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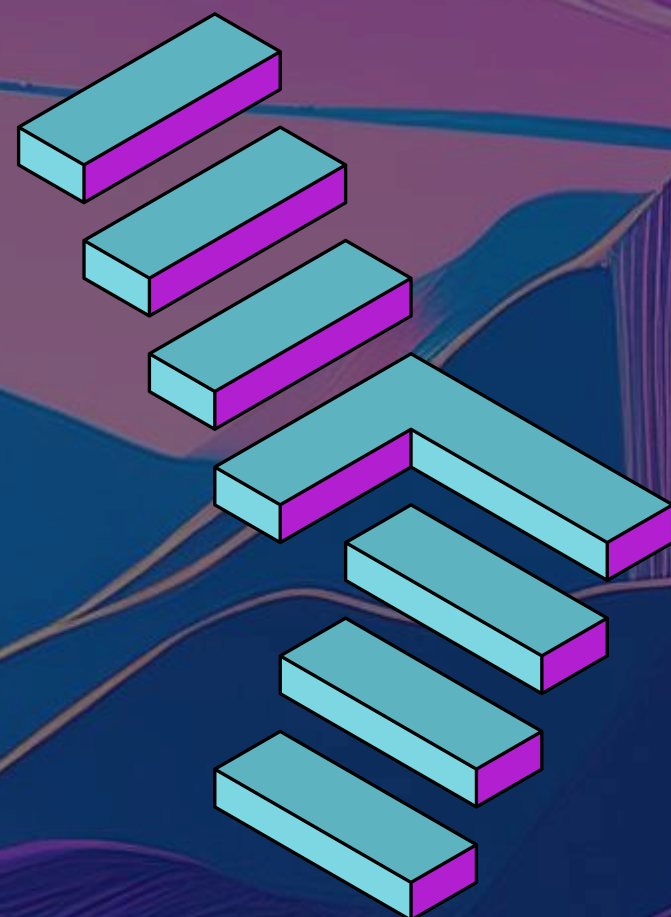
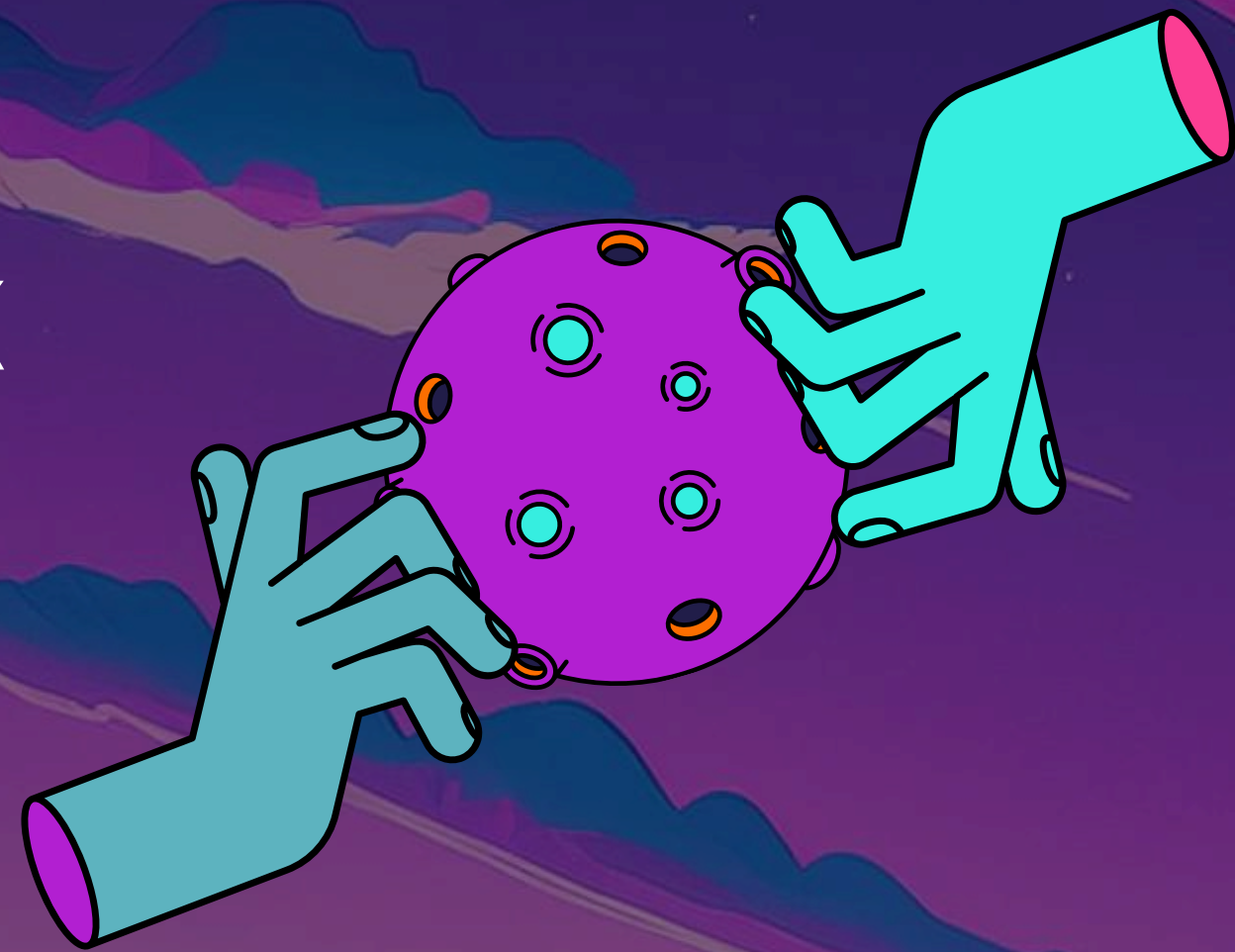
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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the June 2024 edition of **JSSPS' VERVE!** We are thrilled to present this packed issue showcasing the **exceptional talents and achievements** of our students and faculty.

This month, we're excited to highlight our school's sustainability initiatives, including our new solar panel array and student-led recycling program. We're proud to be reducing our environmental impact and inspiring eco-conscious leadership.

In addition, this edition features stunning student artwork, moving personal essays, and insightful interviews with innovative teachers. We're also debuting our "Wellness Corner" with tips to support the well-being of our community.

As always, we've curated a fantastic June playlist and book recommendations to delight our readers.

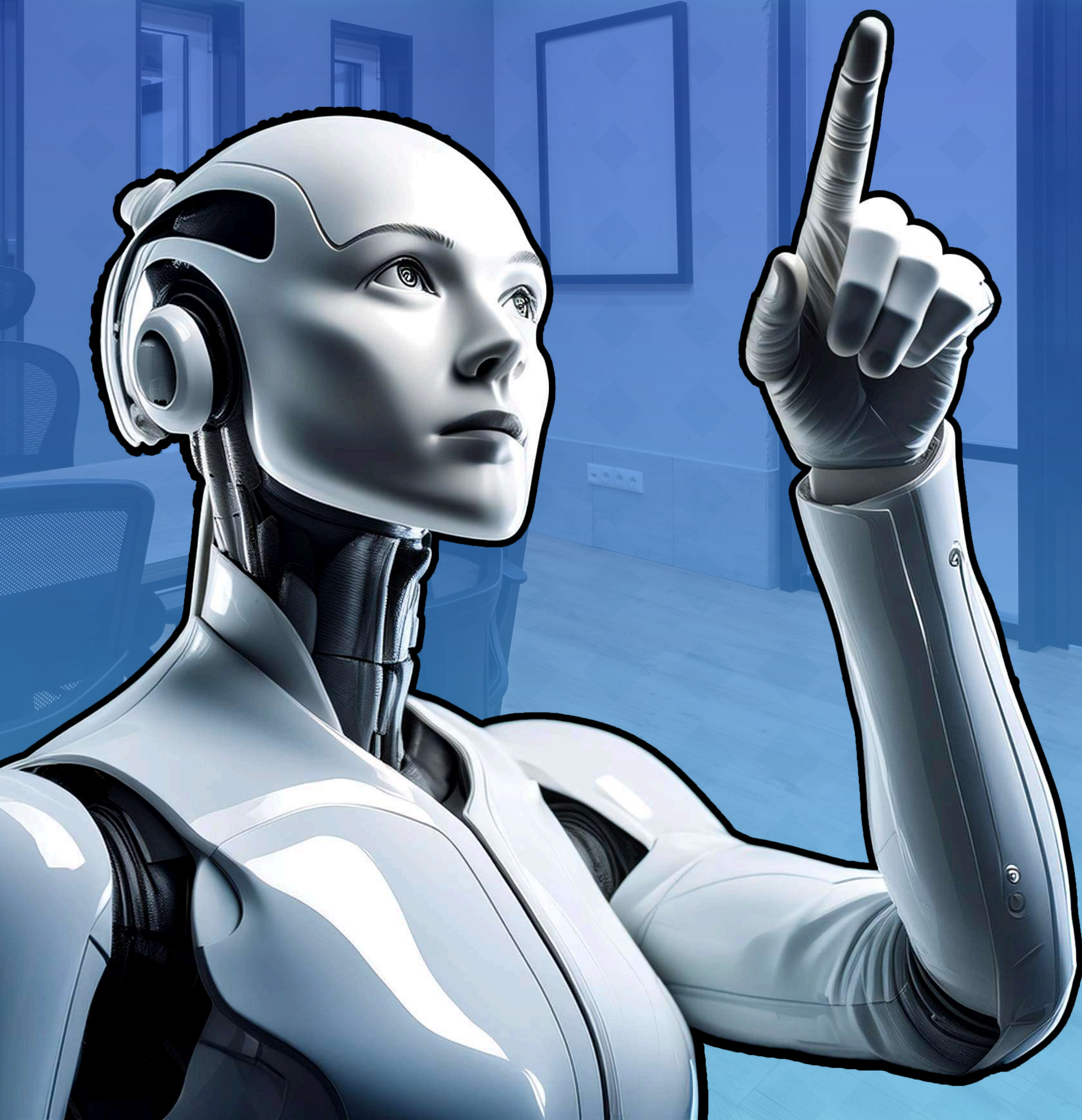
We're deeply grateful for the support of our esteemed Principal, Ms. Chitra Sharma, Vice-Principal, Ms. Bindhu Rajiv, and visionary CEO, Mr. Govindrao Naik. Their guidance has been invaluable.

We invite you to enjoy this edition of VERVE. We welcome your feedback at vervejssps24@gmail.com. Thank you for being part of our vibrant community.

Happy reading!

TEAM VERVE

HIGHLIGHTS





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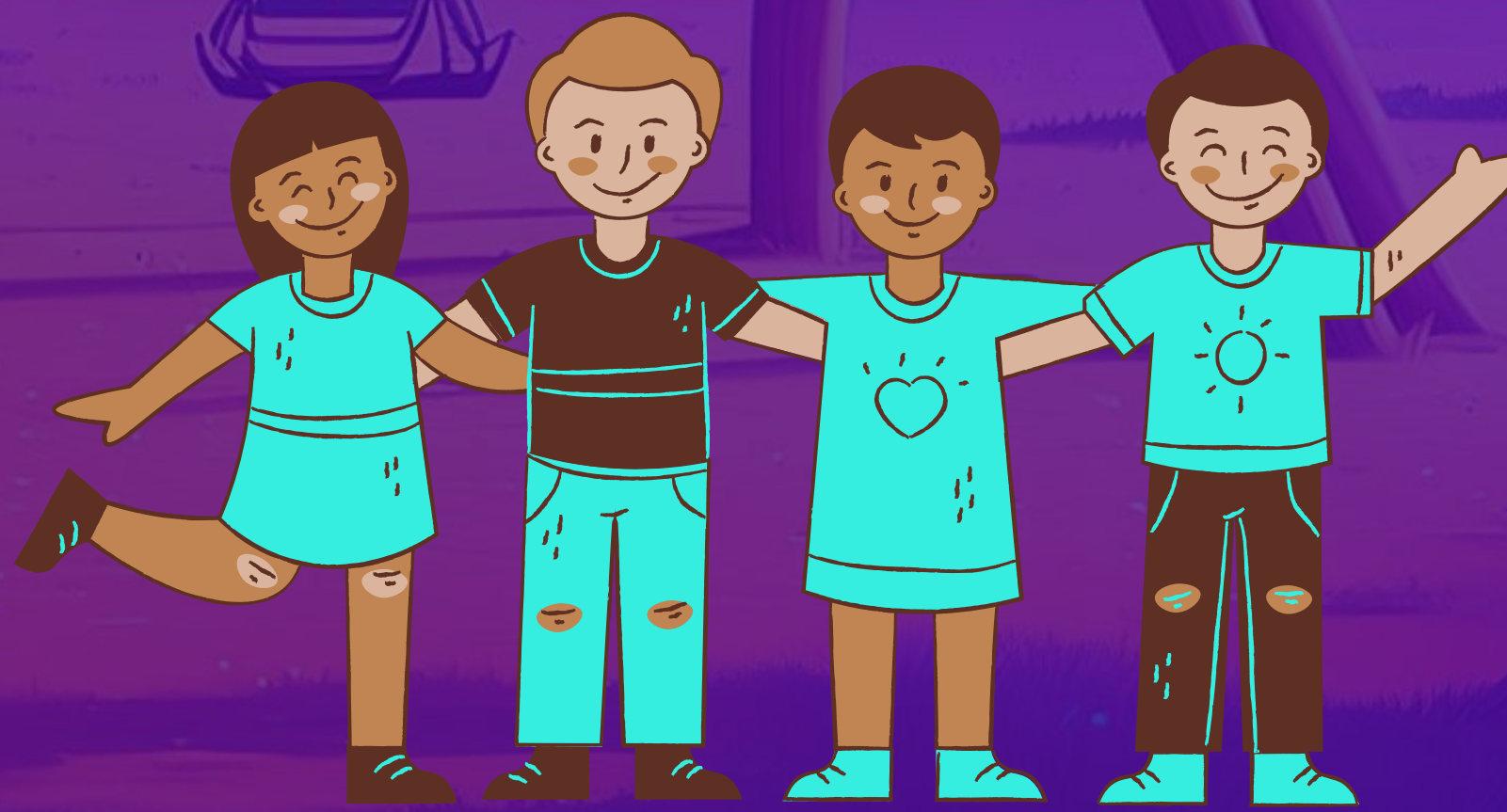


FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN

It's the first day of Kindergarten at JSS Private School, and we couldn't be more thrilled to welcome our newest learners! Today marks the beginning of an incredible journey filled with fun, laughter and lots of learning adventures. From exploring letters and numbers to making new friends, there's so much in store for our little ones as they embark on this exciting new chapter. Here's to a fantastic first day and an amazing year ahead! Let the adventures begin!



The little learners of KG2 were welcomed back warmly. With bright eyes and big smiles, our adorable Kindergarten 2 students returned to school today, ready to embark on an incredible journey filled with endless possibilities and amazing adventures. From making new friends to exploring new concepts, every moment promises to be a magical one! Let's make this the most fun year yet!



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KG2 THEATRE LOUNGE

The KG2 students of JSSPS Kindergarten shone brightly at our Theatre Lounge event to celebrate International Family Day! They created amazing dioramas based on the UAE's SDG Goals 1 to 6 and spoke passionately about the importance of each goal. The presence of parents made the event extra special! Thank you for celebrating with us and supporting our young changemakers.



SENSORY ADVENTURES - KG1



Get ready to be glued on to the mesmerizing kindergarteners embarking on an exciting adventure through Senses Exploration where they sniffed, discovered joy of loud and soft sounds, treated their eyes to a vibrant sight, took their taste buds on a wild ride and explored textures galore.

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LITTLE DOCTORS AT WORK - KG1

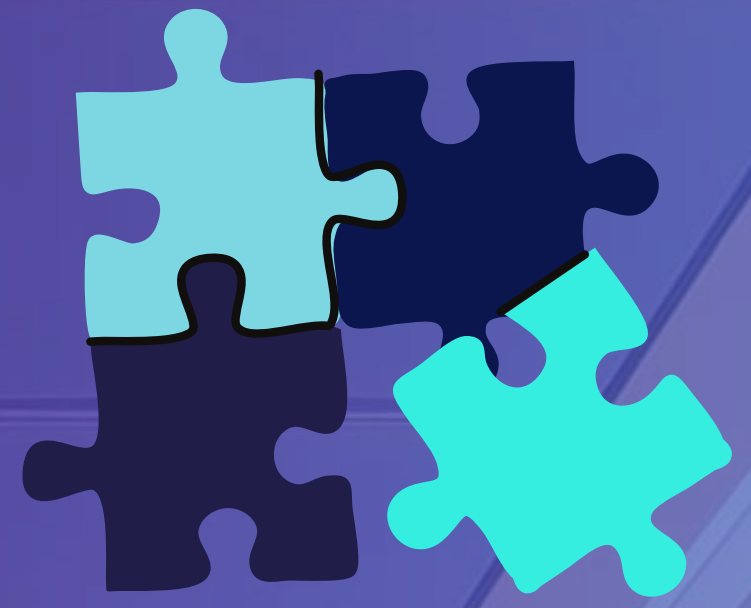
This week, our kindergarten transformed into a magical JSSPS Kinder Clinic! The children had an amazing time celebrating our theme by engaging in pretend play as doctors and patients. From checking heartbeats to bandaging pretend injuries, they put their learning into practice in the most delightful way! It's incredible to see our young learners embrace creativity, teamwork, and empathy through this hands-on experience.



Welcome to JSSPS Kindergarten Cl



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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way." — John C. Maxwell.

JSSPS conducted the student council elections voting online for the school Head Boy, Head Girl, Sports Captain Boy and Sports Captain Girl on the 23rd of April, 2024. Elections were also conducted for various other positions like the Class Marshal, House Captains, Vice Captains and Committee Members.





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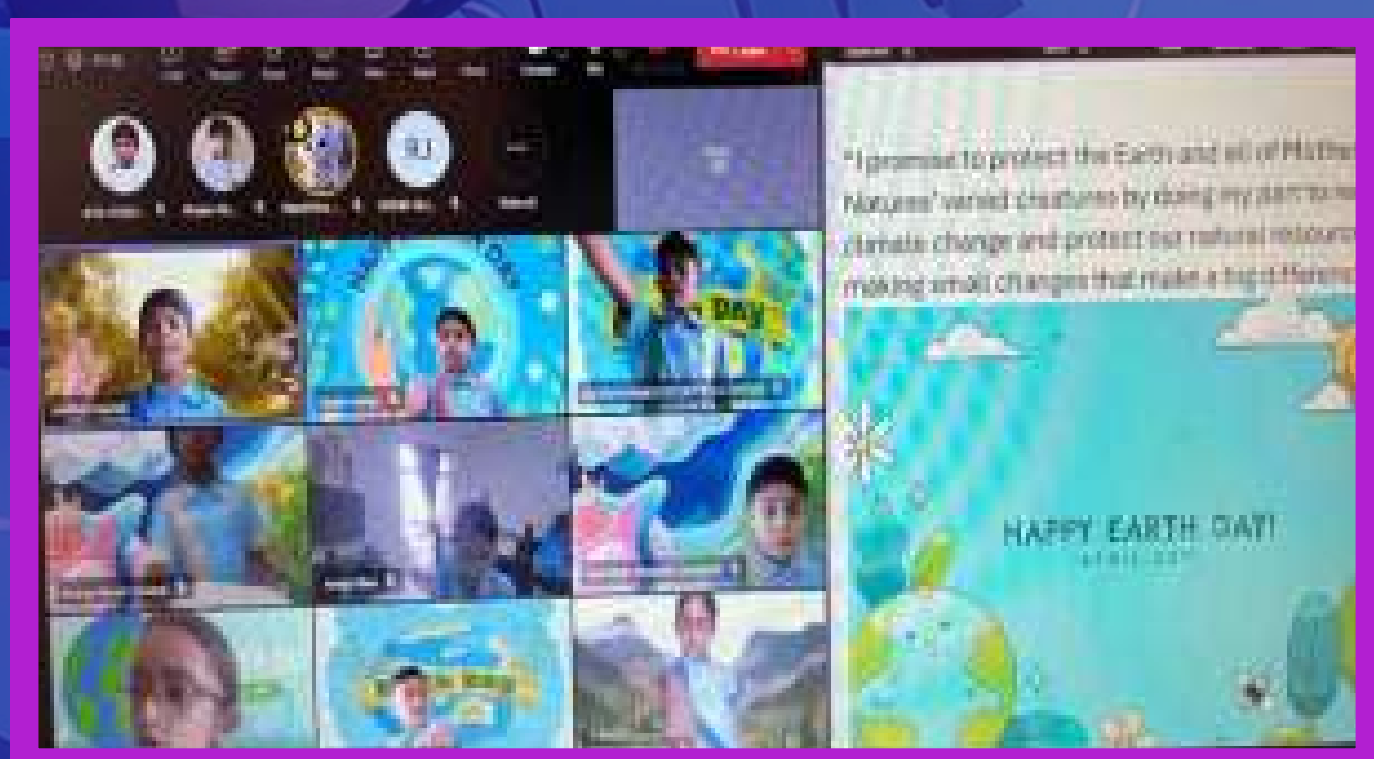
WELL BEING ACTIVITIES

Students discovered the path to well being through the various activities conducted like yoga, meditation and exercises. They learnt to embrace a balanced approach to health and happiness with the diverse activities done.



INTERNATIONAL EARTH DAY -

JSSPS students celebrated the International Earth Day on the 22nd of April, 2024. They took a pledge on protecting the Earth and doing their part to reduce climate change. They also switched off non-essential lights for 2 minutes (11:15 am to 11:17 am). Students also set their online class background as Earth Day. Students learned the fundamental skill of environmental stewardship and energy conservation. They discovered how their actions in saving the environment will help promote a green future.



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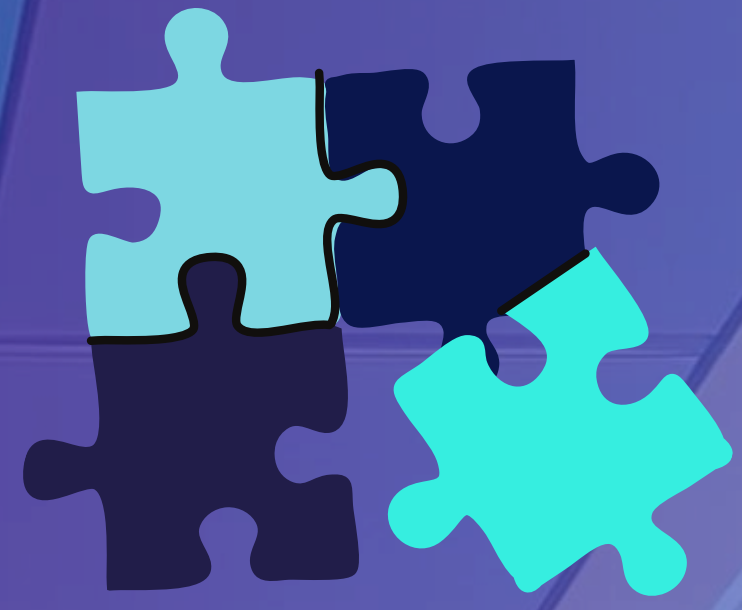


REMOTE LEARNING

JSSPS students adopted remote learning this week because of UAE climate change. Our students participated enthusiastically. One of the primary benefits of online classes is their convenience. Students can access course materials, lectures, and assignments at any time and from any location that suits them best. It utilizes interactive learning tools and technologies to enhance the learning experience. These may include video lectures, discussion forums, MS Forms, quizzes, and multimedia presentations. Such tools engage students actively, promote collaboration, and provide immediate feedback, fostering a dynamic and immersive learning environment. Overall, online classes provide a flexible, accessible, and diverse learning environment suited to the needs of modern learners.



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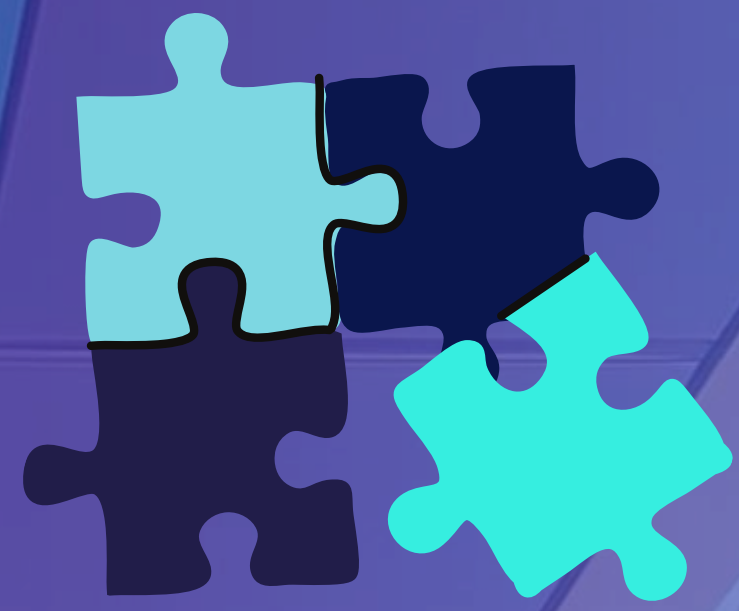


13 GLORIOUS YEARS

JSS Private School's Milestone Achievement JSS Private School is delighted to mark the completion of 13 successful and transformative years in the realm of education. As we reflect on this significant milestone, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for the journey we have undertaken together as a school community.



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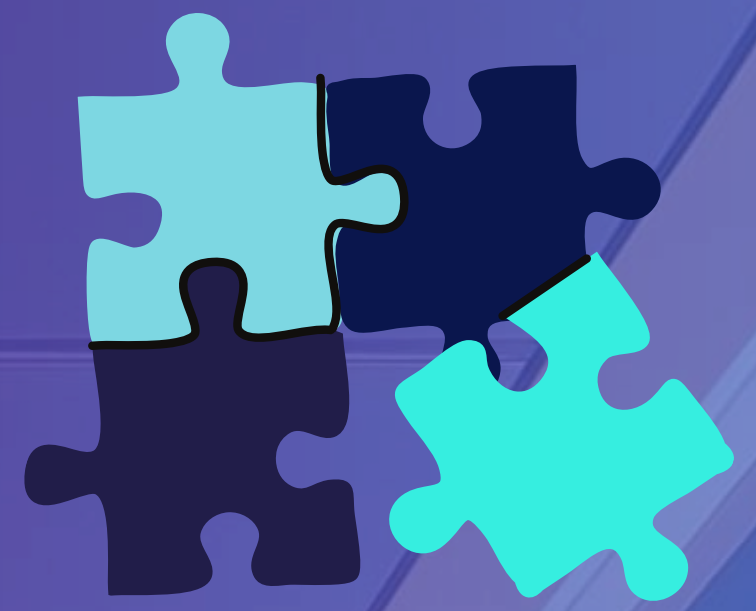


AWE-TISM DAY

Jerry Newport's poignant words resonate within us as we prepare to commemorate another year of AWEtism Awareness at JSSPS. This year's theme for World Autism Awareness Month, "Awareness, Acceptance, and Appreciation," perfectly aligns with our ongoing mission. Our focus remains on fostering these three pillars within our community, extending to both teachers and students. To truly understand the perspective of autistic children, we organised a simulation event on April 2nd at the JSSPS campus. This initiative aims to provide participants with a firsthand experience of navigating the challenges faced by autistic individuals in real-world scenarios.



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YOUNG AUTHOR WRITEUP

Sean Sequeira is a grade 5 student who has published 2 books. Read about them in this writeup, expertly crafted by Sean himself.



Hello, everyone! I, Sean Sequeira from grade 5, as a young author am here to talk about the books I have written and what inspired me to write them.

These books are an outcome of my love for mysteries and thrillers. My parents have inculcated in me a habit of reading from childhood, and I have read many exciting stories about treasure hunts and time travel. My favourite author Agatha Christie's books and thriller movies like Knives Out and its sequel; further inspired me to write my own mysteries.

My first book published on BriBooks is "The Treasure". This book is about a brave child who finds a secret treasure map that leads him on an epic adventure to find the hidden treasure.

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YOUNG AUTHOR WRITEUP

In my second book, “Is Time Travel Real?”, a pocket watch takes our hero to the past, meeting new companions and understanding how time functions. Each adventure is full of twists and surprises that will keep young and adult readers interested till the end.

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The process of publishing the books was a great learning too and the cream on the cake was the positive & encouraging feedback I received from the readers. I was also able to donate my earnings to the lesser privileged children which gave me a sense of accomplishment.

Hope you enjoy reading these books and please do give your feedback on my BriBooks page. Thank you.

Happy Reading!



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MIDDLE SCHOOL



SPELLWEAVE

Spellweave, The Verbal Battaile of Lexophiles, was a spelling showdown at The New Indian Model School in Dubai. Students from 6 different schools participated, impressing the judges with their top-notch spelling prowess. Participants from the Primary, Middle, and High school joined in on the spelling extravaganza.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



ABT WORKSHOP

The Arabic team went to attend a workshop about ABT (Arabic Benchmark Test). Mr. Gamal, the HOD of the Arabic Department gave a workshop about the ABT test and how feedback is given. It was an informative and amazing session.



MIDDLE SCHOOL



FRANCO FIESTA

Selected students from Middle School went to Ambassador School Dubai on 15th of May, to attend a French interschool competition involving many categories like poem recitation ,singing songs and spelling bees. The students had lots of fun and brought back many accolades for our school and teachers.



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LABOR DAY

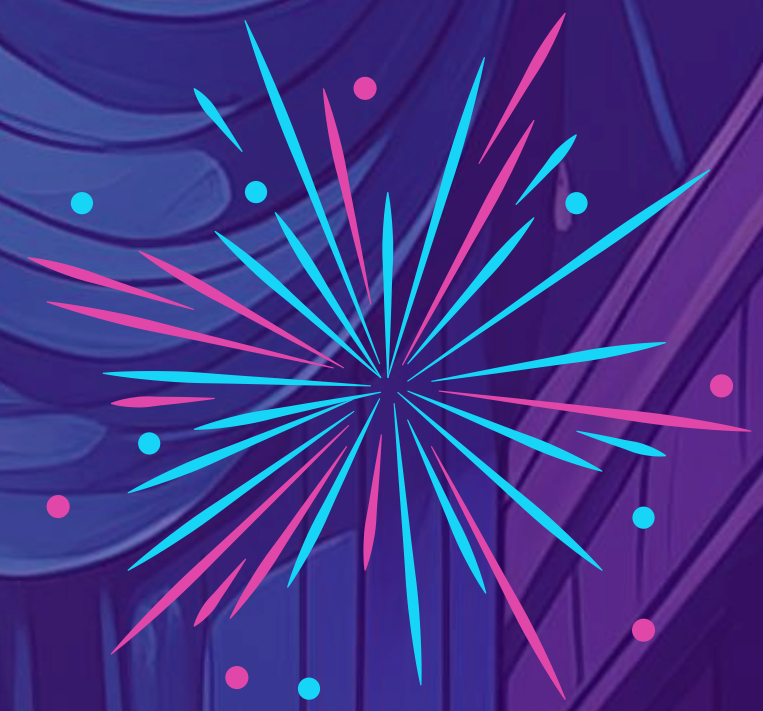
May 1st is recognized internationally as Labor Day, an annual day of appreciation and celebration of the achievements of workers. It has origins in the Labor Union Movement, specifically the eight-hour day which advocated eight hours for work, eight hours for recreation and eight hours for rest. The students of grade 6 made cards to showcase their appreciation for all the hard work and efforts made by the workers at our school and around the world.





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JSSPS THEATRE LOUNGE

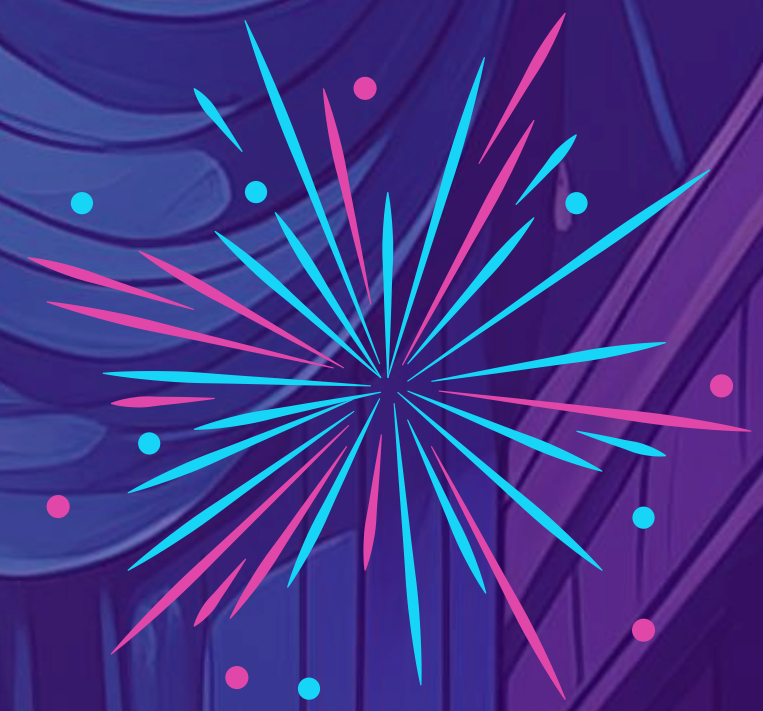
“Photography is truth. The cinema is truth 24 times per second.”
- Jean Luc Godard

Cinema has always been a powerful medium for conveying messages, and its ability to reflect and shape societal values makes it a unique platform for exploring complex issues. Cinema acts as a mirror for society, offering a window into the world we live in and the challenges we face.

The JSSPS Theatre Lounge embodied this spirit perfectly, using the power of cinema to celebrate the Year of Sustainability and International Families Day. The event’s opening ceremony featured several dance and music performances, and mime acts, which conveyed crucial messages about sustainability and technology. The ceremony also included the unveiling of the social robot Orry, which was a symbol of the power of rapidly developing technology.

The venue consisted of 17 booths—each dedicated to one of the UN SDGs and a game area. Each booth consisted of a 5 minute iconic movie clip along with some questions which guests could answer to encourage intellectual conversations regarding each goal.

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The games area, which featured games using AI and interactive apps, further fueled enthusiasm for the UN SDGs amongst students.

The entire event, from the venue layout to coordinating the games, was student-led and organized by Saanj Panicker and Divyam Varma, along with approximately a hundred student volunteers, under the guidance of Ms. Gwen Dickson.

In conclusion, the JSSPS Theatre Lounge event was a resounding success in showcasing the power of cinema as a medium for promoting sustainability. Through a combination of engaging performances, interactive booths, and interesting games, the event facilitated conversations about technology and sustainability and garnered enthusiasm among students for the UN SDGs. It was a testament to the potential for young people to drive positive change.

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MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2024-2025

The first ever JSSPS MUN Conference hosted at our very own JSSPS campus on 21-22 June 2024 was truly a dream. Two days, of debate and dialogue, of negotiations and collaboration and a thirst to win, later, I am proud to announce the success of this event where more than 175 delegates participated from 8 different schools of UAE.

The Online opening ceremony saw an introduction of each committee and their agendas, a sneak peek of what to expect as the conference continued and advice from not only our Secretary Generals but also from our MUN director Ms.Riddhi Boraniya and our esteemed Vice Principal Ms.Bindu Rajiv.



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After a quick lunch the next day, the committees were in session. From indigenous rights to the rise in unmanned aerial vehicles to education of youth to the Russian Revolution to reopening the case of Jadhav. With unique agendas for each committee, the delegates and even the chairs found themselves immersed in this world. We ended the day with a social night, for mingling as some might say, and a small performance by our students.

As we got to work early the next day, the chairs and volunteers found themselves playing a different role. It was CRISIS TIME! A time where delegates are thrown into different possibilities and are responsible to create speeches and make decisions on the spot. With the staff as crisis actors and with costumes and scripts memorized, I saw each classroom arise with passion.



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MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2024-2025

Resolutions passing and a court ruling later, delegates found themselves anxiously waiting for the last part of the event. The awards! But first, they found themselves being addressed by our special guests, Ms. Abhilasha and Professor Ammar Kaka. And with Gems Modern Academy winning the Best School Delegation Award, it was already the end of our event.

Although my days were spent mostly in the background, I could see the smiles forming on everyone's faces. As each hour passed by, delegates got closer and closer and formed bonds that I hope will stay. And, in this chaos did I realize that I belonged right here.

-Shreya Kothari 10^B



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LITQUEST 2024-2025

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LITQUEST 2024-2025

The hallways of our school are buzzing with excitement as we gear up for the highly anticipated Lit Quest, a captivating event that will be a part of the upcoming Learning Conference '24. This literary extravaganza aims to foster a deep love for language and literature among our students, igniting their creativity and honing their language skills.

Kicking off the festivities will be the "Echoes of Expression - Poetry Recital," where students from grades 1 & 2 and 3 to 12 will have the opportunity to showcase their talent and passion for the written word. Whether reciting a memorized poem adaptation or sharing their own original compositions, these young wordsmiths will captivate the audience with their poetic brilliance. The last date for submission is June 20, and the performances will take place in the classrooms and auditorium.

Rounding out the Lit Quest festivities is the "Scavenger Hunt," an exciting event organized by our talented students from grades 10 to 12. Designed to test the literary knowledge and problem-solving skills of participants from grades 5 to 9, this campus-wide treasure hunt will take students on a thrilling journey through the literary landscape.

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For our budding young authors, the "Rendezvous with Young Authors" event is a must-attend. Students from grades 1 to 5 will have the chance to share their original stories and engage in lively discussions with their peers and a panel of esteemed authors. This event, taking place in the library, is a celebration of the boundless imagination and literary prowess of our youngest participants, with a submission deadline of June 19.

Lastly, the "YouTube Shorts or Insta Reels" competition will challenge our students from grades 5 to 12 to showcase their literary creativity in a modern, digital format. Whether it's a short film adaptation of a beloved classic or an original narrative, these students will have the opportunity to captivate their audience through the power of visual storytelling. The last date for submission is June 19, and the entries will be shared on the school's social media channels.

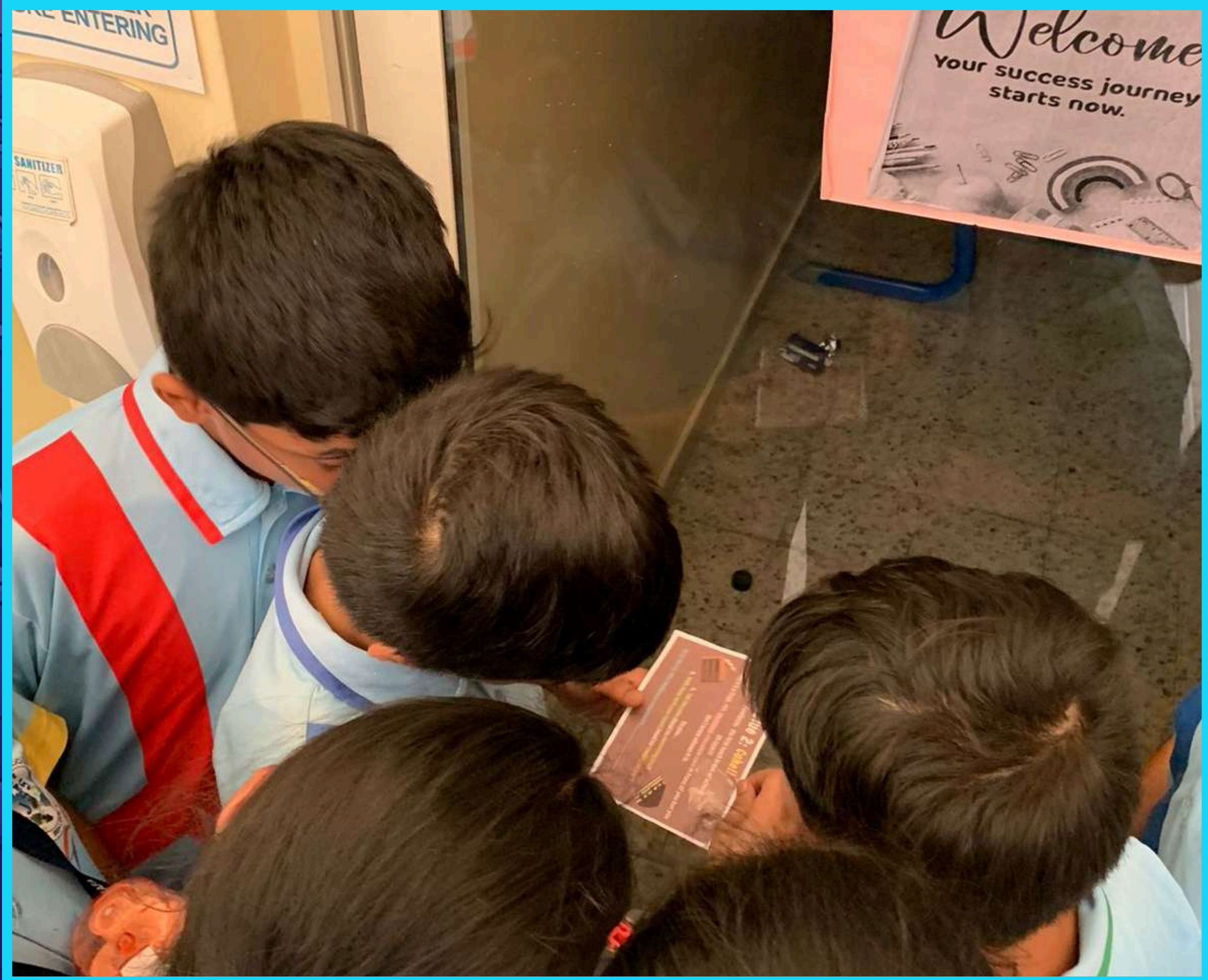
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The Lit Quest '24 promises to be a truly remarkable celebration of the written word, where students will have the chance to not only showcase their talents but also immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of literature. Join us as we embark on this literary adventure and witness the transformative power of words and creativity.





SPOTLIGHT

WHERE DO TEACHERS GO DURING THE BREAK?!

- ***Tinu ma'am, the Physics Phenom***

After the bell rings, Tinu Ma'am heads straight to the staff room. Determined to crack open her lunchbox and joke with her fellow teachers-in-arms, she chats about her students and laughs at inside jokes and stories about her children. It seems like Tinu Ma'am's break time is a blend of food, fun, and fantastic conversations.

- ***Riddih ma'am, the Workaholic Whiz***

While Tinu Ma'am is busy turning the staff room into a comedy club, Mrs. Riddih is a whirlwind of productivity. As our marketing teacher and Model United Nations coordinator, Riddih Ma'am uses her break time to prepare for the next class, Xerox materials, and take attendance. Riddih Ma'am's idea of a break is more work, setting a pace that puts the rest of us to shame.

- ***Bubbly ma'am, the Team Spirit Maestro***

Our school counsellor, Bubbly ma'am, brings a refreshing change of pace. She spends her break time bonding with her team and enjoying lunch at the canteen. Bubbly ma'am's presence is a reminder that sometimes, the best way to recharge is through good food and great company. Her warmth and approachability make her a beacon of support for both students and staff alike.

- ***Rahna ma'am, the Multi-Tasking Maverick***

When it comes to break time, Mrs. Rahna is the embodiment of multitasking. She balances floor duty, student discipline, and pending work with ease, all while having lunch and catching up with fellow teachers. Rahna Ma'am's dynamic approach ensures the school runs smoothly, even during break time, proving that a true educator's job is never done, yet she fulfills hers to her greatest capacity.

- ***Rishitva sir, the Radio Rockstar***

Last but certainly not least, Mr. Rishitva takes charge of the school radio during break time. As the mastermind behind the school's podcast Sneak Peak, he ensures the airwaves are filled with music and announcements. His break is a symphony of school songs and podcast planning, adding a rhythmic beat to the otherwise bustling school day.

- ***Rajeshwari ma'am, the Computer Lab Connoisseur***

Rajeshwari ma'am, our computer science teacher, is as versatile as the programs she teaches. Depending on the situation, she might be catching up on lesson plans, chatting with colleagues, or enjoying her lunch in the cozy confines of the computer lab, which she fondly calls her second home. Her love for technology and her students makes her break time a seamless blend of work and relaxation.

FROM THE TOPPERS

Reaching for the Stars Through Passion and Perseverance *-Harish Murgappan*

Among the shining stars of our school's 10th grade, Harish stands out as a beacon of academic excellence and unwavering determination. In a captivating video interview, Harish shared the secrets behind his remarkable success, inspiring fellow students with his insightful perspectives.

"I've always believed that true learning goes beyond just acing exams," Harish explained, his eyes sparkling with enthusiasm. "For me, it's about cultivating a genuine passion for the subjects I study and finding creative ways to apply the knowledge I gain." Harish's holistic approach to education has not only earned him top grades but has also fueled his intellectual growth and fostered a deep love for discovery.

Harish's journey to the top was not without its challenges, however. "There were times when the workload felt overwhelming, and I had to push myself to keep going," he admitted. "But I've learned that perseverance and a positive mindset are key to overcoming obstacles." Harish's ability to maintain a balanced lifestyle, incorporating exercise, hobbies, and meaningful connections with his peers, has been instrumental in sustaining his academic prowess.

As Harish prepares to embark on his next academic adventure, his story serves as a shining example of what can be achieved through a combination of intellectual curiosity, unwavering determination, and a holistic approach to personal growth. His inspiring journey is sure to motivate and guide fellow students on their own paths to success.

FROM THE TOPPERS

Embracing Challenges, Achieving Excellence

-Hana Sabira

In the pantheon of our school's 10th grade stars, Hana shines brightly, having secured a coveted spot among the top achievers. Through a captivating video interview, Hana shared the secrets behind her remarkable success, offering invaluable insights that are sure to inspire her peers.

"I've always believed that the true measure of success is not just the grades you achieve, but the personal growth and resilience you develop along the way," Hana said, her eyes radiating an infectious determination. "For me, it's been about embracing challenges, learning from setbacks, and continuously pushing myself to reach new heights."

Hana's academic journey has been marked by a relentless pursuit of knowledge, coupled with a keen understanding of the importance of work-life balance. "It's easy to get caught up in the pressure of achieving perfect scores, but I've learned that taking care of my mental and physical well-being is just as crucial," she explained. Hana's commitment to a holistic approach, which includes regular exercise, leisure activities, and meaningful connections with her peers, has been instrumental in fueling her academic success.

As Hana looks towards the future, she carries with her not only impressive academic credentials but also the invaluable lessons she has learned about the power of resilience, adaptability, and a growth mindset. Her inspiring story serves as a testament to the transformative power of embracing challenges and maintaining a steadfast commitment to personal and intellectual development.

COOKING WITHOUT FIRE: A CULINARY COMPETITION

On the bright day of 23 June 2023, our school held the annual competition that left everyone scratching their heads and licking their lips: Cooking Without Fire. The challenge was simple yet mind-boggling—craft a delicious dish without so much as a flicker of a flame. The result was a mouth-watering spectacle that had everyone salivating for more.

Third Place Delights: The Salad Symphony

Our third-place winners, a dynamic duo of culinary creators, Sahasra from 11A and Yashita from 11C served up a dish that was as delightful to the taste buds as it was to the eyes. Their masterpiece began with a zesty salad, lovingly cradled in crisp lettuce leaves. Yes, you read it right, it was served in a lettuce! The secret ingredient was a homemade cashew paste that added a creamy richness, perfectly complemented by a tangy garlic paste. Fresh, crunchy veggies danced in this symphony of flavors, making every bite a celebration.

A Pudding to Remember

But the real showstopper was their dessert: a sublime chia pudding, crowned with homemade chocolate syrup. Sprinkled with crunchy walnuts, this pudding was a textural marvel, blending smooth and crunchy in perfect harmony.

Conclusion

The "Cooking Without Fire" competition wasn't just about food; it was a celebration of creativity, ingenuity, and a dash of school spirit. It showed us that sometimes, the best dishes come from thinking outside the (oven) box. As we eagerly await next year's competition, one thing is certain: our students have the talent to cook up a storm, fire or no fire.

HOW STUDENTS ENVISION THE WORLD IN 10 YEARS

As we stand on the eve of a new decade, young students' minds burn with the question of what the world is going to be in 2034. These young thinkers, born in this age of digital innovation and rapid global connectivity, and obviously the sci-fi movies, burn with fire and nurture many hopes and dreams reflecting all the possibilities and challenges that have accompanied being the workforce of the future. From technological progress to social change, their visions give a dynamic picture of what the future may bring.

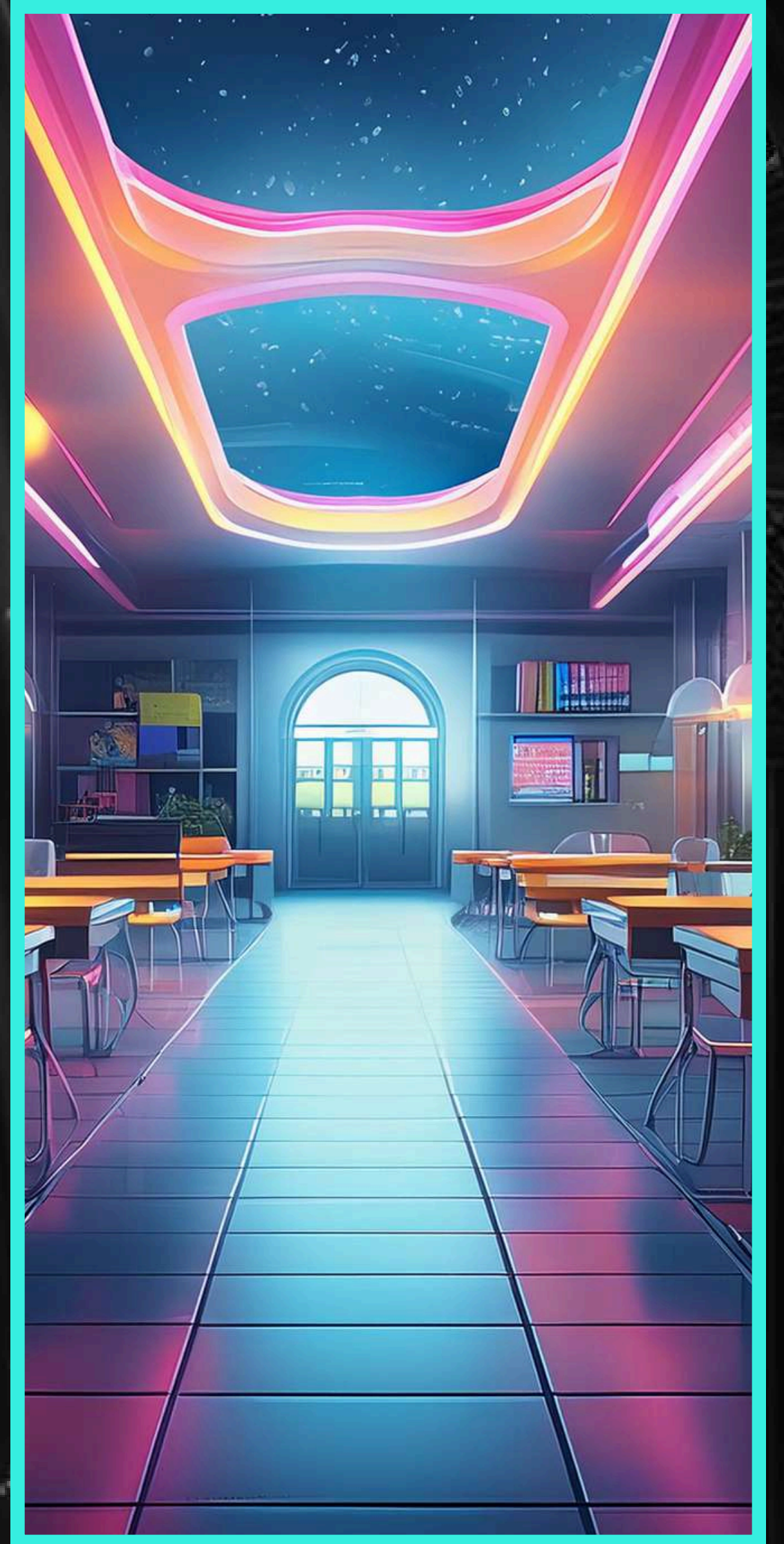
The first thing that captures our attention is the trajectory of technology—an ever-trending topic that sparks considerable debate, whether it's about Neuralink Corp. or the pioneering efforts in quantum computing. Looking ahead, our future promises even more immersive learning experiences through advancements in virtual reality and augmented reality. Moreover, there's a sense of anticipation and curiosity about the imminent integration of artificial intelligence into everyday life. This transformation is now a critical conversation, impacting not just our daily routines but also reshaping our aspirations and beliefs. Things we once deemed irreplaceable may now be automated, fundamentally altering how we envision and choose our future careers.

We are acutely aware of the urgency surrounding environmental issues. Looking ahead, we envision a future abundant in renewable energy sources and deeply embedded sustainability practices across all domains of life. Many of us are eager to embark on impactful projects now, leveraging available resources to pioneer initiatives that promise to reshape the years ahead.

HOW STUDENTS ENVISION THE WORLD IN 10 YEARS

For us, the core image of the future society is one of celebration of diversity and tearing down systemic inequalities. The changing nature of work is another focus for students. We firmly envision a future of retaining a flexible work culture and gig economy that is driven by technology. Today, our world is so vastly connected that this sparks a student's aspiration for the future—when language barriers seem to become one less problem among people coming together across the globe to fight global issues.

To today's student population, the world in ten years unfolds like a canvas, where innovation, sustainability, equality, and global unity are like paints. The visions are not just dreams but aspirations that anchor on the times' realities, says a world being shaped by technology, driven by consciousness on the environment, and unified by the quest for justice and progress.



Tiya Joby - 12C

AI AND SPACE

The collaborative relationship between space exploration and artificial intelligence (AI) has significantly transformed our approach to understanding the cosmos. AI has revolutionized the collection, processing, and interpretation of data from celestial bodies, enabling autonomous rovers to navigate alien terrains and make critical decisions independently. These AI-driven systems have expanded our ability to explore and analyze extraterrestrial environments, resulting in numerous remarkable discoveries and scientific breakthroughs.

Furthermore, AI has profoundly impacted mission planning and spacecraft operations by optimizing resource allocation, enhancing mission efficiency, and enabling adaptive responses to unforeseen challenges. Machine learning algorithms have empowered spacecraft to autonomously adjust their operations, ensuring mission success in dynamic and unpredictable environments.

In addition to its instrumental role in space exploration, AI algorithms have been pivotal in sifting through massive volumes of astronomical data, leading to the identification of new exoplanets, black holes, and other celestial phenomena. These algorithms have been vital in uncovering patterns and insights within astronomical datasets, expediting the pace of astronomical discoveries and enriching our understanding of the universe.

AI AND SPACE

The integration of AI into space technology has not only propelled advancements in space exploration but has also yielded tangible benefits for life on Earth. AI-enabled technologies initially developed for space missions, such as remote sensing and data analysis, have found practical applications in areas such as healthcare, agriculture, and disaster response, transcending the boundaries of space exploration to make a positive impact on society.

Looking forward, the synergy between space exploration and AI holds tremendous promise for furthering our understanding of the cosmos and facilitating the development of transformative technologies. As we embark on new frontiers in space exploration, the partnership between space and AI will continue to drive innovation, inspire breakthroughs, and shape our ongoing quest for knowledge and exploration of the universe.

Roshini Nayak-9B



OUR SCHOOL PODCAST

School podcasts are becoming increasingly popular to engage students, parents, and the community. These podcasts provide an avenue for sharing information, fostering creativity, and empowering students to express themselves. One of the main benefits of school podcasts is their role in helping students develop communication skills. Through hosting interviews, conducting research, and discussing various topics, students can enhance their public speaking and presentation abilities. This fosters confidence and prepares them for future academic and professional pursuits. Additionally, school podcasts offer students the opportunity to explore topics that are relevant to their lives, from current events to personal experiences. This not only encourages critical thinking and research skills but also promotes a sense of community as listeners tune in to hear their peers' perspectives. Moreover, school podcasts serve as a bridge between the school and the wider community by featuring interviews with teachers, administrators, and community members. This platform for sharing insights, stories, and valuable information fosters a sense of unity and collaboration among all stakeholders in the education process. Furthermore, the podcast provides a platform for recognising student achievements and talents, such as academic accomplishments, artistic endeavours, and extracurricular activities. It offers a space for celebrating the diverse skills and achievements of the student body. In conclusion, school podcasts are invaluable for empowering students, fostering creativity, and strengthening the school community. By providing students with a platform to express themselves, these podcasts promote student engagement and amplify diverse voices within the school.

Roshini Nayak-9B

CIEL BRÛLÉ

“Clouds are the sky’s imagination”
– *Terri Guillemets*

The sky is on fire
but not in apocalyptic flames;

I see heavens writhe in fragmented pleas,
a disintegrating canvas,
the burn of a thousand sunsets and
unseen phantoms governed by
unseen threads, and the
discordant symphony—the voice of the long lost;

I see a foreign, oddly familiar alien and a familiar,
oddly foreign acquaintance.
clouds ablaze with uncertainty;
a celestial artist who has spilled his palette,
colors and chaos—crimson, ochre and streaks of obsidian;

I feel, as though I were five again,
familiar blackhole of déjà vu;
playing with crayons—coloring welkin,
silent, salient, synesthesia,
the sky is on fire.

–*Sahana 11C*

FRIENDS

When I am in pain, I yelp
Only and only my friends come to help
I feel scared when i hear weird sound
But I am confident as my friends are around
Friends always wants the best for us
They can do anything for us
When I am sad, they take me out for food
And roam around the streets until I change my mood
Whatever they tell us is right
For me though, they made my future bright
When I become old, I may be in a cage
But friends are there too as friendship doesn't have any age

Akanksha 11C



HELLO

I see you and my heart races,
I see you, standing out from all these faces,
I walk past you and now i know,
I missed another chance to say hello.

SOUNDS

The yellowing leaves
as the wind hits its crackling sound
the pure drops of rain
as it hits the ground beautiful things
and its beautiful sound
like the beating of my heart
when it is you I have found.

Zaina Ali 11E

Achievements



Congratulations, Ram Karthik!

Ram Karthik of Grade 2B secured 1st place in the ICC CHESS TOURNAMENT - Under 8 category held in Dubai Knowledge Park.

His intelligence and strategies shone brightly, bringing pride to our school.



Congratulations, Muhammad Arhaam Ikram!

Muhammad Arhaam Ikram from Grade 3E secured 3rd place in the Interschool Artwalk competition held on May 29th, conducted by JSSIS. His creativity and talent shone brightly, bringing pride to our school. Join us in celebrating Arhaam's fantastic achievement!

Congratulations, Ryan Gosh!

Ryan Gosh of Grade 4B has been awarded a Telescope by the NASO Team for his outstanding performance in the NASO Level 2 Examination for the 2023-24 academic year! His dedication and hard work earned him this prestigious honor, celebrated during the assembly by teachers, classmates, and the entire school community. We can't wait to see the wonders he'll discover with his new telescope.



Congratulations to Aadya Amit Datir!
Congratulations for securing the 1st runner up title in the Jr. Dance category at Gulf Icon 2024! Her passion and dedication illuminated the stage, leaving a lasting impression on the audience. A proud moment for Aadya, her family, and everyone at JSS Private School.



Sai Theja from Grade 12 secured 1st place in the Programming in Python/Java category. Atharva from Grade 9 clinched 1st place in the 8-10 Website Designing category. Congratulations to our brilliant students! Your hard work and dedication have truly paid off. We're so proud of you!

Congratulations to Sarah Manu Nair!
Congrats Sarah Grade 6F for achieving 3rd place in the Arabic competition held at Deira Private School! Kudos to all the students who participated in the competition and represented school keeping up the excellent work in learning and celebrating Arabic culture!



Congratulations to Ryan Ghosh!
Congrats for clinching the Junior Best Speller award at the Spell Weave competition held on Tuesday, May 7th, 2024, at New Indian Model School Dubai! Ryan's dedication, hard work, and passion for spelling have truly paid off, and everyone couldn't be prouder of his achievement!



Congratulations Siddharth Bhandarkar!
Congratulations Siddharth for Mastering the foundational stage, Chuvadumattam, at VKM Kalari Institute in 2023, delving into the ancient art of Kalaripayattu!



Congratulations Avyansh and Ishita!

Congratulations to Our Hindi Olympiad Winners!

JSS Private School is incredibly proud to announce that Ishita Asnani from 4C and Avyansh Sinha from 5C have excelled in the Hindi Olympiad, bringing honor to the school! Their hard work, dedication, and excellence in Hindi have paid off, and their achievement serves as an inspiration to all. These brilliant students are shining examples of striving for greatness! A big well done to Ishita and Avyansh!.



Avyansh Sinha

5C



Ishita Asnani

4F



Congratulations Kannan and Zarar!

Kannan showcased his strength in backstroke, earning silver medals in both the 50m and 100m backstroke events. He also secured a bronze in the 50m freestyle finals, demonstrating his versatility.

Zarar excelled with a gold medal in the 50m breaststroke, a silver in the 50m freestyle, and bronze medals in both the 100m freestyle and 100m breaststroke, highlighting his all-around swimming talent.



Congratulations to Tritiya Prajeesh!
Winner of 5 gold medals in Emirates Cup seiers Championship



Congratulations to Dhanvanthi Kutti!
She won a bronze medal in the 200m open-water swimming competition.



Congratulations to Nazra Nishad!
She participated in the First Ceylon Swimming Championship held at Hamdan Sports Complex on May 12th, 2024, where she won three silver medals in different events



Congratulations Shreeya Shivaram!
Shreeya Shivaram of 8B had participated in a swimming competition held in Hamdan Sports Complex and we are very proud to say that she won a silver medal in 50m Freestyle.



Celebrating Success at GIIS Abu Dhabi Big Pitch!

The GIIS Abu Dhabi Big Pitch was not just a competition; it was a fusion of creativity and forward-thinking, including competitions like the Iconic Salesmen, Media Blitz, Social Catalyst and of course Trailblazer. Interacting with experts and students from around ten schools was a fantastic experience, where we shared ideas and learned from each other. Thanks to GIIS for giving us the platform to showcase our talents and inventions. Special thanks to the JSS management for always providing us with incredible opportunities to shine!



Congratulations Reema Binoj!

REEMA BINOJ of Class 7C has made a comeback in the trivial macrocosm of KARATE CHAMPIONSHIPS and proudly stands among the champs of UAE KARATE COMPETITION by winning the GOLDEN CUP 2024.



Congratulations Achintha Rao!
He won first prize in ROYAL
SPELLING BEE COMPETITION in the
EMIRATES LEVEL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Celebrating Success at GISS Abu Dhabi Big Pitch!



Congratulations Diya Prajeesh!

We are delighted to announce that Diya Prajeesh from Grade 11 A won a silver medal in the 50m Butterfly event

Congratulations Ishika!

An unforgettable moment as Ishika from 3E captivated audiences on UAE's Got Talent Season 4, earning the title of 2nd runner-up with her incredible singing talent



Congratulations Kiddos!

JSSPS Kindergarten extends its warmest congratulations to the Spell Bee winners. We look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in all their future endeavors.

Royal Spell Bee Competition Kindergarten



Poetic Hearts:

In 2023, Nethen showcased their creative talent by being recognized in the "Poetic Hearts" competition, further adding to their impressive array of achievements.

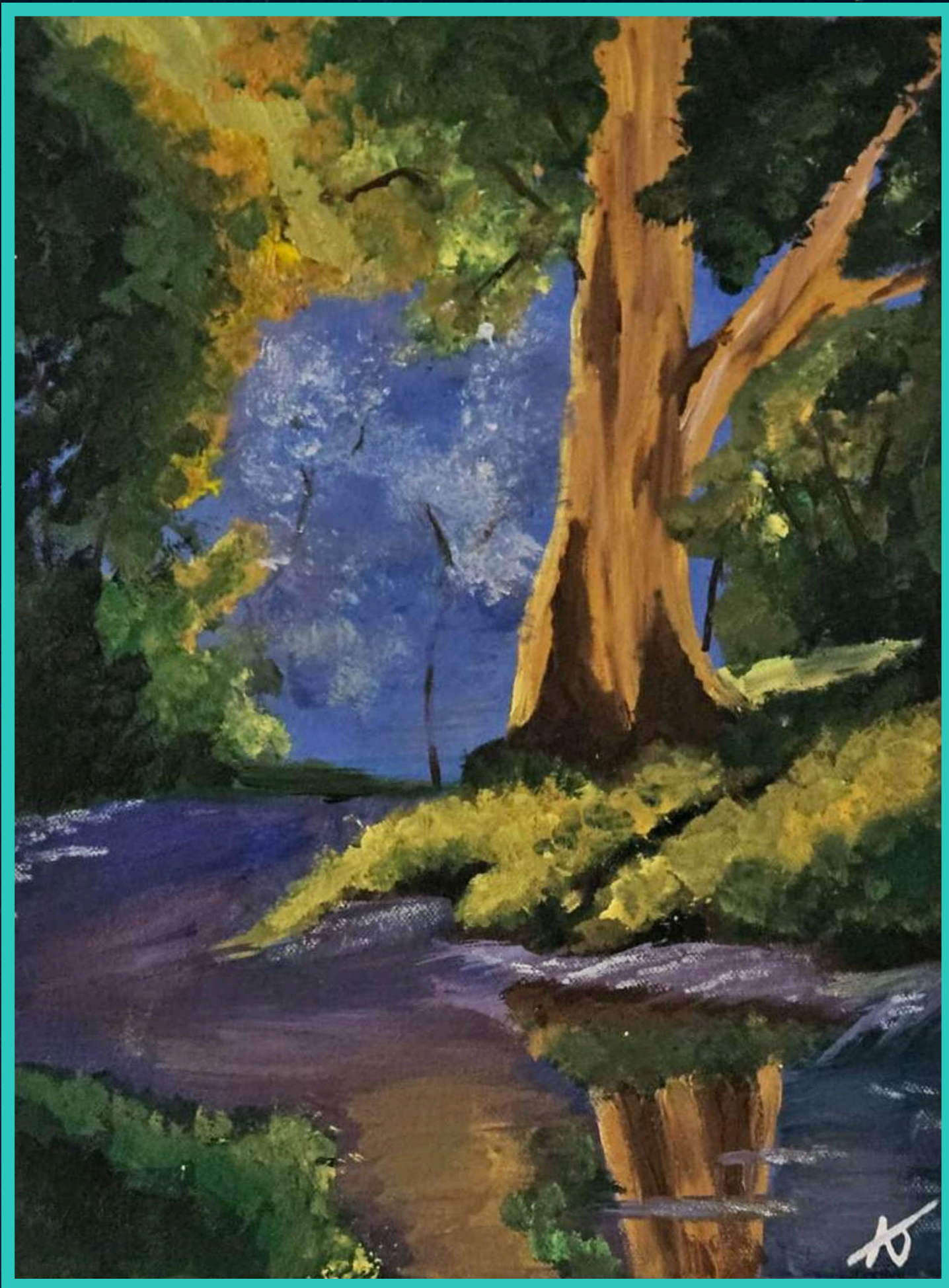
Congratulations Mirza!

Mirza Ismail Baig of 8A participated in The Islamic Concave Inter-School Competition held at The Ambassador School, Dubai and we are very proud to say that he got 3rd place in Pick and Speak Category.





STARRY ARTWORK



ALENA
ANN SAJU
11C



NETHEN JERRY

12C





VIJVAL
8C



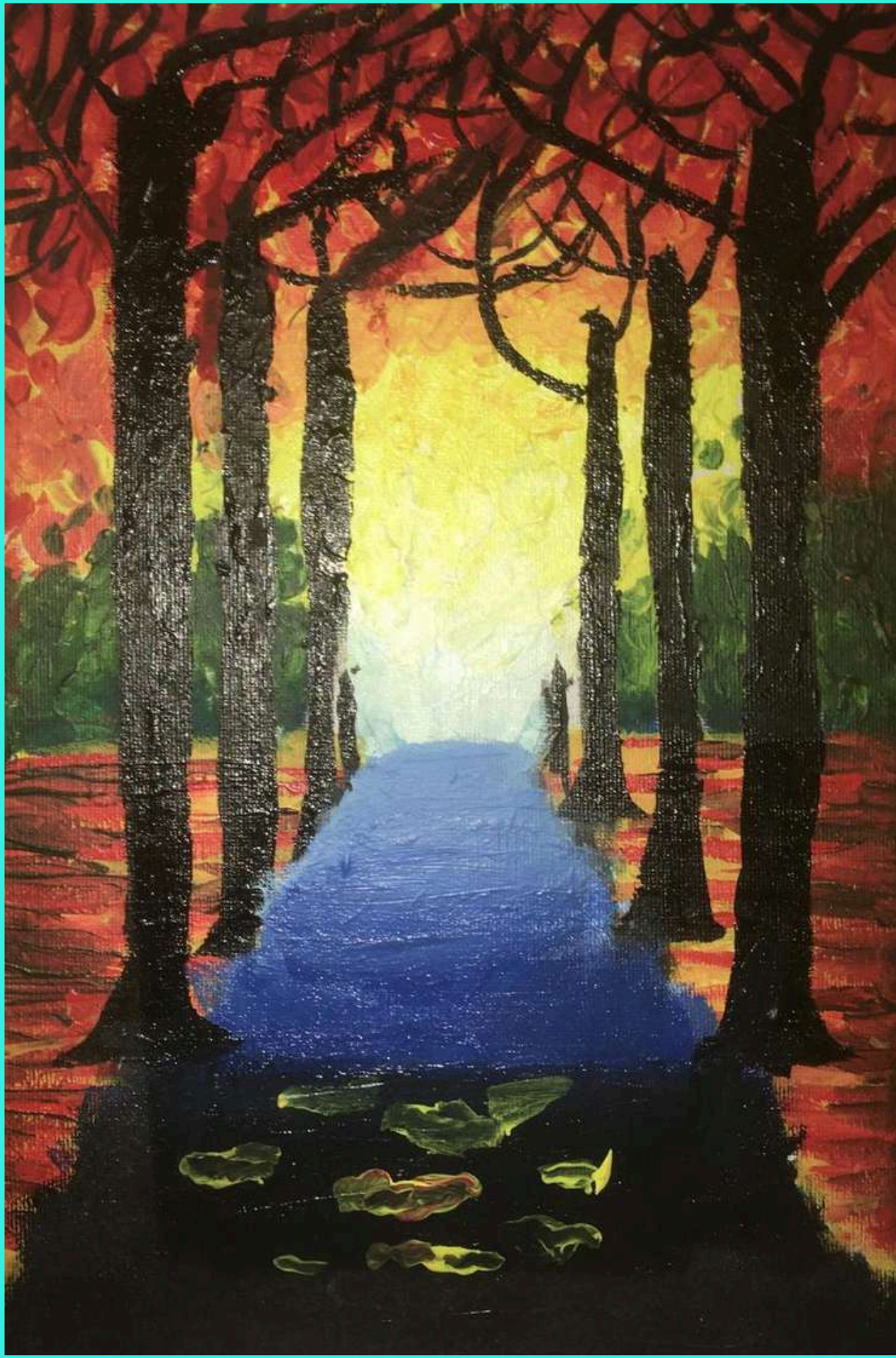


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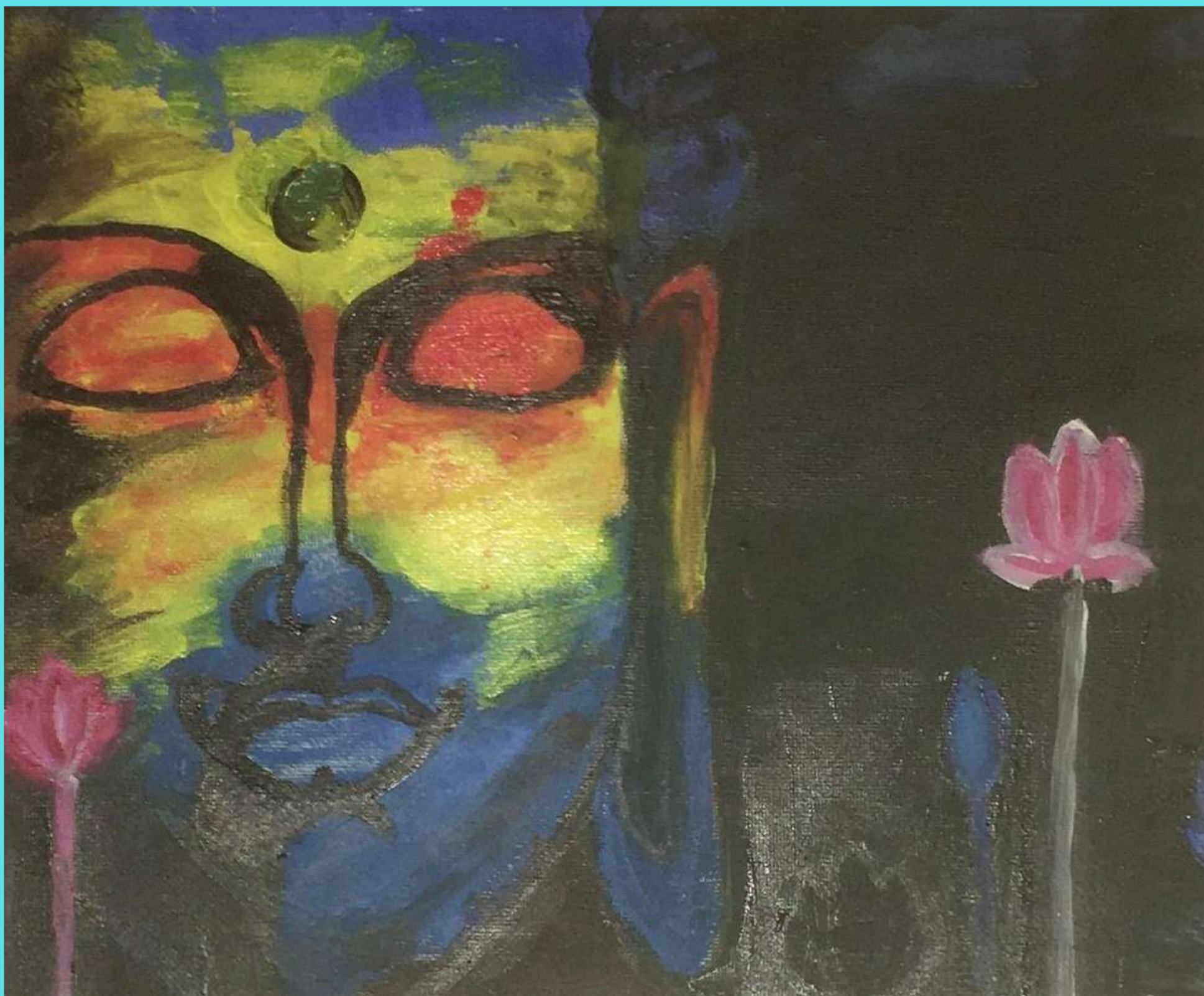


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ROSHINI
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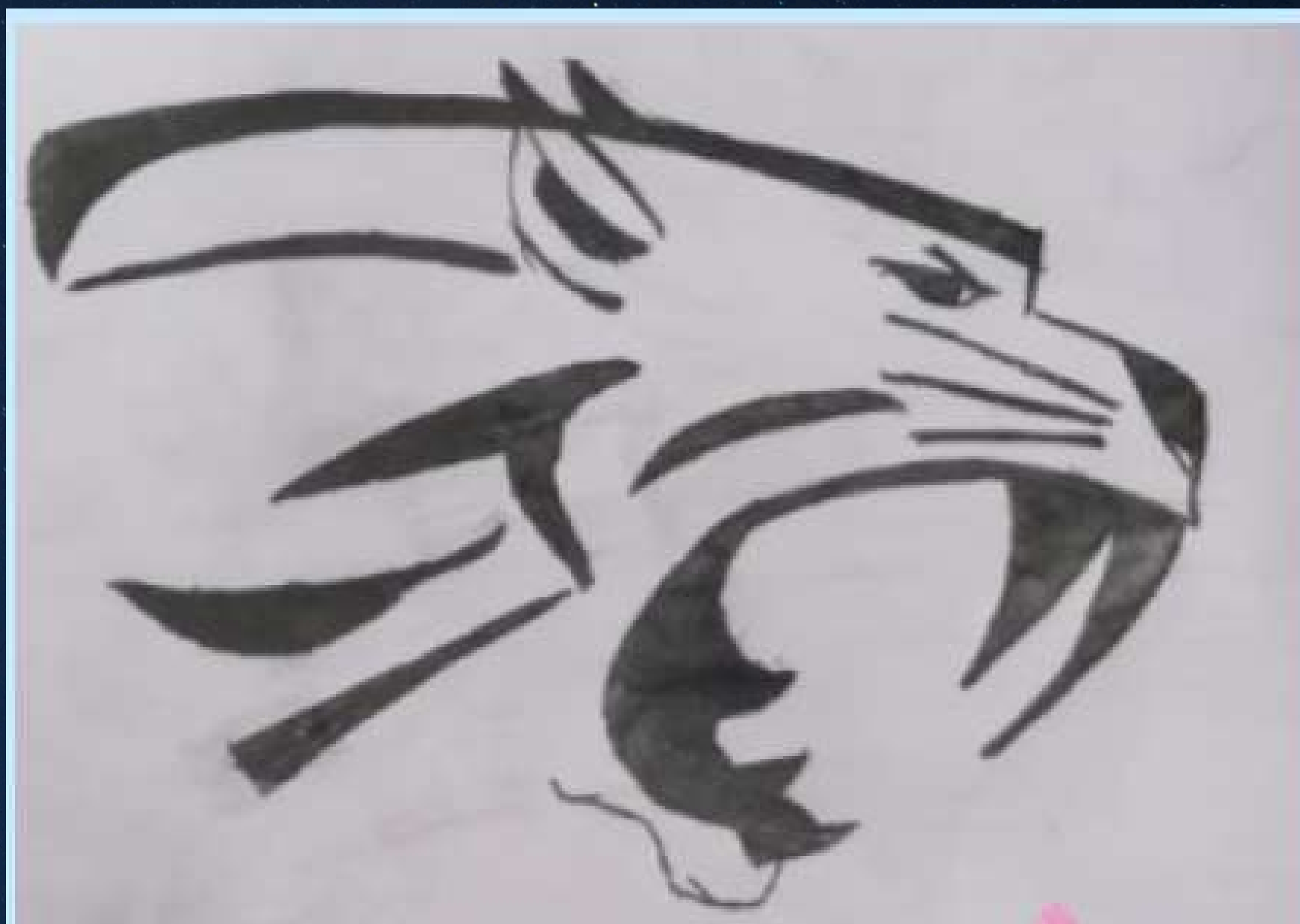


SRINIKA THIYAGU 8B

AMAIRA 6D



PRANAV 8A



Fun & Games



IF YOU COULD HAVE DINNER WITH
ANY FICTIONAL CHARACTER, WHO
WOULD IT BE AND WHY?

POST YOUR
ANSWERS AT
OUR
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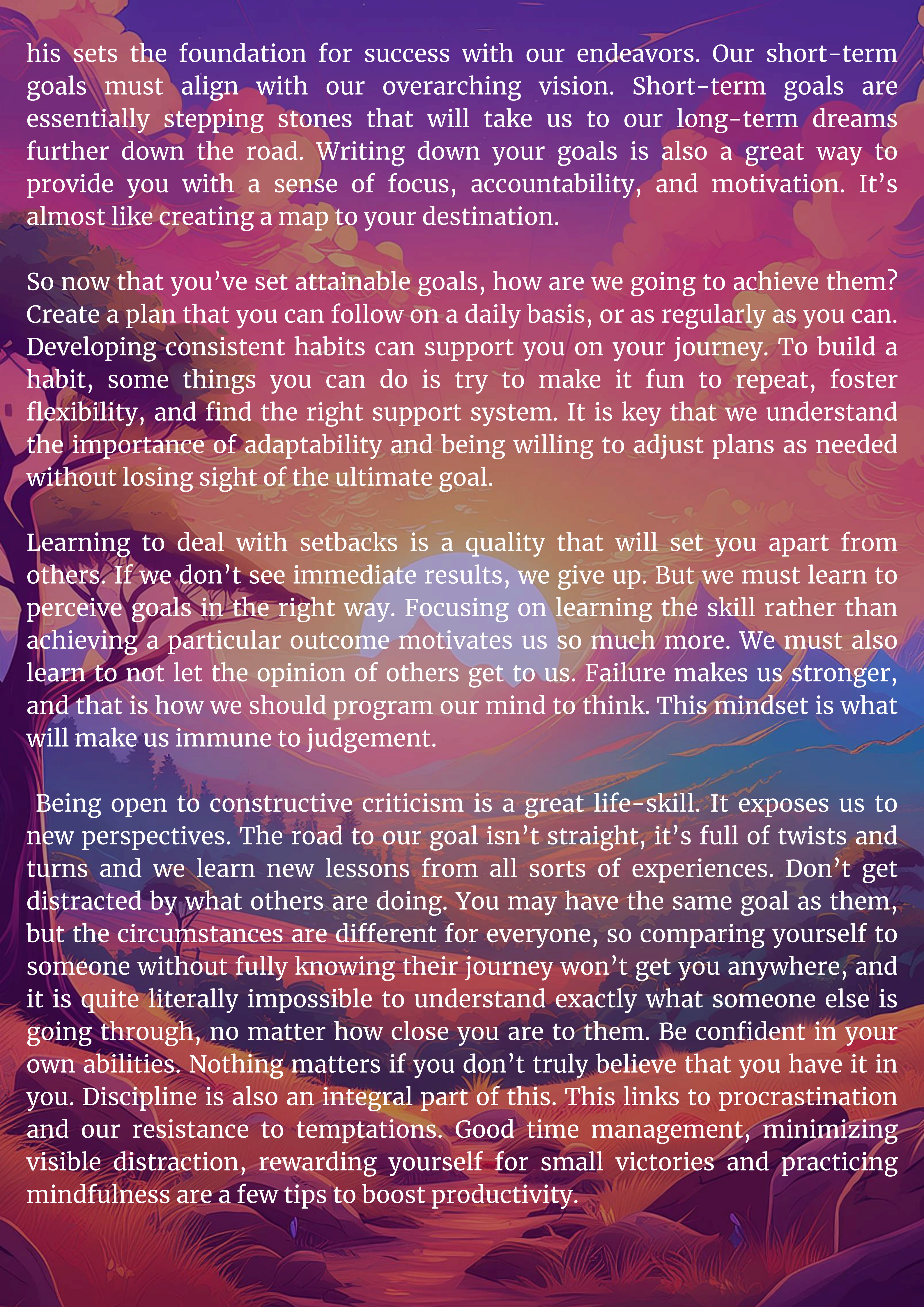


MOTIVATIONAL COLUMN

We all have envisioned a future for ourselves at some point. How far are you from that version of yourself? What will it take for you to get there? How many others have the same dreams as you and what sets you apart from them? About 90% of people give up on their goals. This is because we expect immediate results and it's hard to come to terms with the fact that we will be met with obstacles and learning to overcome them is what makes us worthy of achieving our goals. Goals give us a sense of purpose in our lives and gives a direction. But not many people know how to make strategic goals that allow them to take it one step at a time rather than jumping the gun.

It is essential that we understand why we want to achieve the goal we're setting. It could be for personal fulfillment or to prove someone wrong, and it's different for everyone. This gives us a start. It makes our goal more meaningful to us and we become more accountable to do all that we can to achieve it. Aligning them with our personal values and passions makes us all the more motivated to move forward with our goals. What is the psychology behind all this? Goal setting has been associated with higher self-esteem and independence. Once you think of something you want to achieve, your brain will continue to nudge you till you do something to get there.

But sometimes, we are discouraged because of the fear of perfectionism and the fear of failure, but this can be mitigated. How? By setting the right goals. Setting SMART goals (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) is by far the most effective way to get our mind to see this a step-by-step process that is realistic rather than an unrealistic, remarkable feat. It is crucial that we learn how to balance short-term and long-term goals.



his sets the foundation for success with our endeavors. Our short-term goals must align with our overarching vision. Short-term goals are essentially stepping stones that will take us to our long-term dreams further down the road. Writing down your goals is also a great way to provide you with a sense of focus, accountability, and motivation. It's almost like creating a map to your destination.

So now that you've set attainable goals, how are we going to achieve them? Create a plan that you can follow on a daily basis, or as regularly as you can. Developing consistent habits can support you on your journey. To build a habit, some things you can do is try to make it fun to repeat, foster flexibility, and find the right support system. It is key that we understand the importance of adaptability and being willing to adjust plans as needed without losing sight of the ultimate goal.

Learning to deal with setbacks is a quality that will set you apart from others. If we don't see immediate results, we give up. But we must learn to perceive goals in the right way. Focusing on learning the skill rather than achieving a particular outcome motivates us so much more. We must also learn to not let the opinion of others get to us. Failure makes us stronger, and that is how we should program our mind to think. This mindset is what will make us immune to judgement.

Being open to constructive criticism is a great life-skill. It exposes us to new perspectives. The road to our goal isn't straight, it's full of twists and turns and we learn new lessons from all sorts of experiences. Don't get distracted by what others are doing. You may have the same goal as them, but the circumstances are different for everyone, so comparing yourself to someone without fully knowing their journey won't get you anywhere, and it is quite literally impossible to understand exactly what someone else is going through, no matter how close you are to them. Be confident in your own abilities. Nothing matters if you don't truly believe that you have it in you. Discipline is also an integral part of this. This links to procrastination and our resistance to temptations. Good time management, minimizing visible distraction, rewarding yourself for small victories and practicing mindfulness are a few tips to boost productivity.

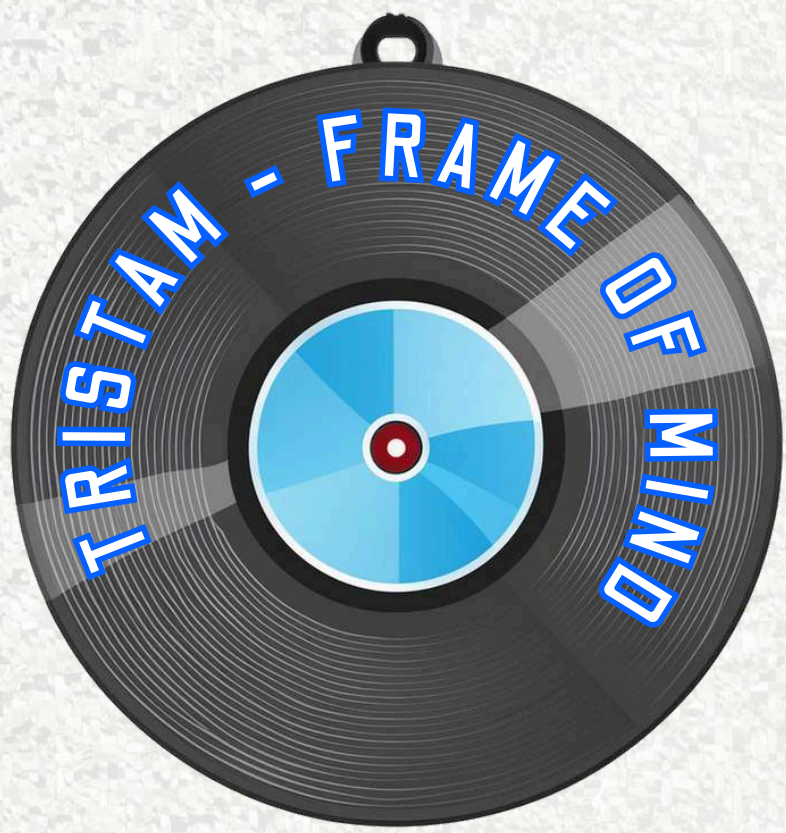
How do you maintain motivation throughout your journey? Visualize your success. Visualize yourself achieving that goal that you worked so hard on, persevering through every obstacle. Doesn't that make you feel more compelled to get there and make that a reality? It also helps to celebrate your tiny victories as mentioned earlier. Reward yourself from time to time because you need to acknowledge your hard work. You deserve it! To stay inspired, read about the success stories of others with similar goals as you. To conclude, the process of goal setting is a journey of personal growth and development, where each small step taken builds confidence and skill, leading to greater achievements over time. Starting with manageable tasks and maintaining persistence through challenges ensures steady progress, transforming dreams into reality while fostering resilience and self-improvement. Take that first step! It has to start from somewhere, whether that's today or tomorrow so it might as well be today.



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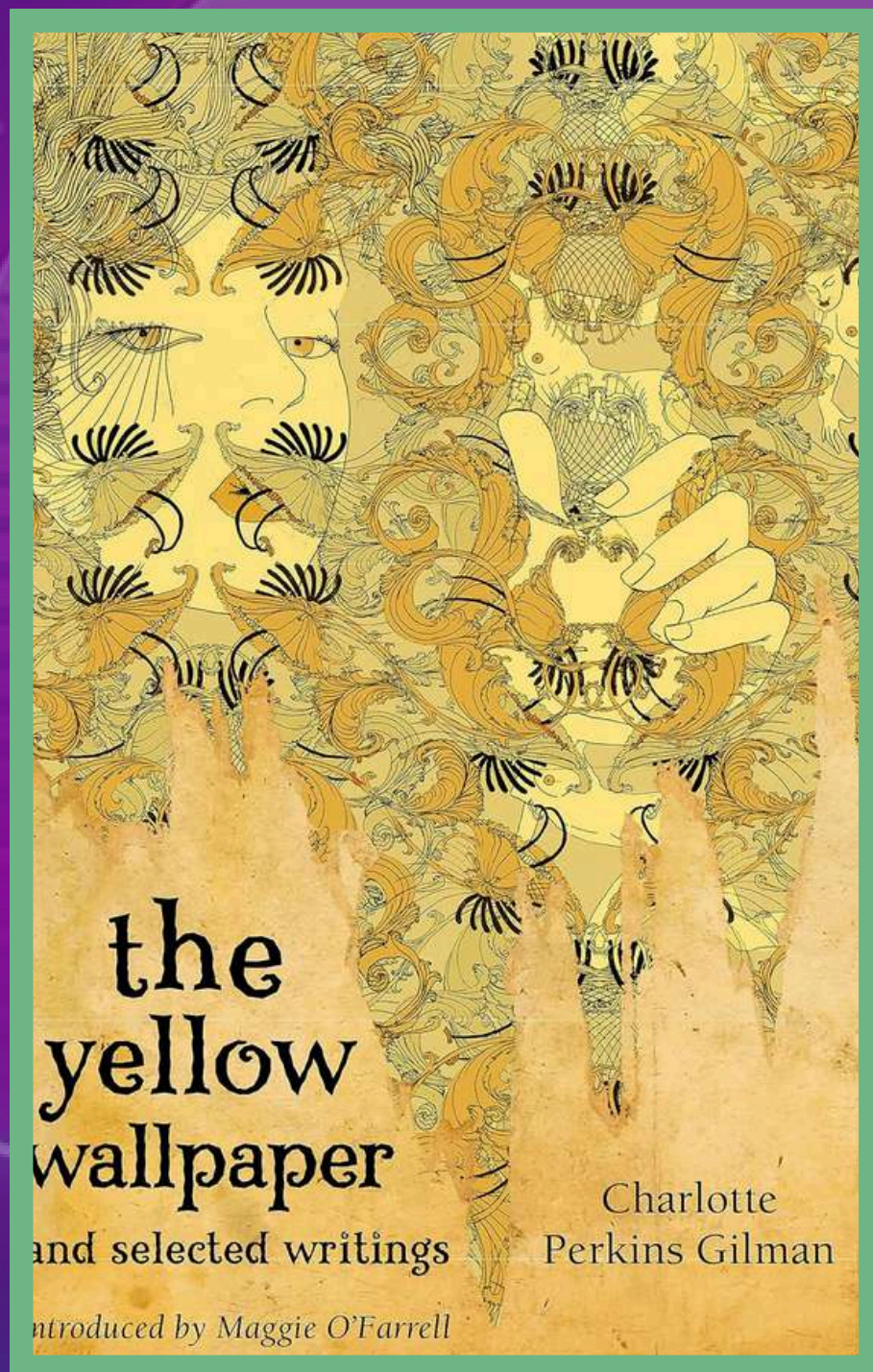
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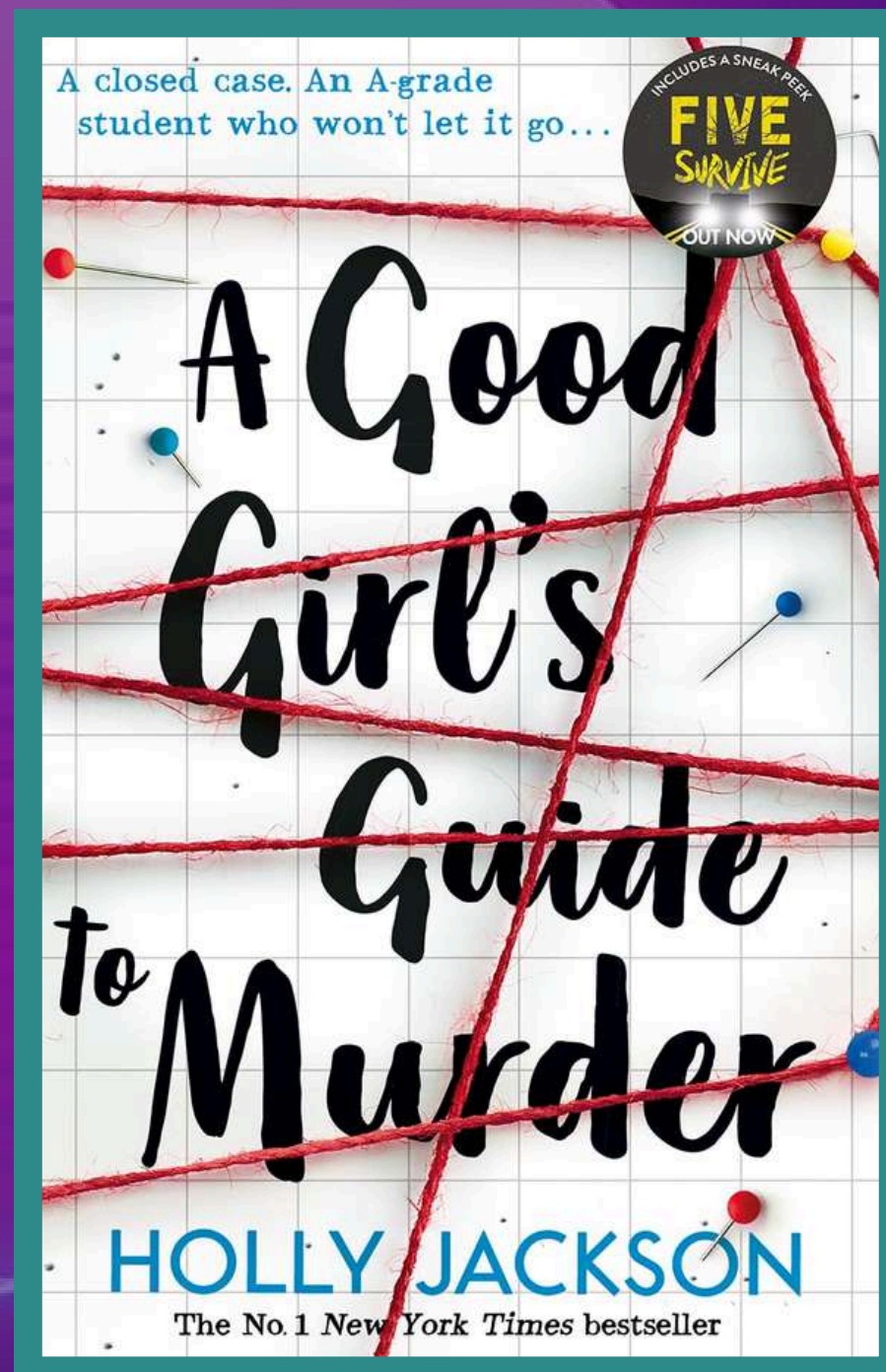
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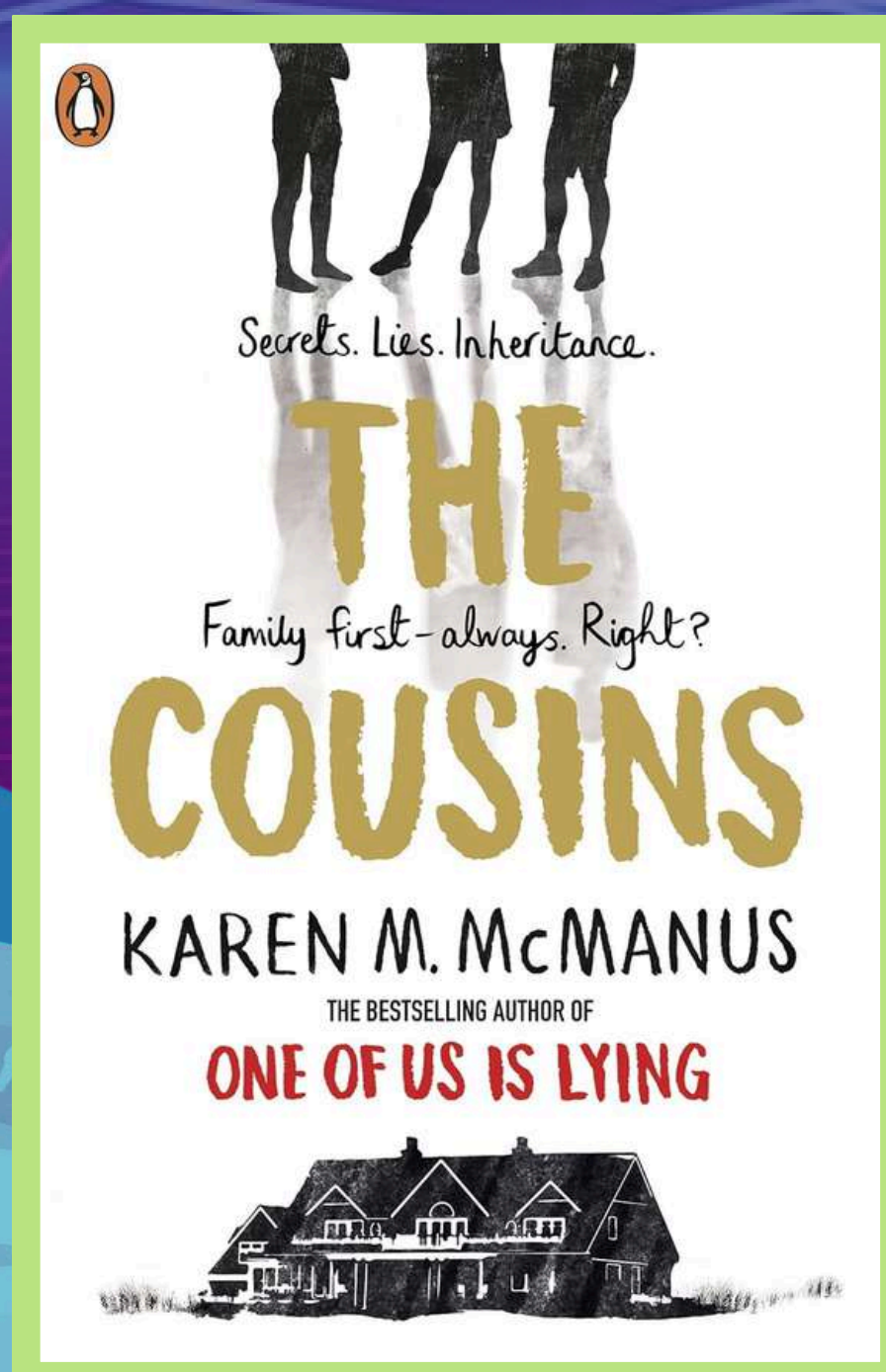
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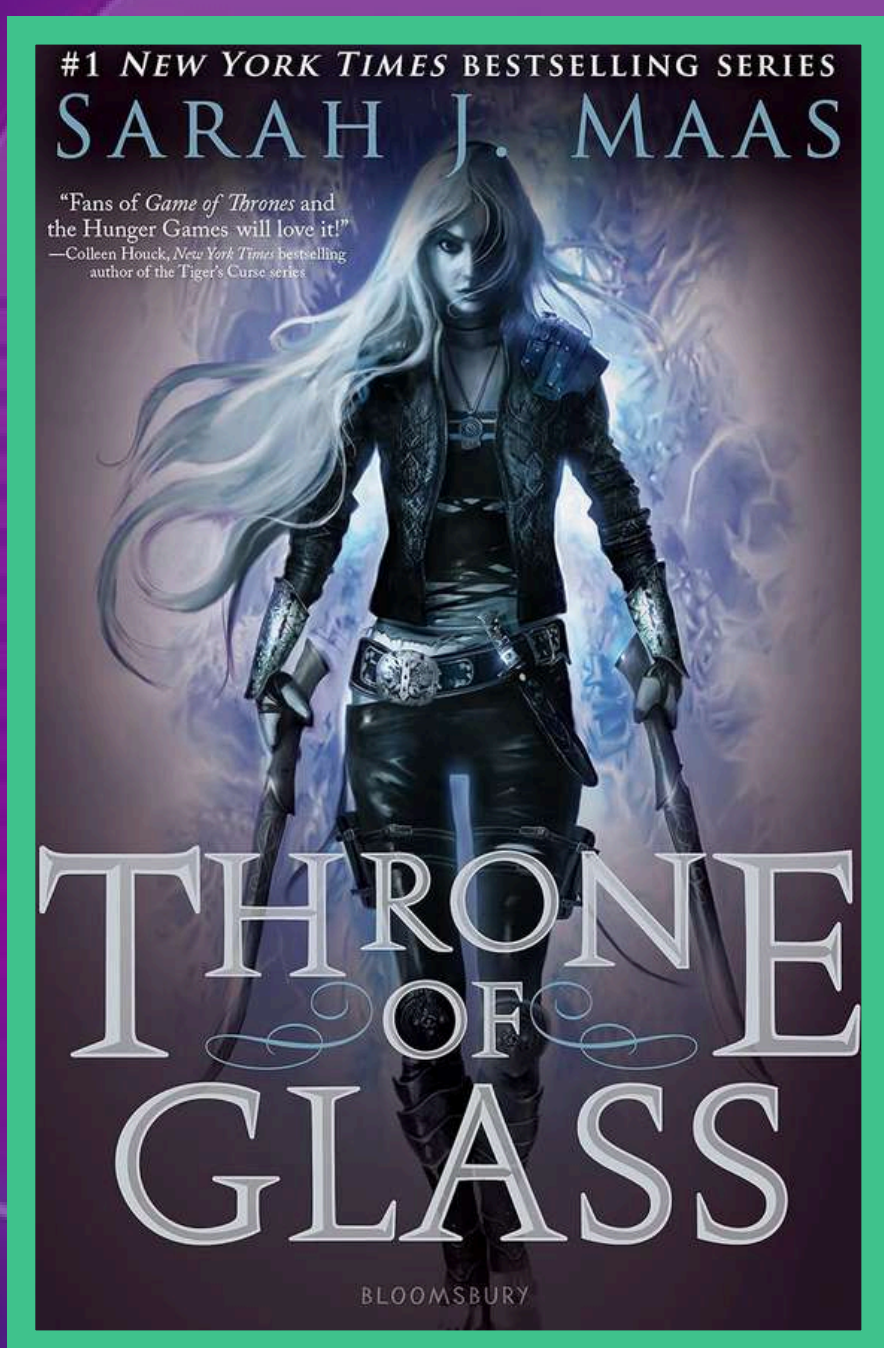


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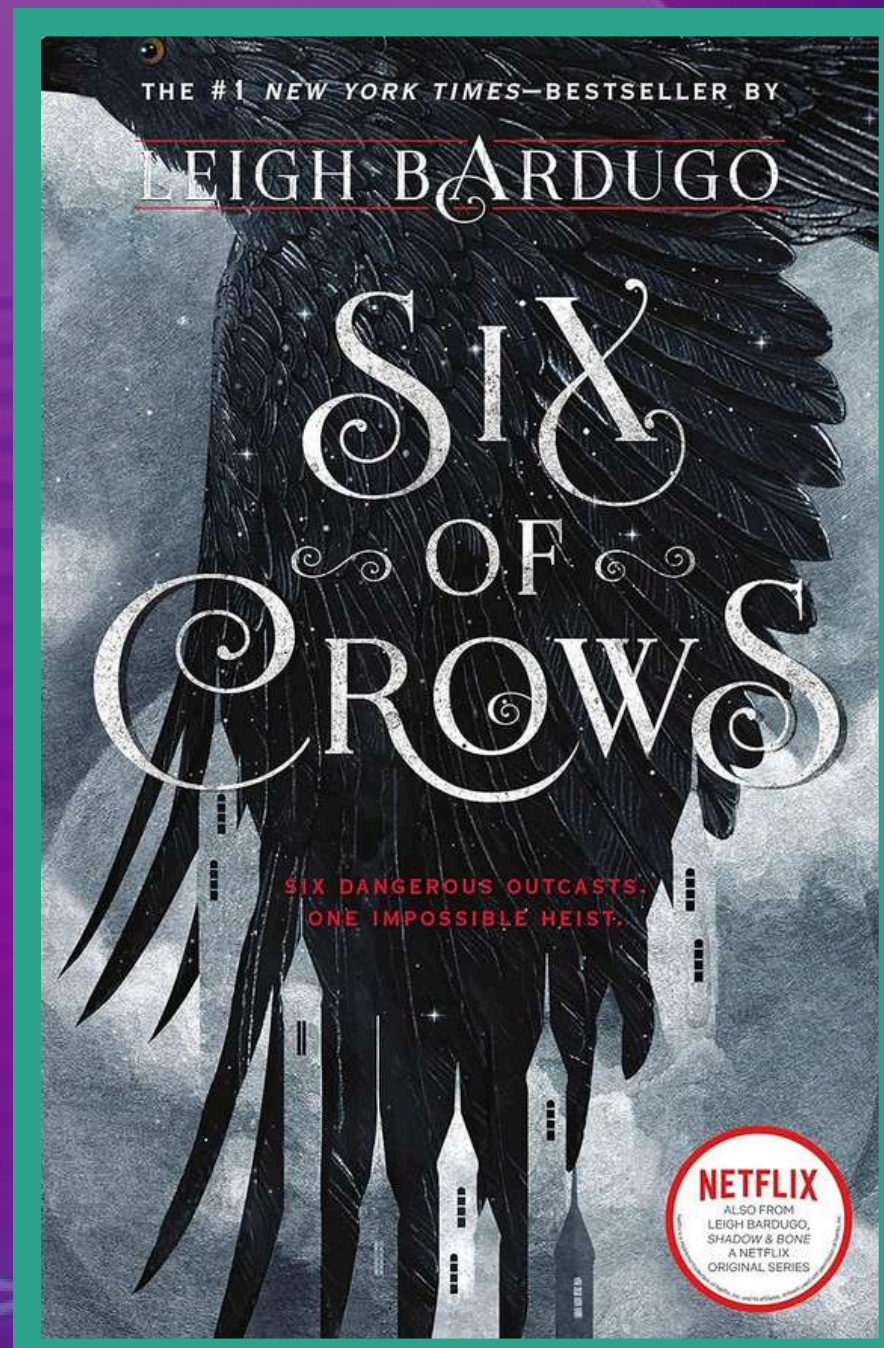


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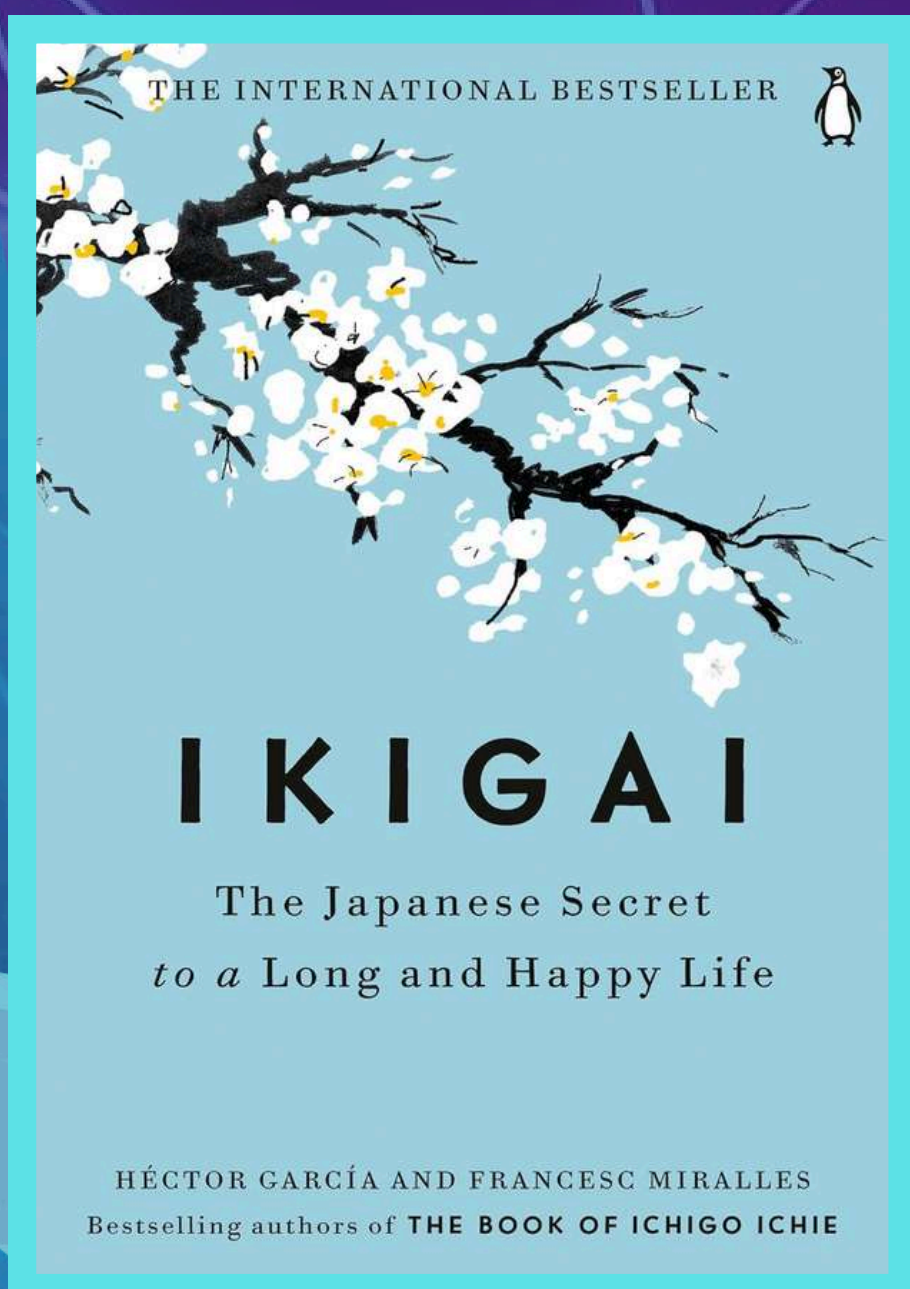
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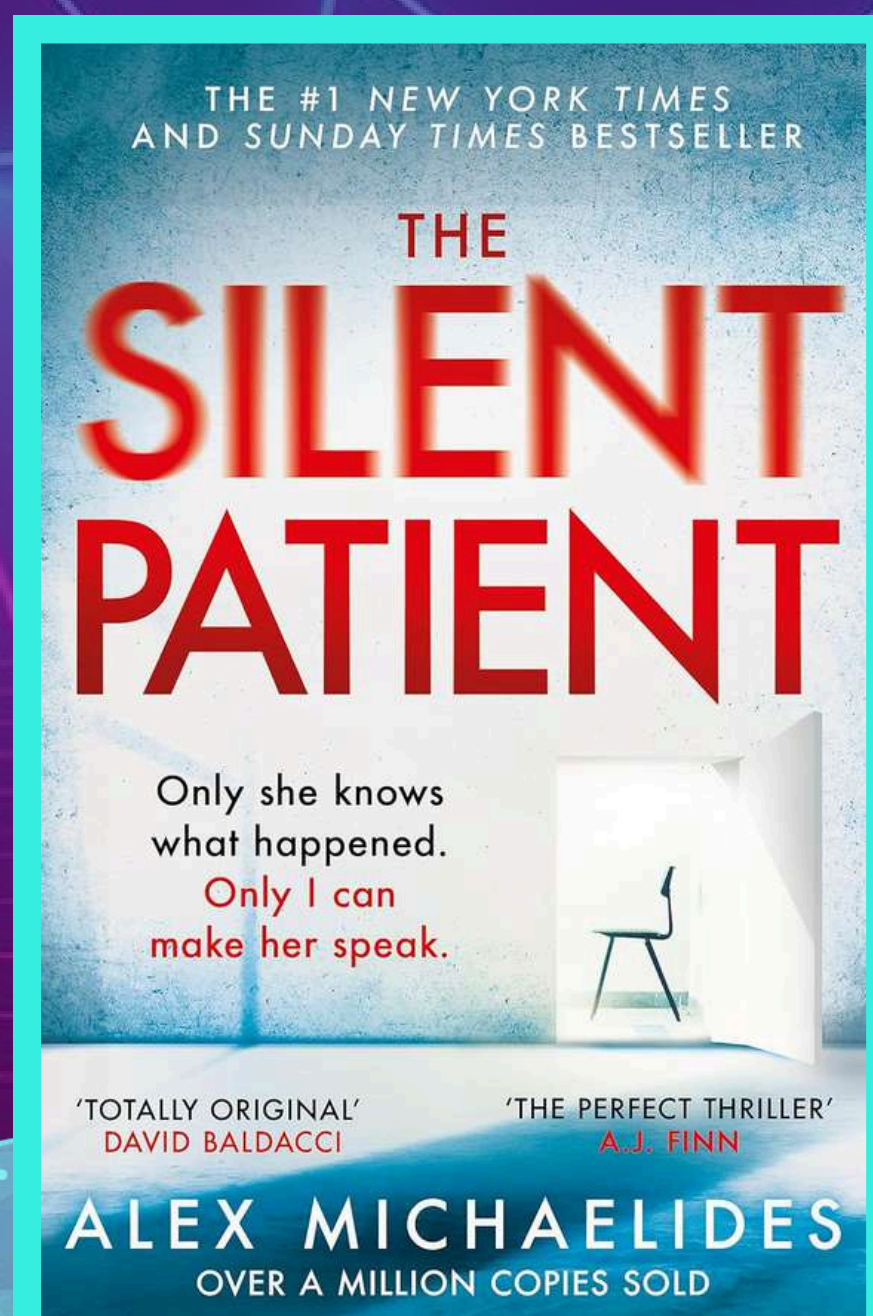
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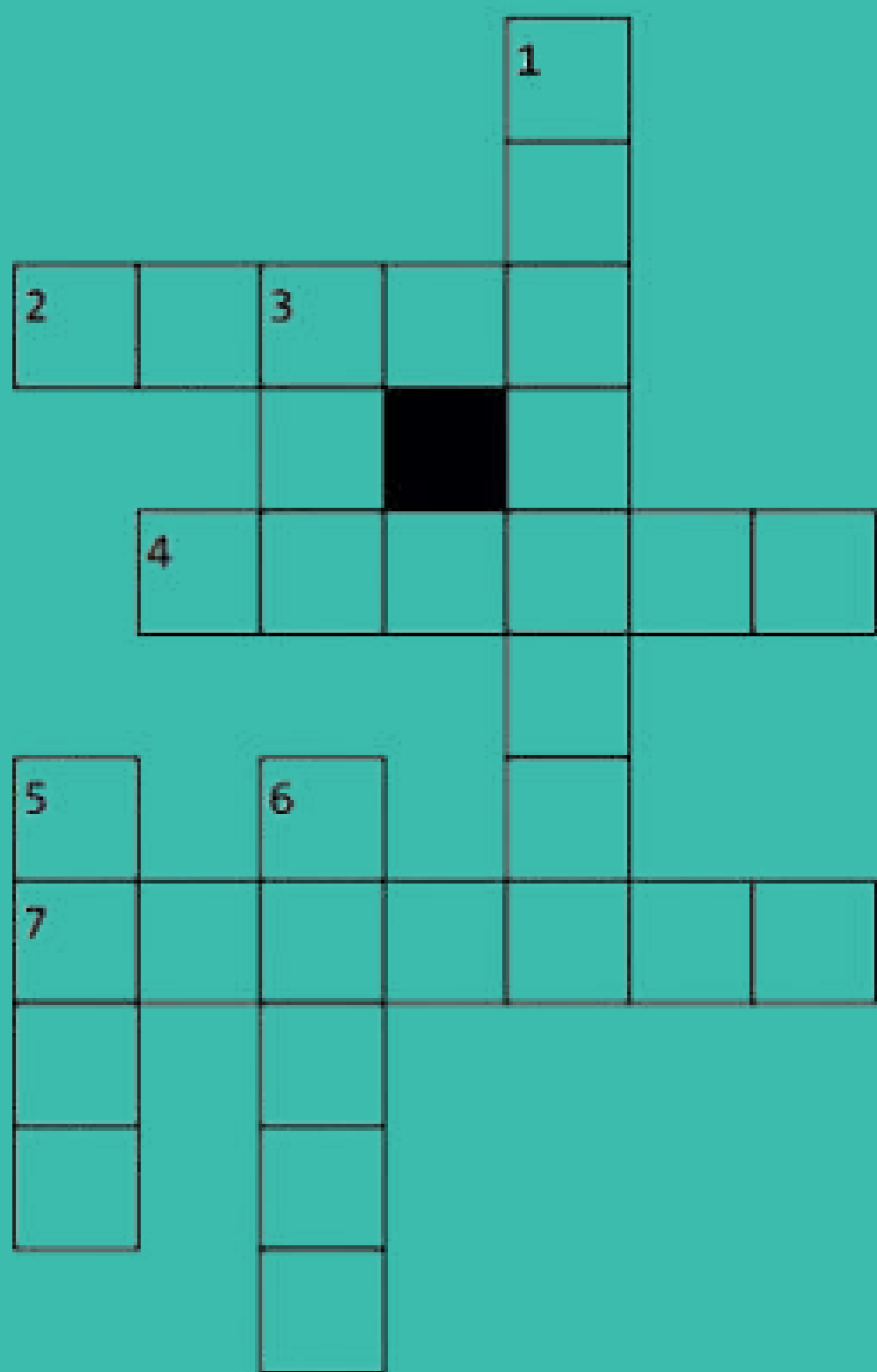


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CROSS WORDS

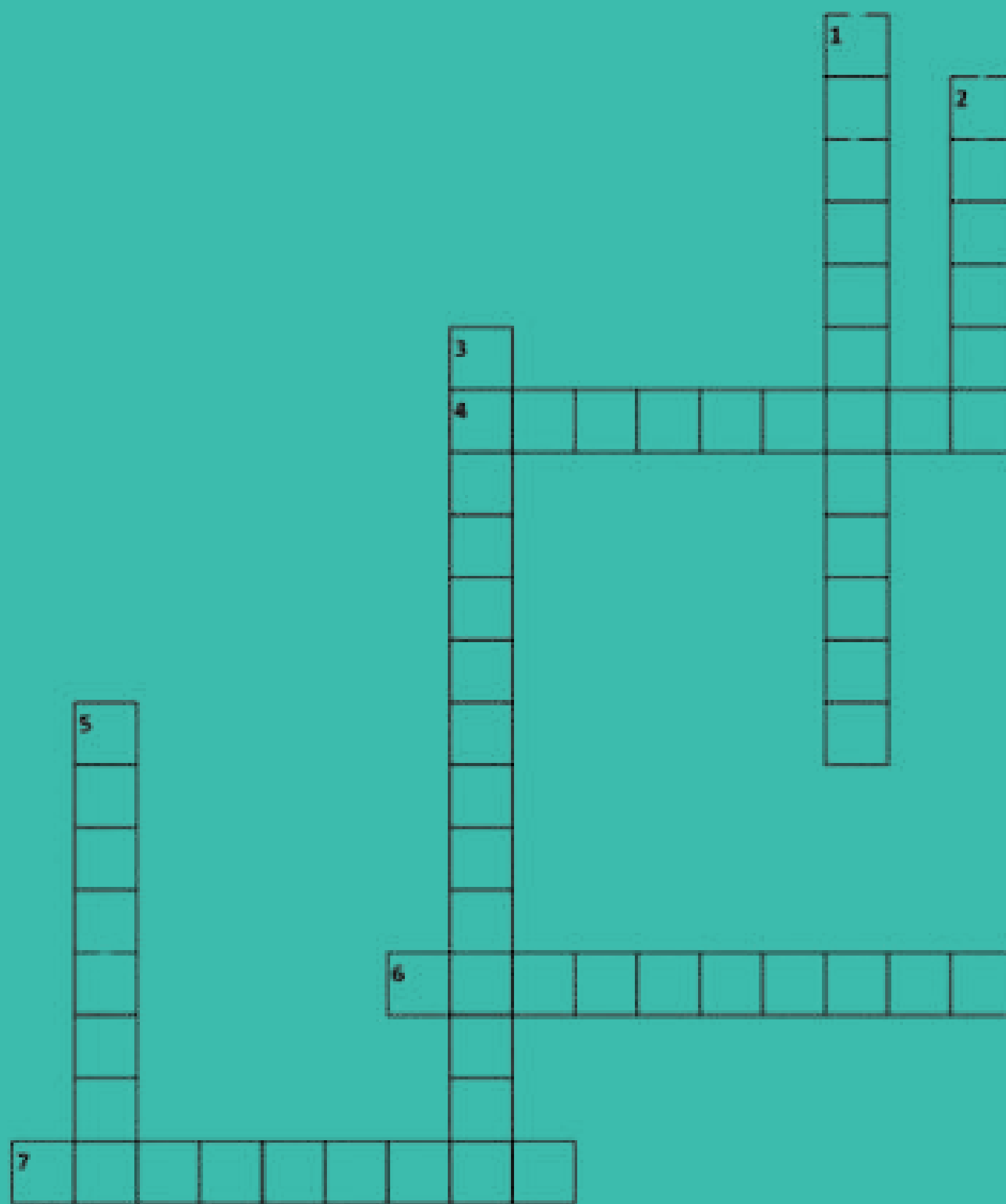


Down

1. A government ruled by a single person with absolute power
3. A period of history marked by great change
5. A mathematical equation with an unknown variable
6. A line of poetry with a specific meter

Across

2. A large body of water surrounded by land
4. A feeling of intense dislike
7. To analyze something closely



ACROSS

- 4.** A literary device that uses exaggeration for effect
- 6.** The phenomenon where light bends as it passes from one medium to another
- 7.** A scientific theory that explains evolution through natural selection

Down

- 1.** The branch of mathematics dealing with the relationships between the sides and angles of triangles
- 2.** The SI unit of electric current
- 3.** The process by which plants convert light energy into chemical energy
- 5.** A literary device that repeats the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses

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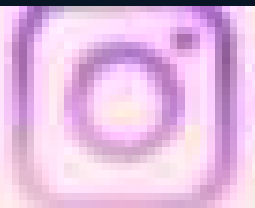
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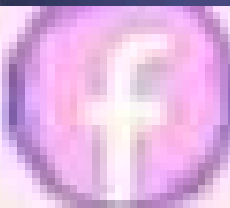
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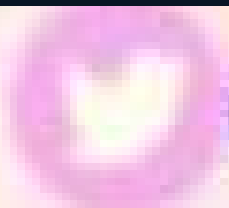
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