

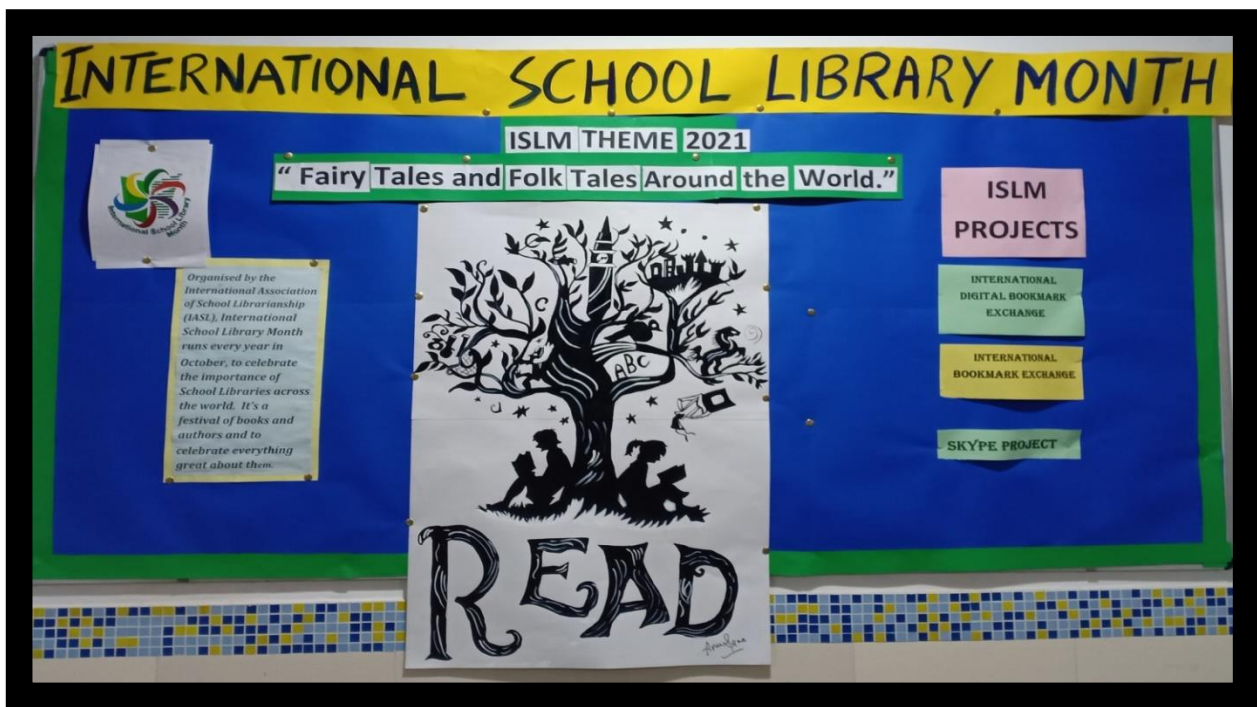


Learning Paths School celebrates 'International School Library Month' every October. This month is celebrated all over the world to mark the importance of school libraries and dedicated to books, authors and reading.

The **2021 theme for ISLM** is "Fairy Tales and Folk Tales Around the World."

Our School has participated in many global collaborative projects initiated by the 'International Association of School Librarianship' such as

- 'International Bookmark Exchange Project',
- 'International Digital Bookmark Exchange Project' and
- "Virtual Connections Around the World"



INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH PROJECTS. .

INTERNATIONAL BOOKMARK EXCHANGE PROJECT

LPS students making bookmarks for their friends from Lithuania and Serbia for 'International Bookmark Exchange Project 2021'. The students made bookmarks on their favourite fairy tale or a folk tale characters. Also the bookmarks were made depicting Indian culture.

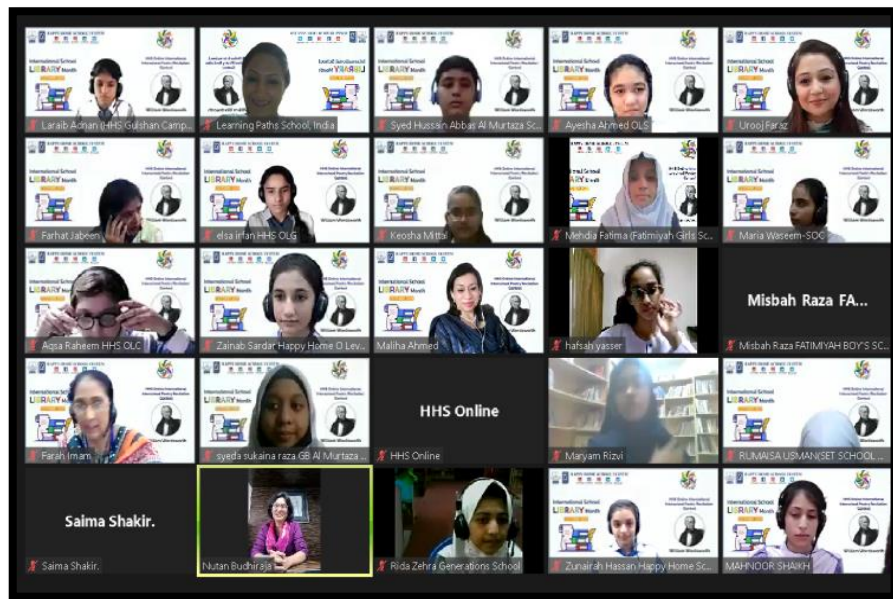




Online Inter-School International Poetry Recitation Contest

Participating in the online Inter-school International Poetry Recitation Contest 2021, presented a unique opportunity as I was able to interact with students from Pakistan and Malaysia. Being able to interact with students from a different country and yet sharing a similar culture was a truly exhilarating experience. It gave me an insight into William Wordsworth's praiseworthy poems, a chance to improve my recitation skills and a deeper understanding of the finer nuances of poetry. I thank the library teacher and principal for providing me with this opportunity.

Keosha Mittal (VIII D)



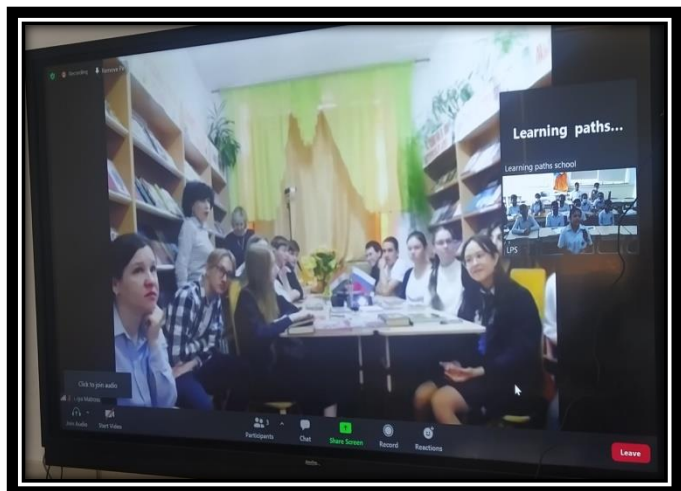
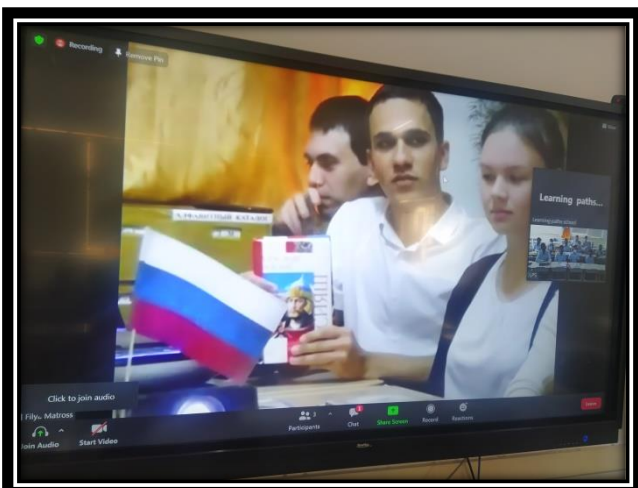
Virtual Connections Around the World Project. .

We, the students of LPS greeted the students of MBOU Secondary School No. 19 named after V. P. Strelnikov on 22nd October 2021. We talked about Indian Culture, along with some folk tales and exchanged information about our respective schools. We even shared some amazing Indian books, and also a Russian Book which all our Russian friends had read before! Even they showcased a few books, and talked about them; which was very interesting!

Our Russian friends were interested in knowing more about Indian Culture, and Indian schooling. So, we told them about some famous Indian monuments like the Taj Mahal, we shared the history of Ramayana and we even talked about the co-curricular activities offered by our school.

It was a pleasure talking to them, and we hope that we are offered more opportunities like these!

Taarish Sood and Inayat Brar (IX D)





Life in a Fairyland

Who hasn't dreamt of living in a fairyland; away from all the worries and sorrows of life? Everyone desires a place where every wish of yours is fulfilled, where magic exists and where you don't need to worry about your life, future and society.

A life full of easiness, living in a huge castle and having fairies by your side every time- sounds amazing! But is this actually possible? Of course not. We always think about magically solving our problems. We need to work hard and make our life easy for ourselves. We can live in a Fairyland, we just need to create one ourselves. We can fulfil every wish of ours, create magic with our actions and we won't need to worry about our life, future and society when we have our life planned. We cannot have something just by dreaming about it, we need to set it as our goal and work towards achieving it.

We might not be having pixie dust to fix everything but we sure can learn from our mistakes and make our lives better. Huge castles might not already exist but we sure can build one for ourselves.

Kananreet Kaur (X A) , Editorial Head

I wish I had a Magic Wand. . .

Oh! How much I wish I had a magic wand...
Just with a swoosh, It would take me to paradise and beyond!
If I had a magic wand, I would make a big bow and dress and shoes.
I would travel the world on a cruise!
With another magical wave, I would add sparkles to everyone's lives.
I wish I had a magic wand that would make all sadness go away.
I would send you all love and transmit merry vibes today and every day.
If only I had that magic wand!



Manreet Kaur (VII A)



Long, long time ago...

Folktales, Lessons & Smiles

As the stars lit up the night and the moon welcomed the never-ending dreams; I ran to my grandfather for my daily dosage of bedtime stories. I grew in a traditional family where culture was heavily worshipped. My siblings and I could listen to hours of stories of our ancestors, everything was simply so fascinating and even the same simple tales never seemed to get boring! That is how powerful creativity and imagination is, it can teleport you to another reality. It's like a vacation from our repetitive everyday hustle. Fairy tales also provide a sense of belonging. Hearing marvellous stories like the Mahabharat, I would ask my grandfather that can I also be as independent and strong as Draupadi? Fairy tales foster belief and are often able to convey concepts that are difficult to be understood. They create a sense of identity and make you feel like you are a part of a community. I believe that it is imperative to narrate folk and fairy tales to children. It teaches important lifelong values simply and also adds as a wonderful bonding experience for the family. Values and lessons learnt in early childhood days serve as an at-hand manual when in trouble. Yes, maybe the world isn't all flowers and dance balls but I want to believe that it isn't all thorns and wars too. Fairy tales make us believe that maybe every story ought to have a good end. Maybe that is how life works, if a story ends, it will end with righteousness, courage and love. And that is a beautiful philosophy to live by.

Navnoor Rana (X B), School Captain Girls

If I Had Magic Powers. . .

The day I have magic powers,
I would live happy hours.
A palace is where I would reside,
Helping others would be my true pride.
Keeping everyone on their tippy-toes,
Making a future where nature glows.
Nothing left to lay a finger on,

Going to school would be my clone,
No worries about the life ahead.
Everything would be perfect at a snap,
Success wouldn't be that hard to earn.
Becoming a figure of merit,
Wouldn't be a tedious task,
But, would it be worth it without hard work?

Avista Thakur (IX A)



Suman Chugh (X A)

If I had magic powers. . .

If I had magic powers they would be Super-Senses. Super-Senses will be a lot of help to me and the people that surround me as I would help them. I will never think of myself as more superior than my friends. On the fun side, having superpowers would reduce my chances of having any senses related problems. Having superpowers will be great but it will come with a lot of risks as many people would want me for themselves. Some scientists will want to experiment with me to see my potential. I might get heartbroken due to fake friends. But I will help people attain the greatest superpower of all times - "humanity". It is a power that is never awoken or is pushed into the furthest corner of people's minds. I want to be able to change that. I want people to get rid of all the hatred they have for each other. I want to make the world a better, euphoric place for everyone to live in.

Sreeja Sharma (VII C)

Where there is a will, there is a way. . .

There was a little boy who always wanted to swim but he did not get any opportunity to learn. He lived with his parents, and he was a foodie. The hot dog was his favourite food. One day his parents were packing hot dogs for him and he was eagerly waiting to eat them. Suddenly, a dog saw him and it wanted to eat the hot dog. The child did not want to give his stuff, so he ran while the dog chased him. Finally, he had to give the hot dog to the dog and he fell into a lake. He was afraid as he did not know how to swim. But he thought that maybe God had given him a chance to learn to do so. So, he tried hard, started splashing and put in all his efforts. To his surprise, he felt that he could float. He was very happy to realize that finally, he had learnt swimming.



*This story is based on one of my favourite stories "The Thirsty Crow".

Anuraj Gautam (III A)

I wish I were a fairy. .

I wish I were a fairy fluttering around the world with the help of my glittery shiny wings. I would do the things a fairy would love to, like chanting magical spells and flying through the air. With the swing of my wand, all tasks would be completed. I would live in a magical world. A beautiful fairy I would be! I would try to touch the clouds reaching high with my fairy friends. I would have tiny homes, tiny things all around me. I would fill everyone's life with positivity, happiness, fun and laughter. I would sit on a clover leaf top and have a view of all around. I wish I could be a fairy.



Sukhnoor Kaur (IX D)

I wish I had a magic wand!

I wish I had a magic wand! All wishes are fulfilled on demand!

With all the power in my hand, every day would have been so grand!

I am sure you fully understand, how it feels to be in a chocolate land!

No fights, no one to reprimand, what a pleasure it is to enjoy your band!

Surrounded by ice cream on an island, oh.. what a dream it is to have a freehand!

I wish I had a magic wand! The world would have been my grandstand!!

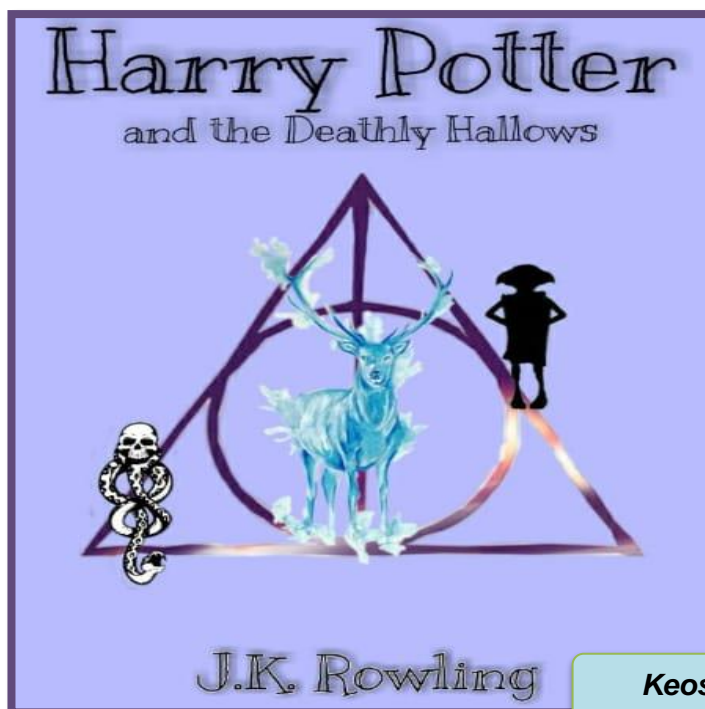
Aaryan Sharma (IV D)

Fairy tales take us to the world of.....

Like all other stories, fairy tales are meant to entertain us but most importantly these stories give us morals in a way that we remember for our whole life. Fairy tales take us to the world of imagination where good wins over evil, truth wins over lies and kindness wins over cruelty. These tales affect our emotional, physical and mental health. We can feel the pain of Cinderella, go on adventures with Aladdin, feel fascinated by Rapunzel's long hair and of course in Pinocchio we learn that we must not tell lies.

These fairy tales take us to the wide sea of stories where we all swim with our favourite characters. Fairy tales tell us that whatever bad happens to us, in the end, good things happen to good people. These fairy tales tell us about life, about friendship, about being a good and honest person and most of all about love. These stories tell us that your dreams always come true if you are honest, kind-hearted and determined towards your work. Fairy tales were, are and will be always a part of our lives. Our childhood is incomplete without these awesome fairy tales.

Gia Randhawa (IV C)



Keosha Mittal (VIII D)

Importance of Folktales. .

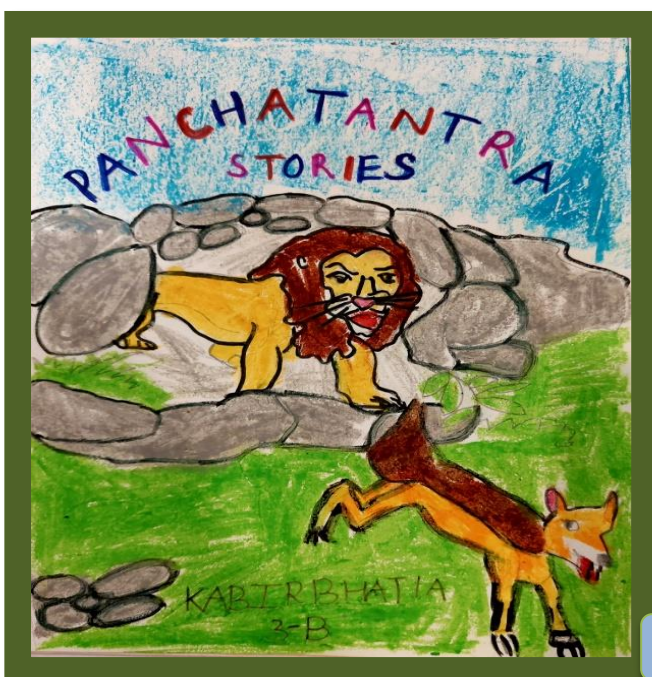
Folktales are stories that have been verbally passed down from generation to generation. There are many kinds of folktales, for instance, legends, myths, urban legends, fables and fairytales. While digging into our memories we often find creepy folktales, sometimes a legend or myth to which we are emotionally attached. These stories were told by our grandparents, parents or we read them in a book years ago. Folktales aren't just stories; on the contrary, they have deep meaning to them.

Folktales supply a young child's mind with imagination, creative thinking and the art of storytelling. Children inculcate ethics, gratitude and morals. They start looking at their heritage with curiosity and the hunger to know more and more.

These stories are packed with values, culture and beliefs. We just need to unbox them carefully and immerse ourselves in the world of folktales just like we did when we were toddlers. These stories are also brimming with the power to unite people of the same country. Folktales were the part of freedom struggles of ancient times and these accelerated the formation of patriotism in the hearts of the people residing in countries that were colonised and suppressed by strong and brutal oppressors.

The next time you come across folktales of your or any foreign country, spare some time out of your busy schedule to look into the folktale. Enjoy reading and understanding it. Spread these folktales with your siblings, friends and family. Fill your life with imagination, Curiosity and enthusiasm. In the end, these moments matter the most.

Harsimran Kaur Sarwara (X C)



Kabir Bhatia (III B)

My Dream Castle. .

My Dream castle would be placed in the sky because it will be based on my magical power, the magnificent sky in my own sky land called "Cloudy" and the castle would be known as the Cloud Castle. The castle would be enormous. In front of the castle would be a neon and glittery rainbow to welcome guests.



As you enter the elegant white coloured hall, on the left and right side there would be so many rainbow flowers. And on both sides there will be crystal clear windows and you can see the whole outside area so

perfectly. Now when you want to go to the second floor you need to cross the stairs, but not ordinary stairs, stairs in the shape of clouds and there will be glowing stars to guide you the way you want. On the second floor there will be many rooms on the left and right. In one room there will be a gigantic spa room with a massage, hot tube/hot spring, manicure and pedicure station. But that's not all, a lovely, soothing (you get the point) Sauna bath! And at the same time you can dip your toes in a foot bath.



Then there will be three identical bedrooms and whoever gets the bedrooms can add colours to different furniture and if you want glitter just call Queen Sreeja (me) then there will be a big sky blue

kitchen with yummy food, a big living room with a movie screen TV and you can sit on super cloud soft cloud couches, recliners and floating clouds with pastel and colourful cushions. At the end of the hall there is the royal family's throne for the King, Queen, and the 2 adorable Princesses (Ryan, Sreeja, Annabelle and Angelina). Speaking of the royal Family their rooms are on the 3rd floor. The Princesses room is having two cloud double beds in rainbow colours which have many pillows and soft toys and their room is decorated with unicorn decorations.



And lastly the king and queen's room is very big and has a big bed too and is also decorated very nicely but the most fascinating thing is that there is one button on both

sides of the bed and whenever the king and queen want they press that button and the roof magically turns into glass and they can see the beautiful stars in the wonderful night sky.



Sreeja Karmakar class 5B

Sreeja Karmakar (V B)



The character I like the most in fairy tales . . .

My all-time favourite character that has appeared in fairy tales is the one and only, Alice. I like her because she is so curious and mischievous, just like me. Even though by now, she would have been 150 years old if she were a real person. I have always loved reading 'Alice in Wonderland'. I always feel like I'm with Alice, travelling through the wonderland. Perhaps this feeling has made me so close to Alice. Throughout the story, we can see the number of challenges Alice faces, but she never gives up and tries to run away from them. This is one more quality I like about her. She has many conflicts with other characters as well. Her main goal was to get back home and become an adult, but throughout the way, she finds many new goals and friends. Alice was always an introvert, she never liked the world and wanted one all to herself, the land of wonderland surely helps her interact with many more people. Even though she was very small, just 7 years old but she doesn't get scared easily. I love that about her too. Overall, she is a very courageous, curious, caring, loving and adorable girl.

Arshia (VII B)

I woke up as. . .

It was a bright sunny morning. I woke up, not in my house, but somewhere else. I was skinny and wearing round spectacles. My hair was all messy and I was wearing old clothes. I looked around the room. There was a bedside table with a lamp. An owl was snoozing away in its cage. There was a large wooden cupboard. It took me some time to understand who I am or where I am. I finally understood I was Harry Potter at the Dursley's house at Private Drive no 4!! I could not believe my eyes. I got up from my bed, opened the door, and went out into the dining room. Uncle Vernon and Aunt Petunia were already sitting there. Their son Dudley took 3 chairs to sit in as he was too fat. 'Good Morning' I said when I remembered Harry was very rude to the Dursleys, but I thought "I do know what'll happen if I am very rude to the Dursleys so why not try being kind to them. So for a change, I said 'Have you eaten your breakfast? Is it ready?' Uncle Vernon replied 'No.' So I went to the kitchen, fried bacon and made bacon burgers. And gave 2 of them to everyone. It was the 31st of October so I asked 'Uncle Vernon If I could go to Hogwarts tomorrow?' And to my surprise, he said 'Yes, pack your things now I'll go and drop you at King's Cross tomorrow.' After that, I was shaking like someone wanted to wake me up. So I told them to stop it and to my surprise, it was my mother. It was all a dream. My mother said 'Go brush your teeth it's 7:45 already you'll be late for school!!!' And that's where my story ends.

Shrisha Gongopadhyay (IV C)



The day I woke up as . .

We all have a dream to become our favourite cartoon idol, one day. I got that opportunity once. Unfortunately, that day, fate was not at my side. I was asleep like a baby but when I woke up...



As you may have guessed, something amazing happened. First, there was a blinding light, then some dancing dogs came out of nowhere and then I transformed into...a blobfish...then I turned into 'Pinochio'.

As much as I love to read the story of the boy who could NEVER lie, I was quite calm from inside...
(*nose grows)

Ok, I was petrified!! I ran back home. I never had any friends and I certainly would not make anyone now. Then I met someone who was Barbie!! I wanted to take a sigh of relief for the fact that I was not alone but just then the ground gave way and we plummeted down into a dark pit that smelled like cheese and bones... Then a portal opened up, "To return to your form, have the path, but only one can go ahead. I told Barbie that I would go ahead and save her but my nose grew giving me away from my lie...Barbie pushed me and went into the portal, never to return. I cried but just then I saw, Darkness with his sword engulfing all light around him. Darkness could not be escaped. I tried to scream but darkness lunged forward engulfing me and to this day my spirit haunts all who lie in this world.

So kids, don't lie during online classes...because I AM WATCHING...

Shaurya Jain (IX A)



If I had a magical wand..

Fairy Tales are my favourite stories because I always get fascinated by the powers of a magical wand. If I get a fairy wand, I will bring back the loved ones of people who lost their lives due to Covid-19. I will also shun away the superstitions prevalent in our society. I will bring joy and happiness and make this place a better place for all with my magical wand. .

Saanvi Narang (III C)



I wish I had a magical wand

I wish I had a magical wand
Then with magic, I would have a unique bond,
Before it, my life would have been so boring
But with it, the whole fantasy world I'll be exploring,
Including It, my life will take an adventurous turn
Holding it, so much new about this world I will learn,
Using it, I will make the colours gleam brighter
I'll make the smiles of the people wider,
I will fill the odour of flowers in the air
I will make the world a better place, that to all is fair,
Bags full of candies to kids I will give
I'll even make the powerful words live,
I will make the moon walk with me
With my wand, I'll fly like a bird free.

Harnoor Kaur (X C)



Maninder Singh Baidwan(III D)



If I had the magical powers. . .

Make a wilted flower bloom again

Make a frozen heart melt

Make strength out of weaknesses

Make peace out of conflicts

Turn obstacles into opportunities

Turn a tragedy into a victory

Turn every frown into a smile

Turn barren lands into grassy fields

Build a masterpiece of trash

Build a majestic robe of tatters

Build morality out of materialistic pleasure

Build a rainbow of monochrome clouds

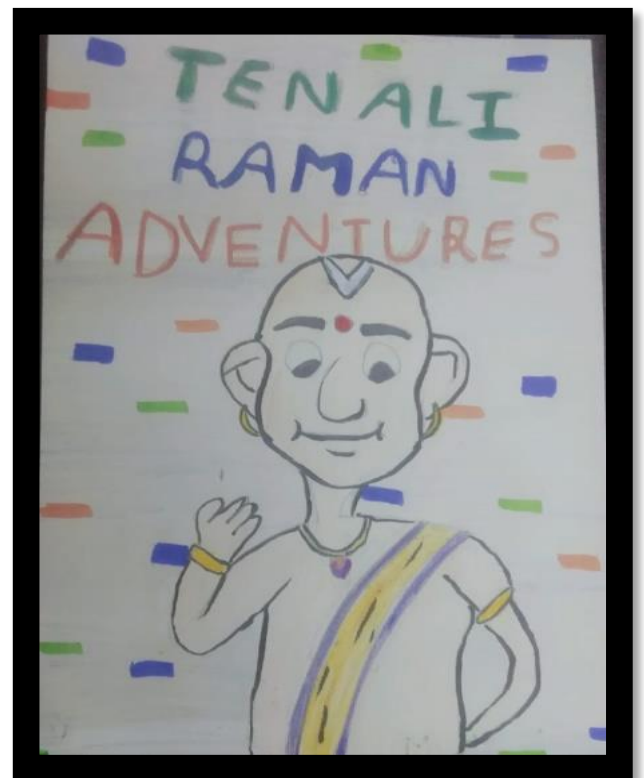
Ishrat Kaur (IX B), Haransh Kaur (IX D)

Indian folk tales

I love folktales very much, especially Vikram and Betal, Panchatantra, Akbar and Birbal and many more.

I can read Indian folktales at any time because some of the folktales can also be applied to real-life situations as these stories teach us moral values. We learn about the culture of our country. These tales are hilarious, teach life lessons, inspire and are the best stories to narrate, read and listen.

Harsimrat Kaur (VI D)





If there were no fairy tales or folk tales. . .

If there were no fairy tales or folk tales, there would be no fun in reading books. Many authors are known for their fairy tales and folktales like Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, Hans Christian Anderson, Vishnu Sharma and many more. You would have never enjoyed the stories from Mahabharata and Ramayana if these folktales were not there. Also, you would not have been friends with princesses like Cinderella and Belle if there was no such world of stories.

Harsimrat Kaur (VI D)



A Fairy Tale.....

Let me tell you a fairy tale.
About a shoemaker who looked pale,
He worked all day and night.
Making shoes with all his might.

If you work hard, you always succeed.
So God sent some elves
who beautiful shoes for his deed,
The elves made two pairs indeed.

How confused the shoemaker was
Thinking who made them overnight,
He and his wife were thrilled to see.
the shoes, so new and bright.

They decided to look who it was.
By keeping a check overnight,
The elves came again to make some more,
but ran away with the noise of the door

So happy to see the elves
They decided among themselves.
To give them what they need the most
the clothes and a big thank you post!

Yuvraj Singh (VII D)

Fairy Tales and Folk Tales, what's the difference?

Fairy tales are more than true: not because they tell us that dragons exist, but because they tell us that dragons can be beaten - Neil Gaimen

Fairy Tales and Folk Tales, both are the stories which pass through generations, and sustain for decades or even centuries, but how are they actually different? Well, a Fairy Tale is something that every child has heard, in his/her own language. Some have heard them as The Little Mermaid, while some as La petite Sirène*. It's something that's universal, which you have heard, despite your gender, caste, religion, country. Whereas Folk Tales are stories that are limited to a particular caste, religion, state, country, etc, for example, the stories of Guru Nanak Dev Ji are profound through Punjab, while in Maharashtra, stories of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj are famous. The word Folk itself means traditional in a community, of a traditional style. The main difference between fairy tales and folktales is that fairy tales are stories that involve magic and imaginary creatures and have happy endings whereas folktales tend to reflect the real-life experiences of people and may not have happy endings. While both have a historical and inspirational component, Fairy Tales and Folk Tales actually represent very different worlds, real or imaginary.

* La petite Sirène is the french form of 'The Little Mermaid'.

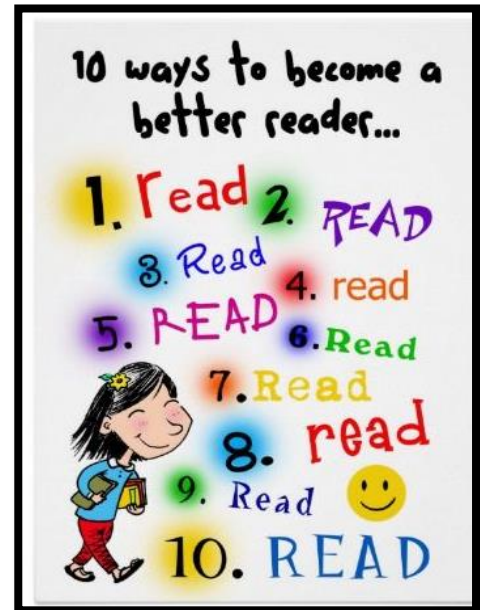
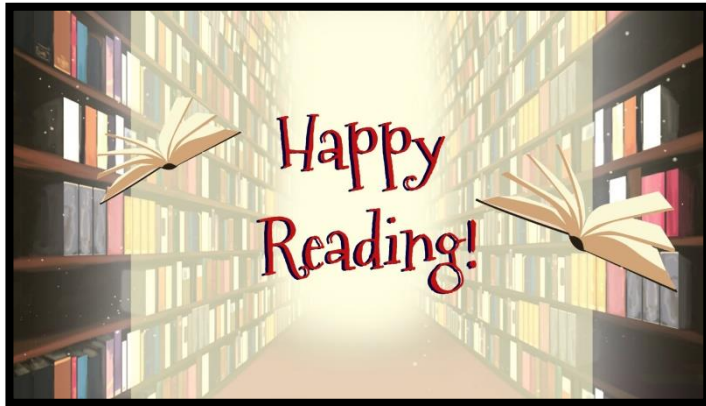
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