



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A year of anxiety and fear, the pandemic locking us up within our homes seem to throttle our thoughts. On the contrary, we see these moments have given rise to many more creative innovations. The fresh batch of Grade 7 has again taken up the mantle of bringing to you this ensemble of articles, reports and artworks contributed by the Middle School. This first issue of monthly Newsletter abounds in the hot topic of Coronavirus, The Deens Investiture Ceremony and the Online Schooling.

INVESTITURE CEREMONY 2020-21

The Deans Academy has always been a pioneer in every way taking the road less taken. On every occasion our school has shown leadership and a 'Never Say Die' attitude. Even in these unprecedented times the school has continued with its long-standing tradition of student council elections and the investiture ceremony.

The ceremony took place on the 12th of June at 8:30 am. The live link was shared with students on the Microsoft Teams portal for the entire school and their families to witness. The ceremony commenced with an introduction welcoming everyone that had logged in. The school choir then performed the very moving song, 'You Raise Me Up' by Josh Groban. They sang beautifully, in unison and in harmony.

The MC for the event then introduced the new student council for the Academic Year 2020-21.

President- Diya Miria Abraham – A bright and disciplined student, who has utmost dedication towards our school. She is a born leader and she will be leading this school towards immense success.

Vice President- Kushal Mital- A confident and a welcoming Deenite which makes him approachable and amicable.

Discipline Minister-Varsha Gangadharan- Though Varsha joined a year back, she has impressed us all by winning several MUNs and competitions

Cultural Secretary-Samikshya Panda- With an eye for details,she has the right proportion of talent and values.

Editor-Aastha Ajay Nawandhar- A very focused and committed student. She is a well-balanced and clear individual who promises to set her priorities right.

Sub Editor- Preet Sainini- She commands and impresses people through her communication skills. She truly is a people's person. She brings experience, talent and creativity.

The Captains & Vice-Captains of the four Houses:

Caeruleus:

Captain - Diya Jayachandran

Vice-Captain - Arhaan Khan

They both are equally determined and they will affirmatively lead Caeruleus House to glory.

Rubrus:

Captain - Arushi Amod Tripathi

Vice-Captain - Parth Maheshwari

Both of them are extremely talented and shine in their fields. They are sure to lead Rubrus House towards success.

Prasinus:

Captain - Saba Sehar

Vice-Captain - Aarathi Venumadhavan

They both are kind and honest. Their cool nature is sure to win many hearts.

Flavus:

Captain - Harishraj Srinivasan

Vice-Captain - Devayani Nair

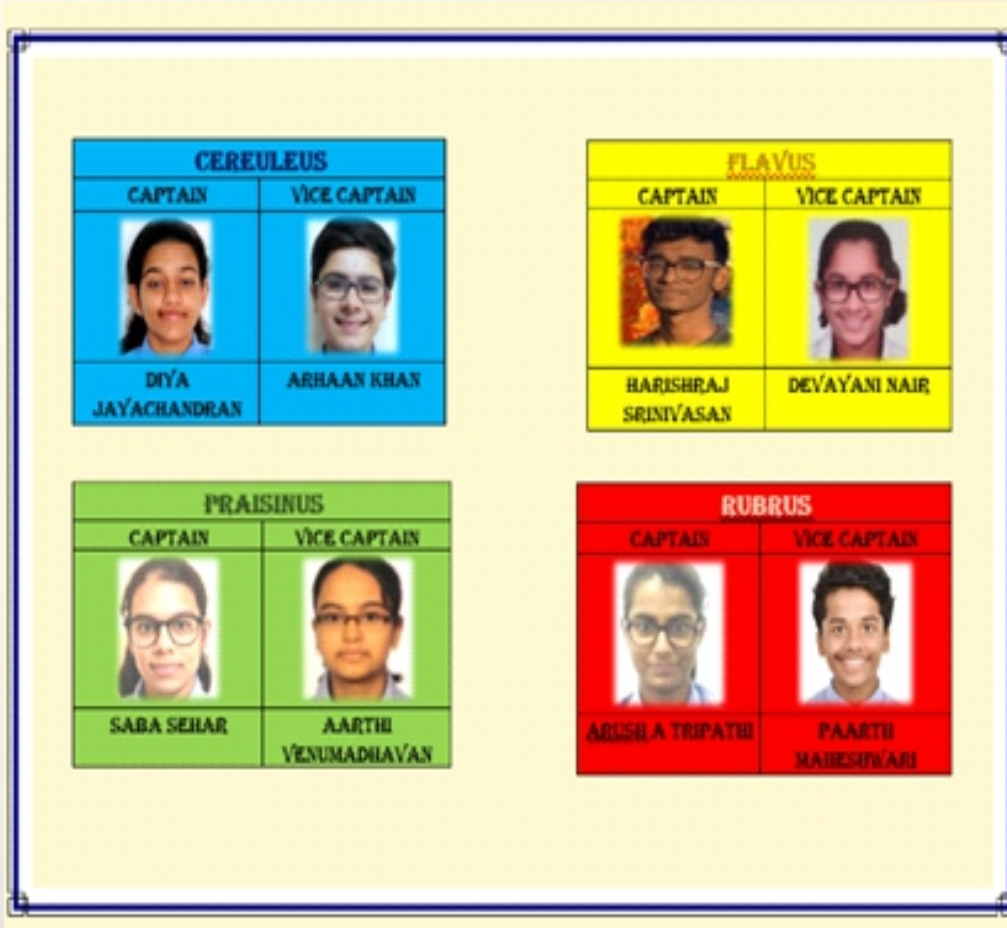
They won the rolling trophy last year and their captain Harishraj Srinivasan and their vice-captain Devayani Nair are positive to lead Flavus towards victory again. Both of them are extremely friendly and welcoming.

Our honourable Principal, Mrs. Shanthi Menon then administered the oath for the newly elected council members. They pledged to uphold, preserve and honour their office and the school. Shanthi Ma'am then congratulated and wished the entire council the very best. She encouraged them to work in unity, to use their positions of power responsibly, to work for the *cause and not the applause* and to take the school to greater heights. She also addressed all the students who were watching on to encourage and support their leaders.

The ceremony ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

Reporters

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WINGS OF A BIRD

Sometimes I wish I had the wings of a bird,
Flying across the sky.
The thought of soaring with no limits measured,
No guessing how many times I'd try.

Breaking free of all inhibitions,
Filled with none other than happiness.
Looking upon the world with these thoughtless human divisions,
These invisible walls seem most meaningless.

If only someone could erase divisions.
And see beyond barriers,
Only more we would admire the world's creation,
And of the oath of equality we would be carriers.

- Aishani Bose - 8A

HOLD TIGHT!

This is just a bad dream, that has a virus,
To be safe, don't touch, mouth, nose and iris.
Just wash your hands and close your eyes,
Think If I don't do this, everyone cries.

Social Distancing is the need of the hour,
Stay away from people and from your car.
Eat fruits to improve your immunity,
Healthy mind and soul work best for community.

Don't visit the doctors, unless you're very ill;
Or without remedies that family members spill.
Doctors are working tirelessly and the police too,
Don't make the situation harder for them,
And saying "Thank You" is all you should do.

All this is like a roller coaster ride,
Where you hold tight.
You give a scream or two,
And you're all set for the flight.

We will fight it together
like people fighting for their nation,
No matter how much price we pay;
We'll survive to exist, and that is all I'll say.

- Sanika Agrawal 7B

THE BEST DAY IN 5TH GRADE

Special occasions occur in the world every year. In my country, India, one of the special occasions is Children's day, which means Jawaharlal Nehru's Birthday. We kids celebrate it as Children's day as our first prime minister loved little girls and boys. Because of his love for children, we get this great day on 14th November. It brings me great joy to celebrate for the whole day in school. We get to wear color dress and party all day. The teachers put on a show for us as well. Did I mention that all of this happens every year? It is fun, though let me tell you more. We youngsters came dressed up in beautiful color dresses and oh! I forgot to tell you the best part; no studies! On the bright side, we got to party all day but, on the dark side, I got a backpack full of books for nothing. Anyways, we had a lot of fun in class and as I said earlier, the teachers had put on a marvelous show, and so did the senior graders. I remember a performance of the senior kids when they acted as a radio person, which is: Bauwa on Radio Mirchi, 93.5 FM, Bajate Raho. We kids laughed so hard, our stomach pained. That's how funny it was!

In each school, on this special day, the teachers give us boxes filled with food. In 5th grade, the school staff gave us Frooti, chips, cake and a chocolate. Sounds yummy, doesn't it? Well, it was! My class and I played songs from madam's computer, we all also played cricket in class, using our diary as a bat and a paper ball as a ball. We didn't know how to play but it didn't matter either. So, all I have covered from last year's Children's Day is that we wore color dress (basically every year), there were performances and we got yummy food. And, as the title says, this was the best day in 5th grade.

- Abha Hardikar 6C

CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19)

Coronavirus is a disease that is spread by some bat species in China, Wuhan. The people in China used to have these bats which was a factor of Coronavirus. Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID-19. This new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, dry cough, and tiredness. Other symptoms that are less common and may affect some patients include aches and pains, nasal congestion, headache, conjunctivitis, sore throat, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell or a rash on skin or discoloration of fingers or toes. These symptoms are usually mild and begin gradually. Some people become infected but only have very mild symptoms. People can catch COVID-19 from others who have the virus. The disease spreads primarily from person to person through small droplets from the nose or mouth, which are expelled when a person with COVID-19 coughs, sneezes, or speaks. These droplets are relatively heavy, do not travel far and quickly sink to the ground. People can catch COVID-19 if they breathe in these droplets from a person infected with the virus. This is why it is important to stay at least 1 meter away from others. These droplets can land on objects and surfaces around the person such as tables, doorknobs and handrails. People can become infected by touching these objects or surfaces, then touching their eyes, nose or mouth.

This is why it is important to wash your hands regularly with soap and water or clean with alcohol-based hand rub. If you have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, you may be infected. Close contact means that you live with or have been in settings of less than 1 metre from those who have the disease. In these cases, it is best to stay at home. However, if you live in an area with malaria or dengue fever it is important that you do not ignore symptoms of fever. Seek medical help. You should always wear a mask when you go outside. The time between exposure to COVID-19 and the moment when symptoms start is commonly around five to six days but can range from 1 – 14 days. The most important thing to know about coronavirus on surfaces is that they can easily be cleaned with common household disinfectants that will kill the virus. Studies have shown that the COVID-19 virus can survive for up to 72 hours on plastic and stainless steel, less than 4 hours on copper and less than 24 hours on cardboard.

As the cases of coronavirus were increasing day by day the government needed to start a lockdown. India was the first country to start a lockdown with 5000 cases. Due to the lockdown there were financial problems going on in India. There were some people who did not have any food and had started migrating. These people were called migrants. Even after weeks of lockdown there were many cases coming up everyday. Today India is the fourth worst country hit by Coronavirus after Russia with four lakh cases.

The end

- Ankrish 7E

A LETTER FROM EARTH TO CORONAVIRUS

Each part of me,
All the Seven Continents,
All my water,
All my air,
Earth
The Universe

16th June, 2020

The Head of the Coronavirus,
The Covid-19 Headquarters
USA, New York- 10038

Subject: Corona GO BACK!

Dearest Corona,

It has been a horrible time in the past few months. You are a witness to all this commotion that you have caused. This pandemic has affected everyone badly.

I am so proud of all the people. They adapted to every change you demanded quickly. If they cannot go to office and work, they work from home. The Healthcare workers are leading the fight against you and are our real heroes. Little Children have also adapted to online classes. How much more you want us to adapt? We will be up to the task!!!

CORONA I am WARNING YOU! GO AWAY! People ARE GOING CRAZY! They have had enough! But I am happy you are helping me win the war against global warming and climate change. Thanks a ton, for your help. You have some positive effects too. People are realising their mistakes and I hope they retain the good habits. It is my humble request, please leave! I will be eagerly waiting for your reply.

Yours Sincerely,

Earth

A DAY IN LOCKDOWN

All of a sudden we are in a very hard situation now, as COVID-19 has invaded our mother land, Earth. We all might feel sad or have a tremendous urge to jump back into the normal life. But the more you think of what it would have been if this lockdown wouldn't have existed, the more you get depressed. So try to be positive, **but** do not try to distract your mind from the reality we all are facing. Accept, understand and face the reality. Enjoy each and every second, moment of your life even at the most dire situations. Think and appreciate the advantages we have gained than rather be disappointed in the disadvantages. As Buddha once said "Be happy in the moment, each moment is all we need." One must never fear but face and accept the truth of reality. Life is small when enjoyed, yet when boredom is life, it is long. Even if you feel to jump and play outside, *now* keep yourselves safe by staying inside. Be safe, Be happy.

- Pranesh 7B



AN AMAZING CREATION WITH AMAZON CARTONS

This two-storey doll-house has been made with Amazon cartons. Saanvi used left over Asian paints to colour the house. The stairs are built using wood scraps; washbasin using a cap and pen, you can see a microwave, centre table (juice bottle) with 2 stools (plastic cans), almirah, beds, the house is fully equipped with all the basic amenities. All has been done using things available at home.

- Saanvi Chakravarty 6C



MY DJ ERA (THE A.K.A. ERA)

MY STORY

- WHEN I WAS 8 YEARS OLD I CAME ACROSS ALAN WALKER A DJ,
- I LOVED HIS SONGS AND BECAME A FAN OF HIM.
- I WAS INSPIRED BY HIM TO BECOME A DJ
- THEN I WENT TO A CONCERT DEPERATE TO MEET HIM
- BUT I DID NOT AND I SAW FAMOUS PEOPLE MEETING HIM
- SO THEN I THOUGHT THAT THE ONLY WAY TO MEET HIM IS TO BE FAMOUS
- SO I STARTED AFRESH CREATED A YOUTUBE CHANNEL AND STARTING THE A.K.A ERA
- I BOUGHT DJ EQUIPMENT AND STARTED DJING

THE PRESENT

- NOW MY YOUTUBE CHANNEL IS GROWING 50-100 VIEWS A DAY
- AND I AM UPLOADING PREMIERES AND REMIXES ETC.
- COMMENTS ARE ALSO POURING IN AND ALL ARE GOOD
- TILL NOW I HAVE 1,150 VIEWS AND I AM HAPPY ABOUT THAT
- I HAVE BEEN ALWAYS SEEING ALAN WALKER'S PREMIERES
- AND THE LATEST HE HAS UPLOADED IS TIME
- I WANT TO MAKE HIT SONGS LIKE HIM LIKE
- MY PREMIERES ANYTIME, HARD TIMES, AND CONNECTED.

MY FUTURE PLANS

- I AM VERY AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AS I HAVE I ALREADY MADE TWO PREMIERES FOR NEXT WEEK ETC.
- I GET MY OWN TUNES VERY OFTEN ALMOST EVERYDAY
- AND THEN I MAKE A SONG IN FL STUDIO AND SHOOT THE VIDEO FOR THE SONG LIKE ALAN WALKER.
- MY PLAN IS TO HAVE EFFECT ON PEOPLE AS THEY SHOULD BE EMOTIONALLY CONNECTED AND RIGHT NOW IN CORONAVIRUS , IT IS THE BEST TIME TO DO THIS AS IT IS VERY SAD AND PEOPLE HAVE TO STAY TOGETHER THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS I MADE HARD TIMES AND CONNECTED
- I HAVE WRITTEN A LOT OF LYRICS FOR SONGS FOR THE FUTURE LIKE REASONS , TIME IS FROZEN , WALKER FOREVER ETC.

MY VIDOES

- THESE ARE SOME OF MY VIDEO LINKS:
- ROUTINE A.K.A REMIX <https://youtu.be/p9HT6HLGrz4>
- GLITCH A.K.A REMIX https://youtu.be/qZrmmVoL_RY
- HARD TIMES WORLD OF A.K.A <https://youtu.be/bBtQ3WpCAVA>
- TELL ME A.K.A REMIX <https://youtu.be/jPRDOvV2jB0>
- HEROES A.K.A REMIX <https://youtu.be/hsfOsdasj0s>

THE END

- THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR LISTENING
- PLEASE GO TO MY CHANNEL AND LIKE , COMMENT AND SUBSCRIBE!!
- I HOPE THE AKA ERA WILL GROW AND I WILL HAVE AN OPPURTUNITY TO MEET ALAN WALKER.

THANK YOU

By Akash Chowdhary - 6B

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOUR QUOTIENTS IN LEADERSHIP

Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal. —Vince Lombardi

So, you might have gone through this stage where your parents put more emphasis on your study so you can ace the test, but do you know why? The reason behind this is increasing your IQ level, but do you think it is right? Is this the only factor which will make us successful? First let me give you a short explanation on IQ.

IQ: Intelligence Quotient

IQ measures your capacity to learn, think abstractly, gain knowledge and apply it to solve problems. Through discipline, you can increase your brain's ability to absorb and process information. Now you might think that having a good IQ seems very important and it is, but there are many other factors that affect your success. As important as IQ seems, it is one of the least essential of all the quotients when it comes to predicting your success as a leader. As we Deenites know that at Deens we are taught a lot of values which affects our EQ, let us go into further detail.

EQ: Emotional Quotient

EQ measures your ability to work with people and to know what drives people as well as what deflates them. It involves skills such as to understand and predict emotional reactions. Building your EQ makes you better at handling people and attracting them to your team. This quotient can be built by constant learning about people and reading books to gain good understanding of different types of personalities. Our parents advise us to be strong enough to handle a situation and overcome our fears which highly affects our adversity. Now let me give you an insight on AQ.

AQ: Adversity Quotient

Your AQ is a measurement of how much pain you can handle. When life gets tough, can you keep going?

You can raise your capacity for handling adversity to the point where problems that formerly made you quit no longer even cause you to break a sweat. Really, your ability to handle adversity is just based on habit. If you can handle one or two failures but you draw the line at three, you need to retrain your brain to handle however many it takes to get to your goal. Now let us come to the last topic. You all might have heard and seen people talk about the value, the meaning and purpose of life. Now let us see why it is so important and how it affects your spirit.

SQ: Spiritual Quotient

When it comes to increasing your SQ, be willing to go on a journey. It can give you a depth of strength as a leader that goes beyond what any other quotient can offer. According to Stephen Covey, author of The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, "Spiritual intelligence is the central and most fundamental of all the intelligence, because it becomes the source of guidance for the others."

To parents:

Expose your children to other areas of life too along with academics. Develop their EQ, SQ and AQ along with IQ. They should become multifaceted human beings able to do things independent of the parents. Thus, I conclude by saying don't prepare the road for your children, prepare your children for the road.

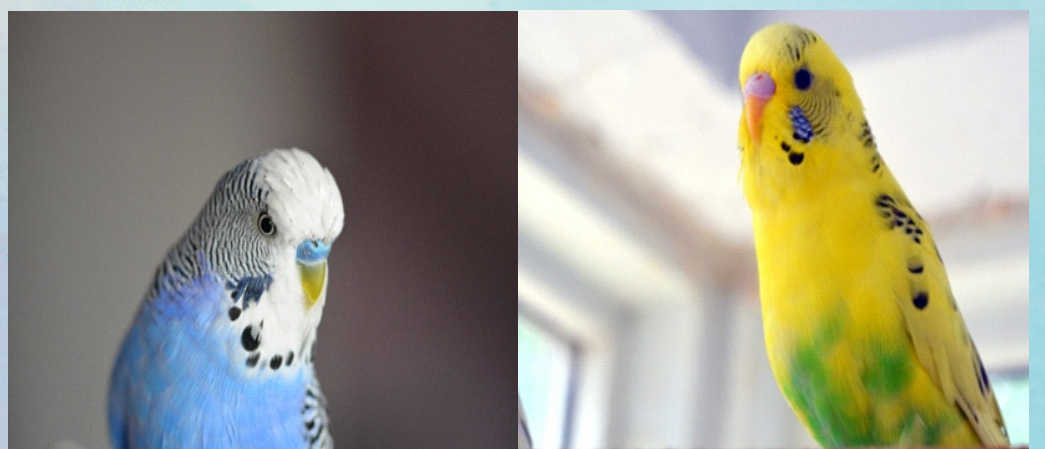
- Riddhi Wadhvani 7B

MY PET BIRDS

I have 2 pet birds. One is female and the other is male. The female bird's name is *Felliya*. The male bird's name is *Sunny*. Both are cute. But they are afraid of me.

Sunny is like one of the circus birds – he hangs upside down on the ceiling of the cage. He always chirps – it feels like he is giving a lecture to you or Felliya. Now comes Felliya. Felliya is one naughty bird. She spills food out. She tries to get out of the cage.

And you won't believe this – she already got out of the cage twice! My dad got her by placing a piece of cloth on top of her and distracting her. Then he holds the loose part and tossed Felliya back into the cage. Their favourite foods are sunflower seeds and corn. They fight a lot...even more than you think! Once Sunny sat on top of Felliya! They love to see outside. They are the cutest and the best pets I have ever had!



The blue bird is Felliya and the yellow bird is Sunny. Aren't they cute?

- Niharika Kumar 7B

BLACK LIVES MATTER. I CAN'T BREATHE

On May 25th, a black man, George Floyd, was killed in Minneapolis. Derek Chauvin, a white police officer, knelt on his neck for a whole *8 minutes and 46 seconds*. Floyd was arrested on suspicion of paying a counterfeit 20-dollar bill. 4 officers arrived on the scene, the first, Chauvin, kneeling on his neck, the second and third restraining him and the fourth preventing bystanders from intervening. In camera footage, Floyd can be heard saying "Please, *I can't breathe*." In the last 3 minutes, he was motionless and had no pulse. His autopsy was ruled homicide, and Chauvin was charged with second- and third-degree murder, and the other officers charged with aiding him.

However, is this enough? Is arresting them enough? It isn't the first case of police brutality against black people. Where does this discrimination come from? It is the ideas, the beliefs, that white people are the superior race. The jokes and discrimination against black people. It all starts there. What do we do? Should we protest violently, setting fire to buildings and vandalizing things? No. Change this racist mindset. Recognize black people's feelings. Speak out if you see racial discrimination around you or hear racist jibes. Black Lives Matter.

- Aditi Agarwal 7A

Nature and Humans... They Don't Have Much of a Difference...

Our creator made nature and humans for a balance on Earth. He wanted none overpowering none. But we took that for granted. Humans clearly started ruling over the nature. We did not understand that although plants and animals cannot speak, they still have life, they have emotions though they cannot express them. We killed them for our own needs, not even having a second thought. But our creator controlled his disliking for this for years. But now, he knew that it was time. He knew that it was our turn to be treated like how nature was being treated. Now, as lesser people are travelling, using automobiles, and polluting the nature, the plants and animals have got to experience the way of the world of how it was decades ago. This virus has to teach us how cruel we have been to the nature. But do not worry, this too shall pass. We can be forgiven.

- Julia Berchmans 6D

HOLD TIGHT!

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To be safe, don't touch, mouth, nose and iris.
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- Sanika Agrawal 7B



THE GRIFFIN (A NONSENSE VERSE POEM)

Beneath the ground far below,
Is a place where the griffin grows,
I do believe it but others say,
" It 's fish fiddle dee!"

I've once gone there,
Way below the ground,
To look at the mythantic creature,
But to go in / had to gulp the wolfsbane!

The eyes of flame, the jaws that bite,
The claws that clutch, the wings that pierce,
The throat that breathes scorching fire.

With the furious face, he stays in the drumdum cave,
Eating a huge alicanto.

He roars and stalks towards the mimsy me,
Making thunderous noise every step.

Blam blook breel bam dibble doo!
Scaring me off up the hole.

I go up bimbleing and bombleing with fright,
as the griffin flames the hole.

I block the hole with a boulder,
Put a sign saying" beware the creature"
Which was unnoticeably rampaged and propelled,
Out of the zone.

Beneath the ground far below,
Is a place where the griffin grows,
I do believe it but others say,
" It is nonsense !"

- Yogesh Krishna 8A

THE TROUBLESOME BOYS (A SILLY POEM)

There were once 2 boys,
Who played with toys,
And always made a lot of noise.

Whenever one cries,
The other gets shy,
When mom shouts" bye-bye",

The boys tell "Mujhe do woh chai",
When the dad gives hi-fi,
The boys say "why there's no wi-fi ?",

The parents head gets very fried,
While the kids watch super-spy,
Who always tells lies,

While their parents play a game and roll the dice,
Acting very strange and nice,
Having their hair filled with lice,

When their pet cat soon catches mice,
In which the mice were very big in size.
What naughty troublesome boys!

- Yogesh Krishna 8A

