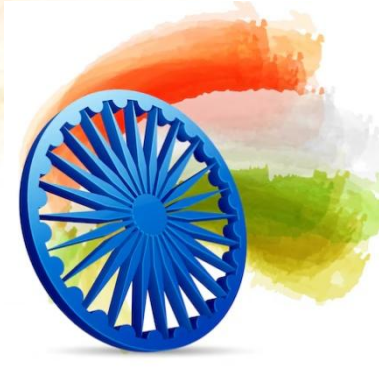


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From the Editor's Desk

Ms. Venita Christiana J
Vice Principal

Warm greetings!

There is this general opinion that the world today is devoid of patriotism, spirituality, empathy or even love. "It isn't like the olden times", we could hear ourselves say, sometimes missing those Independence Day Celebrations in the 80s and 90s, the other times pitying the children of today because they haven't had a chance to feel that patriotism running through the veins as the beautiful tri-colour unfurls and the National Anthem sung.

However I had a marvelous experience in the Grade 12 classroom, an experience that made me feel hopeful of the wonderful future these kids are sure to create. Around 20 competitive groups of students, each representing a company of their own, presented their English projects, their own model of a rattrap. There always is this one kid in the classroom who initiates a positive change, who instantly reflects the mind of the entire class. Such was this 12th grader who proposed a collaboration of all projects to remove the flaws in each of theirs. This was totally unexpected because in all these years, the students usually had tried to prove that their project was the best, while criticizing and pointing out the defects in every other project. Year after year, this criticism of students had helped me decide the best project.

Did the acceptance of this student's ideas come instantly? No! but it did, in the right moment, in the right way. The next day, when it was my turn to declare the best project, I had only one majestic project, around 20 ideas that could make hundreds of combinations. I adore these children for such an initiation. I have always been surprised by such children whom I believe shall make the world a better place. With this faith that our Nation is in good hands, I wish you all a very happy Independence Day!

Beauty of English Language - III

A contribution from
Mr.Vinod Sukheja
The Director
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Clear Speech

By far the most common form of English communication you will engage in is not written at all. It is speech. Nowadays the importance of Spoken English is widely recognized .It is a compulsory part of the IELTS and TOEFL examinations for students, who can't receive a certificate for English unless they satisfy the examiners in their oral work. Employers rate it highly, not only for important managerial posts but also for many other jobs where employees have contact with the public in shops and offices.

Our social life is also enhanced if we have confidence in our own ability to speak to people and express ourselves clearly. One has only to think of the unhappiness and even tragedies that have been caused in human relationships by a lack of communication between people, especially within families with the young unable to speak to the old and vice versa. Of course, this kind of communication problem has deep roots in personal emotions and the fear and tensions that have built up over the years. Develop the skill of clear speech. It is necessarily the need of the hour.

Teachers' Articles

BLISSFUL QUOTES THAT LODGED IN MY MIND!

Mr.Gokul Chandar – PGT Economics

Live the life in a flow: Quotes for the month

Happiness is not a destination,
it's a journey.

Be grateful for what you have,
and you'll end up having more. If you focus on what you don't have, you'll never have enough.

Everyday is a new opportunity to start over.

Kindness is a language that the deaf can hear and the blind can see

The greatest glory in living lies not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall.

The only way to do great work is to love what you do.

Don't let yesterday use up too much of today.

The best things in life are not things.

Be yourself, everyone else is taken.

You can't stop the waves, but you can learn to surf.

The only person you are destined to become is the person you decide to be.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

Students' Articles



THINGS THAT I WANT TO VOICE OUT!

Raagavarthini K – XI A

A lot of things happen in this world – everyday, every hour, every minute and every second. The world sees both the positive and negative aspects of these happenings. The negative aspects would have an uncured effect on us at times. It may be because of us or the people around us. But we blame the people around and the government.

It is necessary to realise that we are a part of every happening around us. All things become right once we start reacting to things based on our inner conscience. We have to be afraid of our conscience, so that anything that we do will take us in the right path. Once we start doing wrong things, it will definitely attack in a very bad way. Corruptions happen in every field. Once every person involving in corruption becomes truthful to himself, then the entire field will change to its pristine state.

We can start it from our daily activities. Being truthful to parents, not betraying others in anything, not copying tests as students. Once, we, as school students rectify all these small mistakes, it saves us from any other huge danger which may wait for us in the future. The core idea to understand is that “Be truthful to yourself” and don’t involve in doing things that harm others directly or indirectly.



MY PREPARATION FOR MY PROFESSION

Sharvatha V – XI A

My dream is to become a doctor, specially a neurologist because I always wonder how the nerves work. After I got to know about the mechanism of neurons, I was so astonished. I don't know why but I became so interested in it.

At first, to become a doctor, you must clear the NEET exam and you should be good in science. I have score 96 marks in science in my boards exam. My parents are so confident that I will clear NEET and that really motivates me to prepare for NEET. Not only that, two of my cousins inspired me to prepare for NEET because both of them score good marks in their exams and got into Madras Medical College. Their consistency and study schedule inspired me most.

Therefore, I have chosen Science Stream in grade XI and I am also preparing for NEET. My NEET preparation is good and very interesting. I am constantly learning new things and trying out practice tests in which I score well consistently.

Many people tell me that it is hard to handle both school and NEET preparation but I have a clear mindset that I am going to focus on my goal even when it is very hard for me. And I have heard a quote that says,

“Run to achieve success, if you can't run, you walk; if you can't walk, you better crawl.”

This quote always keeps me motivated to move forward towards my goal.



MY FAVOURITE PASTIME - I

Chendhur K – XI A

My favourite pastimes are producing art of any kind with my non-dominant (left) hand and meditating. Performing things using non dominant hand has improved my mood and creativity. It has also improved my right hand functions like handwriting and coordination. Most of us humans are right dominant or left brain dominant and that is why I believe we must bring cerebral balance by strengthening our non-dominant hemisphere of our brain.

When I am in the state of ego depletion or exhausted control and when I am not aware of my thoughts, I try to observe my thoughts instead of reacting to it or responding to it. That is my perception of meditation. “Being mindful of your thoughts”, “Being aware of yourself and your environment”. It helps me to be calm and keep my temper at check. I firmly believe that it is how we react to it that matters. I don’t believe in individualism (the existence of ‘I’ as a person), I rather believe in “You are not your body, You are not your mind, You are not your emotions or feelings, You are just a person who is observing them”.

MY DREAM PROFESSION

Harish J – XI A

I have selected Biology-Math group in Grade 11. My ambition is to become a doctor and this group lays a path for it. Additionally I chose mathematics as I love mathematics as well as learning math helps me to become stronger in physics.

The human physiology fascinates me. It is very interesting to study the internal structures of our body. These made me choose my profession to be a doctor. The structure of the heart and its pumping mechanism, the thoracic region that's the lungs are interesting to study. This makes me dream a profession as a cardio thoracic vascular surgeon.

My dream college is Jipmer. I wish to serve the public as a doctor. On the other hand I wish to make my parents proud. This profession will increase my respect as well as my family's in the society. The profession I dream of makes me work hard. It motivates me. It makes me put in a lot of effort to achieve my dream. It helps me to overcome my distraction and gives me energy to work harder.



MY FAVOURITE PASTIME - II

Avanthika T U – XI A

“Hobbies are great distractions from the worries and troubles that plague daily living!”

My hobbies are doing calligraphy, solving Rubik's cubes, playing football, playing badminton and cooking. Out of all these, my most favourite pastime is playing football, although it is out of my comfort zone (as I am a lazy person). I love playing it because it keeps me disciplined. It had increased my speed and coordination. I lost some weight practicing football. It helps me to stay focused.



My second most favourite hobby is calligraphy. It is more like a therapy or stress-buster than a hobby for me. I do calligraphy whenever I am depressed or sad. It had really helped me a lot to improve my handwriting and writing speed. I learnt calligraphy from Youtube during lockdown. Later I bought a bunch of brush pens and started practicing it. I do calligraphy everyday.



Whenever my mother is free, I ask her to unscramble my Rubik's cube and solve it. I prepare my evening snack myself everyday. That's all about my current pastimes which are definitely making me a better person. One new hobby which I would like to develop in the future is reading books, as I believe that it would improve my reading, communication skills and my vocabulary.





Importance of sports in day-to-day life

Sharvan Choudhary – XI B

Once there was a time when everyone was engaged in sports activities other than studies. There are a lot of advantages and benefits we can get from sports which we can't receive from studies alone. By engaging ourselves in sports, we can be mentally and physically strong and stress free. This was the stereotype in the past but by the continuous growth in economy, in the education sector, the importance of sports is continuously decreasing. Now, every parent and their children think that there is no career in sports. The major reasons for this is , first the government doesn't support the sport sector much. The second reason is that everyone has started to give importance for education rather than sports. There is also another main reason that the players who are new do not get chance to display their skills, talents and their dedication towards the game. If this continues to happen, then there would be no sports in the future. Through sports we can keep our body and mind fit and fine. Sports can also kill many diseases. I want the world to understand that education is not everything, sports also plays an important role to make our future bright.

Story Corner

STORY CORNER (ADOPTED)

The Buckwheat Story

Once upon a time, there was a field full of various grains and a patch of buckwheat. The buckwheat was proud and did not bend like the other grains. It stood tall and upright, boasting of its own superiority.

One day, a violent storm approached. The other grains and flowers bowed their heads, respecting the power of nature. But the buckwheat remained upright, saying defiantly, "I will not bend my head before anyone, not even the mightiest storm!"

The storm raged through the field, bending and swaying everything in its path. The humble grains and flowers, which had bowed low, were spared the storm's fury. However, the buckwheat, with its prideful stance, was beaten and broken by the storm's power.

After the storm passed, a traveler walked by the field and noticed the devastation. "See how the proud buckwheat lies beaten and broken," he remarked, "while those who were humble have survived." But the story does not end there. A new tragedy struck. The broken buckwheat was set ablaze by a spark from a passing train. The once proud plant was now reduced to ashes, its arrogance leading to its ultimate downfall.

In the end, the buckwheat's pride and refusal to acknowledge the forces greater than itself led to its destruction, while those who showed humility and respect for nature endured and thrived.





SELF IMPROVEME NT AND GRAMMAR



INSECTS

WORD SCRAMBLE

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DICE GAME WITH NOUNS

	Find 5 things that are green.	List 10 things that can be found in a kitchen.	Find 5 things that people can drink.
	Write down 5 things that are big.	Write down 8 things that can be found at a beach.	Find 6 things you can eat.
	List 10 different jobs.	Name 10 things that you see around you.	Find 5 things that smell nice.
	List 8 things that you can see at a farm.	Name 5 body parts.	List 6 things that can be found in a forest.
	Find 5 things that start with letter S.	Name 8 sweets.	List 10 different places in a town.
	List 10 things that you can see in the classroom.	Find 5 things that are soft.	List 10 random words that pop up in your mind.

WAYS TO SAY "CALM DOWN"

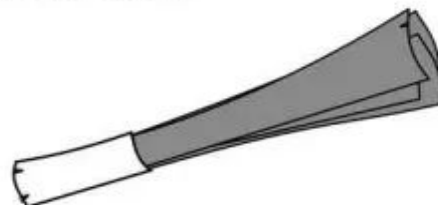
- 1 Relax!
- 2 Take it easy!
- 3 Give it a rest!
- 4 Go easy!
- 5 Take a deep breath.
- 6 Slow down.
- 7 Control yourself!
- 8 Chill out!
- 9 Loosen up!
- 10 Simmer down
- 11 Just drop it.
- 12 Just let it go.
- 13 Just take a breath.
- 14 Count to 10
- 15 Steady on!
- 16 Take a chill pill!
- 17 How about a big hug.
- 18 Want to squeeze my hand?



Funny homophones sentences

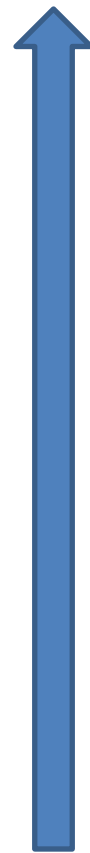
Find the incorrect words and fix the sentences.

- 1- The priest had chewing gum stuck to his soul.
- 2 - She washed her hare in the bathroom.
- 3 - The scientist spilt coffee all over his genes.
- 4 - He needed football boots so he bought a new pear.
- 5 - The man put wooden steaks in his garden.
- 6 - She used flower and water to make bread.
- 7 - If you go to the gym, you will have bigger mussels.
- 8 - I don't want to meat your parents today.
- 9 - They wanted chocolate moose for dessert.
- 10- You should never stare at the son.
- 11- There was a leek in the boat and it sank.
- 12- The guerilla was fed bananas at the zoo.
- 13- He wore a Thai to the job interview.
- 14- You need to put your waist in the bin.
- 15- He walked into the mail bathroom.



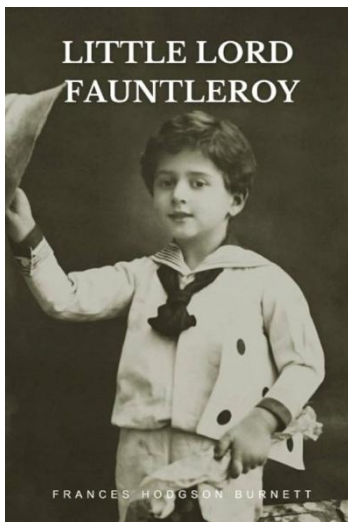
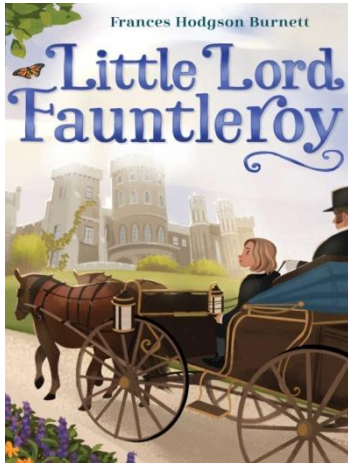
Word Cline of “size”

gigantic
colossal
massive
humungous
huge
immence
big



*Reading is
never
a waste of
time.*

Suggested Read



Seven-year-old protagonist Cedric Errol lives with his mother in modest circumstances in New York after the death of his father. After he learns he's heir to his grandfather's earldom in England, he and his mother move there so that he can be trained to be Lord Fauntleroy.

It can be concluded that Little Lord Fauntleroy tells us to love and care one another and to be a good man with people around. This life is not easy at the beginning, but with kindness and sincerity, this life goes with support of the society.

The main theme of Little Lord Fauntleroy is the meaning of true nobility. Burnett uses Dorincourt as a foil to Fauntleroy to dramatize the contrast between the two competing ideas of nobility that clash over the course of the novel.

It is a classic read. Try it!

Literary Challenge

Draw the poem:

Palanquin Bearers

Lightly, O lightly we bear her along,
She sways like a flower in the wind of our song;
She skims like a bird on the foam of a stream,
She floats like a laugh from the lips of a dream.

Gaily, O gaily we glide and we sing,
We bear her along like a pearl on a string.

Softly, O softly we bear her along,
She hangs like a star in the dew of our song;
She springs like a beam on the brow of the tide,
She falls like a tear from the eyes of a bride.

Lightly, O lightly we glide and we sing,
We bear her along like a pearl on a string.

Submit your drawings to your respective English Teachers





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