



The Smog City

It's time for the annual pollution season in our country capital, New Delhi. Delhi is the capital city. It has always had more job opportunities, so more people kept coming in, so space was needed. Land requirements increased and so did its price, because of higher demand. This was a huge win financially but did anybody stop to think about the environment? Not a single person! Forests kept depleting for land so that more people could fit in. And it kept on happening. It still is actually an ongoing scenario. The environment is finally fed up.

Let's talk statistics. The air quality in Delhi, according to a WHO survey, is the worst of any major city in the world. Air pollution is the fifth largest killer in India. In Delhi, poor quality air irreversibly damages the lungs of 2.2 million children. The Air Quality Index or AQI of Delhi reaches the hazardous levels in the months of October, November and December due to various factors including but not limited to motor vehicle emissions, lack of political priority, firecrackers and stubble burning.

Stubble burning or 'Parali' as it is locally called, is intentionally setting fire the straw stubble that remains after grains have been harvested. It has a great number of harmful effects and rarely any helpful ones. Besides killing pests and removing nitrogen tie-up, it results in loss of nutrients, pollution from smoke and infertility of the soil. Stubble burning was banned by the Punjab Pollution Control Board but it is still practised and no rigid action has been taken as of yet.

Unsurprisingly, air pollution in Delhi has caused major incidents. In December 2017, a test match between India and Sri Lanka resulted in many Sri Lankan players becoming nauseous and vomit. They wore face masks until the match was stopped. Although the Sri Lankan players tried their best to continue, the Indian commentators made fun of their face masks, stating that they were hiding from the beating they were getting. Many people took to social media to criticise Sri Lankan players and lauded Indian players for their efforts. To sum up, air pollution is reaching new levels day by day and if we don't control it now, it could get a lot worse and things would spiral out of our hands.

Uday Gupta (VIII A)

Dear Future,

I think I speak for the rest of us when I say, Sorry. Sorry, we left you with our mess of a planet. Sorry that we were too caught up in our own doings to do something. I hope you forgive us. We didn't know what we had until it was gone.

For example, I'm guessing, you know it as the South-East Asian desert, right? Well, believe it or not, it was once called the South-East Asian rainforest and there were billions of trees there, all of them gorgeous and oh.. To tell you that we burn them down, cut them down with brutal machines horrific at a rate of Forty Football Fields, every minute. That's 50% of all the trees in the world gone in the last hundred years, why? For money!

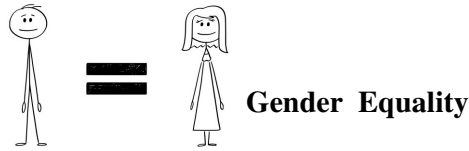
This brings me great sorrow because most of us today don't even care about tomorrow. I'm sorry that we put profit above people, we use nature as a credit card with no spending limit over. Sorry, we poison the ocean

so much that you can't even swim in them. I'm sorry that our footprint became a sinkhole and not a garden. We doomed you, we couldn't find another planet to move to.

Hey, if you don't think climate change is a threat. I dare you to interview the thousands of homeless people in Bangladesh. So you can ignore this but the thing about truth is that it can be denied, not avoided.

We are the root. We are the foundation of this generation, it is up to us to take care of this planet. It is our only home. We are a part of nature and to betray nature is to betray us, to save nature is to save us because whatever you're fighting for racism or poverty, feminism or any type of equality, it won't matter, in the least because if we don't all work together to save the environment. It will be equally extinct.

Yours truly
Harshpreet Singh
X-B



Gender equality is an idea which could be defined in simple language as both men and women having equal opportunity in society. The idea of equal opportunity is a 'win-win' situation for everyone if the person self-centred because with equality of opportunity the human resource would be completely utilized and a meritocratic system could be established. But, there are some differences between men and women due to which equality of opportunity might be achieved but the equality of outcome cannot be achieved and that is not a bad thing.

Equality of outcome is defined as the state in which there is equal number of men and women in a particular field. The basic problem with trying to achieve this is that men and women have biological, sociological and psychological differences and these basic facts have been overlooked by the liberal feminists because it debunks the post-modernist theory which is the backbone of their ideology. Therefore, today the basic argument of this paper would be to lay down the facts and debunk the belief that men and women are completely the same and that equality of outcome could be achieved.

First of all, comes the biological aspect. An average man is stronger and faster than an average female which is the reason that men are paid more in sports as compared to women because men's sport is more fun given their better ability and this attracts crowds and a higher demand among companies to advertise their product or service because more people would see their product. This is basic economic theory, more demand less availability leads to an increase in the cost and that is exactly why men are paid more in sports. But, in certain sports like badminton women are paid more than men are

because women have better control as compared to men.

Now, comes the psychological differences or more precisely the personality traits which could be identified among the genders due to the 'Big-5' test which is agreed upon as the most accurate personality test period. It is observed that women are better at judging risk and that women are more kind which leads them to be more agreeable as compared to men which are more disagreeable, which is why there are more men in prison as compared to women because disagreeableness also suggests that a person would be more aggressive. Furthermore, men are not good at judging risks which is why they are more likely to open start-ups as they are bad at evaluating risks as compared to women. Another difference between the two genders is that women are more interested in humans and men are more interested in things. Which explains the fact that women dominate the humanities field and men dominate the STEM fields.

To counter this argument you might argue by saying, "Couldn't the difference in men and women be due to its society and that it is a social construct?" To answer this relevant question, take the example of Scandinavia. Scandinavian nations have made the most progress towards having an egalitarian society which means a more gender-neutral society. It was expected that this would lead to more equality of opportunity, but the result was quite shocking to the psychological community. It was observed that the personality traits between the genders increased rather than decreased. Thus, now in Scandinavia for every male nurse there are 20 female nurses and more every female engineer there are 20 male engineers. Just a little question if you still support



equality of outcome. There are more men in prison as compared to women so shall we make the gender ratio in prisons equal as well.

Now, let's also look at other misconceptions regarding this matter and let's start with the gender pay gap. It is a myth that women are paid for the same work as men are and if women were truly paid less than men so why don't the corporations just only hire women and save their expenditure on salaries. Another reason for the existence of the myth of the pay gap is the methodology used to count the pay gap as it did not see the different career choices made by both the genders. As women prefer humanities, the jobs are not scalable as compared to STEM, therefore if a person only wants to focus on money then he and she should get a job in the STEM field as compared to careers like clinical psychologists.

The next myth is the myth regarding the reasoning for women not becoming the leaders of big companies. The true reason regarding why women don't get the top jobs in big companies is because women are smart. In order to get the top jobs a person would need to work 80 hour work weeks and have a non-existent social life and he or she would be forced to deal with internal competition and tremendous amounts of stress. Women evaluate these risks and understand that

the top job is not worth it, but as mentioned in earlier paragraphs men are not good at evaluating risks, they just keep fighting for the top position in the dominance hierarchy. The same system is used by lobsters and this system is a third of a billion years old and that time even trees did not exist. It is a natural thing and not something made by men to oppress women. It is also important to mention that some women pursue the top job and many succeed as could be seen in the case of Indra Nooyi who became the CEO of PepsiCo and with Angela Merkel who became the Chancellor of Germany.

To conclude, I would like to point out that women are not inferior and secondary to men. They are better than men in many fields and are also shown to be better parents as compared to men. Both genders have their strengths and weaknesses and that fact should be respected but this does not mean that it is wrong for a man to become a nurse or a woman a CEO, however, it is wrong if any gender is viewed as secondary or oppressed as those nihilistic pessimistic ways of thinking cause more harm than good to anyone who practices them and also on the people in their surroundings.

Sahib Sharma (XII)

Writing is the most powerful weapon
Ananything is possible with a pen in your hand
Very few people are brave enough to express their thoughts
Everyone has something to give
Savor those moments of true happiness

Harkirat Kaur (VII A)

Colours

Green is the beautiful nature,
Only to be cut down.
Blue is the still water,
That many people die without.
Purple is the starry sky,
Which we hide with our dirty dust clouds.
Orange is the evening sun,
Only to give solace to us all.
Red is the blood of an animal,
Only to be munched down on.
Let's be the rainbow
And spread happiness all around!

Yajush Udhayayay(VII D)



The night at the Bungalow

Since Mrs. McDonald had died without any clue in her own house, the bungalow has been haunted by her spirit. She was hung in her room and was found by her daughter. Many investigations took place but nothing was exposed about the miserable death.

The daughter was about 6 years old. And in the house after the incident, only the father and the daughter lived as an isolated or a lonely family. The little girl was tolerable to manage things and take care of herself. Mr. McDonald used to go to office for his work, which was their means of earning. He was always worried about his daughter when he was out of the house. The girl used to wait for him till he returned from his office.

One night, Mr. McDonald called his daughter and informed her that he would be a little late as he had a very important work to finish. The father made her promise not to go out of the house and to stay relaxed till his return. The girl had some food and went back to the bedroom. The father knew from the beginning that their house became creepy after the death of his wife. But he never let her daughter know about those unusual things happening in the house. But he didn't decide to leave the bungalow as it was the place where they all spent time together and he couldn't believe the fact that his wife would never come back.

But, that night was not the same as usual. The little girl was on her bed playing with her doll when she suddenly felt a dilemma of suspense and heard strange sounds. She had never felt that kind of thrill. She was looking here and there and started feeling panicky. She got down of her bed and went downstairs to dial her father's number. But the phone was disconnected, which never happened before, although she tried it several times. When she turned around to get back to her room, a ghostly shadow was standing right before her. She stood still without even blinking her eyes. She was petrified, didn't fathom what was happening. Tears fell down her eyes and she cried out with fear, "Mother, you are here!" and suddenly the shadow faded away.

The child didn't move for a moment but when she stepped ahead, something grabbed her neck, tried to slaughter her from the back. She shrieked as much as she could, but unfortunately no one was there. At the same moment, the father ran into the house, took out the chain that he was wearing, and held it in front of the spirit and revealed it at its face. It screamed like a mortal was about to succumb, suddenly it disappeared. The father ran towards his child and hugged her, telling her that everything's going to be fine.

The next morning, the father explained to his daughter that the chain which he was wearing was given by a priest. It was meant for keeping them safe from any evil spirit. The priest warned him that the spirit in his house might turn into a catastrophe one day. So he always kept the chain with him as a shield from the antichrist.

From that incident, Mr. McDonald adjudicated to shift from that place. So, they packed all their kinds of stuff and were about to leave. When the girl came out from the door, she was holding a frame in which the picture of the family was there. The father asked her to come as they were ready to go. The girl didn't move, the father was confused. She turned back and hung the picture frame on the wall. Her father again called her, but she didn't turn up. Just below the frame, she was scratching - 'THE McDonalds LIVED HERE'. The father reached there and saw the thing and for a moment they both gazed at it. Then, they stepped out of the door and went to the car. When they started to move, the little girl had her last glance at her house from the car window and saw a shadow waving at them from the door!

Nikita Kshetrimayum (IX B)



Alone

Someone help me,
The shackles of loneliness are taking over me.
I feel so lost; I want to flee,
They say you can do anything,
But I don't know what to do.
They say you can conquer anything,
But they don't know what I am going through.
Feel so useless in every breath,
Wish I could surrender to death.
That's what they say, that's what they feel
I can feel their once euphoric self succumbing to plea.

But, know your pain is felt, felt by all,
We feel the same agony; I won't let you fall.

I will stand by you, we will stand together,
We will strengthen our forces,
Breaking the chains of seclusion now, forever.
Reach out because your voices will be heard,
Reach out because you won't be judged.
Reach out don't hide behind your throne,
Reach out because you aren't alone.

-Chhavi Gupta, Arshiya Gupta (IX C)

Make A Change

Make a change in the world,
Always be polite to everyone.
And kindness is the word,
Which gives ears to those who can't hear,
And eyes to those who can't see.

Make a little Eden,
In the scrapbook of your heart.
Make a change in the world,
Let warmth come out of your heart.

Let honesty be in your mind,
A world where everybody is pally.
Make a change in the world,
With love and care everywhere.

Anish Mittal (VIII A)

AUTUMN

Soothing golden streets

With blanket of scarlet maple leaves.

Where only the crackles of Piculet disturb
the silence,

Where cooling gentle breeze calms your
mind.

Where the growling bear prepares for its
winter sleep,

Where its cubs swaddling and mewing in
retort.

This was the Autumn I was told of

Far away from havoc,

Far away from tandem,

Like a pond drowsy, alluring and
unchanged.

Jashanjot Kaur (IX D)



Tongue Twisters...

Witty William went with the working women to the wicked
Willy Wonka.

Silly Steven's soul survives the sweaty soiled sweaters in the
sunny season.

Sweaty Steve and Sweat Staley smelled the stinky smelly
snail.

Panini Arora and Gunrythm Kaur (VIII A)



Why separating the art from the artist is a lofty ideal??

Separating the art from the creator would be a sound school among several in a utopian world, one where the power dynamics and imbalances burning by fame and industry influence didn't exist.

But, that's not the world we live in. The choices we make in the media consumption matter in a certain material sense — playing a PWR BTTM song on Spotify or buying a Woody Allen movie on DVD literally funds them, and even modes of media consumption that don't involve spending money still grants artists the influence they can use to abuse others and evade consequence. This isn't, strictly speaking, a moral matter — you aren't a bad person for watching "Annie Hall" — but merely a matter of tracing cause and effect.

By making a culture that excuses the misdeeds of the powerful, talented or rich, we make it harder for their victims, from fellow celebrities to anonymous teenagers, to retain their dignity in society.

Yet the process of separating the art from the creator is way murkier than the lofty ideal. The theory goes, according to its proponents, that the only thing that should matter when experiencing a work of art is what's actually going on in the work itself. It doesn't matter which agency created the work — a painting painted by a Negroid and a white person merit constant vital thought and praise, and so on — merely the reaction one has to it.

For the maximum amount as we have a tendency to wish to imagine art as one thing higher, something beyond the petty concerns of this world, in reality, every work of art is deeply imbued with a number of outside influences, from the geopolitical situation of the world to the sordid personal details of an artist's life. The artists themselves don't separate themselves from their work, so a critical approach that refuses to consider outside factors is limited and foolish, blinding us for full consideration of any creative work. Of course, the focus of any analysis of a piece pop culture must be on what's actually in the work, but "what's in the work" is never as limited a class as people who need to separate the creator from art need to believe.

In modern pop culture, persona and identity so deeply intermingle with art that the artist themselves often becomes impossible to fully disentangle from their art. Consider the films of Woody Allen. The protagonists of movies like "Crimes and Misdemeanors," "Annie Hall" and "Manhattan," in all of their neuroticism and sexual

dysfunction, are fewer characters and more proxies for the director himself, who plays all three. To appreciate one of these films while simultaneously remaining aware of the molestation accusations against Allen is an exercise in cognitive dissonance — it's hard to enjoy characters written and portrayed by Woody Allen, who share an obvious resemblance with the man when you've read Dylan Farrow's accusations against her adoptive father. There are not two Bill Cosbys or two Woody Allens— the personal elements of their crafts are powered by the same people who have done despicable things.

A more tenuous barrier exists for music fans. Rap, punk and country artists place a particularly serious concentration on believability — claiming a rapper, for instance, doesn't have a real background in crime or gang life than he claims, is a serious accusation, and rappers like Rick Ross have been dogged by such accusations for major parts of their careers. For instance, in India, the 'Me Too movement' has sought to bring a cultural shift in how we consume art by people with sexual charges. By pressurizing the society through social media, a huge change of scenario has been observed where creators like Anu Malik have experienced sharp declines in their music consumption thus hampering their influence in Bollywood. Such progressive movements are aimed to revolutionize our preferences, thus similar measures need to be adopted.

Piya Goel (IX D)

A PLACE WHERE I WANT TO LIVE

A place where I want to live is a place where I want to grow. I want to live in a place where I would listen to the chirping of birds, the lake water lapping with the sounds of waves and the sound of waterfalls. I want to live in peace and harmony where no one will fight. I want to go away from the hustle and bustle of the cities and want to live a peaceful and a happy life. I want a place where no one would tease me. I want to live in a place where no one would judge me and distract me. I want to live in a state of solitude. I want to live in a clean, green and good environment. I want green and shady trees around me for a clean and a fresh air.

Simranjeet Kaur (IX A)



“The weirdest thing to forget”

It was a cold and dark morning. I was eagerly standing near the front door. Suddenly, the bell rang. I quickly opened the door, just to find out that it was the delivery guy. I told my mother that her parcel had arrived. Then, I went into my room and lied down for a while. My cousins had to come from America and as they had told me they should have reached our home by now. As they were not picking up their phone, the situation got more weird. After that I requested my mom that we go to the airport to check the situation. At least we could check whether their flight was delayed or they could not find a cab. When we reached the airport, I searched the whole area but there was no sign of them. So, we assumed that their flight had got delayed. When we were coming back home, I was furious for having wasted so much time on this. I could have completed my homework or watched some anime. As I was climbing the stairs, I saw them. I was shocked! I asked them, “Where were you and why were you not picking up our phone?” The youngest one said, while keeping his left hand on his head, “we forgot to turn off the airplane mode!”

And rest is history!

Kishna Kataria (VIII A)

NEVER UNDERESTIMATE ANYONE.....

“Even the smallest person can change the course of the future” J.R.R Tolkien

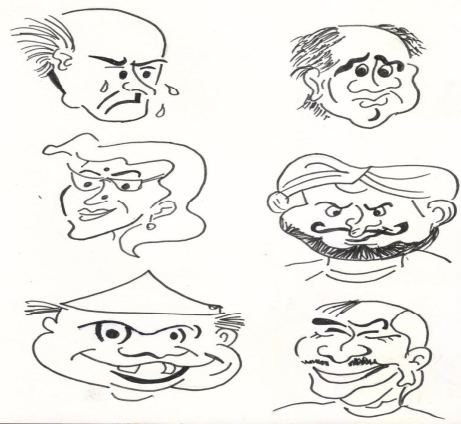
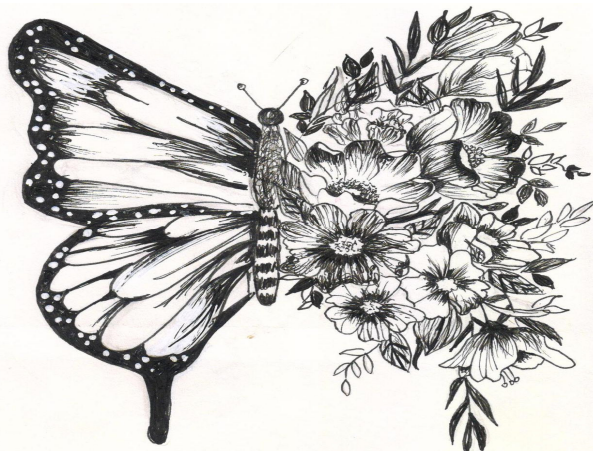
There are some people in this world who may be born with or have adopted some physical problems in life. One of those problems is people with short height. For instance, people with short stature get tantalized every day in their lives. Some of them get discouraged and develop an attitude that they won't be able to achieve good in life. Well, that's not true. You may not have a good height but you might be better than those meat heads with long limbs.

I have come across many people with short height, who are now legends. Some of them are Sabrina Carpenter, Vanessa Anne Hudgens, Lady Gaga, Daniel Radcliffe, Ariana Grande and Mahatma Gandhi. These people with short height have reached the stars and are an inspiration to many people in this world.

Don't let people tease you or laugh at you about your physical appearance, because in one way or the other you are better than them.

Mitanshpreet Kaur (VII A)

From the Canvas of an Artist... By Suman Chugh (VIII D)





"My Tabla - A connector with the Almighty"

My mother read "Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji" in a very deeply connected manner before my birth. My family's clan has consisted of spiritually connected people. Both these factors, along with the Almighty's grace have led to the story that will unfold in the paragraphs below.

In my childhood, I used to go to the Gurudwara many times a day with my family members and sit there for a long time without getting cranky. That was my zone or play zone. I used to tap objects on listening to Kirtan. Tabla, maybe, came naturally to me. So, this bent towards the Almighty, Kirtan and tabla came in my DNA.

Tabla, I believe, is so deeply embedded in me that I play it in almost everything and time is not a constraint for me. On a lighter note, I have disturbed my classmates and my teachers by playing it on the desk. My intention has not been such. Kirtan and tabla are my passions to such an extent that I follow many ragis (people who perform Kirtan in the Gurudwara) and all I listen to and watch is Kirtan mostly. My guru for tabla is Anikbar Singh. My vision is to perform Kirtan in the Golden Temple every day.

By God's grace, I have performed in Gurudwara's, the society functions and at the school. I am glad that I am trying to be aligned with my vision. I am trying my best to be in alignment with the Almighty's principles. I am lucky to get support from our Principal, teachers and friends. This institution is a stepping stone for my success.

Lastly, I feel deeply thankful to the Almighty for gifting me these people and my tabla as the connectors to him.

Gursargun Singh (IX A)

Reflection

"A man's manners are a mirror in which he shows his portrait," a wonderful quote that highlights the importance of good manners in life. Someone's personality and manners not only represent themselves but also their background, where they have come from. It showcases the values given by their parents.

A 'thank you' and a 'sorry' – these two words may be small but that's all it takes to forgive, be forgiven and to appreciate. Good manners not only make you a good-willed person, but also lets you see the good in others, it gives you a whole new outlook of life. People may think that apologising and accepting your mistakes is an attribute of the weak. But they forget that only the strong can gather the courage to forgive and to ask for forgiveness.



May these words be the mirror, which shows you your reflection - I, your true self. The good in you never disappears, it is always hidden somewhere deep inside your heart, confined by the darkness that clouds it. You just have to close your eyes and find the strength to find it within you. The strength to change, the strength to accept and the strength to the goodness inside you.

Seerat Kaur (VIII D)

MISSION MANGAL

What do we think when we think about Mission Mangal? A movie? Definitely not! We get to think about the Red Planet Mars. India is a country which is very proud of its mission to reach Mars i.e. MISSION MANGAL. The satellite which the scientists used to reach Mars was PSLV i.e. the satellite, scientists used to reach the Moon. Everyone had false hopes related to it and doubted the satellite reaching Mars. But our Indian scientists proved it to the world that we Indians can do anything even with a small satellite, with our grit and determination. Mangalyaan was launched on 5th November, 2013, and reached Mars on 24th September, 2014. By the dates, we can notice that it took a lot of time to reach Mars but thanks to our scientists, who made our country proud all across the Globe. In this, we tried our best but the nature also did its work like the weather and the solar storm. Thank you nature! The biggest thanks to INDIA from me. I hope India does try to reach more planets.

Navvya Saini (VII B)



What Are Indian Family Values?

Are individual perspectives, opinions in a population that is largely contradictory? To understand what constitutes the Indian family values, we need to first define what constitutes the Indian family. Is it how we print our wedding cards? We are certainly keen on inviting only a specific person, couple, or indeed a family to a function, but we always add, “Please come with friends and family”. Who are these friends and family? It doesn’t matter.

Family is an ill-defined concept in India. It implies community, caste, village etc. Wedding caterers are told to expect “plus or minus 500 people” for the feast. Everyone is accounted for and accommodated. This, then is the number one Indian value, which anyone who grows up in India learns: “Boundaries between self and others are porous.” Things are shared between cousins, kids are hauled out of beds to make room for visiting elders and bedroom doors are not shut. Privacy and personal space is a western concept. People pack themselves into auto-rickshaws, sitting atop each other without care for body odour; they simply just walk in and out of homes without the need for appointment or phone calls.

The second Indian value is epitomized by the act that all us Indians joke and rule about: “How we keep our houses clean and dump the garbage on the street and where you simply don’t care.” Call it

hypocrisy or call it comfort with contradictions. Indians are two-faced. We are nice to relatives, going to railway stations in the middle of the night carrying hot tea and tiffin for them, but ask us to read to the blind or volunteer at an old age home and the whole notion of “the world is a family” flies out of the window.

The third value that distinguishes India goes something like this: “How we behave is not based on absolute ideas of honesty or ethics, it is entirely explainable by situation or circumstances.” We are a context-sensitive society. The same man who worships goddesses can mistreat the women in his life and see no problem in this. It all depends on who, what, where, when, why and not on logic and science. Living in India is where Gods can float and priests can openly ask for bribes in order to get close to an equal God. Let that sink in.

Okay so now, how are these values translated into families? Are these values unique to India and something to be proud of? Yes and no. Like it or not, I think that these 3 principles are something that every Indian passes on to the next generation, simply by living.

~ Seerat Gill (IX D)



Forever in our Hearts...

December 12, 2019 was a sad day at LPS, when we lost our own beloved founder student Kudrat to an unfortunate accident. In a very short life she has left an impact and imprint in the memory of all that she came in contact with, be it her classmates, teachers, family. She has left a vacuum that is very difficult to fill. We pray to Almighty to grant her a place in his Heavenly Abode. Students like her are a pleasure and pride of LPS.

Ms. Nutan Budhiraja (School Principal)

We were fortunate to have a friend like you who nurtured the relationship and was there for us when we needed help. Though today, when we are missing you, there is something we must always remember: you are braver than what we believed, stronger than what we thought and smarter than what we found. **(Class VIII)**

An excellent student, sportsperson and true from the heart who always had a smiling face, will be sorely missed by all whose lives she had touched in different ways. Love you! *Ms. Kavita Pant (Class Teacher)*

As a House Master, the only thing I had to do for Kudrat is to remind her of her caliber, strength and capability. Her demise is extremely painful for LPS family as this loss is irreplaceable. *Ms. Anubha Sharma (House Master)*



Serious
Clashing
Inside
Energetic
Nano
Catalyst
Everywhere

Science the New Fever

The rise of space, universe, galaxy, solar system, the planets, stars, earth, the way of living, the path of discovery etc.; believe me, everything revolves around this one word ‘science’.

Guess what:

1. Atoms- The tiny particles dance inside liquids, just like we dance in rain. Kudos! You learnt the Brownian motion proposed by Robert Brown.
2. I love food and I have food around plus I am hungry, what will I do? Obviously, eat it and become fat that means I am hypotonic.
3. I love food and I have food around and I overate, what will I do? Obviously, vomit it out and grow slimmer that means I am hypertonic.
4. I love food and I have food around, but my tummy is full, what will I do? Eat nothing and be on a balanced diet that means I am isotonic.
5. Exams= mom x (chappal)² put down by Albert Einstein to give birth to atom bombs [E=mc², E is energy, m is an atom, c is the speed of light].
6. Iron and other gases like carbon and oxygen is basically human slave which carries the important function of breathing and when this smart dude cyanide enters, they no longer are your slaves and are free. What about us? Dead!! You learned the term ‘cyanide poisoning.’

Congratulations! You are ready for class IX Science. Tell your sensory organs and your body to gear up, open your left and right brain, pause your emotions and say ‘O Hail science!’

Rishita Ghosh (IX D)

Why new year resolutions??



What are new year resolutions? It’s a decision to do or not to do something, to accomplish a goal or to break a habit, but why only yearly? Ever thought about that? I think

it’s because we humans being the creatures we are, need motivation. Since it’s a new year and possibly a new change which we think will bring glory to us. We make resolutions and we quite often make the start of every year very positive and feeling our best. But often these resolutions are worked upon for a little period of time because as we move further in the year, we become habitual to our routine tasks and therefore lose our motivation and desire to work on our promises. We tend to see new mornings as cruel than new opportunities. Is it right? Not at all, we deserve to feel motivated each and every day because all days are special, it’s just how we see them. We should have the zeal to give our best every day and see each day as a new challenge as it can bring us laurels. That motivation can arise from coming up with resolutions every day. We have associated resolutions with new year so much that when we search resolutions on google the first recommendation that comes up is resolutions for new year. Funny how this has happened

and the world feels for us the need to even search the resolutions we make for ourselves. Realize that no two people can at any point of time be the same because growth and change are something very personal and elysian. It’s just, why work on ourselves every start of the year when we can work upon ourselves each and every day. We are capable of change and change can be brought in every day. Resolutions are good, powerful ways of inspiring one and bringing in transformation. However, before you add more resolutions into your life, work on the ones already in it. Don’t bring in more, before you have already mastered the existing and are contented with the latter. So do celebrate new year with a resolution and euphoria, but also remember to make resolutions for the 365 days to be followed. Wishing you the best of times and a happy new year.

-Chhavi Gupta (IX C)



Big Tech and Antitrust Lawsuits: In a nutshell

Big Tech - that's what they call the four biggest technology companies in the world, namely- Google, Apple, Amazon, Microsoft and until the Cambridge Analytica scandal recently, Facebook. Big Tech refers to large and dominant technology companies, which have created a niche for themselves. Big Tech refers to monopolies. Monopolies are not bad, only if they don't use unfair means to get there by restricting competition against smaller companies. Restricting competition means restricting innovation. At least, that's what the big government organizations think.

Though the term 'Big Tech' is gaining momentum nowadays, it's not new. It traces its roots back to the 1930s, during the time of John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company. Rockefeller merged thousands of oil companies into one and created a huge monopoly worth billions. However, The Standard Oil Company was broken up by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). Another lawsuit followed up in the 90s against Microsoft for its monopoly in the browser market and how it used unfair means to achieve a monopoly. But since then, the talk on antitrust lawsuits went relatively silent, until now. Washington's war on America's largest technology companies has just escalated.

'Antitrust lawsuits' is doing the rounds these days, and it has the potential to severely impact the largest companies in the world. The Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission have apparently allocated investigative authorities over the companies. The Department of Justice is getting Alphabet-Google and Apple, with the FTC having oversight on Facebook and Amazon.

With governments around the world gearing up to combat Big Tech monopolies, only time will tell whether this will have an impact on these 5 tech companies whose total market capitalization is more than the entire GDP of India, or will they fail to have an impact and the political endgame will likely find the Big Tech as big and powerful as ever.

- Tejas Shandilya (IX B)



Be the Extra among the Ordinary...

"You can't blend in, when you were born to stand out". These lines perfectly fit the description of August Pullman, the protagonist of the book 'Wonder', penned by R.J Palacio. August Pullman is a normal boy living a normal life, the only thing different about him is others' perspective about his facial traits. Society these days is very judgemental and Wonder teaches us to face our demons and come out on the other side of the tunnel, victorious. Auggie is a 5th grader, who has been homeschooled by his mother up until now. On being put in an unknown environment called 'School', he bravely tries to conquer and defeat his challenges. As expected he faces and overcomes them repeatedly. He even finds friends in Jack Will and Summer Dawson. Although he is at a crossroads with another boy, Julian he eventually moves on to better things such as winning an award for the best student. The book also has some heart-breaking moments like August's dog passing away and an altercation with some bullies on a school trip. Overall this book is sure to bring a smile on our faces as well as wipe some tears. We recommend this book to all the teenagers who feel like they are not being heard or think that they are an outcast, just because you have a different view on subjects does not mean that you should be separated from society. You are the ones who are capable of bringing about the change. You are extraordinary, and you can't fit in with ordinary people. Wonder is aptly named because under that face is a boy who is waiting for acceptance so that he can freely express himself.

Gunrythm Kaur, Seerat Kaur, Uday Gupta (VIII A)



कक्षा नवीं 'स' के छात्रों ने एक सामूहिक गतिविधि के दौरान विद्यालय में कार्यरत सहायक कर्म-चारियों के लिए लघु कविताओं की रचना कर ,उनके प्रति अपना आभार प्रकट किया। निस्संदेह छात्रों का यह प्रयास सराहना योग्य है।

झाड़वर-भाई

इस व्यस्त दुनिया में हम सब का समय वचाते,
हर रोज़ समय पर ये बच्चों को विद्यालय पहुँचाते,
इधर-उधर ट्रैफिक जाम में फँसकर ,हमारी सुरक्षा का जिम्मा हैं उठाते।
कुछ बच्चों की छोटी-सोच को भी सहते फिर भी कर्मरत रहते,
हमारी सुरक्षा का हर पल ध्यान रखते,
हम छात्र मन से चाहते हैं कि आपके जीवन में भी रोशनी आए,
आपका घर भी खुशियों से भर जाए।

सफाई कर्मचारी

हर पल करते हैं ये करते जाने -अनजाने में फैलाए कूड़े-करकट से संघर्ष,
फिर भी करते अपने सब कर्म सहर्ष।
यह रखते हैं हमारे विद्यालय को साफ,
फिर भी न जाने क्यों हमारा समाज
नासमझ बन हो जाता है इनके खिलाफ।
चलों हम सब दें ,इन्हें इनका अधिकार,
कृपया आप सब स्वीकार करें हमारा आभार।

दीदी-भैया

इन लोगों का हम पर है आभार , करते हो आप हमारा काम
सुबह-दोपहर-शाम
बिना किसी शिकन के ,न ही कोई विश्राम।
आओ अब मिटाएँ भेदभाव की दीवारें -सब एक साथ,
त्यागते हैं भेद भावों को खुशियों के साथ।
आओ रचते हैं एक नया संसार,
जहाँ खुशियों से उभरता है विद्यालय रूपी हमारा परिवार।

रसोई कर्मचारी

इन लोगों का हम पर है आभार ,
न जाने दो इनकी मेहनत बेकार।
हम सब की तरफ से आप सब को नमस्कार,
प्रभात से ही आप जुट जाते हैं हमारे लिए बनाने पौष्टिक आहार।
अन्न का मूल्य सब पहचानें ,
तथा हर छात्र परिश्रम व भोजन के प्रति अपना मूल कर्तव्य जाने।

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