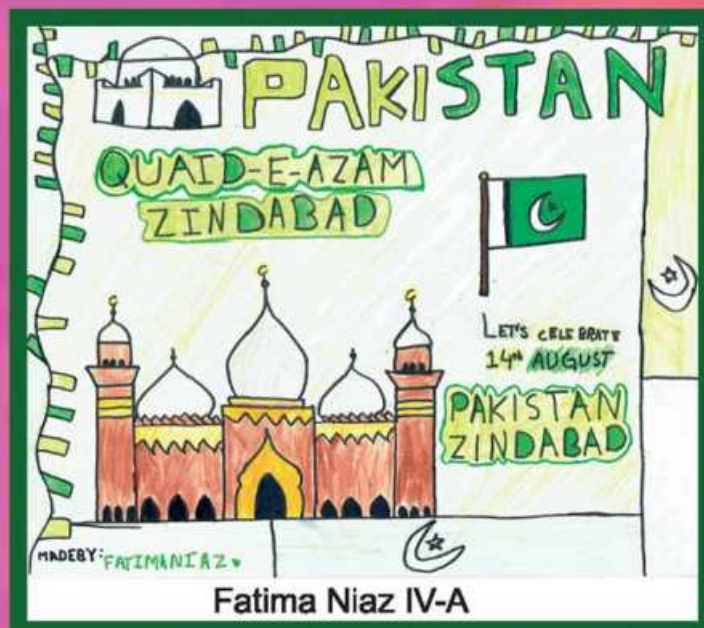
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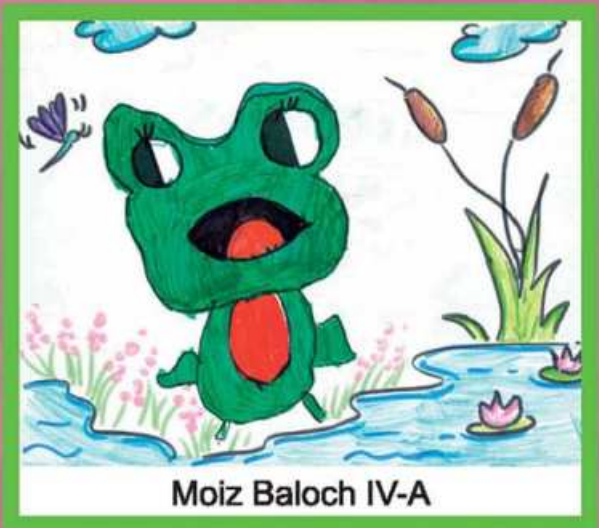
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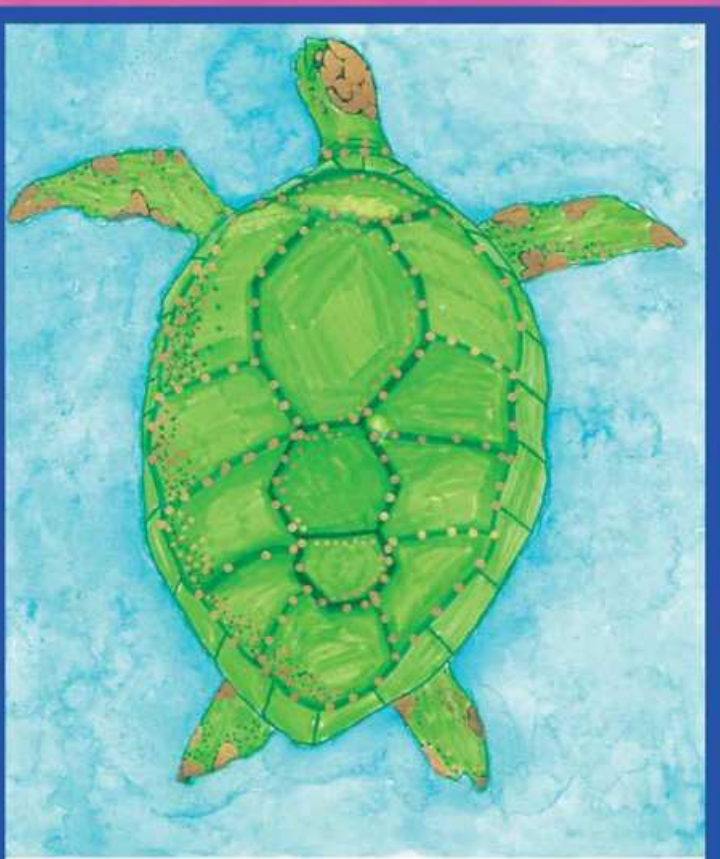
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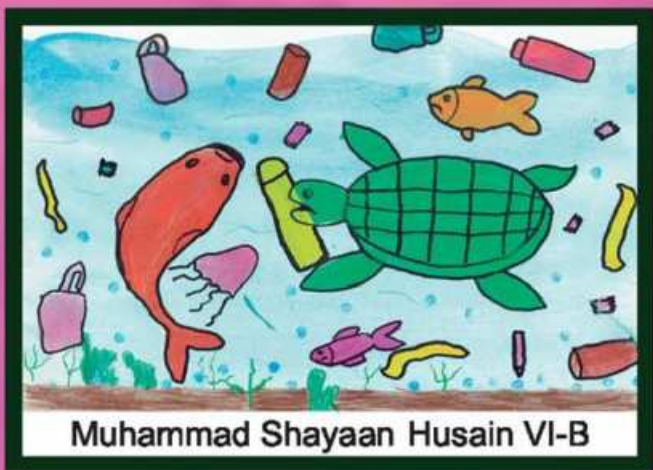
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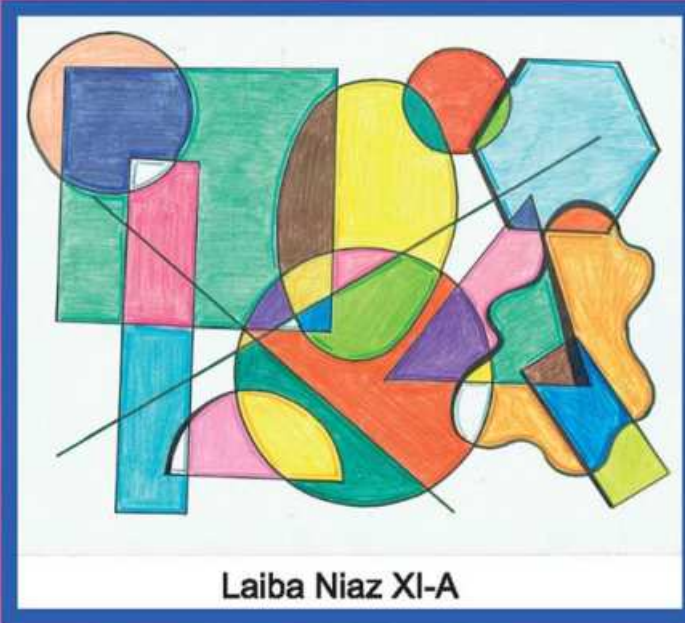
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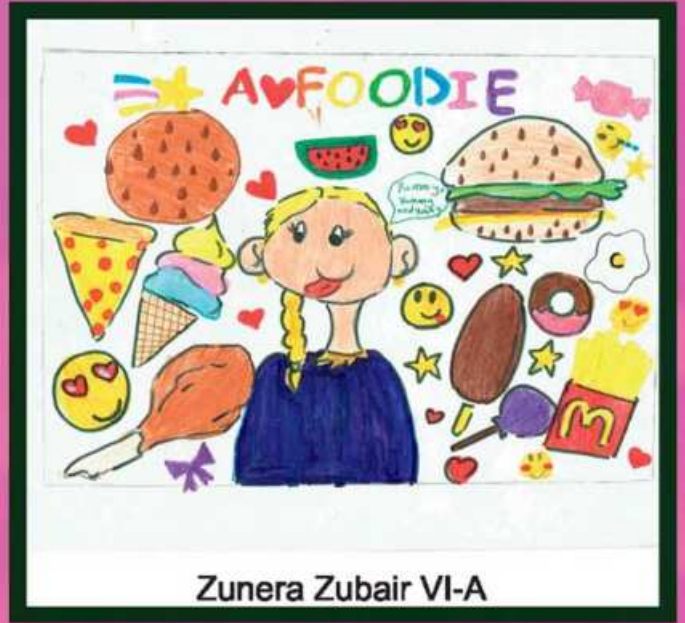
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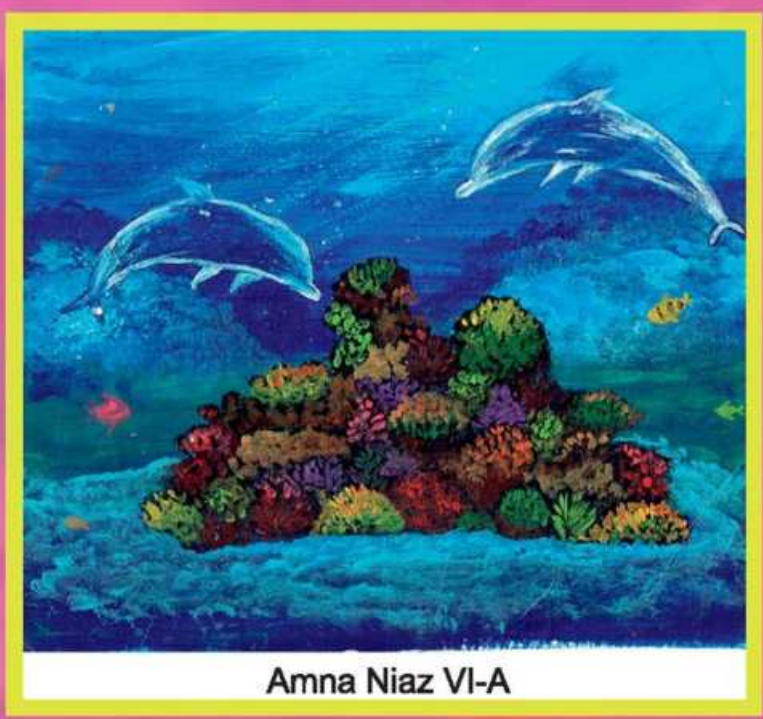
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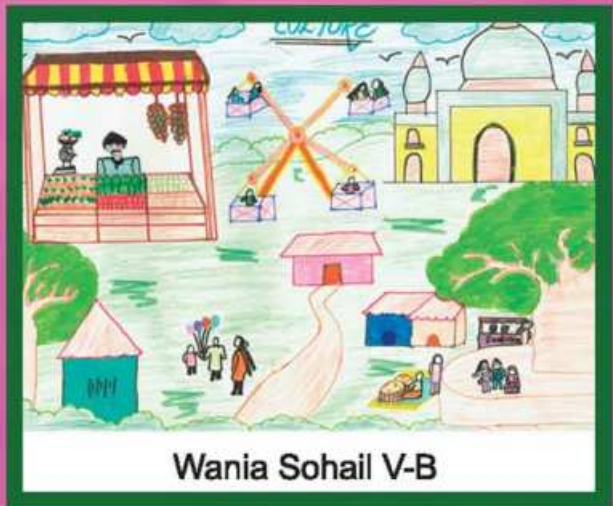
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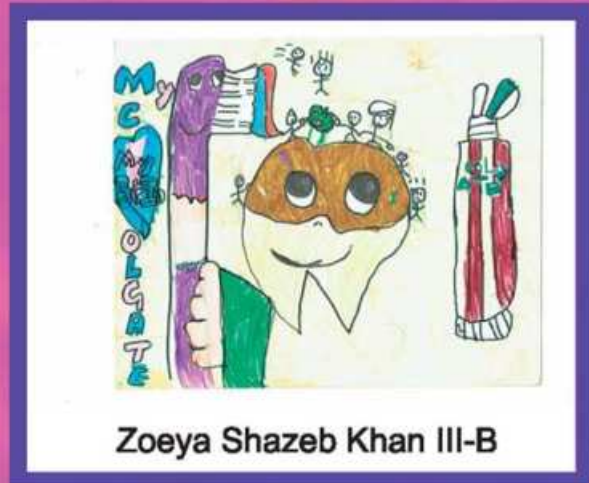
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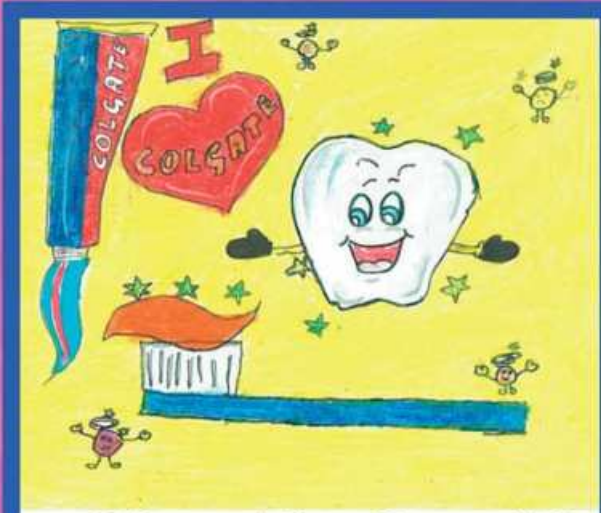
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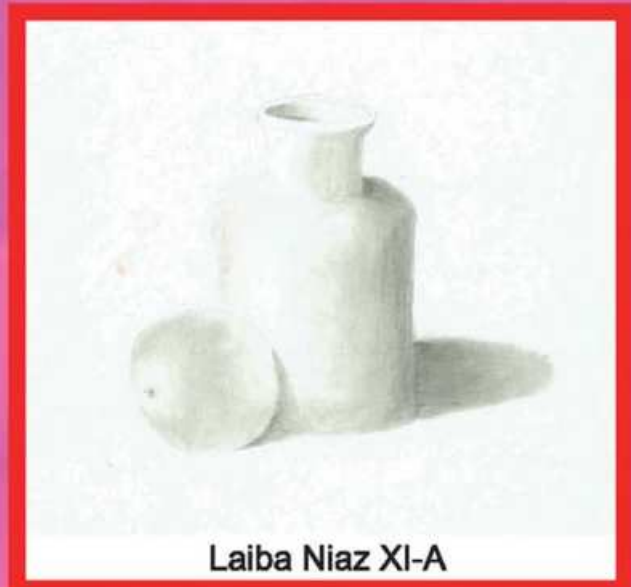
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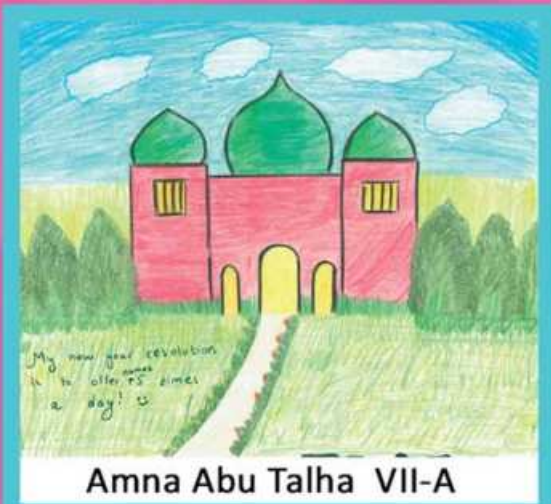
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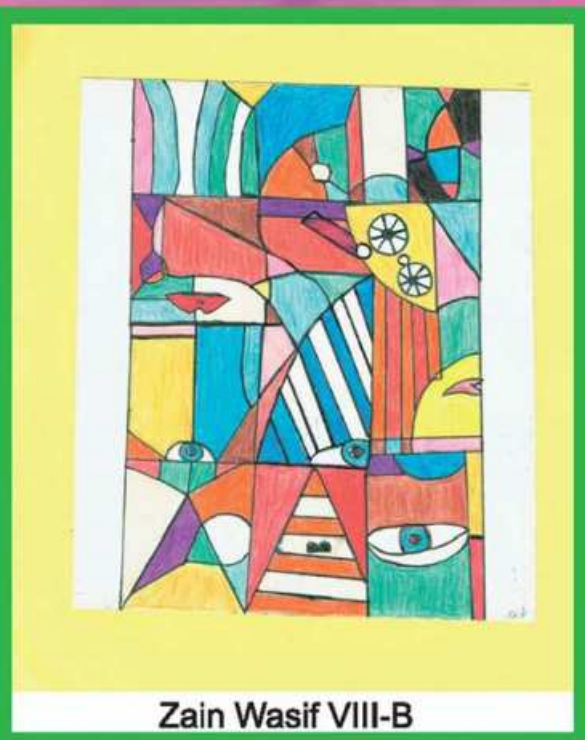
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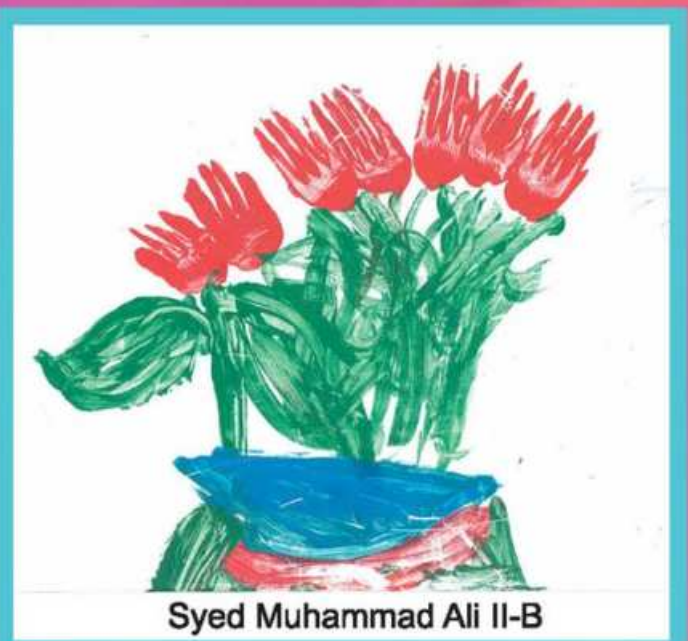
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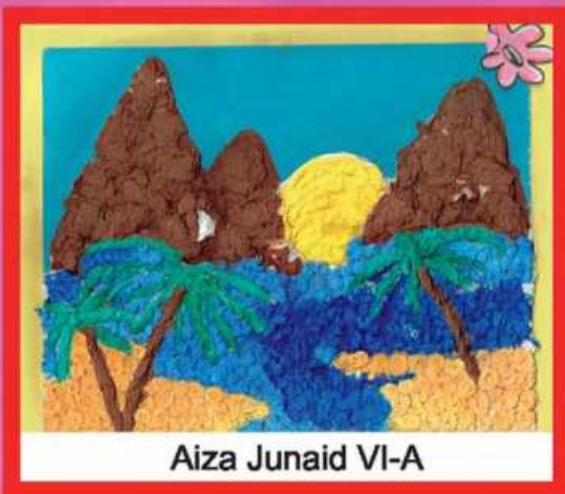
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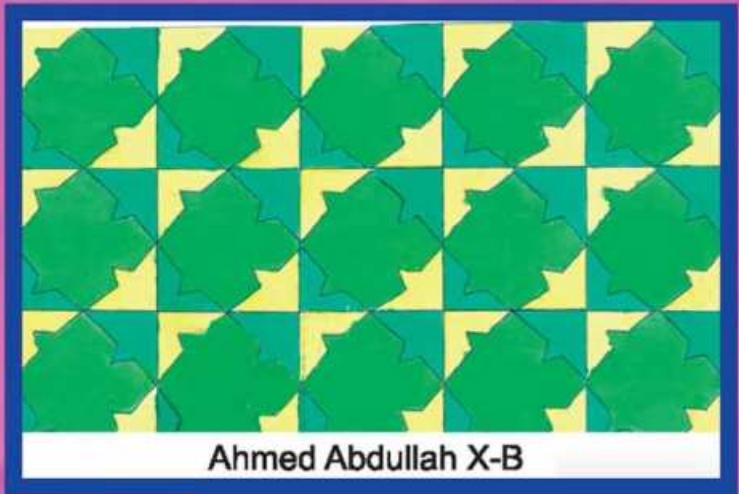
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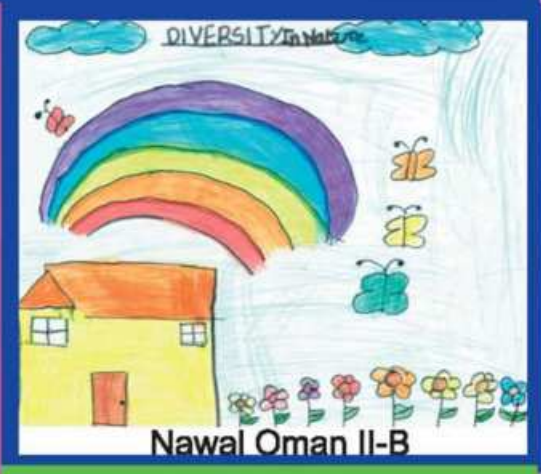
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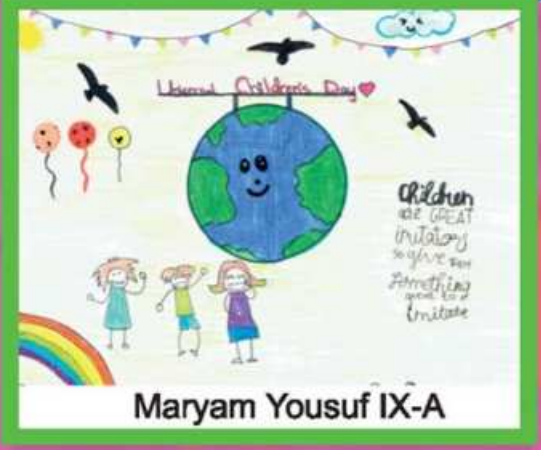
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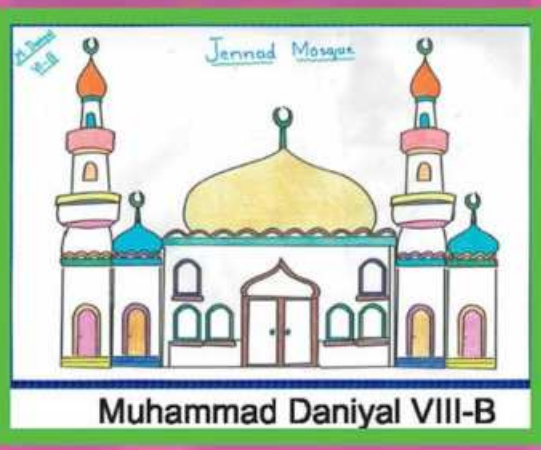
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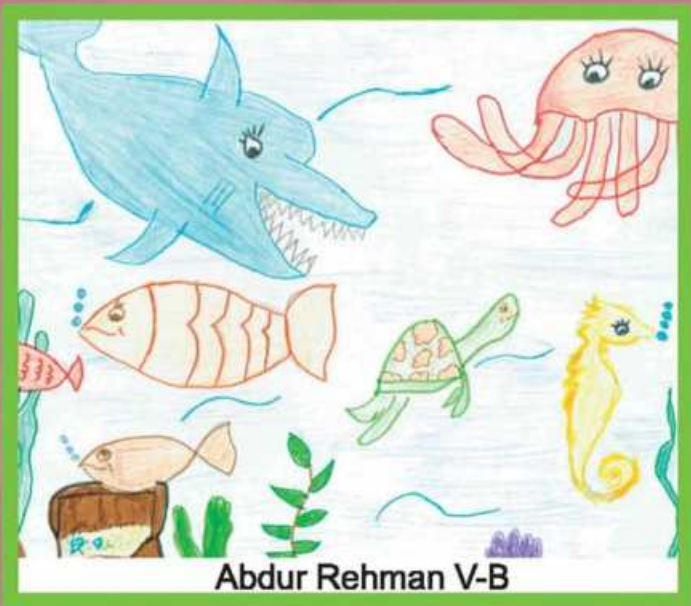
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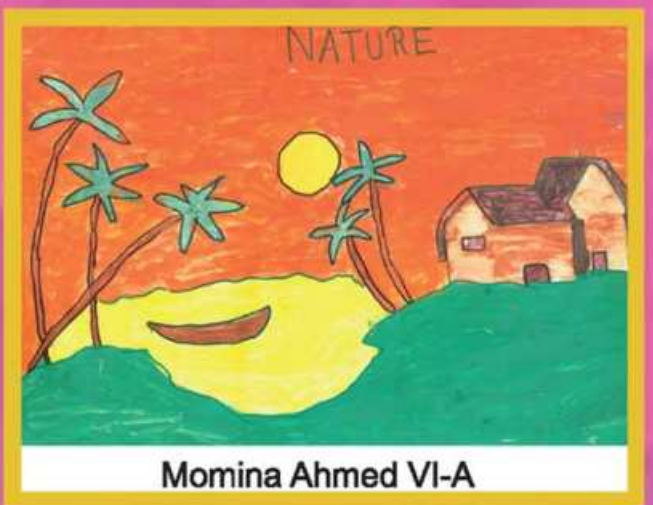
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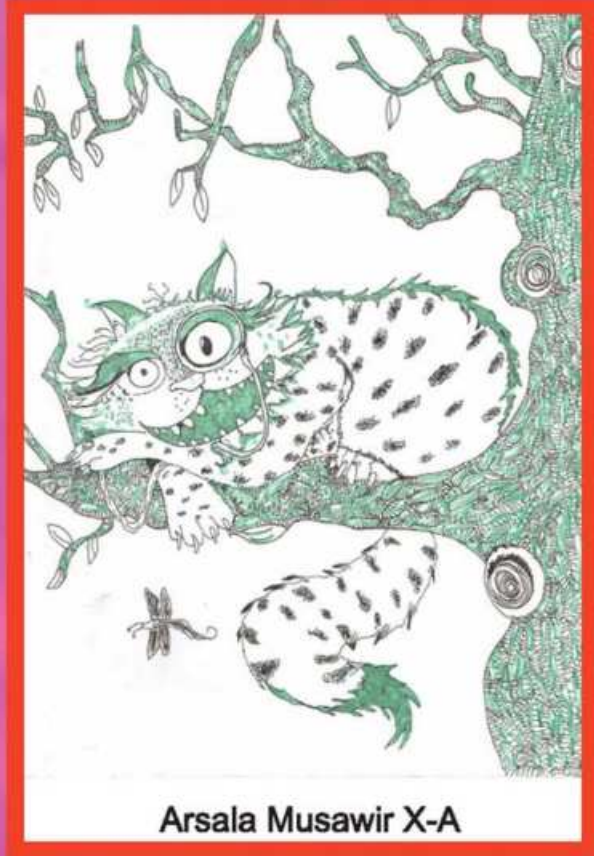
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Momina Ahmed VI-A



Mustafa Asif VII-B



Arsala Musawir X-A



Behind the Scenes with Ms. Ambreen

Q1. Could you share how this journey towards Art began?

As a child, I was always fascinated with different organic forms in nature and their colors like roots and branches of the trees, fishes, sea shells and flowers. I used to paint and photograph them and spend hours in making meticulous drawings of these. I loved the smell of fresh paint and engaging with colors was a whole new experience for me. Making cartoon characters and illustrating children's books was another thing that I started at a very young age.

Q2. Is there any favorite memory you have from Art School?

Yes, there are many actually...but my Thesis display was something memorable where I had to face many challenges as I was working on a fairly large scale project exceeding 7 feet by 6 feet. It was a huge learning experience that gave me a chance to explore myself and nudge my creativity to take it to the next level; engaging with a larger audience...more than I expected. It was the first time that I stepped into the Art market as a Fine Artist.

Q3. What is your area of specialization and how did you come to choose it?

Although my practice includes textile designing, sculpture and large scale graphite and charcoal drawings, but the intriguing process of mixing colors and experimenting with new mediums led me to choose my areas of specialization in the following two fields:

1. Painting that includes all mediums, such as oils, watercolor, acrylics, gouache and egg tempera.
2. Miniature Painting that has its origin from Mughal Era. In this painting process we used to make our own glue "Lai", make multi layered paper out of it, that is called "Wasli", make brushes for painting with squirrel tail and mix our own pigments.

Q4. Did you ever have any challenges to face in pursuing Art as a career?

Luckily, I never had to face any such challenges. I've been a biology student but I was given an open choice to opt for any field as a career. My parents were always very supportive throughout the process.

Q5. How did covid affect you and your work?

No doubt, it was a huge shift from onsite to online and working from home, adapting new ways of teaching.... I felt no matter what, we need to keep going. So besides all that, for me it served as a period of incubation. As an Artist we do need a space to research, absorb and reflect so I was able to make a whole new body of work. I managed to have my solo exhibition right after that and launched my clothing brand, named Lilac Hues.

Q6. What is your vision of Art and its impact on the world and how does EBS support this vision of yours?

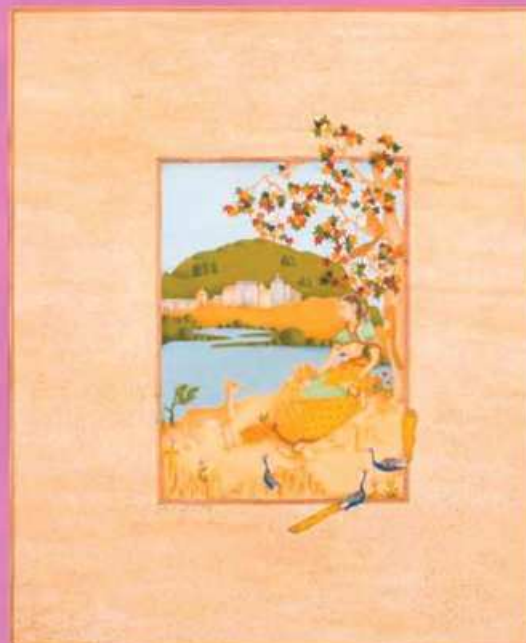
Art is always a reflection of how we respond to life and that is something that makes us unique. It is our true nature to tap into the creative process, connect with our surroundings and explore who we are.

In this contemporary era, I can already see the visual culture flourish. The fresh blend of technology has already started to change the way art is created nowadays. We see a lot of digital art and software, video animations, public art, installations etc. engaging and making art accessible to a wide range of audiences all around the World.

I truly appreciate the efforts of EBS. They have the insight that allows every child to explore their inner artist. Being the faculty member of the Art Department I've been given the freedom to take my students to this artistic journey where not only do they learn different techniques but also experience the possibilities that are far beyond the conventional ways, and together we take Art to the next level.

Q7. As you know, our country believes that Art is one of the most unworthy and useless fields. What are your views on this mindset?

It's a misconception that we've perceived for decades. It's high time that we need to create awareness in this genre. We need to allow ourselves as well as our future generations to explore this medium of expression.



Mughal Miniature Painting

Q8. What advice would you want to give to your students at EBS about chasing and working for their passion?

Do whatever you are passionate about, and do it whole heartedly. Then find out how it can make a difference in someone's life. This was the piece of advice given to me by my mentor.

This algorithm always works!

*Art pieces by
Ms. Ambreen*



An insight into her studio



Still Life



Choices



Coming to Life



CREATIVE WRITING

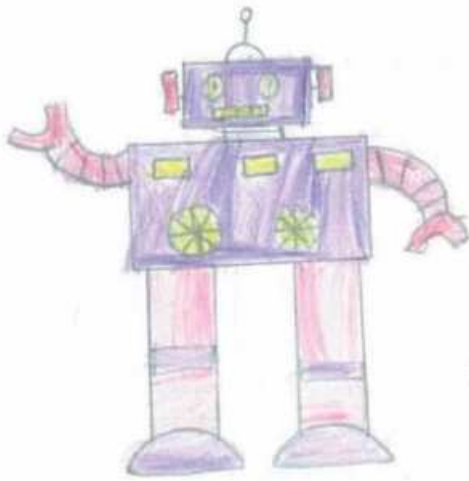


“You don’t write a novel out of sheer pity any more than you blow a safe out of a vague longing to be rich. A certain ruthlessness and a sense of alienation from society is as essential to creative writing as it is to armed robbery.”

Nelson Algren

ESSAYS

A Robot



By
Zahron
1-B

UNICORN



The Unicorn is a legendary animal that looks like a horse with a single horn on its forehead. Unicorns are thought to be good and pure creatures with magical powers. They are strong, white in colour with a rainbow coloured mane and tail. They are difficult to catch. They are Scotland's national animal.

AYESHA ADIL 1-B

Date 24-10-22

"My favourite Dress"

By: Sarah Ibrahim.
I - A

I have a lot of pretty dresses. My favourite dress is a "Princess gown". It is pink in color. It has a pink bow and frills. My parents brought it for me. I wear my favourite dress to

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parties. It is very comfortable. It makes me look like a princess. I love it.

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Sarah Ibrahim I-A

MY FAVOURITE DRESS

BY: SARAH IBRAHIM.

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Muhammad Faisal 1 - A



Autumn Date _____

There are four seasons.
Autumn is one of the
four seasons. This season
comes after summer
and before winter.
Trees shed their leaves
in Autumn and the
leaves turn yellow,
orange and red.

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I like Autumn season

Muhammad Faisal

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S.M. Yousuf
II - A
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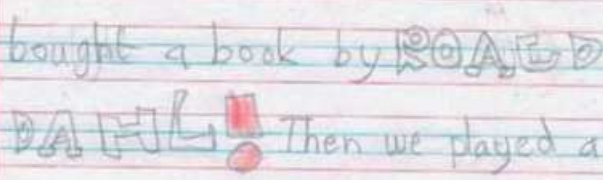
Literature Festival

On Thursday there a literature festival. After that walking around we went to the auditorium and saw a puppet show. Then we had to write a story with a partner, my partner was Sharqar. Then we went to the library. In the library we did an activity of urdu.

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Politics

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When we returned to our class, our mums came for story telling. It was a lovely surprise and a lot of fun listening to them. I went to the Book Fair and I bought a book by  Then we played a bit and went home.



Being Kind

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Once upon a time my little brother got hurt. I was helping my little brother. He burnt his hand really badly. He was crying so much. I put ointment on his hand. I sang poems for him. And I gave him some Icecream. He forgot the burning hand. And then he was so so so so much much happy.

by Mahnoor Saad II-B

Mahnoor Saad II-B

C-W A dream

Date: 14-10-22

The best dream in the world

One night I went to bed at 9:00 pm. When I closed my eyes I fell into a deep sleep. I was in candyland. There was a carnival of candies. There were lollipop trees, cake buildings, donut schools. A candy fairy said to me "be happy this land is made for you".

Maryam Adil III-B

C-W Me and my brother

Date: 22-10-22

This story is about: Me and my brother. One day I said to my brother that, "can you give me your cute hat for one week but he said, "no. I insisted him many times but he refused. Then I promised him to give him my me band, for one week in exchange. He agreed on it. Later my mum told us for share the things without

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you.

I said "I should go to my family". Then my school alarm rang "I should get out of my dream". I said - I woke up and it was time for school

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any exchange as Allah likes sharing. And finally we both get a gift. I'll always remember it.

Maliha
Furqan
II-B

Maryam Adil III-B

Maliha Furqan II-B



MY MOM Date: 22-10-22

I love my mom very much.
 She cooks yummy food for me.
 She cares for me.
 My mom likes to eat pasta.
 My mom likes to drink mango juice.
 My mom give me surprise.
 My mom make pudding for me.
 My mom give my toys to play with my friend Arshiya. She likes white colour. She is 40 years old.

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Shahryar Faizan II-A

Anaya Ali 3A

A scary Poem Date: 22-10-22

Once there was a scary spider,
 Which crawled everywhere,
 It crawled on all the walls and floors,
 and it crawled on my hair,
 I tried to throw it outside but it was too fast,
 finally I grabbed it and threw it out at last.

Anaya Ali III-A

2007a khn 3B

My Nightmare Date: 22-10-22

When I was three or four I had a nightmare. In my nightmare I was in a tree house and there were dinosaurs every where. "Quickly hide behind the couch!" Said Mom. "But why?" I said. "Because there are dinosaurs coming!" Said Mom. "Okay!" I said I quickly ran and hid behind the big couch. But I came out

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and said "I'm going to help you," I said. As soon as I came out my mom threw me out the window. "Aaaaah hhhhh hhh!" I said.

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Zoeya Khan III-B

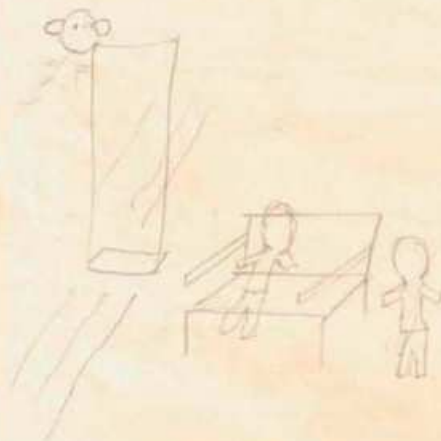
A Strange Occurrence

Me and My friend Anaya were in a park, it was so hot we both were sweating. After a while Anaya noticed the swing beside us was swinging all by itself. Anaya and I looked at each other with horror-filled eyes and then back at the swing as there seemed to be nothing close by to make the swing move. At it was after dark, there was nobody else around in our neighbourhood park, other than the two of us. We tried to run but our feet seemed to be stuck to the ground because of the fear. Also, there was a fierce looking dog sitting next to the exit of the park. Just then, we both heard something moving in the grass and Anaya screamed "A snake!" But when it got closer, it was only a cute little bunny rabbit. We were both so relieved to see it, but it kept moving and we were still trying to stay calm.

Just when we were almost shivering with fright, we saw Anaya's father coming towards us. He had been looking for us everywhere. When he saw us shiver with fear, he asked what was wrong. We looked towards the moving swing. Anaya's father started laughing. Anaya and I started wondering what was so funny.

Then Anaya's father pointed towards the top of the swing. A monkey was sitting on top of the swing bar playing with the chain of the moving swing. It was our neighbour's pet monkey who must have escaped from his cage.

Anaya and I also started laughing and were happy to know that there were no ghosts around us. We went home and returned the pet monkey to the neighbour's house.





Hania Haq 4A

My best friend 26-10-22

Having good friends is a great blessing from Allah. Let me introduce you to my childhood friend.

Her name is Maryam. She is my paternal cousin. She is ten years old. Her favourite hobby is baking. She likes to bake cakes and brownies. Her favourite color is pink. She has pink dresses, jewellery and bags. Sometimes,

I go to her house for the night stay and sometimes she visits me. We love to do art activities together. We go to the park, do cycling, play badminton and do skating also.

We both are very close to each other and I pray we always remain the same.

Hania Haq IV-A



Talha Gilani

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A Day at the Park 27-10-20

Last Sunday me and my friends decided to meet in a park. Omar asked, "How are your days going?" I answered "Good, What about your days?"

Omar said, "Great! I have started a new hobby."

I said, "Wow! What is it? Please tell me about it."

He answered, "Gardening!"

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I said, "It's a good hobby. Where do you do gardening?"

He replied, "On my terrace."

I exclaimed, "That's amazing!"

I have also started a new hobby which is reading."

Omar cheered, "Fantastic!"

Which books have you read?"

I replied, "Enormous crocodile,

Harry potter the most which

I liked is Charlie and the Chocolate factory."

Omar uttered, "I also want to read book. Can I borrow it from you?"

I replied, "Yes you can take it from me."

Talha Gilani IV-A

The Lonely Enchantress

..... I told my friend Maria about the swingset. "It's swinging on its own!" I exclaimed. Unfortunately, when I showed her the swingset, it wasn't moving at all. Just then, there was a screeching noise which scared everyone and they ran away. Only I stayed in the haunted park.

"Why aren't you running away screaming like other kids?" roared a screechy voice from the top branch of the tallest of all the trees.

"Ugh, I can't believe my luck magic didn't make you run and yell for your mama," said the disgusting voice. "Magic?" I asked. "Of course, I'm an enchantress," she cackled. The enchantress turned around to face me. I was extremely surprised with what I saw! Her face was covered with tears.

"Why are you crying?" I asked gently. "I'm just lonely," she sobbed. I wiped her tears and comforted her. Then I asked her to come to my village to make friends. She changed her heart and we lived





A boy who lost *Date: 27-10-22*

in a Zoo.

One sunny morning, Ali's family planned to go to the zoo. Ali was so excited because he loves animals when they reached there. Ali saw the big black bear and he stopped there for a while. After some minutes, he realized that he was standing alone.

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His family was not there and he started sobbing because he thought he was kind of lost. Then hunter came there with his gun and Ali started screaming because he was afraid. The hunter said, "Don't worry I will call your family."

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Finally, his family came and met him. Then they went back home and Ali apologised his parents for his mistake.

Mir Mohammad Moiz

Baloch

Class 4-A

Moiz Baloch IV-A

My Best Friend 25-10-22

We all have many friends but all of us have a best friend. My best friend is someone who cares about my feelings and is super, duper kind.

Her name is Arifah, she has short hair and has black eyes. Me and Arifah like sharing secrets and we talk to each other like sisters.

Her favourite thing is break time,

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her favourite subjects are Art, Sports and Moral Science.

Her hobby is reading and her favourite food is samosas and tender pops. She doesn't like dirty or unorganized things and I find it funny. Inshallah, we both will step foot in Jannah together and Inshallah all of our dua's will be accepted.



Nimrah Khurram 5 a

My ambition in life

Date: 26-10-22

An ambition is a strong desire to do or achieve something. Such as pilot, doctor, teacher, engineer, military or medic.

My ambition is to become an architect. I like the job because its like art. You design houses, building gardens walls windows etc. you can help people by giving creative designs for houses or creative walls or shaping the gardens or making a creative design to place the furniture.

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My ambition of being an architect will also help me in the after life because it is a source of earning halal risk and helping people build their dream homes. I love designing art, helping people and being creative.

Nimrah Khurram V-A



THE MAGIC SWING

One Sunny Saturday, my mom dropped me off at the park to play with my friends. I excitedly went to meet them and ran to the swings. All of a sudden, the swing next to me started moving by itself. I shivered and could not believe it. The swing was even talking!

"Hello," it screeched.

I froze in shock and nervously replied, "Uh.. hello."

"Password accepted," said the swing and suddenly a portal opened and sucked me inside.

As I felt myself going down a slide, I shut my eyes tight. I landed on a fluffy grass surface and was amazed to see a beautiful valley with unicorns and a dozen rainbows. As I admired the colourful scenes, I heard someone crying. Bravely, I decided to follow the sound which led me to a lovely white pony.

"Hi lovely pony, why are you crying?" I asked:

"I'm not a pony. I am a Unicorn," he groaned. "Today I lost my horn because I bumped into a tree and my horn got stuck in it."

"Oh poor Unicorn if you lead me to it I can help you," I said. When I saw the horn, I pulled it out with both hands and stuck it back on the Unicorn's head. All of a sudden, he turned into a purple Pegasus, "Oh! Thank you!" he joyfully exclaimed.

The Pegasus gave me a ride and since the sun was setting I asked him to take me home. He pushed me up and in a flash, I was back on the swings.

Haadiya Haq IV B

DRAWING



THE MAGIC SWING



Dinosaur Resurrection

Ever since Zaid had been a child, he had always dreamt of becoming a palaeontologist. It was his life-long wish to bring dinosaurs back to life! When he grew up, he became one of the greatest palaeontologists of all time!

One day, he was digging the ground and found an egg- it had a tiny molecule of live dinosaur DNA. He had done it! He could create an entirely new era with dinosaurs! Of course, there was only one breed of dinosaurs, specifically the brachiosaurus and he had successfully bred it. It was an extremely tall one; in fact, it was taller than five palm trees and had a muddy brown skin colour. Luckily, they were herbivores, so Zaid let them go out into the wild. This was a bad decision because half the people saw them as a threat. They blocked roads in protest and started rioting.

Zaid was worried that this would be the cause of World War In, so he made his move. He sent out helicopters armed with machine guns to find them all and eliminate them. He felt very sad that he had to kill an entire species just to save another.

Uzair Ali Samir V B



My Dream Places to Visit

Ever since I was five years old, I had only one dream; that is to travel to every country in the world. It is nearly impossible but as I say 'nearly.' What if I could go wherever I wished and travel anywhere in the world? My first choice would be to go to Paris in France and experience the magnificent cold breeze.

Later, I would take a short trip to another European city called Prague in the Czech Republic and experience the beautiful mountainous views and drink some scrumptious Czech coffee. My next stop would be 'The House of LEGO' in Denmark where I would live out every child's dream - the Lego Land! I would treat myself with Legos and Candy's ice cream and off-course some chocolate!

I would take a look at kangaroos in Australia as well as the possums and spiders. After a few days, I would come back to our sweet home Pakistan - the land of the pure and kind, and taste our national dishes like Nihari, Biryani and Kulfi.

My trips, would make me realise that every country is beautiful in its own way. May Allah (SWT) give everyone the chance to visit these countries so that they can enjoy all the beautiful experiences the world has to offer.

Zayan Raheel V B

Sweet Helpers

My family is really broke. We could never afford anything, not even food! We had to go on the streets and beg for money. One day my family and I were fed up from begging on the streets for money so we thought we should build a restaurant and work for it. We started the next day by going to the constructors and showing them a picture of how we wanted our restaurant built. The theme of our restaurant was 'candy.'

After 2 months of constant building, our restaurant was done just like we wanted it. Now it was time to decorate it from the inside. We bought candy-themed wallpapers with chocolate and lots of candy on it. Once we were done, everything looked wonderful! It was perfect! It was time to buy all the other stuff but we didn't have any money, so we had to borrow more money from our friend which put us in debt of \$138,000, adding to our worries. We bought cutlery and a whole lot of other things.

Next, we had to make the menu, so we thought and thought until we finally got it. We thought of lollipop burgers, twizzler fries, chocolate cake, mint rolls, and sugary rice. We tasted all of them and they were perfect! Our restaurant was located in Karachi near Do Talwar.

On some days our restaurant did well and we got orders after order. Our restaurant was so full that most of the time many people had to stand outside. In a few months, we raised so much money that we could pay off our debts and we still had a lot of money left. So we thought of upgrading our restaurant and putting colourful lights outside to outline the name of our shop - 'Sweet Helpers.'

SYED MUSTAFA UR REHMAN V-B

DRAWING



Sweet helpers



ESSAYS

Has social media impacted our society more positively or negatively?

Social media has impacted our society positively and negatively. It has shown its negative impacts but it has also had positive and beneficial influences.

In today's times, we depend on our smartphones for work, school and our personal and social lives. It's been a long time since we used to live our lives contently without phones. The internet as well as social media have become a significant part of our daily lives and thus have a greater impact on today's teens as they are the most frequent users of it.

Social media presents a range of potential issues. Firstly, people use social media to socialise with people that they don't know. Friends on social media may actually not be friends and dangerous strangers instead. They can take advantage of you and it raises questions regarding people's safety. They can even hack or bully you.

Secondly, social media has brought cyberbullying to a whole new level. Most of the cases of cyberbullying are not addressed. Many teens are being bullied online. They are picked apart for any content they post or engage with. Kids with disabilities are more likely to be bullied than other children as they are targeted for their insecurities and their differences. Due to this, many teens do not tell their parents about the hate or negative opinions they receive online. Another devastating effect of social media is suicide. Suicide remains amongst the leading causes of deaths for children under 14. People subjected to constant bullying end up with an extreme inferiority complex and depression and thus end up taking their own lives.

I believe social media has affected our society more negatively than positively.

Marium Shakir XI-A



Should people with disabilities be given the same opportunities in the professional world as others? Debate.

Disabled people are the ones who have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of their major life activities. People usually look down upon the disabled and this heavily impacts their professional life as they are deprived of many opportunities just because of their disability. The unemployment rate of disabled people is 96.76% as of 2022!

Why hire a person with disabilities? The answer to this question is that inclusion is central to equality. Employment for disabled people not only earns them their bread and butter but also provides opportunities for social participation which indicates equality in society. It is our responsibility to make sure each person has the opportunity to actively enjoy a valued life regardless of their being abled or disabled. Furthermore, the involvement of differently-abled persons in a company can bring benefits to the company. For example, it improves the reputation of the company in the market portraying its positive image to the world hence attracting more customers.

Employing disabled people in the company also brings a better understanding of disabled customers, hence they are able to provide them with better services.

Companies refuse to hire people with handicaps because they have a low speed of working. People say that their disability restricts their movements which results in a slow work rate. What a normal person can do in 10 minutes, the disabled one takes 30 minutes to execute. Therefore, efficiency is low which hinders the organisation's progress. This is the reason why people think twice before hiring a disabled person. However, history has proven and shown the marvellous feats achieved by disabled people.

"Disability need not be an obstacle to success." -Stephen Hawking.

Disabled people should be wired in the professional world. Employing disabled people gives them a sense of independence, empowerment, and dignity. Everyone has a right to enjoy the wonders of life to the fullest.

Shajia Ali Shirazi XI-A



Breaking The Rules

It was another mundane day at school. The same routine, people, and boredom. Nothing interesting ever happened at Joe's school and he was sick of it. He wanted to do something new. Little did he know that the next few days would be the most extraordinary ones he would ever experience.

The next day, Joe got ready and walked to school. Before the first period began, the Principal lectured his class on the importance of following rules and everyone was handed a rule book. Suddenly, a terrific idea popped into Joe's head. He could try to break Every. Single. School. Rule. Pulling this off would turn the table for his everlasting boredom. He started ASAP, and began with simple rules, including no running in the hallway, no chewing gum in class, no littering and slowly but surely, Joe began to cross off more rules from his list.

The following day he came prepared. He began by getting a warning for wearing incorrect uniform, then he spray-painted the front wall of school which earned him detention. Next, Joe knocked out another student which made him receive a week's worth of community service, and the best part was that he was just getting started. Joe crept up to the Principal's car just before school and punctured the tyres. The principal found out and was furious. His parents had to pay for the damage and he had to face detention for a month, but it was worth it.

Joe worked towards his goal, and before he knew it, he only had one rule left to break - no fireworks in school. The following day, Joe bought some fireworks for the Finale and during break set them up while everyone was downstairs. As soon as the bell rang, they were lit. The sound burst his eardrums and the school was filled with smoke and colours. Everyone was awed. A teacher saw Joe with the lighter, so he ran for his life, and this final act led to his expulsion from school.

A day after the incident, Joe's parents were called to discuss his misconduct. The Principal exclaimed that he had been given many warnings and punishments, so now she had decided to expel him. Joe's parents were enraged. He was grounded and given a taste of his Father's leather belt. The following week, Joe was unable to leave the house and it helped him reflect and realise that his actions had been unacceptable and that if he continued down that path, he may never achieve his goal of becoming the richest man on the planet and so, after being informed that he would be starting at a new school in a week, he resolved to be disciplined and focus on his studies and never hurt people.

Ahmed Abdullah X-B



Late to School and Sent Back

It was just an ordinary weekday morning. Fate had it that Elena's dearest cousin chose to have her wedding on a weekday. If the procession of wedding dresses, makeup appointments and constant dance practices wasn't enough, her promise to her mother for being punctual was looming over her head like a dark cloud threatening to pour.

Elena awoke groggily when her alarm clock went off. Her hands stretched to the side table and she eyed her phone. It was as if one of her grandmother's knitting needles had pierced her! She sprang up from the bed. Reality had come crashing down and she was evidently LATE! Elena could hear her mother scolding her in her thoughts as she hurriedly yanked on her socks. It was the very idea of having to face Hitler's wrath that motivated her to scramble to her bags.

The entire car ride was spent biting her nails and shaking her legs. As the car pulled up to the horrendously blue building called School, Elena watched in horror the white gates being pulled shut by the guard whose face stretched into a grin resembling an executioner from the French revolution. She bounded through the car door, the seat belt flying as she wrenched it open. She did a half jog and half run to the gates and thanked the lords that the guard had stopped. The gate reopened with a melody of singing angels and cherubs.

Her moment of bliss was abruptly cut short by the Head Girl who stood tall and haughty, her glasses perched on her nose and her expression so frightening she could easily dethrone the Red queen from Wonderland. The Head Girl sized Elena up and glared at her messy bun with its strands sticking out like pins in a voodoo doll. Elena stammered in fear, her own trembling voice sounded foreign to her and just like vomit, all her excuses poured out of her in one messy heap.

The Head Girl stared at the disheveled mess. Elena was told and mercilessly that the gates were closed and she would have to call home. As if on a Broadway show, the Head Girl paused for drama and said that Elena would return home bearing a shiny detention slip. Her scornful words had a venomous effect on Elena who knew it was her last chance so she did what any sane teenager does. She fell to the ground, grabbed the Head Girl's legs and wailed like a baby. "Please don't send me back, I'll clean the grounds for a week, alone," she cried. Yet her efforts were futile, the tyrant refused to be swayed.

So, that is how Elena found herself in her parent's room at nine in the morning. She stood in a corner with her head bent, scolded for her irresponsible attitude. It was World War two. Alas, she was grounded for a week. Elena could kiss breakfasts with her friends goodbye and say hello to more hours of chores. From all this, Elena concluded that she really needed to invest in a new alarm clock.

Arsala Musawir X-A

An Ordinary Weekend Morning

I It was just an ordinary weekend morning, but I couldn't shake off the feeling that something just wasn't right. In my waking moments, I was haunted by a nagging thought that I just couldn't bring to the front of my mind, and it was as though the harder I tried to grab onto it the further it slipped away. I went to the bathroom to wash my face with the hope that a clearer mind would unmask the thought, but with every drop that slid down my face, the thought faded out further and further into oblivion. I shook myself out of the trance-like state I was in and decided to continue on with my day.

I got dressed and collected my keys and ID card reading Ethan Leonard - PR assistant. The mere sight of my own name brought back the nagging thought but as it slipped from my grasp, I was left with an overwhelming feeling of confusion. I caught sight of the clock and realised I was 5 minutes late. I ran outside, hopped onto my rusty old bike, and pedalled furiously, managing to arrive at work just a few minutes late.

Fifteen minutes later a police officer entered the office and suddenly my heart dropped. In the void left by it was a feeling of dread and horror for which I couldn't place a reason. He asked, "Is there an Ethan Leonard here?" I felt my soul leaving my body and all I could do was meekly raise my hand. "There is no need to look so worried Ethan, you just dropped your wallet outside."

Relief flooded through my veins as I thanked him. The encounter left me shaken for no good reason, and for the rest of the day I was plagued with paranoia and couldn't help constantly looking down into the street.

At lunch I felt as though I needed strong coffee to calm my nerves, so I walked across the street to the café and sat down with an espresso and a donut. I overheard a man and a woman, apparently a doctor and nurse from the local asylum, talking about the recently escaped psychopath who had killed 3 people since his escape 3 months ago. As a child I had been deathly afraid of serial killers and hated horror or thriller movies; so I found it understandable that I felt jittery.

The rest of my workday was rather uneventful; however I still felt shaken and nervous for the duration of my time at work. I barely got anything done and as a result, I had to work overtime. By the time I left, despite the air conditioning, I was drenched in sweat. On the way home, I felt very jumpy, as I had had to stay late. The roads were pitch black and I had the constant feeling that I was being watched. At one point, I nearly fell off my bike, having heard a rustle next to me. Luckily, it was only a cat.

On top of everything, I arrived home just as a thunderstorm broke. That didn't do my nerves any favours either. My house is not very sightly. Actually, I wouldn't even describe it as a house as it is closer to a rotting, wooden shack straight out of a scary movie. I jumped right out of my skin as thunder clapped and lightning struck right behind the shack. By now, my mental capacity was wearing thin and I decided to go in and just sleep.

I went inside and began dressing for bed, but as I was about to close my closet, I noticed a corner of a white garment. I picked it up and was faced with the sickening sight of dried brownish-orange splotches over a pearly white jumpsuit. The jumpsuit was adorned with a badge reading lake H.' My first thought was that the owner had been living in my house without my knowledge, but just then, a small folded piece of paper fell out of the pocket. I picked it up. It was really old and partially torn at the creases from constant folding and unfolding. The note written on it was short, "Hello Ethan, or should I call you Jake. You may not remember who we used to be, but just in case you do, here's a friendly reminder- NEVER GO BACK." I realised what this meant, I was the escaped psychopath the doctor was talking about; I had killed those people! At that moment, a sickening feeling spread through my veins like poison as all the bad memories came back, the trauma of my childhood, the terrible crimes I had committed, the horrors of the asylum, and finally my escape.

I fell to the floor and panic swept across me, but within a few seconds, I got up and realised it didn't matter. I was still alive and a free man. Thinking back to the events of the day, every reason for my paranoia made sense, and thinking back further, I realised something else. I had gone through the exact same routine before. I suffered from memory loss and by the next morning, nothing but a nagging thought would remain.

Sulayman Ali Samir X-B

DRAWINGS



An ordinary weekend morning

The Case of a Mysterious Stranger

I was at a bus stop waiting, on a sunny day, for the last bus of the day when I caught the man beside me scrawling in a battered notebook, its pages yellow and its spine broken. "It will rain heavily" he wrote. Not two seconds later clouds appeared and a heavy downpour began. Negating it as a coincidence, I didn't think much of it. However, when I glimpsed at it again, I saw "Two rainbows will appear parallel in the sky" written. My gaze snagged up to the sky. Gasps all around me merged into one collective breath of shock, as two bright rainbows formed above. I thought to myself who this person could be, is he some kind of an alien?

Cutting off my absurd line of thought, I set about to read a book when the man spoke to me. He recommenced had written something in his notebook. I tried to read it but then he angled it away from me. I took up my book again hoping to distract myself from the puzzling event.

The bus arrived after a while and both of us got on. It was just the two of us and being alone with him gave me the creeps. I was minding my own business when he took a seat to my right and confessed a rather odd thing. He warned me to stay away from the sound of a sneeze. Instinctively, I glanced into his notebook, "something awful will happen to the person who stays close to the sound of a sneeze."

He got off at the next stop and I got off at mine. As I wandered towards my apartment, a person on the walkway sneezed. I continued to walk when suddenly a dog started to chase me all the way to my apartment. Panting and gasping for air, I went upstairs only to find out that I had to go out again to get groceries. Rattled by the earlier incident, I hesitated to go out, but necessity called for it. On my way back I remembered that I had forgotten to buy milk, thus I trekked back to the supermarket. On my way, I heard another sneeze near me. I whipped my head to the right and I saw a truck barreling towards me. Fearing for my life, I veered to the left and kept on running till I began to feel dizzy and eventually blanked out.

I woke up in the hospital to the smell of antiseptic and clean sheets. My sister was lounging on the couch in the room. The doctors informed me that my body had given up due to dehydration. I tried to tell my family what happened on that day but nobody listened. I tried to look for the mysterious man, but days of searching led to nothing. A week later, I received a letter saying, "Don't look for me or they'll come after you too. I've already suffered my punishment, I can't let that happen to you too so please stop looking for me." Startled by the letter I began to rethink how that person had saved my life, leaving his identity a mystery never to be solved.

Shehzil Faisal X-A



Do you think smoking should be banned on state level?

The number of people who smoke has increased over the years. Although they're equipped with the knowledge of how unhealthy and unwise smoking is, people still choose to smoke. It is a personal choice and a highly addictive habit. Smokers choose to subject themselves to the health risks of smoking as the momentary high and pleasure it gives them overrides their sense of health.

Smoking can cause lung diseases by damaging the airways. There's a famous saying for this. "Your craving is temporary but the damage to your lungs is permanent."

Children are easily influenced in their growing stages and witnessing such crude habits around them will ultimately harm them once they take it up themselves. Therefore, smoking should be banned on a state or international level. There is a saying that goes "monkey see monkey do" which tells us that people imitate the actions of others in their daily lives. Teenagers happen to think that smoking makes a person "cool." When they see adults doing it on the streets, it strengthens their belief in the "coolness" of smoking. Some teenagers think that smoking marks their transition into adulthood and maturity.

If smoking is banned in public areas, it will promote a healthier lifestyle for everyone. By banning smoking in public areas, the government sends the message that it cares about the health of its citizens which discourages people from smoking.

People who smoke are often major patrons of cafes, bars and restaurants and the number of these patrons tend to diminish when a smoking ban is imposed. The reduction in the number of patrons would earn the chains lesser profits thus leading to financial difficulties. Moreover, if these difficulties go on increasing, some of the businesses might also consider permanent closure. The government earns a lot of revenue through the sale of tobacco and cigarettes. The ban results in a major drop in this.

These financial loses will be there but I still think smoking should be banned on a state level because health is the biggest and most important asset of our nation. Money can be earned in different ways but a man once lost cannot come back.

Manaal Qamar IX A

British conservationist Gerald Durrell said, "Anyone who has gotten any pleasure at all from nature, should try to put something back into it." What is your interpretation of this line?

The most critical problem faced by our generation is the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity and the marine ecosystem deterioration. Nature is being destroyed as we speak. All the resources that are necessary to sustain life are dependent on nature. Our nutrition, fossil fuel, food, raw materials, and minerals, all come from nature.

Humans have exploited nature to its fullest potential, damaging it day by day. People have become so materialistic that they loot and plunder Mother Nature without thinking of the consequences or giving anything in return. Now nature is taking its revenge via global warming. It's happening all around us, impacting our lives, and causing all sorts of natural disasters. We should be thankful to God for blessing us with this beautiful planet, full of greenery and beauty.

Nature shows us the beauty of this world. It feels good to look at greenery and it reduces feelings of stress. It is also great for our physical health and reduces feelings of loneliness. It provides nourishment for our mind and body.

I believe that Gerald Durrell's statement is very wise and true. It is high time that we human beings take ownership of our planet and start giving back to nature. This responsibility falls on every single human being. Giving back to nature is quite easy. We can start by replanting trees and changing the mode of transportation from fossil fuel driven cars to eco-friendly electric vehicles, like cycles and other vehicles that have low carbon emissions. We must reuse, reduce and recycle. We should try to limit our use of plastics and start using recyclable materials. We should also try minimising the unnecessary waste of water, as water shortage is a huge problem. We should discourage littering and spread the message that our world is dying. We should try to conserve our natural resources that are nonrenewable.

Conservation is an essential element of human progress. Sir Peter Scott. The time to act is now, and we must take solid action to conserve and protect the environment, because the environment and the economy are two sides of the same coin. If we cannot sustain our environment, we can never sustain humanity.

Shehrayar Atif IX-B

If you could open a door and walk into any historical event, which one would you choose? What is the first thing you would do?

Ancient Egypt would be my choice for a historical era I would like to go to. I would make my own place near the river Nile, and then go to the sites where mummification would take place. I would learn the whole process of mummification as well as the art of chariot warfare.

The Egyptians believed that the soul left the body at the time of death for eternal life and that the body and soul had to be united at the time of burial. They believed that the person should look beautiful in the afterlife so they decorated the mummy with jewels.

The steps I would like to learn include washing the body and the removal of all organs except the heart. Then the body was dried in the sun and a salt named natron was rubbed on the body. Then the body was wrapped with long linen strips. It was then placed in a decorated coffin and put in a tomb, and a book with spells was also included to help the body in the afterlife.

In chariot warfare, I would learn to stand on a chariot racing at great speeds and controlling the horses. Along with this, I would learn to aim and shoot at a target with a bow and arrow. It was a dangerous weapon to be used against the enemy and there were two soldiers on each chariot; one to control the horses and the other to shoot the arrows.

After having gained all the knowledge first-hand, I would return to the present time and share my experiences.

S. M. Abdullah IX-B

Come to Karachi!

They say Karachi is the city of lights and it's true - Karachi never sleeps. Welcome to my hometown Karachi, Pakistan. Everyone talks about Karachi's food, but this isn't the only thing which my city offers. Our city was previously a village called "Kolachi" and is now a major trading hub of our country.

We have two deep sea ports that connect us with the entire world. If you are thinking about shopping, then Karachi is the best place for exports; the products here are of the best quality and have very affordable prices.

Karachi is one of the largest cities in the world hosting more than 15 million people. You will never get bored here. There are many options for leisure activities such as amusement parks, museums, zoos and parks.

In terms of food, Karachi is the King. Karachi is mostly famous for its biryani, chai and nihari. Karachi has many food streets like Boat Basin, Hussainabad food street, Port grand, Burns Road, Bohra Food Street and Do Darya.

Karachi is blessed with a coastal line which the country uses for trade. That's why Karachi generates 60% of the country's revenue. You can enjoy horse riding, camel riding, ATV bikes and sunsets along the seaside or stay the night there by booking a hut!

This is just a glimpse of Karachi. If you want to know more about it, you are most welcome to come and visit the city. I guarantee you won't be disappointed!

MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM ASIF VIII-B

If you could have given yourself a talent that you don't presently have, what would it be?

If I ever wanted a new talent, my choice would be ventriloquism. It creates the illusion that your voice is coming from elsewhere—from a puppet also known as a “dummy”.

With an amazing talent like this, one can fool many people. This amazing talent has also been used in many horror movies in scenes where the doll, dummy or a mummy was alive. Originally, ventriloquism was a religious practice. The name's origin is Latin: Venter (belly) and Loqui (speak). The Greeks called it gastromancy. The ventriloquist would interpret the sound, as they were thought to be able to speak to the dead as well as foretell the future.

One of the most successful early gastromancers (ventriloquist) was Eurykles. Other parts of the world also have a tradition of ventriloquism for ritual or religious purposes; historically there have been adepts of this practice among the people of Zulu, Inuit, and Māori.

By the late 18th century, ventriloquist performances were an established form of entertainment in England. A famous ventriloquist was Joseph Askins who performed at the Sadler Wells Theater in London in the 1970s.

IBRAHIM NOUMAN VII-B

The Adventures of the Time Traveler

My life was completely quiet and peaceful until I accidentally stumbled across a secret that a massive army from the future was going to take over the present and past worlds. I had heard rumours about a time traveller, so I posted an ad in the newspaper everyday asking for him to contact me. I wanted to warn him about the incoming army.

Later, one day, I got a response dated 2200. I gasped. Today was the year 3000, which means the response must have come from the time traveller! I got so excited. I read the letter and it said that I had to travel back in time. I wondered how on earth I was supposed to do that. Suddenly the world blurred and started to whirl around me in a hazy fix. When I opened my eyes I saw that I was no longer in my room. Instead, I saw a middle-aged man staring at me with a smile on his face.

"You made it to the past!" he exclaimed. "So, you wanted to warn me about something?" I was so surprised by what just happened, I couldn't even talk, but at last I found my voice and asked, "You're the time traveller, right?"

"Yes, and my name is Charles," he said.

"And my name is Tooba," I said. "I wanted to warn you that an army from the future wants to invade the present and past worlds, do you have any ideas to stop them?"

"I was afraid something like this would happen. There are so many crazy people in the world, I knew it was only a matter of time before they would strike." He paused.

"Hmm, there is one way," Charles said. "We could first trap them in the past then destroy all the portals that connect the past, present and future."

"That's a great idea!" I said, "But then you won't be able to travel through time."

"True," he said. "But if I need to protect the world at the expense of losing my passion, then I will do so without any regrets."

"That is very noble of you," I said, "Let's go find the army!"

So we travelled to the future world, and with the help of a map we searched for the places where the army could be hiding.

Finally, we found them in a forest preparing for the battle.

"Where are all the portals anyway?" I asked the time traveller.

"Well, they're all in this very forest," Charles said. "I guess they're about to strike."

"And how are we supposed to trap them in the past?"

"I think I have an idea," he said, "Follow my lead."

After he told me the plan, I stood next to the portal to the past. Charles got a huge green fabric that blended in the forest and covered the portal with it. Then, he stood in front of the hidden portal with some matches in his hand and yelled at the army, "Hey! You want to fight?"

To his delight, the army ran straight to the portal to fight him.

"Now!" he yelled to me jumping aside. I suddenly pulled the fabric off and the army ran straight inside! Charles quickly burnt the portals with the matches and saw that they all started to disappear the moment the fire spread.

"We did it!" I exclaimed.

"Yep, now we can relax," Charles sighed with relief. Thankfully the danger was over. We made it to the present right before the last portal burnt down. I landed on my bed, my room exactly how I had left it. Charles vanished, and I never got to see him again. Hopefully, he made it back to where he belonged.

Tooba Noman VI-A

DRAWING



ADVENTURE OF THE TIME TRAVELLER

My Earliest Memory

My earliest memory was when my family and I went to Naran and Kaghan with my cousins. We went by car, driven in turns by my father and uncle.

We enjoyed the trip greatly. After every hour, we stopped the car for a meal break. There were so many delicious street food items over there. We also took many snacks for the road trip.

When we felt tired we slept in the car. All my brothers and sisters took turns to lay down in the car. Our first stay was in Bahawalpur, and the next day we left early in the morning to continue on to our next destination.

We took the highway and at last we arrived in Islamabad. My father's friend lived there and we stayed at his place for one night. Our destination was Naran so the next day we ate breakfast and set off on a long journey.

Finally, we were in Naran and found a hotel. It was not luxurious, but they treated us like royalty. At night, we played so many games! The next day we went to ride the Naran chair lift. We saw lush green mountains and blue lakes. We played so many games like hide and seek and ordered our favourite food. Pancakes are my favourite dish - it's very fluffy and yummy.

Finally, it was time for us to go home. We were very sad about leaving the locals who had become our good friends. Sometimes, I dream about my first memorable journey, and I miss every person who showed us love and care.

Ibrahim Salman VI B



Should Young Children Get Homework and Tests?

Young children my age are given work to do at home to reinforce the topics they are taught and then tests are taken in school to see how well a child has understood the concepts. This helps children remember what they learn in school. Also by giving tests, we are prepared for our exams as we learn to time ourselves and deal with nervousness and jitters while doing a paper.

Sometimes there are multiple tests on the same day. For example, Sarah is a student in class 6 and she has two important assessments on the same day. This has made her panic because both subjects are of equal importance. She also has homework to do. We need to realise that children also need time for recreation and other chores as well.

My suggestion is that there should be a weekly schedule that helps us divide our load of work. It will be helpful to know the topics of tests ahead of time. This way students will also enjoy doing work rather than thinking of it as a burden.

Don't you reckon I am right?

Momina Ahmed VI A

POEMS

TEARS OF EVE

Waiting long under the scorching sun
Eyeing the necessities of life abducted by the corrupt,

She stood there for many hours, tired of counting her days of
starvation

Having no idea it would be her last day of suffocation.

She succumbed to an ultimate sacrifice for her lost dignity
Becoming a victim of a deadly stampede of indifference and
cruelty.

She had lived her final hours and minutes for the sake of her
descendants

What a shame that everyone deemed it as one of the routine
accidents.

Those feet were heaven to someone but now they were no
more

Those hands were to rock a cradle but their
movement was relinquished.

Her tears have glorified her courage in this world of cynicism,

Humiliation is for those who uphold twisted democracy and
social discrimination.

Lamisha Yousuf X-A

A WINTER MORNING

Smooth and clean and frosty white,
The world looks good enough to bite.

It's the season to act young,
catching snowflakes on your tongue.

Emaan Sheikh VIII-A

UNISON

Ten years buried under,
madness, burning hunger,

Fallout, raging thunder
tear the world asunder,

Minds fused in the fire,
Linked by one desire

We are one in fury
We are one surely!

Aidah Goheer VII-A

POEMS

DEAD OF THE NIGHT

Does the moon always shine so bright in the dead of
the night?

Does it glitter and gleam at every sight?

Like the celestial bodies of fire and light,
Under its luminous gaze the air dances in delight,

It's black as graphite yet white like frostbite
The dead of the night is nothing compared to
twilight.

It's just the crickets and the spirits in their limelight
Not a single soul awakens tonight.

The wind recites its song of solitude
It is ever so peaceful in the dead of the night.

Arsala Musawir X-A



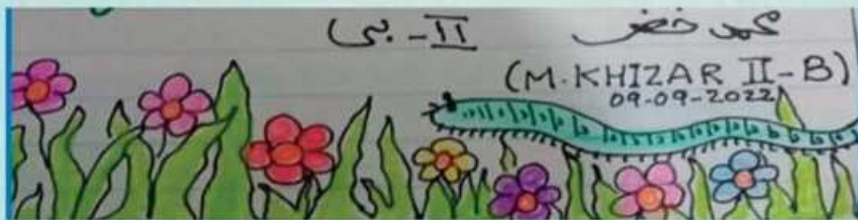
ایک ورق

میری ڈائری کے یاد گار دنوں میں سب سے زیادہ خوب صورت دن وہ ہے جب میری چھوٹی بہن اس دنیا میں آئی۔ میں اپنی دادی جان کے ساتھ باغ کی سیر کو گئی ہوئی تھی اس وقت انہوں نے مجھے خوش خبری سنائی کہ اللہ تعالیٰ نے مجھے پیاری سی بہن عطا کی ہے۔ میں خوشی سے سرشار ہو گئی۔ یہ رمضان کا مہینہ تھا، عید الفطر میں کچھ ہی دن باقی تھے۔ میں جلدی سے تیار ہو کر دادی جان اور بابا جان کے ساتھ تحفے لے کر ہسپتال پہنچ گئی۔ وہاں اور لوگ بھی میری چھوٹی سی بہن سے ملنے آئے تھے۔ کچھ دن بعد میں اپنی بہن کو ہسپتال سے گھر لے آئی۔ اور گھر غباروں سے سجا دیا۔ یہ میرا بہت ہی یاد گار دن تھا۔

عافیہ جنید -
جماعت دوم - الف

اگر میں ایک کیڑا ہوتا؟ (نظم)

خوب مزے سے کھاتا پھرتا
 اوپر جاتا، نیچے جاتا
 اوپر جاتا، نیچے جاتا
 جہاں چاہتا میں مڑ جاتا۔
 سیب میں گھستا، آڑو میں جاتا
 امرود کو مزے لے لے کر کھاتا
 جیسے ہی کوئی مجھے پکڑنے آتا
 میں پھدک کر پتوں میں چھپ جاتا
 میں پھدک کر پتوں میں چھپ جاتا
 اور کسی کے ہاتھ نہ آتا
 اگر میں ایک کیڑا ہوتا۔



محمد خضر
جماعت - دوم - ب



آلو میاں

میں ہوں آلو میاں۔ میرا رنگ بھورا ہے۔ میں گول مٹول ہوں شاید اسی لیے سب مجھ سے پیار کرتے ہیں۔ میں اکثر بچوں کی پسندیدہ سبزی ہوں۔ میری دوستی سب سبزیوں سے ہے چاہے وہ توری ہو، مٹر ہو، پالک ہو یا پھر بینگن، سب ہی مجھ سے دوستی کرنا چاہتے ہیں۔ جب مجھے بریانی میں شامل کیا جاتا ہے تو بریانی کا مزہ دو بالا ہو جاتا ہے۔


ویسے تو سب سے زیادہ بچے مجھے فرینچ فرائیز (آلو کے چپس) کی صورت میں کھانا پسند کرتے ہیں۔ راز کی بات بتاؤں تو جب مجھے تلنے سے پہلے کاٹ کر نمک مرچ لگا کر ملایا جاتا ہے تو مجھے بہت گدگدی ہوتی ہے۔ میرا پسندیدہ مشغلہ تیراکی کرنا ہے پھر چاہے وہ گرم تیل میں ہو یا گوشت کے ساتھ، اور شوربے میں تو مجھے مزہ ہی آجاتا ہے۔

آپ سب نے آلو میاں کی نظم تو سنی ہی ہوگی اور یہ بھی سنا ہوگا کہ بینگن نے مجھے لات ماری تھی۔ مگر اس بات میں کوئی حقیقت نہیں کیونکہ اصل میں تو لات میں نے بینگن کو ماری تھی، اسی لیے تو میں زیادہ مشہور ہوں۔ ورنہ زرا غور کریں قارئین! اگر آپکو بینگن کے چپس اور بینگن کی بریانی کھانے کو ملتی تو پھر آپکا کیا حال ہوتا؟

میکائل فیصل
جماعت: سوم - الف

دلچسپ معلومات

ناشپاتی  کا درخت  تین سو سال تک پھل دے سکتا ہے۔

2- چیونٹی  اپنے سے دس گنا وزن اٹھا سکتی ہے

3. کوئل ایک ایسا پرندہ ہے جو کبھی گھونسلہ نہیں بناتی۔

4۔ ہمارا دل ایک بار دھڑکنے پر آدھا کپ خون پمپ کرتا ہے۔

عمر خرم

جماعت۔ سوم۔

پیاز کی کہانی

دور کسی جگہ پر مختلف سبز یوں کی حکمرانی تھی۔ وہ سب آزادی سے کھیلتی کودتی تھیں۔ سب میں بڑا اتحاد سوائے پیاز کے۔ وہ سب سے دور رہتی تھی۔ وہ سوچتی تھی کہ میں اتنی بری ہوں کیا کہ کوئی مجھ سے دوستی نہیں کرنا چاہتا۔ جیسے ہی پیاز ان کے قریب آتی تو سب سبزیاں ناک بھوں چڑھا کر بھاگ جاتیں۔ بری مرچ بیگم "کتنی ہائے ہائے اس میں سے تو بدبو آتی ہے۔" نماز خالو بھی کہتے "بھی پیاز تم تو ہم سے دور ہی رہو۔ تم جب پاس آتی ہو تو آنکھیں جلنے لگتی ہیں۔" یوں ہر سبزی کو پیاز سے کوئی نہ کوئی شکایت تھی۔ پیاز سن کر رونے لگتی۔ ایک دن بری مرچ بیگم کو گرمی میں چکر آئے اور وہ گر گئی۔ پھر یکایک آلو میاں کو بھی آنکھوں کی وہانے پکڑ لیا۔

بھنڈی کو شہد کی مکھی نے کاٹ لیا سب سبزیاں زار و قطار رونے لگی۔ آخر نانی کا جرنے ڈاکٹر شیگن کو پایا اور سارا ماجرا ان کے گوش گزار کر دیا۔ ڈاکٹر نے سب سن کر کہا کہ ان سب کی بیماریوں کا علاج پیاز ہے۔ یہ سن کر ساری سبزیاں حیران و پریشان ہو گئیں۔ ڈاکٹر شیگن نے سب کو پیاز کے فائدے بتائے کہ اس کو کھانے سے گرمی میں لٹ سے محفوظ رہا جاتا ہے۔ یہ آنکھوں کے لیے مفید ہے اور اس سے شہد کی مکھی کے ڈنگ کا زخم بھی ٹھیک ہو جاتا ہے۔

یہ سن کر ساری سبزیاں اپنے پچھلے رویے پر پشیمان ہو گئیں اور انہوں نے پیاز سے معافی مانگ کر وہ دوستی کر لی۔ پیاز نے انہیں خوشدلی سے معاف کر دیا اور بیماریوں کا علاج کر دیا۔ اسی طرح پھر ساری سبزیاں ہنسی خوشی رہنے لگی

ڈو کٹفل خواجہ

جماعت: سوم - الف

بوجھو تو جانیں !!!

عنا بیہ صمد - جماعت: چہارم - الف

کونسا جانور ہے جو کوئی آواز نہیں نکال سکتا؟

- 1- وہ کونسا جانور ہے جو کوئی آواز نہیں نکال سکتا؟
- 2- وہ کونسی چیز جو انسان کو دو دفعہ مفت میں ملتی ہے؟
- 3- وہ کونسا پھل ہے جسے ہم خرید نہیں سکتے؟
- 4- باتوں باتوں میں وہ کھایا، کھا کر بھی ثابت پایا۔
- 5- وہ کیا ہے جس کی آنکھیں نہیں لیکن پھر بھی روتا ہے، پر نہیں لیکن پھر بھی اڑتا ہے۔



ہمارا ایج کیشن ہے اسکول (انعم)

ہر ایجر اہمیت کی بڑا اور بچوں سے ہمرا

ہی۔ ایج۔ اے کے اظہار میں ہے بنا

گیت پر کھڑے ہیں چار پانچ کی

جو آتے جاتے دیتے نہیں کارڈ کھائے بغیر

ہمارے اسکول کے میدان ہیں بہت بڑے

جس میں ہیں کرائے کے سر کھڑے

ہماری ہوتی ہے ہر روز اسکولی

جس میں حصہ لیتا ہے ہر بچے اور بچی

ہوتی ہے اس میں زبردست پڑھائی

جس کی وجہ سے بورڈ میں ہے پوزیشن آئی

سب اساتذہ ہیں بہت ہی مخلصی

وہ ہیں ہمارے لیے بہت ہی قیمتی

رہتے ہیں ہم یہاں پر بہت ہی چست

کیونکہ ہم سب ہیں اس میں بہت ہی خوش

شاعرہ: فاطمہ الزہراء

جماعت: چہارم

محمد بن قاسم

محمد بن قاسم کا پورا نام عماد الدین محمد بن قاسم تھا۔ جو کہ بنو امیہ کے ایک مشہور سپہ سالار حجاج بن یوسف کے بھتیجے تھے۔ 712ء میں اسلام کے اس نوجوان سپہ سالار نے صرف 4 ہزار فوج کے ساتھ سندھ کو اسلام کی عظیم الشان حکومت کو ایک صوبہ بنا دیا۔ سندھ پر حملے کے وقت محمد بن قاسم کی عمر صرف 17 سال تھی۔ اس نے یہاں ایسا نظام حکومت قائم کیا کہ پنڈت، پروہت مندروں میں انکی مورتیاں بنا کر رکھنے لگے۔ اور جب وہ یہاں سے واپس ہوئے تو ہندو انکی جدائی کے خیال سے ہی ان کی آنکھیں اشکبار ہو جاتی تھیں۔

اپنی بہادری کے جوہر دکھاتے ہوئے سندھ کو فتح کیا۔ ان کی فتوحات کے سبب سندھ کو باب الاسلام کہا جاتا ہے۔
ان کی پیدائش 694ء میں ہوئی۔

اپنی فتوحات کے چار سال کے دورانیے میں انہوں نے منصفانہ نظام حکومت کی بنیاد ڈالی۔ ان کے حسن سلوک، اعلیٰ اخلاق اور حسن تدبیر سے سندھ کے عوام ان کے گرویدہ ہو گئے تھے۔

زینب اصغر

جماعت - پنجم - الف

دلچسپ معلومات

- 1- برازیل ایک ایسا ملک ہے جہاں سینکڑوں والے مینڈک بھی پائے جاتے ہیں۔
- 2- جمینگر ایک ایسا جانور ہے جس کے کان اگلی ٹانگوں میں پائے جاتے ہیں۔
- 3- کاڈ مچھلی ایک ایسی مچھلی ہے جو صرف ایک سال میں نوے لاکھ انڈے پیدا کرتی ہے۔
- 4- دنیا کا سب سے بڑا جانور جو اس وقت بھی زندہ ہے وہ نیلی وہیل جس کا وزن تقریباً 190 میٹرک ٹن ہے۔
- 5- آپ کو پتہ ہے ایک ایسی مچھلی ہے جس کا دل اس کے سر میں ہوتا ہے۔ اس انوکھی مچھلی کا نام "شرمپ مچھلی" ہے۔

ہانیہ یاسر

جماعت: ہفتم - الف





مسکرائیے

☆ - علی: مجھے میرے استاد بہت پسند ہیں۔

عمر: اسکی کوئی خاص وجہ ہے؟

علی: وہ کلاس میں آتے ہی سب سے پہلے مجھے کلاس سے باہر نکال دیتے ہیں۔

☆ - استاد: (شاگرد سے) اوہ کونسی چیز ہے جسے سو گن کر آدمی بے ہوش ہو جاتا ہے۔

شاگرد: سر میرے بڑے بھائی کے موزے۔۔۔۔۔

☆ - ڈاکٹر کے پاس ایک مریض آیا اور کہنے لگا: ڈاکٹر صاحب! آپ نے مجھے پہچانا؟

ڈاکٹر نے کہا: جی نہیں۔

مریض بولا: ڈاکٹر صاحب! میں وی مریض ہوں جسے دو سال پہلے نمونیہ ہو گیا تھا اور آپ نے نہانے سے منع کیا تھا۔ میں پوچھنے آیا ہوں کہ کیا اب

میں نہالوں؟

محمد شایان

جماعت ششم - ب

☆ - نیچر: کلاس میں لڑائی کیوں نہیں کرنی چاہیے؟

بچہ: کیا پتہ کہ امتحان میں کسی کے پیچھے بیٹھنا پڑ جائے۔

عبد اللہ احمد

جماعت ششم ب

ایک زمانہ تھا جب موبائل گرتا

تو بیڑی باہر آجاتی تھی۔

اب موبائل گرتا ہے تو

آکھیں، دل، گردے سب باہر آجاتے ہیں۔

اضیاء فرقان

بنت - ب

☆ جس طرح ایک انسان کی انگلیوں کے نشانات ایک جیسے نہیں ہوتے بالکل ویسے ہی ہر انسان کی زبان کے نشانات (پرنٹ) ایک جیسے نہیں ہوتے۔

☆ ایک گھنٹے تک ہیڈ فون پہننے سے آپ کے کان میں بیکٹیریا یا 700 گنا بڑھ جاتا ہے۔

☆ جب ہم چھینکتے ہیں تو ہمارے دل کی دھڑکن ایک ملی سیکنڈ کے لیے رک جاتی

ہے۔

جماعت - ہشتم الف

محمد خالد

زندگی اللہ کا دیباہ ایک اصول تھوڑا ہے

زندگی اللہ کا دیباہ اتنا پیاب تھوڑا ہے جس کی انسان بالکل قدر نہیں کرتا۔ انسان کی زندگی کی شروعات اس کی پیدائش سے ہوتی ہے۔ کچھ لوگوں کے لئے یہ تھوڑا ہوتا ہے جبکہ کچھ لوگوں کے لئے مشکلات سے بھرپور سفر ہوتا ہے۔ کسی نے زندگی کو ہمیشہ عشرت سمجھا تو کوئی زندگی حسین خواب خیال کرتا۔ کسی کے لئے تو زندگی ایک بے معنی کھیل ہے تو کسی کے لئے زندگی غموں کا دریا ہے۔ زندگی درحقیقت امتحان کا وہ ہے اور خوبصورت حقائق کا دو سرا نام ہے۔ زندگی کی مشکلات میں ہی زندگی کا اصل رازہ فہم ہے۔ حضرت علی کا قول ہے کہ اگر تم سے کوئی پوچھے زندگی کیا ہے تو تقبلی پر ذرا سی خاک رکھنا اور اڑا دینا۔

اللہ نے انسان کو اپنی عبادت کے لئے پیدا کیا اور ہمیں چاہئے کہ ہم اپنا ہر ایک لمحہ اللہ کی عبادت اور اس کی یاد میں گزار دیں۔ نیک اور صالح لوگوں کے لئے اللہ کی طرف سے جنت کا وعدہ ہے۔ بس بھگت جس نے اس دنیا میں نیک کام کیے اور اپنی زندگی قرآن اور سنت کے مطابق گزارنی اس کے لئے جنت کی بشارت ہے۔ میں خود بھی برائیوں سے روکنا چاہئے اور دوسروں کو بھی اس کی تلقین کرنی ہے۔ بھگت زندگی ایک اصول نعمت ہے اور ہمیں اس کو اچھے طریقے سے گزارنا چاہئے اور اس کی قدر کرنی چاہئے۔ ہر لمحہ ہر لمبے کا حساب ہم کو آخرت کے دن اللہ کو دینا ہو گا۔ لیکن ہم کو چاہئے کہ اس زندگی کو اچھے طریقے سے گزاریں اور ہر لمبے کو قیمتی جانیں کیونکہ بھگت زندگی ایک اصول نعمت ہے۔

زندگی کو ہمیشہ مسکرا کر گزارو

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کیونکہ تم نہیں جانتے کہ کتنی باقی ہے

زہرہ جماعت - ہشتم

س: آپ کو کراچی آکر یہاں پر ابتدائی دنوں میں کن مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا؟
ج: کراچی آکر ابتدائی عرصے میں مجھے کافی مشکلات پیش آئیں۔ جب میں یہاں آیا تو مجھے اردو زبان نہیں آتی تھی۔ میں نے یہاں آنے کے بعد ایک ہفتے میں برتن و صحنے کا کام کیا۔ وہاں پر اردو آنے کی وجہ سے وقت کا سامنا کرنا پڑا کیوں کہ وہ لوگ کیا بولتے تھے میں سمجھنے سے قاصر تھا۔ لیکن پھر رفتہ رفتہ میں بھی اردو سیکھ ہی گیا۔

س: آپ ایجوکیشن بے اسکول سے کیسے متعارف ہوئے اور آپ کو یہاں کام کرتے ہوئے کتنا عرصہ ہو گیا ہے؟
ج: میں یہاں کے ڈائریکٹر صاحب کے ایک عزیز کے گھر میں کام کرتا تھا۔ پھر انہی کے ذریعے مجھے یہاں پر نوکری ملی۔ میں یہاں 2002ء میں آیا تھا۔ مجھے اس اسکول میں کام کرتے ہوئے تیس سال کا عرصہ ہو گیا ہے۔ اور اس عرصے میں، میں نے اپنی نظروں کے سامنے بچوں کو جو ان ہوتے ہوئے دیکھا ہے۔

س: اس اسکول میں کام کرنے کے دوران آپ کو کیا مسائل درپیش آئے؟
ج: یہاں پر الحمد للہ کسی مسئلے کا سامنا نہیں کرنا پڑا۔ یہاں کی انتظامیہ کا ملازمین کے ساتھ بہت اچھا سلوک ہے۔ دوسری جگہوں کے برعکس یہاں پر ہمارے مسائل کے حل کو ترجیح دی جاتی ہے۔

س: آپ کی زندگی کی پہلی آمدنی کتنی تھی اور اس وقت آپ کے کیا احساسات تھے؟
ج: میری پہلی کمائی آٹھ سو روپے تھی۔ یہ کوئی سنہ 1999 یا 2000ء کی بات ہے۔ اس وقت مزدگانی اتنے عروج پر نہیں تھی تو گزر ہر الحمد للہ بہت آسانی سے ہو جایا کرتی تھی۔ زندگی کی پہلی آمدنی ہاتھ میں آتے ہی مجھے اس بات کا شدت سے احساس ہوا کہ میرے والد نے کس مشقت اور تنگ و دو کے بعد ہمیں اس مقام تک پہنچایا۔ اسی روز مجھ پر یہ حقیقت عیاں ہوئی کہ یہ محض چند کاغذ کے ٹکڑے لوگوں کی امیدوں اور خواہشوں کا منبع ہے۔

س: آپ کو بچپن سے کیا بننے کا شوق تھا؟

ج: مجھے بچپن سے کرکٹ بننے کا بے حد شوق تھا۔ میں بہت کرکٹ کھیلا کرتا تھا اور اپنی ٹیم کا سب سے بہترین کھلاڑی مانا جاتا تھا۔ لیکن میرے حالات میرے شوق کے آڑے آ گئے۔

س: آپ کی کوئی خواہش یا حسرت جو آج تک پوری نہ ہوئی ہو؟

ج: نہیں، اللہ کا شکر ہے ساری خواہشات پوری ہوئیں۔ آج جس مقام پر ہوں وہ اللہ کرم ہے۔ آپ سے بات کر کے بہت شوقی ہوئی۔ آپ کا بہت بہت شکر یہ کہ آپ نے اپنے قیمتی وقت میں سے ہمیں کچھ وقت دیا۔

جماعت: گیارہویں - الف

مہر اہار علی طاہر



سفر نامہ

بھوریات اسلام آباد کے نو ایس۔ ت شیر کو، جیسے کا اتفاق ہو امیر سے ساتھ میر سے والدین بھی تھے۔ جانے سے پہلے ہم نے اسلام آباد کی خون جھاد سینے والی سردی کے موسم کے لحاظ سے کپڑے خرید لیے ہم بذریعہ ہو ائی جہاز اسلام آباد گئے تھے۔ میں اپنی پچھو جان کے گھر رہنا چاہتا تھا۔ ان کا گھر اسلام آباد کے ایک نو ایس۔ ت علاقے میں ہے۔ میں ان کی پسند کی ٹھکانے کر گیا تھا۔

ہم بذریعہ ہو ائی جہاز اسلام آباد پہنچے۔ وہ گھر بھی آن پہنچا جب کی سڑکوں کی جدائی کے بعد ہماری پچھو سے ملاقات ہوئی۔ انہوں نے ہمیں، عاقل سے توڑ اور ہمارا بھر پور استقبال کیا۔ پچھو کا گھر ہو ائی ایس سے چند گھنٹے کے فاصلے پر تھا۔ وہاں اتر کر حسین قدرتی نکلاروں اور ٹھنڈی اور خوش گو اور ہو ائی سے لطف انداز ہوئے۔

کھانے میں پچھو کے ہاتھ کی لذیذ بریانی کی اشتہا انگیز خوشبو سے تو بھوک ہی چمک اٹھی نوب سیر ہو کر کھانے کے بعد ہم نے اسلام آباد کے پر فضا میں تھوڑی دیر چھیل قدمی کی اور پھر نوب فرگوش کے مزے لینے کے لیے اپنے نرم گرم بسزوں میں دیک گئے۔ ہمارے پاس کل دو بیٹے تھے جن میں ہمیں نوب سیر کرتی تھی۔ ہماری ٹہرست میں اسلام آباد کی قائد اعظم مونس پارک۔ فیصل مسجد، ایف۔ ون ٹریک، شکر پڑیاں، مری سال روڈ، ایچ۔ بی شامل تھے۔

وہ ایک مسین شام سب سے پہلے ہم نے فیصل مسجد جو اسلام آباد کی سب سے بڑی توجہ کا مرکز ہے وہاں کا دورہ کیا۔ مارگہ پہاڑیوں کے امن میں بنائے گئے جد یہ اہل ان کا مقصد دو مین کے خیمے کی طرز کو نقل کرنا ہے۔ وہاں مشاہد کی نماز ادا کی یہ مسجد 1960 کی دہائی میں تعمیر کی گئی فیصل مسجد 1993 تک دنیا کی سب سے بڑی مسجد تھی، حالانکہ یہ اب بھی پاکستان کی سب سے بڑی مسجد ہے۔

فیصل مسجد کے بعد قائد اعظم مونس پارک جو پاکستان کی تاریخ کی بہترین عکاسی کرتا ہے وہاں ہم نے اپنی معلومات میں اضافہ کیا۔

اسکے بعد ایف۔ ون ٹریک، شکر پڑیاں، مری سال روڈ، ایچ۔ بی کے دلکش نکلارے کرتے ہوئے وائس اپنے شہر لرین سے پہنچے۔ سفر بہترین اور پر لطف تھا۔

جماعت: ۱۰م - ب

محمد عثمان

ایک مدت سے میری ماں نہیں سمونسی نائنس " میں نے اک بار کہا تھا کہ مجھے ڈر لگتا ہے

جون وہ ہزار پندرہ کی ایک صبح ایلینا شین نے اپنے گھر کو شعلوں کی زد میں پایا۔ گھر میں اس وقت وہ اپنی بیٹی کے ساتھ موجود تھیں۔ وہ جانتی تھیں کہ اگ بجھانے والے عملے سے پہلے فرشتہ اجل ان تک پہنچ سکتا ہے۔ سو اپنی تمام تر ہمت کو جمی کرتے ہوئے وہ اپنی بیٹی کے سمیت اس خطرے سے باہر نکل آئیں۔ اس کہانی کی خاص بات یہ ہے کہ ایلینا شیلن ایک ستاسی سالہ بزرگ تھیں جو ایک بیس سالہ معزور بیٹی کی ماں تھیں۔ ان کی بیٹی چلنے پھرنے یہاں تک کے بیٹھنے سے بھی معزور تھی مگر یہ صرف محبت مادری کا جز بہ ہی تھا جس آسمان کو پھوٹے شعلوں کو شکست دے دی۔ انگریزی کے ایک شاعر جان ملٹن کہتے ہیں کہ "آسمان کا سب سے انمول تحفہ ماں ہے۔"

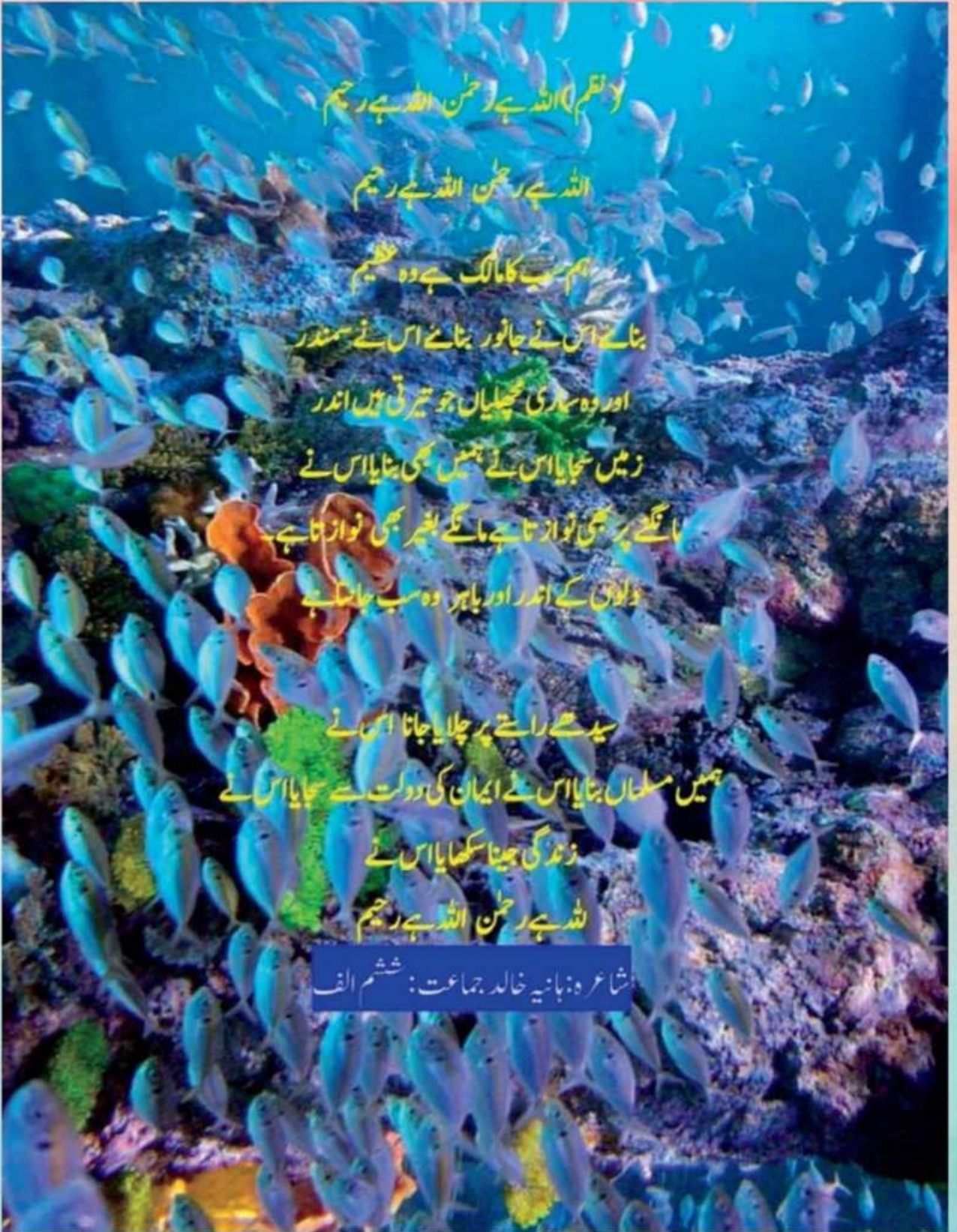
ماں شفقت، غلوس اور ایثار کا نام ہے۔ بے فرضی اور الفت کا روشن مینار ہے۔ ماں تو ایک دعا ہے جو اپنی اولاد کے لیے دنیا کی ہر بلا کے خلاف حفاظتی دھار ہے۔ ماں کی محبت بکتا ہے۔ اس کا اس بڑا اقرار کیا ہو گا کہ خود اللہ نے شفقت کا پیمانہ ماں کی محبت کا بنایا۔

"اور میں ستر ماہوں سے زیادہ شفیق ہوں۔"

کائنات میں جتنے بھی تغیرات آئے ہوں مگر ماں کی محبت ہمیشہ یکساں ہی رہتی ہے۔ ماں کبھی بھی تیار خطے سے تعلق رکھتی ہو انسان ہو یہ چاہے چرند یا پرند ہو ہمیشہ محبت کے جز بہ سے شرشار ہوتی ہے۔ قربانی کے لیے تیار رہتی ہے اور اولاد کی ہر تکلیف پر بے قرار ہو جاتی ہے۔ اولاد کی خاطر ایک ننھی سی چیز یا سانپ سے بھی لڑ جاتی ہے۔ نبی پاک صلی علیہ وآلہ وسلم نے فرمایا "ماں کے پیروں تلے جنت ہے تو ہم ماں کی محبت کا قرض اس دنیا میں ادا کی نہیں کر سکتے۔ بس یہی ہے کہ اس کی فرماں برداری اور خدمت کر کے آخرت میں جنت جنت کے حقدار بن جائے۔"

اسماہ منشاء

جماعت ہفتم - الف



لا نقم! اللہ ہے رحمن اللہ ہے رحیم

اللہ ہے رحمن اللہ ہے رحیم

ہم سب کا مالک ہے وہ عظیم

بنائے اس نے جانور بنائے اس نے سمندر

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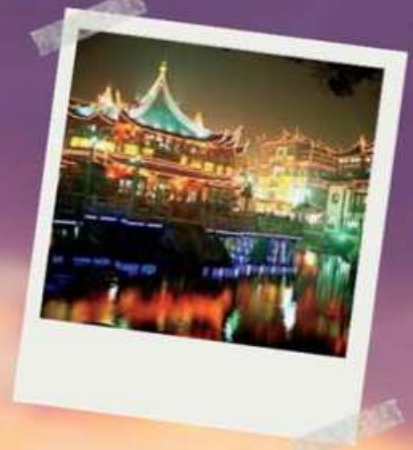
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TRAVELOGUES

My Trip To China

It is with great pleasure that I have submit an account of my trip to China I was very satisfied with the knowledge and experience that I gained. On the first day, we arrived at Shanghai airport. It was cloudy outside and we took the bus to Shanghai city. We checked into the Renaissance hotel, which is a luxury 5-star hotel. Then we ate our dinner at Taher Ha Veliwala Halah restaurant. It's a restaurant that serves delicious Chinese food. I liked the food a lot.

On the second day, we went to the Shanghai science and technology museum. It is one of the best museums in Shanghai. It has 2 wings. one is about ancient animals which include life-sized models. The other wing concentrates on technology. It has giant screens that play videos about global warming. Then we ate our dinner at Vancas Ribs and Barbecue. They offered us a variety of foods which were extremely delicious. On the third day, we went to a museum that showed Chinese history and its development over time. Then we went to Xintiandi car-free streets. It looks more like French streets because it was based on a French concept. It looks amazing. You can see nice views all over the place but if you look up you can see the breathtaking view of Shanghai skyscrapers. On the Fourth day, we went to a museum that showed Chinese history and its development over time.



I really enjoyed my time in China and I would highly recommend it to others who are willing to visit, as it's a completely different world. I wish I could go there again.

Athem Khalid 7B

A Trip To Rawalpindi

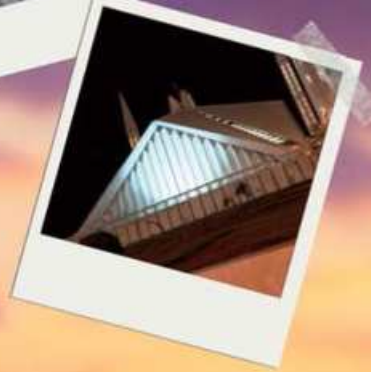
A journey itself is a matter of excitement and joy, but it's also tiresome. Whether one travels by bus or train, it is quite difficult, but I always prefer to go by train because it is always more interesting, as one is able to take in their surroundings.

A while ago, I got onto the train in Lahore. It was bound for Rawalpindi. We passed through many breathtaking places and had a great time throughout.

We saw many breathtaking villages and cities, and each had its unique charm. We passed by expanses of fields and gardens with clusters of fruits and trees. Birds flitted across the landscape. The cattle lounged in muddy banks, the farmers ploughed the fields, and many sat idly under the shade of trees. Children made hilarious faces at us, and as we went by them women and elderly people stared at us in wonder.

We changed trains at Jhelum, and found ourselves in a completely different world, among people who wore and spoke a different language. The train was crowded with passengers but we managed to enter a second-class compartment. The train was unsteady as it rode uphill, its rails made at the edge of steep hills. Our hearts trembled in fear but we reached Rawalpindi safely.

Esral Waqqas 7A



Swat Valley—a place that has my heart

If you were to ask me about a place that lives in my heart rent-free, my very first reply would be Swat. Swat left me mesmerized and rightly so. Its beauty is beyond that which is shown on screens. It is a must-visit place that would make you want to jump in its blue vibrant lakes. Mastij Lake looks like a lake from heaven and Darral lake, which is a crystal-clear water lake, are two of my favorite spots. It also has a cliff for diving and has the perfect depth for scuba diving. One of the most entertaining activities you can do there is going water skating or jet skiing at the Madinah resort. Alternatively, you could go to the Malam Jabba resort and do some skiing or ride their zip line. Then, you can go mountain climbing and see the lush greenery that conceals the mountains. If you managed to see the sunset from high up there you would be left breathless by the resplendent scenery. Moreover, you can then go to any of their restaurants as their food is so scrumptious, it is to die for. It feels like an explosion of flavors takes place in your mouth with every bite. Overall, their hospitality is amazing with very kind and helpful people. The minty and sweet smell of the flowers and all the lush greenery there makes you feel connected to nature, and it should be on the bucket list of people who wish to connect with nature.

Mustufa Asif 7B



My Umrah Experience

This was the 8th time that I received the opportunity to go to Umrah in my 16 years spent on this earth, and I feel like I am one of the luckiest people alive to have had this opportunity many times, and my desire to go back only increases each time I return from this journey.

We had a flight on the 6th of October 2022 at 3 AM. We reached Jinnah Airport at 12 PM and went through check-in and Immigration, which took us about 2 hours. Boarding had already begun so we rushed to catch our flight, reaching Jeddah Airport after a short plane ride. We disembarked at a new Terminal made for Hajj and Umrah Pilgrims, with trains in them and a magnificent exterior.

After an hour we boarded a bus headed towards Makkah and in 3 hours' time we arrived, where my elder brother who had preceded our arrival picked us all up and took us to our hotel. We then went to perform Umrah and entered the Haram where I could practically feel the blessings being showered on me. We performed Tawaf and Sa'ee and, as per tradition, I got my head shaved. A few days after this experience we took a four-hour trip to Madinah. We entered the city where my second brother was waiting for us with his family outside our hotel.



We went to our room where our luggage was waiting for us and then we went straight to Masjid Al Nabawi. I felt a sense of wonderment as I gazed at the Gumbad-E-Khizra. The next day we offered the Friday prayer and had lunch. We booked our time on the Tawakalna App to enter the Noble Raudah and we got a slot scheduled for the day before we left Madinah. The next day we went for Tiyarat during which we visited many historical areas including the Uhud Mountains and Masjid Qiblatain, Masjid Quba, Masjid Jumah, and many other Mosques.

My second Umrah went even better than the first one. I got my head shaved again and then we all went for dinner and stayed in Makkah for six more days. This trip was more meaningful to me than the previous ones as I could now understand what I was saying. This is in part due to my education and especially our Quran Translation Teacher, Sir Umair Shakeel. The day we had to leave Makkah came. We left our hotel at 6 PM and headed to the airport. Time flew by and we soon boarded our airplane, reaching Karachi in 4 hours. This was a really meaningful experience that I hope to match at a later stage in life.

Muhammad Naveed HB

My Trip to Paris

My family and I went on a trip to Paris. We went by plane. When we left for the airport we realized that we forgot one of our suitcases, thankfully we still had more than an hour left till boarding, so my uncle hurriedly went back to the house to get our luggage. It took him nearly an hour to get back to the airport, and with little time left we were about to miss the plane, but we completed our boarding at the last moment and we finally took off on our spectacular trip.

Within 26 hours we reached France, then we took a family car to Paris. All the kids were exhausted from the long flight so we first went to take a nap whilst the elders began to unpack.

The next day some people wake up at 9 or 10 in the morning. We all changed our clothes and planned where we should go as it was our first time in Paris. We then decided to go to a zoo called "Zoo de Vincennes". When we reached the zoo we were very confused as everybody there spoke French, which we obviously didn't know. Thankfully there was a zookeeper who spoke English. He guided us and gave us a map. We first went to see an alligator and when

I touched it, its skin had a crusty and bumpy texture. After viewing some more animals, we decided to eat something as we were starving to death. We went to a restaurant named "Le Coq De Bougival". I ordered a Rig de Veau, which is a sweet bread.



The smell of freshly baked, mouthwatering bread consumed me. I broke a piece and gobbled it up, it felt like heaven had burst open in my mouth. It soon became my new favorite dish. Then as we drove back to the hotel, I realized how different the people here looked. Their personalities were different too, but fun. I enjoyed being in Paris. Everyone went to pack their bags as we were to leave for our home country the next day. When everybody was done packing their stuff we slept early so we didn't end up missing the flight.

The next day we were about to be late again but we reached the plane on time. While we were waiting for our flight another plane landed on the runway and it screeched right in our ears. It felt like my eardrums were going to burst. After 26 hours we landed in Pakistan, then after 5 hours we got back home and everybody hopped straight onto their beds. It was one of our best family trips. I hope we go to Paris once again. Even though we were only there for a couple of days, we still had fun.

Fiba Meman 7A



Recipes



Doughnuts

Doughnuts are the newfound love for many people around the world. As they can be found in a number of flavours, they satiate the need for variety in people while simultaneously indulging the sweet tooth out there. Eating doughnuts makes you feel happy and cherished.

Ingredients :

- Yeast 1 tbs
- Milk (warm) $\frac{1}{4}$ cup
- All-purpose flour 5 tbs
- Yeast $\frac{1}{2}$ tbs
- Salt $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp
- Sugar (powdered) 1 tbs
- Vanilla extract $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp
- Egg yolks 1 & $\frac{1}{4}$ cup
- Melted butter 2 tbs
- All-purpose flour 1 & $\frac{1}{4}$ cup
- Oil for frying
- For the chocolate glaze:
 1. Sugar (powdered) $\frac{3}{4}$ cup
 2. Cocoa powder 2 tbs
 3. Milk 4 tbs
 4. Vanilla extract 1 tsp
 5. Butter (melted) 2 tbs

Procedure :

Add yeast, warm milk, and all-purpose flour, and mix well in a bowl. Cover with cling film and let it rest for 30 minutes. In a bowl, add warm milk, and yeast, and mix. Add flour, the yeast mixture, salt, sugar, vanilla extract, and egg yolk; beat well. Add butter and gradually all-purpose flour, and knead well to form a soft dough for 8-10 medium-sized doughnuts. Knead the dough into a round shape then roll it out with a rolling pin. Cut with a doughnut cutter, and leave for 20 minutes.

For the chocolate glaze:

In a saucepan, add milk, melted butter, vanilla extract, sugar, and cocoa powder. Stir until the sauce thickens.

In a wok, heat oil (maintain oil temperature at 190°C with a thermometer) and deep fry the doughnuts on each side until golden brown.

Dip them into the chocolate glaze and set them onto wire racks to drain the excess. Sprinkle them immediately with your favourite toppings and enjoy!

Zainab Khurram VIII-C

Fudge Brownies

Fudgy brownies are my favourite evening snack. They have the right amount of sugar and melt in your mouth as soon as you take the first bite. They have a delicious chocolaty taste and you can enjoy them as a dessert or with your tea.

Ingredients :

- All-purpose flour $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
- Oil $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
- Caster sugar 1 cup
- Cocoa powder $\frac{1}{3}$ cup
- Coffee 1 tbsp + (water or milk 2-3 tbsp)
- Salt 3-4 pinches
- Baking powder 1 tsp (optional)
- Eggs 2 (at room temperature)
- Vanilla essence $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp
- Cooking chocolate $\frac{1}{2}$ cup

Procedure :

Grease the pan with oil.

Mix the all-purpose flour, cocoa powder, and salt; and break the lumps.

Preheat the oven for 20 minutes at 180°C. Mix the oil and sugar, add the eggs, and beat the mixture.

In another bowl add the vanilla essence, coffee mixture, and cooking chocolate.

Add the dry mix to the wet batter and mix.

Pour the batter into a baking tray and tap it a couple of times to settle the batter; bake at 150°C.

Let it cool for a couple of hours. Don't cut while it's hot.

Enjoy the brownies with ice cream or any other topping of your choice.

Zehra Rehman VIII-C



Alfredo pasta is an Italian pasta dish of fresh fettuccine tossed with butter and Parmesan cheese. As the cheese melts, it emulsifies to form a smooth and rich cheese sauce coating the pasta. The dish is named after 'Alfredo Di Lelio', who featured the dish at his restaurant in Rome in the early to mid-twentieth century. The ceremony of preparing it tableside was an integral part of the dish.

Ingredients :

Procedure :

- Chicken breast (680 g) cubed
- Butter 2 tbs
- Dried oregano ½ tsp
- Salt ½ tsp
- Pepper ½ tsp
- Penne pasta (455 g) boiled
- Fresh parsley (10 g) ¼ cup
- Shredded parmesan cheese (25g) ¼ cup

• *For the sauce,*

-2 tablespoons butter

-4 cloves garlic, minced

-3 tablespoons flour

-2 cups milk (480 ml)

-½ teaspoon dried oregano

-½ teaspoon dried basil

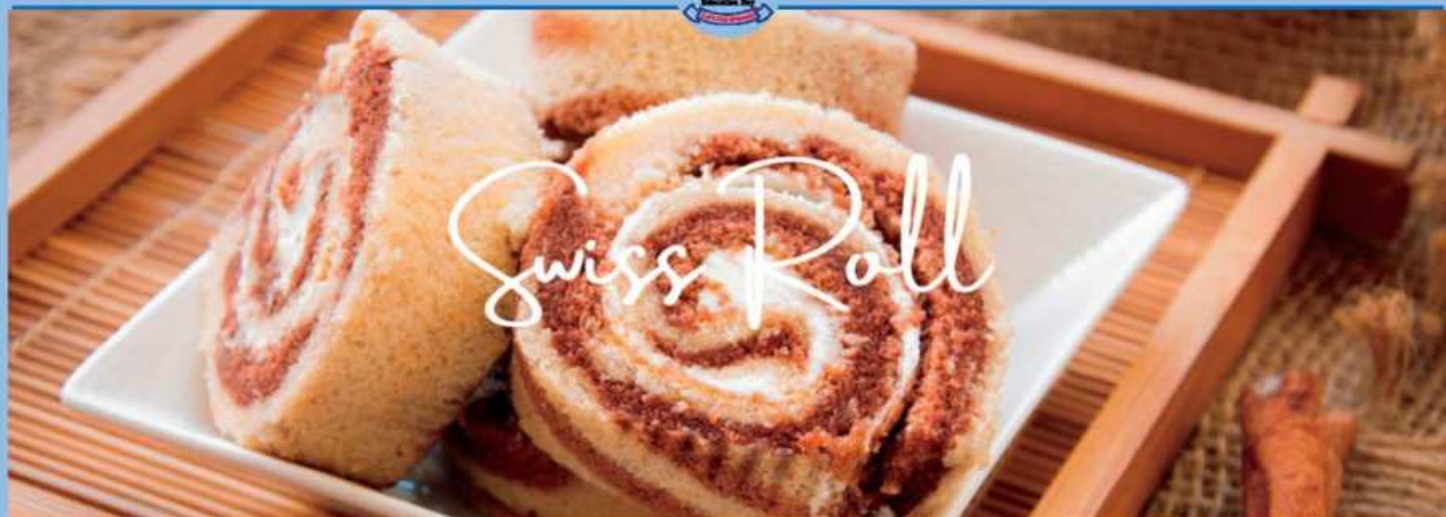
-½ cup shredded parmesan cheese (55 g)

-½ teaspoon salt

-½ teaspoon pepper

In a pan over medium-high heat, melt butter, then add the chicken breast, and season with salt, pepper, oregano, and basil. Cook for 8-10 mins or until the chicken is fully cooked. Remove from heat and set it aside. In the same pan over medium heat melt butter and add the garlic. Cook until it begins to soften. Then add half of the flour to the garlic and butter in the pan, stirring until well mixed. Then add the rest of the flour and stir. Pour in the milk a little bit at a time, mixing well in between, until fully incorporated and the sauce begins to thicken. Season with salt, pepper, oregano, and basil and stir well. Sprinkle parmesan cheese and stir until melted. Pour the sauce over cooked penne pasta, add the cooked chicken and mix well. For added flavour you can put parsley and extra parmesan on top. Mix well and enjoy!

Fatima Rehan VIII-C



Ingredients :

- Eggs 3
- Flour 6 tbs
- Icing Sugar 6 tbs
- Vanilla essence (few drops)
- Baking Powder 1/2 tsp
- Jam 3 tbs

Procedure :

Whisk eggs and sugar well, and add vanilla essence into it.

Sieve flour and baking powder and add them into the mixture. Mix well with a spoon.

Grease a baking tray and pour the mixture into it. Bake for 10 minutes.

When done, spread the jam across the cake and roll it down starting from one corner, using foil paper.

Roll firmly and put it in the freezer to chill for about 1 hour.

Cut it into medium-sized slices and serve with tea.

Dawood Kamran IX-B



Ingredients :

- Eggs 3
- Butter 200 g
- Flour 6 tbs
- Sugar 6 tbs
- Baking Powder 1/2 tsp
- Almonds 1 tbs
- Cherries 2 tbs

Procedure :

Whisk eggs and sugar together till light and creamy. Add flour and baking powder to it and beat well. Then mix in almonds and cherries and pour the mixture in a greased baking tray.

Bake for about 30 minutes till golden brown.

Serve with ice cream and enjoy.

Abdullah Kamran XI-B



SCIENCE

“Science is a way of life. It is a perspective. Science is the process that takes us from confusion to understanding in a manner that’s precise, predictive, and reliable – a transformation, for those lucky enough to experience it, that is empowering and emotional.” –

Brian Greene





Our science lab is well-ventilated and has a good lighting arrangement. The lab is designed for individual and group work. It has sophisticated equipment including electron microscopes, beakers, and other measuring tools to carry out experiments. We also have a huge variety of chemicals and 3D models of various human organs.

Juwayrea Iqbal VIII-C

I'd like to thank our lovely science teacher, Ms. Huma Rizwan for making me love science. At first, it wasn't my favourite subject, and I wasn't the best at it either. Later, when we began doing experiments and projects, my interest peaked.

Once we made a 3D food pyramid and did a bunch of experiments in our science lab including making magnesium oxide by burning magnesium. We also dissected a hibiscus flower and studied its parts.

Mairah Salman VIII-C



Science Lab activities were in full swing last year. We did activities and 3D projects which all the students enjoyed a lot. We learned a lot by having fun. The activities included; burning of magnesium ribbon, balloon activity to observe the production of carbon dioxide, colour changing of litmus paper by different solutions.

Along with the lab activities, I also made a 3D project on the topic of smoking. It was a fun activity.

Emaan Rizwan VIII-A



Science classes are always buzzing with new topics, ideas and experiments each week. The general class discussions related to the topics being taught would be highly interactive and cooperative. We would be taken to the science lab, usually on Mondays, where we would carry out various interesting experiments and observations which were certainly worth trying out. An example was the hibiscus flower dissection we did to observe various parts of the flower, including the stigma, anthers, ovary, style, and others. Science projects were also a BLAST! We were assigned the task of making a 3D project by selecting one topic from the options presented to us. I chose to make a 3d project on the harmful effects of smoking, where I mentioned the numerous disadvantages of smoking. They were time consuming but certainly worth making! Overall the science classes were highly interesting and it was definitely a subject that I, and most probably others, greatly looked forward to.

Aleena Junaid IX-A



It is crucial for practical education to be given value in our lives. It provides students with a different way of absorbing everything that is being taught as one struggles to sit down and learn complex chapters. My classmates and I conducted multitudinous experiments under the supervision of our teachers which I observed with keen interest.

One of the experiments I conducted in Chemistry class was titration, which was a school project. In Biology, I performed the reducing sugar test and the iodine test for starch. Other than that, I also made an electric circuit and an electromagnet and carried out an investigation on the reflection and refraction of light in Physics.

TAHA NOMAN XI-B

INTERVIEWS



MR.SUBHAN'S INTERVIEW

Interviewer : Zakariya Ali Samir XI B

Q.1) How did you come to develop your relationship with Allah (SWT) and Islam?

Ans) Alhamdulillah, I have been fortunate enough to understand that the most important relationship a human being needs to work on is their relationship with the Creator. However, it takes time and circumstances to come to this realisation. Two major things that made me islamically inclined during my formative years was the guidance I received, both at school and at home. Having the opportunity to read and understand the translation of the Quran as well as the backing I received from my parents helped me build a strong spiritual base. I also came to my own realizations later on in life. During my time in Oxford while pursuing my Masters Degree, I was once sitting at Broad Street when a friend observing all the people passing by in a hurry stated, "Do all these people even know where they are going?" This had a really profound effect on me when I gave it some thought in the context of what our true purpose is. It led me to further explore my purpose in this life, by reading and listening to Islamic scholars such as Abdul Hakeem Murad, Dr Israr Ahmed and Mufti Muhammad Taqi Usmani helped me connect with my religion on a much deeper level. Moreover, every time I walk into EBS and read the mission statement it makes me realize that I have to present myself as an example to the youth in how I conduct myself, and not hold them to a standard that I myself don't meet.

Q.2) What is one achievement that you are proud of ?

Ans) My dream was always to create a bridge between the "Modern Western Education" and our traditional "Islamic Education". I wanted to prove to people that it is completely possible to have the best of both worlds and I do think this has been proved through the fact that I am a Hafiz, know the translation of the Quran, and have maintained a strong connection with Allah (SWT) whilst also receiving degrees from Nottingham and Oxford. I don't want to say that I am proud of this achievement, in fact I am extremely grateful and humbled knowing that I owe this to Allah (SWT), my parents and my teachers.

Q.3) Seeing as you are an alumni of EBS, how has your perspective changed since coming back as a director?

Ans) There are 2 things that stand out when I think about how my perspective has changed. Firstly, how respectful the students of EBS are. Being in the position that I am now and hearing feedback from teachers and other leaders in this field has made me realize that the students here are some of the most respectful children around. I have also come to realize how cooperative our parent body is. By this I do not mean that they are silent, but rather they come forward to address issues with an open mind and come to a solution through positive dialogue.

Q.4) What change do you think studying in an Islamically orientated school such as EBS brings about in students?

Ans) It helps students see the bigger picture and realize the importance of this life along with the Hereafter, whilst also being in an environment where it is easy for them to follow the religion practically. I cannot stress enough how important it is for young adults to be placed in the right environment, since it eventually becomes a reflection of their character and being in a school that has an Islamic inclination helps nurture the youth holistically. This helps students live a balanced life and avoid mental issues such as depression and anxiety, because no matter what, if one has a strong relationship with Allah and the correct understanding of this life and the Akhirah then one never loses hope. It inspires hope with the knowledge that if you follow Huqooq Allah and Huqooq Ul Ibad you will get everything back and more, which makes it easier to bounce back from setbacks.

Q.5) You have studied abroad for many years, in your opinion what must a person do to protect themselves in situations where they are surrounded by temptations?

Ans) There are 3 things which you can abide by: Firstly, always remember that you are never alone in order to cultivate a God conscious mindset. The biggest weapon that the devil can use against you is disregard for religion, and if you think back to any times where you may have done something wrong you will realize that your actions stemmed from this wrongful mindset. Secondly, always surround yourself with people who are religiously inclined because it is your company that will influence your decisions. They don't even necessarily have to be Muslims, but they should be honest principle-focused individuals. I have met many wonderful individuals who aren't Muslims, but still have strong values and live by them. Thirdly, never ever miss your prayers under any circumstances. If you do miss them offer the Qaza prayers and make up for them. If you are occupied with a meeting, never be afraid to speak up and request a few moments to offer your prayers. Allah (SWT) helps those who guard their prayers and keeps them away from sin.

Q.6) Do you think it is possible for young people to build a life in Pakistan, keeping in mind the current financial and political state?

Ans) Yes. I think it's important for people to not get caught up in the future to the point where they begin to neglect the present. If everybody were to leave the country, there would be nothing left behind to build upon. There are good people in Pakistan who are capable of driving this country, and this has been through the operation of initiatives such as TCF and the Indus Hospital which are driven entirely by donations. It is necessary for people to utilize their skills for the betterment of their own country rather than neglecting it. There is a quote from Abu Bakr (RA): "He who avoids complaints, invites happiness," and I think this applies to the current condition of our people. However, if one decides to move abroad for circumstances beyond their control, they should still have love for their country and have an eventual aim of doing something to improve the conditions of the people living in Pakistan.

AHMAD FAISAL

Interviewer: Nameera Faisal

1. WHAT WAS YOUR OVERALL EXPERIENCE DURING THE CIAE EXAMINATIONS LIKE? WERE YOU AFFECTED BY NERVES AT ALL?

THE EXPERIENCE DURING THE CIAE EXAM WAS LIKE ANY ORDINARY EXAM, BUT IT REQUIRED MORE PREPARATION. I TRIED TO KEEP A COOL HEAD AND GIVE IT MY VERY BEST.

2. WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR THE STUDENTS?

ONE PIECE OF ADVICE I'D LIKE TO PASS ON TO MY JUNIORS IS TO NOT STRESS OUT! YOU SHOULD LIVE TO THE FULLEST AND HAVE YOUR SHARE OF FUN. SCHOOL YEARS ARE BY FAR THE MOST MEMORABLE PERIOD OF YOUR LIFE. I AM NOT ADVISING YOU TO NOT STUDY BUT TO ESTABLISH A BALANCE BETWEEN ACADEMICS AND LEISURE. ALLOCATE A SPECIFIC TIME TO STUDYING AND PUT AWAY ANY DISTRACTIONS LIKE MOBILE PHONES.

3) WHAT SORT OF GRADES DID YOU EXPECT FROM YOUR CIAES?

ANS) AS FAR AS MY GRADES ARE CONCERNED I SET HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR MYSELF AND WISHED TO GET A*s AND A's ONLY. SOMEWHERE, AT THE BACK OF MY MIND, I SECRETLY WISHED FOR STRAIGHT A*s. I REJOICED AT THE SIGHT OF MY 9A* AND AM THANKFUL TO ALLAH AND ALL MY TEACHERS FOR HELPING ME ACHIEVE MY GOAL.

4). KEEPING IN MIND THAT YOU SECURED 9 A* , DO YOU HAVE ANY STUDY OR ROUTINE TIPS THAT YOU FEEL DIFFERENTIATED YOU FROM THE PACK?

FIRSTLY, I WOULD ATTEMPT A LOT OF PAST PAPERS TO GET A GRIP ON THE ACTUAL EXAMINATIONS. WHEN I WOULD STUDY, I'D LIMIT ANY INTERRUPTIONS TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM FOCUS.

5). ARE THERE ANY EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THAT YOU FEEL ARE ESPECIALLY BENEFICIAL FOR STUDENTS MOVING FORWARD?

I BELIEVE MUNS ARE AN EXCEPTIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY AS DEBATING IS A VITAL SKILL EVERYONE SHOULD TRY TO MASTER.

6) HOW DID YOU COPE WITH THE TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE IN TERMS OF CHANGE IN ENVIRONMENT, STUDIES AND STRESS?

ANS) IT IS TRUE THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COLLEGE AND SCHOOL LIFE. THERE IS A GREATER SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY IN COLLEGE, WHICH WAS OTHERWISE NOT NEEDED IN SCHOOL BUT I BELIEVE I AM COPING WELL. ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT THINGS WAS NOT SEEING THE SAME FACES THAT I WAS ACCUSTOMED TO FOR THE PREVIOUS 5 YEARS AND REALISING THE FACT THAT THE PAST TIME WOULD NEVER RETURN. AS FAR AS STUDIES ARE CONCERNED, THEY ARE DEFINITELY HARDER THAN O LEVELS. I'VE LEARNED NOT TO STRESS TOO MUCH AND GIVE MY BEST.





RUMAISA MARYAM SAMIR

Interviewer: Sulayman Ali Samir

Q1. HOW DID YOU DEVELOP AN INTEREST IN LANGUAGE AND WRITING?

I LIKE TO THINK I WAS BORN WITH A GIFT FOR LANGUAGE- I STARTED SPEAKING WHEN I WAS 6 MONTHS OLD, SO CLEARLY I WAS IN A HURRY TO EXPRESS MYSELF! LATER, WHEN PEOPLE GOT BORED OF HEARING ME JABBER, I PICKED UP A PEN- I'VE BEEN WRITING FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER. IN FACT, I WISH MY MOTHER WOULD THROW AWAY SOME OF THE (TERRIBLE) STORIES I WROTE AS A CHILD

Q2. WHAT ARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE CAIE EXAMINATIONS?

THE CAIE EXAMINATIONS ARE A GOOD WAY TO DEVELOP SOME EXCELLENT LIFE SKILLS. THEY HELP YOU LEARN TO WORK UNDER PRESSURE, AND ALSO HELP YOU DEVELOP AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE VALUE OF CONSISTENT WORK. IN ADDITION, PREPARING FOR THEM ALLOWS YOU TO CONSOLIDATE THE LEARNING YOU'VE GAINED DURING YOUR TIME STUDYING AT SCHOOL.

Q3. HOW DID YOU PREPARE FOR YOUR ENGLISH EXAMINATIONS?

I'VE HAD A LONG-STANDING HABIT OF READING A BOOK AND/OR WRITING SOMETHING EVERY DAY- THAT DEFINITELY HELPED ME SCORE WELL. BESIDES THAT, PAST PAPERS! PAST PAPERS ARE YOUR BEST FRIEND WHEN PREPARING FOR YOUR EXAMS.

Q4. WHAT WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE AFTER GETTING A DISTINCTION IN CAIE ENGLISH LANGUAGE ?

I WAS GENUINELY OVER THE MOON. FRANKLY, I COULDN'T QUITE BELIEVE IT FOR A WHILE. A DISTINCTION ALWAYS SEEMED LIKE A WONDERFUL THING OTHER PEOPLE GOT, AND I NEVER IMAGINED I'D GET ONE MYSELF. OF COURSE, IT ALSO FEELS GREAT TO HAVE MADE MY FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND TEACHERS PROUD.

**Q5. WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE TO ASPIRING ENGLISH STUDENTS?
READ, READ, READ AND WRITE, WRITE, WRITE. YOU CAN ONLY EXCEL AT A
LANGUAGE WHEN YOU ENGAGE WITH IT OFTEN, SO THAT ITS RHYTHMS FEEL
NATURAL TO YOU.**

Q6. WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE GOALS?

**I'D LIKE TO BE A WRITER. WRITING SEEMS TO BE MY CALLING, SO I'VE
STARTED WORKING TOWARDS MAKING A CAREER OUT OF IT. IF YOU'RE
INTERESTED, YOU CAN FIND SOME OF MY POEMS ONLINE IN LITERARY
JOURNALS LIKE THE INCANDESCENT REVIEW AND PAPER CRANE
JOURNAL, AMONGST OTHERS.**





HAMNA MEHENTI

Interviewer : Arsala Musawir

Q.1) DID YOU TAKE ANY TUITION? WHY OR WHY NOT?

ANS) NO I DIDN'T BECAUSE HONESTLY BALANCING TUITION AND SCHOOL IS QUITE COMPLICATED, IT IS QUITE HARD TO BE EXCELLING AT BOTH. IN MY OPINION, TUTIONS ARE NOT REALLY EFFICIENT AS ONE IS ALREADY DRAINED AFTER COMING FROM SCHOOL, THUS IT GETS HARD TO FOCUS WELL. SELF-STUDYING IS THE BEST OPTION BECAUSE INSTEAD OF GOING THROUGH THE WHOLE SYLLABUS, YOU CAN GIVE YOUR TIME TO AREAS THAT YOU ARE THE WEAKEST IN AND GO AT YOUR OWN PACE. PLUS AT THE END OF THE DAY, YOU WOULD NEED TO REVISE OR PRACTICE ON YOUR OWN. WHEN I DID NEED HELP WITH ANY TOPIC, I WOULD EITHER ASK MY TEACHERS FOR ASSISTANCE OR BROWSE THE LECTURES ON YOUTUBE.

Q.2) WHAT SORT OF GRADES DID YOU EXPECT FROM YOUR CAIES?

ANS) WHEN IT COMES TO GRADES, I MAKE SURE TO KEEP MY EXPECTATIONS VERY LOW SO I NEVER GET DISAPPOINTED AND THE UNEXPECTED GRADES END UP WITH ME DANCING OVER THE MOON. I EXPECTED A*s, As AND EVEN A FEW Bs, ALTHOUGH I WAS TERRIFIED OF GETTING A B; AND SECRETLY HOPED FOR STRAIGHT A*s WHICH I SURPRISINGLY DID GET. GOD HAS BEEN TOO GOOD .

Q.3) WHAT MESSAGE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE TO YOUR JUNIORS?

ANS) I WOULD ADVISE THEM TO ENJOY THEIR SCHOOL LIFE THE MOST AS THIS TIME OF THEIR LIVES WON'T EVER COME BACK. YOU WON'T REALISE HOW MUCH YOU WILL MISS YOUR SCHOOL AND THE PEOPLE YOU MET THERE UNTIL YOU GRADUATE, SO TAKE IT FROM ME. ALSO, THESE TROUBLES THAT SEEM SO BIG NOW WON'T EVEN MATTER IN A FEW YEARS' TIME SO DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT THEM AND HAVE FAITH IN GOD. LASTLY, STUDYING IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU, AND DO TAKE OUT SOME TIME FOR IT, BUT AT THE SAME TIME MAKE SURE YOU DON'T COMPROMISE ON BEING HUMANE: RESPECT YOUR ELDERS AND FELLOWS AND JUST SPREAD LOVE, THIS WORLD NEEDS IT.

Q.4) WHICH COLLEGE ARE YOU CURRENTLY IN? HOW IS YOUR EXPERIENCE SO FAR?

ANS) I AM IN LYCEUM AND IT IS GOING WELL SO FAR, ALHUMDULILLAH.

Q.5) HOW DID YOU COPE WITH THE TRANSITION FROM SCHOOL TO COLLEGE IN TERMS OF CHANGE IN ENVIRONMENT, STUDIES AND STRESS?

ANS) THE TRANSITION WAS NOT SO WEIGHTY BECAUSE LYCEUM IS MORE OF A SCHOOL THAN A COLLEGE: YOU HAVE THE SAME CLOSE CONTACT WITH YOUR TEACHERS, AND EVEN THE CAMPUS AND THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ARE SMALL. AS FAR AS ACADEMICS ARE CONCERNED, I AM QUITE GRATEFUL FOR THE GREAT TEACHERS I HAVE HERE SO MY STUDIES ARE GOING SMOOTHLY. BUT IT WAS ALSO KIND OF HARD SETTLING INTO A NEW ENVIRONMENT: ONE THING I DID REALISE IS THAT NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO BE YOUR FRIEND. IT TOOK SOME TIME BUT I DID END UP MAKING SOME GENUINE FRIENDSHIPS THAT MAKE MY TIME AT LYCEUM ALL THE MORE FUN NOW.

I FEEL THE HARDEST PART ABOUT THE TRANSITION WAS NOT HAVING MY FRIENDS AROUND ME-THE PEOPLE WHO KNEW ME THE MOST AND COULD CHEER ME UP JUST WITH THEIR PRESENCE, MAKE ME LAUGH WITH THE MINUTEST OF EYE CONTACT AND MAKE THE CLASSES TOLERABLE. I MISS MY WONDERFUL TEACHERS TOO. IT'S HARD LEAVING PRECIOUS THINGS BEHIND, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THE NEW BEGINNINGS WON'T BE AS BEAUTIFUL AS THOSE ENDINGS.



یوسف خان

انٹرویو: ام ایمن، عبدالباسط طاہر

س: قارئین کو اپنی ابتدائی زندگی کے بارے میں کچھ بتائیے۔

ج: میرا تعلق ضلع سوات سے ہے اور پیدائش بھی وہیں کی ہے۔ میرے والد صاحب بڑھئی کا کام کرتے تھے لیکن اب ان کا انتقال ہو چکا ہے۔ میری والدہ ایک گھریلو خاتون ہیں اور الحمد للہ ابھی حیات ہیں۔ میرے ماشاء اللہ چار بھائی اور ایک بہن ہے۔ میں نے ابتدائی تعلیم اپنے گاؤں کے گورنمنٹ پرائمری سکول سے حاصل کی ہے جہاں پر میں نے آٹھویں جماعت تک پڑھا۔

▲ س: آپ بچپن میں شریر تھے یا بہت فرمانبردار اور دونوں والدین میں سے کس کے زیادہ لاڈلے تھے؟

ج: میں چونکہ بہن بھائیوں میں سب سے چھوٹا تھا اسی لیے اماں کا زیادہ لاڈلا تھا۔ اور جہاں تک شرارت کی بات ہے تو میں بالکل بھی شریر نہیں تھا والدین کی ہر بات مانتا تھا۔

▲ س: بچپن کی کچھ ایسی یادیں جو آج تک آپ کے ذہن پر نقش ہوں؟

اسکول کی ایک جھلک نظر آتی ہے۔ اسکول کے چوکیدار کا روزانہ کا معمول تھا کہ وہ ماسٹر صاحب کے آنے کے بعد اسکول کا جھنڈا فضا میں بلند کر دیتا تھا اور جس دن وہ جھنڈا ہمیں نظر نہیں آتا اس دن ہم سمجھ جاتے کہ ماسٹر صاحب آج غیر حاضر ہیں اور ہم راستے سے ہی واپس گھر کی طرف لوٹ جاتے تھے۔ ایک روز ہمیں گھر سے نکلنے میں تاخیر ہو گئی اور ہمیں دور سے ہی جھنڈا لہراتا ہوا نظر آ گیا۔ ماسٹر صاحب کی ڈانٹ سے بچنے کے لیے ہم نے دوڑ لگائی اور چونکہ گاؤں کا راستہ ناہموار ہوتا ہے اسی لیے میں ایک پتھر سے ٹکرا کر منہ کے بل اس بری طرح گرا کے میرے سامنے کے دو دانت ٹوٹ گئے۔ یہ واقعہ مجھے آج تک نہیں بھولا۔

بچپن میں ہمارے درمیان بہت لڑائیاں ہوتی تھیں۔ اس زمانے میں کاپیوں کی جگہ تختی ہوتی تھی جس پر ہم قلم کو سیاہی میں ڈبو کر لکھتے تھے۔ اور لڑائیوں کے دوران پھر ہم انہی تختیوں کو بطور ہتھیار استعمال کرتے تھے۔

▲ س: آپ کو کراچی آکر یہاں پر ابتدائی دنوں میں کن مشکلات کا سامنا کرنا پڑا؟

ج: کراچی آکر ابتدائی عرصے میں مجھے کافی مشکلات پیش آئیں۔ جب میں یہاں آیا تو مجھے اردو زبان نہیں آتی تھی۔ میں نے یہاں آنے کے بعد ایک بنگلے میں برتن دھونے کا کام کیا۔ وہاں پر اردو نہ آنے کی وجہ سے دقت کا سامنا کرنا پڑا کیوں کہ وہ لوگ کیا بولتے تھے میں سمجھنے سے قاصر تھا۔ لیکن پھر رفتہ رفتہ میں بھی اردو سیکھ ہی گیا۔

▲ س: آپ ایجوکیشن بے اسکول سے کیسے متعارف ہوئے اور آپ کو یہاں کام کرتے ہوئے کتنا عرصہ ہو گیا ہے؟

ج: میں یہاں کے ڈائریکٹر صاحب کے ایک عزیز کے گھر میں کام کرتا تھا۔ پھر انہی کے ذریعے مجھے یہاں پر نوکری ملی۔ میں یہاں 2002ء میں آیا تھا۔ مجھے اس اسکول میں کام کرتے ہوئے بیس سال کا عرصہ ہو گیا ہے۔ اور اس عرصے میں، میں نے اپنی نظروں کے سامنے بچوں کو جوان ہوتے ہوئے دیکھا ہے۔

▲ س: اس اسکول میں کام کرنے کے دوران آپ کو کیا مسائل درپیش آئے؟

ج: یہاں پر الحمد للہ کسی مسئلے کا سامنا نہیں کرنا پڑا۔ یہاں کی انتظامیہ کا ملازمین کے ساتھ بہت اچھا سلوک ہے۔ دوسری جگہوں کے برعکس یہاں پر ہمارے مسائل کے حل کو ترجیح دی جاتی ہے۔

▲ س: آپ کی زندگی کی پہلی آمدنی کتنی تھی اور اس وقت آپ کے کیا احساسات تھے؟

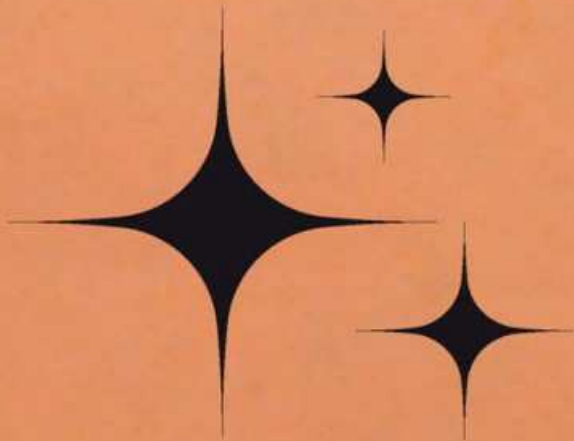
ج: میری پہلی کمائی آٹھ سو روپے تھی۔ یہ کوئی سنہ 1999 یا 2000 کی بات ہے۔ اس وقت مہنگائی اتنے عروج پر نہیں تھی تو گزر بسر الحمد للہ بہت آسانی سے ہو جایا کرتی تھی۔ زندگی کی پہلی آمدنی ہاتھ میں آتے ہی مجھے اس بات کا شدت سے احساس ہوا کہ میرے والد نے کس مشقت اور تگ و دو کے بعد ہمیں اس مقام تک پہنچایا۔ اسی روز مجھ پر یہ حقیقت عیاں ہوئی کہ یہ محض چند کاغذ کے ٹکڑے لوگوں کی امیدوں اور خوابوں کا منبع ہے۔

▲ س: آپ کو بچپن سے کیا بننے کا شوق تھا؟

ج: مجھے بچپن سے کرکٹر بننے کا بے حد شوق تھا۔ میں بہت کرکٹ کھیلا کرتا تھا اور اپنی ٹیم کا سب سے بہترین کھلاڑی مانا جاتا تھا۔ لیکن میرے حالات میرے شوق کے آڑے آگئے۔

▲ س: آپ کی کوئی خواہش یا حسرت جو آج تک پوری نہ ہوئی ہو؟

ج: نہیں، اللہ کا شکر ہے ساری خواہشات پوری ہوئیں۔ آج جس مقام پر ہوں وہ اللہ کرم ہے۔



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EDITORS' PICKS

CLASS I TO IV – BOOKS TO ENJOY

**MAGIC TREE
HOUSE (MARY
POPE
OSBORNE)**

**ASTROSAURS
SERIES
(STEPHEN
COLE)**

**FLAT
STANLEY
(JEFF BOWN)**

**DOCTOR
DOLITTLE
(HUGH
LOFTING)**

**SECRET 7
(ENID
BLYTON)**

**GEORGE AND
THE
MARVELLOUS
MEDICINE
(ROALD DAHL)**

**STRANDED
(ENID BLYTON)**

**FANTASTIC
MR. FOX
(ROALD DAHL)**



EDITORS' PICKS

CLASS V TO VI -- BOOKS TO ENJOY

**MYSTERIOUS
BENEDICT
SOCIETY
(TRENTON LEE
STEWART)**

**A SERIES OF
UNFORTUNATE
EVENTS (DANIEL
HANDLER)**

**MR. POPPER'S
PENGUINS
(FLORENCE AND
RICHARD
ATWATER)**

**WONDER
(R.J
PALACIO)**

**SHERLOCK
HOLMES- HOUND
OF BASKERVILLE
(ARTHUR CONAN
DOYLE)**

**OLIVER
TWIST
(CHARLES
DICKENS)**

**THE CHINESE
CINDERELLA
(ADELINE YEN
MAH)**

**HORRIBLE
HISTORIES
SERIES (TERRY
DEARY)**

**THE
ADVENTURE
SERIES (ENID
BLYTON)**



EDITOR'S PICKS

CLASS VI TO VIII – BOOKS TO CHERISH

HATCHET
(GARY
PAULSEN)

MY SIDE OF THE
MOUNTAIN
(JEAN
CRAIGHEAD
GEORGE)

SHERLOCK
HOLMES
(ARTHUR
CONAN DOYLE)

THE HOBBIT
(J. R. R.
TOLKEIN)

HUNGER
GAMES
(SUZANNE
COLLINS)

MILKWEED
(JERRY
SPINELLI)

ANNE FRANK –
THE DIARY OF
A YOUNG GIRL
(ANNE FRANK)

THE BOOK
THIEF
(MARKUS
ZUSAK)

THE GIVER
(LOIS
LOWRY)

THE ORIENT
EXPRESS
(AGATHA
CHRISTIE)



EDITOR'S PICKS

CLASS IX TO XI -- BOOKS TO SAVOUR

**THE BOY IN
STRIPED
PAJAMAS
(JOHN BOYNE)**

**DUNE (BOOK
1) (FRANK
HERBERT)**

**ANIMAL
FARM
(GEORGE
ORWELL)**

**A THOUSAND
SPLENDID
SUNS (KHALED
HOSSEINI)**

**DA VINCI
CODE (DAN
BROWN)**

**THE
WHISTLER
(JOHN
GRISHAM)**

**PEER-KAMIL
(NIMRA
AHMED)**

**A BRIEF
HISTORY OF
TIME (STEPHEN
HAWKINGS)**

**WHEN THE MOON
SPLIT (SAFIUR
RAHMAN
MUBARAKPURI)**

**HONOUR
(ELIF
SHAFAK)**





FAREWELL MESSAGES

ZAKARIYA ALI

IT'S STARTLING HOW SWIFTLY 6 YEARS WENT BY. EBS AND ITS ROUTINE HAS BEEN A CONSTANT IN MY LIFE, BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO WHATEVER COMES NEXT. HERE'S TO HOPING WE HAD A POSITIVE EFFECT OF SOME SORT AND DIDN'T JUST DISRUPT THE PEACE.

ABDUL BASIT HAROON

SOME OF THE BEST 8 YEARS OF MY LIFE IN WHICH I MET SOME OF THE FRIENDLIEST TEACHERS, MADE A BROTHERHOOD CONNECTION WITH MY FRIENDS, ESTABLISHED LIFELONG RELATIONSHIPS WHICH I CAN CARRY FORWARD, AND COUNTLESS GOLDEN MEMORIES.

ABDULLAH KAMRAN

CLASS 11 MARKS MY 13TH YEAR IN EBS - IT FEELS LIKE I'M WALKING DOWN MEMORY LANE AS I REMEMBER HOW THOSE COURTEOUS TEACHERS MADE EVERYDAY SPECIAL WITH THEIR SPECIAL ATTENTION AND ANTICS. TIME BARELY GAVE ME ENOUGH TO THANK MY TEACHERS FOR THE SUPPORT AND PRAYERS THEY PROVIDED ME WITH THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS. EBS WAS LIKE A SECOND HOME TO ME AND WHEREVER IN THE WORLD I WILL BE IN THE FUTURE, I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE TIME I SPENT HERE AND RELISH THOSE SPECIAL MEMORIES THAT I HAVE MADE THROUGHOUT THESE YEARS.

MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT ALMOST A DECADE HAS PASSED SINCE I FIRST WALKED THROUGH THE DOORS OF THIS BUILDING. EVERY MOMENT, FROM THE TRIUMPHS TO THE CHALLENGES, HAS BEEN ETCHED INTO MY MEMORY. WHILE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HAS IN STORE FOR ANY OF US, I HOPE THAT THE EXPERIENCES AND EDUCATION WE RECEIVED AT THIS SCHOOL WILL GUIDE US THROUGH WHATEVER LIES AHEAD.

ABDUL RAFAY

I SPENT A DECADE IN THIS SCHOOL, MADE NUMEROUS LIFE LONG FRIENDS, MET TEACHERS WHO NEVER FAILED TO PUSH ME TO THE BEST OF MY LIMITS AND LEARNT INVALUABLE SKILLS WHICH WILL SURELY HELP ME FURTHER ON IN LIFE. SAYING GOODBYE TO THIS SCHOOL IS TRULY SAD, BUT IN THE END WE HAVE TO MOVE ON IN LIFE AS ALL GOOD THINGS COME TO AN END.

MUHAMMAD USMAN

THE BEST PERIOD OF MY LIFE, BASICALLY MY CHILDHOOD, IN WHICH I MET THE FRIENDLIEST TEACHERS, FOUND A NUMBER OF FRIENDS WHO ARE BROTHERS FOR ME, AND MADE NUMEROUS MEMORIES, WAS SPENT IN THIS SCHOOL.

ABDUL BASIT TAHIR

I THINK EBS GAVE ME THE EXPERIENCE WHICH I NEED FOR MY FUTURE LIFE.

AYAAN ABNI

BEING IN EBS WAS THE BEST PART OF MY LIFE. I CREATED UNLIMITED MEMORIES OF MY LIFE. THE TEACHERS WERE ALL LIKE FRIENDS AND I ALSO MADE A LOT OF FRIENDS WHO ARE LIKE BROTHERS TO ME.

MUHAMMAD NAVEED

WHAT IS A CELL? IT IS THE BASIC AND MOST SIMPLE PART OF AN ORGANISM. COME TO THINK OF IT, THE WHOLE EARTH IS ONE HUGE CELL AND WE, AS PEOPLE, ARE THE ORGANELLES. THAT IS THE REASON THIS CELL FUNCTIONS. AS CELLS ORGANELLES I THINK IT'S PRETTY IMPORTANT TO HAVE TO KNOW HOW TO BENEFIT OUR CELL. I THINK EBS HAS TAUGHT ME THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING A PART OF THIS CELL, OF BEING PART OF SOMETHING MORE THAN JUST MYSELF. I HAVE BEEN IN EBS FOR A DECADE AND I LOVE EVERYTHING HERE.

TAHA NOMAN

MY 3 YEARS IN EBS HAVE BEEN THE MOST MEMORABLE YEARS OF MY LIFE. THE TEACHERS WERE EXTREMELY COOPERATIVE AND ASSISTED ME IN MY ACADEMIC JOURNEY. I MADE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES WITH MY FRIENDS AND IT FILLS ME WITH SADNESS THAT MY JOURNEY IN THIS SCHOOL HAS COME TO A CLOSE.

MURYUM SALMAN

IT SEEMS SURREAL THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL YEARS OF MY LIFE, SPENT AT EBS ARE ABOUT TO END AND I'M CERTAINLY GOING TO MISS EBS. AS THE SAYING GOES, "THE MAGIC IS NOT IN THE BRICK AND MORTAR BUT IN THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE BROUGHT WARMTH TO IT WITH THEIR LOVE, CARE AND AFFECTION."

I DON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS ABOUT THESE LAST SIX YEARS DURING WHICH I MET BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE, INCLUDING MY TEACHERS, FRIENDS, AND NON-TEACHING STAFF WHO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MY LIFE AND CONTRIBUTED TO SHAPING ME INTO THE PERSON I AM TODAY.

ESHA AFZAL

THIS SCHOOL TAUGHT ME A LOT BESIDES ACADEMICS. MY TEACHERS AND MY FRIENDS HAVE HELPED ME TO BECOME THE PERSON I AM TODAY. I WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT THAT I COULD BE BLESSED WITH SUCH WONDERFUL PEOPLE IN MY LIFE WHO BECAME MY DEAREST FRIENDS WHEN I NEEDED THEM THE MOST. AFTER COMING TO THIS SCHOOL I FOUND REAL FRIENDSHIP AND LOYALTY. I FOUND TEACHERS WHO BECAME LIKE MOTHERS TO ME, AND THE PROSPECT OF LEAVING THEM BREAKS MY HEART NOT KNOWING WHEN AND IF I'LL EVER MEET THEM AGAIN. I'M NOT SURE I'VE EVER FOUND FRIENDS LIKE THEM WHO HAVE SUPPORTED ME ALL THESE 6 YEARS. LAST BUT NOT LEAST I'LL MISS YOU ALL AND LOVE YOU!

RAMEEN NAVEED

FROM THE TIME WHEN SCHOOL WAS NUMBER ONE ON MY HATE LIST, I'VE TRAVELED FAR INTO AN ERA WHERE IT HAS BECOME MY OWN LITTLE WORLD. I REMEMBER COMING INTO THE SCHOOL BUILDING AND COUNTING DOWN THE SECONDS TO HOME TIME, BUT NOW I WISH THESE FINAL MOMENTS IN THE PLACE THAT HAS THE BIGGEST ROLE IN MY CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT, WOULD GO ON AND ON.

MY TEACHERS HAVE BECOME MY MOTHERS. MY FRIENDS HAVE BECOME MY SISTERS AND THIS SCHOOL IS MY OWN PERSONAL HEAVEN. COLLEGE LIFE DOES SEEM COLORFUL, BUT EBS WILL ALWAYS BE MY FIRST HOME.

FAKEHA SALMAN

AUGUST 2012, I STEPPED INTO THIS BUILDING SHY WITH COLD FEET, CLUTCHING MY SISTER'S HAND. 11 YEARS WENT BY IN A HINK LEAVING A BAGGAGE OF BITTERSWEET MEMORIES WITH ME. REST ASSURED MAY 2023 I WILL BE LEAVING CONFIDENT AND SELF-ASSURED. GOODBYE EBS.

LAIBA NIAZ

TO MY TEACHERS, FRIENDS, AND THE REST OF THE PEOPLE AROUND ME: THANK YOU FOR BEING THE PEN WITH WHICH I COULD WRITE THIS 6 YEAR LONG CHAPTER OF MY LIFE. IT'LL BE DIFFICULT TO MOVE ON WITHOUT YOU ALL. ALTHOUGH WE'VE COME TO THE END OF THIS CHAPTER, WE MUST NOT FORGET THAT WE WILL BE BEGINNING A NEW AND HOPEFULLY BETTER ONE. GOOD LUCK EVERYBODY!

AMNA NASIR

MY 9 YEARS AT EBS WERE A MIXTURE OF EMOTIONS AND EXPERIENCES. MY EARLIER YEARS WERE A BIT LONELY BUT ALONG THE WAY, I MADE SOME SPLENDID FRIENDS AND LIFE JUST BECAME A LOT BETTER. I WILL SAY THOUGH, DOWN THE YEARS, I WON'T MISS THE EVENTS AND STUDIES. BUT I INSTEAD SHED A FEW TEARS BECAUSE I'LL DEEPLY MISS MY CLOSEST FRIENDS AND TEACHERS THAT I'LL BE LEAVING BEHIND. MY ADVICE TO MY JUNIORS WOULD BE TO MAKE GOOD FRIENDS AND KEEP THEM CLOSE TO YOU BECAUSE THEY ARE TRULY A BLESSING.

AREESHA ATIF HUSAIN

WHEN LOOKING BACK, IF I COMPARE MYSELF WHEN I CAME HERE TO THE PERSON I AM NOW, I WOULD SEE TWO COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. BEING IN EBS SINCE 3RD GRADE, INTERACTING WITH ALL THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS HAS GIVEN ME A LEVEL OF CONFIDENCE I NEVER THOUGHT I COULD ACHIEVE. EBS HAS ITS OWN UNIQUE ATMOSPHERE AND FEEL, WHICH I WON'T FIND ANYWHERE ELSE, AND IT WILL FOREVER REMAIN WITH ME AS A BITTERSWEET MEMORY.

MAHEER ASAD BUTT

I NEVER THOUGHT MY TIME TO LEAVE EBS WOULD COME SO SOON. I HAVE SPENT A HUGE PART OF MY LIFE FULL OF HAPPY MEMORIES HERE WHICH CAN NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. THE GUIDANCE AND TEACHING I RECEIVED HERE HAVE MOLDED ME INTO THE PERSON I AM PROUD TO BE TODAY. I AM VERY GRATEFUL TO HAVE SPENT THE PAST 5 YEARS AMONG AMAZING FRIENDS AND TEACHERS. THEY WILL ALWAYS OCCUPY A SPECIAL CORNER IN MY HEART. IT WAS A PLEASURE BEING HERE.

FATIMA KHAN

I HAVE BEEN IN THIS SCHOOL FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS AND I CAN'T ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THIS PHASE OF MY LIFE IS ABOUT TO END SOON. I HAD A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE GETTING TO KNOW BRILLIANT PEOPLE, AND STUDYING WITH SOME GREAT TEACHERS, WHO NOT ONLY TAUGHT WELL BUT WERE ALSO MY MORAL SUPPORT.

THE BEAUTIFUL MEMORIES I HAVE MADE OVER THESE YEARS WILL ALWAYS BE CHERISHED AND REMAIN CLOSE TO MY HEART.

SHAJIA SHIRAZI

IT'S MIND-BOGGLING TO REALIZE THAT MY 9-YEAR JOURNEY HAS COME TO AN END! THE SCHOOL WAS NEVER A PLACE I HAPPILY WANTED TO GO TO IN MY EARLY YEARS OF LIFE, BUT WITH AGE, MY SENTIMENTS ALSO GREW. I AM THANKFUL TO MY TEACHERS BECAUSE WHOEVER AND WHEREVER I AM TODAY IS BECAUSE OF THEIR HARD WORK AND TIRELESS EFFORTS.

I WILL TRULY CHERISH THE INFINITELY PRECIOUS MOMENTS I'VE SPENT HERE & THE BEAUTIFUL SOULS I'VE MET. I'VE TRULY BEEN BLESSED BY ALLAH (SWT) TO BE A TINY FRUIT OF THIS DEEP-ROOTED TREE WHICH WILL TRY ITS LEVEL BEST TO SPREAD THE SWEETNESS AND BENEFITS IN SOCIETY AND MAKE THE TREE PROUD!

NADIA ISMAIL

I HAVE BEEN IN THIS SCHOOL FOR MORE THAN 9 YEARS AND NOW THAT IT IS ENDING, IT FEELS VERY UNREAL. THIS EXPERIENCE WILL BE WORTH REMEMBERING. NOT ONLY WILL I MISS THIS SCHOOL BUT ALSO EVERYONE AFFILIATED WITH IT INCLUDING MY TEACHERS, FRIENDS, ETC WHO WERE THERE FOR ME AT MY WORST AND BEST AND HELPED ME IMPROVE. WITHOUT ANY REGRETS, I AM THANKFUL FOR MY PAST AND ALL THE YEARS I'VE SPENT IN THIS SCHOOL.

AISHA NAWAL RIZVI

IT HAS FINALLY HIT ME THAT I MUST SAY MY FAREWELLS NOW TO MY TEACHERS, STAFF, AND FRIENDS. SAYING GOODBYE HAS NEVER BEEN HARDER BUT I AM GRATEFUL GOD LED ME TO SUCH PRECIOUS PEOPLE WHO HAVE MOLDED ME INTO THE PERSON I AM TODAY. I WILL FOREVER TREASURE THE MEMORIES I MADE WITH THEM, THE LESSONS I LEARNED, THE LOVE I WAS GIVEN, AND THE CORE MEMORIES THAT I MADE WILL FOREVER BE ENTWINED WITH MY HEART.

THOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME PEOPLE WHO I WON'T MISS, AHEM AHEM I AM STILL GRATEFUL FOR THEM BEING THEIR ANNOYING SELVES BECAUSE THEY TAUGHT ME THAT NOT ALL PEOPLE ARE NICE.

SIMRA ABDUL SAMAD

THE DAY WHEN I FIRST WALKED INTO THE SCHOOL PREMISES IS STILL FRESH AND NEW IN MY MIND. I FEEL NOSTALGIC WHEN I REFLECT BACK TO THE ENDLESS MEMORIES I'VE MADE WITH THE BEST PEOPLE. IT SADDENS ME TO THINK THAT THIS IS OUR LAST YEAR IN SCHOOL. WHEN I SAY I'LL MISS SCHOOL, I MEAN MY FRIENDS AND THE FUN, NOT THE STUDYING PART. AS THEY SAY, "WONDERFUL FRIENDS MAKE WONDERFUL DAYS AND UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES." AN IMPORTANT CHAPTER OF MY LIFE IS COMING TO AN END. HOWEVER, THE FUTURE AWAITS TO BE EXPLORED.

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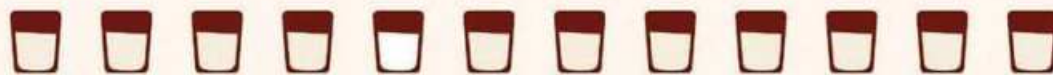
MESSAGE BY THE DESIGNER

MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM XI B

The key to great ideas is not having them, it is executing them and great ideas come from problems. Designing this magazine was both fun and chaotic, from choosing the right patterns to the suitable font and colors was a challenge, specially during pre mocks. I started graphic designing 2 years ago, taught myself everything and kept practising. Well, I hope my work was pleasing.



Thank you!



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MESSAGE BY THE DESIGNER

AREESHA ATIF XI A

When my journey with this magazine began, I had no idea it would become such a big deal for me. As both a graphic designer and sub-editor, I got to witness the development of this magazine from its budding stages to what it is today. We went through many ups and downs, many difficult obstacles and moments where things would just not go our way. However, we managed to scrape through with sheer persistence. I am grateful to have had an opportunity to utilize my skills for this project. And I'm thankful to Ms. Afsheen and Ms. Hina for being the driving force behind us, and helping us complete this magazine successfully.

Thank you!



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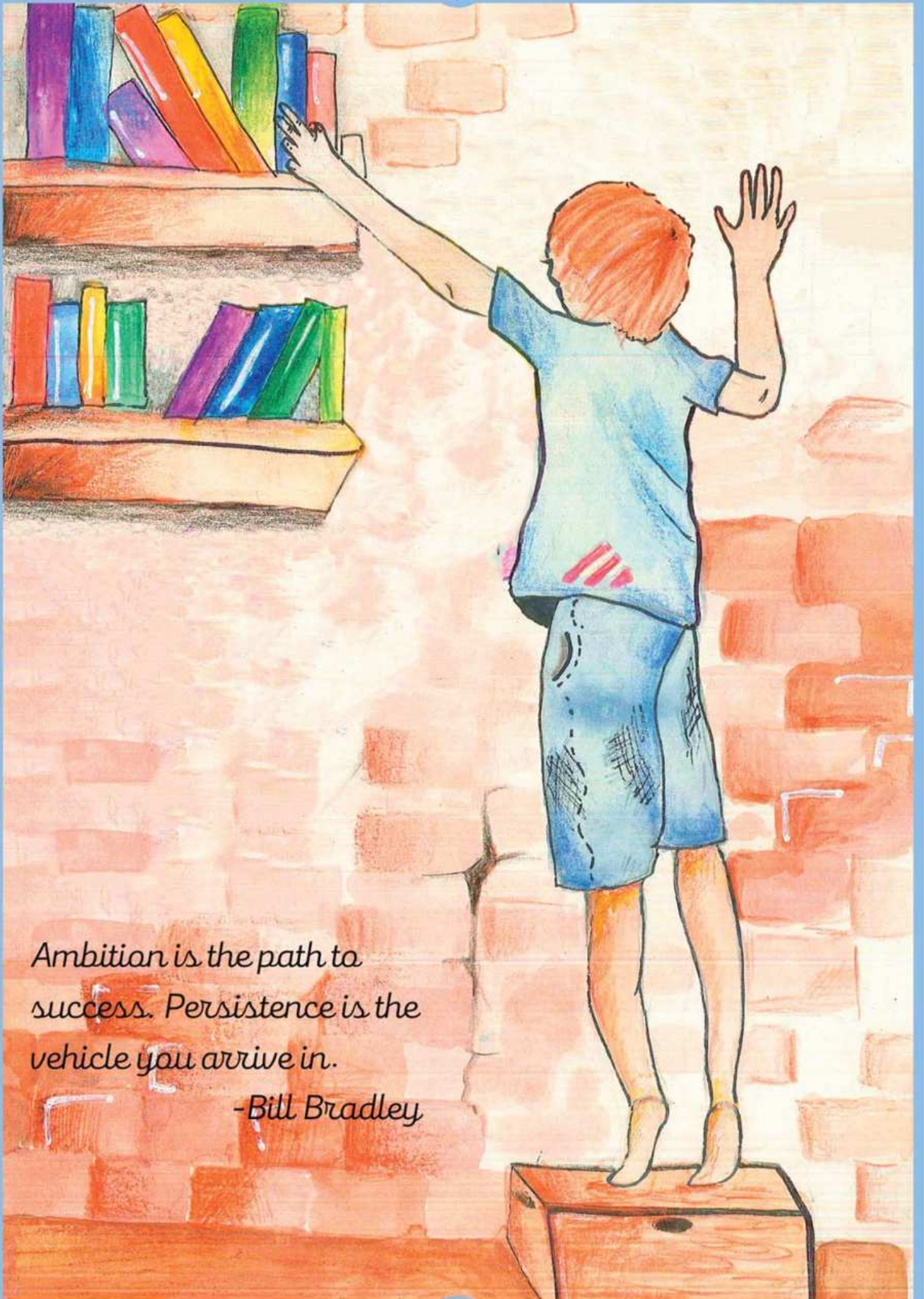
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"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

-Winston Churchill



*Ambition is the path to
success. Persistence is the
vehicle you arrive in.*

-Bill Bradley