

**Students make Global Friends through Library Activities:**
  
*International School Library Month Celebrations*

Learning Paths School, Mohali observed ‘International School Library Month.’ The theme of ISLM 2022 is “Reading for Global Peace and Harmony.” The entire month was devoted to books, reading, and everything related to libraries. Students had the opportunity to make friends with students from Romania, Russia, Portugal, Croatia, Lithuania, and Slovenia. They participated in an international bookmark exchange project, in which they made beautiful bookmarks to exchange information about their respective countries.

Aside from that, they got a chance to interact with their Russian friends virtually and experience collaborative learning across borders.



They talked about their school experiences, favourite books or authors, and cultural influences. To commemorate the occasion, the school librarian led storytelling sessions during library lessons.

Nutan Budhiraja, the school principal, praised the students' efforts and encouraged them to read and become reading role models, inspiring their peers. It was a month dedicated to celebrating libraries and encouraging students to read.

In this special edition of the newsletter, the student editorial board brings to you the creative writings and artwork based on the theme ‘Books and Reading.’ Our students express their love for the school library through their poems, articles and artwork about the magical world of books.



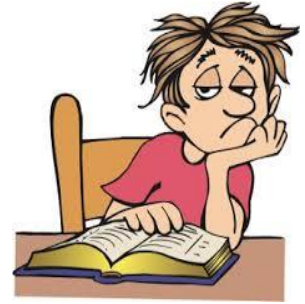
*Happy reading!*

*Seema Satti, Editorial Head, Librarian*

## How to overcome losing your interest in a Book

You start reading a typical well known book which your friend, perhaps, might have hyped up for you a bit too much. What is to happen next? You either like it and wish to continue it. Or maybe find it really boring and feel like dropping this one. But then you begin to contemplate on why and how it is considered to be a good book. This kind of curiosity could motivate you into continuing reading a book, this time while trusting the process. Remember when you started reading Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone? Something like that.

Trusting the process is of vital importance while reading a book. Who knows what is to happen next? The world of books is mysterious. However, many lose interest in the process before the story gets good. It is as if you had only seen a picture of the tip of a huge iceberg underneath it. A few also lose interest too early because of their lack of understanding of the context. This causes them to have a trip down a spiral.



Now, by a spiral, I don't mean the good spiral that transfers you into the event going on inside the part of the book you are reading. That would simply mean you are so into it that you detach from reality for a while. I am obviously talking about the bad, clueless spiral. The one that has texts moving along the black and white axis of that spiral, shrinking round all the way till the central point where they just disappear, never to return. This sight would affect you in a way that the world, after reading half a page, would seem as wobbly as the palm of your hand would after watching one of those "Click here to see magic" videos.

But don't you worry my uninterested readers. There is still hope for you to want to turn over a new leaf. First of all, choose the right genre for yourself. You know yourself the best and what you would actually like to read. Setting a target to finish the book or its chapters by a certain time also helps. Keep in mind to keep them realistic and according to your reading speed. Unrealistic deadlines can be bothersome and you certainly would not want to see reading just like the way you see your usual school assignments.

Your absolute hate for cliff-hangers could be useful as well! If that's the case, putting the book down when it gets good would surely guarantee your will to read the next part as soon as possible. Consider it a reward for a job well done after you finish your chores or get some work done. Trust me; the wait would be worth it.

Having a reading friendly environment would create a feel-good atmosphere while you read. Such as picking up your book in the night while snuggling in your bed.

The fact that somewhere in the world, certain people think firing guns and tanks for the "sake" of their countries would acquire them global peace and harmony is absolutely chucklesome. Your school library renders them budget-free. So dig in!



**Haransh Kaur (Class X D)**

**Chief Editorial Head**

## Odyssey in the World of Books

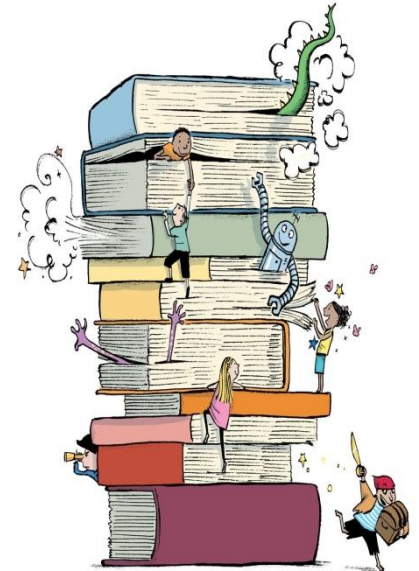
**Lying in the attic  
Is a dusty old book  
It's presence not so ecstatic  
But still worth taking a look  
Opening the crumbling pages  
Hides a mysterious prophecy  
I wonder how no one touched it for ages  
A marvelous imaginary world odyssey**



In the hustle bustle of Kings Cross, if you see a strange wall 9  $\frac{3}{4}$   
Just hit your head, promise it will not pain but the Hogwarts world is now yours  
From the Quaffle to Bludger to the Golden snitch  
Be sure to win a game of Quidditch  
Say hi to 'He Who Must Not Be Named'  
This once in a blue moon chance to get killed should not remain unclaimed  
Meet Dumbledore, greet McGonagall, respect Hagrid and get a grim look from Snape  
Fight Malfoy, be bros with Ron, adore Hermione and relish the Gryffindor grape

If you find a man with a plum and green attire, be sure to ask for a Wonka bar  
Cause with a golden ticket to the chocolate factory, you surely are a shining star  
Don't be greedy like Augustus Gloops  
Unless you wish to be a strawberry fudge, oh dear, oops  
Be sure not to go to the nut room  
Nothing much, they would just roast you on the furnace to doom  
Oompa, Loompa, doom-pa-dee-do  
Don't get fooled by it else you will rue

If your uncle and you crack a secret message hidden within Heimskringla  
Be prepared for your life will be an epic saga  
To the crater of Snaefell, the centre of the earth  
Where the greatest mystery will be unearthed  
From the caves of mushroom to the mastodon bones  
With the dinosaurs fighting in a world unknown  
One volcanic eruption will make your mind clear  
The journey till Stromboli is a thrill that will never disappear



***Brahmbir Singh (Class X C)***  
***Reporter, Student Editorial***



## *Humans Exist Not Live. . .*

A man who neglects the truth has existed by entertaining his false realities. A woman who had killed her soul, yet her body moves; has survived by embodying a puppet. The day they were brought together, led to infinite hate, violence, and frustration, nonetheless.

What does the act of being 'alive' refer to? The man replies, "It is to indulge in my addictions, and relieve myself of my burdens." The woman waiting for the day death finds her replies, "I don't have the luxury to live for myself."

The woman and the man both got rid of their anger by harassing the boy indefinitely.

The boy had neither loved nor hated them. He did feel pity for them. For they lived like savages. Never did he feel anything for them. Both were insignificant for the boy. But he showed otherwise.



When it got all too much for the boy, he turned to the pages filled with sentences over humans. Ironically, these pages are a conversation between the one who serves them and the one who reads them.

*Harsimran Kaur (Class XI, Sciences)*

## *Hercule Poirot: My favourite fictional Character*

There are a lot of great fictional characters out there, but the one I would want to be my best friend would be Hercule Poirot. Hercule Poirot is a fictional Belgian Detective created by Agatha Christie. He is famous for his magnificent mustache and his little gray cells. He has solved more than 30 baffling crimes. He started his journey from a house in Styles, ending it in that very house. I would love to be his best friend as I would be able to solve crimes along with him, though I highly doubt I will ever be as good as him. I will be able to see him in action and travel the world with him. I would be his assistant, helping him take notes and interviews. I would help him control his temper (he tends to get angry often). I will be like Arthur Hastings, only a tad bit smarter. I would travel on the Orient Express, solve murders like the ABC murders, and create a reputation for myself by my excellent crime-solving skills (mostly Poirot's but I will get the credit). All in all, I would like to be Hercule Poirot's best friend.



*Namya Bhandari (VIII D)*

## *The Book*



**Travelling places that far exist  
Seeing the beauty and feeling the mist  
I never knew how to reach  
The place of my dream was on a beach**

**Books lead the path only I could see  
Finally found a place where I could be free  
Whatever I read was painted  
Dipped in colors of imagination that I created**

**The fairies held my ankles, the vampires twisted my  
wrist  
I fell into the painting that lead to the mist  
The place was full of colours  
Colours which surprised me as a gift**

**The more I read the more it painted  
It created the place that far existed**

*Ranak Pandey (X D)*

## *Books are the best Gifts*



A room without a book is like a body without a soul. Our friends may be mean to us but books remain with us forever. Books are our only true friends. They are the best gift ever given to someone. It is also known as the knowledge hub. Books are the world's largest repository of knowledge and information. They have the solutions to every problem. Reading books from various genres helps us think and analyze in various ways. Giving a book as a gift can make their whole world. It is a gift that we can open again and again. We can get huge gift of books from a library. It is the best place ever for keeping and admiring marvelous stories. The main motive of books

is that they give us knowledge, help in establishing a world within ourselves, help in admiring beauty, and create a strong way of imagination. Reading helps us expand our vocabulary as well. Through stories, books transport us around the world along with instilling values in us. On special occasions, I help my friends make new friends by gifting books to them.

*Simran Verma (VI A)*

## *My Heart's Book Shelf*

A book I saw on the shelf that was for us  
A book I opened for the sake of it  
The pages I turned just to tell "I am reading"  
Long paragraphs and no pictures  
The words I read and got bored with  
The book I kept back on the shelf  
Then  
The book I saw right there, the book that caught my heart's strings  
The book that I opened with an expectation  
The pages that I turned with joy to feel the story  
Footed words and a ton of pictures  
The words knitting a beautiful story in my mind  
The book with pictures that gives my imagination colour  
The book that I read for my heart to  
See it happy  
The book that told me everything about friendship  
The book that got me into reading  
The book I will always read on repeat  
The book that will always be on the top of MY shelf.



*Sukhmani Kaur (XI A, Commerce)*

## *Books are better than movies. . .*

Books are better than movies because they develop our imagination and improve our concentration. Books give more details about the stories as compared to movies as they don't have that much precision and content. Books also teach us about good and bad lessons of life. They help us to do things in simple ways to make our life beautiful. Movies are of a shorter duration but books take longer time to finish which is totally worth it. Books remain our good friends all lifelong. .

*Sanskrit Sharma (III B)*

## *Books, my favourite possession. . .*

Books provide us with a special kind of knowledge. They are our closest friends and a great help to us. Understand why? Reading is the best company because we are never alone when we read a book. Books help us in developing our learning, speaking, listening, and concentration skills. I admire authors such as Lisa Ann Scott's "The Enchanted Academy" and Johanna Spyri's "Heidi," to name a few.

Books serve as both our parents and our mentors. They are our third parent. How? It's because they aid in shaping our lives by imparting moral values. The Golden Carpet is my favourite book because it reveals that gender is irrelevant and that women are just as capable as men.

Reading a book every day, in my opinion, is the best way to develop personally because it will benefit you in any situation. The best gift is a book. I really enjoy reading books.



*Satakshi Sharma (IV A)*

## *A Day without Reading. . .*

Hmm... where did I keep my favorite book? I can't find it anywhere! But I just read it last night, and kept it next to the table lamp on my bedside table. Maybe I should retrace my steps and look for it.



It would be easy to describe a day of our life without reading for all the "non-readers" out there, but for people constantly engaged in books it would be well...impractical. The fortunate ones who have books read or don't read at all. Books are life-long friends who provide us with so much knowledge, and we normally tend to use it. There are so many things that we favor and books are one of them. Well, in short, no reading would mean gaining no knowledge. Reading can exercise our mind; we'd be nothing without this invention. Without spending some time on books would not only lead to loss of learning new things but would also lead to loss of imagination. Loss of imagination and knowledge might seem easy to say but in reality, it is extremely adverse. So, the next time you are free, drop those pointless gadgets and get your hands on a book.

*Sreeja Karmakar (VI B)*

### *Books*

My favourite treasure is my books,  
They give me the world's outlook,  
Books teach me how to thrive  
And how to lead a wonderful life  
Some books take me to fairyland  
To meet Peter Pan in Neverland  
Books about fantasy and horrors  
Also teach us values and morals  
Books hold your hands just like friends  
How I wish my book never ends

*Saanvi Narang (IV C)*







*Reading is a passport to countless adventures!*

Reading is not just absorbing knowledge but it is a pack full of roller coaster emotions. A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies, says George RR Martin. Reading not only stops time but, makes you travel further in it. You can be in the protagonist's mind, unwind and read their thoughts, it is an unfathomable experience. Reading opens the world for reader to imagine, to travel in thoughts, to let go and to control their mindset. It enables the reader to have their own interpretation to various experiences. Reading is nothing but bliss to the mundane monotony of mankind and its cruelty.



*Harnoor Kaur (XI, Humanities)*

*A Critical Appraisal of Classifying Literature*

Language empowers writers with the ability to express. Books are a compilation of pages and words; meticulously chosen words that vividly describe every aspect of the author's hand-crafted universe and pages that bind them together for millennia. Countless tales are told, retold and recorded for the generations to come through the medium of books. Creating literature is currently the easiest path to immortality since biological permanence seems distant for human beings.

Literary categorization began to gain momentum during the period of Aristotle. Philosophy has always found its way into literature, influencing authors and readers alike. The rising popularity of inquisitorial research and introspection also led to the development of a curiosity towards comparing, contradicting and cataloging literature. Every story has its key characteristics that end up placing it firmly in the realm of a secluded genre. The easiest method to categorize literature is to analyze the word frequency data for a given piece. As seen in practice, a literary piece about nature would most likely employ the usage of words related to nature. However, in the empirical analysis of complex literature, the determination of the genre of a piece is not so dependent on the individualities of the literature but more so on, the levels of its interpretations by the readers.

Literature written in the form of poetries is the most valid example for the aforementioned case. Poets are often known to employ deep metaphorical comparisons and contradictions into their works so as to simplify their proposed concepts and learnings. They transform the simplest of phrases into the most radical ideas. The most notable examples can be the critically acclaimed short poem, 'Dust of Snow' by Robert Frost or even 'The Trees' by Adrienne Rich. Neither of these poems are directly about nature nor do they have anything to do with it. Nature merely acts as a tool for metaphorical comparison. Distinguishing whether the words were intended to convey a simple story or philosophical concepts is the task of the critical minds of its readers. Thus, the first step in categorizing literature is to realize the intentions of its author; whether they wished to draw attention to the words utilized or the thoughts stimulated. While discussing prose, we tend to simplify the idea of the process of classification. However complexities exist in prose based literature too, as we begin to observe deviations from common literary conventions. Gripping on to and truly understanding the ideas put forward by the author should become the main focus of skilled critics and librarians. In order to fully realize the piece we must first realize the author and the historical, social and emotional context behind the birth of the piece in discussion.

The process of classifying literature is often oversimplified in the eyes of a layman. The careful and critical proceedings and the sheer brain power required are often underestimated. While it appears to be leisurely to merely dissect and cluster pieces of literature together, comprehending the scale of the task turns it into a fraughtful one indeed.

*Udhav Sharma (X C)*

*A Page*

I turn a page, to you it may seem.

But this page may make me laugh, angry or weep.

A page will make me feel so much emotion,

Books are boring is a preconceived notion.



Get a book get lost in a fantasy,

Read Tolstoy, Plath or Bronte.

Get a book get lost in a faraway world,

No worries, no pain where nothing has to hurt.

Where worlds weave to make a sentence,

The pleasure you'll feel will be immense.

Get a book give it a shot,

Promise in a dream you'll get lost.

Whether you're the knight in shining armor or the damsel in distress,

Either way, you won't have any regrets.

Get a book, flip a page,

And believe me you'll never be the same.

*Baani Singh (IX A)*



*A Book and a Reader*

The weather looked good the cover looked nice,

I opened a book and started a new life,

I found a new friend I found a new world

I found a new thrill which would never end.

My emotions changed too as I kept on reading the story,

I could remember my mother reading to me a joyful fairytale with glory.

I laughed with the characters and with them I cried,

I fell in love with them but then they died

I could feel my soul sinking,

The words cut my heart,

Like the author had a knife and was tearing my world apart.

When the book came to an end I knew my heart wouldn't heal,

Just then I realized that the story isn't real.

*Aarna Bhalla (VII A)*





*If the home to me was my house*

It's time to get home,  
 I wish I could live in the library.  
 In book aisles I would roam,  
 It would be fascinating, yet scary.

Into the autumn feels,  
 And smells of old books  
 I'd be running on my heels  
 From every corner to the nooks.

The days would pass,  
 And so will the nights.  
 I'd read about troops in a mass,  
 And how'd they win on the fights.

A day in Narnia I'd spend  
 For I've got to meet the fauns.  
 And I'd visit the wonderland  
 And see animals with horns.

The fault in our stars,  
 I'd try to find.  
 A trip to the mars,  
 I sure won't mind.

I'd know why  
 Veronica decided to die.  
 Yes, I might cry,  
 But I'll learn the lessons of life.  
 But oh my day ends here  
 And I can't stay no longer  
 I'd have to go back there  
 And learn to be stronger.

For I now have to face  
 The world that is cruel.  
 But I sure would lace  
 my dream that's beautiful.



*Gurlakshit Kaur (IX B)*

**Books**

They have been with me since I was a child,  
 I grew older with them as  
 they were prescribed.  
 Their fragrance takes me in a knowledge trance  
 I sit in silence and glance

What could be better than a book  
 Movies or television? I think  
 A book never disappoints me  
 But sometimes confuses me

It could have several meanings  
 And gives significant teachings

A good book becomes your inspiration  
 And it is never hard to find  
 It boosts one's morale  
 leaving the bad past behind

It becomes a personal psychiatrist  
 All Solutions to all the problems it consist

*Trijal Goel (XI, Commerce)*



### *Books vs. Movies*



“A book is a dream that you hold in your hand.” As very well said that books are our best friends they take us into a whole new world.

We enter our own dream while reading a book. It's like a pleasure for many people. Nowadays, people like to watch movies instead of reading a book, but is it really as good as a book? It depends from person to person some feel not keeping the suspense as in reading a book might take two weeks but watching a movie is a matter of two hours. This is a very old debate going on but movies can't replace the feelings you get by reading a book.

A book allows the reader to be a part of the story. The reader can feel himself in the world the author has tried to create. We can imagine the characters in the way we want and we have an insight into the character's feelings. We get to understand the character in more depth. After finishing the novel we take a bit of time to get back into our own world, this is how deep feelings are created with a book. Whereas in a movie our imagination is confined. We are seeing what the director wants us to see and we see the book from someone else's perspective. That's the thing about books. They help you to travel without moving your feet. Books are not pages but they are a dream and whosoever reads a good book travels into that dream. Reading is, not a duty or chore, it really is a gift which should be enjoyed.

*Divyanain Kaur (VIII D)*

### *My Adventurous Journey inside a Book*

An interesting book  
 That I read yesterday  
 Took me to a fantasy land  
 Very far away.

The Fantasy World Race,  
 As she hadn't won it before,  
 She wanted to be in first place.

My book suddenly opened  
 And took me inside;  
 The next thing I knew was  
 That I was on a dragon ride.



A few days later came the race.  
 We reached before it could begin;  
 Because we flew very fast,  
 We could finally win!

The dragon was multi-colored,  
 From red and pink to blue.  
 It was the Dragon of the Rainbow!  
 It was all that I knew.  
 The dragon told me about

I came out of the book again  
 And continued to read.  
 I thought about the other adventures  
 That books would let me lead.

*Arissa Ali (IV A)*

*The Day I woke up as my Favourite Book Character*

Books are excellent because they educate us and teach us new words. Reading about characters, each of whom has interesting characteristics, is enjoyable.

On one sunny day, I felt something on my bottom. I was in shock, for I had a tail! Then I looked at my hand. Again, I was surprised because instead of my hand, I saw a paw! It was then when I realized that I had turned into a mouse! But I was not any ordinary mouse. I was the great Geronimo Stilton, the owner of The Rodent's Gazette, the most famous newspaper on Mouse Island. I was on cloud nine!

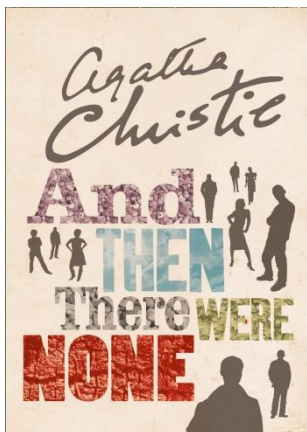


The first thing I did was look around the house. In the kitchen there were cabinets full of cheese! I ate every piece of cheese and when I opened the fridge I was even happier because the fridge had a jar of cheddar smoothie. I then decided to leave the house and wander around the streets. I found a magazine man, a woman jogging and Geronimo's friend Petunia Pretty Paws. We chit-chatted for a while, and then I went to meet his sister Thea, cousin Trap and his nephew Benjamin, who were all sweet except for Trap because he tried to scare me. In fright, I accidentally punched him in the face. He was really bummed about that so I apologised and asked him to not prank me like that again. He apologised as well and promised that he won't.

I had a good feeling about participating in a marathon as Geronimo Stilton but before that I decided to sleep. I thought if I slept, I would be teleported to the Kingdom of Fantasy just like him. But then I woke up and realised it was all a dream! I was a little sad that I couldn't be Geronimo anymore. I told my parents about it and they were surprised that I had such a good dream. Whenever I read my Geronimo Stilton books, I still continue to think about it.

*Mahiman (IV C)*

*My favourite book. . .*



One of my favourite books is "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie. This book came first in a global vote to find the world's favourite Agatha Christie books for her 125th birthday. Agatha Christie is also known as the Queen of Crime as she has written many remarkable detective books. In this book, ten strangers are invited to Soldier Island, which is an isolated island off the Devon coast. Due to the high tide, the whole island is cut off from the mainland which makes it a perfect place to commit a chain of murders, undetected. Each of the ten strangers is accused of a terrible crime, for which they are guilty but they do not admit it.

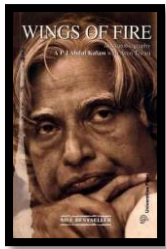
In every room of the colossal mansion, a nursery rhyme with an omen of death is framed. When one of the party dies suddenly, everyone becomes aware of their surroundings and realise that there might be a murderer in their midst who might strike again.

In my opinion, this was a thrilling, engrossing and suspenseful book. This book kept me guessing till the end and I was forced to be impressed by its unexpectedness! I highly recommend it!

*Tavishi Sharma (VIII C)*



*A book that inspired me. . .*



My favourite book is an autobiography rather than a novel. My library teacher recommended me the book 'Wings of Fire' by A.P.J Abdul Kalam. The book was excellent! The book emphasizes the value of family, relatives, and friends in assisting each other in achieving one's goals and making one's dreams a reality. The book "Wings of Fire" is more than just an autobiography because it is influenced by Dr. Kalam's real-life experiences. This book inspired me greatly. It teaches us how to be successful and, more importantly, how to deal with failure. I strongly recommend A.P.J Abdul Kalam Sir's excellent book.

*Harsimrat Sandhu (VII D)*

*My School Library. .*

My school library is very beautiful. There are lots of books in my library. I always borrow a book from my library. There's a lovely display of books and artwork related to reading in the library. My school library is located in the basement. My library has a lot of computers that can help us. The library is bright and cheerful, with colourful books and tables. When my friends and I go to our library, we are all very happy. My school library is a wealth of information for me. It's my favourite spot in the school.

*Aarav (III D)*

*That Place*

Escaping from reality,  
 Ignoring the law of gravity.  
 Visiting myths to facts,  
 From reading stories to  
 extracts  
 Will live many lives before  
 dying,  
 Not easy, but I am trying.  
 It's a book, I'm not lying.  
  
 Hearing the sound of silence,  
 Muted, but too loud defiance  
 A map of billions of places,  
 With many stories,



Millions of characters it chases.  
 From words to sentences,  
 Truths to lies,  
 It's a place, I'm not lying.

Library is the place,  
 A book is the base,  
 The character is the case,  
 The mystery is left to retrace  
 A comfortable, peaceful world to embrace  
 With tons of things to reminisce  
 It's a book, I am not lying

*Mehreen Kaur (VIII D)*

*A room without a book is a body without a soul*

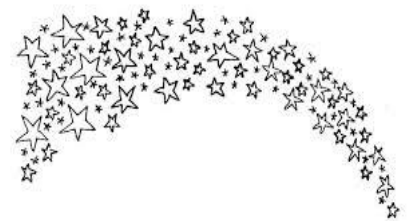


Jalyn was a very lonely 8-year-old girl, she didn't have any friends, but she didn't care. Because she wasn't completely lonely, since she had her books for her company, she had always imagined the characters in her books as her best friends and she never wanted to have a real human friend because she did not know whom to trust. One night she was reading her favourite book 'The blue umbrella' before she went to bed and then suddenly the main character 'Binya', just popped out of the book out of nowhere and instead of screaming, Jalyn was happy rather than shocked because she always believed that the characters in the books were not fake. Somewhere in the universe they did exist.

She was so excited that she finally got to talk to one of her favourite characters and not some human being that can't be trusted. Hundreds, no.. no.. thousands of questions were appearing in her head that she wanted to ask, but before she could say anything, Binya said "Oh! Hello Jalyn." Jalyn was so happy and was filled with excitement that she could only say "He...hello... Wh..What are you doing here?"

Binya said that in another galaxy there is a planet called 'Fantesia' and it is a planet full of fantasy and Binya also explained how the ruler of that planet had commanded everyone to find a human being that believes the characters in books exist and Jalyn was perfect. Jalyn got very excited to hear that and asked, "So... what is next?" Binya said that a huge monster called 'SmogPest' is destroying the planet 'Fantesia' and to defeat the 'SmogPest', it is only possible with a human being who strongly believes in fantasy. And then Jalyn said, "But I can't just leave, my parents will be worried and I have school tomorrow." Binya replied, "Oh no worries about that I will stop the time in this galaxy so when you come back, it will be the same time as it is now." Jalyn was so excited to hear that..

Once they reached out of the 'Milky Way' galaxy, Jalyn was amazed with all the colours, people, and most importantly, fantasy. But all the beauty disappeared, once the monster SmogPest appeared. It was smashing all the buildings and destroying Fantesia. Binya said to Jalyn that the sole reason they called her was because humans from the planet Earth were very smart compared to the people living on planet Fantesia and technically, it was the humans from the planet Earth who created fantasy, and so Jalyn was brought to Fantesia. Jalyn was nervous but agreed to help. She went up to SmogPest and asked "Why are you destroying this planet?" The SmogPest responded "Because I hate this planet! It's horrible! And I need a planet to rule and this just might be the one!" Then Jalyn said, "But this planet is already ruled by someone, if you want, I could make another planet just like you want." The SmogPest was confused and asked how so. Though Jalyn did not have a solution, in the meantime, suddenly the bag in which she was carrying many story books started to shake and all the characters popped out just like how Binya appeared. At that very moment, one of the characters said they would help him. Jalyn was very happy and they all started to build the planet just as SmogPest wanted, and in the end, SmogPest's planet was happy and so was the planet Fantesia. At the end, they put up a parade for Jalyn thanking her for all the effort she put in. However, Jalyn didn't want to go back to planet Earth immediately, so she stayed there for some more time.



When the time came to go back to planet Earth she also wanted to come back. For that purpose, Binya gave her a necklace. All she had to do was rub it 3 times and it will automatically stop time in the Milky Way galaxy and Jalyn will be brought to Fantesia. Jalyn was so grateful and over joyed by this adventure, because what had just happened was all because of the number of books in her room. If she didn't have any books in her room she would probably be doing nothing at all. So she said to herself "A room without a book is like a body without a soul."

*Hemanjali Jayamurugan (VII B)*

*A day without reading a book...*

A day without reading is extremely boring. Books transport us to a different world. I eagerly wait for my library lessons so that I can check out a new book. On my days off from school, I read. When I don't have a book to read, I draw my favourite characters from my favourite books. When schools were closed due to the pandemic, it was extremely difficult for me. Something seemed to be missing. A day without reading is depressing. I'm glad our school library has all the books we want to read. Now, there is no room for boredom as I read, read, and read!

*Atharv Sharma (IV C)*

*The Mirror of Literature: How literature reflects you*



A thousand words are stitched together to form great narratives that shape young minds and illuminate them to connect with many beautiful emotions that one could never even imagine encountering. Compassion, kindness, and sensitivity towards ourselves and the other beautiful creations of nature are taught to us by the aged pages and colourful personalities of a book foremost.

Books are a medium to find and connect with one's inner self. Once you dive into the world of literature, you do not remain the same; your emotions are elevated, intensified so to speak. You start to process things differently and experience various sentiments with an ardour so great that the real world begins to feel dull. The realm of tales is one painted with bright colours and even pastel ones, if that's what you prefer. It's a dimension you enter and never want to exit, for in this wonderful sphere there's something for everyone. Over a thousand genres to entertain an idle mind of any age group. Books accept you and they're never the one to judge.

In some instances, bound pages and fictional characters may be your only companions but is it so bad if those friends are the ones that hold what your heart longs for or perhaps are a mystery so bamboozling that they keep you on your toes? Tales of the Greek Gods and the Great Roman Heroes typed out in pretty little letters may be the pieces of the puzzle that makes you connect with who you truly are. As teenagers these constellations of words often become the pole star when we're unknowingly stuck in a maze, running around in circles, never quite finding a way out just because most of us do not hold an understanding of what we prefer and who we are. Books are the key to discovering your preferences and even yourself at times. They do not just educate you about worldly matters but they also polish your knowledge regarding yourself. As we approach the end, books truly make one connect and discover themselves, just as they did for me.



*Vani Dhiman (XI, Non-Medical)*



***My School Library***

Goes on the song of words,  
With every chapter that embarks,  
Pages keep on turning,  
Adventures to new lives,  
The new thrill arises,  
For the mystery of unknown,  
Charm that captivates,  
And weeping heart for someone faded.  
The silence accompanied in the room,

They listen to what book says,  
Claiming to find answers to some questions,  
To know  
What beauty it could hold,  
Which suspicion it could unfold.

My heart also followed,  
These rhythms of emotions,  
That played, through a book,  
I found in my school library.



***Gulmehakpreet Kaur, Reporter (X A)***

***Take a Break***

Rush all around the world,  
Nobody knows what's happening all along.  
Everyone's working hard,  
To get where they belong.

Take a break,  
For you're a human being.  
Entertain yourself inside the kingdom of words,  
Any book is its key.  
It will set you free,  
From the dark side of life.



Take a break,  
See how a small boy turns into a wizard,  
Or lives in a chocolate factory.  
See how all the events that are bizarre,  
Gives an ending that is satisfactory.

Take a break,  
Live a life that may never exist.  
But it will be wonderful to be a part of it.

***Avista Thakur (X A)***



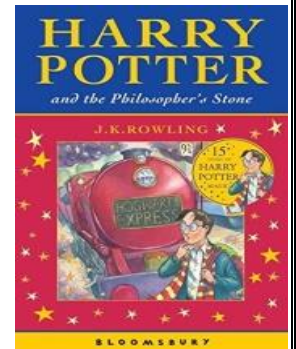
***Book Review: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone***

Harry Potter is a worldwide famous series of seven novels written by J.K. Rowling. The book I will be reviewing is the first part - Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. It is a story that fits into a multitude of genres such as suspense, fiction, mystery, fantasy, and many more. It is an intriguing read, appropriate for all age groups. It is set in Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, a school to train young witches and wizards. There are a lot of fascinating characters, the main ones being Harry Potter, Hermione Granger, Ronald Weasley, and Professor Dumbledore. In this book, Harry and his friends unravel the mystery of Lord Voldemort's (an extremely dangerous dark wizard who killed Harry's parents) sudden and shocking reappearance. He had risen once again to obtain a mysterious red stone that could bring him back to life. But Harry manages to destroy the stone and Lord Voldemort's temporary body in the nick of time. What I loved about this book were the descriptions that J.K. Rowling gave for even the smallest of things, which made me feel like I was actually living in that moment with the characters. Be it the Hogwarts meals or one of the adventures, every detail one can imagine was right there!

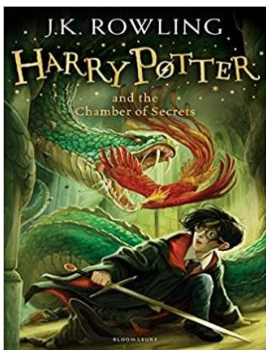
I feel that J.K. Rowling is a spectacular writer. But her beginnings are a bit boring and make the reader somewhat lose interest in the plot, even though the story that follows is incomparable. I wish she had gripping beginnings that had the reader enraptured immediately.

If I were to rate this book, I would give it four stars out of five. That being said, I think there's no book in the world that can be compared to the Harry Potter series, and not even the world's biggest perfectionist can find much to criticize in them. I recommend you hurry and buy these books to join Harry and his friends on their adventures in and out of Hogwarts as they attempt to beat Lord Voldemort.

***Myra Goel (VI D)***



***Book Review: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets***



Harry Potter is about to start his second year at Hogwarts. Harry expects it to be a normal year after his experiences the term before but, a secret chamber opens, muggle-born students are attacked and Harry must put his life in danger once more.

The three main characters in the story are Harry Potter – a young wizard who finds out he can speak Parselmouth (language of snakes) and is mistaken for the heir of Slytherin; Ron Weasley – Harry's best friend who steals his Father's flying car to fly himself and Harry to Hogwarts; and Hermione Granger – Harry's other best friend who is the smartest student in their year at school but who is petrified when the attacks start. The new Defence against the Dark Arts teacher is Gilderoy Lockhart who is a self-obsessed teacher.

I enjoyed this book because it is packed with action and fantasy. There are not many people who haven't read this series but I would recommend this to anyone who loves fantastical stories.

***Saanvi Dadwal (VI B)***

# Harry Potter

*A Boy named Harry*

There once was a boy named Harry  
Of whom Voldemort was wary.  
His friend was the brightest witch of her age.  
Who had memorized every page.

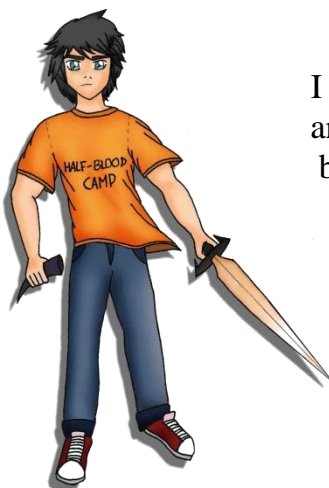


Her wand was her favourite toy  
It saved them from Voldemort's ploys.  
The Weasley family's youngest boy.  
His intentions were right but they all went wrong  
He is a mischievous guy his name is Ron.  
If I had a wand I would make things fly  
'Wingardium Leviosa' I would say

Wanting Hermoine to correct me.  
I would love to be bullied by Draco Malfoy  
I bet he would be a cute little boy.  
This series is full of twists and folds  
Harry potter will never get old.

*Angad Sharma (VII B)*

*Percy Jackson Series by Rick Riordan*



I really adore the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan. His artistic books are about the Greek world being very much alive. The story is a fabulous blend of mythology and modern day life. The novel starts with a school trip and introduces us to 2 of the protagonists Perseus Jackson and Grover Underwood. As the story continues we find out that Grover is a satyr and Percy a demigod, both a part of a hidden world. As Percy arrives at camp half blood, he befriends Annabeth Chase. The trio is also later known as the Olympian Trio for their adventures. If you like Harry Potter series you will no doubt enjoy this series too.

*Srija Sharma (VIII B)*

*The day I woke up as my favourite character. . .*

"Wake up! Wake up Harry! It's already eight and we've got to get dressed to get to Transfiguration" chided the frantic voice of Hermione Granger. "Oh come on Hermione, give him a break!" spoke a relaxed voice which belonged to Ronald Weasley. I opened my eyes to find that my vision was blurred and my forehead was searing with unbearable pain. I reached out to my side and grabbed a pair of round, black spectacles and placed them on my face. "Umm... Harry ... Are you ok? You look a bit confused."



questioned Ron, looking concerned. I got out of bed and onto my feet, then spoke determinedly "Look, I'm afraid there is a massive confusion here because I'm not Harry Potter."

After a long impregnated pause, Hermione spoke "Well, whoever you are, you better get going because today you will have to attend all of Harry's lessons." Quickly, I put on my Gryffindor robes and picked up a heavily packed bag and speedily glided through the jam packed corridors. Finally when Ron, Hermione and I reached the Transfiguration classroom we found Professor McGonagall staring at us accusingly through her square frame glasses. "Sit down," she ordered. Transfiguration wasn't exactly a piece of cake. I very nearly set my robes on fire trying to transfigure a hedgehog into a pin cushion! To my relief, very soon the bell had rung and I, accompanied by Ron, headed to Divination, as Hermione headed for Arithmancy. "Good luck with Crystal gazing!" chimed Hermione cheerfully, as Ron scowled at her enviously. But Hermione was right; Divination, taught by Professor Trelanway, was really a bunch of rubbish. We had to stare into glassy orbs and fib that we were having a mystic experience. As soon as a familiar "Tring - Tring !" sounded, we rushed out of the little classroom as fast as our legs could carry us. "Now it's lunch, but after this we have double potions" Ron pulled a grotesque face as me and Hermione broke into fits of laughter. We quickly gobbled up some Shepherd's pie and drowned it down with cold, refreshing pumpkin juice. Then the bell rang and we tumbled out of the Great Hall, groaning as we went.

"Now, now ... Let's see Potter... I'll have five points on being late (Ron gaped as he looked at the clock; we were only one minute late) and another five for scruffiness" whispered Snape in a menacing tone.

The potions lesson was like hell had broken down on earth, Snape handed out detentions to nearly every Gryffindor student. Finally, it was time to relax, have some fun, and wind down. I lay in the bed and slowly my eyelids began to droop and sleepiness took over me. And before I knew it, I was back in my bed again.

*Sanhita Mehta (VII B)*



***What if Percy Jackson was killed by a Minotaur?***

So we all know how Percy Jackson killed a Minotaur on his very first trip to Camp Half-Blood at the loss of his mother but also became one of the greatest heroes in Greek Mythology. But what if things didn't play out like that? What if instead of his mother he died? This story is similar to the ones everyone has read till his fight against the Minotaur. This time while fighting, Percy's mother Sally Jackson is being rushed by a minotaur and it looks like she is about to be killed but suddenly out of nowhere Percy jumps in between the two and gives his life protecting his mother. Just like his mother he disappears into nothing after burning with a white dazzling light. Upon seeing this Minotaur runs away and Sally and Grover start crying. Sally starts blaming herself for not protecting her son and keeps on saying "Why Percy?? Why?? Why did you do this??" She lies on the ground with no hope in her mind and visible regret in her



eyes. Everyone in the camp is burdened with great sorrow once they learn how they just lost a half-blood before even meeting him. However, things are not the same everywhere; far away in Olympus Poseidon sensed how his son had been killed. He is clearly not happy about it and starts infuriating as Percy was a son of his with the most potential and he wanted Percy to join him once he grew up and have many great experiences. But seeing how things didn't go that way he went berserk. He stood up from his throne and went to kill the Minotaur without a word. He killed the Minotaur in an instant but he just couldn't stop. He started killing every Minotaur in the whole Earth. It wasn't long when he just started destroying everything in his way. This was the first time he ever used his full power and force he wiped out every sort of monster without a thought. However, even after that he wasn't done,

he decided to wipe the GODS! He absolutely obliterated every minor God and was now headed to the Olympus with the undeniable power to annihilate any God in a fight, even Zeus and Hades. By now the Gods were informed about the rampage of Poseidon and decided there was no other choice but to fight. However, Poseidon looked like he had just unlocked a power of another level; he kept on destroying everything and everyone until it was just a Poseidon vs. Zeus and Hades. Zeus, for the first time in his life actually got scared but Hades on the other hand was getting bothered by something else. It was a weird presence that he had sensed before but couldn't recognize. That's when Poseidon strikes and almost knocks out Hades. It was a matter of minutes and both Zeus and Hades were on their knees. It looked like there was no hope for Earth now but that's when Hades remembered, he recognized the presence. It was no other than ..... the Almighty Titan himself 'KRONOS' had awoken. It seemed like the fight of the three brothers sent shockwaves across the universe and helped Kronos break free. On seeing this Kronos didn't waste a moment, reacquired his old form, got his sword and summoned in front of Poseidon who had exterminated every single life form on Earth and was on the trajectory to do the same with others but Kronos stopped him. He told him how he needed to stop and said "My son, you shall stop and help me. For years you have been fooled by Zeus and thought he is the oldest and strongest. But you have proved him wrong and brought every single primitive God to their knees. You shall help me and the other titans in restoring Earth and ruling it". Poseidon somehow seemed convinced by this and started helping Kronos but it wasn't long till Kronos showed his true intention by cutting and caging every God just the way it had been done to him by Zeus. This is how the death of a Half-Blood brought the whole world to its doom by once again enabling Kronos to rule.

***Shivank Gupta (VII B)***

*The Scent of those Pages. . .*

I thumbed through the pages  
Of a book that I had  
Oh, the scent of those pages  
Always making me glad

The scent of those pages  
Just flows through my whole  
It grasps my each part  
It surrounds my soul

The scent of those pages  
Doesn't loosen its grip  
On my vastly tingling heart  
Right now it's just an initial trip

The scent of those pages  
While turning each page  
Tightens the cage it's formed  
Until the very ending stage

The scent of those pages  
Finally flows out of me  
When the book is shut  
And my mind full of glee

I accomplished one  
And got another from my wages  
In hope to smell that again



*Shravya Chhabra (VIII B)*

*I prefer books over movies..*

Books are our best friends, companions and teachers. A wise man would choose to read over doing anything else. We all love to watch movies with sci-fi characters and great editing that make them a great experience but an erudite reader would prefer to be surrounded by books. The theme, characters and the plot of the movies may interest us or can be a waste of time in the end but a book would always give you much to learn even if it is not your genre. The narrative of a story book from the scratch makes it more life-like and so the well-developed storylines and the characters seem to be more realistic but the movies miss this because of the time limit they have. Books often provide more detailed descriptions of characters and settings, which can help readers, feel more connected to the story. The pace of reading a book and the convenience of taking pauses makes it a worthwhile. Just not the vocabulary, books develop one's imagination by setting it for themselves by providing more details and backstory and having more content. Few books that I have read like *Harry Potter*, *Jungle book*, *Tale of Peter Rabbit*, *Dumbo* etc. have enormously successful films based on them. Kids of our generation grew up with J.K. Rowling's landmark novel series *Harry Potter* just as much we did with the immensely successful film series based on it. Rudyard Kipling's *Jungle Book* is the rare book to spawn multiple excellent adaptations. Adapting from literature to movies has led to an unfortunate battle between "which is better, the movie or the book?" Though enjoying both the source material and the adaptation is worth the time as they tend to add to each other. Books are the quietest and most constant friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of all possible entertainment sources. To sum up I want to mention the famous quote: "There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island." – Walt Disney.

*Aaryan Sharma (VD)*

*I prefer books over movies..*

When I read a book  
I don't see how it looks  
I just want to read  
But not with great speed



I read and enjoy  
With great joy  
Everyone has different tastes in books  
Like, chefs read books that teach them how to cook

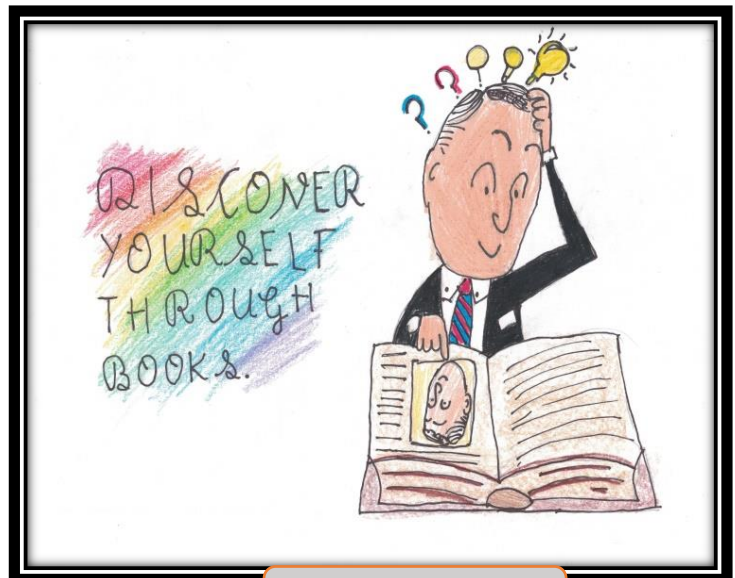
Artists read books that give them art tips  
Sailors read books that feature ships  
Books are a place of wonder  
Where anything can happen, even blunder

It depends on the author what they think  
Like will the ship sink?  
Will chocolate rain from the sky?  
Will the pigs have wings that will make them fly?  
Books are good for me and you  
You should really try them, it's really true

*Pareen Saini (VA)*



*Shriya Gupta (VII B)*



*Aadhya (IV C)*

*Jokes and Riddles Corner*

1. Why do accountants secretly have big muscles?

*Because they keep trying to balance the books.*

2. Why was the library so tall?

*Because it had a lot of stories!*



3. What did the math book say to the literature book?

*You're so full of great stories; I'm just filled with problems.*



3. Yesterday a book fell on my head

*Well, I only have my shelf to blame!*

I have many leaves,  
But I am not a tree;  
I'm something nice,  
Come and read me.

I'm neither a rhyme nor a song,  
I can be short or very long,  
I can be funny or quite sad,  
to read me you'll be glad.

*Aditya Mishra (VII B)*

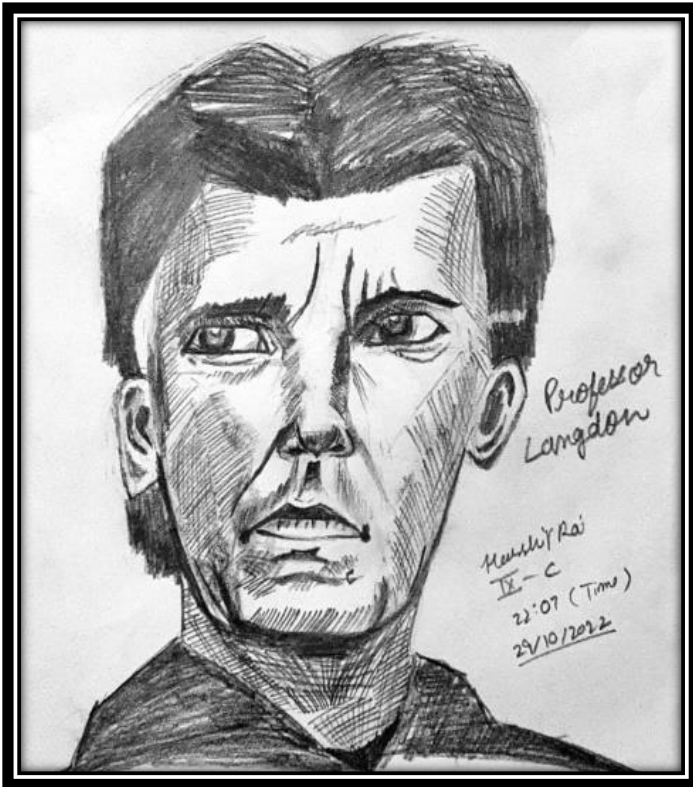


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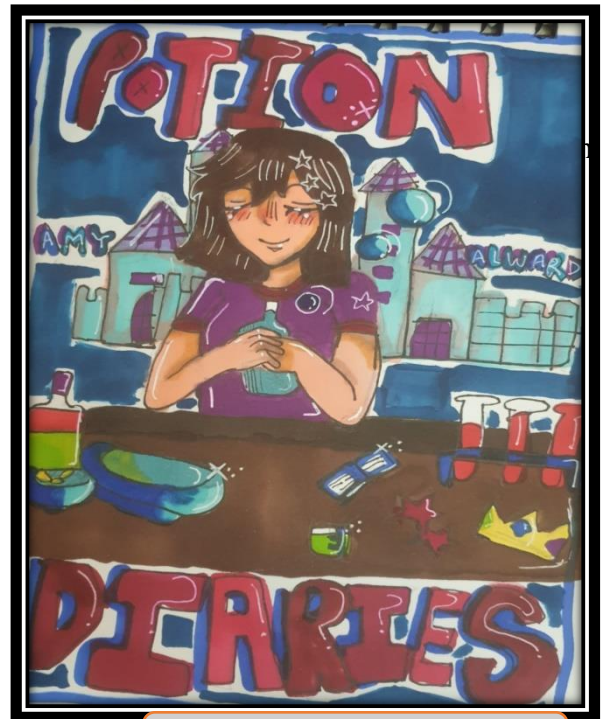
*Because it had lots of stories!*

*Savreen Kaur (V B)*

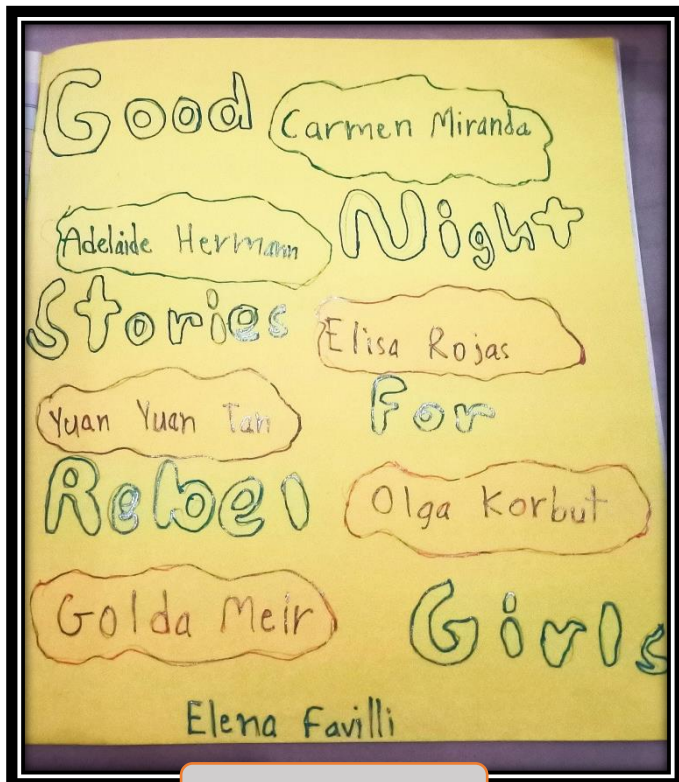




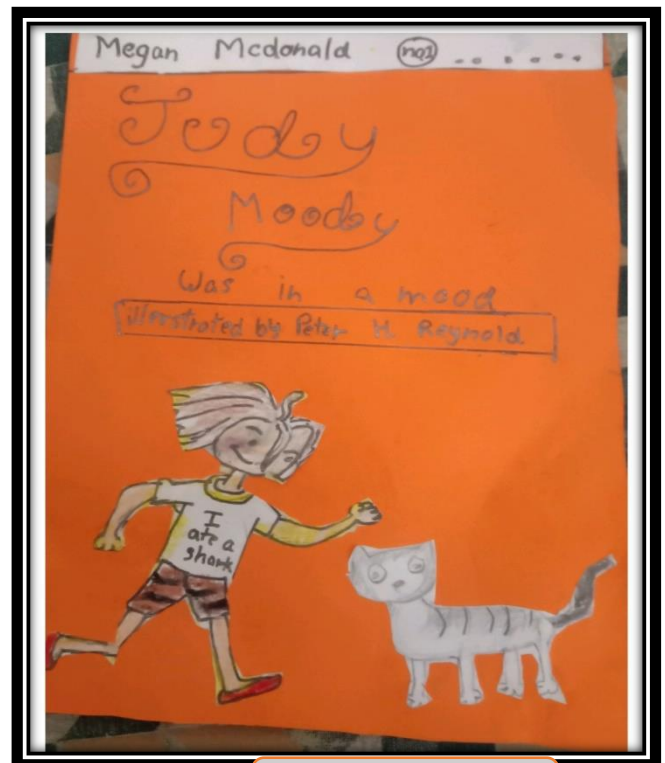
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Geet Kaur Kundra (VIII D)



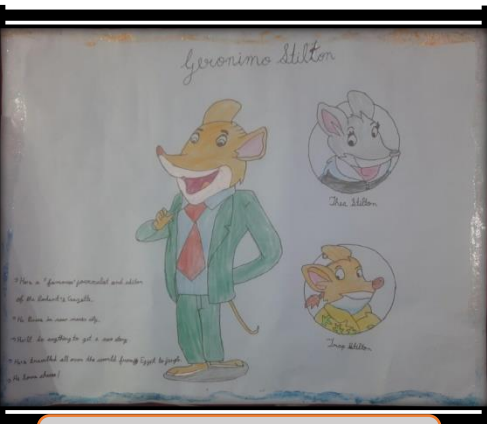
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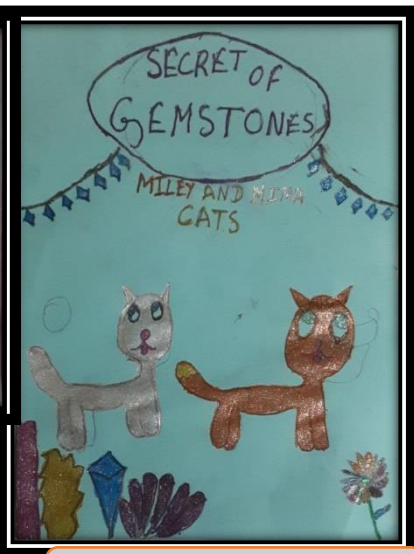
Tanya (IV C)



**Vikramjeet Singh (III C)**



**Sukhsimarjot Kaur (V B)**



**Yana Bhatia (VII B)**

***Living in a Library be like. . .***

Hello... I live in a library, a place full of books. Do you want to know what I do every day? I wake up each morning and go upstairs. I go to the library reception. The reception is a nice large room with comfy furniture, an AC and a nice fireplace next to the counter. It also smells like green apples. Just beside the fireplace there is a café where I eat poached eggs and blueberry muffins for breakfast. I eat my poached eggs in the café and take the muffin downstairs. Then I take a book. I like the book 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid, so I'm reading 'The Meltdown' from the series today.



One night, I was floating around the library, yes, I am a ghost, and I saw one book shaking rapidly. I didn't like that thick book as it was an encyclopedia. I still went there to figure what the problem was and...I was transported to a different world. I saw a boy wearing sunglasses and speaking about something that sounded alien to me. I explored that place and learnt lots of facts. Did you know tardigrade can survive two weeks in space? It was a great experience and by morning I was back in the library. And now I am friends with many book characters like Greg Heffley, Percy Jackson, Harry Potter, Charlie Bucket, The BFG, Artemis Fowl, Tintin and more. If you are still thinking I am a ghost? No, I am a reader!

***Shrisha Gongopadhyay (V C)***



***Library: The Real Heaven***

In India, books and knowledge are often regarded as God. Knowledge is essential for advancing our careers and earning a decent living as we grow. The library is a place where we can get books of knowledge. It is said that if we respect our books, they will assist us in gaining more knowledge, which is also regarded as a true friend who will accompany us until the end of our lives. It remains in our hearts and minds. There is no age limit for diving into the ocean of books. We read all our lives. I read for pleasure as well as for information. When I'm bored, I go to the school library and borrow a book. To me, the library is pure heaven.

***Harnoor Singh Kwatra (V A)***

***My School Library***

When I first started school, I had a favourite spot. It was my school library—a place where you can learn a lot about life, the future, and a million other things. I fell in love with books when I was in kindergarten. The library was my happy place, where I could read as many books as I wanted. As I grew older, I read more and thicker books. The knowledge in the beautiful books astounded me. We all think that technology is the "know-it-all" thing, but books are the things that know everything. Books are full of mysteries, knowledge, and adventure. Whenever I had the opportunity, I would go to the library, read books, and have them issued to me for home reading. I was surprised to learn that the library contains over 10,000 books. Books not only make me happy, but they also inspire and motivate me in my daily life. The authors inspire me to write stories, and my school librarian assisted me in getting my stories published. Books are my world, and reading is my passion. If we try, we can all make it our passion. Spending quality time with books can go a long way.



***Samreen Gill (V D)***

***Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets***

The book was about Harry Potter who saves Hogwarts School of witchcraft and wizardry and rescues Ginny [Ron Weasley's sister] from Tom Riddle [the heir of Slytherin] who had made Ginny mad with the memory of him in a book. He even forced her to open the chamber of secrets in Hogwarts to let the Basilisk out of there [a deadly snake] to petrify or take the life out of other students.



**THE PART I LIKED:** I liked the part when Harry won against Tom Riddle.

**THE PART I DIDN'T LIKE:** I didn't like the part when Tom made Ginny mad with his memory because I don't like when someone doesn't take his/her decision on their own.

**WHO AND WHY I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS BOOK TO SOMEONE:**

I would recommend this book to someone who likes adventure, suspense and magic because of the unexpected and exciting things happened in this book. The author has written the book so well that one actually feels like he/ she is present in the magical world of Harry Potter.

***Sehajbeer Singh (V D)***

*The day I woke up as my favourite book character. . .*

One day, I was sleeping when something fell onto my hand and woke me up. I saw that it was a wand. I conjured a mirror with it and saw that I was Harry Potter. I was a little tired, so I waved my wand and the moon came sailing back into the night sky. I went to bed again.

When the sun rose once more, I waved my wand and got ready instantly. I took out my phone and started playing video games. My mother asked me to water the plants in the garden. I conjured a cloud over our house with my wand and resumed playing video games. Soon, it started raining. When my mother saw this, she got scared because it was only raining on our house and nowhere else. After a while, my sister asked me for some cake. She always irritates me by asking for food and I never say anything to her. But I decided I had been generous long enough and planned a prank. I levitated a well-made cake towards her and just when she was about to take a slice, I flicked my wand such that the cake splatted on her face. I ran off gleefully. ‘Enjoy your cake,’ I thought.

When I went to the park in the evening, I met the boy who always troubled me. But I had my revenge ready. As soon as he came near me, his body started inflating, then his head. Suddenly, he started floating upwards like a balloon. This was because I had put an ‘Engorgement Charm’ on him when he wasn’t looking. While returning, I saw a strong man beating one of the labours who were constructing a building in that area. When I came closer, I saw that the strong man was the contractor and that he was punishing the labour for a blunder he had committed. He was about to hit him with both hands when I froze them in mid-air. The labour ran away safely. When I returned home, I narrated both incidents to my family while eating the pizza that my mother had made just for me, and then went to bed. The next day, which is today, I turned back into myself, but I still have my wand, so now it is for you to guess, what will I do NEXT?

*Pavit Singh (V B)*



*Japji (V C)*



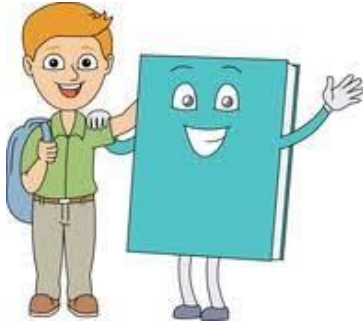
*Amrit Singh (V A)*



*Kavya Bisht (V C)*



*You are never alone when you read a book*



Books never leave you alone. They are always with you. Books become your best friend and are always with you from morning till you sleep at the night. You can travel the whole world with books without moving your feet. By reading, books will be relaxed especially when you are tensed or feel lonely. Books are the quietest and the most loyal friend with whom you can spend time. Books are the most intelligent councilors and the most patient teachers. Books are awesome because they neither judge nor question you.

Books are the hidden treasure. They are the gifts you can open again and again. They can take you to magical places. Book is a kind of friend that doesn't get jealous or insecure if you hang out with other books. Books do not pass comments behind your backs. As long as you have a book in your hand you are not alone. According to your interest, you can opt for mystery, history, adventure or fantasy. Books increase our knowledge; make us better, happy and wise. They develop our personality and improve our communication skills. People with good reading habits are generally found to be more knowledgeable than who don't read books at all. They answer any of the questions in a brilliant way.

Reading books bring positivity in us. We get motivation by studying the life histories of successful people and are inspired to do hard work. My personal favorite is "Learning how to fly" by A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. This book gives lessons for the youth. This book gives a vision of future goals. These kinds of books give us different ideas, values for the lifetime and implement the same in our life to get success and become a better person in our life.

But now because of internet and smartphones, use of books has reduced very much. As my parents have told me, earlier, when someone had to search for any topic or clear the doubts he or she took the help of books but now the whole scenario has changed. Every doubt gets cleared with only one click. No one wants to search for books in the libraries. Nowadays, children prefer tablets and laptops instead of carrying a book. Please don't let this happen. The most valuable and the most loyal friend is waiting for you. Only you have to take a step.

*Gia Randhawa (V C)*

*Lost in a Book . .*

Once I was lost in a book  
 In it was Captain Hook  
 His hook was made of copper  
 In it I even saw Harry Potter,  
 When Harry was studying in Hogwarts  
 Captain Hook was fighting like a coward

When Captain Hook was ruining many reigns  
 Voldemort came in Harry's dreams,  
 Just then Scabbers came  
 He squeaked 'Wann'a see it again'  
 O! I'm lost in a book  
 I gott'a go and cook.

*Amika Kansal (V A)*



*Reading is Amazing. .*

‘A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads only lives once.’ By George R.R. Martin. You must have heard this so many times. A fellow reader understands what this means, but does a non-reader do too? Probably Not. Let me walk you through this.

But first why should you even read? What makes reading so amazing to have an entire month dedicated to it? Here is why,

1. Escaping Reality – Many read as a way to escape reality. Within those pages, there is a whole different world, a different reality. For a while, readers can just forget the stresses and responsibilities and live a life which can consist of thrill, adventure, falling in love, etc.



2. It’s addicting! – We can’t stop reading once we start. We dive into the worlds of dragons, witches, vampires, elves with no intentions of coming out of it. Readers do try to stop, but all their efforts go in vain as we tell ourselves just one more page! But that chapter never really comes to an end. Until we realize that we finished the book.

The above point also depends on how well the book is written. A well written book with a good plot is always addicting.

3. You learn – Whatever you read, there is something you can learn. Be it a novel or science fiction. You learn from a character’s action, their own back story, how they survived a potential disaster, how do they cope; it’s something that you learn. You also learn how people behave in a particular situation that can occur in real life. You can learn leadership skills by observing their thoughts, actions and how they strategize and win. Many of those strategies can be easily applied in real life.
4. Feeling Emotions – When we read, we feel everything and cherish it. Every emotion the character feels. Be it happy, sad, anger, frustration or Romantic love. We feel the adrenaline and thrill when there is war going on. We feel the sadness of a broken heart. The anger of a betrayal. Sometimes books are read to cope and heal from something others have suffered. It’s a comfort that they are not alone.
5. You’re watching a movie! – Why read when we can just watch the movie adaption? Reading is much more of an elaborate experience than a movie. A movie cannot show a character’s thinking process and many small and wholesome moments get cut out of the movie or the plot is changed a bit. While in a movie you’re just watching, in reading your experiencing everything first hand.

*Simarpreet Kaur (XII, Humanities)*

***Befriend Books to have In-depth Knowledge***



Every day we see many people worldwide quite busy with electronic gadgets and whiling their time away. This activity becomes a routine and a dull affair if we pursue this every day. We know that books are real friends of the human race. These are the best companions while we are travelling or when nobody is around. These contain valuable resourceful knowledge and pleasant thoughts of the great authors and eminent writers. We casually read these from time-to-time but not regularly. We should develop a habit of reading these books frequently. The average person reads 12 books per year as per the figures in some survey. On an average, 46% of readers read mostly non-fiction compared to 35% who read fiction. There is more than just reading a book that brings peace to the mind, it has more. The gain of reading can help you strengthen the brain, build vocabulary, aid sleep and many more. Books will always be a part of our lives, don't miss them.

***Nia Soni (VII D)***

***Why you should read a book?***

Books give us lots of knowledge. Without books, our day-to-day life will not be the same. They help us study and learn many different things. If you think books are boring, try reading books of different genres. Also, if you think you have read all the good books, think again. If you like Harry Potter you might like Percy Jackson and other books by Rick Riordan. If you like the Hardy Boys, you will probably like Nancy Drew and vice versa. If you have free time, pick up a book. If you do not have many books at home, go to a library. Reading takes you to a completely different world without you having to move your feet.

***Rishit Dua (VI D)***

***Books are our best friends. .***

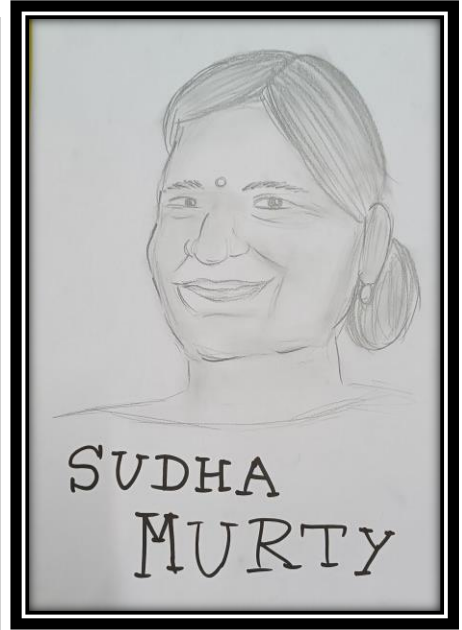
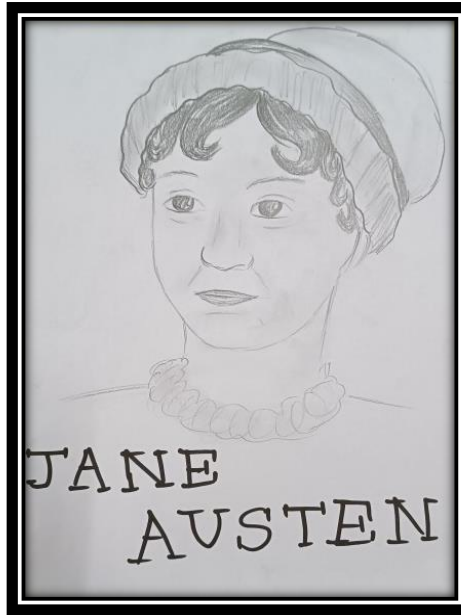
I slowly read as they take me to a place so new  
From one tale to another I flew  
Whom shall I meet, where shall I go?  
Beyond the beloved land I know?

Just so beautiful it always looks  
In my beloved world of story books  
Sitting beside the fireplace  
I find myself in another place

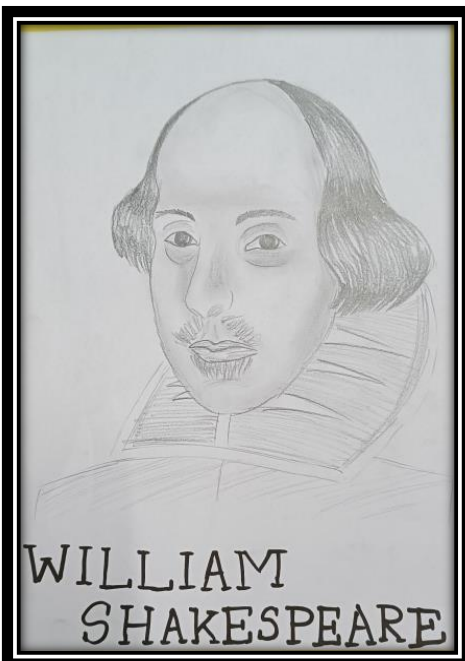
As I read this dreamlike tale  
Feels like I'm on a reverie trail  
Reading is a joy in itself  
All you need to do is take a book from a shelf

Books are our best friends  
To the beloved land of storybooks, it ascends  
Books can lift us off the ground  
Their magic always leaves us spellbound.

***Manreet Kaur (VIII A)***



*From the canvas of Sohbatjot Kaur Mann (VIII C): Authors Display*





*Reconstructing Craghorn: When I woke up as my favourite book character. . .*

One day, I woke up as my favorite book character Gresham Byrd which reminded me of the story that I read about a planet named Craghorn. The story was like this the metropolis was made on a planet named Glydo, an extended way far from Earth. The ruler there invests closely within the military and keeps protection from any or all inter-area attacks.

The military there's headed by a young, skilled character named Gresham Byrd. But soon, some unknown agents came to the attractive city as individuals from another town within the fest recently organised by the people of Craghorn.

They started targeting the gift of the special resources within the town by lawlessly polluting them and specially bribing the military. The ruler paid the military inadequately and thus the bribing became simpler for agents.

The metropolis soon becomes a horrible place and nobody needs to remain in this place anymore. The planet was hijacked by a group of robots named Grrar. The townspeople lived in tents and ate wild fruit until the military head Gresham who was sent to search out a brand-new living place, a replacement planet for the subsistence of the people. After light years of travel, the saviour's AI-based ship spotted a brand-new planet with the adequate and required quantity of dwelling resources that was 100carbon dioxide and not anything more.

He registered regular check-ins to update the people in his town. But the next day, the sprawling plants were found to be tying their homes to them and they soon made their way to their space shuttle but their hyperspeed fuel was destroyed. Now the challenging task was to add the chemical in the right proportion, so that proper hyper speed be achieved. Soon the proper proportion was discovered and all people were ready to depart. The group reached their mother planet but after some decades where nothing remained, just the hustle-bustle of the robots. The ruler had died and therefore the population which was able to survive hid in a small place that was out of the radius of the robots. The townspeople utilised all the available resources to create a fighting robot which could be hacked and was capable to tolerate any attack. The robot was spacious enough to provide a seat to the left 10 townspeople.

The attack was launched on the robots. With the attack, the robots' legs were tied, the backside damaged, the head broken, the missile launcher malfunctioned and down came the robots. On further investigation, it was discovered that the ruler was himself involved in this for he had scammed the people by stealing 20 trillion from the state's treasury.

A new generation was innovative in approach and asked other planets to invest in the resourceful planet. Soon the planet became the same as before with happiness and joy. New methods were brought into action, which were sustainable and had high productivity. The planet's defense system too was upgraded and till now there has been no invasion or attack on the planet.

I still remember this story and being as brave as Gresham Byrd just makes me feel proud.

*Aarav Jain (IX A)*

*Books are better than Movies. . .*

If I recommend some of my friends a book that we simply cannot put down, the response I get makes me bothered. They go like, "I'll just wait for the movie to come out!". I am an avid reader since grade four and I just cannot survive without books. Imagining my life without books brings me on the verge of tearing up and makes me realise that a part of me will be broken and incomplete forever.

Books take us to a world never imagined, away from the toxic reality and circumstances. The very smell of a book is so welcoming that it almost senses like home. A book can never judge a person; it just intends to give comfort, warmth and hospitality. I can say that, sometimes, this collection of pages proves to be better partners than any of the folks you might ever know. After watching movies or web series of a certain book, some people tend to call themselves "fans" but in reality, they have absolutely no idea of how much they have been missing out on. For example, people who call themselves "Potterheads" after binging on the movies, will be blank if we ask them about Peeves or how Harry became the godfather of Teddy Lupin. Books are so detail-oriented and give an edge-of-the-seat experience that for some glorious moments we just forget where we actually belong to.

Another point is its long-lasting effects. Even though the directors and producers try their best to include all the major events, it is majorly not practical to incorporate every single incident from the books into the movies. This causes the viewers to overlook some of the most nail-biting occasions in the series. The sentiments after watching a movie for either two or three hours last for a week, but, while reading a book for a week can entirely change you as a person for a lifetime. The whole process is ever so fascinating that you could cry for an entire day over a fictional character who just died.

The world is harsh and to escape from it, we could dive deep into the aroma of flipping pages to inculcate values for a lifetime.

*Mannatvir Kaur Sidhu (IX D)*

*Books are the best gift. . .*

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It is a tale of fiction which is optimistic

Autobiographies which are legendary

Thriller full of mystery and many more..



Ever you feel down you want to cry

They are the ones who can cure you in your pain

They give you a hope making you feel like

You have a sword to fight the breezing storm coming  
towards you

Books are not just normal they a gift as well as your friend  
indeed

They can inspire as you might win the match you have lost

Books are the best gift

You want to open again and again

They are parachutes

To catch your dreams

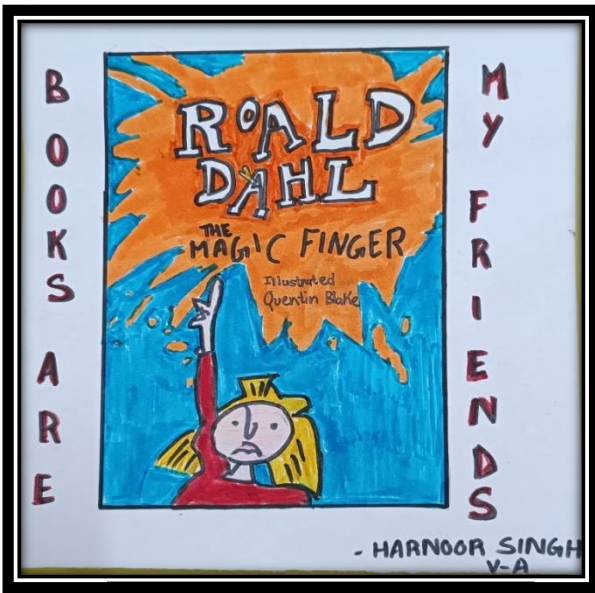
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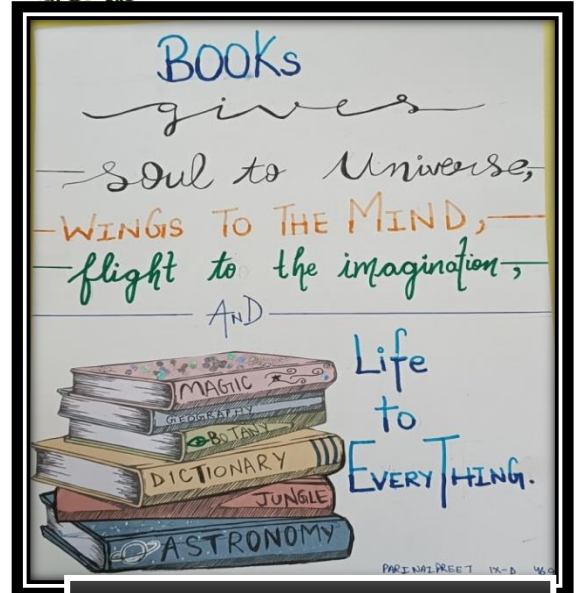
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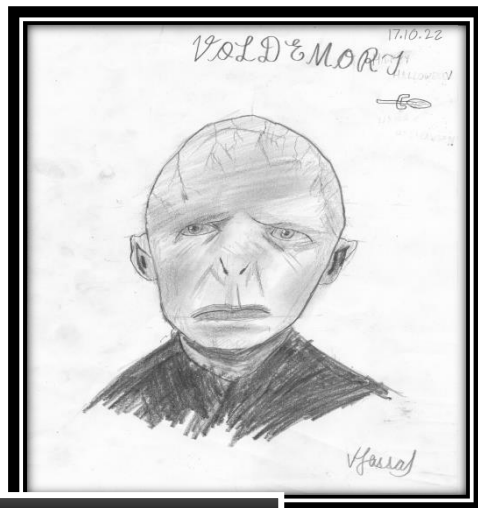
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*Finding Solace and Friends in my Happy Space....*



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