



## MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR PRINCIPAL

Children of the Middle School welcome the winter season with all its glory and modesty with their creative writings. November is the harbinger of the winter chills and children have dwelt deep within to express themselves in their poems, articles and art. Do appreciate them.

### WINTER

When the snowy owls arrive,  
And the woodpeckers unite  
It's the time everyone's waiting for-"The Winter"  
And when the snow falls,  
The children rush out their houses  
With their furry jackets to  
Play in this wonderful season  
Some build snowmen,  
Some sledge down the snow,  
some fight with snowballs,  
while some just admire the snow  
And when the snow geese fly away to the arctic,  
It's time to bid farewell to this wonderful season.



- Arjun 7e

### THE ADVENT OF WINTER

When the snow covers the ground  
And not a single blade of grass can be found  
It is safe to say  
That winter has made its way

When the trees are laid bare  
Without a single leaf to spare  
It is safe to say  
That winter has made its way

When the ants store their grain gold  
And the grasshopper is freezing with cold  
It is safe to say  
That winter has made its way

When the cold wind is blowing  
And the water is frozen, not flowing  
It is safe to say  
That winter has made its way

When all's frozen and silent  
Only the wind is cold and violent  
It is safe to say  
That winter has its way

And, when the first leaf sprouts  
And the first squirrel goes out  
It is safe to say  
There's going to be a new day

-Shrey Gupta (8B)



### WINTER

Winter is turning,  
With a blanket of snow.  
While clouds are unfurling,  
White sleet to down below.

A snow owl sits,  
On a frosted pine tree,  
While a squirrel huddles up,  
With its squirrel family.

Warmth of the fire,  
Crackling merrily,  
No birds, though,  
Chirping and singing in a tree.

Snow softly falling,  
On branches as heaps,  
Icicles chilling,  
Not likely that into the rocks they will seep.

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With a blanket of snow,  
While clouds are unfurling,  
White sleet to down below.

- Mridvika Kollareddy 7D





## BEAUTY OF CRICKET

In India, cricket is seen far beyond than just a sport, it teaches us a sense of patriotism most importantly it binds us together as a nation. Cricket contributes to India's culture, and is of the most popular and fascinating sport in India and worldwide.

It has taught us how patience and hard work can win a world cup and how keeping your cool amidst chaos can be rewarding. Most importantly, it has taught us how being skillful and talented alone isn't enough to reach the top but, what matters more is hardwork and determination.

Cricket, one of the oldest sports ever born is about 111 years old. It is believed to have originated from England. The main countries known for cricket include India, Australia and England. I really like cricket because of its highly logical nature and it is a very dynamic, exciting, challenging and a very FUN sport. I enjoy playing cricket in my apartment with my friends and watching live matches. Few popular Indian cricketers known for their love for the sport and how they pursued it are, Sachin Tendulkar, MS Dhoni, Virat Kohli and many more.

The aim of cricket is simple - score more than the opposition. Cricket is a bat and ball game played between two teams of eleven players on a field at the centre of which is a 20-metre pitch with a wicket at each end, each comprising two bails balanced on three stumps.

The batting side scores runs by striking the ball bowled at the wicket with the bat (and running between the wickets), while the bowling and fielding side tries to prevent this (by preventing the ball from leaving the field, and getting the ball to either wicket) and dismiss each batter. Means of dismissal include being bowled.

When the ball hits the stumps and dislodges the bails, and by the fielding side either catching the ball after it is hit by the bat, but before it hits the ground, or hitting a wicket with the ball before a batter can cross the crease in front of the wicket. When ten batters have been dismissed, the innings ends and the teams swap roles. The game is adjudicated by two umpires, aided by a third umpire in international matches.

Cricket is the most popular sport in India by far, and is played almost in every nook and corner of the country. The Indian national cricket team won the 1983 Cricket World Cup, the 2007 ICC World Twenty20, the 2011 Cricket World Cup, the 2013 ICC Champions Trophy, and shared the 2002 ICC Champions Trophy with Sri Lanka.

— Diana John 8B



## MOBILE PHONE

The most important thing we've learned,  
So far as children are concerned,  
Is never, NEVER, NEVER let  
They touch your Mobile,  
Or just don't buy  
The useless thing ever,  
It's present with almost every person  
We've seen them being dependent on it,  
And once they get it,  
THEY CAN'T THINK... BUT ONLY SEE,  
If we take the mobile away....  
Will reply by roaring in some way,  
But before this titan was invented,  
They used to Study and Study and Study  
When you lock up it,  
At first, they'll cry and cry and cry  
But later they'll slowly start being delighters  
And you'll be loved more for what did!

- Atreya Madaka 8C

## VIDEO GAMES – A DISASTER TO THE MIND

The most important thing we have learnt,  
so far as children are concerned  
Is never NEVER NEVER let  
them near a gaming set.  
Kids play Among Us, Fortnite, Xbox  
for their head to become an Idiot box

In almost every house we have been,  
children play video games, that's what we have seen.  
They eat, sleep, game and repeat,  
forever it lasts, until they can't see their feet.

But if u take the set away,  
what else will we have to play?

A few years ago, there were no video games,  
we played kabaddi hide and seek Kho Kho and these are just a few names  
So please PLEASE PLEASE we pray,  
throw your gaming set away,  
instead go out and play.

-Asmi and Saanvi 8C

## PANDEMIC

So far among the many things we've learned  
The most important is- Don't be concerned  
We're all taking precautions since this began  
BUT WEAR A MASK; THAT'S ALL WE CAN

In every house and place you go  
Take along a bottle of sanitizer but not just for show  
Do you want to risk your life  
Just for the pleasure of some good times?

Or would you rather prefer to  
Stay at home and be safe too?  
The answer for this is one and only  
BE SAFE AND TAKE IT AS A TROPHY

COVID-19 CAN ONLY FLEE AND RUN  
IF WE ALL WILL ACT AS ONE  
WE'LL STAY UNITED, WE'LL MAKE A FRONT  
AND FINALLY WHEN THIS IS OVER,

— Hazel Kakar 8A



# PERSUASIVE POEM BY GRADE 8

## DON'T PULL THE TRIGGER

If you don't pull the trigger  
Your heart will become bigger  
We hear the chicken's screams and cries  
But have non-vegetarians ever refused to eat chicken fries?

All the slaughter houses are ruthless and cold  
We consider ourselves bold  
But traps who animal and shouts "SOLD!"?  
We use CNG and coal  
To burn and torture their SOUL!

We are so keen  
To cut open their spleen  
But have you ever imagined why we are so mean?  
Just to get some protein?!?

If you eat lentils  
You make clean your utensils  
So please oh please I beg, I pray  
PLEASE STOP YOUR MEAT-EATING HABIT TODAY!

All of the animals are suffering  
But all we care about is why our internet is buffering  
IT NOT TOO LATE  
TO REPLACE ANIMALS IN YOUR PLATE!

– Akkshar Ranjan 8A

## WHY AREN'T WE TREATED THE SAME?

Why do people discriminate?  
While we are all the same.  
All they care about is ethnicity,  
But why don't you just focus on simplicity.

They have their own rights,  
Let's stand up and fight.  
They breathe the same air,  
They live under the same roof.

Why does color even matter,  
All of you just natter,  
About whether she's dark or light,  
But don't you see she's a delight!

LET'S ALL THINK FOR ONCE  
THEY ALL ARE JUST THE SAME.  
LET'S NOT DISCRIMINATE,

– Ruchira Chakraborty 8B

## THE RIGHT CHOICE

\_Good morning, time to go out on a walk,  
Oh dear, you forgot to wear those new socks!  
What will you do, in such frightful rage?  
Throw stones at an animal, the poor little thing?

This is our world,  
With hearts so cold,  
Torturing animals, mocking their rights,  
This proves what people do with their might.

Punished for something that you never did,  
How would you feel if of your life you are rid?  
Thrown off the roof, burnt and bruised,  
Only the Devil knows how of your deeds you are amused.

The kindest souls, they try so hard,  
To reverse your deeds, your cruel cards  
STOP HITTING GOD'S BELOVED CHILDREN, and you will be blessed,  
With kindness and love, assured you can rest.

The reason we are here,  
Is not to cut off their ears,  
IT IS TO GIVE THEM A VOICE;

– Aishani Bose 8A

## GLOBAL WARMING

Global Warming isn't a hard thing to explain  
It's caused by greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane  
But what is the largest source for these greenhouse emissions?  
It is our activities, like burning fossil fuels for heat and transportations.

Global Warming does not help us monsters to survive.  
It depletes the ozone layer, letting in harmful UV rays.  
But you may say, 'Global Warming can't end our lives.'  
It sure can! If we don't change our ways.

THE ICE-CAPS ARE MELTING!  
CAUSING POLAR BEARS TO DIE!  
SO STOP GLOBAL WARMING,

- Nihitha Srinivasan 8B

## GLOBAL WARMING

Oh! Car racers you're causing global warming  
Don't complain later, I already gave you a warning

All these factories, they're destroying nature  
The beautiful fauna, the innocent creatures

Global warming makes glaciers melt  
Climate changes can be felt

Reduce carbon emissions that make you wheeze  
Let's make a green world and enjoy the fresh breeze

- Asad Ali 8B

## WE'RE ALL THE SAME

We siblings have divided ourselves,  
Into this and that and that and this.  
But can't you see what you have missed,  
Take a look around yourself and see,  
All can you see is misery.

We all have one parent, GOD  
Which again we fools have sundered up;  
We all come in varied shades,  
Which has become a double- edged blade.  
Why do men get all the attention while even women do exist?

– Reva Tengshe 8A

## THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD

Oh God, what have we done,  
To this beautiful world!  
We have cut the trees  
And become a beast,  
We have harmed this beautiful world.

Even though we were born here  
And here we live and die.  
We do not see what is coming  
In this wonderful life.

The planet which has life  
May become lifeless.  
The birds and bees in their hives  
May be going extinct.

We have increased its temperature  
And have made it sore.  
Oh god what have we done  
To this beautiful world.

NOW WHAT I AM SAYING DO NOT FORGET!  
PLEASE SAVE THIS WORLD!

– Saatwik Kush Nainwal 8B



## I WANT A PET

I want a pet I say to a friend  
What pet do you want? she asks.  
There is a variety of big to small, fat to thin  
why even ones that weigh a ton !

I want a dog I say to my mum  
They are cute and cuddly and so so fun  
I can take them on walks, and he can guard our house  
But she says, they make a mess and chew on everything.  
From shoes to clothes, curtains to rugs and even from homework to books.

OH! OK

I want a cat I say to my dad  
They are so cute with their big green eyes  
They are so cuddly and small.  
But he says they are a bit messy  
They rip the curtains and bring dead mice to the house.

EW! OK

I want a parrot or any bird I say to my sister  
I can keep them in a cage and they won't make a mess  
I can teach the parrot to talk and feed it  
But she says they will make so much noise  
And drive everyone in the house crazy.

UM! OK

I want a fish I say to my brother  
They are colorful and completely noise and mess free.  
And I can feed the fish  
But he says the fish tank will need cleaning  
The tank will be expensive with the water purifiers and what nots

FINE OK !

Oh what do I do grandma I say  
I really want a pet but each comes with a problem.  
The dogs chew on shoes  
Cats bring dead mice  
The parrots drive everyone crazy  
The fish is very expensive

Oh what do I do?  
I need a perfect pet which is  
Mess free  
Noise free and  
Cheap.

GRANDMA SAYS ----  
CRUELTY AND NEGLIGENCE IS NOT BE ENCOURAGED  
BINDING AND CAGING THEM END IN MANY BEING ENRAGED

- Rithaniyaa 8B

## LET'S STUDY AT HOME.....

The most important thing we have learned  
From attending classes sitting at home  
Is online school is always ALWAYS ALWAYS  
Better than scurrying in the school hallways.

Waking up every day later than usual  
Glad to know we can wear something casual.  
Knowing that every day is a half day  
It all feels like a Saturday.

Portions are less  
And so is stress  
Very little tests  
So, we have time to do our best.

-By Adithi.Natrajan and Hannah. Sam



## ONLY WHEN CHILDREN ARE FREE

The most important thing we have learnt,  
So far as children are concerned,  
Is always, ALWAYS, ALWAYS, let them free,  
The open nature let them see.

Let them swing up and in the colorful skies,  
The skies with butterflies,  
Let them look down on the garden green,  
And see tiny insects, brown,  
They go up in the air flying again,  
Up in the air and back down.

The children would enjoy it,  
And remember its every bit,  
Only if they are left free,  
The wide world could they see.

- Saloni and Angel 8C

## SCHOOL A DREAM!

During this outbreak schools are gone.  
Lovely teachers walking with a scorn.  
School athletic training early at dawn,  
Exercise and jogging 'round the lawn.  
Has become a dream for athletes like me.  
But, I'm sure in the school ground soon we shall be.

Laughing, giggling at that time,  
Running ten rounds on the ground as a fine.  
Was all actually really very fun,  
Eating canteen chips and a bun!

Making silly songs were nice,  
Taking friends' *sambar* and *rice*.  
Now all of that has washed away.  
Just sitting at home every day.

-Saloni Gupta (8-C)

## CREATIVITY CARVES A PATH

The most important thing we've learned,  
So far as children are concerned,  
Is never, NEVER, NEVER stop  
exploring worlds within our minds.  
Otherwise, we're all nothing but locked away conscious kinds.

Books, lectures and assignments,  
are only comfortable in our future's confinements.  
At least that is what the grownups say.  
Our interests were never allowed to be carved in our own way.

Let our eyes seek those distinctive abilities,  
not cloud the sky with our studious responsibilities.  
Let us step into a world beyond Science and Math,  
It would- with no doubt- contribute in humanity's path.

- Chaitanya and Karthik 8C

## THE EMPTY MIND IS THE DEVILS WORKSHOP

The human being, such a wondrous thing  
Even greater the human mind,  
The days of storytelling and writing;  
We have left behind.

Children full of creativity,  
Being ruined by technology.  
Masterful in the arts they were,  
Now only technology they adore,  
Poems, novel, stories they wrote  
Now only time to internet they devote

TO PARENTS WE REMIND,  
AN EMPTY MIND IS THE DEVIL'S CHILD

- Aditya Rao and Nikilesh Gudalur 8C



## MUHAMMAD ALI

Muhammad Ali (born Cassius Marcellus Clay, Jr.) was an American professional heavyweight boxer. His dad was a musician and sign painter, and his mom was a maid. Ali worked hard to reduce racial discrimination towards Blacks. Numerous stories (including his autobiography) state that he ripped off his Olympic Gold Medal from his neck and tossed it into the Ohio River, feeling repulsive after he was declined service in a restaurant and then provoked by a White motorcycle gang, both due his colour.

Muhammad Ali is definitely one of the most inspiring sportspersons the world has seen. He is also known as “The Greatest”. He only lost 5 matches out of the 61 matches he has played. Out of his 56 wins, 37 were knockout victories.

Muhammad Ali was also a great philanthropist who dedicated over 50 million dollars for charity. After retiring, he spent his time aiding non-profit organizations. He donated for many causes such as cancer, human rights and disaster relief, and supported many NGOs and foundations such as BeatBullying, UNICEF and Ali Care Program.

Apart from this, Muhammad Ali once also persuaded a man standing on a window ledge to hold back from committing suicide. I would like to end with a quote by this boxing legend, I hated every minute of training, but I said, 'Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion'

- Saaliha Bilal, 7C

## GHOSTLY NIGHT - POEM

“Trick or treat”, we all say,  
On the Halloween day,  
With our faces bright black,  
like the scary starred night.

“We prefer only and only treat,  
But if you want, we can throw you off your feet”,  
Say the little kids dressed up as ghosts,  
Skeleton body and witch's hat.

The baskets of treasure in their green hand,  
Blood trickling down on the land,  
This just gives a man goosebumps,  
Although the little ones have a daring smile.

On the 31st, this isn't too spooky,  
Not as the haunted house like you see in the movie.  
The pumpkin carvings do give you a bit of shock,  
You may find them a little fidgety.

We often involve J. K. Rowling's creations,  
They are the bestseller in the bookstore of the nation.  
The lightning scar, and the wands,  
A normal part of the tradition.

The witch is usually my kind of thing,  
With the fake nails that I bring,  
Pimples and broomstick with long dirty teeth,  
I sometimes wear a mask through which one can barely see.

Halloween's day is second to none,  
With a scare, its Fools' day with fun!  
The spider webs can get you in a trap,  
Get ready and stay alert is all I'll say!

-Sanika Agrawal 7B

## My punch line -

“Forget the thoughts of the place you used to be,  
Let your soul take you to the world you longed to see,  
Let it fly high in the skies and soar,  
Then you'll live as you've never lived before.”

- Saloni Gupta

## CORONAVIRUS #TheWorst

I was at school on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, and at lunch-break, a teacher came into the room and said, “Please pack up your lunch, everyone, and disperse to your buses. Today will be a half-day.” The entire class groaned. I was among them, and then we all packed up our things. I raced out of the classroom, and saw a friend of mine who went home in the same bus as I did. I called out to her, since, whenever we could, we walked to the bus together.

“Why do you think we have a half-day today?” I asked, walking to the line of buses in which our bus was second. “I don't know,” she replied. “But someone in my class told me she heard that a 7<sup>th</sup> grader has COVID '19.” The Coronavirus pandemic started in December, 2019 in Wuhan, a large province of China. I stared at her. “Really?” I whispered. “Please tell me you're lying.” She answered quietly, “I'm not.”

I was silent until we reached the bus. Then I said, “I really hope that rumor is false.”, and clambered in.

I immediately spotted a very cute little 2<sup>nd</sup> grader in the front seat and walked up to him. “Dhruv,” I said, distracted. “You OK?”

“Yeah” my little brother answered, turning around with a very cute smile at me. “Hey, Rhea, have any clue why we have a half-day?”

I was about to say yes when I realized he looked a little worried. “No” I lied, avoiding eye contact with him. “No, I don't.”

“Oh. I thought you had some information for me.” He looked disappointed. I absent-mindedly patted his shoulder and ventured to my seat at the back of the bus.

The next day, I was eating up my breakfast when my dad came up to me and Dhruv. His phone was in his hand. He looked at us and said, “From tomorrow, you two have holidays. It's written in here” He held up his phone. We stared at it. Eduflex, the app in which our homework came in, was open. And in big letters: NO SCHOOL FROM 10 MARCH.

The next few days were the worst days that I'd ever had. What happened was:

- School, sports + parents' office got shut
- Dhruv and I got snappy because of having to stay at home
- There was a three week lockdown 😞

We were planning our summer vacation when the COVID '19 struck India. I soon found out that it had spread to all the countries across the world, and was very upset. I had promised my cousins in America we'd visit them, and the Coronavirus had crushed that promise into pieces.

Till date, I haven't been allowed to go out. With online school, music & dance classes and no sports whatsoever, it's been quite lonely without meeting any friends! I hope the COVID '19 goes away soon, and forever. I look forward to playing in the garden and going shopping without any fear.

LET'S NOT MAKE MOTHER EARTH CRY.

