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The May Issue

May is the fifth month of the year, yet it's first for our first ever e-magazine. We are delighted to release 'Expressions'.

Although this month is blighted by the pall of Covid-19 pandemic, yet this gloom was totally unsuccessful in diminishing the spirit of our young creative Xaverians.

This edition will provide you with some food for thought on various topics which were in limelight throughout this month. With a hope of finding a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel, let's embark upon a journey of prolific ideas.



Family Day

“Family is not an important thing, it is everything.”

“The richest man in the world cannot buy a family.”

On regular working days, we were busy all the day and were not able share time with our families. But during these days of corona virus pandemic we are locked down in our houses. We think it’s a prison, but it’s not. We are now able to share time with our family. We can play games, antakshari, read books, tell stories etc.

We celebrate International Family Day on 15th May. This day was proclaimed by UN General Assembly in 1993.

Family is formed by parents, siblings and grandparents. Our culture says “Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam” i.e. “Whole world is a family” This is truer in present Corona Virus Pandemic. The whole world is fighting with Corona Virus like a family.

Hrishi Kumar Agarwal, 8A



Jokes

❖ Teacher to the student: Why are you so late?

Student: Mam, because of this sign

Teacher: What has a sign to do with your late coming?

Student: Mam because it is written "School ahead, go slow."

❖ Why is six afraid of seven?

Because 789 (7 ate 9)

❖ Father to his son: I have 5 apples, if you asked me to give you 2 apples.

How many apples would I be left with?

Son: 3 apples

Father: Wrong answer. Right answer is 5 apples

Son: (confused) How father?

Father: I said that you asked me to give you 2 apples, but I never said that I gave it to you.

❖ Why did teacher wear sunglasses to class?

Because her students were bright

❖ Man, to god: God how long are a million years?

God: For me it's just a minute.

Man: God, how big an amount is a million dollars?

God: For me it's just a penny.

Man: God can I have a penny?

God: Wait a minute.

Hrishi Kumar Aggarwal, 8A



Life is difficult, it has many stages .

It is like a book full of pages.

You have to write in your own page

And pass each stage .

Life can be both, bad or nice

You just have to roll the dice .

Life is an opportunity very big
You just have to dig
Deep inside your heart
To find out about your part
In this world, in this nature
Until it is time for your departure.

Life is a chance you got
So do something big, don't let it rot.
Don't let your life bend
Or you'll suffer near the end.

Ridhi Rajor, 8B



Sports have a great importance in human life. In the past not much importance was attached to sports in our country. But now we have realized that sports is very useful. So, every educational institution of a country provides for sports. As a matter of fact sports is a necessary part of education. Sports is essential for the development of body and mind. We cannot do any work if we have poor health. Sports teaches us many qualities. When we take part in sports, we have to abide by some rules. So, sports teaches us discipline which is very useful in life. Sports also teaches us self-control. A good sportsman does not get too excited when victorious. Neither does he lose heart when he is defeated. But, sometimes sports becomes the chief interest of life. When students make sports the chief object of their life, they ruin their studies. They must strike a balance between sports and studies. Hence, Sports is essential for our overall wellbeing.

Vridhi Dahiya, 8B



LABOUR'S DAY

Don't force me,
Don't hurt me,
Don't hate me,
Because I am labourer.
I am the pride of the nation.
I am the builder of the nation.
Without me there is no urbanization.
Support me, support the nation,
I am the pride of every nation.
Don't hurt me,
Don't hate me,
Because I am a labourer.

ADITYA SINGH 8E



HAPPINESS IN EVERYTHING

The summer sun burns on my skin,
I walk through the fields
There's nothing to yield
Yet I'm happy....

The summer sun burns on my skin,
I walk all alone
Not a place to call home.
Yet I'm happy...

Why can't this world live without reward,
One day not getting an award.
And still be happy!

The summer sun burns on my skin,
There's no one around, not even my kin.
But I'm happy...

The cat, as loud as it can, meows
And behind it is the sun with all its hues
There's a mystery without any clues.
Still I'm happy!

The deer jumps over the fence,
And runs towards a forest that's dense.
To see it run free,
To see the world merry
Makes me happy.

To see the sky so high,
The larks sing and fly
And to be me,
To be aware and to see
My soul dancing with glee
Happy as one can be!
Is to be happy...

Sarisha Mehta, 9A

TIME BEFORE DAWN

Meeting you is the time before dawn
But you are not like any other fawn
When you did not come, the hunt is on
Life is not as smooth as a lawn
To which everyone is drawn
But you need not worry the time will pass
Just like the time before dawn.



Time is not much
Life is always such a rush
It is not always a beautiful dress
Kind of beauty that you can never express
But you can only wish
You were blessed.

Don't be like a broken shelf
Always believe in yourself
The opportunities won't last long
Life is not as smooth as a lawn
But you need not worry the time will pass
Just like the time before dawn.

Raajvika Arora, 9A



In our daily life we see that some students are so busy with their work that they couldn't find time for themselves too. Some students work with determination and spend time with their families and themselves, this is because they have a good time management. "Time management" refers to the way that you organize and plan how much time you spend on specific activities.

We can find a million ways to save time. We should write that what we did throughout the day and find out where we can save our time. Make a time table which should have time for studies, play as well as for our hobbies. Commit to scheduling in a way that makes it impossible to wriggle out of.

Time management shows how disciplined and active we are. Time is the most precious thing in our life so we should first learn how to manage our time because

time will never come back. So everyone should have good time management to achieve success in life.

Ojas Bajpai 9A

What Success Means to Me

Everyone in this world wants success in their life. We have to take every step as a challenge in order to get success in life. When it is achieved, it is the best feeling you will ever have. However when it is not achieved, we obviously feel sad and frustrated, but we have to overcome these feelings because failure is the stepping stone to success. We have to learn from our mistakes and start afresh. Michael Jordan once said 'I failed and failed and that is why I succeed.' To achieve success we need to find our passion. After finding it we need to follow the second step that is 'hard work'. We all know that hard work is the key to success. We need to do lot of hard work in order to get success in our life. We need to concentrate on our passion and attain excellence from it. Hard work changes the work into more and more professional form. Third step, we need to do hard work with discipline in order to get success. And most important we have to believe in our self that one day we'll get success in our life. If Mark Zuckerberg or Bill Gates had not done hard work maybe we would never have had Facebook or Microsoft. Not only them, if famous people like Stephen Hawking, Albert Einstein, Wright Brothers had not worked hard in their life, then the world would not have been able to see the miraculous inventions made by them. But they worked hard and became world famous. My biggest inspirations are Mark Zuckerberg and J.K Rowling. They both faced failure in their lives. Elon Musk had several failures in PayPal, Space X and Tesla. J.K Rowling's book 'Harry Potter' was rejected so many times by publishers, but both of them didn't give up and believed in themselves and became one of the most famous personalities in the world. From these people I get lots of inspiration, they had ups and downs in their lives but they acted as warriors and fought against their problems.

I'll conclude my essay by quoting from one of my favorite movies, '*Pursue Excellence with hard work, success will come after you.*' By following passion,

doing hard work with discipline and self-belief, one day will come when our signature will change into autograph and we will be the inspiration to many people.

Avni Yadav, 9 D

ADVANTAGES OF LOCKDOWN



“This pandemic has proved to be an economic-burden!”, “This lockdown is no good at all”- everybody is out and about saying all about the disadvantages of the COVID-19 but have you ever sat for some time and tried thinking about the good effects this lockdown has brought? One random day, I realized that, after all, this pandemic is not so bad. I mean, yes, it has proved to be a burden on the economy and the government but this is all on the global level. If we look deeply, this lockdown is providing many great possibilities for a future star to be developed.

This lockdown won't stop the youth of India from educating themselves and from staying updated. All schools and most universities are providing online classes and the curriculum is also being revised. Every day, thousands of students are wasting their time sitting around and thinking they have all the time in the world to study later and procrastinate and as a result neglect their studies. But this extra time that we are saving can either be very helpful or be very destructive. Even though many students are unable to grasp the things being taught through e-classes, they still have a scope to catch up. The mantra to success is 'Either to try and slow others down or speed up when the others themselves are slow.' This is the time when others are slow and you can speed up yourself, not to compete with your peers or to prove to society but to prove to yourself that 'yes, I am capable of sustaining myself even in difficult times'.

It is a very famous quotation that when life gives you lemons, make lemonade. This is the time when you use those lemons and make lemonade and not let life throw them in your face. Compete not with anyone else, but with your own self and win!

SOUMAYA JAIN - 10F



People, who are standing on the thorns and looking up,
Can see through many truths and facts about the world.

In this city which is full of both goodness and evilness,
I won't be scared.

That beam of light is very bright
It will lead me away from sadness.

Desires have blunted the edges and corners of my heart,
Teasing me that kindness has never made me win.

Standing in the center of the waves, the wind is the expression of my thoughts
The rain becomes a fierce hunting ground.

The day is getting darker and darker,
The way is getting longer and longer.
I know that my heart should not get into agitation.
If I want to survive, the only thing I can do is to become the leader in the messy
world and kill the wolves.

Even if I did have desires in my dreams,
I always shed tears after I wake up from my dreams.

I hid my real desires and actions in the past.

Now I use my true heart to confront with the fight.

I do not accept the question of fate,
Love and hatred have taught me to fight against 'hardness' by 'softness'.

Blood costs a heart,
Everything needs a cost to pay.

Standing in the center of the waves, the wind is the expression of my thoughts
The rain becomes a fierce hunting ground.

When we look up and look back to those past days that we could never get back,
The torch in front of us is in great agitation.

The day is getting darker and darker,
The way is getting longer and longer.
I know that my heart should not get into agitation.

If I want to survive, the only thing I can do is to become the leader in the messy
World and kill the wolves.

People, who are standing on the thorns and looking up,
Can see through many truths and facts about the world

In this city which is full of both goodness and evilness,
I am staying strong

I look up and believe that the power of the earth will eventually be released
Above these thorns.

PRIYA AGRASEN-10F

LABOUR DAY

Labour Day is celebrated on the 1st of May every year. This is a prestigious day for the labourers who have been contributing their hard work and skill for the society. On this day, people pay their gratitude to laborers by giving them a holiday, gifts, etc. Labour Day was first organized when Industrialization started.

At that time people were forced to work for a very long period of time and were given very low wages and sometimes none at all. Children were also not given their rights and were also forced to work in factories, mines, and other harmful places. The labourers got discontented by the behavior of Industrial owners and formed a guild in which all the oppressed labourers joined. They conducted strikes, rallies, and protests against the industrial owners. They demanded rights from the government and the government quickly responded to it, as there was a need for workers in the country.

In India, Labour Day was started in Chennai on the 1st of May. It was initiated by the 'Labour Kisan Party'. Labour Day is observed to not only honour the efforts of the labourers, also to spread the message that we should cooperate, encourage, and support them for their valuable hard work.

S. Abhiram Reddy, 10E



CLEANLINESS IN SCHOOLS

Educational institutions are the best places to instill values in the impressionable minds of the children. Hence, value building and character-building should commence at schools. Though the importance of cleanliness is taught at school from the early classes, children should be given hands-on experience and training in maintaining cleanliness.

The schools should involve the students in maintaining cleanliness at school. Students should manage the cleanliness of their own respective classes. In some of the schools, it is the duty of school children to maintain cleanliness of their own classes. This practice is purely done with the purpose of inculcating a sense of responsibility in them and to make them sensitive and aware of the importance of cleanliness.

Thus, schools can literally become the epicenters of this cleanliness revolution. This massive goal can only be accomplished with the mass participation of the teachers and students alike.

Prachi , 10 E

The Labourers

What a gloomy moon shining in the sky,
But hearts seeing it, should soon liquefy.

The hearts are made of stone,
That can't be easily blown.

The labourers do everything that is possible,
But for others, helping them is a trouble.

They are traveling to reach their homes,
And have to spend nights on roads alone.

Many of us are reminiscing the Labour Day,
Whereas the Labourers are starving and have become just like hay.

They don't know anything about their lives,
Whether they'll die or remain alive.

We should be strong,
As the fight is long.

Try to help others,
As they are also fathers, mothers and brothers.

Srishty, 10 E



Migrant Labourers

India is the largest democratic country in the world. We say that people in our country have all the democratic rights, be it education, religion or equality. But the main question is that are we all really equal? And if it is a yes, then why are there labourers still begging for their lives on the roads in the present pandemic situation? People who gave their whole lives in building our homes, bridges, buildings, factories, etc. are now homeless with no job to do, no food to eat and no place to live. They don't even have the ways and means to go to their hometowns. Our country would be nothing without these labourers; a major part of our economy depends on them. Still these people are not tired and they didn't give up. They are doing those things that we people sitting in AC rooms and having everything we want, can't even think of. Walking hundreds of kilometers by road with their small children, to their hometowns isn't easy at all. They showed us that they are not only physically strong but their mental capability is also much stronger than ours. I agree that now the government is coming up with many facilities for these poor labourers but they are just not enough. These facilities are not accessible to every labourer. It's high time now that facilities must be provided directly to them. In view of all the above facts it seems that the poor people always suffer, it reflects in their eyes that how helpless they are. They must have prayed to their God that if there is next birth then they should not be born in a poor family so that they don't have to suffer once again.

Aastha Jha, 10E

Painfully Perfect

Filled with imperfections ourselves,
We decide to find only flaws in fellow humans...
We forget our own faults, why make others regret their's?
Drowned into sins up to our neck,
And yet we criticize the one whose foot is wet.
Exploring the human world,
Forgetting our heavenly soul.
Words we can't take back, hurting people same as us.
Being silently sorrowful is peaceful but painful.
Having someone to share our musings with,
Is like camouflage in this greedy world.
Each day passing by,
Judging each one, worse than the day before.
Know, no one is perfect,
Except the exalted.
Admire all, appreciate life.
Christa, 10B

Lockdown Utilization

Do you think that you have a plenty of free time during tragedies and crises? This may appear to be true for many of us but actually it isn't. This can be compared with the present situation in which most of us don't actually know how to utilize such an important time.

You might be playing indoor games to utilize such time. But do you really think of improving in those games? Do you get mad for junk food and get bored staring at the walls of your home? Well, it isn't so for all of us. Many must have been able to discover their cooking skills and also might have messed up with it. Well, this idea may not convince everyone, but still there are a couple of live examples where we get to see people spending quality time with their loved ones. But specifically in case of children, who get bored very quickly, utilizing time in the correct way would include

developing and learning new skills, understanding study-related concepts and analyzing their talent.

But out of all this, to utilize time properly, the most important thing can be analyzing each day. This will include what they see, what they discovered, what positives do they inherit from others and many more beautiful things. This is probably the Need of the Hour.

Shrish Kumar Sinha, 10E

LIVE EVERY MOMENT

In these uncertain times...
I can see the clear weather,
I can see the happiness of my family,
When they are together,
I can see the roads empty,
As if saying,
Don't gather!

In these uncertain times...
Today and every day, I'm grateful for,
Sunrise and sunset
Lakes and rivers
Animals and birds
And forest full of trees
I'm grateful for all we have built.

In these uncertain times
I'm grateful for those,
Who put their lives in danger
Our "SAVIOURS", the world's "WARRIORS."

In these uncertain times,
Today and every day, I promise to
Care for our planet and all it has offer,
The nature says
What we owe,



We have to pay
I promise to value our home
By doing better and better,
And celebrating Earth day everyday!

KANISHKA JAIN, 10C

UNHEALED

Bury me underwater,
Engulf me in a wave of emotion.
Shatter my breath and,
Let me drown.
Bury me underwater,
Where the corals could grow
Piercing through my veins
Sticking out of my rotten flesh.

Bury me underwater,
Where my chest would be
My own personalized treasure
And my heart
Will be the most valuable finding.

Bury me underwater
Where the fish could feed off
My undiscovered bruises
And unhealed wounds

SHIVANGI





COVID – 19: A MILESTONE IN OUR LIVES

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd U. S. President, truly said, “ A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor”. It might be stormy now, but rain doesn’t last forever, does it? Dark and difficult times lie ahead and there is no other choice bestowed upon us but to greet this fate with both hands. Due to the ongoing COVID – 19 Pandemic, the health systems are being compromised not only in our country but also around the whole world. The lockdown in reaction to the COVID - 19 pandemic will surely have unfathomable consequences on the global economy that relies first and foremost on movements. This pandemic will deepen the socioeconomic inequalities across the globe. There are going to be severe consequences but sometimes we need to look beyond the obvious. History is a testifier that earlier global outbreaks have been proven beneficial to the survivors. The Black Death, Spanish flu, the 1918 H1N1 influenza outbreak are to name a few. Influenced by the global coronavirus pandemic, all sorts of artists have used lockdown to capture this period in history. While some works draw inspiration on the sense of fear and isolation felt by many, others are spurred by the heroes- Health workers, maintenance staff, law enforcement officers, amongst others, who have emerged strongly during the crisis. Amongst the chaos and uncertainty caused by COVID – 19, people around the world are being

brought together by numerous streams, from music to art to social influencers. For example, artists and musicians around the world have collaborated in an experiment to compose a soundtrack during isolation, yet forging a bond of togetherness in this wilderness through the enormous power of music. Among other benefits, we are coming closer and closer to mother nature. On the very first day of lockdown, Delhiites breathed cleaner air as PM 2.5 dropped to 35. Delhi pollution was halved during the first phase of lockdown. More importantly, this lockdown made us realise the thin line of difference between our needs and our desires. We spend so much time trying to chase happiness that we never realise it's been there all along. We have to take each moment as it comes. When we'll be old and on our death bed, looking back at our life, it's not going to be how well – off we are or what we've accomplished in materialistic terms, it's the relationships we have. We've survived by things that matter – the people we love and those who love us back, our family. Being in isolation along with your family is the best lockdown there can ever be. Moreover, disregarding all the time consumed in 'work from home', people are finally being able to get some 'me' time, looking for divertissements, learning new skills, to slow down and enjoy life with basic means etcetera-etcetera. To wrap it up, tie a bow, whatever – When it rains, look for the rainbow, when it's dark, look for the stars. If you can stay positive in a negative situation, you have already won the greatest battle of your life. You can only grow from here!

Prisha Swahney, 12B

DOGMA : WHERE WE WERE TRAPPED

We are humans, the smartest creatures on this earth, who can do anything and can achieve anything we want, but in this current pandemic situation we all have taken a pause in our life. Nobody in this world would have imagined that stuff like this could happen in our daily usual lives. But don't worry this pandemic will

definitely end one day and we will be able to get back to our normal lives. I am sure because this is not one of those situations we were used to and we “The Humans” will put our greatest efforts to get ourselves back to our normal life. At the same time, I want all of us to focus on the title “Dogma”. As the word suggest, we all the human beings got trapped in the dogmas that we are smartest, it means we are greatest, yes it is in our mind and because of this mindset we became the runners of the Rat Race. We forgot that there is the super energy which we can say - God, Universe, Allah, Bhagwan etc or whatever we believe in, but the thing is we forget to walk on the path shown by them. This super energy has provided everything we want whether it is air, earth, sun, water or the sky. I would like to call it our mother nature. We started exploiting it without any limits, without any boundaries and without any fear of the universe. But the universe has shown us who is the greatest. In the Rat Race we forget what is the greatest religion in this world i.e Humanity, Compassion and Gratitude for our mother nature. This time is not for consuming negative information from media or somewhere else and increasing stress, anxiety and depression. The time is given to re-think , re-plan and revive our mother nature for the next generations because this is not the need, it is mandatory. We have harmed our mother nature by exploiting it through many ways like deforestation, poaching and increasing carbon emissions to it. Now when everything is on pause we should try to rewire everything that we can do stop animal extinctions, re- establish forests and reduce carbon emission on our home, the Earth. It is the time to start thinking and planning to work for humanity, for universe and their blessings to us. When the world comes back it brings us a lot of new opportunities to work for the well being of this biosphere, society and mankind. We have to leave our selfishness behind because the first rule on this earth to live is to survive and this right should be given to every small creature on this earth. Again this dogma to be greatest, ought to destroy, because whenever we try to exploit the nature, the super energy will punish us in the same way. At that same time we should be grateful to the universe for giving us this tough time which is directly connected to make us more aware, more strong and more intelligent than before. The question arises, What we can do as a student? What we can offer as an individual? How we can achieve the goal to cure and heal this earth? Now the answer is no individual can do anything alone, we all have to come together for the sake of this world. We should enhance our creative ideas to make new groups, enhance new ideas and should bring the world together to be globally concerned on this topic. Now we have the opportunity to focus on serious issues like this. We have to become

creative, become optimistic and should trust ourselves. We ought to take steps to create new sectors which can be globally as well as economically beneficial. Seems to be impossible but, trust because we are humans with the tag “The smartest” beings on earth. Hope we will try to create new ideas for new startups for the sake of our bright, green and clean future for this planet and all it’s living creatures. Pray this hard time will end as soon as possible!

Vivek Kumar, 12B

Happy Labour Day

Seeing her everyday was not something new,
Those old hands had a story, I didn’t think I knew,
After work, she would run to reach the station,
But I never said a word of appreciation.
Mom and dad were busy in their work,
Mom a doctor, Dad a clerk,
She was called to fulfill my needs,
And sometimes complain about my deeds.
But, one day she did not arrive,
She usually, came to our home at five,
Mom told she had got a high fever,
So I decided to go and meet her
Her house was all shattered and torn,
I saw the mouse busy eating the left over corn,
All her five children crowded her all around,
Some medicines would cost them a pound.
I wonder how they tackle their work everyday,
To themselves, what all they say.
They all should get their right,
Lets all give them a day of rest without any fight.
We all can give them a token of love,
It can be to those women who work on your stove,
Next, I went to the cobbler Mr.Bose,



I smiled and gave him a rose.
I went to the milkman, then to the grocery-keeper,
These all people touched our lives deeper,
And to the postman daughter I gifted a doll,
This is what I said to them all,
HAPPY LABOUR DAY

Grettal Maria, 12A

If I Were A Time Traveller

If I were a time traveller
I would take a trip to
The wonders of time and space
And explore the universe forever.



I would go to ancient Egypt
And meet Cleopatra
In Rome , I would meet Caesar
And save him from his conspirators

Then I would take a leap into the future
And encounter some weird creature
I would watch the sun finally implode
And escape before earth explodes

I would watch a galaxy form,
And probably see stardust perform
I'll never grow tired of my gypsy life ,
And forever roam the realms of space and time

Kartik Saini 11F



COVID 19 And The Digital Divide In Education

The offices and schools around the world have all moved into our basements and living rooms. School Assignments are being handed out on Google classrooms, Meetings are happening on Zoom, Google hangouts and Microsoft Teams. Such rendezvous have become a luxury and thus, often far from the reach of students who don't have access to high speed internet as in case of children in Jammu and Kashmir where internet curbs have been affecting lakhs of students from past nine months or students belonging to the economically weaker sections of the society.

In July 2016, the United Nations proclaimed access to internet to be a human right. During the coronavirus pandemic, it has become even clearer that access to the internet and digital technologies can be a lifesaver for many people around the globe. In these times, when several daily services have shifted online varying from health services to educational programmes, an absence of adequate infrastructure or connectivity leaves behind the poorest communities, and the digital divide shows its discriminatory effects in all its strength.

Even in the advanced countries, internet access is often lower than one might even speculate. Globally, merely just over a fraction of households (55%) have an internet connection. Students in remote rural areas or peripheral urban areas where connectivity is too slow or intermittent who are not necessarily poor face what we can term as Accessibility divide. Parents are considerate of giving devices

to their kids because of misuse. They likewise don't know how to guide in the competent use of digital content.

Teachers too are increasingly burdened by the load of syllabus with the added stress of a sudden change of pedagogy. Even exceptional teachers lack enterprise in creating online lessons. The pandemic hit fast and hard, and schools simply did not have enough time to train teachers and students for this new reality. We can term this a generation divide.

Younger students need a lot of help to learn online. Parents may require assisting their child with turning on a device, logging into an app, typing answers etc. But the lack of technological knowhow among parents of students belonging to poorer classes is a major misfortune to many children.

The COVID 19 driven exacerbation of educational disparities will have a striking effect on human skill development in regions that already have the lowest human development indication. The digital divide disrupts performance in academics, creates undue competitive advantages to some and reduces the productivity for others. But, it is also vital that security of a child's database online is safeguarded. The increased screen-time in attending online classes and submitting assignments is a concern for numerous parents.

Long-term strategies may include increasing Ethernet connectivity or subsidising data on mobiles. Device ownership too is as much a concern, principally for children coming from rural places. The availability of hardware, software, network equipment, connectivity and 24*7 reliable information are keys to bridging the digital divide in education. It should be an indispensable priority for the government to regularise the online education and define standards and regulations for it.

Thus, today more than ever, it is evident the wide availability of Internet Infrastructure and services, delivered without discrimination is paramount for resilient societies.

Mehvaish Qadri, 11C



AMID COVID-19

Just a bit of restlessness, to the mind, had come,
When the deadly crowned being, infected the first human.
Who knew that their thanks for the COVID-19 virus being far would shatter,
As Almighty had thought of teaching a lesson to the world's so called master.
But as a student, a child, when easing its burden was not much at the shoulders,
A different lifestyle was proving to be a rather big boulder.
Amid the exams when the crowned threat was becoming a dangerous guest,
Students obediently sensed responsibility and followed rules without whining.
Then the exams were over, but the usual time after it was lost,
When the children could have relaxed after the test, a new test was already on
the verge of beginning.
The blow came soft, though it was a rather mindful decision,
Lockdown and all, was to remain at least till summer vacation.
At this the most disturbed was, for no doubt, a class 10th fellow,
Who had already lived in an unofficial lockdown from mid-November-oh!
The world was shut, what else could be said?
The agony of an innocent child was enough to make one turn.
Even those who believed that, holidays were better for refreshing one's mind
than school,
Were definitely realizing how they were crying to go back to that mood.
Then came like a savior the concept of online classes,
Subsidizing the revolting mood involved in present situation's clashes.

Education restarted, boredom lessened, though not ended,
A grateful thanks to Zoom, Google etc. is really an expression needed!
Being in touch with teachers and classmates did clear the gloomy sky,
But chalks and blackboards still wait to be used, both schools and students cry.
The teachers and parents are also the ones deserving gratitude,
As one at the present situation are still working for us,
While the other is providing the means to connect to the former.
No word is, of course, enough to express gratitude to the health workers.
Now as any student will feel, just like me,
The world has become aware of its limitations,
What we can presently do, as a student, is to pray to Lord,
To relieve his wrath on us and guide us to be his better ward.

Yajur Gupta, 11A





DEDICATED TO MY AUNT WHO HAS BEEN INFECTED WITH CORONA VIRUS WHILE TREATING PATIENTS IN DELHI:

I suddenly remembered,
The first time I held your hand
The first time you hugged me
The first time I joined your band
And the first time you made tea...

It feels like yesterday,
It feels like everything was normal
But then it vanished
But then it was no more mortal
And then I had to banish

Today all I have is memories

Memories which have your essence
Memories which have your words
Memories which have your presence
And memories which have birds

I know I can be proud of you
I know I can say that you grew me
But then why didn't you take care
Take care of my sponsee
And I'll say it's not fair

You always said love is immortal
You always said love stays
But then why did you leave
But then why didn't you let me pray
But then why didn't you let me yearn.....

Parika Goswami

Coronavirus Disease[COVID-19]

Coronavirus disease or COVID-19 is an infectious disease caused by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2[SARS-coV-2]. It was identified in Wuhan, China in December 2019. By May 15 ' 2020 , More than 4.44 million cases have been reported across 188 countries and territories , resulting in more than 302,000 deaths. To the current policies the whole world is fighting against this

disease. We, actually the whole world is going through a very tough time. All we can look at is people dying and many families vanishing. Let's also take a moment to pray to the almighty for all the departed souls and those who are suffering. Now, for all those who are safe the World Health Organisation [WHO] has provided some precautionary tips:

[a.] We should wash our hands frequently with soap and water.

[b.] We should avoid travelling and in case we have to go out to buy necessities, we should be wearing masks and gloves and also should be immediately cleansed after getting home.

[c.] Don't keep touching your face if your hands are dirty.

[d.] Cook thoroughly and drink healthy.

[e.] We should have a good exercise routine.

[f.] Avoid junk foods.

Following all this there is a lot of recovery in many countries. More than 1.73 million people have recovered. Hoping for good...

STAY HEALTHY ! STAY SAFE !

Delwiya Roy , 11A

Life Lesson

Happiness is an expression of general will
Not experienced by things with huge bills
You may find it in the lap of nature on a tall hill,
Or when it is raining and sitting by the window sill

Try to make everyone smile a little
And laugh your stomach hurts until
With love, your heart must be filled
All the brutality in this world, ought to be killed

An earth of love and humanity, let's build
Travel and explore and let all your dreams fulfill
Let's have love and gratitude on sale
Enjoy these tiny moments like the fall of the hail

And an argument, let yourself fail
Communicate but not through social media or email
And over an ocean of generosity let's sail

Darling if it's hurting let it go
Because you can't for longer, hold the snow
And learn to say sorry if you step on someone's toes.

Aashma Bansal 11D

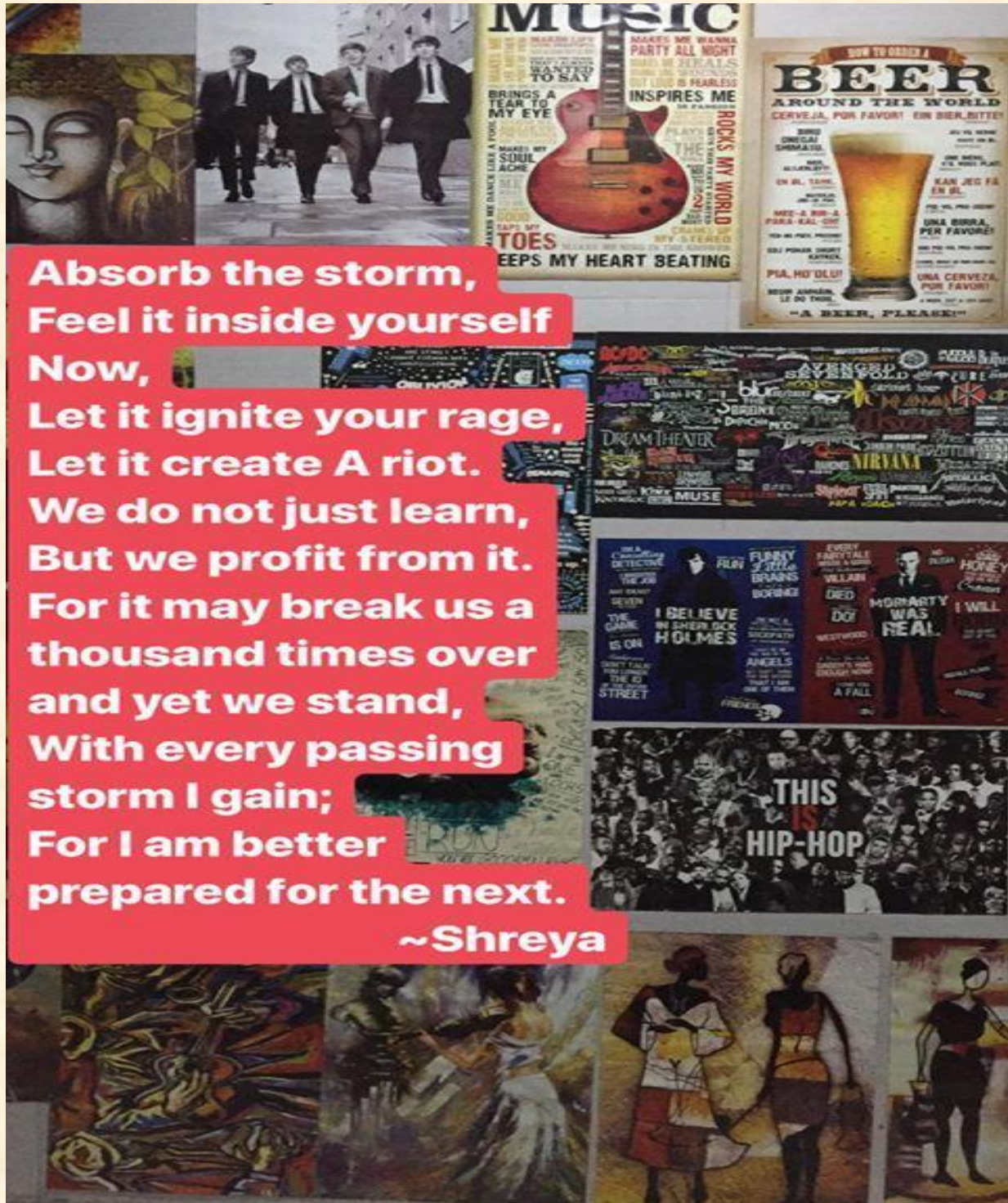
आज का सच

ख्वाबों के उस जहाँ से मुझे दूर ले चलो
जहाँ घर को घर बनाने वालो का नहीं घर का मोल है
दूर उस बहती प्रदूषित नदी से जो खिलखिलाती थी एक समय में
ठिठुरती है अपने इस दुःख में
खो चुकी है जो अपने उस चमत्कारी सौंदर्य को
है कहती कई बातें बहती ये मछलियाँ
जिन्होंने अपने इस घर की पवित्रता का बलिदान दे दिया
उड़ते हुए वे पंछी ,छूते आसमान की उचाइयाँ
प्रदूषित कर गयी उनकी हवा, मनुष्यों की गड़ियाँ
प्यार स्नेह नहीं अब चाहिए , चाहिए बस अब धन
धरती के साथ प्रदूषित कर दिया है इंसानों ने अपना मन

Aashma bansal 11D

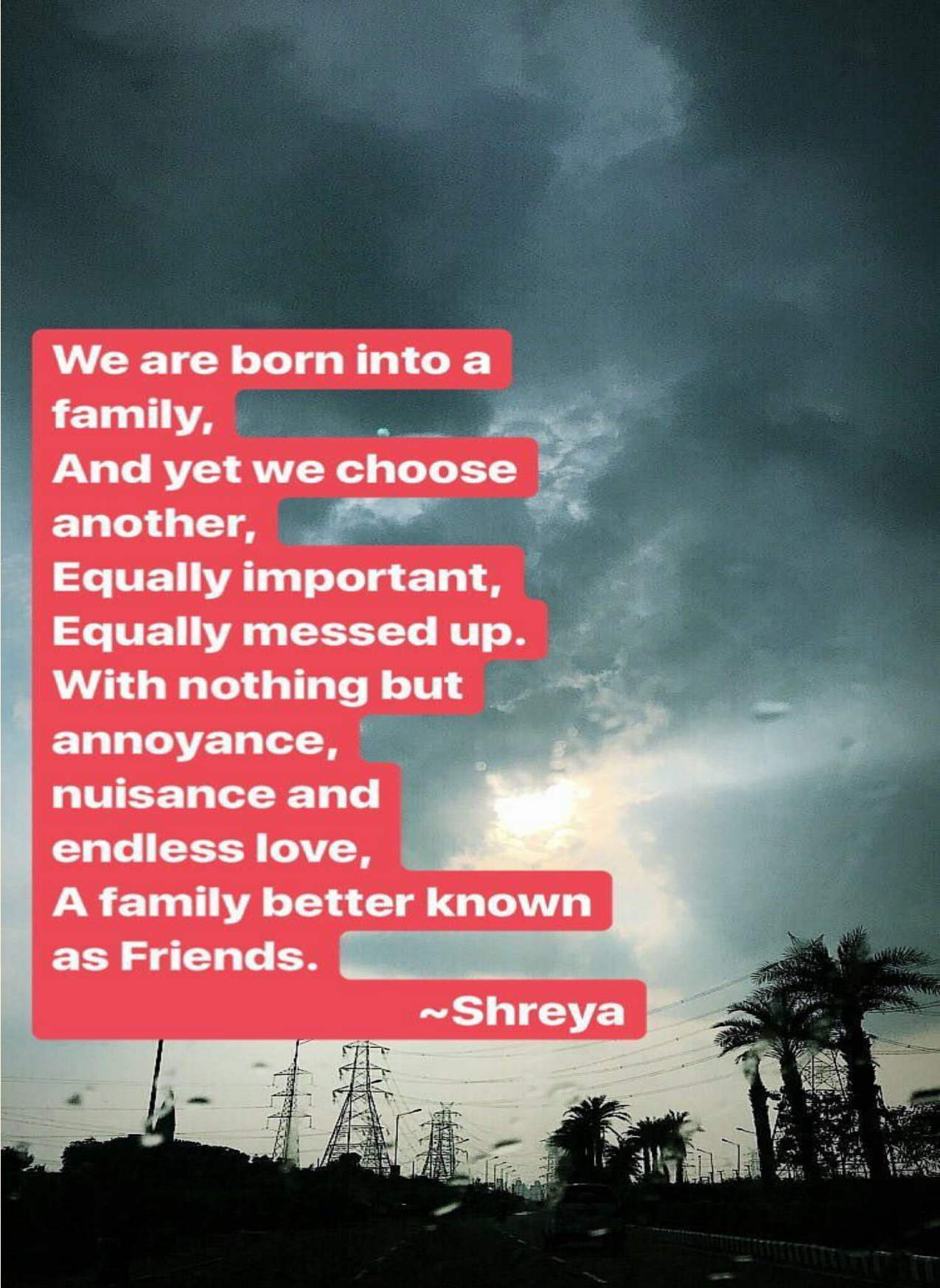
Reflections

By Shreya Singh, 9A



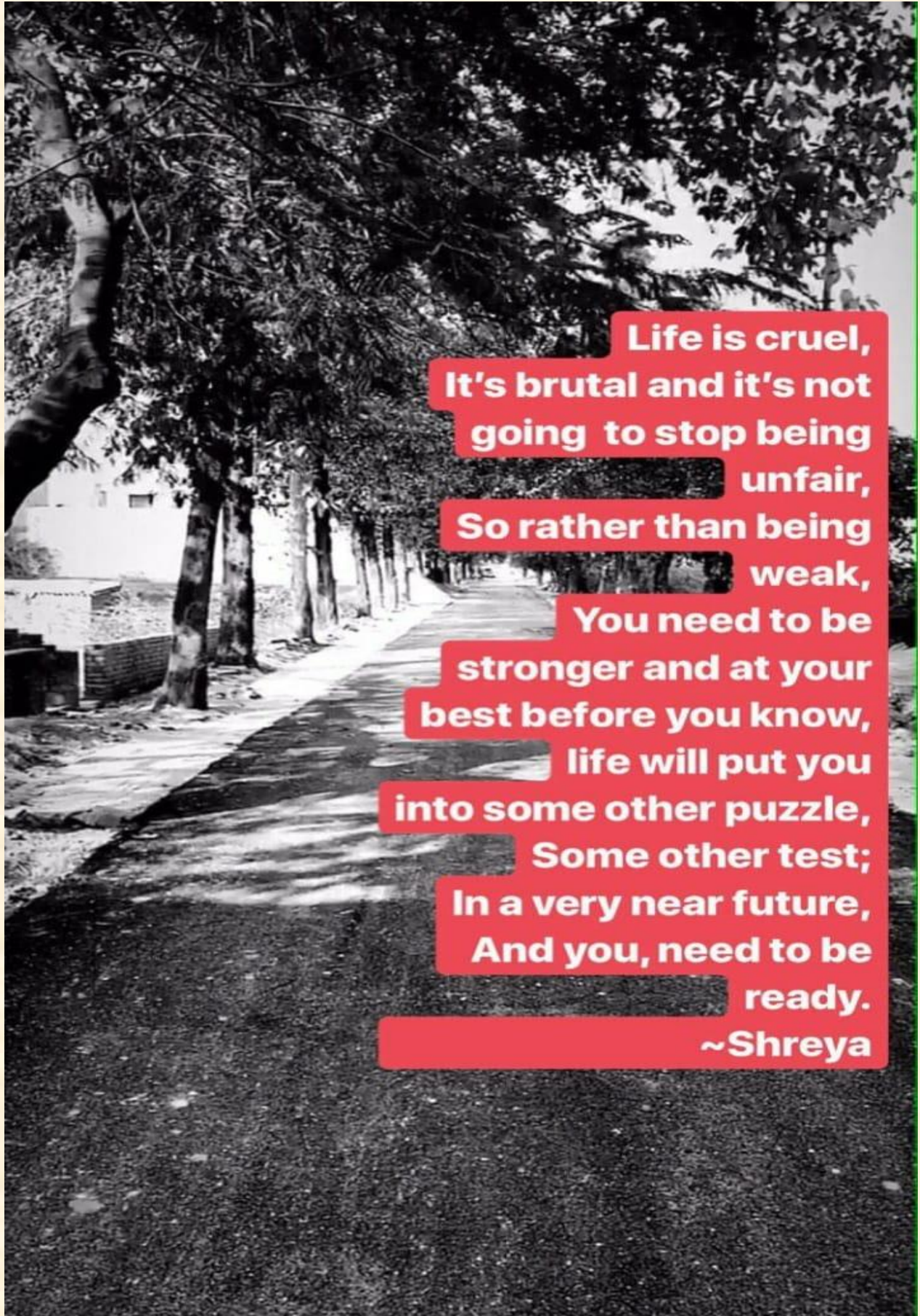
**Absorb the storm,
Feel it inside yourself
Now,
Let it ignite your rage,
Let it create A riot.
We do not just learn,
But we profit from it.
For it may break us a
thousand times over
and yet we stand,
With every passing
storm I gain;
For I am better
prepared for the next.**

~Shreya



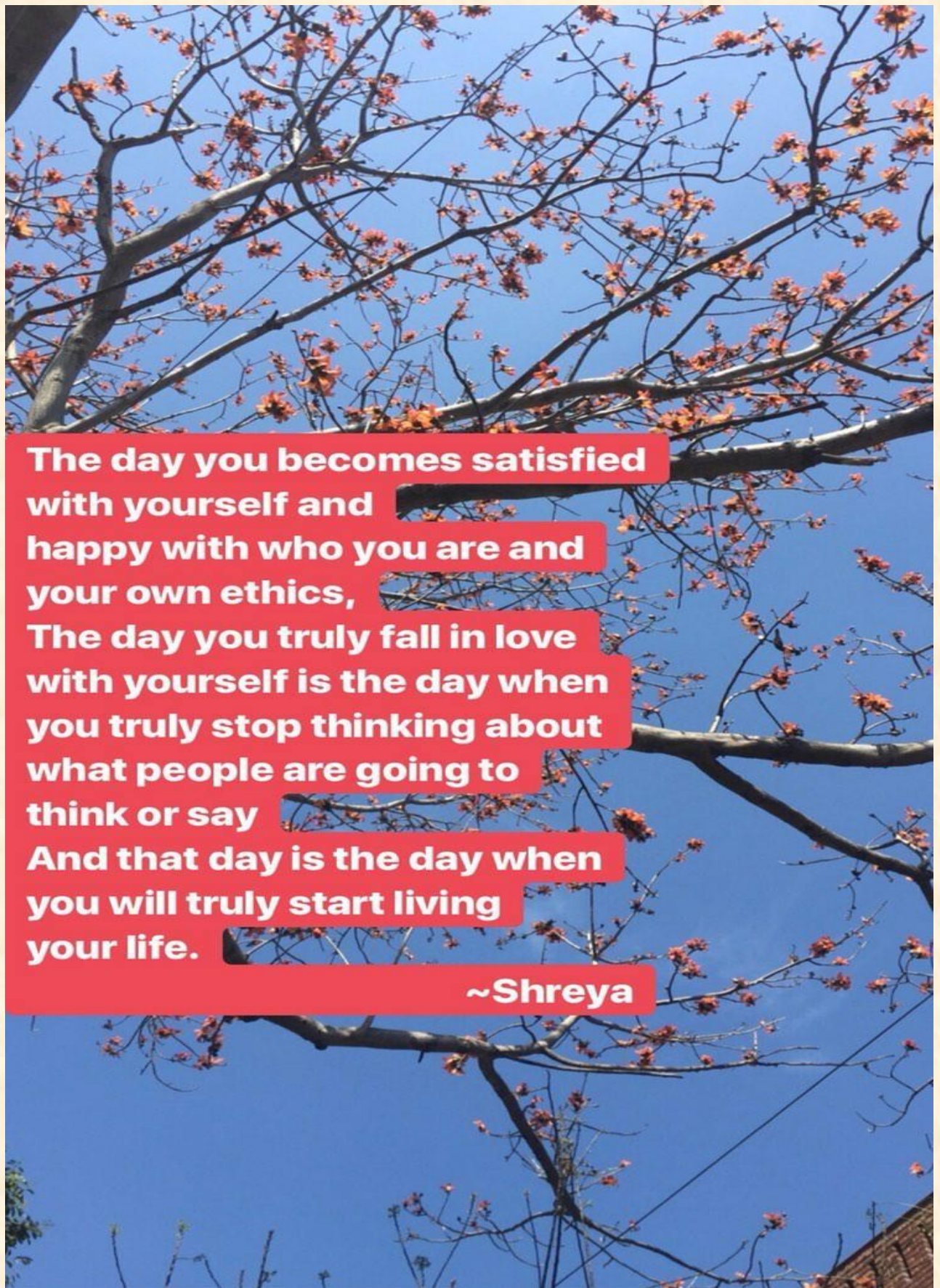
**We are born into a
family,
And yet we choose
another,
Equally important,
Equally messed up.
With nothing but
annoyance,
nuisance and
endless love,
A family better known
as Friends.**

~Shreya



**Life is cruel,
It's brutal and it's not
going to stop being
unfair,
So rather than being
weak,
You need to be
stronger and at your
best before you know,
life will put you
into some other puzzle,
Some other test;
In a very near future,
And you, need to be
ready.**

~Shreya



**The day you become satisfied
with yourself and
happy with who you are and
your own ethics,
The day you truly fall in love
with yourself is the day when
you truly stop thinking about
what people are going to
think or say
And that day is the day when
you will truly start living
your life.**

~Shreya

We never know what
someone is truly going
through,
We never know what a
little comment by us
will do to them.

We never know what
they are really feeling
behind that smile,
And never can we ever
know when and if they
are feeling alone;
For they might seem to
have everything,
For they might seem to
be good.

For they might even
feel like the happiest
and perfect person,
But unfortunately,we
could have never
known....

Or may be,we could
have!

So try not to ignore
people,try not to judge
someone,try not to
body shame them and
try to not assassinate
their character ,no
matter what.

~Shreya



पथ पर अग्रसर

वो पैदल चलते जा रहा है
वह अपने गाँव जा रहा है
उसके पास पैसों की तंगी है
सियासत अभी भी नंगी है
उसका गाँव में एक मकान है
यह कैसा हिन्दुस्तान है?
यह कैसा हिन्दुस्तान है ?

श्रमिक का ठप्पा लेकर
लोगों को इकट्ठा लेकर
चलता जा रहा है धूप से व्याकुल होकर
पसीना टप - टप बहाकर
उसके नीचे धरती ऊपर आसमान है
यह कैसा हिन्दुस्तान है?
यह कैसा हिन्दुस्तान hai?

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आज फिर

आज फिर सड़कों पर खीफ छाया है,
लगता है घरों के बाहर मौत का फरमान आया है।
आज फिर ईश्वर का एक और रूप सामने आया है,
प्रतीत होता है मां के बाद भगवान ने डाक्टरों को बनाया है।
आज फिर महामारी में भी राजनीति सामने आयी है,
देखो कैसे चीन ने अपनी औकात दिखाई है।
आज फिर गरीबों को १९४७(1947) का दौर याद आया है,
लगता है केवल पढ़े-लिखे बेवकूफों को ही इजाफा आया है।
देखते-देखते कोरोना ने दुनिया का क्या हाल बनाया है,
नीजवानों को खुद से दूर और मां बाप के करीब लाया है।
देखो कैसे इसने दुनिया भर में कहर मचाया है,
क्या इसके पीछे भी चीन की माया है?
वैक्सीन बनाने का हर देश ने किया दावा है,
आधा संसार आयुर्वेद पर उतर आया है।
मेरे भाइयों-बहनों देश की संस्कृति का सम्मान करो,
क्योंकि इसी कारण संसार में हमारा देश महान कहलाया है,
महान कहलाया है।

प्रस्तुति-आयुष डागा

Mother's Day

There was a boy Sam who spent much of his time watching TV or playing games on mobile and computer. His mother was very upset with him because he used too much of mobile, TV and computer and hardly spent time with his family. He was a mobile addict. One day his mother asked him to go and play outside with other children. He went out but within 5 minutes he came back and said that he had lost his ball. Like many mobile addicted children, he was lying and had hidden the ball so that he could play on mobile and other PC games. Again one day he was playing PUBG with his friend. While playing there he heard a sound of crying which was coming from the nearby graveyard. He saw a boy and walked towards him and asked why he was crying. That boy said that his mother was dead, he was very sad; he also said that he had never spent his time with his mother because he was a mobile addict and always played mobile games. Immediately, Sam cancelled his plan of playing PUBG with his friends and ran towards his house. While he was going back to his house, he checked on Google regarding Mother's Day and found that the next day was Mother's day. When he came back home he searched on Google for the best present on Mother's day for mothers on 'amazon.com' and soon decided to buy earrings for his mother as a gift on Mother's day. On Mother's day, Sam was waiting for the parcel to come. Soon the parcel arrived. He took the parcel, giftwrapped it and gave the gift to his mother and wished her happy Mother's day. From that day onwards he used mobile phone for only 30 minutes and spent more time with his family in playing games like cricket, football, etc. He studied hard to score the highest marks in the class because he understood that all of us have very less time so we should do something for which people would remember us. The lesson he learnt was that we should spend time with our family and friends.

Ali Armaan Chaudhary, 8E



Mother: The Creator of Our Life!

Abraham Lincoln once said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

A mother's job fetches the highest salary in the whole world. That salary could not be counted in money but in unlimited love. A mother is one of the biggest gifts of god. The world would collapse without any mother because nature is the mother of the world. Every mother is always ready to sacrifice her life for her child even in the worst of circumstances. Mother animal also protect their babies. Every child wants to pay back all the things they have received from their mother. They put in all their efforts to do so, but they can never succeed because the love they have received from their mother is countless. Mother's love could neither be valued in riches nor in other big expenses. Even a poor child can make his mother happy by his efforts to provide love. It's people's duty to respect their mother and help them in their hours of need. That is why Mother's day is celebrated every year on 10th May to express gratitude towards her fill her. Therefore it is often said, "A Mother can take anyone's place but no-one can take her place."

Vidushi Rajvanshi, 8A

**A MOTHER IS YOUR FIRST FRIEND,
BEST FRIEND
FOREVER!!**



My Lovely Mom

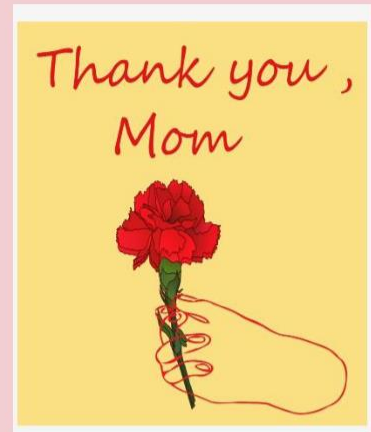
I have got many gifts from
God, But one which I
have and I love a lot It's no one
other than my mom.

She always cares for me,
But doesn't take care of herself.
She always makes me happy,
But always forgets herself.
She scolds me at many times,
But then cries herself.

She teaches me not to be in hurry!!!!
Or else the work which we are doing will be wasted.
She wants nothing but a smile on my face!!!

I have got many gifts from God,
But one which I love a lot,
Is my lovely mom.

Harshita, 8A



MY MOTHER

God has given me a wonderful gift
that is my mother.

She is that one person who cannot be
replaced by any other.

No matter how many mistakes I make

she still loves me unconditionally.

And even after an argument

she still asks me if I'm hungry.

Her love for me has no explanation

she will always be my inspiration.

She's the only one I can always look up to

even though I have trust issues. Just a

hug from my mother

is the cure to my pain.

Her advice causes all of my problems

to fade away.

She will always hold a place in my heart

our bond is so strong that nobody could tear us apart.

There are times when i can't express

How much I love her.

But these words say it all

"Mom you're the best

Totally different from the rest".

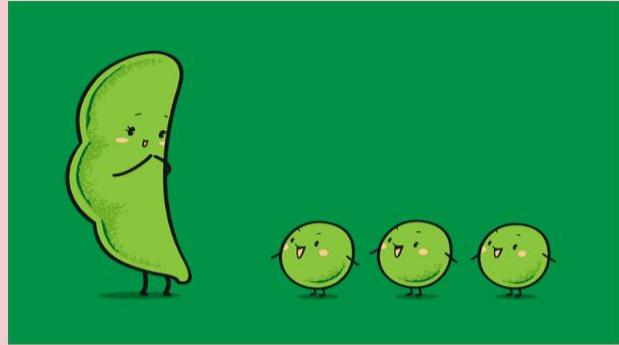
And at last all i can say is

Happy Mother's Day!

Vaishnavi Naik, 9B



**MOTHERS
ARE A
BLESSING!!**



Mothers!

A word that makes all of us quite emotional and arouses many memories,
It reminds us of those lazy summer afternoons, it just makes us sit, lost in
our reveries.

It means something very different to you and me
But that's the beauty of the word
That's how it's supposed to be
Mothers are a blessing in disguise.

It is only your mother, who till the end will look at you with the whole world in
her eyes.

She is the epitome of 'sacrifice'.

A mother, holds in her, the power of both fire and ice.

Being a mother isn't that easy

She is always the one who is blamed if her kid turns out to be sleazy.

A mother endures it all,

Always walking the tightrope

Balancing well enough so she might not fall.

But why so?

Why aren't mothers allowed to make mistakes?

Why can't they, for a change, take breaks?

Why do they have to be so perfect?

Always told never to slump and to always sit erect

Why can't they be childish?

Just because they have a child?

That does not make sense, it's all so wild

Most of us know our mothers only to be 'our mothers'.

But they are so much more than that.

They also have a little child inside them,

Who longs to be young again, to play with a ball and a bat.
And most importantly, why do we celebrate Mother's day?
Why can't every day be Mother's day?
Because what do we do and say,
On that one particular day,
That isn't a part of the regular day?
We appreciate our mothers,
We recognise their hard work and sacrifice,
And look at them with loving eyes,
We bring them flowers and gifts and give them a day off.

Well, I say that we should do this every day
Every day, Mother's day
Because just like childhood, motherhood is a journey too
And just like the former, the latter deserves appreciation and love every day too
So from my generation to yours
Happy Mother's day to every single maternal figure out
there We all love you!

Tarana Jain, 9B



MOTHER'S DAY

Mother is the one who is endowed with all power to create. No creature in this universe can be as powerful as a mother. She can manage and control everything in any situation. In other words, God has given her the power to manage all the affairs of the world. Celebrating Mother's Day for a day is not enough to thank every single mother in this world . No one can replace her. Every year, we celebrate the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. On this day, children express their feelings to mothers and thank them for all they do for them and wish as Happy Mother's Day. Our mothers are like a security blanket for us because she saves us from all our problems. She never regards her own problems and listens to us all time. We should always obey her. Mothers are like flowers, unique and beautiful. She always strives make us a good human being in life. Mother is a supreme and divine creation of God, who loves and cares for her child unconditionally.

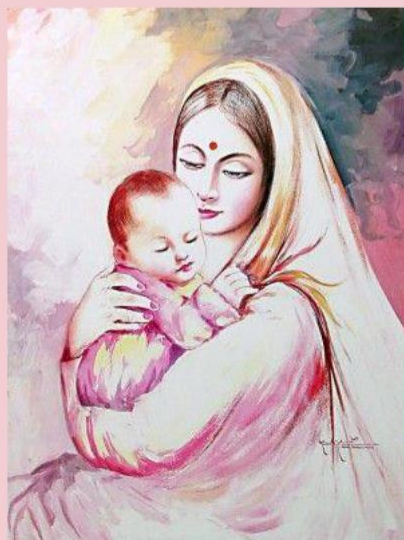
Drishty, 10E

MOTHER

WHO IS A MOTHER? WHAT IS THE REASON BEHIND THE EXISTENCE OF A MOTHER IN THIS MATERIALISTIC WORLD?

Not only these but many questions are there in those small creative brains of the children of this high technological society. They want to know the reasons for which they have a mother and why she scolds them from doing the things which they want to do? But the answer of all these questions they get on their own in the form of love, affection, care etc. Children have an innocent heart, thus they cannot understand these things. They in their innocence forget that they don't have mothers they have God with them who gives them happiness that cheers up their hearts, affection which strengthens their belief and that care which protects them from the vilest powers of this world. Mothers are those angels who ignore the physical appearance, mental strength and all other negative aspects of their child, and give them their loveliest hug which is the biggest gift in the universe to their child. She is the one who makes the future of a country, of the whole world, and of the whole humanity. Every drop of tear from her eyes is the most precious diamond of this world which has no defined value, she leads the path of the heaven, she is a creature whom God made from his own soul and blood. She is the purest, she is the real beauty and that is the very answer of all the questions. She is a mother, a heart not to break but to love, to care, to protect.

J.VIDYANSHU GAUTAM, 10B



MOTHER'S DAY

"Blessed by you, Mom"

A mother who always cares,
A mother who's always there,
A mother who always prays,
A mother who always stays
When things get rough,
When life gets tough
When all is dust too much to bear,
God's Word she shares
God's light she shines.

So blessed God made this mother mine.

Sneha Singh, 12A



**WHO NEEDS
SUPERHERO? WHEN
YOU HAVE A
MOM**

MOTHER'S DAY

Children may grow to any age
But a mother's love never fades
For them, her life she lives
Their success is her only wish

Unconditional love she showers
Her care for them has no age bars
Seeing their smile she forgets all pain
She has a heart only owned by saints

Without an off or any pay
She works throughout the day
Never complains about her sorrows
Her child's grief she borrows

Her sacrifices are often unseen
Because she is mistaken to be a machine
Her presence makes everyone smile
Such a personality is mother of mine.

Sandra, 12A



MOTHERS DAY

M is for the million things she gave me,
O means only that she is growing old,
T is for the tears that she shed to save me,
H is for her heart for purest gold;
E is for her eyes, with love light shining,
R means right, and right she will always be,
Put all them together they will spell MOTHER
THIS WORLD MEANS WORLD TO ME

ISHANK MITTAL, 11F



MY MOTHER IS MY ROLE MODEL

M-Multitasking

O-optimistic

T-tender-hearted

H-humble

E-exuberant

R-reliable

My Mom, you are wonderful

To you, I will always be grateful.

You taught me how to walk,

You taught me how to talk.

Whenever I cry, you make me smile

You always go that extra mile.

You are truly my inspiration

You are God's greatest creation.

You are always there, when I need you

No one can do what you do.

You give me strength to bear defeat

Without you, I am incomplete.

You have instilled in me

Morals, values and let me be.

Your unconditional love and care

Has made me strong and secure.

Mom, I have no words to express



You are a great teacher, I possess.

My mother means the world to me.

“My mom is my role model!” **TIGMANSHU SHAH BAHRI, 12C**



Mother's Day

The sweetest things I've known

Are made of love

Stretching like the expanse of ocean

Seeming like white veil of mountain snow

Drawing a feeling of petrichor

A ritual of showers from heaven

In a colorful haul of flowers

On a green pillowcase

Sweeter than the honeycomb honey

Spring to a storm like a lovely lilt

One may tap on its door

One may tap on its door

But can never leave unfed

I have always wondered why love is the most powerful feeling in the world?

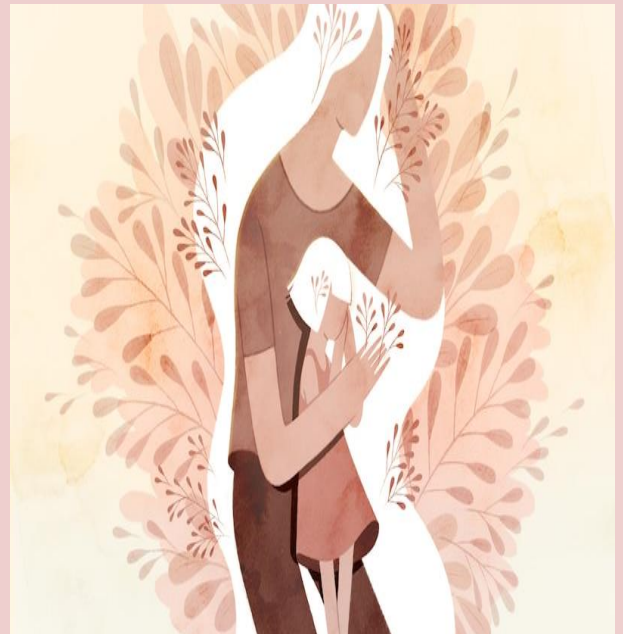
Why every person is asked to act out of love?

Why love is unconditional and without doubts?

For I just know , mothers are best lovers

And that's how I shush my whys and hows.

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers!



Mahima Rajpal, 12C

SHE'S A HUMAN!

Mom can you please bring water?

Mom can you polish my shoes?

Mom! I told you not to touch my stuff.

Mom please cook something good.

Why is mom supposed to do everything?

Why is she considered to be a superhuman

Or some king, who can do anything

Just with a blink?

Why is she not supposed to eat

Something good without me?

Why do we consider her as someone,

With no wants or desires?

She's a human!

Let her live like a human.

She's not God, don't consider her as one.

She can make mistakes too,

Don't expect her to be perfect, flawless,

Unlike you!

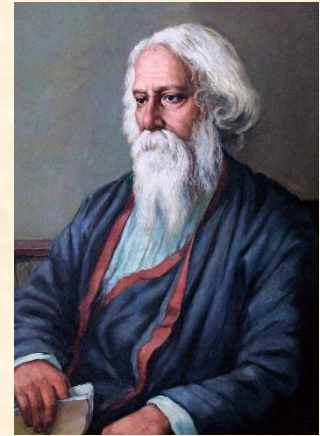
Why do you consider her as God?

When she's your mom!

Kritika Jha, 11A



Remembering Rabindranath Tagore on his Birthday...



Rabindranath Tagore is one of the most bodacious writers of the world. He has done a remarkable work in transforming the educational institution and has also contributed in the freedom struggle of India. The noteworthy writer was born on 7th May 1861 in Calcutta in an aristocratic family. Tagore is also a well-known novelist, playwright, painter,

philosopher and a good actor. He contributed tremendously to bring India at global platform, particularly when India was still a colony.

Through his writings, he not only highlighted the literary aspect but also social, political and economic aspects of India. He is also the author of our National Anthem “jan gan man...” His views on patriotism, nationalism and the concept of welfare state are still relevant and a guiding force for today’s policy makers, educationists and social activists.

As a young boy Tagore was not very good at studies, not because of his lack of knowledge or capabilities but because of the closed environment in which he was forced to study in. He was against the closed system of learning and wanted to teach the children in an open environment, in nature. To implement this idea he had established an international educational institution Shantiniketan at Bolepur in West Bengal. Tagore wanted to evolve a culture which was made by synthesizing the eastern and western culture.

The educationist was also a sheer patriot and an ardent nationalist. The British Government had also honored him with the title “Sir” which he returned in 1919 in protest against the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. He was awarded with the Nobel Prize in literature on 13 November 1913 for his collection of well-known poems ‘Gitanjali’.

The great soul left for eternal abode on 8th August 1941. He will always be considered one of this century’s most influential Indian authors.

KANISHKA VATS, 8E

Budding Artists



Akshat Kumar, 8D



Shreyasi Shrivastava, 9A



Varda Jindal, 8D



Yachna Gupta, 11D



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Avni Yadav 9D

Hrishi Agarwal, 8A



Kush Batra, 8A



Navya Sharma, 9A



Nipun Sharma, 8A



Uday Sirohi, 9A



Vidushi Rajyavanshi, 8A

This is not the end.

*It's a preparation for a new
beginning...*

