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# Editor's Message

## Why creativity is important ?

As the editor, it's a pleasure to curate a tapestry of words, images, and ideas that reflect the essence of our times. In this issue, we delve into the realms of creativity, innovation, and the human spirit. Each article is a brushstroke in the canvas of our collective narrative. We invite you to immerse yourself, connect with the diverse voices, and savor the richness that unfolds within these carefully crafted pages.

Winter is all around us: the wet and cold weather will chill you to the bone; there's snow and rain; night time creeps in early.

Hardly anyone feels inclined to go outdoors. After all, it is so much more comfortable in your cuddly warm home. It's a great time for reading, having a cosy chat while sipping on a hot cup of tea and sharing a plate of cookies with dear friends.

Here's to the joy of discovery and the power of storytelling!"

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## GENERAL AWARENESS

### CORAL REEF



Coral reefs are diverse underwater ecosystems formed by colonies of tiny animals called coral polyps. They're vital for marine life, protecting coastlines, and supporting economies through tourism and fisheries. Unfortunately, they face threats like climate change, pollution, and overfishing, endangering their existence and the species they sustain. Preserving these stunning and crucial ecosystems is important for the health of our oceans.

### NORTHEAST GREENLAND NATIONAL PARK



Northeast Greenland National Park, established in 1974, is the world's largest national park, covering over 972,000 square kilometers. Located in Greenland, it is renowned for its pristine Arctic wilderness, diverse wildlife, and stunning landscapes. The park encompasses glaciers and expansive ice caps, providing a habitat for polar bears, musk oxen, Arctic foxes, and various bird species. Accessible only by boat or air, the park is a haven for scientific research and offers a unique opportunity to experience the remote and untouched beauty of the Arctic.

### ASKOT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

ASKOT MSUK DEER SANCTUARY is located 54 KM from Pithoragarh . This sanctuary puts efforts in conserving musk deer and has taken an initiative in covering this rare species .

It is home to a wide variety of flora and fauna , including several rare and endangered species. Leopard , black bear , spotted deer , sparrow along with a number of species of birds that can be spotted here.



### KUTCH DESERT WILDLIFE SANCTUARY



The Kutch Desert Wildlife Sanctuary, nestled in the captivating expanse of the Kutch district in Gujarat, India, embodies a diverse and enchanting ecosystem. This sanctuary is home to a rich assortment of wildlife, including a variety of migratory and resident bird species such as flamingos, pelicans, and cranes that flock to the seasonal wetlands. The vast salt marshes and thorny scrublands offer refuge to elusive mammals like the Indian wild ass, desert foxes, and various reptiles, showcasing the region's unique biodiversity. The sanctuary's rugged terrain and arid landscapes create a mesmerizing backdrop for observing wildlife thriving in this harsh yet remarkable habitat.



## Events of the Month



Students of Classes 6 & 7 went on two days excursion to Anghiala Hills to cherish mother nature closely.



Students of Class 5A learnt about the importance of first aid through role play activity.



Aniya Rana of Class 7A & Adrika Bisht of Class 4A participated in Shri SL Farasi Memorial Inter- School Geeta Shloka and Kabir ke Dohey Recitation Competition.



Students of Pre- primary wing went to Doon Zoo to learn about various fish , animals, birds and reptiles.



Students of Senior Wing attended an important career counselling session conducted at Swami Rama Himalayan University.

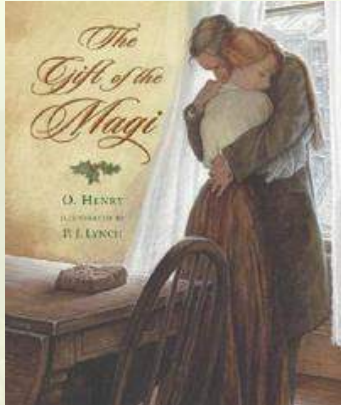


Students of Middle School bagged second position in Inter - School Group Singing Competition held at Mout Litera Zee School.



## Creative writing

### The Gift of the Magi



The Gift of the Magi' is an American writer 'O. Henry', which become one of the famous Christmas stories for Children. Henry first published in 1905. This story is about a young couple, Jim and Della, poor but very loving.

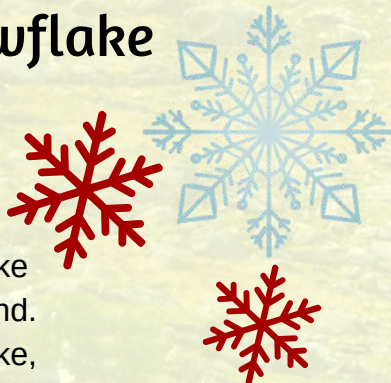
It's Christmas time and Della wants to buy a nice Christmas present for her husband – however, she has very little money. One of Della's treasured assets is her beautiful layered hair – but since she didn't have enough savings to buy Jim's Christmas presents, she cut and sold her hair for \$ 20 and bought a perfect gift for Jim. Jim also sells his grandfather's precious gold pocket watch – something he holds close to his heart – to buy a present for her. When he returned home, Jim was dumbfounded when he found Della's new hairstyle. Della bought a watch strap for Jim's favorite pocket watch, and he bought precious hair combs for her long hair. When they exchanged gifts, they realized it was no longer helpful to them. The two sold their precious possessions to make each other happy, showing their love for each other. They sit together for dinner but are not angry. The story ends there, but the narrator compares the gifts Jim and Della gave each other with the gifts which were given in the Bible. This story is about the personal sacrifices people make for their loved ones.

- Saniya Bari, 9th A

### Snowflake

Snowflake Snowflake  
Shining in the sky  
Snowflake Snowflake  
Twirling as you go by.

Snowflake Snowflake  
You are one of a kind.  
Snowflake Snowflake,  
Oh, I wish you were mine.



- Aaryan Negi, 3

### Himachal Pradesh



In the past, the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh was referred to as Dev Bhumi, which is Hindi for "Country of God." Himachal is a wonderful place to witness the beauty of nature. Due to its chilly environment and high, snowy mountains, Himachal Pradesh is also called the "abode of snow." It has good connectivity via roadways, airways, and rail systems. There are five main rivers in this state : Chenab, Yamuna, Sutlej, Ravi, and Beas. Kullu, Kangra, and Shimla, which are cities in Himachal, each have one airport. The state has 12 districts. Shimla, Chamba, Kullu, Dharamshala, and Manali are the tourism hotspots of Himachal Pradesh.

- Saumya Chaudhary, 10th B

### Sun

Warmth of the Sun  
is like a cup of hot coffee

I wear the woollen gloves  
Like it is my duty

Chilly winds make a  
Chill run down my spine

You know when it happens,  
It is Winter Time.



- Ilma Khan, 10th B



### CAREER CHOICES AFTER INTERMEDIATE

On 01.12.2023 a counselling session was held for the students of class 12th, taken by Mr. Ankit Bisht (PGT, MBIIS). The students were guided on various career options after passing class 12th, and also the guidance was provided on various job opportunities that they can take in future and even after 12th.

They were acquainted about the examinations like CLAT - for careers in Law, IIT - JEE for pursuing Engineering, NDA - for serving in Army. IMU CET and AIMNET - for associating with Merchant Navy, NCHM JEE - for Hotel Management, etc.

The students engrossingly participated in the session and got many of their career related queries cleared for a conspicuous future planning.

They put forth numerous queries and they were resolved by the faculty present.

They were elated to discuss about non cliché careers which are also trending these days.

It was an amazing session and an extremely informative one. We wish them all the very best for their future endeavors and pray for their shining bright futures.



## Building Values

### A Tale of Greed and Contentment

Once in a small village, there was a greedy farmer named Raj. He owned a magical goose that laid golden eggs each day. Instead of being content, Raj grew more and more avaricious, hoping for even greater wealth.

One day, unable to wait for the next morning, Raj decided to cut open the goose, thinking it must be full of golden treasures. To his dismay, there were no treasures, and the goose's magic was lost forever. The moral of the story: Greed often leads to loss, and contentment is the true wealth.

- Ananya Mamgai, II



Tanveer Kaur, V A

### The Currency of Integrity

Samir found a wallet on the street. Inside, he saw a lot of money and an ID card. Even though his family didn't have much money, Samir decided to give the wallet back to its owner, Mr. Patel. Mr. Patel was very happy and thanked Samir by giving him a reward. As time went by, Samir faced challenges, but because he was always honest and kind, good things happened. He made friends, gained people's trust, and eventually, he got a good job. The moral of the story: Being honest and kind might be hard at first, but it leads to long-lasting success and important relationships.

- Yashvardhan Rana, VA



Lakshita, V A

### Nurturing the Magic of Moral Values

Imagine moral values as the compass of goodness guiding us through the adventurous map of life. They are like magical seeds we plant in our hearts, blossoming into the flowers of kindness, honesty, and empathy. These values are the gentle whispers in our ears, reminding us to choose what's right even when it's easier to do otherwise. They are the invisible threads stitching together the fabric of our character, forming a tapestry of integrity and compassion. In the grand storybook of existence, moral values are the golden ink, coloring our actions with the hues of virtue, creating a narrative that resonates with the melody of a well-lived and meaningful life.

- Aditi Singh, VA



## FUN-O-LOGY

### SOME AMAZING FACTS

**1. Did you know that your liver's size fluctuates significantly throughout the day?**

While studying mice, a team of Swiss researchers found that the mice's liver cells swelled and contracted up to 40% while they were doing their daily activities. Although research is being conducted to determine if this happens to the same extent in humans, one study from 1986 found that a person's liver swells about 20% between day and night, presumably related to the fact that the liver is not working as hard.

**2. Did you know that Neil Armstrong once threatened to sue his barber for selling his hair?**

In 2005, Neil Armstrong threatened legal action against his former barber, who had earned \$3,000 by selling a lock of the astronaut's hair. The barber disregarded the threat and went on to make over \$38,000 in 2016 by selling both the hair and the barber's comb and scissors.

**3. Did you know that an astronaut was allergic to the moon?**

It seems like someone had a tremoon-dous allergy problem! During the Apollo 17 mission, astronaut Harrison Schmitt found out that he had a severe reaction to moon dust.

**4. Did you know that the official bird of Redondo Beach, California, is the Goodyear Blimp?**

In 1983, the coastal city designated the Goodyear Blimp as their official city bird during the Olympics. They even presented a plaque to a team from Goodyear Airship Operation to commemorate the decision.

**5. Do you know that your body loses up to 8 percent of water on a flight?**

Water is like the mechanical oil in our bodies; without it, our bodies can't function properly. On a flight, you can lose about 8 percent of your body water. This is due to the low humidity in the climate-controlled environment, which can be as low as 10 to 15 percent.

- Sonakshi Bhatt, 7 B

### CHECK YOUR IQ LEVEL

1. I start with E and end with E. I have a whole country inside me.

2. What has a head and a tail but no body and no name?

3. Which key on the keyboard do you think is the favorite one of the astronaut?

4. I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?

5. Cloud is my mother. When does my father come down but never go up? What am I?

- Yashrab Aysha, 8 A

Answers : 1. Europe, 2. Coin, 3. Space, 4. Seven, 5. Rain

### TONGUE TWISTERS

Brisk, brave brigadiers  
brandished broad, bright  
blades, blunderbusses,  
and bludgeons - balancing them badly.



Round the rough and rugged rock, the ragged rascal  
rudely ran.

Rory the warrior and Roger the worrier were raised  
wrongly in a rural brewery.

How much wood would a woodchuck chuck  
if a woodchuck could chuck wood?

He would chuck, he would, as much as he could,  
and chuck as much wood as a woodchuck would  
if a woodchuck could chuck wood.

I slit the sheet, the sheet I slit, and on the slitted  
sheet I sit.

- Sanchi Sharma, 7 B



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