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From the Editor's Desk

Ms. Venita Christiana J
Vice Principal

Warm Greetings!

"It was a Tuesday yesterday and a Wednesday today, what could be so special about it?", I thought on New Year's Day. Was I pessimistic to see how special it was? I realized that the day was indeed special when New Year Wishes started pouring in. What a positive way to begin a day! Even someone who was just sulking about life has sent a New Year wish with so much positivity one could muster. Does that mean I am against celebrating the New Year? Certainly not! I have a slightly different perspective.

Have you wondered how people gather all the joy and optimism on the 1st of January? If there's some place from where one could extract this joy and positivity, why not extract a little every single day. Most of us should have made more number of resolutions than our age and I'm sure not even a handful of those were successfully established.

Resolution is a one time change. However, that's not how change works. Changes don't happen in one big moment, they rather happen in hundreds of little moments of sensible and sensitive choices we make. Therefore, it is not only the New Year's Day that should gather all the energy and positivity, each day demands it, each of the hundred tiny moments of life that can impact our lives have to be handled with the same spirit we handle the New Year's Day with.

Beyond this perspective, I do cherish the experience of stepping in to a New Year.

From the bottom of my heart, I wish each and every one of you a joyous, healthy and prosperous 2025.

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A RESPONSIBLE CITIZEN

*Mrs. Lily Princy
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Your Power:
It depends on 4E's

Educate Yourself Empower Others Engage in Nation

The Significance of Republic Day

In 1950, India's constitution came into effect, replacing the Government of India Act (1935). This milestone ensured that power rests with the people, and every citizen has equal rights and opportunities.

Responsibilities of the Citizens:

As a citizen, our role in shaping India's future is vital. We'll take oath to:

- *Respect and follow the constitution
- *Promote unity and diversity
- *Protect the environment
- *Strive for academic excellence
- *Engage in community service

Benefits for Children:

Direct Benefits:

a) Protection of Fundamental Rights: Ensures children rights such as equality, freedom of speech, and education.

b) Right to Education: Guarantees access to education as a fundamental right (Article 21A).

c) Protection from Exploitation: Safeguards children from exploitation, abuse, and child labour (Article 24).

d) Freedom of Expression: Allows students to express their thoughts and opinions.

e) Right to Privacy: Protects students' feelings, thoughts, personal information, and dignity.

Individual Benefits:

Democratic Values: Instils democratic values such as participation, accountability, and transparency.

Civic Engagement: Encourages students to participate in civic activities and community services.

Critical Thinking: Develops critical thinking and problem-solving skills through constitutional debates and discussions.

Social Awareness: Raises awareness about social issues, equality, justice, and human rights.

National Identity: Develops a sense of national identity and pride.



Constitutional Provisions for Students

- *Article 21-A: Right to Education
- *Article 24: Prohibition of child labour
- *Article 29: Protection of interests of minorities.
- *Article 30: Right of minorities to establish and administer educational institutions
- *Article 51A: Fundamental Duties - Includes duties related to education and civic engagement.

Activities to Promote Constitutional Values

- *Integrate constitutional education into curricula.
- *Organize debates, discussions, and quizzes on constitutional topics. *Conduct mock trials and Model Parliament sessions.
- *Guest speakers can be invited to speak on constitutional values. *Encourage students to lead initiatives and clubs focused on constitutional values.

Resources for Students

- *National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) resources. *Constitution of India (soft copy)
- *Supreme Court of India judgments and case studies
- *Constitutional quizzes and games
- *Educational videos and documentaries on constitutional topics.

By understanding and practicing the constitution, school students can be AIR, where AIR stands for

A - Active Citizens I - Informed Citizens R - Responsible Citizens

***New Year and
Pongal
Wishes***

Dear children
I wish you a

Jovial January
Fabulous February
Marvelous March
Awesome April
Meaningful May
Joyous June
Jubilant July
Amazing August
Successful September
Optimistic October
Nurturing November
Divine December

Wish you a happy 12 months of 2025

And

A Very Happy Pongal
Keep Smiling

Much Love and Blessings
Mrs.Mary Florence – Department of English

WISHES

N - Never let go

E - Explore and ensure

W - Win with pleasure

Y - Years to come

E - Enrich yourself

A - Aspire to reach

R - Responsibility for each

A - Actions speak

N - Names to seek

D - Develop to peak

P - Practice and prepare

O - Organise with care

N - Network carries

G - Global glories

A - Ample memories

L - Life stories

W - Wise messages

I - Inner challenges

S - Sincerity and simplicity

H - Honour with honesty

E - Eager to sow

S - Start to shine and grow

Loving Wishes from

Mrs.Umameshwari – Department of English

As we celebrate the harvest festival of Pongal, let us take a moment to appreciate the hard work of our farmers and the abundance nature provides. May this festival fill your hearts with gratitude, joy, and the spirit of togetherness.

Pongal reminds us of the importance of perseverance, dedication, and harmony with nature—values we must carry with us always. Let the warmth of the celebrations inspire you to grow, shine, and achieve success in all your endeavors.

Wishing you all a very happy and prosperous Pongal!

Ms.Akalya Meenatchi
Department of Mathematics

Happy Pongal, dear students! May this

joyous festival fill your hearts with positivity,
and may the year ahead be as bright and
promising as the sun.

Keep working hard, and may you achieve
great success!"

Ms.Priyadharshini
Nursery Department

Teachers'

Articles

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****The Marvel of Sight: A Glimpse into the Eye***

Mr.Gokul Chandar - PGT Economics

Our eyes, these incredible organs, allow us to experience the vibrant world around us. Imagine a world without colours, shapes, or the ability to read this very sentence!

Think of your eye as a camera.

The Lens: This clear, flexible structure focuses light onto the back of your eye, much like a camera lens.

The Iris: This is the colored part of your eye. It controls the amount of light entering by adjusting the size of the pupil (the black center).

The Retina: This is like the film in a camera. It contains millions of light-sensitive cells that convert light into electrical signals.

Fun Facts:

Blind Spot: There's a tiny spot in your retina with no light-sensitive cells. Your brain cleverly fills in the missing information!

Eye Colour: Eye colour is determined by the amount and type of pigment in the iris. We blink about 15-20 times per minute!

Taking Care of Your Eyes:

Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables rich in vitamins A, C, and E.

Avoid excessive screen time.

Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun's harmful UV rays. Get regular eye checkups.

So, the next time you look at a breathtaking sunset or the face of a loved one, take a moment to appreciate the incredible complexity and wonder of your eyes!



*Radiant orbs, reflecting light,
Iridescent hues, a wondrous sight.
Treasures held within, a deep-felt gaze,
Sparkling stars, in a dreamy haze.
Hidden depths, emotions untold,
Intricate designs, a story told.
Amazing windows, to the soul.*

Students' Articles

12th graders on
“Failures are the
stepping stones
for success”

Continuation...

Thara K P– XII A

Failures are nothing but a stepback to go back and realize what we had done wrong.

It helps us identify our mistakes and get an idea on how to do it all right. There is no one in this world who hasn't faced a failure. A failure shouldn't be taken as a setback, but another step to achieving what we want to. There are those who quit after a failure, thinking that they aren't meant for it. But it all relies on how we get back up after we drop to our knees. Our failures don't define us, they don't matter as long as it shows that we have tried.

We should never lose our spark even if the failure puts us at our hardest times. It's all the more reason to get back up and keep our head in the game. We should never let our focus out and get distracted until we have achieved success.

Rahul K- XII A

“Failures are the stepping stones for success.” When a man is involved in something, he gives his full potential to win. But if he loses, he gets a chance to analyse his mistake and give better than the best. He is able to participate again and rectify all his mistakes in the previous attempt. This helps him perform better. But if he fails again he usually starts feeling low. What I would say is, he should start working with more dedication from the next day.

One should develop a “must win” mindset and give his best, rectify all his previous mistakes and perform taking it as a challenge. Then victory will be his. He will be successful. When people succeed, we only see their success story but not the story of success worked from a failure. That is the real success story.

Sanjay K– XII A

When a person fails at trying to do something, he often gives up after a few tries. What most people fail to realise is that they are just making a mistake in some tiny part of the process. If they notice it and correct it, they can succeed at what they are doing. People must learn to accept and learn from their mistakes and correct themselves.

A well-known example is Virat Kohli and his problem with balls away from him. He had a tendency to edge balls that were going away from him while trying to play shots, causing him to lose his wicket for low scores. However, he overcame this weakness by noticing this flaw; his lack of footwork. He corrected this and regained his form.

The most successful people throughout history, if they had not corrected and learnt

from their failures, would have been nothing. They were what they were because they followed the saying **“Failures are the stepping stones for success.”**

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Abishek M- XII A

“Failures are the stepping stones for success.”

We all have failed in our lives but in the end we gain experience and a moral life lesson. Failure is something which teaches a valuable lesson that nobody else can teach us.

If we fail in a particular thing, most times we learn many things about that. It also teaches us about pain, value of time, relationship. If we fail in something we spent more time for, we should learn that we need more effort to succeed in it. Failure teaches us all emotions, every pain, every struggle and ordeal.

“Failure is the key to success”. This quote has the full meaning of failure. Success may give us happiness but failure shows us the real world.

Dikshith P – XII A

“Fail for seven times and get up eighth time.”

In the world, people who keep on trying never lose. Those who are sitting idle lose the game. There might be a lot of struggle in the journey but remember every struggle in the journey, when you overcome it, teaches you the lesson and makes you a better version of yourself.

Failures are part of success. In order to become a successful person, failures are inevitable. They are part of life. We should not get depressed or lose the hope when we fail. We have to keep on trying till we become successful. In order to overcome failures, here are some ways. Put all your efforts and hard work, don't lose hope and work till the last minute, whatever obstacles you face during the journey keep moving, don't get distracted. There are two scenarios. Those who never failed and become successful and those who failed many times and then

became successful.

In order to chase your dreams, you have to be disciplined, consistent and determined. "If you think you can win; You can win". For those who think and keep manifesting about it, sure, the whole universe will conspire to achieve it. There is a short story about a man who went to dig in search of emerald. As he was digging, he just found stones and ores. He was already tired and lost all hope. But if he had dug a little more, he could have got the emerald. He gave up and went home.

The same happens in life. You never know how much you are close to your success and achieving dreams. So never lose hope, keep trying till the last minute. Don't give up in between. Once if you have started a journey, you should give it a proper closure.

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Sanjeev Srinivas V- XII A

"Failures are the stepping stones for success."

In our life we do a lot of activities to improve our knowledge, life-style and our selves. Everyone takes some steps to do it effectively and succeed but we do so only for a few days and stop. We continue our daily routine and forget to improve our efforts when we don't get success.

We should never give up because we have done something to improve. We should think of why we started it. If we fail, it is not a problem. We should try and find different ways. We have to thrive to attain what we started.

If you try harder and harder, one day, you may succeed. It may take a day, a week or a month. Try what you think and make it happen. If you attain what you need, automatically the other steps that you are taking will end in a right way. If you taste success once, it will never leave you. It will remind you what steps you had taken to reach the height, what planning you had done. So failing is not a problem, repeat your efforts again and again until you succeed.

Seshanth V – XII A

"Failure is always the first step to success".

To be honest, if you win without failing, you win once. If you lose once and win the next time, you win twice. The knowledge gained in the competition when you lose cannot be gained even if you have won twice.

Every single failure leads to success, and keeps you moving forward in your life.

Never be down or upset in life when you fail. You never fail, you only win or learn.

Yes, life is a race. Never stop running, else the opponent behind you will stamp you and move forward. Never ever stop running even if you lose. There is a long way to go. Never lose hope. Don't be afraid of losing. These are all lessons learnt in life.

Stay strong and be ready to lose. When you're ready to lose, you're are twice the times ready to win.

Vashantha Pranav - XII A

Our lives are nothing without failures. It gets boring when we only win all the time. Failures are the steps that lead to success because every time we fail we gain knowledge, we gain experience, we learn new lessons. Therefore, the next time we do the same thing, we know what to do and what not to do. People may judge you when you lose but remember the only people judging you are people who never tried what you have accomplished. A millionaire doesn't judge you for opening a business. "Don't give up, you need patience". The day you plant the tree isn't the day you harvest the fruits. So be patient and you may lose 99 times but you may win on the 100th time. So keep trying and learn from your failures. You really fail only when you quit trying. Be the person to try knowing that you may not win.

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Story Corner

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The Marathon Runner

John was an enthusiastic but not-so-fit runner who decided to participate in a marathon. He trained hard, but on the day of the race, he was still nervous. As the race began, John found himself struggling to keep up with the other runners. His legs ached, his breath was short, and he felt like giving up.

Just when John was about to quit, he noticed a man running barefoot beside him. The man had no shoes, and his clothes were tattered, yet he was smiling and seemed to be enjoying the race. Inspired by the man's spirit, John pushed himself to keep going.

As they approached the finish line, John mustered up the last of his energy and sprinted ahead, narrowly beating the barefoot man. Gasping for breath, John turned to the man and said, "You were amazing! How did you manage to run so well without proper gear?"

The man chuckled and replied, "I'm the local pizza delivery guy. I run around all day, delivering pizzas. Running a marathon was a piece of cake compared to that!"

The moral of the story: Sometimes, inspiration can come from unexpected places. It's not about having the best equipment or being the most talented; it's about perseverance, determination, and finding the joy in what you do.

IMPROVEMENT AND GRAMMAR

PONGAL CROSSWORD

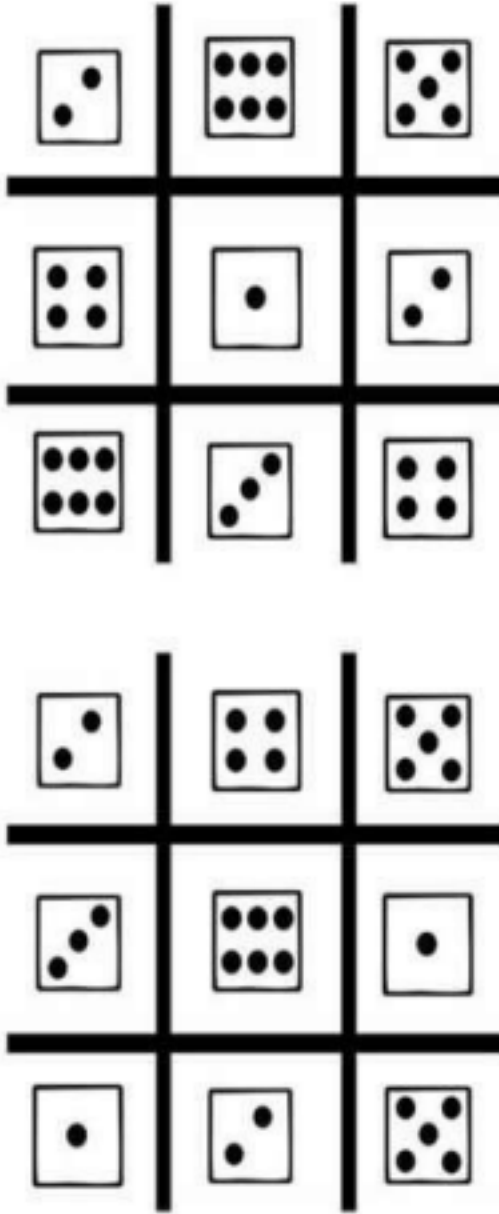
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RICE	SUGAR CANE	SUN
TAMIL NADU		

PUZZLE

Dice Tic-Tac-Toe

With a partner, roll a dice. Whatever number you roll, put an X or an O on it.
The first to get three in a row wins!



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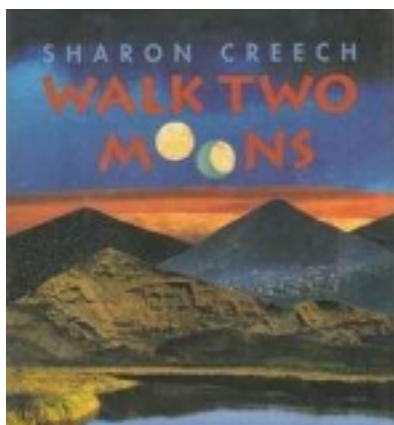
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Words to Describe a 'Student'

Empathetic	Understanding of others' feelings
Dynamic	Energetic, forceful
Adaptable	Flexible, versatile
Efficient	Productive, not wasteful
Organized	Well-planned, orderly
Intuitive	Instinctive, perceptive
Analytical	Logical thinker
Cultured	Well-educated, refined
Perceptive	Insightful, observant
Conscientious	Careful, thorough
Diligent	Hardworking, persistent
Empowering	Inspiring, encouraging
Assertive	Confidently self-assured
Reflective	Thoughtful, contemplative
Creative	Artistic, imaginative
Independent	Self-reliant, autonomous
Collaborative	Works well with others
Courageous	Brave, fearless
Confident	Self-assured, bold
Responsible	Accountable, reliable
Humble	Modest, not arrogant
Inquisitive	Always asking questions
Motivated	Driven, ambitious
Pragmatic	Practical, sensible

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Suggested Read

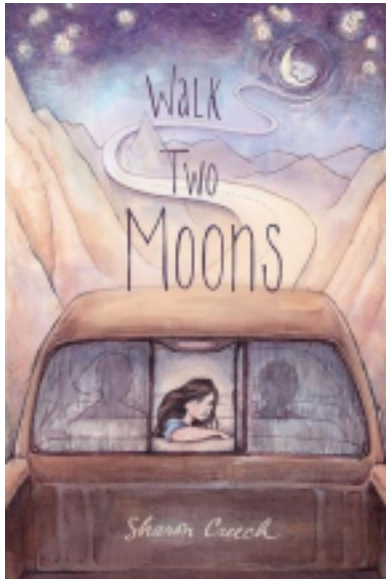


The novel is narrated by a 13-year-old girl named Salamanca Hiddle. She and her grandparents are from Bybanks, Kentucky, a fictional town based on Quincy, Kentucky, but they are currently renting a house in Euclid, Ohio. Sal's mother has recently left Sal's

father, and Sal's grandparents are taking her on a cross country road trip to Lewiston, Idaho to see her mother.

Sal loves nature and was very close to her mother before she left. On the trip, Sal entertains her grandparents by telling a story about her friend in Euclid, Ohio, Phoebe Winterbottom, whose mother suddenly disappeared and left their family too. Throughout the book, as Sal's story unfolds and their car travels west, she reveals more details about Phoebe, and why her story reminds Salamanca of her own.

The more she tells her grandparents of Phoebe's story, the more she feels like her story is less connected to Phoebe's story.



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