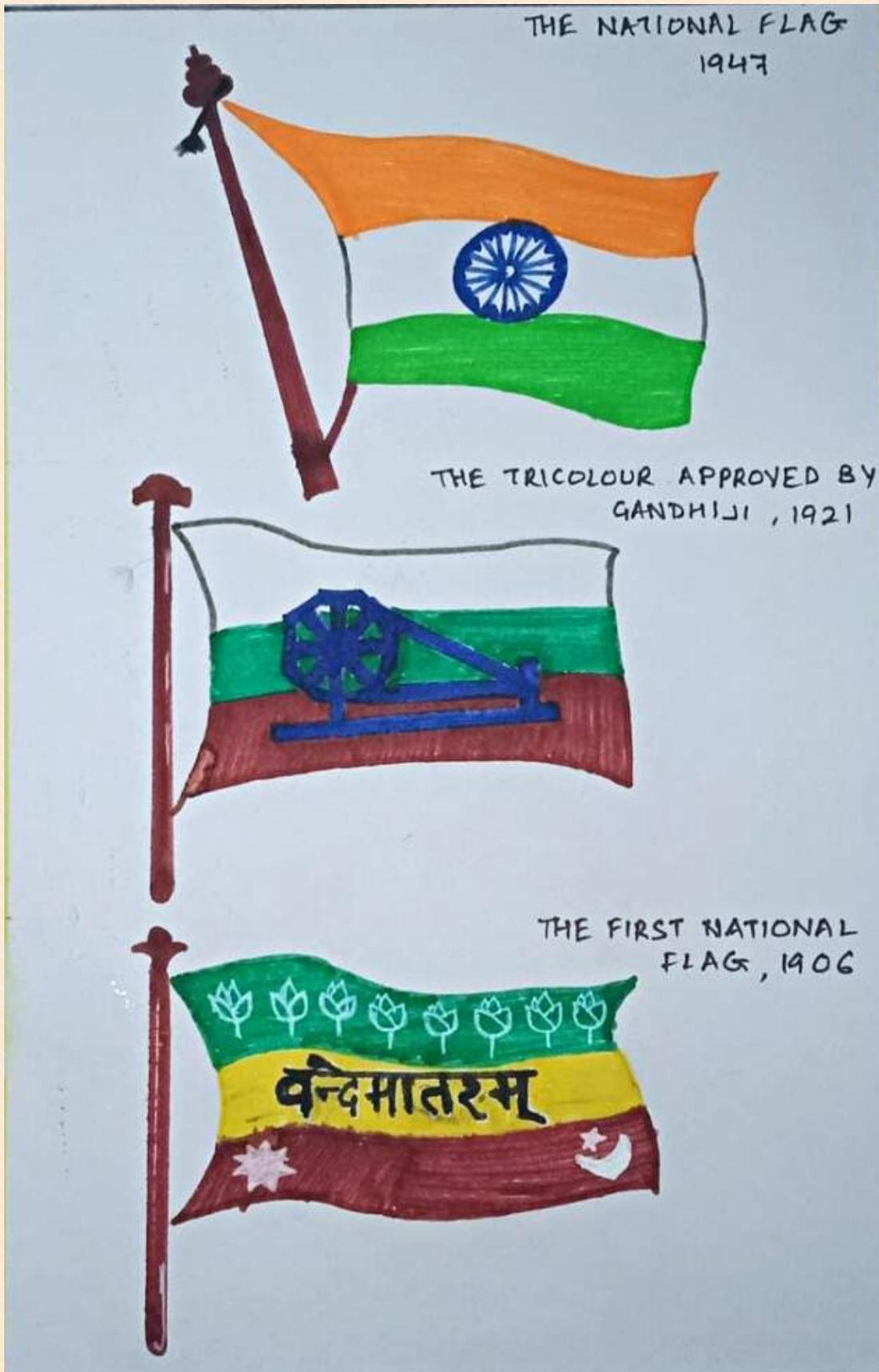
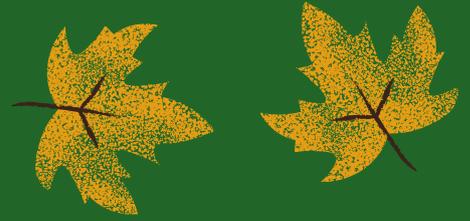


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## Friendship

" The glory of friendship is  
Not the outstretched hand,  
Nor the kindly smile, nor the  
Joy of companionship;  
It is the spiritual .  
Inspiration that comes  
To one when he  
Discovers that someone  
Else believes in us and  
Is willing to trust us  
With Friendship."

" HAPPY JANMASHTAMI"

Dipanki Pal  
Class 8B



## HOW DO I CELEBRATE JANAMASHTMI

Janamashtmi is the festival celebrated all over India by the Hindu majority. The birth of Lord Krishna took place to dispel evil from the earth and spread the message of love and brotherhood. I celebrate Janmashtmi every year with great joy. First in the morning I get ready, then my mother makes delicious food and sweets like Laddu. To put some unique aspects of the festival I also decorate jhaki at my home. Then we go to the temple in the evening which is beautifully decorated with lights and flowers. Then we worship Lord Krishna. We are also given sweets by the priest. My mother breaks her fasting after coming from the temple. As we return home we enjoy our festival spending time with family and having delicious food together. That is how I celebrate my Janamashtmi.

Yash Gairola  
Class 8A



Jayden Paffet, 7A



## THE BOND OF LOVE RAKSHABANDHAN

Rakhi is the thread that binds two persons  
in a bond  
of happiness forever  
And today I am remembering with joy  
The special tie we share  
The love and care  
The bond that keeps us near  
Happiness and best luck forever.....  
Happy Rakshabandhan

Gauri Thapliyal  
Class 8B



## 75th Independence Day

This year we all Indians would be celebrating our 75th Independence Day. This auspicious day is celebrated every year in our country on 15th August as a national holiday in India celebrating India's independence from the East India Company on 15 August 1947 .

Independence coincided with the partition of India, in which British India was divided along religious lines into the domains of India and Pakistan; the partition was accompanied by violent riots and mass casualties .Millions of Muslim, Sikh and Hindu refugees trekked the newly drawn borders in the months surrounding independence. In Punjab, where the borders divided the Sikh regions in halves, massive bloodshed followed; in Bengal and Bihar, where Mahatma Gandhi's presence assuaged communal tempers, the violence was mitigated. In all, between 250,000 and 1,000,000 people on both sides of the new borders brutally murdered in the violence.

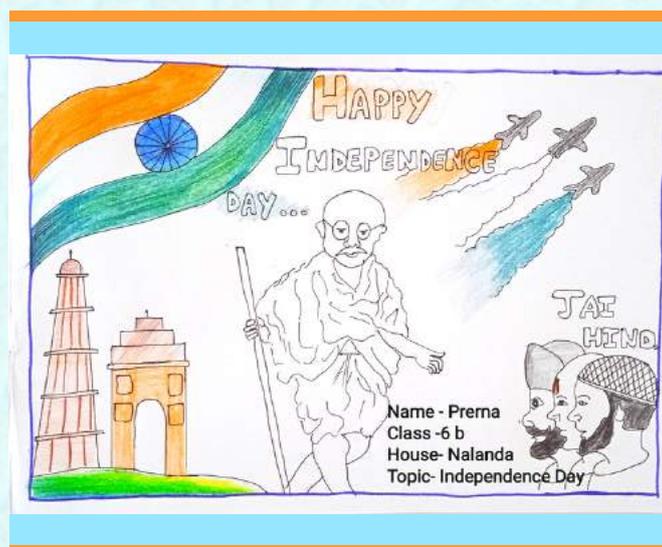
14 August 1947, the Independence Day of Pakistan, the new Dominion of Pakistan came into being; Muhammad Ali Jinnah was sworn in as its first Governor General in Karachi.

The domain of India became an independent country as official ceremonies took place in New Delhi. Jawaharlal Nehru assumed office as the first Prime Minister of the new independent India .

15 August 1947, the first Prime Minister of India, Jawaharlal Nehru hoisted the Indian national flag at the Red Fort in Delhi. On each subsequent Independence Day, the incumbent Prime Minister customarily hoists the flag and gives an address to the nation. Twenty-one gun shots are fired in honour of the solemn occasion.

Independence Day is observed throughout India with flag-hoisting ceremonies, parades and cultural events. It is a national holiday.

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## INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

- Independence day is celebrated on 15th August of every year.
- It is a national day for every Indian
- This day we remember the great struggle of freedom.
- This day we remember the sacrifices of our great freedom fighters.
- Every states and union territory of our country celebrates this day with great enthusiasm and
- enjoyment.
- The Prime Minister of India unfurls the flag from ramparts of Red Fort followed by National
- Anthem.
- The President addresses the nation on the eve of Independence day.
- In states Chief Minister unfurls the flag followed by parades and cultural processions.
- All TV channels broadcast patriotic song and movies throughout the day.
- It is one of the greatest festival of democracy.

Abhinav Singh Negi  
Class 5A

## Book Review

### “TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA”

- Written by Jules Verne

Locked at home for more than 20 days, feeling depressed when nothing motivates you. Somehow one decides to do something to overcome the melancholy of passing days.

For me, it was a conscious effort to bring back positivity around amidst this chaos of pandemic.

So I picked up the book which I bought from the school library just before lockdown started.

TWENTY THOUSAND LEAGUES UNDER THE SEA

The novel is written by Jules Verne in 1870, a French novelist who wrote 80 books, who is known as the first authentic writer of modern science fiction.

The book starts with Dr. Pierre Aronox joining frigate Abraham Lincoln in the search for the mysterious monster that has been attacking ships. Dr. Aronox is the narrator of the novel, a scientist, lecturer, and researcher by profession.

The search starts from Brooklyn Harbour to the North Pacific. Few weeks pass by and nothing happens. Dr. Aronox and Ned Land, the harpooner discuss and Ned believes that there is no monster in the sea. It was not before five months that suddenly Ned shouts and thus starts the chase between the monster and Frigate. This chase continues for few hours when Ned hurls his harpoon towards the monster. When it strikes the body of the monster light goes out of it. After a few seconds two jets of water break over the surface of the frigate.

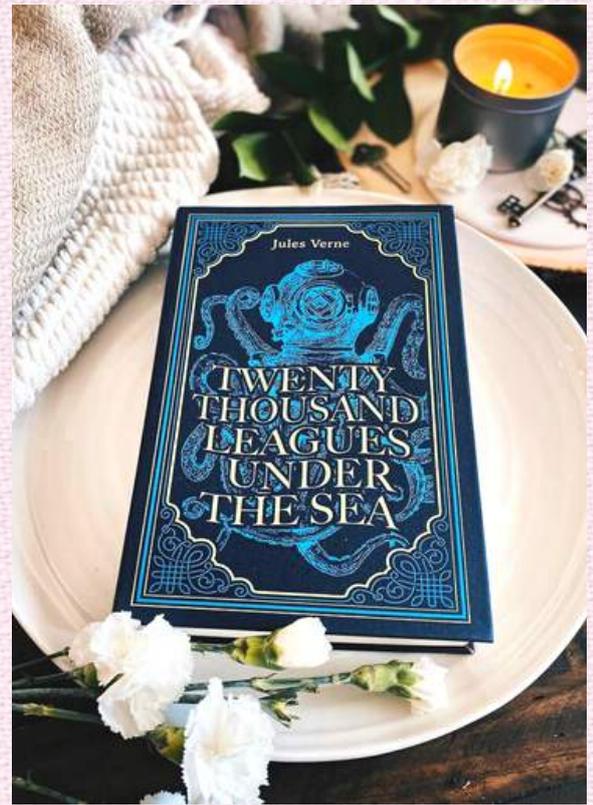
Dr. Aronox cannot bear the shock and falls into the ocean. When he regains consciousness, he finds that he, his servant Conseil and another traveler an expert harpooner are on the surface of the floating island.

Now starts an amazing journey under the sea. Though there are few more characters in the book, I feel and believe there is one and only one character in the book and that is a vast ocean with so many different shades-ferocious, mysterious, strong, calm, deep, challenging, humble, secretive, and many more. Once the reader starts reading the book, it will be difficult for the reader to put away the book without completing it. How beautifully the novelist drew a picture through words. One can see the wonderful life under the sea.

A book that made me realize the wonders of nature, its flora, fauna, mountains, and creeks under the sea. Along the journey, one gets glimpses of various historical events. There is a thin line between truth and fiction which often disappears.

So if you want to know more about floating islands, their creatures, and their journey, please check out the book in the library once school reopens. Read it and you will not regret it.

Few others by the same author are The Centre of the Earth (1864), Earth to the moon (1865), Around the world in 80 days (1873).



**Dr. Geeta Shukla**  
**Principal**

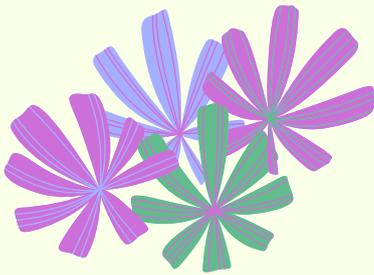
## MY SISTER MY PRIDE



**Anshul Dhyani, 7B  
Nalanda House**

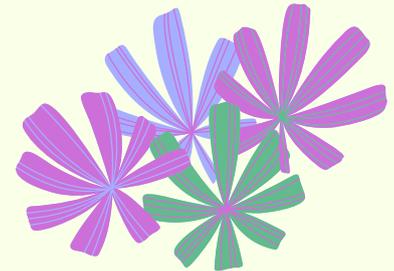
My sister Anyia is elder than me. She has always been my pride, joy and has stood by me whenever I've needed her. Whenever I make a mistake, she always comes forward to save me. My sister helps me in my studies. We play together as a team and share all our happiness and grief. Anyia didi is great at sports, studies and cultural activities. Whenever I have any doubt I go to her for advice and she is forever there to help me. On every Rakshabandhan we wish each other the best and I promise to respect, love and support her always.

**Yashwardhan Rana, Class 2  
Nalanda House**



## Raksha Bhandhan

**The festival of love,  
The festival of gifts and hugs,  
The festival of promises,  
Is what we call a Rakhi.**



It is a festival full of love hugs skips and promises. This festivals falls in the month of Saawan and people celebrate it on the last day of the month. On this auspicious day brother and sister together celebrate this festival . Sister tie rakhi on her brother's wrist and brother promises his sister for her lifetime safety . Bond and love of a brother and sister is not only celebrated on raksha bandhan or in bhai dooj but is celebrated throughout the year . The love of a brother and sister is the most purest love and bond . 'Raksha' translates to protection and 'bhandhan' translates to bond . So it explains the meaning of this festival . We all know sibling carry a special place in our heart . However, the particular bond of a brother and sister is very unique. The care they have each other knows no bonds . The love they share is beyond compare.

No matter how much they fight with one another, they always stand behind them in support. Brothers and sisters fight with each other over trivial matters. In other words, they share a bond which is full of teasing and love.

Usually some girls tie rakhi in their school too in their brother's wrist. Relations are not only blood relations , some relations are made by heart. Siblings fight with each other but shares a very strong and sweet bonds with each other.

Happy Raksha Bhandha to all of you.

**- Sneha Sharma  
10th A**

## BHAGAT SINGH

### THE VALOROUS FREEDOM FIGHTER

" मेरा रंग दे बसंती चोला "

This was the song sang by Shaheed Bhagat Singh while he was hang to death by the Britishers. Bhagat Singh was one of the revolutionary freedom fighter who sacrificed his life for the freedom of India along with other freedom fighters.

In his childhood , Jallianwala massacre in 13 April 1919 had big effect in his life. In 1928 Bhagat Singh and his party killed Britisher John Saunders who was responsible for death of Lala Lajpat Rai in a lathi charge. He was charged for killing John Saunders and arrested on December 1927. He was hanged on 23 March 1931. He sacrificed his life for the nation with a smile on his face until his last breath. The title 'Shaheed' was awarded to him for his fearless contribution towards freedom.

**Aditya Rana**  
Class 2



## INDEPENDENCE DAY...

15th August 1947 is an important day for all Indians. On this day we all pay tribute to the great leaders.

After independence we got our fundamental rights. Many leaders sacrificed their lives for nation's freedom and finally on 15th August 1947 we got independence from British who ruled us around 200 year's .Our national flag is a great sign to unite all citizens whether they belongs to any religion, culture, caste or gender. According to me it unite all of us because it has three colours that indicates courage, peace and faith. But it unite us also in another way It does not support any one religion that's why it has three colours orange for Hindu's green for Muslim's and white for Christians .Which means all are equal and the blue colour in Ashoka chakra indicates the sky and so do I feel that we all live under the same sky so why to differentiate among other castes and religion. At last I want to say that we all should stay unite VANDE MATARAM.

**Avantika Bhandari**  
8th B

## INDEPENDENCE DAY

15 August 1947 was a very lucky day for India. On this day our country got independence after almost 200 years of British slavery. Many freedom fighters had to lose their lives to get freedom for India. After the hard struggle of the freedom fighters, India became independent from the British rule. Since then till today we consider 15th August as Independence Day time.

Independence Day is a national holiday in India. A day before this, the President of India addresses the country. Which is also shown in many TV channels along with radio. Every year on Independence Day, the Prime Minister of the country hoists the tricolor at the Red Fort. After hoisting the tricolor, the national anthem is sung and 21 shots are fired and a salute is also given. Along with this, the Indian Armed Forces, Paramilitary Forces and NCC cadets parade. This day is broadcast live from Red Fort through DD National channel of TV and All India Radio. Keeping in mind the threat of terrorism, strict security arrangements are also made.

Along with only the capital of the country, the Chief Ministers of all other states of the country also hoist the tricolor in their state with respect. Tributes are paid and respect to our great freedom fighters on 15th August. Patriotic songs and slogans are chanted on this day. At the same time, some people celebrate the festival of independence by flying kites.

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