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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

Welcome to the October 2024 edition of JSSPS' VERVE! We are excited to bring you another vibrant issue that showcases the remarkable talents and achievements of our students and faculty.

This month, we shine a spotlight on our school's innovative arts programs, featuring a series of workshops that have inspired creativity and collaboration across all grades. Our students have embraced their artistic expressions, and we can't wait for you to see their incredible work.

In addition to the arts, this edition includes heartfelt stories from our community, highlighting student-led initiatives that promote inclusivity and kindness. We are also thrilled to introduce our "Healthy Habits" section, packed with tips and resources to support mental and physical well-being.

As always, we've prepared a curated October playlist and a selection of book recommendations perfect for cozy autumn evenings.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated Principal, Ms. Chitra Sharma, Vice-Principal, Ms. Bindhu Rajiv, and our visionary CEO, Mr. Govindrao Naik. Their unwavering support and leadership continue to inspire us all. We invite you to dive into this edition of VERVE and share your thoughts with us at [vervejssps24@gmail.com](mailto:vervejssps24@gmail.com). Thank you for being an essential part of our vibrant community.

Happy reading!

**TEAM VERVE**

# Celebrating the Symphony of Learning: A joyful embrace of Neurodiversity in our classrooms

Dear Students, Parents, and Esteemed Educators, Imagine entering a room buzzing with energy—a kaleidoscope of color and sound, where every child's individual learning style unleashes creativity and sparks innovation. In our classrooms, where a rainbow of neurodiversity exists, the mantra becomes: "Different is not less!"

Neurodiversity highlights the unique cognitive profiles of children, from those with dyslexia who might read the world differently, to kids on the autism spectrum who unveil remarkable attention to detail. World-renowned author and advocates, such as Temple Grandin, remind us that it's not about fitting into one mold, but embracing the variant shapes of our learners.

Let us celebrate neurodiversity not just as a term but as a profound appreciation of the brilliance in our differences. As a community, let's dismantle stereotypes and build an inclusive classroom environment where each student's voice is heard, valued, and fundamental in the symphony of learning.

In our school, every brain is a treasure map, waiting for the right explorer—the teacher, the peers, or the students themselves—to uncover riches of knowledge. So let us don our adventurer hats and dive into the colorful sea of learning differences!

Additionally, encourage open dialogues at home and school. Create a culture where students can discuss their unique thought processes fearlessly.

**MS. MARTINA GOMES**

# HIGHLIGHTS



# ● KINDERGARTEN ●

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Back to School excitement was high at JSSPS Kindergarten! Our little learners, dressed in vibrant colors, jumped into a world of imagination with our new theme. Inspired by the UAE President's message on education's role in shaping a bright future, we're ready for a year full of discovery and joy. Here's to a fantastic start!



## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

Celebrating International Literacy Day with JSSPS Kindergarten was pure delight where the little ones dazzled with a fantastic Show and Tell, bringing their favorite characters to life with vibrant costumes and creative props. It was a day full of imagination, learning, and joy as they shared stories and picked their favorite characters.



# ● KINDERGARTEN ●

## THE MAGIC OF DISSOLVING!

Our Kindergarten 2 scientists dove into the fascinating world of dissolving! They explored various materials, experimenting to see what dissolves and what doesn't. It was a hands-on learning experience full of discovery and fun!



## WORLD OF WORKS ASSEMBLY

Exciting Thursday Assembly witnessed our kindergarteners having a vibrant session with Ms. Kanika Kulbhushan Kakar, our talented Art Teacher. As part of our "World of Works" initiative, she introduced the primary colors and emphasized the importance of colors in our lives. The kids had a blast exploring creativity through art!



# ◉ KINDERGARTEN ◉

## SLIME FACTORY

The curious squad of Kindergarten 2 explored the fascinating world of slime! They learned that slime is neither solid nor liquid, experimented at raw material stations, and created their own slime at the manufacturing station. Everyone took home their colorful finished product.



## JSSPS MEETS THE WORLD

In a unique cultural extravaganza - "JSSPS Meets the World," our Kindergarten 2 students showcased a vibrant exhibition on different countries! They shared informative insights about flags, traditional foods, languages, national flowers, animals and many other important aspects. It was a wonderful celebration of world cultures and creativity!





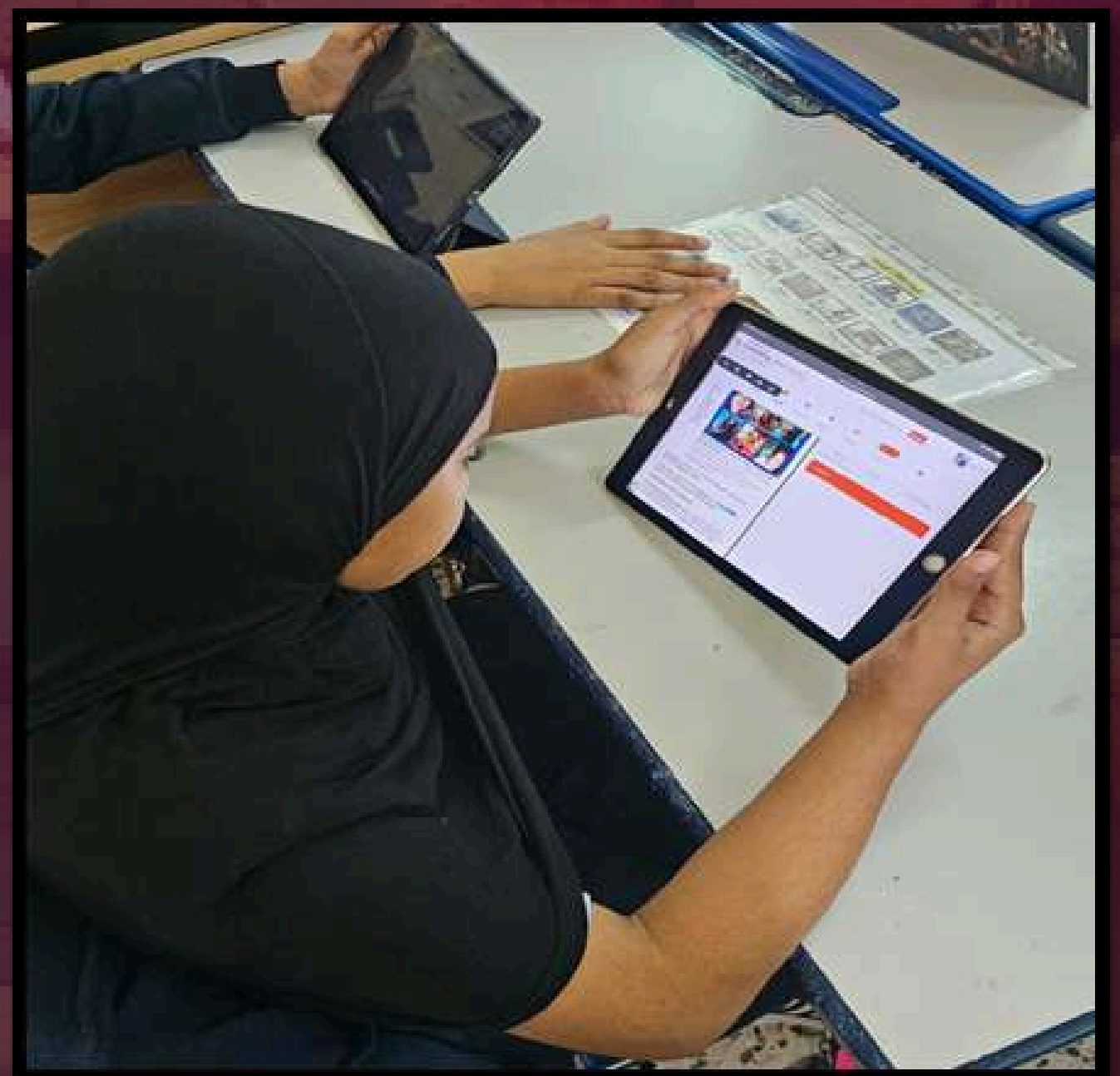
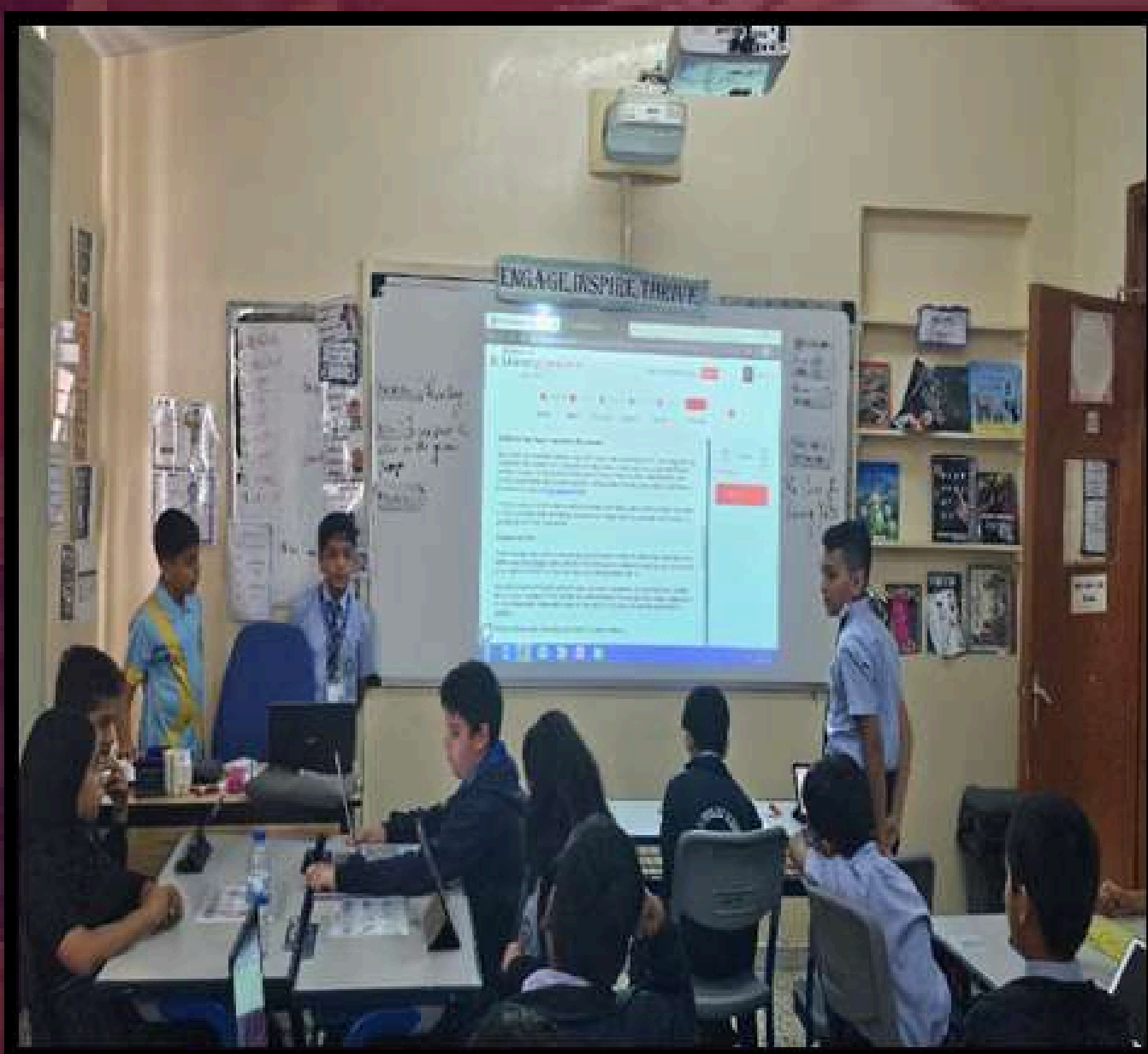


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Vhaan singla	400L	700L	400L							
Natasha Hemant Jain	650L	750L	650L							
Yug Krunakumar Patel	430L	500L	500L							
Alisha Sanjay Prabhu	380L	450L	350L							
Syed Mohammad Akbar Rizvi	570L	570L	570L							
Anushri Asapu	670L	470L	715L							
AGASTYA BHINT	440L	400L	400L							
Agastya Bhint	770L	800L	770L							
Ainsley Ian Fernandes	880L	800L	880L							
Shradidha	240L	350L	350L							
Dikesh Lakshmantian	400L	470L	450L							
ADVAIT SAATOSH	740L	700L	740L							
Haricharan Vineeth Nath	640L	570L	640L							
Saajay Santosh	500L	620L	500L							
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Urdivag Satpute	570L	470L	600L							
Akshara Krushal Desai	470L	470L	340L							
Suraj Varun Vagesna	470L	470L	250L							
Nandan Abhijit Bantarahal	240L	310L	130L							
Sahitha Reddy Yeruvu	440L	470L	440L							
Maahi Ritesh Shah	440L	470L	440L							
Atharv Chaandek	240L	240L	470L							
Twisha Chellaprabhu	240L	240L	340L							
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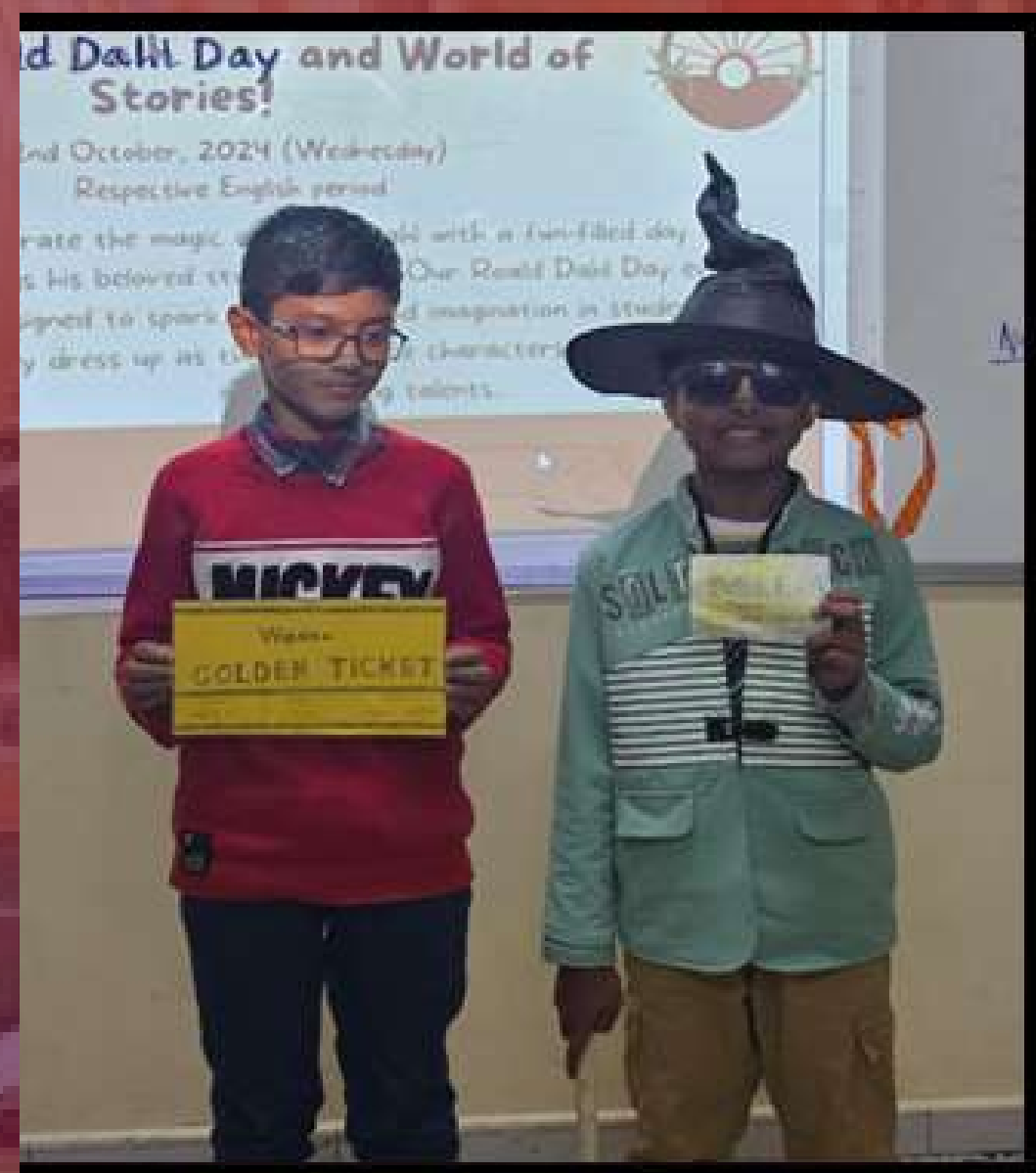
## Day 2: Digital Library- Achieve 3000

Students were assigned an article to read, with selected individuals chosen to lead the discussion for the day. They engaged with critical thinking questions to spark pair discussions and were given a “word of the day” to incorporate into their conversations and writing. After sharing their insights, students tackled the differentiated quiz provided by Achieve 3000.



# Day 3: Roald Dahl Day and World of Stories

Students were invited to dive into the whimsical world of Roald Dahl by dressing up as their favorite characters from his books. Whether it was Matilda, Willy Wonka, The BFG, or the mischievous Twits, they brought these iconic characters to life with their costumes. They shared their experiences of being their chosen character for a day and explained why they loved that particular personality. Additionally, students were encouraged to work in pairs to create their own unique stories, inspired by the works of Roald Dahl, Ruskin Bond, Enid Blyton, or any author of their choice.





## Day 4: JSSPS Meets the World

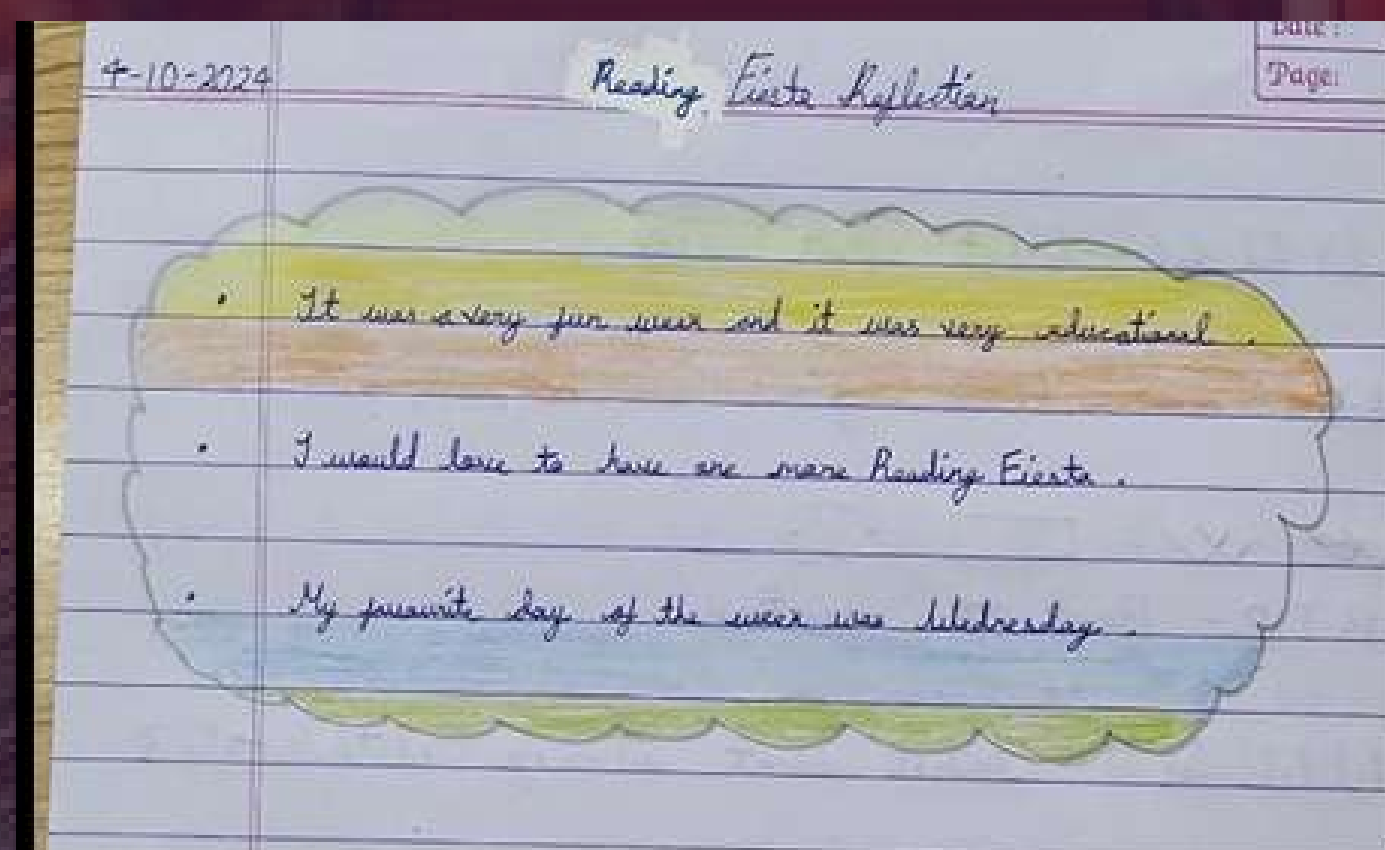
The Junior Model United Nations (MUN) event for Grades 3-5 centered on the important topic of cyber security. Forty bright and enthusiastic students took part in this stimulating experience, showcasing their critical thinking and collaborative skills. During the event, participants represented different countries, discussing current global cyber security challenges, including data privacy, cybercrime, and the importance of digital literacy.

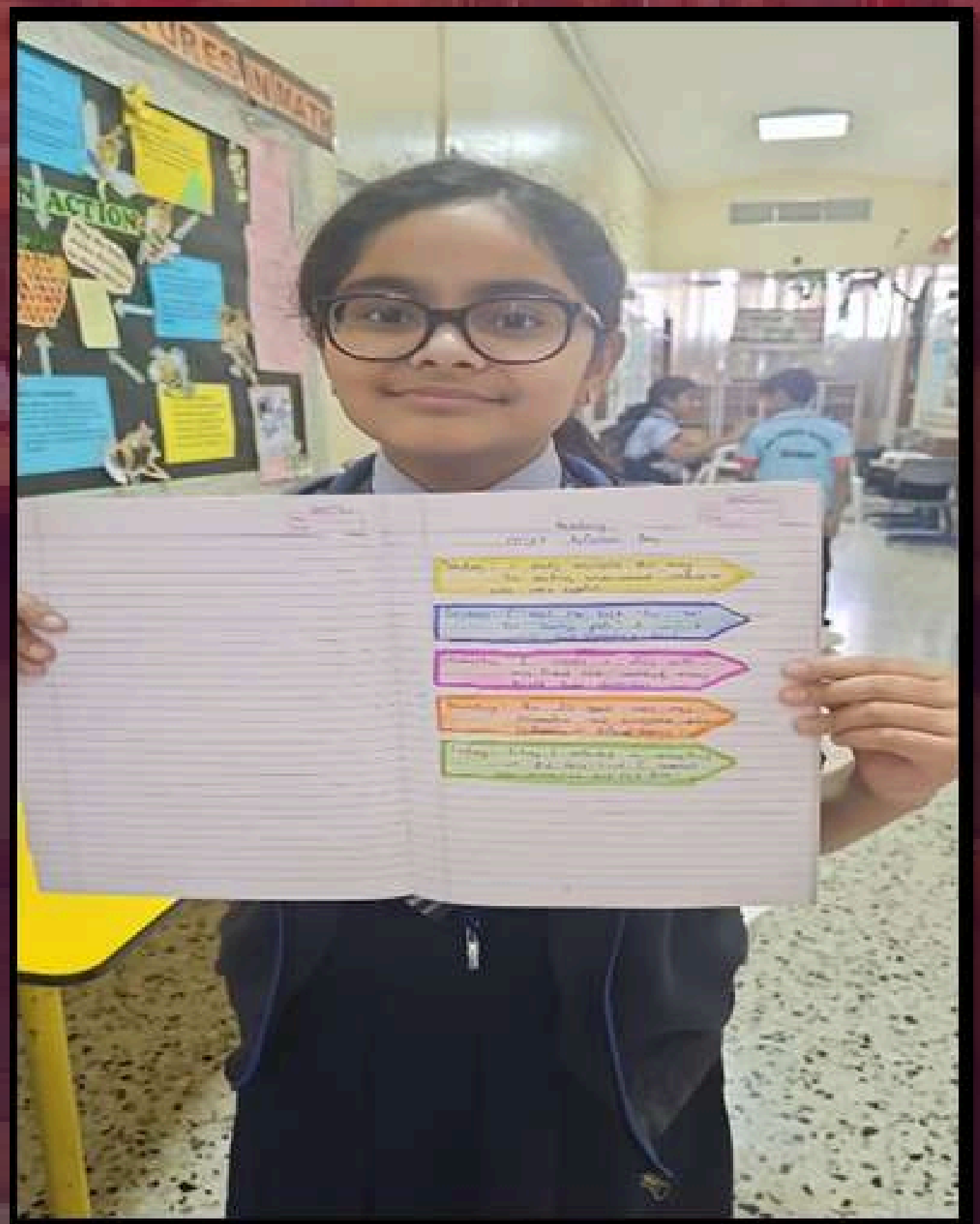
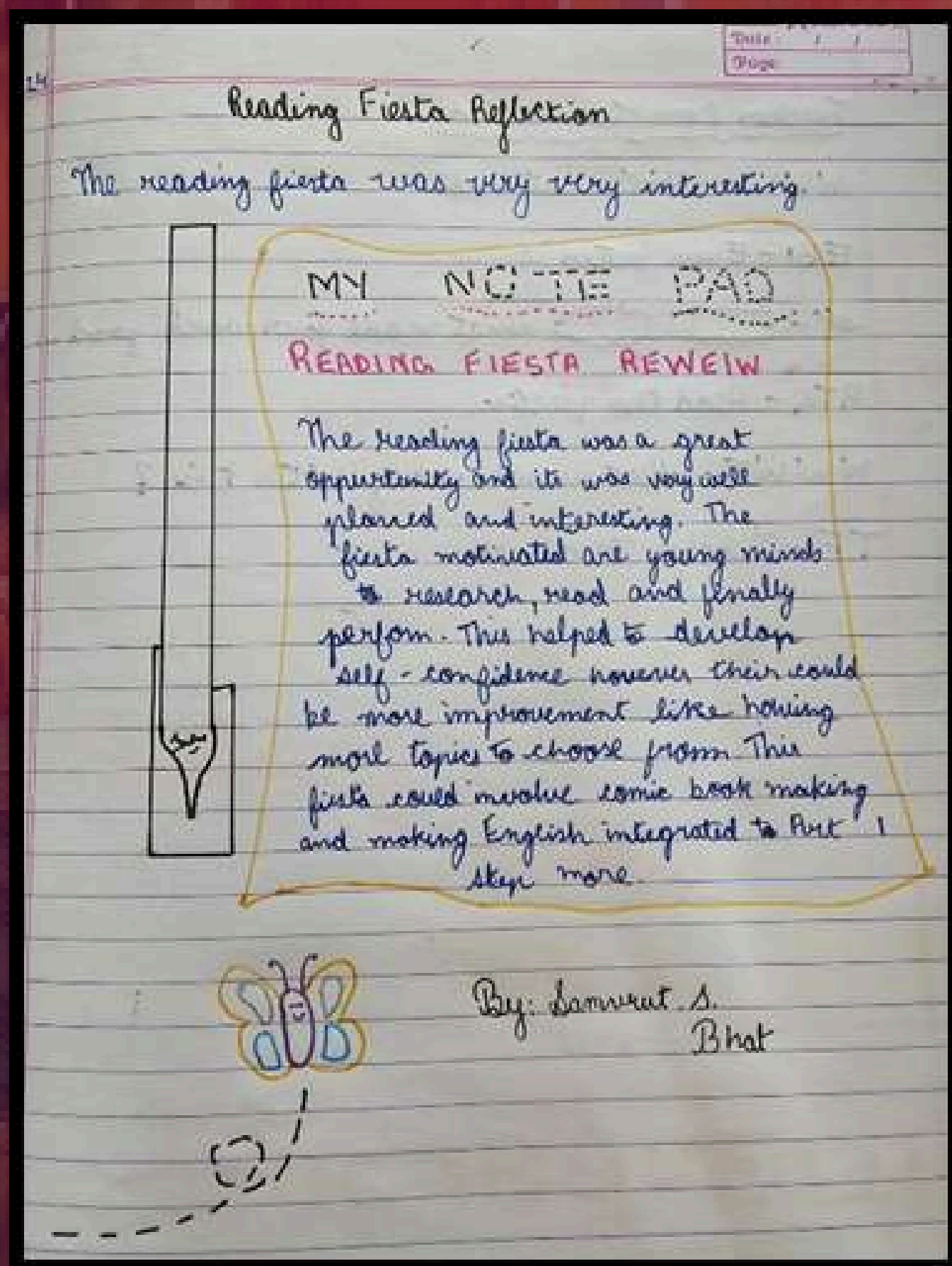
Through debates, presentations, and negotiations, the students explored innovative solutions to protect online spaces and ensure safe digital environments for all. The event not only developed their cyber security knowledge but also honed their public speaking, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities. It was an engaging platform for young minds to voice their ideas on safeguarding the digital world, preparing them to be informed global citizens.



## Day 5: Bookmarked Moments

Students reflected on the activities they engaged in throughout the week based on their reading and wrote down their reflections and takeaways in their notebook.





# PRIMARY

## THE DANCING RIVER

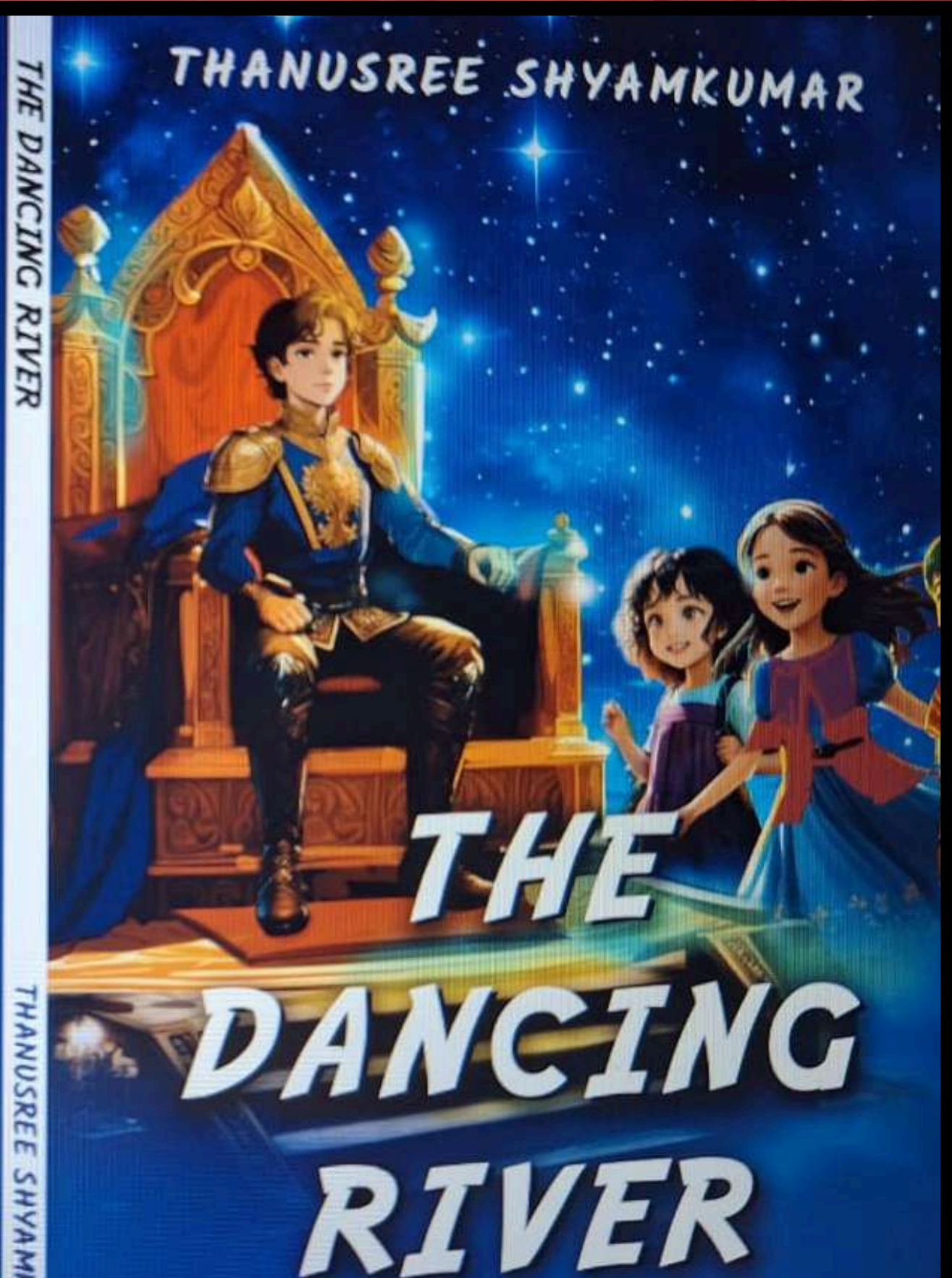
JSS Private School's young author, Thanusree Shyam Kumar from class 5E, has published another thrilling adventure titled The Dancing River. The story follows a princess, her sibling, and their best friend as they face numerous challenges on their journey to reach the magical destination—the dancing river. Discover more in this captivating tale. The book is currently available on Amazon India and will soon be released in the UAE.

This book is about the adventure of 9-year-old Princess Luna with her brother Prince Thomas, best friend Susan, and the obstacles they cross to reach their ultimate destination, The Dancing River. Along their journey, more friends add up to this group of young children. The dancing river had been an obsession for Luna from her early years and she was desperate to find it. "Ages passed and strangers arrived different in wisdom and virtue. Along they brought a new queen, born to rule. Thus, she was crowned and went on adventures that brought them back to shore." This was the prophecy of Melodania by their ancient hero and this is the story of that enchanted place. These are just the beginning of their adventures, as there are more. Join this amazing trio in their adventures.



Thanusree Shyamkumar is a fifth-grade student at JSS Private School in Dubai. She wrote her first story, "The Thunder Parrot," at the age of six, and it was published when she was eight. Since preschool, she has been passionate about art, literature, and science. Remarkably, she knows five languages, including Sanskrit. Thanusree's interests are broad and diverse, and she has achieved significant success by winning various Science and English Olympiads.

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# ● MIDDLE SCHOOL ●

## JUNIOR DUKE AWARD CEREMONY

This year, we proudly celebrated the outstanding accomplishments of our students in the prestigious Duke Award program.

From Grade 6, four students had shown remarkable dedication and perseverance, successfully completing the Platinum Junior Duke Award:

-Prutha Pawar

-Siddhiksha

-Dhanvanthi Kutti

-Aaradhya Vignesh

Their hard work and commitment to personal growth and leadership had been truly commendable.

In Grade 7, six students had achieved the esteemed Silver Senior Duke Award, showcasing their determination to excel: Sourish Dora Birlangi

-Kesshav Balaji

-Sourya Sudhakaran Nair

-Daniel Godly Abraham

-Tanmay Vallamkonda

-Daksh Yella





# ● MIDDLE SCHOOL ●

## JUNIOR DUKE AWARD CEREMONY

These students had demonstrated exceptional leadership and resilience, marking an important milestone in their journey of self-development. Additionally, a special recognition was awarded to Purva from Grade 6 and Sourish from Grade 7 for their exemplary efforts in the Duke Journal. Both students had been honored with the Most Outstanding Junior Duke Journal Award, reflecting their creativity, commitment, and ability to document their experiences with clarity and insight. We are incredibly proud of all our students who have participated in the Duke Award program, and we look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in the future.



# ● MIDDLE SCHOOL ●

## HINDI DIVAS INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

On 17th September, JSS Private School proudly hosted an interschool competition celebrating Hindi Divas, with 13 schools enthusiastically participating. The primary aim of this event was to promote the awareness and significance of the Hindi language among students. It was a day filled with excitement, cultural pride, and learning, focusing on strengthening students' language skills through a variety of engaging activities.

The event highlighted the importance of preserving and promoting Hindi as a vital part of our cultural heritage. Several activities were organized to enhance the students' writing, speaking, and listening skills, allowing them to explore and deepen their connection with the Hindi language. These activities fostered not only linguistic improvement but also a sense of appreciation for the rich history and tradition associated with Hindi.



# ● MIDDLE SCHOOL ●

## HINDI DIVAS INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

To ensure impartiality, three external judges were invited to assess the various categories in the competition. Their expertise and fair judgment were appreciated by all the participating schools and students. The judging process was thorough, ensuring that all participants were recognized for their efforts and talents.

While JSS Private School performed exceptionally well and earned the Overall Trophy along with other category awards, as the host, we graciously handed the overall trophy to GEMS New Millennium School. This gesture reflected our commitment to fostering a spirit of camaraderie and mutual respect among all participating schools.

The competition was a huge success, filled with joy, excitement, and valuable learning experiences about the Hindi language. Students and teachers alike were thrilled with the outcome, and the event underscored the importance of continuing efforts to preserve and promote Hindi among the younger generation.



# ● MIDDLE SCHOOL ●

## 8B ASSEMBLY - WORLD HEALTH DAY

On September 10th, a vibrant assembly on World Heart Day was organized by Grade 8B students to spread awareness on cardiovascular health and certain lifestyle habits, since cardiovascular diseases(CVDs)is one of the leading reason for mortality worldwide.

The event began with the National Anthem, which filled everyone with pride. This was followed by a beautiful Quran recitation that set a reflective tone, followed by the school prayer

Next, a student shared the thought for the day: “The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.” meaning that true beauty and value are experienced through emotions, not senses.



# ● MIDDLE SCHOOL ●

## 88 ASSEMBLY - WORLD HEALTH DAY

The highlight of the assembly was a fun skit performed by our classmates. The skit was about where four friends think that they know how to keep the heart healthy, but they have bad habits which affect the heart's health. Finally, a doctor helps the four friends by giving tips on keeping heart healthy.

After the skit, the audience participated in an exciting quiz about heart health. Students eagerly answered questions, demonstrating what they had learned. The assembly concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to everyone involved in making the event a success.

This World Heart Day assembly was both educational and inspiring, reminding us all to prioritize our heart health!



# ● MIDDLE SCHOOL ●

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLEAN AIR FOR BLUE SKIES.

The Middle School Environment Committee recently organised a Classroom Plant Activity aimed at creating healthier learning spaces while teaching students the basics of responsibility and plant care. Snake Plants (*Sansevieria trifasciata*) were chosen for their air-purifying properties, as NASA has shown they can absorb up to 50% of toxins, such as formaldehyde from electronics, in just 24 hours. These plants also help reduce anxiety and respiratory issues, making them ideal for classroom environments.

With tremendous support from our supervisor and the head teacher of our committee, seventeen Snake Plants were purchased and distributed among the classrooms, with additional plants given to our Vice Principal, Principal, and Head of Learning.

On Monday, the 9th of September, class marshals, teachers, and the leadership team gathered at the Maker's Hub for the official plant handover. During the event, members of the Environment Committee emphasised the importance of clean air and environmental responsibility.



# ● MIDDLE SCHOOL ●

## INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLEAN AIR FOR BLUE SKIES.

Each class received their plant and was tasked with maintaining a plant growth journal, where they will document the plant's progress. At the end of every week, the Environment Committee will assess the journals, and the class with the best guidebook will be awarded the "Best Guidebook Award." This initiative not only enhances the air quality of our classrooms but also teaches valuable lessons in sustainability and care. We are excited to see how each class nurtures their Snake Plant and contributes to a greener school environment!



# EVENTS



## APPSMART'24 HACKATHON

JSS Private School sponsored the AppSmart'24 Hackathon which took place on September 30, 2024, an inter-school event that featured many student's talent and creativeness from around UAE particularly showing the work done by 10 year olds. The competitions had participants from nine schools inspiring a lot of collaboration and competition in innovation and design with a notable presence from a representative from CBSE who was the chief guest on the day.

The hackathon registered significant attendance with close to 75-85 students drawn from over 20 teams that included schools such as Ambassador School, Amity Private School, Credence High School, Delhi Private School, JSS Private School, JSS International School, New Indian Model School, Our Own High School and the Millennium School. The students came together to showcase their innovative apps that included solutions based on the need for innovation in health care and education.

Participants engaged in the competitive aspect of the design where they had an app to use, build, or develop all of these mockups so that they turned their ideas into real-world applications by the end of the event. The hackathon ensures students do not have a narrow focus towards design but look at big problems that can be solved through technology. The range of projects included health apps to enable monitoring of the users breath while educational platforms aimed at increasing student's engagement.

The event was evaluated by an esteemed panel of judges, including:  
Mr. Craig Fernandes, Co-founder and CEO of Secure My Scholarship  
Mr. Abubakr Sajith, a 2018 JSSPS alumnus and CFA Level 2 candidate  
Mr. Mohamed I. Yousuf, Director of Operations and Marketing at Al Yousuf Computer and Telecommunication





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### APPSMART'24 HACKATHON

Their expertise and feedback were invaluable in assessing the creativity, technical execution, and potential impact of each project. The judges praised the enthusiasm and ingenuity displayed by all participants, highlighting the importance of youth innovation in tackling contemporary challenges.

The AppSmart'24 Hackathon was a resounding success, underscoring the importance of collaboration and creative problem-solving among students. It provided a platform for young minds to explore their potential and showcase their skills in technology. The event not only fostered a spirit of competition but also built lasting connections among students from different schools, inspiring them to continue innovating for a better future. As we look ahead, we anticipate even more exciting developments and projects in future hackathons!

# EVENTS

## APPSMART '24 HACKATHON



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## TEACHERS DAY

Teacher's Day is celebrated on September 5th to thank our teachers for their hard work and guidance. This day is special because it is also the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great teacher and leader. Teachers help us learn, grow, and become better people. It's truly a day to remember how important teachers are in shaping our future. On Teacher's Day, student council and parent forum members expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the hard work and dedication of teachers giving cards, gifts, flowers, and organized small events with sumptuous lunch.



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## TEACHERS DAY



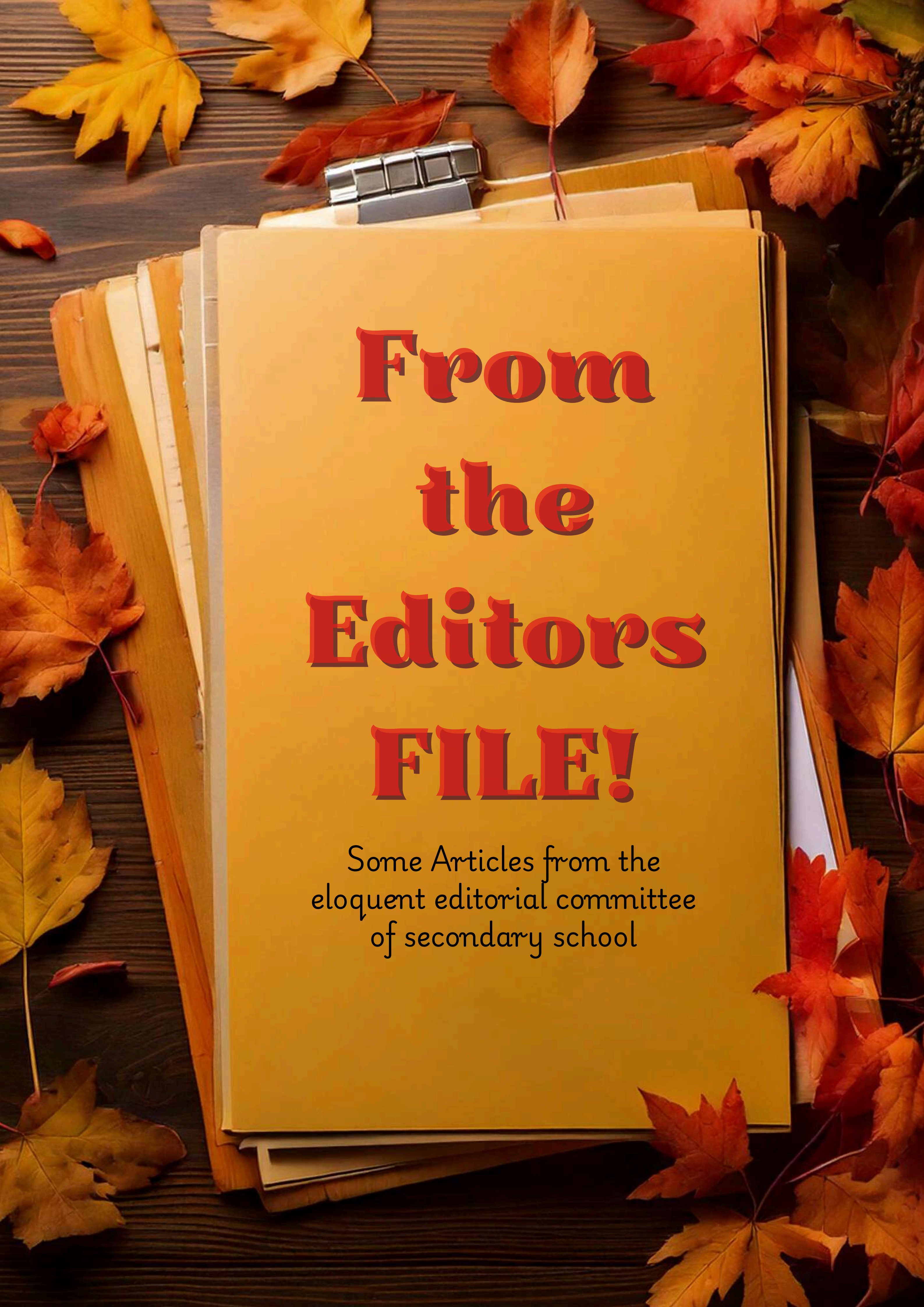
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## ICC TROPHY TOUR CELEBRATION

The Sports Department organized a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness this iconic symbol of cricketing excellence up close. All celebrated this historic Women's T20 World Cup Trophy Tour at our school. The trophy was displayed on Tuesday 24th September 2024. This tour was an opportunity for students to engage with the Women's Cricket T20 World Cup Trophy and be inspired by them. It engaged students' attention, and they were motivated and inspired. Best wishes to all T20 WCT teams.





# From the Editors FILE!

Some Articles from the  
eloquent editorial committee  
of secondary school

# 2024 US ELECTIONS

The 2024 US election is focused on several big races: the presidency, and various state and local positions. In the presidential race, candidates are debating issues like the economy, healthcare, immigration, and climate change. The current administration points to progress in economic recovery and international relations.

It has become a high-stakes race between vice president Kamala Harris, representing the democratic party, and former president Donald Trump, running for the republicans. This matchup reflects the polarized state of American politics, with both candidates bringing very different perspectives and policies to the table.

Kamala Harris is focusing on continuing the current administration's goals, including addressing climate change, expanding healthcare access, and protecting voting rights. She also emphasizes social issues like racial equality. Donald Trump, on the other hand, is campaigning on a platform of economic revitalization, stricter immigration policies, and criticizes the current administration's approach to issues like inflation, border security, and government spending.

Voter turnout is expected to be high, partly because of increased access to different ways to vote and because political opinions are strongly divided. Election officials are working on security measures to prevent issues with misinformation and keep the process fair, especially in states with close races. Many people will be watching closely to ensure everything runs smoothly.

-ARADHANA

# THE GROWING INFLUENCE OF AI ON OUR LIVES

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly becoming a pivotal part of everyday life, reshaping industries and enhancing personal experiences. At its essence, AI refers to machines that simulate human intelligence, enabling them to learn from data, recognize patterns, and make decisions.

## Everyday Applications

1. **Smart Assistants:** Tools like Siri and Alexa have made it easier to manage our daily tasks, from setting reminders to providing real-time information. These voice-activated systems rely on natural language processing to understand and respond to user commands.
2. **Healthcare Revolution:** AI is playing a transformative role in healthcare by improving diagnostics and personalizing treatment plans. Algorithms can analyze medical images, predict disease outbreaks, and even assist in drug development, leading to better patient outcomes.
3. **Financial Security:** In finance, AI helps detect fraudulent activities by analyzing transaction patterns, making finance management safer and more efficient. It's also used in algorithmic trading, optimizing investments with minimal human intervention.

-ROSHINI



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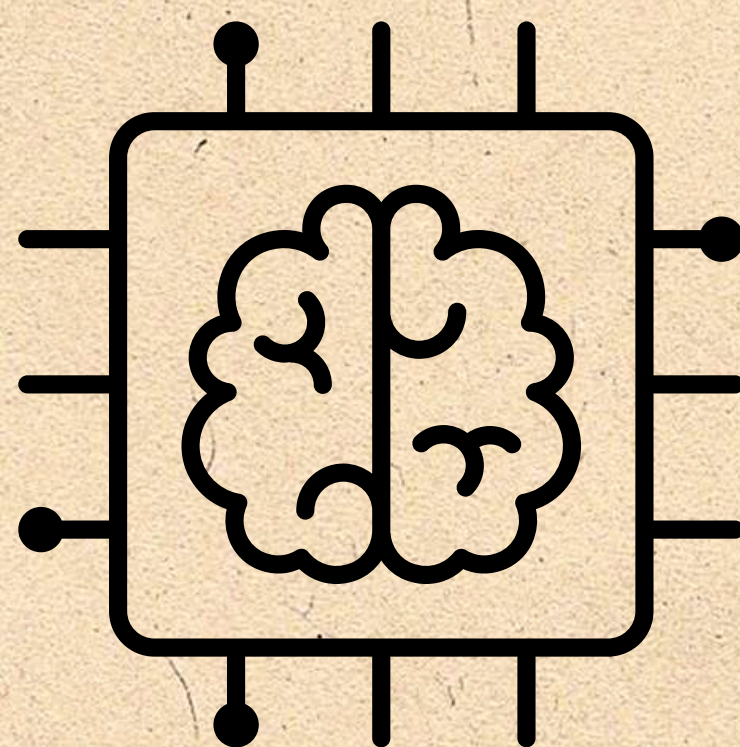
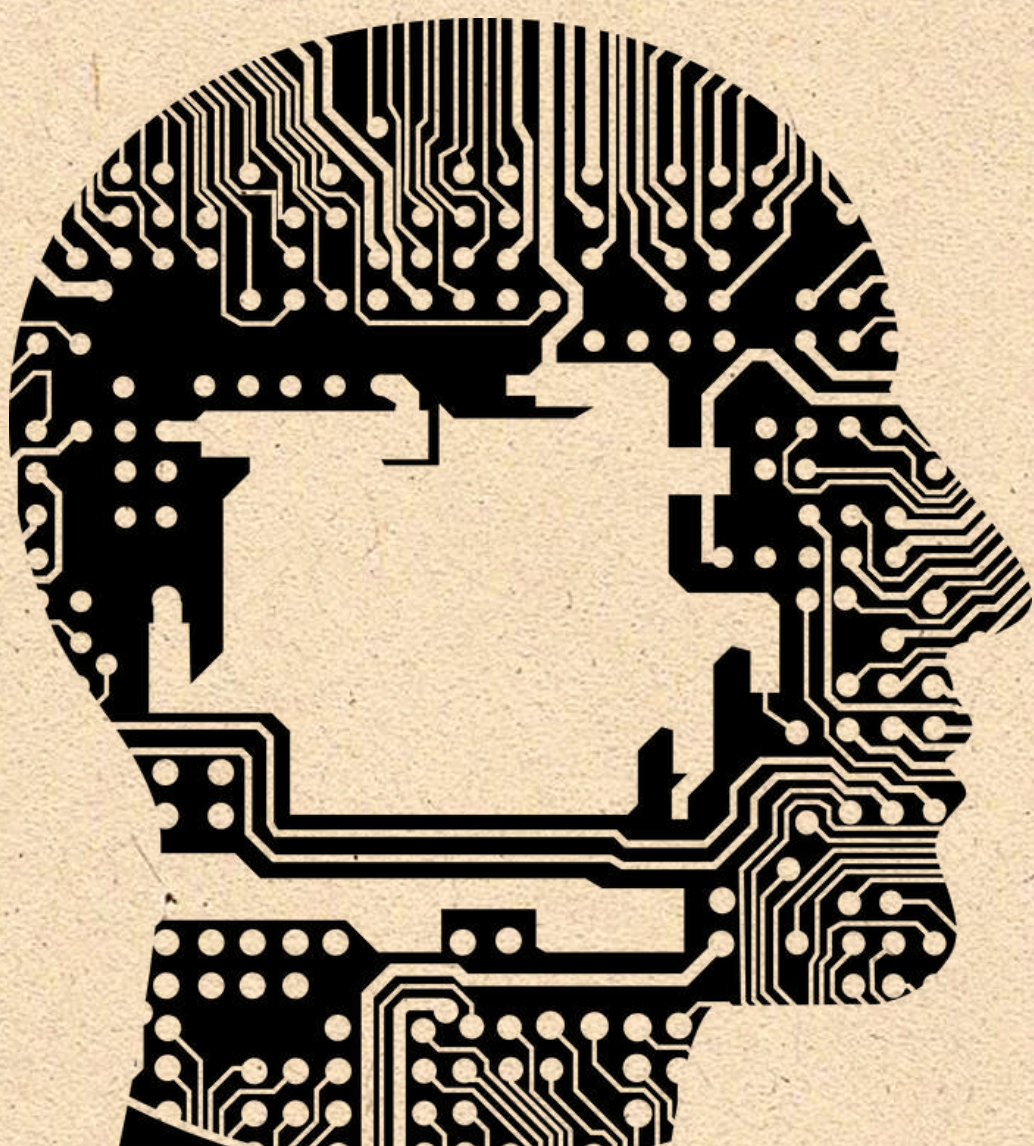
4. Automated Transportation: The rise of self-driving cars showcases how AI can enhance transportation safety and efficiency. These vehicles utilize machine learning and real-time data to navigate complex environments, potentially reducing accidents and traffic congestion.

## The Road Ahead

While the advancements in AI are promising, they also raise ethical questions around privacy, data security, and job displacement. It's essential to balance technological progress with responsible use to ensure that AI benefits everyone.

In summary, AI is more than just a technological novelty; it's a critical driver of innovation that influences various aspects of our lives. As we look to the future, embracing AI with awareness and responsibility is key to unlocking its full potential.

-ROSHINI



# A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND JOY

Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is one of the most celebrated festivals in the Indian community, and Dubai is no exception. In 2024, the festivities promise to be vibrant and engaging, reflecting the rich cultural heritage of the Indian expat community in the UAE.

## School Celebrations

Many Indian curriculum schools in Dubai have planned extensive celebrations for Diwali. This year, students will enjoy a long holiday weekend, with some schools closing for up to five days from October 31 to November 4. This extended break allows families to celebrate together and participate in various festive activities.

Schools like Amity School Dubai have organized hands-on activities such as crafting traditional lamps and creating rangoli patterns. These activities not only engage students but also instill a sense of cultural pride and community spirit. Additionally, students are encouraged to wear colorful traditional outfits, enhancing the festive atmosphere.

## Community Events

Beyond schools, Dubai's Global Village has launched a series of Diwali celebrations that run until November 3. The venue is adorned with beautiful decorations, including traditional diyas, and features a variety of cultural performances, including Bollywood shows and live music. Visitors can participate in Rangoli art sessions, shop for Indian sweets, and enjoy a spectacular fireworks display, making it a perfect outing for families.

# A FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND JOY

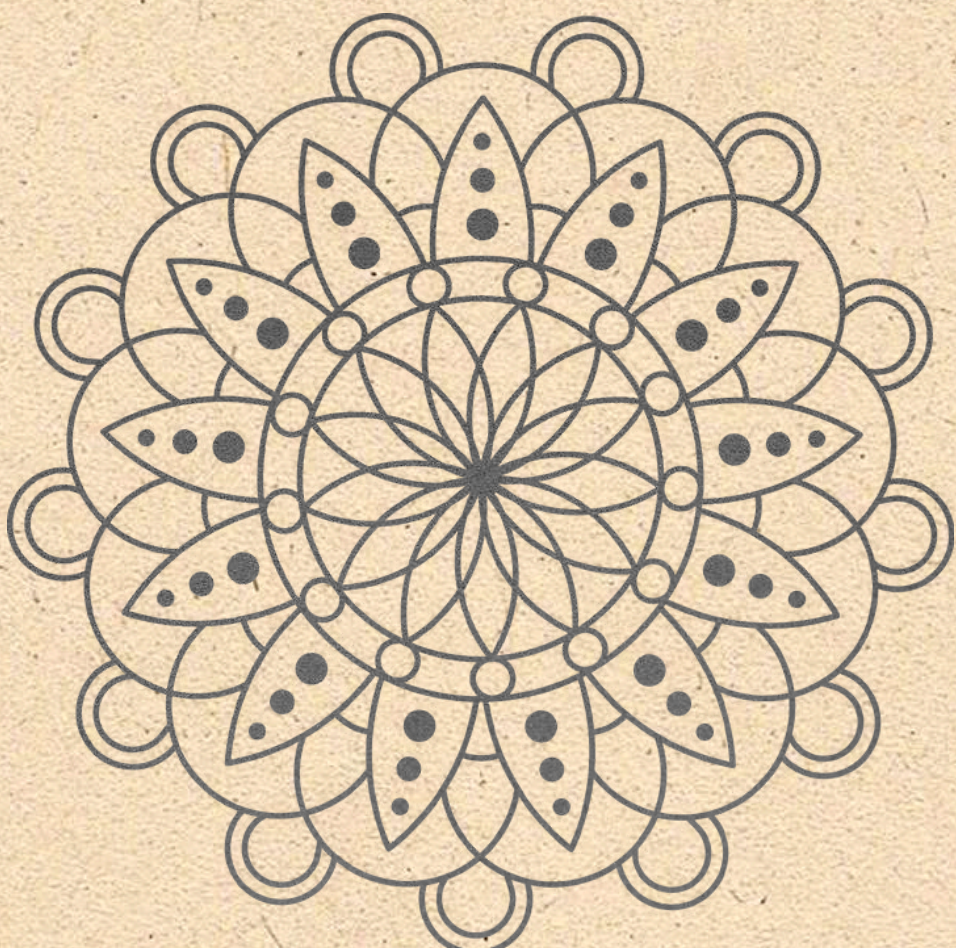
## A Culturally Rich Experience

The Diwali celebrations in Dubai are not just limited to Indian culture; they offer a unique opportunity for cultural exchange. The Global Village aims to bring together people from various backgrounds to experience the joy and significance of Diwali through its diverse programs and activities.

## A Note on Sensitivity

While the celebrations are vibrant, some schools have opted for a more subdued approach this year due to the ongoing regional conflicts, emphasizing educational assemblies and community engagement over large festivities. This reflects a sensitivity to the current global situation while still honoring the spirit of Diwali. Diwali 2024 in Dubai is set to be a blend of joy, cultural richness, and community spirit. Whether through school activities or community events, the Festival of Lights will illuminate the city, bringing together families and friends in celebration.

-AARYAN S



# VERBAL ABUSE

As human beings, we talk a lot. On average, the human being speaks around 16000 words a day. We also hear an approximate of 30000 words a day. Its crazy how we as a civilisation have evolved our language capabilities to such an extent that every one of us hears about 8 words for every 15 words we hear. This is great because it means we are hearing and saying all sorts of things that can benefit humanity and help others. However, not all the things we hear and say are great things. Many of us may say some rude and hurtful comments. Over time we as a species have gotten used to hearing such lines; however, just how bad can the things we say affect others?

Dear readers, I introduce you to verbal abuse. It is a type of emotional abuse where someone uses words to assault, degrade, ridicule, manipulate or negatively impact another person's mental health. It involves belittling behaviour, name-calling, yelling. Some people often get verbally abused without realizing that it's happening.

Verbal abuse can take many forms. Condescension is the act of demeaning someone using comments. It is often the most common form of verbal abuse and the most apparent. Giving harsh criticism continuously or blaming someone repeatedly for actions already done are other forms of verbal abuse. Judging and commenting is a subtle form of verbal abuse but is also harmful to the victim. It can cause them to have a negative outlook on their surroundings and have the sense that everyone around them is against them. However, it is essential we identify when we are getting verbally abused. Verbal abuse has a huge impact on our mental health. Firstly, it can cause us to perform poorly in our studies and cause us to be less engaged in school. It causes low self-esteem and a poor self-image.

# VERBAL ABUSE

That might sound dramatic but it is the truth. Being repeatedly told you are something, reinforces your mind to that idea introduced by the bully. Over time, you start associating yourself with that idea and your self-image gets destroyed in the process. Even if you have the tolerance of a rock and pretend to be deaf to these things, these small insults can cause cracks that can eventually lead to a worse mental health overall. Verbal abuse can also cause increase in anxiety and social withdrawal.

Bullies often tend to verbally abuse their victim for the same reason people get bullied: control. Verbal abuse is often subtle and it often gives the bully a sense of immense control over the victim. Often times, the victim gets scared of their abuser, do not have the guts to face them, do not feel like talking about what they are facing and feel incredibly isolated.

The best way to deal with verbal abuse is to immediately call out the behavior. Even if the bully pretends to be your friend or plays it all off as a joke, you should have the guts to immediately call out this behavior in front of them to make your stand. Setting boundaries can allow you to get less exposed to what the bully says about you which can improve your mental health overall. It is often advised to end the relationship if it gets too bad. And if things are not improving, you can always ask help from elders.

Verbal abuse may not seem serious in this era where people give comments every time, but it is important we know what our comments can do to others. That way we can learn to be better people and thus create a better world where verbal abuse is a thing of the past.

-JOEL

# LOLITA

## DISTURBING CONTROVERSY OR LITERARY MASTERPIECE

It's interesting how one book can elicit so many different reactions. Lolita, by Vladimir Nabokov is an infamous classic known for dealing with a controversial topic - paedophilia. This book elicited various interesting reactions from whoever I mentioned it to. I was met with various reactions, from recognition ("oh, it's that book") to curiosity to extreme disgust.

This was the initial reason I started reading this book. How often is that you see so many controversial, heated opinions, all for one book? This was about to be a wild ride.

I was aware of the story before I started, of course. To put it plainly, the book is written from the point of view of a pedophile, chronicling his life with the object of his obsession, the lovely twelve year old nymphet, Dolores (or Lolita, as he affectionately calls her).

The story follows Humbert Humbert, a middle-aged literature professor who becomes obsessed with 12-year-old Dolores Haze, whom he calls Lolita. After marrying her mother, Charlotte, to stay close to Lolita, Humbert's obsession leads to a sexual relationship with the girl.

Their tumultuous journey across America is marked by Humbert's possessiveness and manipulation. After Charlotte's accidental death, Humbert takes control of Lolita's life, but she eventually escapes with playwright Clare Quilty. Years later, Humbert finds Lolita as a teenager and learns about her troubled life before murdering Quilty in a fit of rage.

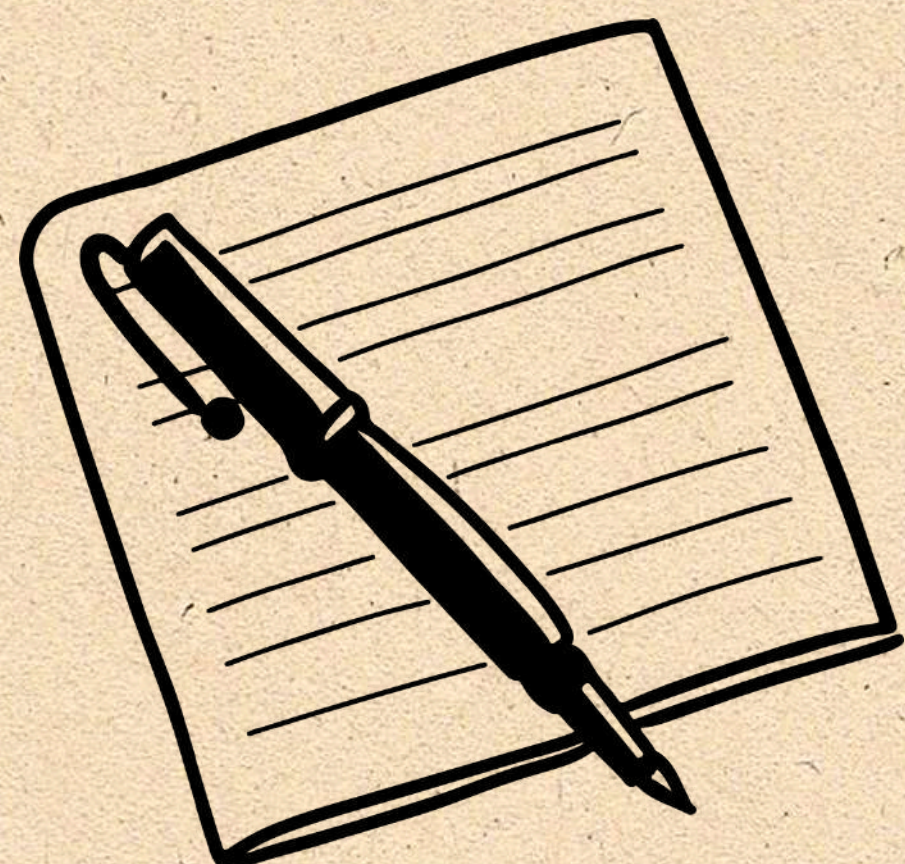
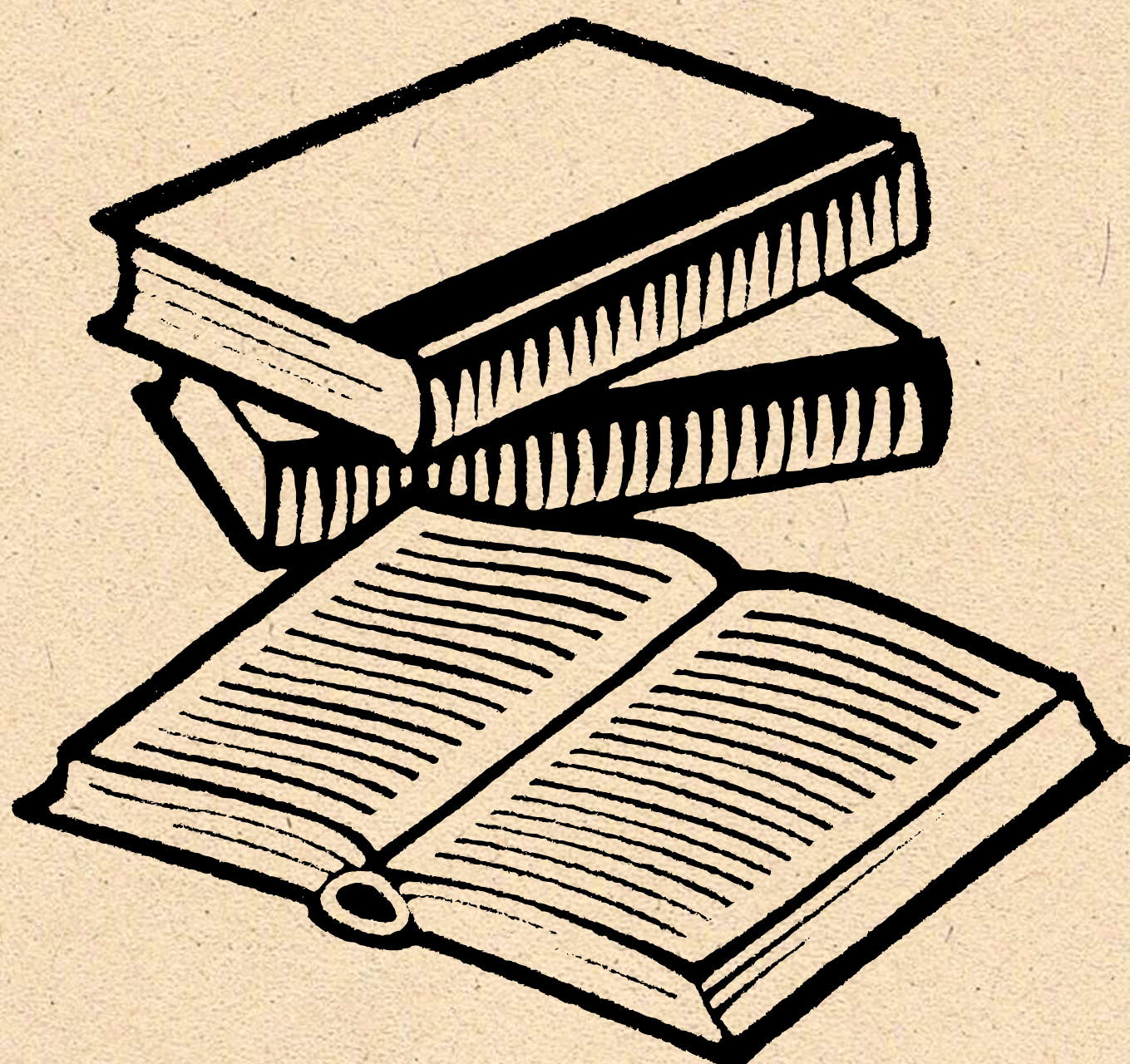
# LOLITA

## DISTURBING CONTROVERSY OR LITERARY MASTERPIECE

The prose was extremely well written and extremely humorous. Every word Nabokov writes has a definite meaning, a definitive point he wants to put across. If the plot of the book didn't pull you in, the prose most definitely will. However, the prose can also get a bit tedious at times, making this a slightly hard book to digest. The story progressed at a medium pace.

In my opinion, the book deserves the fame and attention it still gets, to this day. The ability to weave such a controversial topic into some of the most beautiful prose definitely contributes to the appeal. The real reason this book is so good is how we see Dolores finally Humbert's clutches at the end. Humbert, despite meticulously and cunningly planning everything through to the end, has Lolita escape from his grasp to live a life of her own.

-ANWITA





# Achievements



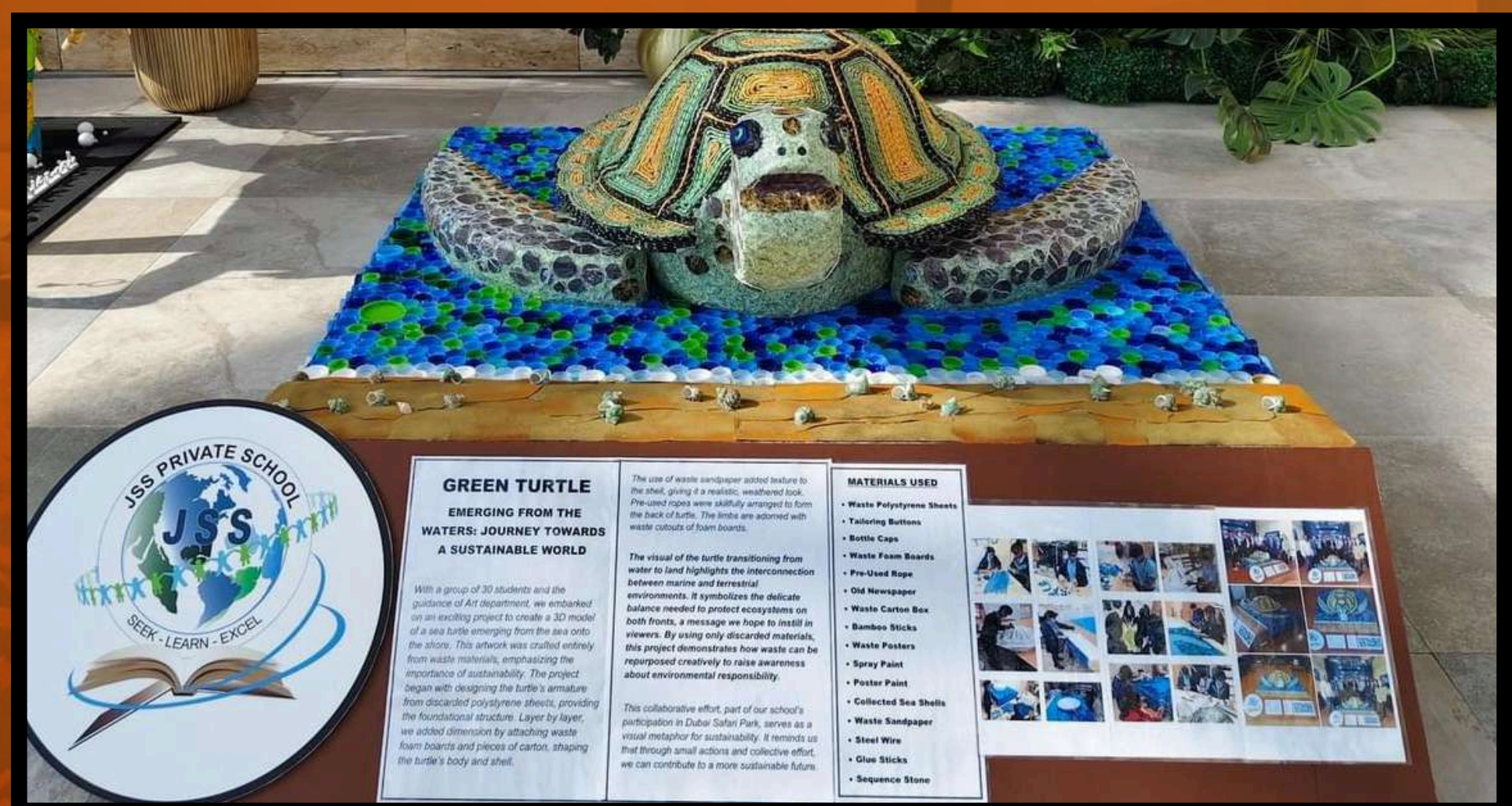
# INVESTIGIA INTERSCHOOL COMMERCE COMPETITION

Our students achieved remarkable success at the Investigia Interschool Commerce Competition on September 30th at JSS International School, competing against over six schools from the UAE. Highlights included first-place wins in Capital Conquest, where Mehek Sawhney, Drishikha Shroff, Ritwik Naik, and Rahul Dinesh Kumar presented innovative solutions for the construction industry. Additionally, Aadi Kodagali, Nihal Santosh, and Nithin Srinivasan excelled in Quiz Mania, while Shreya Galrani was honored as Best Delegate in the IMF Conference. Congratulations to all participants for their outstanding achievements!



# SCHOOLS SUSTAINABILITY COMPETITION AT DUBAI SAFARI PARK

We are excited to share that JSS Private School has been placed in the Top Three in the Schools Sustainability Competition at Dubai Safari Park, competing alongside 26 schools! Our students, with the guidance of our dedicated Art team, Mr. Chandrashekar, Ms. Kanika and Ms. Prancy, created a stunning 3D model of a sea turtle emerging from the sea onto the shore—crafted entirely from recycled materials such as thermocol, buttons, bottle caps, and more. This project is a powerful symbol of the importance of protecting marine life and embracing sustainable practices. Our certificate celebrates our "outstanding participation" and commends our commitment to fostering environmental awareness. This recognition reflects the creativity, passion, and teamwork of our students and teachers as we strive to make a positive impact on the planet.





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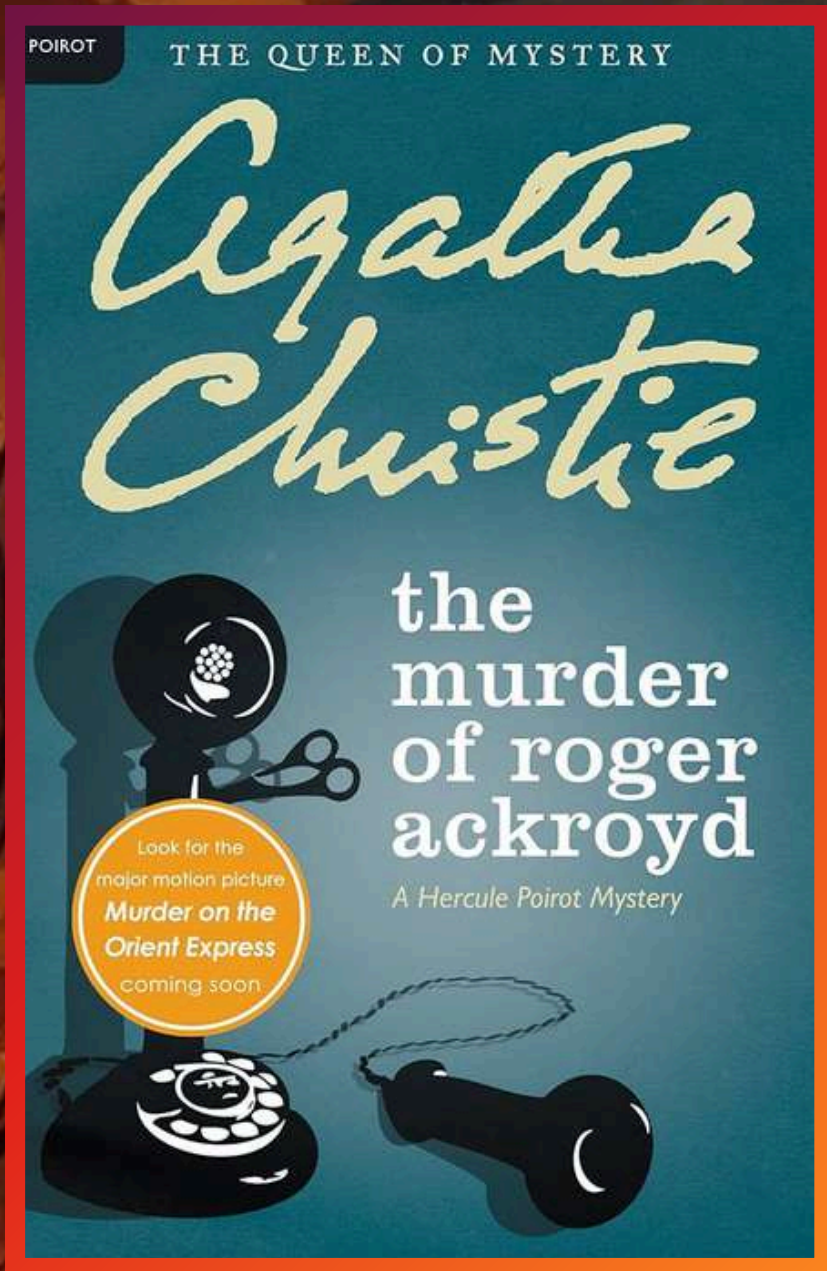
We are thrilled to announce that JSS Private School has been awarded the prestigious #1 ranking among all Dubai schools at the EducationWorld Global School Rankings 2024-25! Our Principal, Ms. Chitra Sharma, and Vice Principal, Ms. Bindhu Rajiv proudly accepted this honor at the grand ceremony held at the luxurious Leela Ambience, Gurgaon, India. This achievement is a testament to the dedication of our leadership, teachers, students, and the entire school community.

# SEERAH COMPETITION

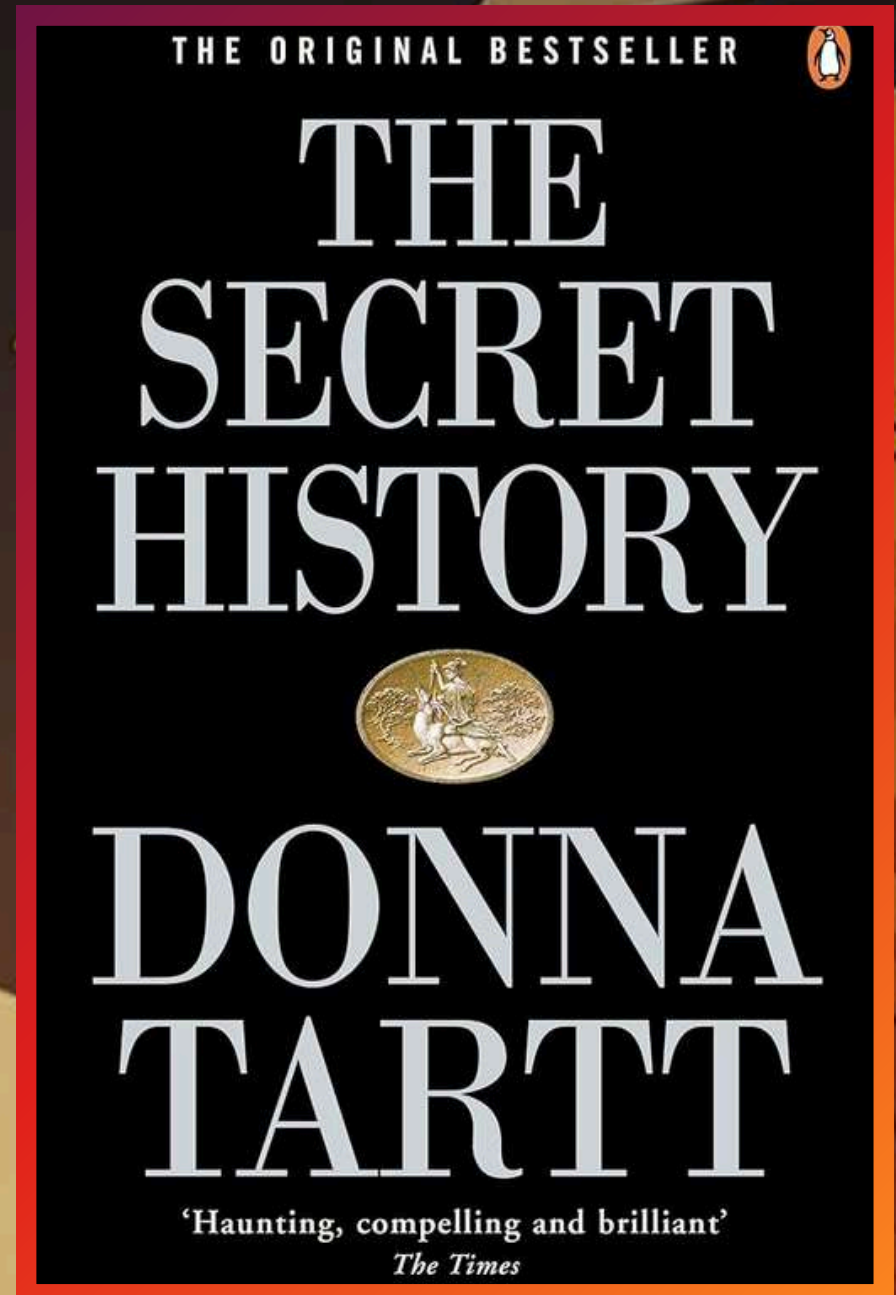
Our Grade 1 and 2 students shone brightly in the recent Seerah competition, showcasing both their knowledge and love for the teachings and life of Prophet Muhammad. We are immensely proud of their achievements and extend our warmest congratulations to the winners for their hard work and dedication. Well done to all participants for this inspiring accomplishment!



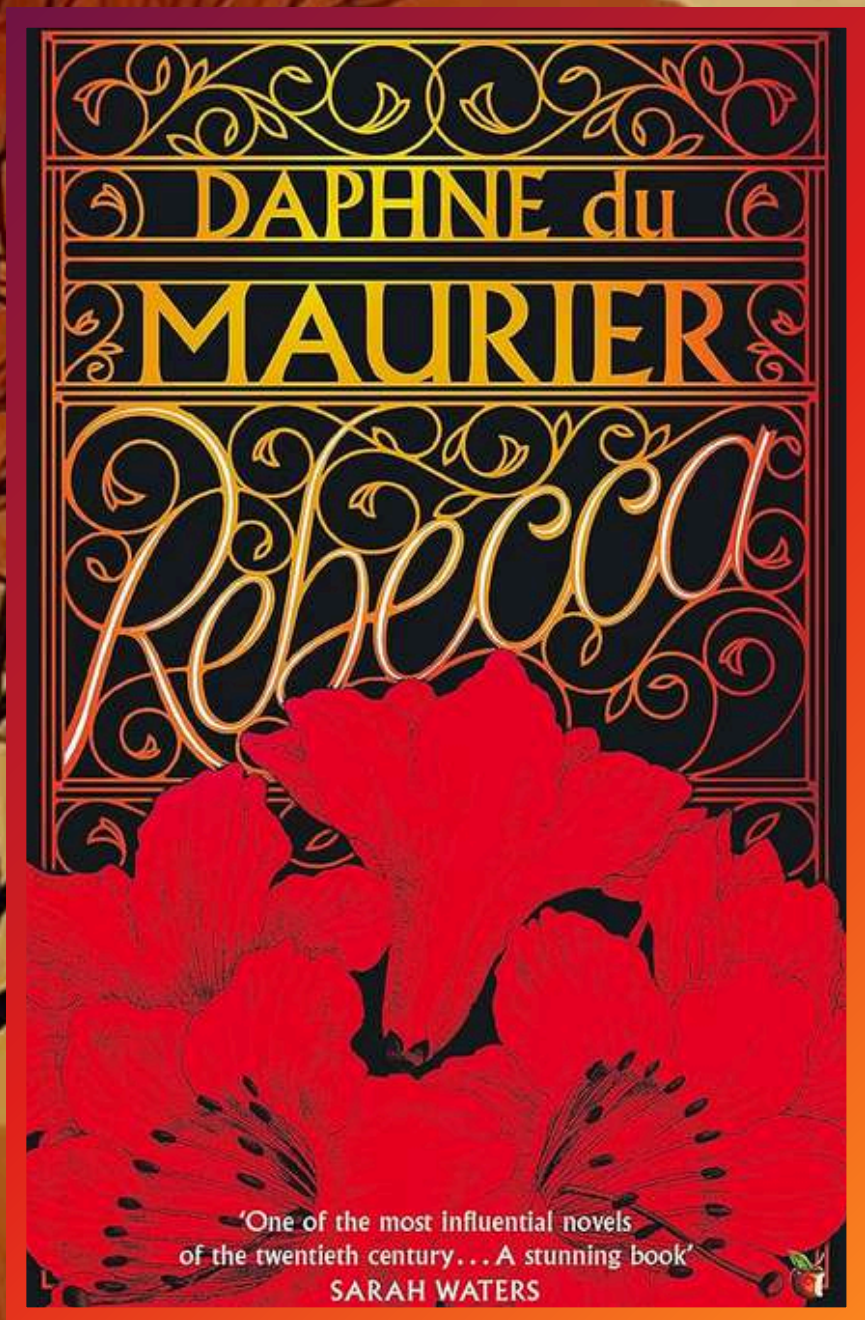
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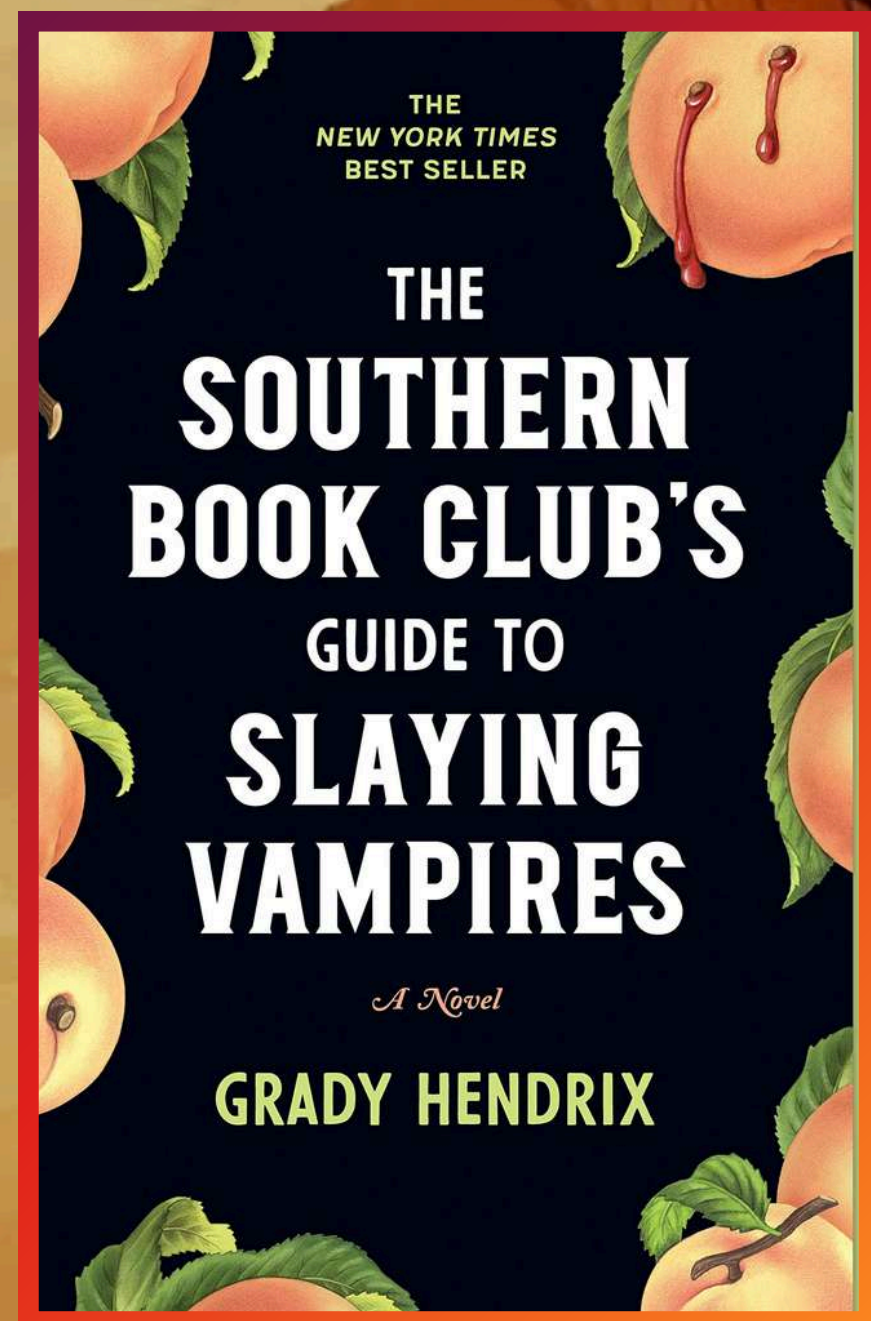
**The Murder of Roger Ackroyd**



**The Secret History**

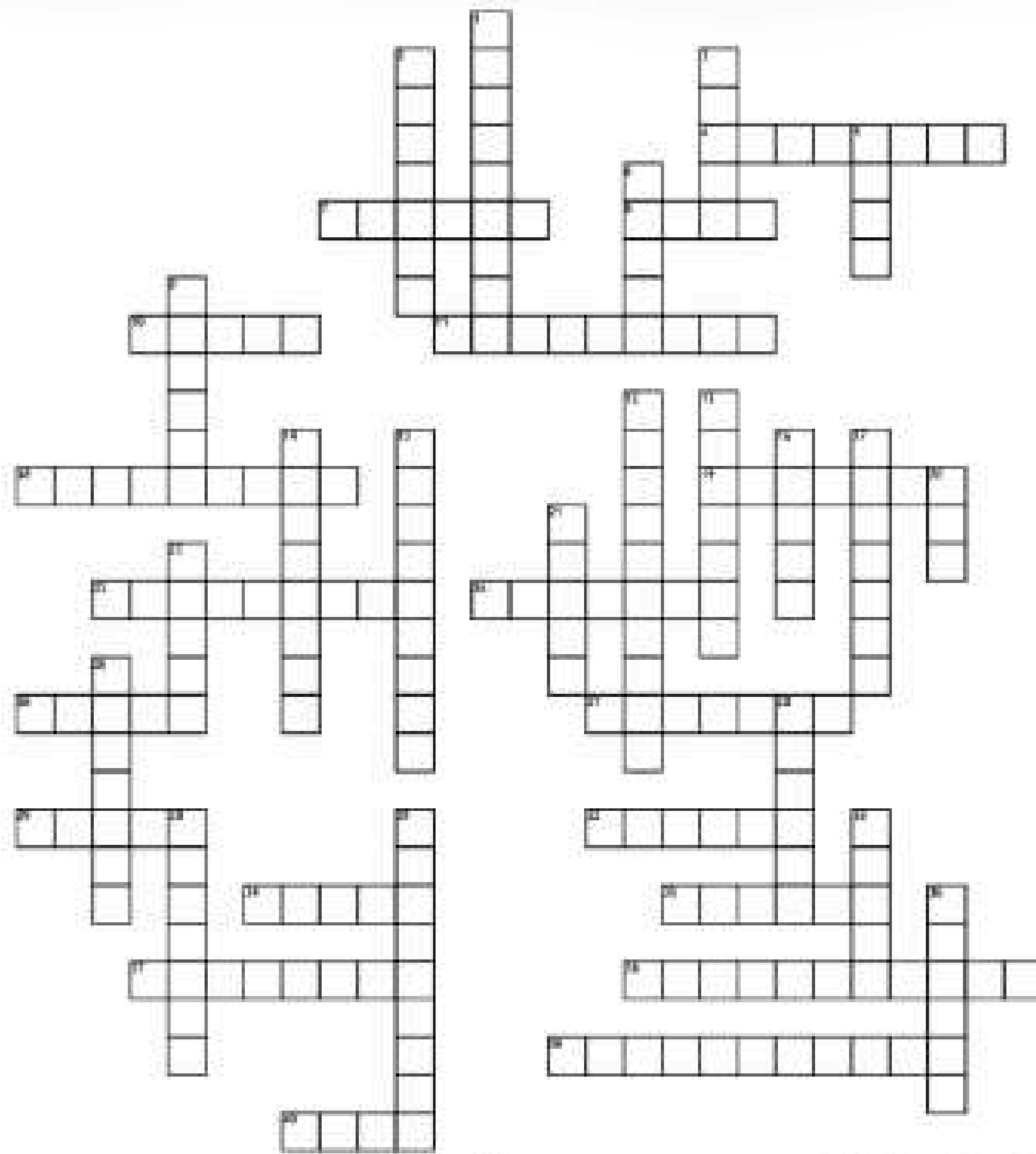


**Rebecca**



**The Southern Book Club's Guide to slaying Vampires**

# Fun and games



## Across

4. Gone With The Wind
7. Paradise Lost
8. Swiss Family Robinson
10. The Complete Sherlock Holmes
11. Don Quixote
18. The Old Man And The Sea
19. Alice's Adventures In Wonderland
23. Dr. Jekyll And Mr. Hyde
24. The Lord Of the Rings
26. Uncle Tom's Cabin
27. Invisible Man
29. Gulliver's Travels

32. Jane Eyre
34. The War Of The Worlds
35. Brave New World
37. Moby-Dick
38. Crime and Punishment
39. Tragedy Of Hamlet
40. The Good Earth

## Down

1. The Scarlet Letter
2. Frankenstein
3. The Three Musketeers
5. Les Miserables
6. The Adventures Of Huckleberry Finn
9. The Call Of The Wild

12. The Great Gatsby
13. David Copperfield
14. The Catcher In The Rye
15. The Grapes of Wrath
16. The Red Badge Of Courage
17. Anna Karenina
20. To Kill A Mocking Bird
21. The Picture Of Dorian Gray
22. Robinson Crusoe
25. The Lord Of The Flies
28. 1984
30. Walden
31. Dr. Zhivago
33. Ulysses
36. Pride and Prejudice

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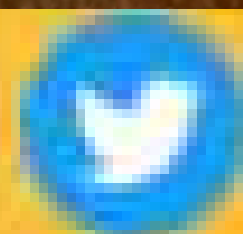
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