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KINDNESS

Simple act of being good
Simple act of being kind won't cost you anything
The way you treat people
And the way you always greet
You kind of leave an impact on them
Being generous in life as you can
Your kindness can just do the trick
You being kind will give you a kick
It will make you feel good from within
You will feel so light
Life will be good you know
As a little more bright!
Be a little kind!

- Ujjwal Pandey, VII B
Takshashila house

- Aditi Saklani XIIth Arts
Vikramshila house

Anti – Bullying in India

Bullying refers to a person who hurts or frightens someone smaller or less powerful, forcing that person to do something which he/she doesn't want to. In India bullying cases are rapidly increasing day by day specially in schools and colleges. There is a need to have a strong and affective legislation in India against bullying. The government of India enacted a regulation called UGC regulations on curbing the menace of ragging in Higher Education Institutions. This legislation has been applied to all the institutions.

Due to rapid increase in cases of bullying in schools in 2015, the CBSE issued some guidelines against bullying like setting up of anti-bullying committees in schools. These committees includes Vice-Principal, teacher, doctor, counsellor, representative of school management. They are responsible for implementing bullying protection programmes, should review about bullying, create awareness among students so that they shouldn't indulge in these type of activities. These guidelines focused on moral values, ethics of being a student, human rights violation, get rid of anxiety, stress, depression, puberty related education. The guidelines also focuses on to do such plays, paintings, posters, slogans, debates etc on such issues issues.

If a child is engage in such activities he should be punished, should be given warning, inform his parents about this act. Victims should not be afraid from bullies, they can inform their parents and the school authorities so that they can file a case against them or can give strict punishment to that person.

WORLD KINDNESS DAY

This year, when many of us have faced loneliness, loss, anxiety and fear, a little goodwill goes a long way. November 13 marks World Kindness Day, an annual event that promotes good deeds and the power of selflessness. The first World Kindness Day was held in 1998. It was created by the World Kindness Movement, a non-profit organization that was founded in 1997. The movement aims "to inspire individuals towards greater kindness by connecting nations to create a kinder world", according to its mission statement. World kindness day encourages people to be kind to others. Kindness can be shown even by doing some simple acts. Helping someone to cross the road, giving food and clothes to the needy instead of throwing them are some simple ways to show kindness. We all must learn to be kind makes us feel happy.

**- Sania Bari, VII B
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MY EXPERIENCE OF "ACT OF KINDNESS"

One day I was on the way to grocery shop. While crossing the road I saw one old couple coming out of the shop. The woman was carrying few mustard oil bottles. She accidentally dropped all mustard oil bottles. Her husband was busy getting an auto rickshaw and didn't notice anything. As I saw this sight I ran to pick up the mustard oil bottles for her. The old woman was delighted to get my help and gave me blessings. I was pleased to help her.

- Ritesh Rana, VIII B, Vikramshila House

A simple act of kindness can change someone's whole day. It can come from any one at any time. I'm going to share my personal experience that has happened with me. It was the first act of kindness I did to someone, I was in third standard. I was coming back to my home from school and suddenly I saw a boy of my age begging on the street corner. I asked my mother that why this boy is begging instead of going to school my mother replied they are poor kids and can't afford such expensive books and they can't even pay the fees. Later I got to know he lives near my grandmother's house. In the summer vacation I went there and I saw him. I tried to talk to him and I got to know that his father works as a labour but he's not able to pay the school fees. The boy told me that he goes to the government school nearby. He told me that he pays the fees from the money earned by begging. I felt so sad as I was not able to do anything for him. But there was one thing, that I could do for him. I helped him by donating my old books. Though I know it was a little thing but for that boy it meant a lot. The happiness on his face cannot be explained in words.

- Avantika Bhandari, VIII B, Takshashila House

One evening, I left a restaurant. Suddenly I fell down and my knees got injured. Just ahead a woman was assisting her elderly mom. I approached the curb and paused to see if my injured knees could climb the steps, to my right appeared an arm to assist, it was that of the elderly mom. My heart was so touched.

- Ambika Shah, VII B, Takshashila House

THE KITE RUNNER

Book Review

- Khaled Hosseini

Set in the backdrop of Kabul in the 70s, *The Kite Runner* is undoubtedly one of those books that will leave you heartbroken by the end of it. Hosseini, in his debut novel, does not shy away from extremities of the topic of social class division, religious terrorism & loss of innocence. The plot follows the tale of Amir, a Sunni Muslim in a rich neighbourhood of Kabul before the soviet invasion. Born out of generational wealth, privilege and a family that lacks a mother- Amir has every luxury he could dream of. From a reader's perspective, Hassan remains to be one of the most well-written characters I have ever encountered; on several occasions, he remains the gullible victim of Amir's 'no harm intent' pranks but as the story develops, we are unpleasantly surprised by how Hassan's role of acting dumb was due to the social divide between the two.

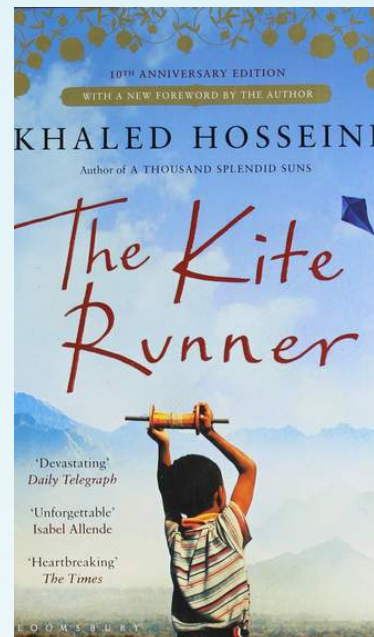
Hassan lived with his father in a small hut within the premises of Amir's home, working as a family of house helps. Like Amir, Hassan too grew up with a mother, who had abandoned her family to pursue her dreams - something that Hassan did not disapprove of. The lack of societal support at such a tender age left Hassan to be a helpless character throughout his life. On the contrary, Amir's father loved Hassan like his own son. He would never deprive him of the luxuries that Amir enjoyed, but out of humility, Hassan often denied it.

This often manifested as jealousy in young Amir, who was tired of trying to prove to his dad that he could live up to his idea of a 'manly offspring'. He dealt with the rejection he faced when his father would not approve of the idea of him wanting to write stories. His father would often judge his ability of not being tough enough to fight back. His concern would clash with the support that Amir got through Hassan- his midnight storytelling audience.

The title of the story comes from an incident that changed everything- the story of Hassan, the best kite runner in the Wazir Akbar Khan district, helping the newly found champion for a specific year's kite cutting season, Amir. He, for once, was certain that this would make his father proud, and it did. However, the same joy wasn't shared by Amir. When it had been beyond the daylight hours that Hassan had returned with the victory kite, Amir ran up the bazaars of Kabul, only to find Hassan in a dark alleyway, surrounded by their bullies. He ran and ran and pretended to have never seen it. He promised to himself that he would take this with him to the grave. In fact, to get rid of Hassan, he even framed him for stealing; for which Amir's father did not punish Hassan or his father. Consequently, Hassan's family went against the interests of Amir's father & left their home. This was shortly followed by Amir's family having to escape to the U.S with the insurgence of the Russians.

Having lost everything, except the guilt of not being able to save his closest friend, Amir's character takes a different turn. His life is turned upside down, and it took time for him to establish a meaningful life in the states. As he approaches adulthood, Amir is faced with a life-changing phone call about Hassan's whereabouts. He then goes on a mission to help Hassan's troubled son, met with a similar fate, escape the hellhole that Afghanistan had become under the Taliban. He discovers the reality behind his father's affection for Hassan and so, the story continues with several anecdotal narrations. A few of them remained political, however, they seemed unnecessary to me. Overall, by the last few pages of this book, you would be overwhelmed by emotions for all the twists and turns the plot has to offer- a tale of brotherhood, betrayal, family secrets and redemption. The book serves as the ground reality of many such people, in the valleys of Afghanistan as the Taliban has taken control of the region once again. Nevertheless, the novel is an appropriate read for kids above the age of 14 with emotional maturity, to begin with Hosseini's simple but explicit writing style.

- Soubhagya Daspattanayak, XII-Sci, Nalanda House



Ideas of Celebrating Eco - Friendly Diwali

Do not burn firecrackers because it causes pollution & animals are also scared from its sound. Use earthen lamps. Buy less. Use eco- friendly decorations & use organic rangoli colors.

- Kartikey Pharswan, VIII B, Vikramshila

We can celebrate eco-friendly Diwali by using green crackers as they are made up of recycled paper, they emit less smoke and produce noise within the prescribed limit (120 dB - 145dB). We can use Energy saving LED lights as they consume 80% lesser energy, produce lesser heat, are reusable and come in various hues. The gifts we share with each other are generally wrapped in single-use plastics ,say no to gift wrapping, use jute or paper bags instead .Handmade greeting cards have a really creative and personal touch to it ,we can also give eco-friendly gifts like house plants. Gifting Tulsi or hibiscus plants has a traditional touch while making the home of your loved ones green.

- Soumya Chaudhary, VIII B, Takshashila

Give thoughtful gifts and plants to your neighbors. Avoid plastic usage, use oil diyas instead of candles, use green firecracker, use natural colours for rangoli instead of artificial colours.

- Ritik Chaudhary, VIII B, Vikramshila

Use clay diya not plastic lights. Don't use crackers as it causes pollution so, you can use green crackers. Instead of giving the plastic gifts, give a plant sapling to your neighbours and relatives. We can donate clothes and food to needy people in Diwali. Instead of using plastic bags , use paper bags for gifting in Diwali.

- Pooja, VII B, Takshashila House



Diwali Preparation Begins...

Diwali is a festival of lights. It is celebrated with great joy and happiness. The common theme of this festival includes lighting of diyas and gathering of families. Diyas symbolize goodness & purity & lightening them denotes dispelling darkness and going into light. Children of primary section are excited about showing their creativity and thus preparing diyas in advance.



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Rishita Kamboj V, Panchshila House 6

DIFFERENT NAMES AND WAYS OF CELEBRATING “ BHAIDOOJ”

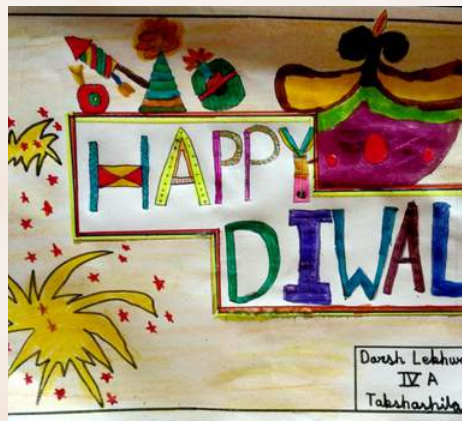
BhaiDooj is a festival celebrated by Hindus. It is festival of Brothers and Sisters. The celebrations of this day are similar to the festival of RakshaBandhan. It is celebrated in different places by different names like:

- BhaiDooj - It is celebrated in entire northern part of India. On this day sisters pray to Yamraj for a long life of their brothers and prosperity of their brothers. The ritual involves sisters marking the forehead of their brothers with a seven coloured long tika. The rest of the ritual is similar to that performed by Hindus elsewhere.
- BhaiPhonta - It is celebrated in Bengal. It takes place on the second da after kali puja.
- BhaiTika - It is celebrated in Nepal. On the day of BhaiTika, brothers are seated at a special place, around which a line is drawn, which is meant to be the line which Yama - Lord of death- is believed would not be able to cross.
- BhauBeej - It is celebrated in Haryana, Gujrat, Maharashtra and Goa. On this day, sisters perform an aarti on their brothers, feed them sweet, apply a “Tika” on their forehead and pray to God for their well-being and health. The brothers respond by blessing their sisters and giving them gifts

**-Saloni Suyall, VIII A
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