

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

We are raised playing on the lap of Mother Nature.....*"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you"*this verse emphasises the significance of Nature in our lives. So we start our session by dedicating the June issue of Deen-a-Logue to Nature. Our creative youngsters have depicted nature in their writings, drawings, photography and in many other fantastic ways. Do peruse through this Newsletter and key in a comment in the box below.'

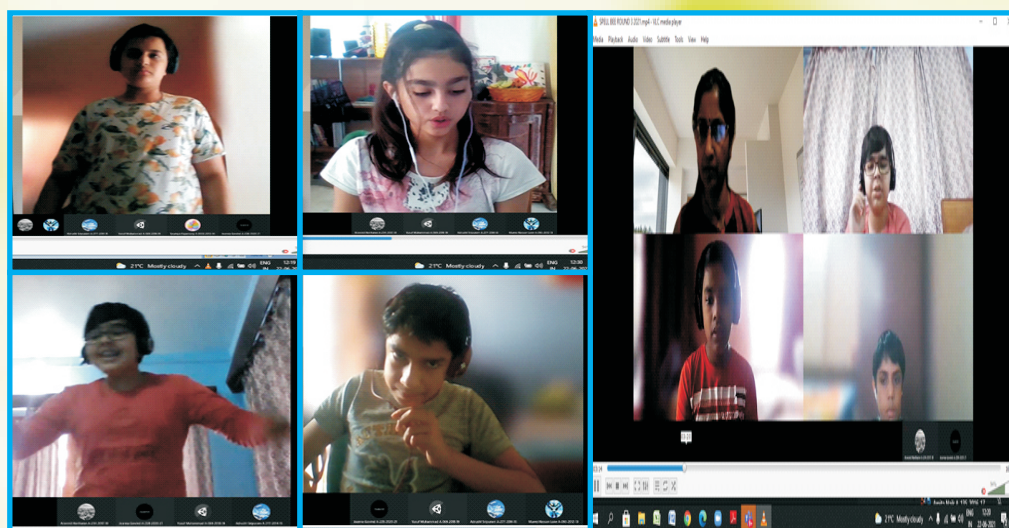
SPELL BEE - 2021-22

Deens Academy Middle School conducted a Spell Bee Competition in the second week of June which gave an exciting start to the new academic session. Children participated enthusiastically and some succeeded grabbing the top three places. Here's what Grade 7B student Sridaya has to say about Spell Bee.....

"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark." – Victor Hugo. As this quote suggests, every word is a building block in the English language. Without learning to spell words, one cannot master English. That's why Spell Bee is conducted! Spell Bee builds vocabulary and grammar, boosts memory and confidence, and creates healthy competitive spirit. It's also a great way to showcase your talent! So don't take the Spell Bee as just a competition, take it as an opportunity to shine!

Spell Bees usually have many rounds. Starting with a preliminary round, in which a select few students are chosen to participate in the next round, it moves on to the rounds which usually involve oral and "find the word for the phrase" types of questions. For some Spell Bees, there are even National and International levels! So, if you're ever selected for a Spell Bee, then prepare well, and be confident! Good luck!

- Sridaya Sampath 7B



THE RECLAIMING NATURE

Nature is something that has left people in awe for millennia alike. The feeling of lying down on the delicate grass in a quiet field with birds chirping and animals grazing makes one forget about all their worries, and all that courses through them is the extraordinary feeling of utter bliss.

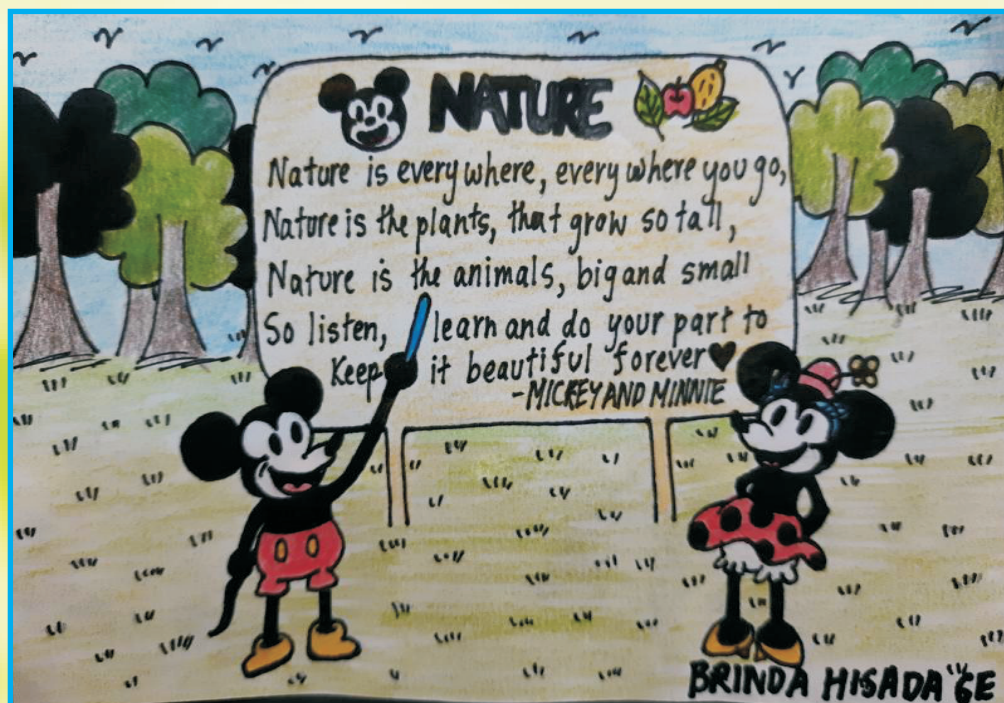
Nature has a way of calming one's soul, making them feel they are in paradise. This, however, has changed in the past few years, with villages turning into cities, the pleasantness and silence long gone. Now, all you can hear is the honking of cars, all you can see is steam escaping from factories, garbage littered on almost every street.

The Coronavirus has kept us at home for about a year or so and has kept the streets emptier and quieter than for a century. Every century seems to have had a major pandemic, and the similarities are uncanny.

In 1720, the plague spread through the continent of Europe. In 1820, Cholera spread rapidly. 1920, Spanish Flu. And in 2020, the Coronavirus outbreak has drastically altered life as we know. It is almost as if every 100 years, a pandemic arises so that Nature can rejuvenate itself. And, it is vital to note that the events occur exactly 100 years apart. It almost seems like a warning.

Humans must learn to stop mistreating animals and to stop meddling with nature, or these kind of diseases will come back deadlier than the last one. Before the pandemic, the streets used to be filled with smoke, while now, the air is cleaner. From Asia to Africa, nature is reclaiming itself during the lockdown as we remain in our homes.

- Ashwath Sundar Rajan 8D



Nature: Past and Present

In 1975, there was once a girl whose name was Lisa who was in a village in India which followed old and traditional methods. Her village had beautiful and natural waterfalls, but there was Lisa - complaining that the whole world has updated but her village hasn't. She then went for a walk and found a bracelet which had something written on it. She knew it was very familiar. She then saw a small writing on it. The writing was "Jisoo" which was her mother's name. Of course! She thought, her mother often wears it. She wore that bracelet and went home thinking "I wish I could see the future and see how things work in the future." The bracelet heard Lisa and it took her in time to the future - 2020. She appeared on the street out of nowhere to see that very few people were roaming around. She also noticed that people were wearing cloth from their nose to mouth and there were different colors of it. She founded her school in 1975. She went inside and a man wearing a black shirt and pants had "Security" on it. He seemed suspicious but he let her in. She saw the school was empty. "Did the school close?" she asked herself. But a part of her said that the school would be way dirtier if the school closed. Lisa then realized that the bracelet did this to her. A part of her was scared and wanted to go home, but a part of her was curious how things worked there. She somehow snooped into a house and stole some snacks. She started to notice that everyone in the house were on these mini TV's and spoke to them and that they had mini remotes in their pockets which they used to take pictures of food and upload it in the - in-st-a-gram. She started feeling weird. She wanted to go back to her little village and wished "I wish things were the way they were and I want to go back home". As she hoped, the bracelet took her back home and she went running to her mother. She enquired her mother about the bracelet and her mother told - "This bracelet is quite a unique one and it grants wishes every ten years and today is the day again. Now do you get why our little village is precious and that we must save it." Lisa understood it and she tried to find happiness in little things in nature and she never ever said bad things about her town.

- Lakshmi Sahiti 7B

THE MYSTERIOUS FUTURE

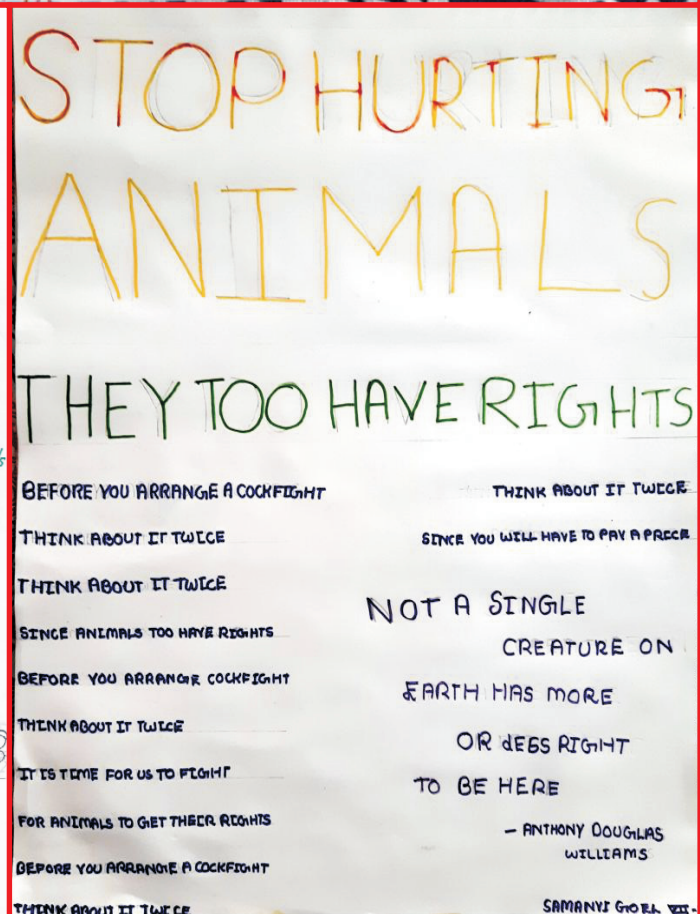
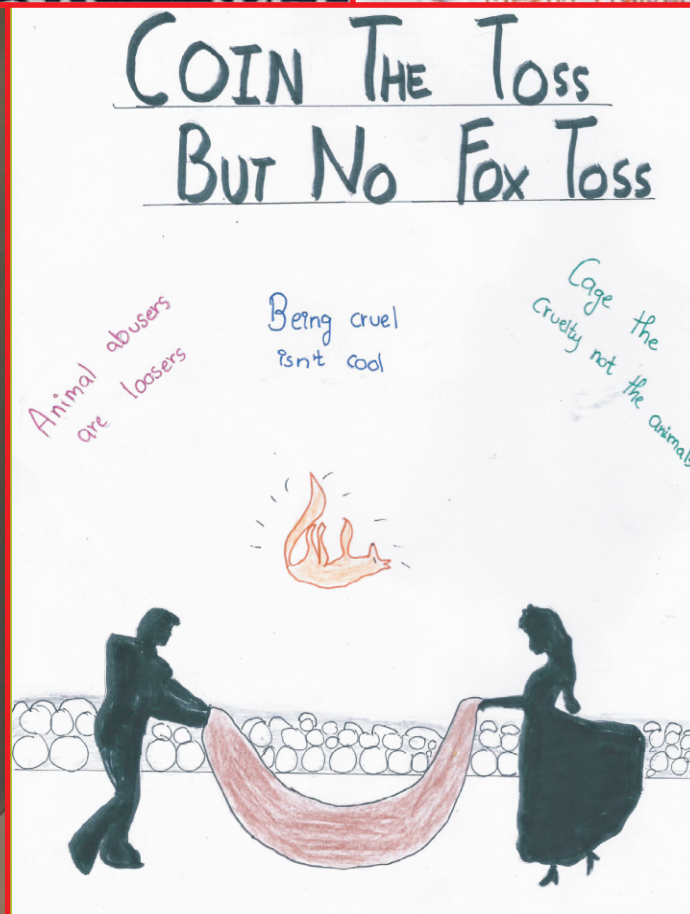
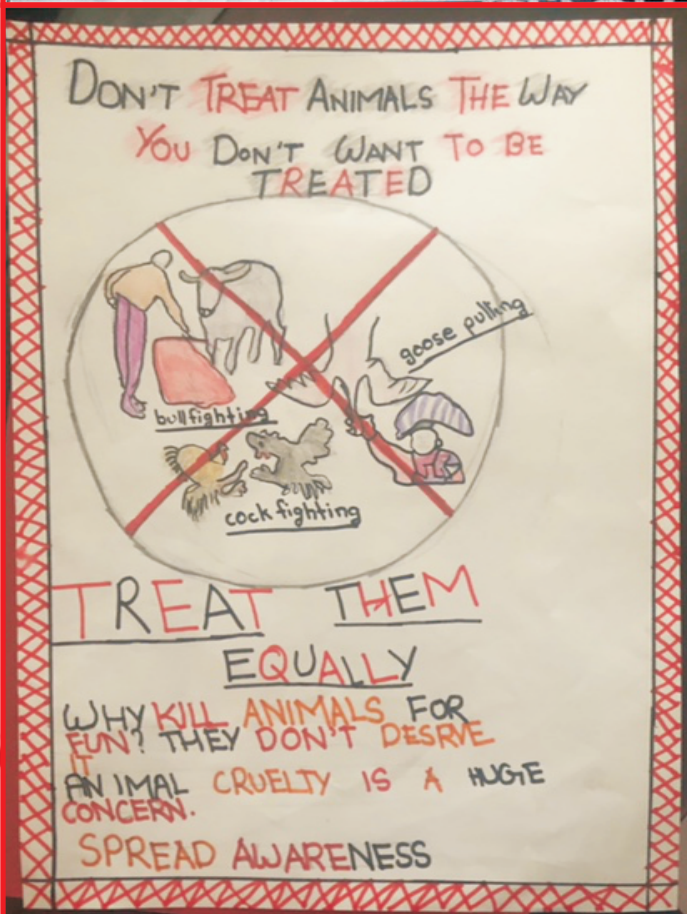
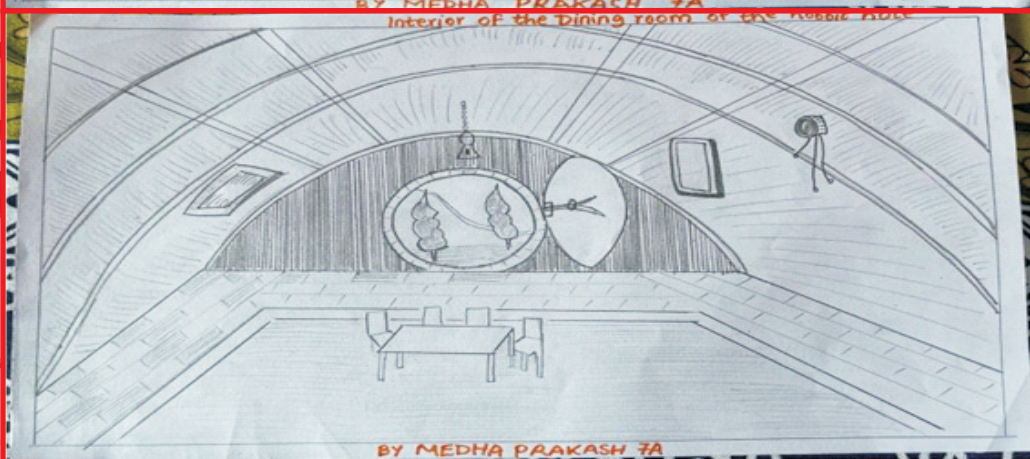
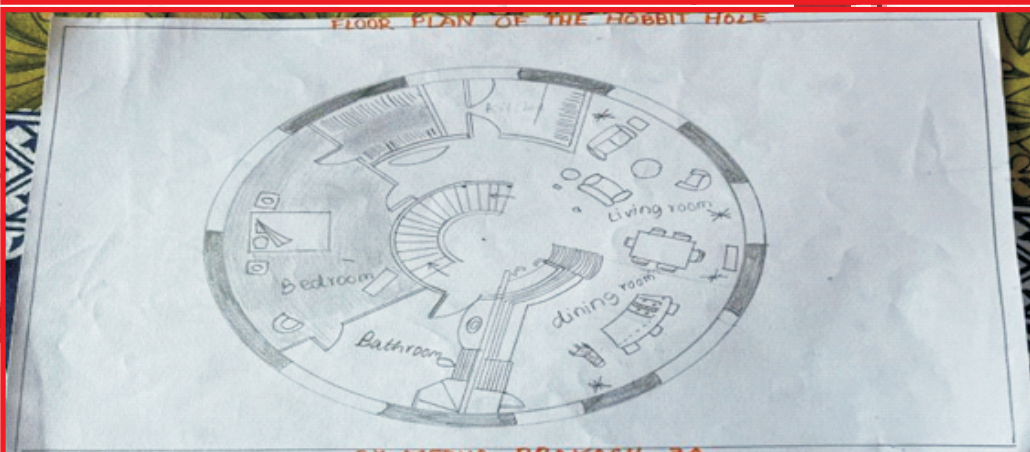
The future holds countless mysteries for us, each one more unexpected than the last. While many see technological advancement as something that would improve quality of life, it might also destroy the human race as we know it. Scientists will start working on weapons more lethal than ever imagined, resulting in a war-stricken world with no control as man's thirst for power grows day by day.

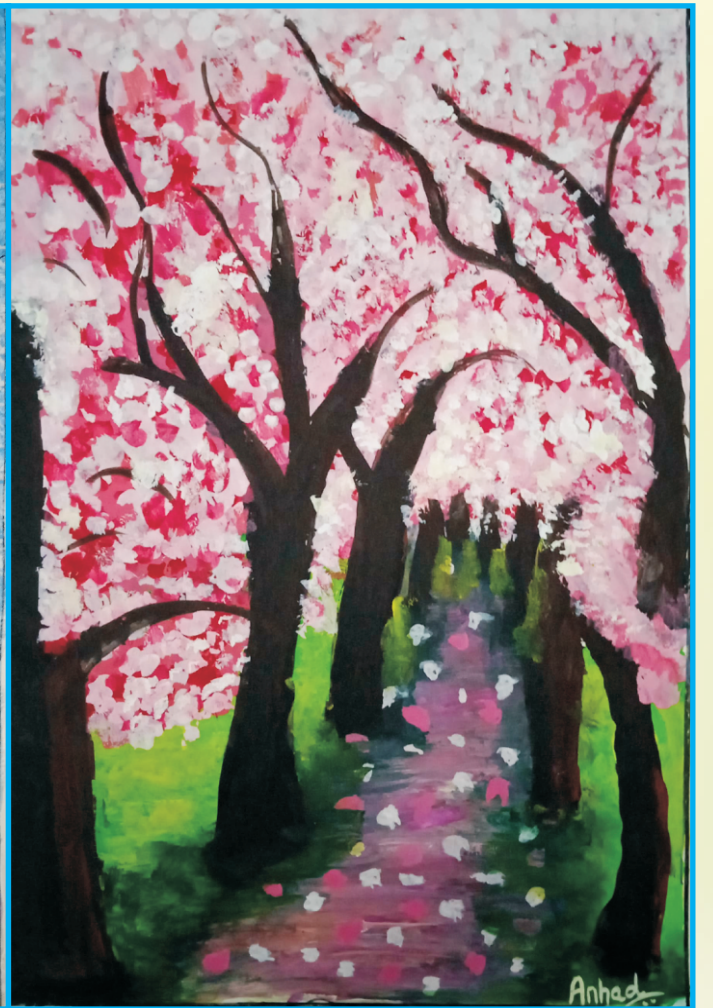
Outer space exploration is one thing that most people would never expect. Scientific breakthroughs will allow humans to travel to space, with a special suit that substitutes a body that can survive in space. The development of a device that can send radio signals to another device of the same kind will have been completed by a few decades.

- Ashwath Sundar Rajan 8D

THE INTRIGUING HOBBIT HOLE FROM THE FAMOUS FANTASY NOVEL 'THE HOBBIT' A PRELUDE TO 'LORD OF THE RINGS' BY J.R.R.TOLKEIN.

Here are some imaginative depictions of the Hobbit Hole by the Grade-7 students. They designed the floor plan- the Blue Print of the Hobbit Hole going by the description given in the book !





HOW THE SELFLESS ACTS WERE REPAID

Once upon a time, trees could talk like humans. This story is about a kind tree who made decisions selflessly, and how he was repaid for these selfless acts. In a large forest near the mountains resided a fir tree. This fir tree was very different from the other firs. He had very few branches but housed and helped many creatures. The other firs were proud and arrogant trees and did not like to help any animals.

One day, a squirrel came crying to the tree, who asked him what the matter was. The squirrel replied that the other firs in the area had all refused to give him any of the long leaves to protect his family from the cold. The generous fir tree immediately asked the woodpecker to pluck off a few long leaves from the bottom using his long beak and give it to the squirrel.

The woodpecker had just given the squirrel a few leaves, when a shivering robin redbreast flew into the tree for shelter. Her flock had left her behind when they had flown away from their tree to migrate. The fir tree requested that the squirrel make a hollow in the bark with its sharp teeth, and the sparrow to cover the robin with leaves to keep her warm.

As the squirrel and the robin redbreast thanked the tree, he glowed with happiness. A couple months later, as snow began to fall, the tree felt cold. The other trees began to jeer at him, saying, "You gave the creatures your leaves and now you will freeze to death!" Somehow the tree survived the severe winter, along with his animal friends living in his roots, bark and branches.

As spring rolled around, a bunch of woodcutters entered the forest. They began to chop down all the fir trees to make furniture, and each tree cried out in pain and fear as it was chopped down. As the woodcutters neared this tree, the squirrel, who had now moved into the tree, realized that the tree was trembling and saw the woodcutters. The squirrel immediately called out to the other creatures living on the tree's branches, and they attacked the woodcutters as soon as they tried to chop down the tree. The woodpecker began to peck at the woodcutters' skin, the squirrels started to claw at them with its sharp little nails, and the red ants who had moved into the tree's roots bit them.

The woodcutters fled, and the remaining trees around cheered the noble tree and the animals for saving their lives too. The woodcutters had gotten back to their village safely, but they ran to the village hunter and begged him to hunt the animals, since they needed to cut down a few more trees for their livelihood. In turn, they promised him a neat wooden bench for his home!

The hunter agreed, and nearing the forest, fired a bullet from his gun. The trees were angered, and fortunately at that time, the wind blew hard. The prickly leaves were sent at the hunter, who began to wince like a little child. As the wind blew even more threateningly, the little birds and animals began attacking him.

He fled the forest, and at the village, he told stories of black magic and so. The forest was left alone, and the trees and animals live happily and celebrated, for the humans would try to harm them no more!

MORAL: EVERY SELFLESS ACT IN THIS WORLD IS REPAID.

NATURE IN MY CAMERA

Photography, for me, is the capturing of a moment or a visual that's gone forever, which is impossible to reproduce. Taking pictures of the nature makes me happy and it simultaneously reminds me to conserve it. While taking pictures of the nature many people would be reminded of how unrealistic it can be. Photography can also be said as the story that people fail to put in words. Photographers compose the beauty that is seen in all things and then form photographs. It also brings the moments secured in photographs to life and teleports us to the past.

"Photography has been my way of bearing witness to the joy I find in seeing the extraordinary in ordinary."

I think this statement by Harold Feinstein satisfies the magnificence of photography.

- Shreya Debnath 8A



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A HUNDRED YEARS FROM NOW

A hundred years from now what would the world be like? I wonder if we will be able to watch live performances from the comfort of our homes. Also, the monarchs will have had fallen from their thrones, ways of ruling a country will have changed. We will be able to capture moments in their original colors; there will be new photographic technology. For exploring marine life, we will be having different types of equipments to breathe underwater.

Flying cars will soon be a thing. Our future education system will be way more high-tech. Instead of these simple railways, we will be riding upon flying engines. I think it's a good idea to make predictions as it helps you have an idea of where the world will be in a hundred years. We can't always predict every random thing. But, these predictions are a good way for us to look back at where we came from and celebrate how far we've come. But, I think the best way to predict the future is to create it!

- Diya Rajesh (8E)

WHAT DO GRADE 8 STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE FUTURE?
IMAGINING THEMSELVES AS THE ENGLISH WRITER, H.G. WELLS, THEY ATTEMPT TO PREDICT.....
NOTICE THE USE OF FUTURE TENSES!

THE NEW GENERATIONS UPCOMING

We will be using an alternate source of fossil fuel which will not cause pollution. We will create hovering and compactible automobiles. We will have invented material that will have replaced plastics, which will have influenced the world in a great way. We will have been perfecting the cure to cancer, we will have been saving millions of lives.

We will worship a single God based on a single religion which will create a united front of the world. The Cinema Industry will have created a new type of film known as Walk-In films, which will allow one to experience the films through A-R glasses which will create a feeling similar to that of being in a movie. Through the advancement of technology, we will have explored beyond the edges of our Solar System.

- Sobith SureshKumar 8B

BACK TO THE FUTURE

I have high hopes for the future. There will be many technological breakthroughs. We don't have too much technology today. But new ideas and theories are coming up day by day.....

As the 21st century comes up, humans will have found a way to be able to talk to people on the other side of the world. Transmitting images will not have been a problem. People born in this 2000s millennium will be living an easy life compared to now. An average lifespan of a human will have become much longer. But human will be facing the problem of overpopulation. It appears that human will be living a much busier and a highly competitive life.

- Amogh Upadhyay – 8B

SLICE OF FUTURE

Sitting here in the 21st century, I wonder what life would be like in the 22nd century. Since we cannot actually travel in time, it's all upon our imagination. Zooming 100 years ahead in time, I think we will have a time machine.

We will have flying cars which would make travelling very convenient. I assume we will be consuming meal pill instead of having meals. These pills will give you the flavour you want, while getting all the essential nutrients your body requires. We would also have better technology in the medical field which could make almost every disease curable. Hopefully we will also find sustainable ways to conserve essential resources. Additionally, we will also be able to deal with natural disasters effectively. Now I am back to the reality of the 21st century.

- Syna Sharma 8E

LIFE IN THE FUTURE

In the future the world will be so much more developed! People will be having wireless communication with the people who live far away from them. There will be moon and space exploration and everyone will be flying like birds travelling around the world. The population will be more than 5 billion! There will be digital colored photography and man will be able to know what is happening in the world with comfort of their home.

- Tavishi Jain -8E

I AM H.G WELLS PREDICTING THE FUTURE!

Unlike what was predicted by the Mayans, our human civilization **wouldn't have come** to an end in 2012. However, the year 2021, **will be** a peculiar but unique one. People **will have been covering** their noses and mouths for quite a while. Not distancing one's self from other human beings **will be** frowned upon. From education depending on pieces of metal connected to each other, and people being scared to go outside their homes, the absurdity **will be without** an end. Nevertheless, one thing remains unpredictable.

That is, the personality of human beings. We can only hope that they **will remain** empathetic and kind towards those without the basic needs of life. We can only hope.

- Saaliha Bilal, 8C

FANCY FUTURE

The future is unpredictable, as everyone knows. But not for me. My name is H.G. Wells Junior and I have some predictions. Maybe you will be at the end of this paragraph the next moment, or maybe just now someone will discover that we are all sitting in a black hole amidst nothingness.

I do not deny the fact that everyone would laugh at this statement just like some others did centuries ago when someone would say something against the church rules. Anyway, I shall try my hand at becoming a data scientist and analysing where we might be 50 years later in respect to making our day-to-day activities easier.

Our houses will be automated with features like Alexa inbuilt inside all walls. The walls themselves will collapse to dynamically change the size of the room. Dining rooms will have been converting into bedrooms just by a voice command from the owner. The bedroom itself will simulate day or night depending upon the mood.

We will have created affordable robots to do chores like sweeping and mopping the floor. Flying cars will pick you up from your balcony and drop you right in front of your class at school. Outdoor sports will have ceased to exist. Instead of reading history books, we will be visiting the incidents in the past with the help of time machines. This will be a great milestone we would have reached and an amazing beginning for the future generations.

- Sanika Agrawal (8-A)

STARING AT THE FUTURE

We will have ways to communicate while being so far, I predict. Humans will be making improvements to our current technology, perhaps even time travel. Hopefully, my descendants will succeed in making my works of fiction, a reality.

I will not be alive to see it, but I would have been proud. We will have expanded our cities to great heights and will have hopefully eradicated poverty. We will be exploring on the moon and will have been writing diaries like these for our descendants to tell the future generations to not make the same mistakes we did, but new ones instead.

- Sarina Taneja (8A)

