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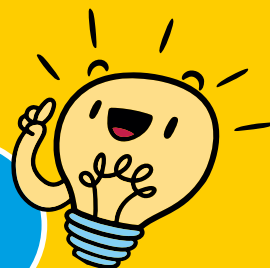
**“Everybody
is a genius.**

But if you judge a fish
by its ability to climb a tree,
it will live its whole life
believing that it is stupid.”

— Albert Einstein

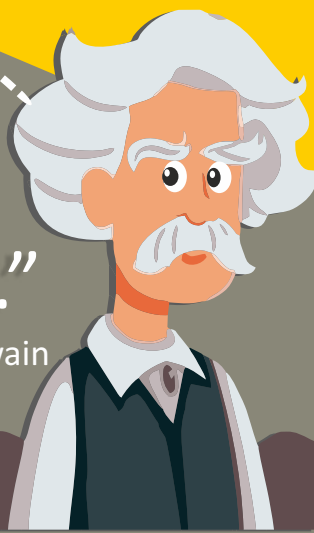


LET YOUR CREATIVE JUICES FLOW



**“The secret
of getting ahead
is getting started.”**

—Mark Twain





Gloria de Souza
5th April 1937 - 3rd April 2013

First Ashoka Fellow, 1982

Founder, Director,
Parisar Asha, Centre for Educational Research and Training,
Mumbai

*Since 10 years,
Keeping your Hope Alive....*

**We believe that every child
should have a chance to feel special.**

LIGHT HOUSE

is our sincere effort to showcase the talent of our students
and encourage them to explore their potential.

The content is created by the students, for the students
as they will be a source of inspiration to each other.

We look forward to active participation.

Send in your entries to us :

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**With your Name, Age, Std.,
School Name and Location,
School Email id, Also your photograph.**

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I begin by wishing all a very happy and prosperous new year.

It gives me great joy to reach out to the students of Maharashtra through this wonderful initiative of Parisar Asha, called "Lighthouse". As the name suggests, Parisar Asha, a not-for-profit organisation has been working as the guiding force and a catalyst in bringing about continuous positive change in the education system as per the significant changes in the environment. Over the years, their school transformation program, Eco-tech World School Program has enabled millions of children to receive 'quality education' and ace in their life. I want to applaud their relentless efforts and congratulate them for achieving this wonderful feat.

Lighthouse, a quarterly e-paper is a great space created for children to showcase their talent and unleash their creativity. In today's time it is very important that children are given the opportunity to explore their creative facets apart from just concentrating on academic excellence. Lighthouse will provide that access to children for free where they can reach out to the bigger world and nurture their creative facet.

In 2020 we had declared about the National Education Policy 2020. This policy is a path-breaking initiative which revolutionizes the existing education system. It emphasises on a multi-curricular approach with the intention of giving the children a balanced avenue where literacy and numeracy skills will be honed along with skills in visual art, performing arts, music and many other creative expressions which were considered as co-curricular activities in the past. Additionally, it is an effort in preserving the rich Indian art & culture and educating the future generation about our heritage and keep reminding them that they are the torchbearers of this tradition. It aligns strongly with United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which emphasises that a country's culture contributes immensely in improvement of the social development indicators. Lighthouse strengthens this effort and opens up a great opportunity for all the students of Maharashtra.

I urge all parents and teachers to encourage your children to be free about their creative expressions as creativity is the best tool to develop a child's emotional quotient. I also reach out to the entire education fraternity to collaborate with Lighthouse and make it a grand success.

I hope in future Parisar Asha comes up with many more interesting and significant initiatives for the students and teachers and continue helping the parents as they have been doing through their myriad programs since 1982. I wish them all the best and wish for a grand success of the Lighthouse.

Deepak Kesarkar

Deepak Kesarkar



**Lighthouses are not just stone,
brick, metal, and glass.
Every lighthouse has many more stories
of human lives associated with it.
That's the story we want to tell.**

Dear young readers and leaders,

I am extremely happy to share the second edition of Parisar Asha's quarterly magazine – Lighthouse. A place for the children by the children to showcase your talent, creativity, news and views for a sustainable tomorrow. We are just facilitators who are responsible for collating and presenting your best work. A big thank you for your overwhelming response. It was really difficult for us to choose the best article or artwork. I hope our team is able to do justice. Those who missed this time, we will try to feature them in the next issue.

Do not get disappointed, there's always tomorrow.

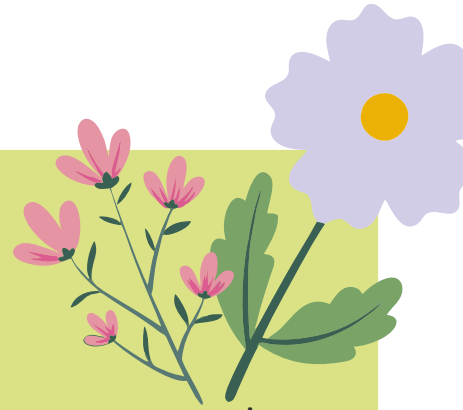
Keep writing, painting and sending to us ! Be the lighthouse for others with your action !

Take Care and God Bless !!



Aarati Savur
CEO, Parisar Asha

Happy Spring!



Spring marks new beginnings. Now that your exams are over and you have been promoted to a new class, I am sure, you all are brimming with excitement and curiosity to explore new things in your new class and deepen your learning.

It is the excitement of discovering new things which empowers your creativity and innovation and makes you brilliant. Treading the unknown paths helps you to be adventurous and come up with something new and brilliant. Having said so, that doesn't mean all discoveries are brilliant, at times there are tears of failure as well.

But kids, that should not demotivate you. Always remember there is a silver lining under every failure which will always push you to move towards success.

Lighthouse is that launcher for you which gives you an opportunity to accelerate your creativity and innovation and come up with something brilliant. We have received a huge number of entries to be showcased in this e-magazine and all your entries are fantastic. We are thankful to all of you for embracing Lighthouse and accepting it as a platform to showcase your creativity.

While you indulge in your spring break, keep your creative facet ignited and try experimenting with new ideas. Do not forget to keep us posted about your creations. Your story can inspire many other young readers to explore their untapped creative brilliance and feel the joy of it.

Looking forward to many more meaningful discussions. You can write to me at sridatta@parisarasha.com to share your thoughts or seek guidance and I will surely reply to you.



Love & Best Wishes
Sridatta Gupta
Editor



Creativity
is nothing
but a mind
set free.

Torrie T. Asai

Our
Young
Artists



Anaisha Mahendrakar - Std I
Villa Theresa High School



Harsh Mankani - Std III
Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School



Kashish Jagwani - Std II
Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School



Dia Makwana - Std I
Villa Theresa High School



Kailash Eswar - Std IV
Kendriya Vidyalaya- IIT Powai



Siraj Surve - Std III
St. Marys Malankara High School

**Creativity
is contagious.
Pass it on.**

Albert Einstein

**Best
Out of
Waste**

Poojari Madhuri



Yuvaan Raut - Std III

Parle Tilak Vidyalaya



Pehal Jain - 8 years

Villa Theresa High School



Varad Sagar Bharitiya -Std II

Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School



Manit R. Ahuja

Std - V



Creativity is
as important as
literacy.

Sir Ken Robinson



Srushthi Yashwant Mirgule - Std III
- St. Marys Malankara High School



Manthan Ingole - Std VII
School Of Scholars -Beltarodi



Tanmay Dudhane - Std VII
School Of Scholars -Beltarodi



Ananya Anil Kumar - Std III
Parle Tilak Vidyalyaya



Akanksha Nayak - Std VII
School Of Scholars -Beltarodi



Ketki Charole - Std VII
School Of Scholars -Beltarodi

"You can't use up
creativity.
The more you use,
the more you have."

Maya Angelou



Anand Kumar Jha - Std IV
Malti Jayant Dalal High School



Hriday Dhole - Std IV
School Of Scholars -Beltarodi



Yakshit Yadav Std - II
School Of Scholars -Beltarodi



Ayush - Std II
Malti Jayant Dalal High School



Freena Desai - Std III
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Shreyasi Kale - Std VIII
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Kajal Yadva- Std VI
Bharat English School



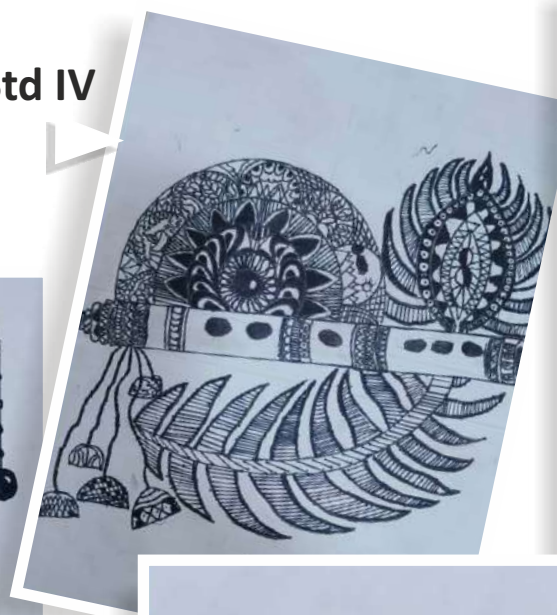
Jiya Keswani - Std IV
Fr. Agnel's Multipurpose School

Doodle Art :

Aradhay Pathak - Std IV
Malti Jayant
Dalal High School



**Aayush Singh Rawat
- Std III**
Malti Jayant
Dalal High School



**Laxmi Gupta
- Std IV**
Malti Jayant
Dalal High School

**Mushfera Azam
- Std IV**
Malti Jayant
Dalal High School

“Laughter
is the only medicine,
without side effects.”

— Shannon L. Alder



Giggless !!

Q. What do you call a man without a body and a nose ?

A. Nobody Knows

Vedant Yadav - Fr. Agnel Multipurpose School

A lion's son

Hello! I am a lion's son,
Speaking of friends, I've got none.
Is it because of my father's reputation,
even one speaks to me, they do it with
hesitation.

I will be the king of woods,
Protecting all the goods.
wondering, caring for all in spite,
As the time is actually not right.

In the company of thee,
Waiting for eternity,
Hiding under the tree,
But with dignity.

From the ashes I will rise,
No matter how life rolls the dice.
Still lone in the shiny sea,
still buoyant is the strong me.

In the company of God,
He is my beautiful lord.
He is the all whom I trust,
Who thinks of me the first.



**Our
Budding
writers and
Poets**

One day even I'll be,
The one whom you all will plee.
I will be the only one,
Shining more, brighten than sun.

Fighting rapturously till my death,
Exactly just as my ancestors said.
Now life feels like a scroll,
feels like, I am a troll.

Just need someone to inspire,
to fill my heart with desire.
Time would surely flit by,
Situations would reach the sky.

Just know to say things,
by my tongue,
But now still I am young,
so called as a lion's son.

**Bhoomika Therani
& Vidhi Choda - Std IX D**
Fr. Angel Multipuropschool
and Jr. College

Me Time

I enjoy time with myself
I call it my me time
I enjoy playing badminton in my me time.
I enjoy eating pav bhaji and fruits in my me time.
I like to play board games and puzzles in my me time.
I enjoy my me time.
I like to learn Sanskrit slokas in my me time.
I enjoy playing with my mom in my me time.
I enjoy talking to my brother in my me time.
I enjoy the tasty food of my grandma in my me time.
I like to visit new places in my me time.
I enjoy reading new information about dinosaurs in my me time.
One day I will find out new information about dinosaurs in my me time.
I wish to meet the dinosaurs in my me time.
I enjoy eating cakes and ice – creams with my brother in my me time.
I enjoy being with myself painting and drawing in my me time.
I enjoy being with my friends in my me time.
Me time is the most important time in my day and
I enjoy my me time very very much.



Our
Budding
writers and
Poets



Rishi Nair - Std 2
Vivek Vidyalaya

Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao

The aim of the program, “Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao” is to reduce the dip in the girl child ratio. I strongly believe in women empowerment. This scheme ensures that every girl child gets equal opportunity to study. In today's time, a girl faces many problems like social abuses, child marriage, dowry, etc. The meaning of, 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' is to save the girl children and to educate them. There should be no gender discrimination. In the God's eyes everyone is equal and so does the law of the land. Nelson Mandela said. “Give me an educated mother and I will give you an educated nation.”

8th March is celebrated as Women's Day every year. Today, some of the greatest leaders are women. To name a few are Indira Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Savitri Bai Phule, Mary Kom, Kalpana Chawla and many more. Savitri Bai Phule is best known for her work to educate poor girl children. She was the first female teacher who fought for the girl's rights to receive education.

If we educate a girl, we educate a nation as she teaches everyone around her. An educated girl will help to thrive the economy of a country and help it to flourish.

Aman Sandeep Gupta - Std V

Bharat English high School





Piece of confectionery

Sweets are all about life!
Indian sweets having different varieties
Are prepared for many deities.
I don't want to offend the rest,
But modaks have always been the best.

Sometimes some are hard to digest,
Still I'll firmly be obsessed.
It has to be eaten at the very end of the meal
And everyone should forget about that diet oatmeal.

Sweets play an important role in,
The birthdays celebrated for living another year,
The festivals celebrated in every religion,
Rather it be for completing a mission
Or attaining a higher position.

I did love to have these instead of meals
Only if I don't get cavities.

Harshita Chhoda Std - VIII

Fr. Agnel Multipurpose
School and
Junior College

Food I like the most...

Rightly said," the only way to a man's heart is through his stomach."

In my case it gladdens my mama's heart when I eat all that she lovingly cooks and bakes for me. I am like every other kid who loves to eat junk food especially french fries, potato wafers, pizzas, colas, nachos, brownies, cup cakes and burgers. My mum often tells me to strike a balance between eating healthy and junk food. I obey my mum as she knows best! I eat my egg, semolina, salads, chicken, mutton, homemade idlies, dosas, uttappas and then top it with a junk reward in terms of feasting on home baked brownies which can be made healthy by replacing the all purpose flour by oat flour.

I would like to conclude by saying, "change is the only constant thing about life." We must change our eating habits today for a better, healthier tomorrow. "Health is our ONLY wealth! You are what you eat!"

Anaisha Mahendrakar - Std I Villa Theresa High School





The person who has made a profound impact in my life

Each day we come across many different people and situations in our lives some good and some not so good. It is up to us to see the good in everything we experience as that will send positive vibes in the universe and attract all positivity towards us.

The person that has made a profound impact in my life since the day I was born was an ex student of our Villa Theresa School my beloved affectionate, selfless maternal grandma Premilla Maria Alphonso. She was best described as a lady with a beautiful warm smile always positive in all that she said and did. She was beautiful not only from out but from within which I think is what counts the most. She was the first born of her five siblings the apple of her parents eye witty, mischievous but an intellect at the same time. She was one awesome package that words are inadequate to express. My grandma was of course much older than I was as she had many more years of experience and as my maternal great grandpa Dr. Mario. Barreto would say, many more rainfalls over her head as compared to mine but she had this knack of adjusting herself to any age group and showering her love, knowledge, experience, intuition and goodness on them. She had enormous amount of patience to tolerate my tantrums and mood swings which any child of my age would exhibit. She sacrificed her yesterday, today and tomorrow for my sister Anaisha and I. She did not have a heart of gold but a humane one made of flesh and blood that was oozing with kindness and generosity. She would give even though it would make holes in her own pocket without expecting anything in return. "Expect nothing from anyone as expectations bring about disappointment if you do receive something in return be grateful." What a fine human being with excellent values I someday hope to imbibe in my life.

Some of the principles she taught me in life was communal harmony, treat others as you want them to treat you, karma catches up with u someday, as in what you reap is what you have sown so do good to others and it will come back to you, be humble – what you know is nothing as compared to what you ought to know, life is short it has got even shorter with covid so live each day to the fullest like there is no tomorrow live life with no regrets. She firmly believed that time was the best gift you could give the ones you love. Money comes money goes but fond loving memories will be cherished for a lifetime. She was my back bone, my pillar of strength every step of the way be it academics, ballet, music she was always there to encourage me.

Now that my grandma has made heaven her home even though I cannot see her physical presence I know she is by my side my guardian angel watching and guiding me encouraging me to give off my best in all that I do. "Give it your best shot no matter what the outcome!" she would often say. My darling grandma you have left an indelible mark on us all which we will fondly remember you till the end of time. Cheers until we meet again somewhere over the rainbow.



Srishti Mahendrakar - Std VI
Villa Theresa High School





JAGGERY SHERBAT

Rhea Nair - Std V

(REFRESHING DRINK DURING SUMMER)

Ingredients:

- 1 Jaggery
- 2 Ginger powder
- 3 Water
- 4 Lemon juice

3 STEPS TO MAKE SHERBAT

STEP 1 - Soak the jaggery in water for sometime and allow it to dissolve in water.

STEP 2 - Take the jaggery water and add some lemon juice.

STEP 3 - At the end add ginger powder and stir it.

You Can Also Add Ice and Mint Leaves In Your Sherbat...

NOW ENJOY YOUR SHERBAT WITH YOUR FAMILY...



Healthy foods have numerous benefits.
Locally grown fruits and vegetables should be part of our everyday diet.
HEALTH IS WEALTH and we are looking for
quick and easy healthy recipes which can be tried by one and all.

So young chefs, send in your special recipes
and we shall share them with our readers.

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**EDUCATION'S
PURPOSE IS TO
REPLACE AN
EMPTY MIND WITH
AN OPEN ONE.**

Malcolm Forbes



Story Building



**Vikram, Raj, Tina and Riya are friends.
Write a short story about them and their adventures.**

Dear Readers,

Put on your thinking caps....

You can mail us your story and win a chance
to get it published in our next issue.

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**“Learning is not
the product of teaching.
Learning is the product
of the activity of learners.”**

John Holt



Poetry Writing



Dear Readers,

See the above picture. Write a poem inspired by the same. You can mail us your poem and win a chance to get it published in our next issue.

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Find 6 hidden words
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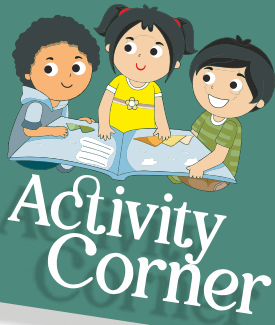
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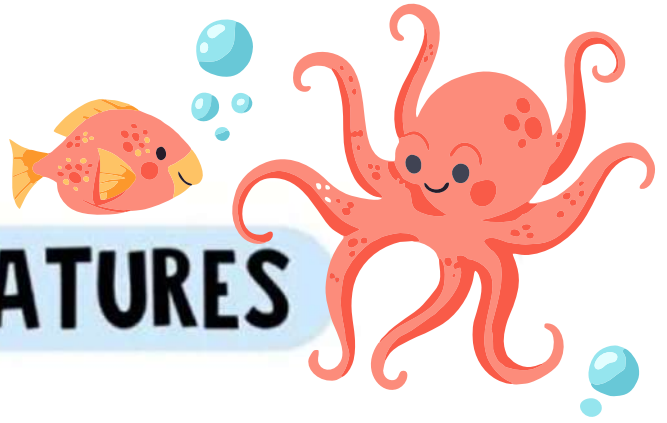
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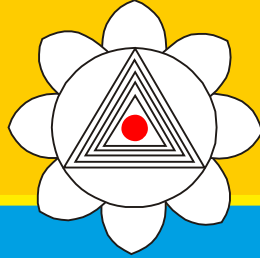
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