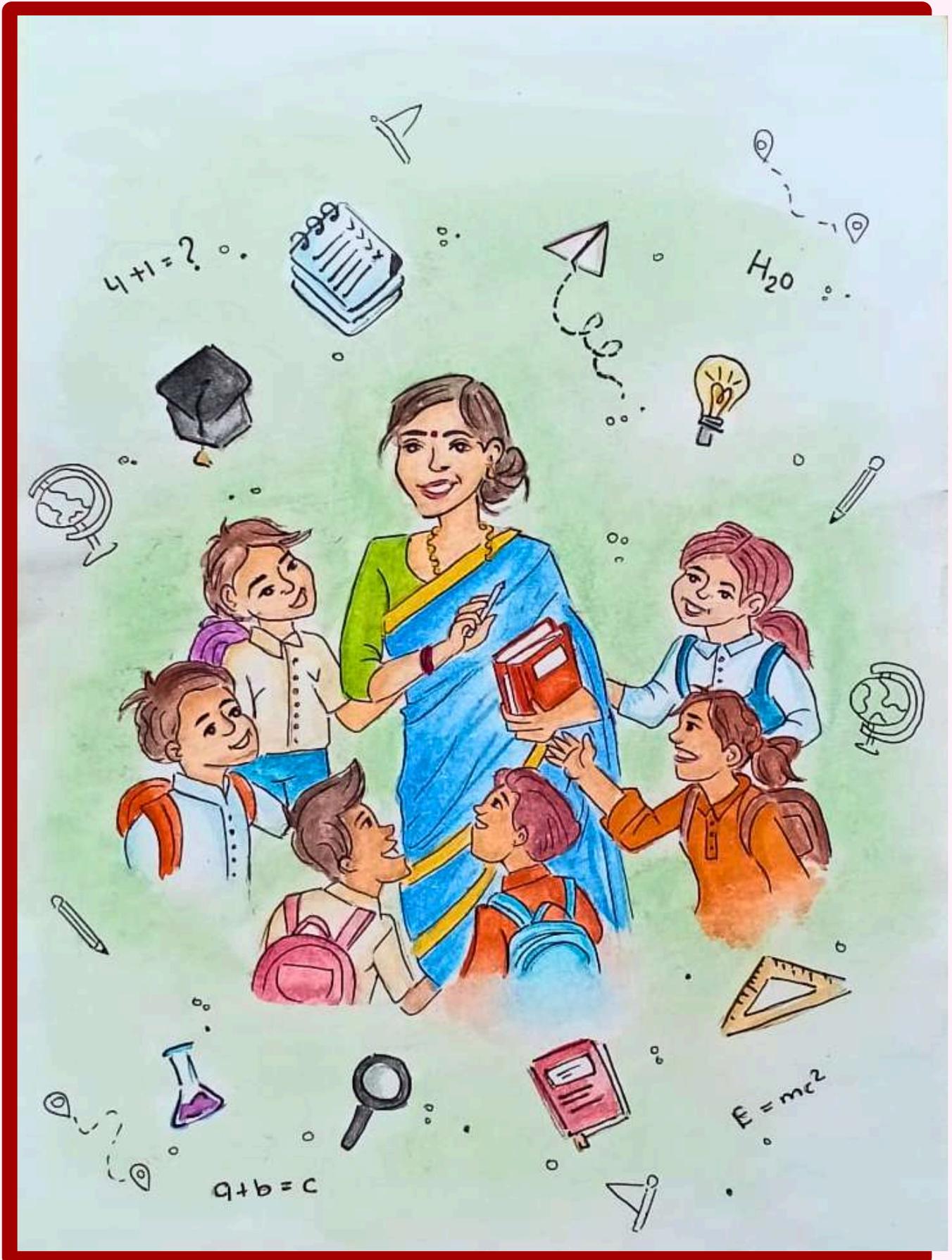


THINKER'S LEAF



- Khushi Tiwari , 8 A

Editor's Message

September

Dear Readers,

I am very happy to present the September edition of our monthly school magazine. This issue is full of content designed to inspire and entertain each one of you. You will find beautiful stories written by our talented writers demonstrating their creativity and imagination. It also has a news section that includes all recent events, activities, competitions and celebrations that keep you updated about our school community.

For this magazine, our budding poets have written self-composed poems that will mesmerize you with their uniqueness and creativity. We have also dedicated a special section to Navratri, highlighting the mythological stories, traditions and customs associated with this auspicious festival. This page aims to enhance your knowledge for our rich cultural heritage.

To add some fulfilled energy to this edition, we have also brought a page called "Funology" which features tricky tongue twisters, surprising science facts and curious crossword puzzles. These activities are sure to bring a smile to your face and galvanize your mind.

I hope you will enjoy this September edition and find it both informative and interesting.

I would also like to express my gratitude to you for your continued support.

Wishing everyone a joyful and prosperous September and a Happy Reading!

- Shourya Verma, XI PCM

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Story Writing

The broken bond

In the forests of the Himalayas lived Tammy, a blind swan, and Freddy, a fox with a humped back. Despite their differences, they were close friends who supported each other. Tammy saw the beauty of the world through Freddy's eyes, while Freddy's burdens felt lighter with Tammy's company.

One day, Tammy found something unusual in the pond and handed it to Freddy. To his surprise, it was a sparkling diamond. Tammy, simple at heart, ignored it, but Freddy's mind was filled with greed. He believed the diamond could change his life and plotted against his friend.



Freddy invited Tammy for dinner and secretly poisoned the soup. Tammy came happily, unaware of the plan. But as he inhaled the steam, a miracle happened—the poison restored his eyesight. Overjoyed, Tammy soon realized Freddy's betrayal.

When Freddy left for a moment, Tammy uncovered the truth and struck him with a wooden log. To everyone's surprise, the blow cured Freddy's humped back. Freddy rejoiced at first, but his joy turned into shame when he saw Tammy could see again.

Hurt and heartbroken, Tammy walked away. Freddy, filled with guilt, could only regret. Both learned that greed destroys friendship, and betrayal leaves wounds deeper than blindness.

- Darsh Lekhwar, VIII B

The laugh in the Forest



Zara and Sara, both twelve, were best friends. Their classmate Annie was strange, and the two often avoided her. One evening, the girls secretly visited the beach. As dusk fell, Annie pointed to the forest nearby and urged them to enter. Though afraid, Zara and Sara finally agreed.

Inside, the air grew colder and the trees loomed menacingly. Annie whispered about a ghost woman who laughed in the dark. Suddenly, Annie vanished. A chilling laugh echoed around them, growing louder and sharper.

Terrified, the girls followed small footprints until their torchlight revealed Annie standing with her back turned. When she turned, her pale face wore an eerie grin, and beside her loomed a tall shadowy figure, laughing horribly. The torch flickered, the figure vanished, and Annie collapsed. Dragging her out, Zara and Sara escaped. Annie later claimed she remembered nothing, but her strange giggles always reminded them of the forest.

- Ikra, VIII B

Navratri Celebration

Navratri, celebrated in India, is a festival of happiness and divine energy. During this period, devotees worship the nine avatars of Goddess Gauri. Each day is dedicated to honour a different avatar of the goddess. The term "Navratri" means "nine nights," symbolizing the victory of good over evil. Once, a demon named Mahishasur received a boon that any man or god couldn't kill him. Empowered by this boon, he attacked heaven and overthrew the gods. In their desperation, the gods sought help from Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva. From their combined energy, a radiant light emerged, from which Goddess Durga appeared. Then the gods bestowed upon her their most powerful weapons. Shiva gave her the Trident, Vishnu provided his Chakra and Indra offered the Thunderbolt. They also gifted her a lion as her mount, symbolizing strength and courage. With this divine Shakti, Goddess Durga engaged in a fierce battle against Mahishasur. The battle lasted nine days and nights, during which Mahishasur continuously changed his form to evade defeat. On the tenth day, Mahishasur transformed into a buffalo. Goddess Durga pushed him to the ground and with her Trident, fiercely defeated him. Since then, she has been known as Mahishasur Mardini, the slayer of Mahishasur. This victory is celebrated during Navratri, symbolizing the triumph of good over evil.

- Riddhima Dhaundiya, IXA



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Teacher's Day

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great leader and educator in Indian history. His passion and love for education led to his birth anniversary, September 5th, being celebrated as Teachers' Day in India. Manava Bharati School celebrated the teacher's day in full swing. The students performed amazing cultural, bollywood, punjabi dances with enthusiasm. The singing was heart touching as the students appreciated all the teachers for their dedication and efforts on them. Children had made cards for their favourite teachers. At the end, gifts, cake and snacks were distributed to everyone.

- Yana Maurya, XI Comm.



- Mehak Panwar, VII A

Creative Writing (Poems)

Protect Trees

Trees are the best,
Birds make their nest;
On the trees,
And Trees don't ask for fees.
Trees are so pure,
They give us everything for sure,
We plant a seed,
And later we cut the trees for our greed.
Trees are our guide,
Protect trees and be on their side.

- Kanak Naithani, 7th B



Nature as a Teacher

Nature teaches us to grow,
Steady and slow, step by step.
From the rivers, from tall trees,
We learn to give, a way to live.

The shining sun, spread their light,
The blooming flowers, through the hours.
Mountains teach us, to stand so high,
Birds remind us, that we can fly.

Flowers bloom and spread their cheer,
Teaching kindness far and near.
Soft green grass beneath our feet,
Makes the world so calm and sweet.

If we observe, we will see,
Lessons in each plant and tree.
Nature guides both you and me,
A teacher for eternity.

- Aradhya Khanduri, 7th C

Rain

Its sweet smells, its soft touch,
Its quiet glory washes the
World of its worries,
Making the earth pure and clean.
It brings peace,
A calm silence after the storm.
The soft patterns of
Rain fall on my tired face,
Each drop a gentle embrace.
On blessed rain,
You carry stories from the clouds,
You heal the thirsty ground,
You remind the restless heart—
Of stillness, of life, of renewal.
What a blessing you are to me!

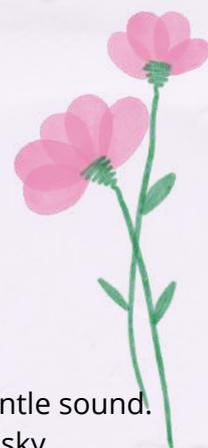
- Tanishk Kandari, IX A



A World's Secret Song

One day I closed my eyes,
To the busy world full of noise.
They never opened again—
I found a world beyond all the pain.
I saw the trees all dancing, whispering
In each other's ears,
Their happy branches glancing.
But in our world, we cut them down,
Ignoring their whispers, pain, and their gentle sound.
The clouds were roaming like a bird in the sky,
Racing together to reach high.
Nature was everything true—
She gives us life; she teaches us too.
But we are not showing humanity to her,
Forgetting the love she gave us.
When daylight slowly died,
The stars lit up the sky.
They spoke in silence, brightly.
But then I opened my eyes—
And I was still in this busy world.
How long can we live this way?
How can we save our Nature—our Mother?

- Shreya Senwal, IX B



The Ultimate Teacher

Nature is a gentle teacher, kind and wise,
It teaches us things and makes us wise.
The shining sun, so bright and fair,
Teaches us to give and care.
The birds that sing from tree to tree,
Teach us the joy of living free.
The strong high hills, silent and tall,
Teach us courage to face it all.
The flowers bloom, then fade away,
They teach that beauty cannot stay.
The cool soft breeze, the falling rain,
Teach us hope will come again.
So if we watch and if we hear,
Nature's lessons are always near.

- Atharva Raj, VIII C



Events of the Month

Science & EVS Quiz



Students of Classes 1 to 8 enthusiastically participated in the Science & EVS Quiz, showcasing their knowledge and quick thinking. The quiz sparked curiosity and encouraged teamwork, making learning science both fun and engaging.

Sarvadharmha Prarthana



On 26th September, the teachers & students remembered Dr. D.P. Pandey, the founder of Manava Bharati Society, and Mrs. Shanti Sharma, Director of Manava Bharati School, Mussoorie on their death anniversary.

National Sports Day



The National Sports Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of fitness and teamwork. Students participated in various games and activities, showcasing their energy and sportsmanship.

- Shreya Soni, XII Arts

Patriotic Song Competition



The Patriotic Song Competition filled the atmosphere with love for the nation. Students sang with passion and pride, their voices resonating through the hall and spreading the spirit of patriotism to every heart.

Ganesh Chaturthi Celebration



The Pre-Primary wing joyfully celebrated Ganesh Chaturthi with songs, dance, and devotion. Little ones offered prayers and spread the message of love and happiness.

English Elocution Competition



The English Elocution Competition showcased students' confidence and fluency in speaking. It encouraged self-expression and improved their public speaking skills.

- Aditi Bahuguna, XII PCM

Creative Writing

Blackholes

Over the years of evolution and existence humans have discovered and correctly comprehended many things . From the stone age when humans didn't knew that fire was a thing to today's time when every home has fire. From the time when we prepared hunting tools by stones and branches to bombs and missiles . From knowing nothing to defining things we have evolved a lot.



And we did not limit ourselves to just our planet . Humans slowly began to understand the cosmos, the space and all the things that existed or maybe exist outside the earth.

One of the many things that we are not yet able to explain through our years of study and scientific calculation is black hole.

These black giants roam in the space bending the space-time fabric in a fascinating way that even light is not able to escape from it . Some may see small but one must not forget that they are the densest object in this universe. The centre of a blackhole is called singularity a hypothetical point where the density of the space time fabric becomes infinite and it breaks all the laws of our classical physics. Black holes that are half the size of the sun have a mass four to 5 times the sun!!

The biggest blackhole ever found is located in the phoenix-A galaxy with the whopping event horizon or we can say diameter 100 times the distance between Sun and Pluto .

Scientists are still trying to figure out the true nature of these spacial bodies that crumple and suck everything around it...But that is not always the case some planets which are at an adequate distance from a blackhole revolve around it and are called as 'planet ' . So they might not be that monstrous as they seem. We humans always keep tracking for these for they may contain the secrets of the universe that still remain hidden in their darkness And what to say about the temperature ..

A drastic combo of cosmic heat and cold. The accretion disk of a blackhole can reach a temperature of 10^9 Kelvin and the Event horizon is so cold that it is just a millionth part of a degree

- Vansh Pokhriyal, 12th PCB

The Future In Our Hands

WHY GEN Z WILL DECIDE THE EARTH'S FUTURE

What will the world look like in the 2050s—clear skies and green forests, or endless heatwaves and plastic oceans? The truth is, the decisions we make today as Gen Z will shape that tomorrow.

We are the first generation to grow up with the internet. Some may call us lazy, but the reality is that we are more aware, connected, and ready to speak up than ever before. Take the Nepal protest for example—thousands of young people came together to demand change, proving that Gen Z will not stay silent about their future. But this responsibility must go beyond politics. The fight for our future is also about protecting the environment we will inherit.

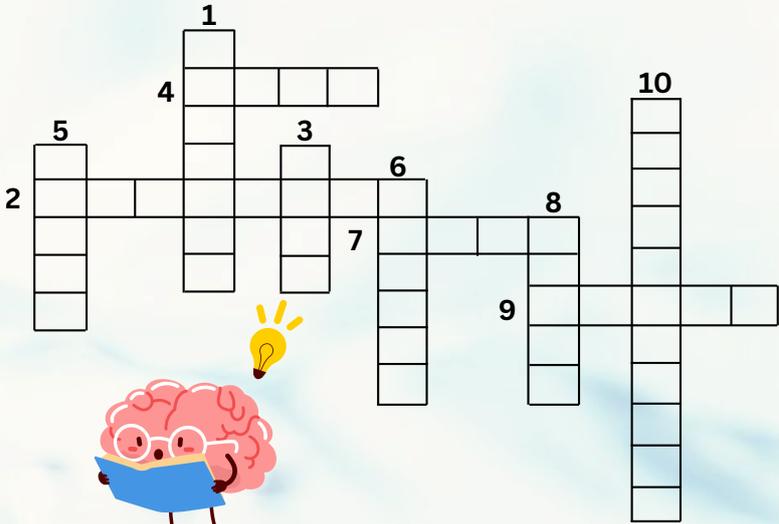
Small steps like carrying reusable bottles, planting trees, or cycling short distances may seem ordinary, but when millions of young people take them together, they become powerful. Gen Z must not only demand a better world—we must build it and protect it. After all, the future is not something that happens to us; it is something we create.

- Tuviksha Parmar, 12th PCB



FUN-O-LOGY

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Down

1. The antonym of barren.
3. Which planet is known as the Red Planet?
5. Write the plural form of woman.
6. What is the colour of butterscotch ice cream?
8. The antonym of big.
10. Write the third degree of comparison of adjectives.



TONGUE TWISTERS

- Upper roller, down roller.
- Sick man, healthy man.
- She sells sea shells by the sea shore.
- Lick drop, licked drop.
- Lock door, locked door.
- He hasn't eaten hot things.
- Blue shell, black shell.

- Satvik Bisht, V

Across

2. Write a synonym of common.
4. The organ with which a person can see things.
7. The sense organ used for hearing.
9. Write a synonym of permit.

- Hitesh Singh Gusain, V

INTERESTING FACTS

- Octopuses have three hearts and blue blood.
- The Eiffel Tower expands in the summer due to thermal expansion.
- Snakes can sense earthquakes.
- Astronauts grow taller in space.
- A lightning bolt can reach 53,540°F, which is five times hotter than the Sun.
- The average cloud can weigh up to 101 million pounds.

- Shaalvi Thapliyal, Class V

RIDDLES

Q-1. Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. How?

Ans: They are a grandfather, father and son.

Q-2. I make a loud sound when I change. When I change, I get bigger but weigh less. What am I?

Ans: Popcorn

Q-3. What can you break without touching it?

Ans: A promise

Q-4. How do you spell "cow" in thirteen letters?

Ans: SEE O DOUBLE YOU

Q-5. What comes down but never goes up?

Ans: Rain

- Khushi, V



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