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## *From The Desk Of the* **CORRESPONDENT**



### **Goals AND Balance Of Life**

My Dear Students,

We have learnt from the recent experience that every crisis provides an opportunity to rethink humanity's future. It can also be a catalyst for reimagining the way we want to live going forward.

Our school has been providing our students a safe and supportive environment for learning. They are taught the power of achieving their goals through envisioning the possibility of success from learning through various activities. They develop a growth mind-set through academic achievement as well as

through extra-curricular activities. Children who have more of a growth mind-set tend to be grittier.

According to leading researcher, Angela Duckworth, grit can probably be taught. Grit comprises motivation, self-control, a positive mind-set, and goal-directedness and each of these qualities can be influential for success. At SRMPS, students understand how to set and achieve their goals. When we teach them how to regulate their attention, emotions and behaviour, we empower them to pursue goals that are most important to them and enable each student reach his or her full potential.

As Dr M.S. Udayamoorthy says, "Environment plays a vital role in shaping a person to face life with more confidence and determination". We ensure a happy and healthy environment is provided to every student and staff in our SRM Public School and request parents too to join us in creating a happy environment at home, for life is meant to be lived in peace and harmony.

I wish each and every child to learn as much as possible, explore and become a better human!

**Mr. M. Subramanian | Correspondent, SRMPS**



## Nature - The Best Teacher

The greatest teacher in the world is nature and the best thing about Social Science as a subject is to know about evolution, survival, extinctions and creation. The past one and a half year with so many disasters and calamities I think it is high time we think as what are we going to leave for our children in this world? The best part of being a human being is being humane. With fast changing world where predicting the phase is beyond our comprehension, we need to ensure we leave a better world for our children which is our duty. Most of us participate in discussions, debate about the unmindful actions around the world but hardly think or realize that we can begin from home and any revolution that has happened in the past has been initiated by those who do not tolerate meagerness.

I request my dear parents and students to look at opportunities to work on Sustainable Developmental Goals from conserving resources to waste management to be intolerant to people and activities which are against nature resulting in depletion and degeneration. Together we can strive to leave a beautiful world for our children and the future generation. Let the lessons learnt in 2021 make us gear up to make the years to come a memorable and peaceful one.

**Ms. S. Bhuvaneshwari | Principal, SRMPS**



## From The Desk Of the VICE-PRINCIPAL (ACADEMICS)



# Let's make a difference!

Do most of us infuse our lives with the meaning that it's our responsibility to leave the world a better place than we found it? With so much uncertainty in life, we can't understand or control where we're going, but we can influence what we leave behind. We can simultaneously make major contributions to society—both to help other people and feel good about our choices—while making a difference in our everyday lives. We can do things both large and small, for others and ourselves, every day if we choose to. Asking ourselves, "How can I make a difference? I'm just a single person." Keep this poem by Edwin Osgood Grover in mind:

*"I am only one,  
But still, I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But still, I can do something;  
And because I cannot do everything,  
I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."*

There is an infinite number of ways to make a difference for somebody else and most of them are pretty small and require nothing more than our time. It would be amazing to know how much of a difference we can make by just smiling every time we talk to someone.

If we keep our eyes open, we will find ways to serve the people around us all day long. We don't need to do something big but we need to do something for us, for them, for our own happiness. "The purpose of life is to contribute in some way to making things better."

- Robert F. Kennedy

Yes, we can make the world a better place filled with humanity, compassion and peace and harmony.

**Ms. Nalini Sridhar | Vice-principal (Academics), SRMPS**



## Communication

Communication is one of the most important tools that aid us to connect with people. Whether you are a student or a working professional, good communication is something that will connect us far ahead. Proper communication can help us to solve a number of issues and resolve problems. The words that we say and how we say them are important, as they can be misinterpreted if said in a different tone. Communication is not merely essential but the need of an hour. It allows us to get the trust of the people and at the same time carry better opportunities before us.

Here are some points to ponder:-

- **Help to build relationships**

No matter whether we are studying or working, communication can aid us to build a relationship with people. If we are studying we communicate with classmates and teachers to build a relationship with them.

- **Improve the Working Environment**

There are a number of issues that can be handled through the right and effective communication. Even planning needs communication both written as well as verbal. Hence it is essential to be good in them so as to fill in the communication gap.

- **Foster strong team**

Communication helps to build a strong team environment in the workplace and other places. Any work which requires to be done in a team, it is possible if the head communicates everything well and in the right direction.

- **Find the right solutions**

Through communication, anyone can find solutions to even serious issues. When we talk, we get ideas from people that aid us to solve the issues. This is where communication comes into play. Powerful communication is the strength of any organization and can help it in many ways.

- **Earns more respect**

If our communication skills are admirable, people will love and give us respect. If there is any problem, we will be the first person to be contacted. Thus it will increase our importance. Hence we can say that communication skills can make a big change to our reputation in society.

- **Don't Go Overboard With Your Point**

The conversation is about expressing our thoughts. And to let the other person know what we feel. It does not mean to prove that our point is correct and the other person is wrong. Don't Overboard other With Your Point.

- **Watch Your Words**

Before we say something need to watch our words. At times, out of anger or anxiousness, we say something that we must not say at that time. Whenever we are in a professional meeting or in some formal place, where there is a necessity of communicating about our work it is advised to practice the same beforehand.

It is important to share out one's thoughts and feelings to live a fuller and happier life. The more we communicate the less we suffer and the better we feel about everything around us. However, it is all the more necessary to learn the art of effective communication to put across one point well.



## From The Desk Of the PRE-PRIMARY COORDINATOR



### Layers of happiness

Happiness can be defined by people according to their films and fancies. I would like to share an interesting story of a fly which I heard somewhere.

The characters involved in the story are a mother fly and a son fly.

The story goes like this: the son fly is very obedient to his mother in all ways. The mother is very sweet to the son and she has given full freedom to the child and gave only one restriction to be followed. The restriction given was the child should not play with the sticky board at any time of his life. As the son fly was very obedient he followed and stayed away from the sticky board. The son fly was happy too.

As days went by the son fly had many friends to play with and he relished the time he spent with his friends. He felt this was much happier than spending his time only with his mother.

His friends convinced him that the sticky board is the best part of their play, that it never hurts them. They enjoyed playing with that sticky board and they demonstrated to him by going and just touching the sticky board and coming again without any hurt. This

made the boy start believing that a sticky board is not dangerous at all. The mother just exaggerated.

He went and argued with his mother about the sticky board, no way dangerous to me since my friends are playing without getting hurt. The mother was very strong in her decision and said you will not play with that sticky board since that is the reason why you don't have your father. Then the son fly stopped thinking about this board and stayed at home for a while and he felt he lost his happiness. Meanwhile his mother passed away.

Since the mother is also not there, the child wants to go out and spend his time with his friends and regain his happiness. He was totally attracted towards friends' happiness and he thought that is the fullest happiness a person can get so he started following his friends but he was afraid as his mother warned him about the sticky board. Then he said to himself only "I'm going to try once and not going to play with it at all after that." So he decided to try once to experience it really.

With his friends' encouragement and motivation, he started to fly towards that sticky board and with a little

hesitation he touched the board and came back swiftly. And he was very proud and happy that nothing happened to him and believed that what his friends told was true, it is not dangerous at all. So it was interesting and he wanted to give it a second try so he started doing it the 2nd, 3rd, 4th time and continued till he got tired. All his friends left and he was alone enjoying the game. Finally he slept on the board because he was tired.

Suddenly he woke up and saw that he was sleeping on the sticky board. He stood up but he couldn't since one of his wings was stuck to the sticky board. He was scared and cried. No one came to rescue him. The only way to escape from the board was to lose his wings. Then what do you think happened to the fly? The answer is something we all know.

Happiness is that part of life which you need to discover within yourself. Freedom should not be confused with happiness. Morals and values will always give you happiness.

So think before you act.



# Early childhood and the magic of story telling

A story is a narration of series of events or incidents of characters. All of us like to listen to stories. We love stories because they are easy to remember and help us to deal with the real life situation. It is one of the best teaching learning tools for young prodigy. Story is like a magic and children love it. Story telling is an excellent way to develop language skills as it helps to express feelings, ideas, thoughts to build effective communication. It is the best way to teach children the values of life, culture, heritage and tradition without

complicating the process. Stories can make learning lot easier, help in brain development and increase memory capacity of children. They improve listening skills, imagination and creativity of the toddlers. It makes them inquisitive in nature which in turn helps them in problem solving. Hence all the 21st century skills can be acquired through story telling. Story also teaches us to appreciate life. It develops an understanding of the world around us. As an adult we need to narrate lots of stories to sharpen the young minds. Stories definitely help toddlers to become global citizens. So let's embrace story telling.

**Ms. Saswati Das | KG Coordinator, SRMPS**

# The Great Teacher

(My very short allegory is based on the Onam myth to explain the logical nature of the circle.)

Vamana the timid Namboothiri avatar of Vishnu rose up Mavelli, the great king of dharma who once ruled Kerala, from the depths of the earth and said to him. "Mavelli you had been a fascinating king. Due to the pressure imposed upon me by the Devas, I had pushed you down to the bottom of the earth. Now I have raised you up. Ask me whatever you want and I will grant your wish". "O great one, I have a doubt in my mind about the PI value which equals the circumference divided by the diameter of the circle" Said Mavelli.

Vamana bestowed his powers upon Mavelli to draw a perfect circle on a perfectly polished slate. Mavelli drew it precisely. "Measure the value of PI now" Vamana ordered Mavelli. Mavelli measured it correctly and the precise answer Mavelli derived was  $22/7$ . Vamana then took up his Vishwaroopa

and placed Mavelli out of the earth. Vamana then created a gigantic perfectly polished blackboard as big as our entire solar system and used his powers to draw a perfect circle on it as big as our earth. Vamana measured the PI value of this gigantic perfect circle and it is  $22/7$ . Vamana as a great teacher taught the truthful nature of circles of all sizes. "O Mavelli, listen to this great fundamental enduring truth of all circles.

If the size of a perfect circle is smaller than even an atom or bigger than the earth, the value of PI must be  $22/7$  always" said Vamana. "O great knower of all truths, thank you very much for getting my doubt clarified" replied Mavelli with the immense boundless joy of learning the fundamental truth of all perfect circles.

Message: Curiosity and passion for learning are more precious than the finest rubies and are the real drives to gather more knowledge and to enrich our lives with utmost satisfaction and immense happiness.

Hector Raj C

Parent of Joshua Ezekial Claudius &  
Joanna Deborah Claudius, UKG "B"

# Little Adults

The other evening I was walking my dog around my apartment complex and saw a child, a small boy of maybe around 6 or 7 riding his scooter, all by himself, alone in the parking lot. What struck me the most was not that the child was alone, but the fact that he was wearing a face mask, saw a small bottle of hand sanitizer peeping out of his trouser pockets, and most of all, the forlorn look in his eyes. He seemed fazed, almost as if he was not aware that he was alone, and that he did not have company to talk to or play with. No smile. No conversation, albeit the mild twitter of the birds at dusk, the gentle hum of the evening breeze, and then just a deep silence. My heart went out to the little one.

Cocoa, my Labrador puppy tugged at the leash and I moved on. A few meters away from the 6 year old was a girl, a teenager, probably around 15 or 16 of age, sitting down at the park bench, mask over her face, a dry hand towel clutched, ear pods plugged in and phone in her lap. She was also blissfully unaware of everything happening around her.

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As adults, as parents, we cannot throw a tantrum. We cannot say, I will not do this or I shall not stay indoors or that I shall not maintain social distancing. Kids can do this – throw a tantrum and refuse to adhere to norms that are stringent and beyond

their understanding. But if you have observed, the Under 19 team has acted mature way beyond their years. Most parents would have observed and commented “I first got worried how my child would adjust, but surprisingly he was simply amazing in his understanding and cooperation.” They fell in step with ease, with minimal nudging and pushing. Often there have been times when the little ones have lead by example and we have followed gratefully. Should we not be grateful for this? Our little ones are suddenly the Little Adults now. Whatever are the academic outcomes, however pressing the need to upgrade and compete, whatever our shortcomings, however we feel the compelling desire to bring back the couple of years that Covid-19 usurped from us, we should remember that we should allow the kids to heal in all ways – emotionally, physically, mentally and psychologically. They might not feel it, we might not notice it, but they have taken a toll these two years that is simply indescribable. Initially parents who worked and otherwise also enjoyed the time spent together under the same roof 24X7 but after some time, let us accept it, it became cumbersome.

Let the tiny minds not study, let them not tidy up as we expect, let them throw a tantrum now and then, let them just get into a shell now and then – it is all excusable for they have been supporting us in more ways than we would care to accept.

Like a sculpture gently taking shape

Under the careful tap of the chisel

Owned by the crafty sculptor...

Like a flower swaying gaily to the breeze

Spreading fragrance and happiness...

Like the fresh smell of mother earth

Touched gently by the first kiss of the rain...

Let the tender hearts open, receive, and bloom

All in good time! All in good time!

Parent of  
Mast. Sai Sanjevan Karthi  
Grade I “B”



# My LOCKDOWN Experience

I want to share my lock-down experience,  
And trust me it's filled with lots of emotions.

I really wish to make corona go,  
With the help of some magic portions.

Sometimes I feel happy,  
Sometimes I feel sad.  
Sometimes I feel anxious,  
And sometimes I get really mad.

I started enjoying my online classes,  
It brings me lots of joy and delight.  
I wait to meet my teachers and friends,  
With the rise of morning light.

During my free time at home,  
I learnt to paint and I learnt to bake.  
I love to feed my little sister,  
Some yummy home - made cake.

I miss going to school,  
I miss meeting my friends.  
I miss playing in the park,  
Where the fun never ends.

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# Relax, Revive and Replenish

## Charlie's Angels

(This story is about Charlie, a 9 - year- old boy who lives with his parents in a city called Shivpur.)

One day Charlie went hiking along with his parents to a nearby forest. He was pumping up with excitement by looking at the tall green trees everywhere. The air was fresh, and he was not experiencing any breathing concerns as in the city.

Charlie asked his mother - "Why is the air so fresh here and not in our city?" His mother replied - "It is because there are many trees here which keep the air pure. In the olden days, our city also had fresh air. However, there are not many trees now to purify the air."

That night, Charlie could not sleep and kept thinking about his trekking experience. He thought about discussing it more with his parents,

teachers, and friends. The next day Charlie spoke about it with Sandhya Ma'am during the class. She encouraged Charlie to initiate a drive amongst all the school children to plant more trees.

Charlie and his friends started speaking with the people in their neighbourhood. Everyone encouraged them by helping them in every possible way by giving money, saplings, suggesting places to plant trees, etc. To their delight, Charlie and his friends planted close to 500 trees in their respective communities.

After a few years, the saplings turned into trees, and the air around the neighbourhood seems to be fresh and pure. Charlie and his friends are named "Charlie's Angels" by all the local people.

# Annual Bravery Award

Every year on 14th November, the Indian Council for Child Welfare (ICCW) announces the names of the recipients of the annual bravery awards. The awards are then presented on the following year Republic Day to around 25 children who are below the age of 16 years in recognition of their meritorious acts of bravery.

Can you recognise the boy in the picture above?

Hint: The National Awarding Ceremony started with him. Answer: Harish Chandra Mehra.

BUT HOW and WHEN DID THIS AWARDING TRADITION START?

The story dates back to October 2nd, 1957. India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was attending a Ramleela performance. A 14-year-old boy, Harish Chandra Mehra, a boy scout was guarding the VIP enclosure. Suddenly, the tent caught fire. Harish happened to notice it. Risking his own life, he ran into the tent and took Nehru's hand and rushed him to safety. He then climbed the 20-foot pole, and with the help of his scouting dagger, he cut off the burning cloth and saved the day. His hands were severely burnt.

Touched by Harish's bravery and courage, Nehru decided to honour Harish at a national platform and his daughter, Indira, personally went to Harish's school to announce his commendation.

On February 4, 1958, Harish was awarded the first-ever National Bravery Award at the Teen Murti Bhavan by Nehru himself. Harish was among the two children to receive the award that year.

On January 26, 1959, Mehra led the Republic Day parade in the capital, becoming the first civilian to do so.

Caleb Abiel  
Grade 1 "C"

## English is a funny language

No wonder the English language is very difficult to learn. I sometimes wonder how we manage to communicate at all. We will begin with a box and the plural is boxes. But the plural of ox should be oxen not oxes. You may find a lone mouse or a whole set of mice. Yet the plural of house is houses not hices. If the plural of man is always called men. Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called the pen?

If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth. Why should not the plural of booth be called beeth? There is no egg in eggplant or ham in hamburger. Neither apple or pine in pineapple. At last, if father is pop, how come mother's not mop.

Be happy always.

Aparna Prabhu.



## From The Student Council Inter-School Competition

As SRMpians student council we feel fortunate to host Crestere, our inter-school event held on the 9th of November and 3rd of December. This event provided us an opportunity to discover and showcase our expertise. This inter-school competition motivated us to develop resilience and provided exposure to various fields thereby helping us broaden our knowledge. It also enlightened each individual's confidence along with experience. The word crestere is a Romanian word that means to grow. The idea of our inter-school competition began with the theme Rise of a New Decade, to celebrate every positive change and enhancement of lifestyle the deadly pandemic has helped us create. The objective behind the competition is to welcome the new normal in an optimistic and didactic manner. The passing years have brought us a lot of change into our lifestyles. We have developed new talents and have gained more knowledge and understanding. Henceforth, we, the student council, have organised the inter-school event Crestere. Our event enabled students around the country to exhibit their skills and gain a balance in managing academics and co-curricular activities. As the members of the student council SRM Public School, we reached out to 1,987 schools across the globe and we are appreciative of each and every response that we got. Each and every participant who took part in our competition is very significant and they have contributed so much to make this event a very successful one.

## “Crestere”

The pandemic has certainly changed us starting from trying to make every online meeting session productive, managing online classes, activities in student council, and multiple hours of screen time. With the support and guidance from the management, we were determined to make this event a successful one. Despite all the ups and downs during the pandemic, we have managed to reach this point with the support of each and everyone involved. The head council, since the beginning of October, had been planning this grand event. They've ensured that they didn't leave space for adversity and were prepared for mishaps. They treated this as an opportunity to learn to balance their work, academics, and social life. The student council ensured that all the participants felt comfortable. Throughout the event, hospitality was maintained, no matter the situation. Although they had faced a lot of challenges, they were able to rise above them.

Student Council Member

# From The Student Council Head Boy

## Online Classes - a Boon or a Curse

Virtual classrooms have been the norm around the world since the novel Coronavirus began to terrorize countries around the world. There was not much choice on offer for students and teachers. They had to adapt or they would've had to face the prospect of being left behind. This forced many students and teachers to just go along with it without contemplating the consequences. But after three months of going through online learning, I believe it is safe to say that, in hindsight, online classrooms are a boon. They allow students and teachers to continue the journey of learning without any major problems. But we must admit that not everyone is prosperous enough in life to be able to afford a data package. But governments across the world are taking measures to ensure that some

students are not left behind due to no fault of their own. Recently, many groups and organizations have been filing cases in court complaining that screen time will balloon out of proportion due to online classes. But the general consensus is that these groups and organizations are just naysayers, who oppose everything just for the sake of it. But their claims are faulty anyway, since the students' screen time will go through the roof.

This is due to the fact that they are staying home and people should be happy that the increased screen time is actually going towards something productive. All of this evidence points towards the fact that online classrooms are just as good, if not better than regular classrooms.

**Nitish Varshan**  
Grade XI "A"

# Understanding is Deeper Than Knowledge

## Mainstreaming Alternatives to Single Use Plastic Products through Innovation and Creativity

Plastic is something that we use every day. It has become a part of us, our routine. Yes it's helpful, but it's as deadly as it is helpful. We may not be aware, but it's a very deadly weapon people have been using. People have been ruining our world. If we need our place to stay, we must make alternatives that are eco-friendly, degradable, re-usable. Many forms of plastic we use such as bags, straws, utensils, stationery don't cause problems as long as they're reusable. There are these deadly cousins of reusables, the so-called 'Single-use' plastics, which possess the same nature as plastics, except they are weaker and more deadly. They harm marine life very deeply, even terrestrial life, in fact they harm every living being for human needs. This isn't how anyone would want the world to end, would you want the world to end because of this? I'm pretty sure it's a no, because if you do, you're considered a psychopath. Yes, the world is going to end someday, nothing is forever. Single use plastics are weak, but deadly, as they're to be thrown quite easily and fast, they are meant for single use, such as a plastic straw in a hotel, or a plastic cutlery at take-aways of a restaurant. They are everywhere, even if used, they aren't being disposed of properly. Just thrown out of the hotel, this is where the main problem begins.

There's a lot of pollution going on, our ecosystem's is dying, from greenery to 'pollutionary'. Animals having nothing left to eat. As a result, plastic is being eaten, not on purpose but by mistake. We are a way advanced than them, but they aren't. Without these animals, we would have long gone extinct. They are dying,

for our livelihood, at least, we need to start being more responsible, not for a man's sake, but for the entire humanity's sake. We need to make alternatives for single use plastic. For example, instead of plastic straw, we could use spaghetti sticks, or thin bamboo sticks. We just need to think of alternatives with the same purpose. Some resources we could use are bamboo, wood, jute, glass and silicon. If we can use it to a proper extent, we could resolve all pollution. We just need to unite, not for any politics related stuff, but for the sake of mankind asking people to reuse plastic, to use them wisely and dispose off them properly. We need to use our intelligence properly. How about, instead of using plastic bottles for beverages, use a bamboo bottle, you drink, throw the bottle into the nature? Then it degrades as simple as that. For cutlery, we could use carved out wood with a mirror finish, to make it look pleasing. For wrapping food, we could use leaves, precisely, banana leaves.

There's a solution for everything, we just need to think it through. For storing grains, spices, sugar and other kitchen needs, we can use glass jars and label them, it is not only eco-friendly, but pleasant with a clean look. Why buy soda, when you can make home-made soda? You get soda and you don't waste by getting a bottle. Let's together save nature by making alternatives for single use plastics!

**Abineeth K**  
Grade XI "A"

## Poetry & Riddles

The peace amidst calamity,  
A trance of enmity,  
Diluting the ink,  
Every grace of nib on paper a peck,  
Even the flecks have failed, see?  
Still, ink fades,  
One day all will be lost,  
And for some, it has already passed,  
It isn't in my hands or any,  
The angle at which reality curves,  
The momentum ever existing.

**Dheetchanya Mohan**  
Grade XI "C"

What lies beyond the seas,  
We'll never know.  
But their keys,  
Can be shown.  
Seeing through the mist Is a talent  
Not everyone has  
But don't mistake it for a skill  
That one must have. What stays still,  
Is an illusion.  
Change is the only constant.  
What must one do to see,  
Will one ever know.  
While time passes by,  
One shall come to see.

**Sadhana Sriram**  
Grade X "A"

A Tribute to Bravery  
Starting with something small,  
To contribute to India's wall,  
As a student being brave and strong,  
To cheer up India where I belong,  
Captain Vikram Batra's devotion,  
This poem as a gift of token,  
His attitude to serve India,  
Is one of his most important criteria,  
Army officers protect our nation,  
Leaving behind their dear relation,  
The only thing in my hand,  
Is just a small proportion of sand,  
That given me courage to support  
and care for my motherland.

**Sreevarsha**  
Grade VII "B"

## Funny Riddles

- I am a fruit, a bird and also a person. What is my name?
- A seven letter word that contains thousands of letters
- Two fathers and two sons are in a car yet there are only three people in the car. How?
- What runs around the whole yard without moving?

**Rishe**  
Grade VIII "A"

ANSWER KEY :

Kiwi

Mail box

They are grandfather, father and son.  
Fence



## Current Affairs 2021

- Who has won International Booker Prize for fiction? David Diop
- Who has won the nature TTL photographer of the year 2021 award? Thomas Vijayan
- Who has topped the performance grading index in school education in June 2021? Punjab
- Which state has topped the recently released Anemia free index 2020-2021? Madhya Pradesh
- Who has been named as the captain of Indian men's hockey team? Manpreet Singh
- Who has become the first woman pilot of IAF for Jammu and Kashmir? Mawya Sudan
- In which city is the 60th National inter-state athletics championships held? Patiala
- Who has received the highest civilian honor of Mongolia? R K Sabharwal
- What is the rank of India in the global peace-index 2021? 135
- Which city of Gujarat is being developed as electric vehicle city? Kevadiya
- Who is the first Indian to qualify for Tokyo Olympics in June 2021? Sajjan Prakash
- Who has written the book 'The Nutmeg's Curse'? Amitav Ghosh
- Which country has decided to celebrate National Tennis day on 3rd June? Spain
- Which country has topped the sustainable development report 2021? Sweden

## Climate Action

We all know what Global warming is, don't we? It is the world heating up. Climate change started 200 years ago. Earth started heating up because of industrialization and huge increase in greenhouse gas emission. The Last 5 years have been the warmest years on record, especially years 2016 and 2020 were hottest. The two years had a temperature increase of 1.69°F (0.94°C). The world knew that we had to put a stop to Global warming.

In the 2015 Paris Climate agreement, 197 countries volunteered to set emission targets that would limit global temperature rise to just 1.5 degrees Celsius by the year 2050. So far only 2 countries are almost finished with their goal. Those two countries are Morocco and Gambia in Africa. Big successful countries such as China and America (USA) have step-up to achieve their target. Below picture shows climate change levels.

Climate change triggers sea level rising, glaciers melting, oceans heating up which all results in natural disasters and adverse weather affecting millions of people each year.

I have been to a Glacier called Athabasca Glacier in Jasper, Alberta, Canada. The glacier was huge in 1918 but majority have melted by 2011 and continues to shrink due to global warming.

Although it is already too late to stop global warming, we can still minimize and reverse. Let's all do our part in this ecosystem to minimize and reverse global warming.

**Sharik Hasan N**  
Grade VI "C"

# Riddle & Puzzle

5 pirates of different ages have a treasure of 100 gold coins.

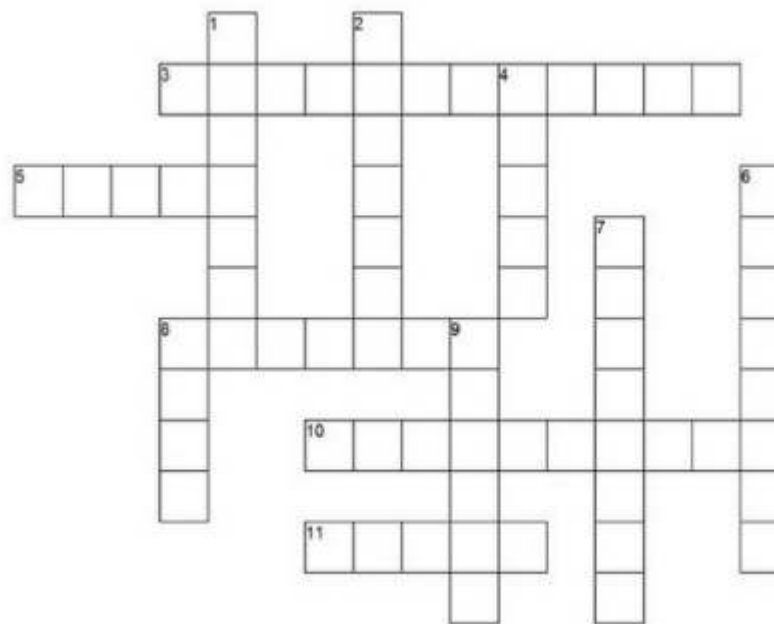
On their ship, they decide to split the coins using this scheme:

The oldest pirate proposes how to share the coins, and ALL pirates (including the oldest) vote for or against it.

If 50% or more of the pirates vote for it, then the coins will be shared that way. Otherwise, the pirate proposing the scheme will be thrown overboard, and the process is repeated with the pirates that remain.

As pirates tend to be a bloodthirsty bunch, if a pirate would get the same number of coins if he voted for or against a proposal, he will vote against so that the pirate who proposed the plan will be thrown overboard.

Assuming that all 5 pirates are intelligent, rational, greedy, and do not wish to die, (and are rather good at math for pirates) what will happen?



## ACROSS

- 3 It is the third largest land mammal
- 5 They are known for their black and white stripes
- 8 Spotted lion
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ has a body shape typical of bears with a black and white coat
- 11 Wool obtained from this animal is the most widely used animal fiber

## DOWN

- 1 The tallest land - living animal
- 2 This animal's name means 'a tribe of hairy women'
- 4 This animal is the biggest of the four big cats in the genus Panthera
- 6 Tusks of this animal are made of ivory
- 7 National symbol of Australia
- 8 King of the jungle
- 9 Domesticated member of the horse family

# Friendship is Magic

Once upon a time, there lived a dog named Duggie. He lived in a beautiful kennel inside a lovely garden. He had a friend named Cathy, the cat. The Cat lived in a small beautiful box beside the Kennel. They lived happily and shared their food with each other. They spent their time playing together. But there were two problems for Duggie. His first problem was Fatty, the Dog. He was his enemy. He always irritated Duggie by making funny faces. The second problem was fear of water.

Fatty dog lived in a dirty kennel near a rundown house along with his friend Latty. They both were bad and they were not able to find food daily. They were very jealous of Duggie and Cathy. They decided to fight with Duggie and occupy his kennel. So, they made a plan. They knew that Duggie was afraid of water and the next day they came to fight with Duggie. They brought a bucket of water and poured it on Duggie. So Duggie got frightened and ran inside his kennel.

Cathy saw this and she decided to help Duggie. Cathy said “Don’t be afraid of water, it will not harm you“. Else, everyone will laugh at you. Cathy helped Duggie to overcome his fear of water. Slowly he got rid of his fear and started playing in water along with Cathy. But Latty and Fatty were

not aware of this and one day they both came to Duggie’s kennel again to frighten him with water. Duggie and Cathy saw them coming and this time Cathy hid herself inside the Kennel. Duggie pretended to sleep outside his kennel. Fatty and Latty came there without making any noise. On the previous day night Cathy and Duggie had already spread a net in front of Duggie’s Kennel. When Fatty and Latty came there and stood on the net, the two friends pulled two ends of the rope and tied together.

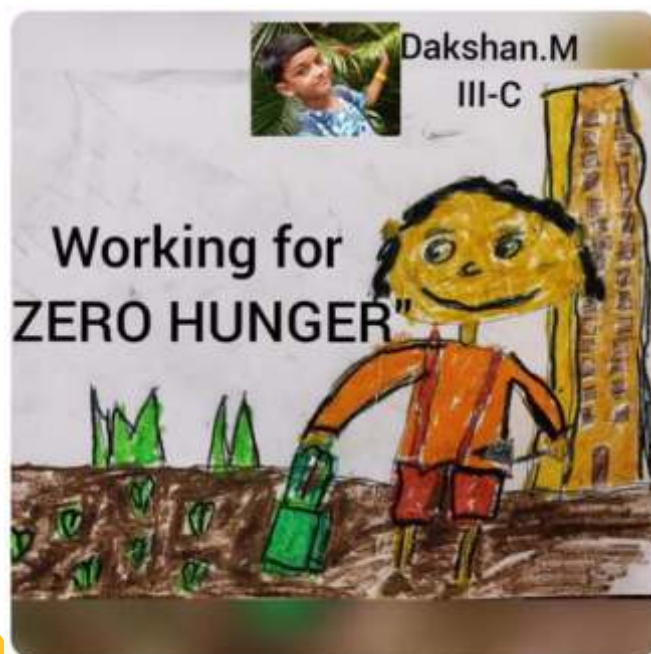
Fatty and Latty got trapped inside the net and they started shouting out of fear. They both apologized to Duggie and said they will not come here after to his kennel. They were released as they realised their mistake. Both of them ran away. Duggie and Cathy lived happily ever after and Duggie thanked Cathy for her help.

Moral of the story is

“A friend in Need is a Friend in Deed”.

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# Creativity takes Courage



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# Call To Save

We want to save the plants, -2

We want to save the plants and trees,

Those are shelter to animals,

Those are shelter to birds,

So we want to save plants and trees.

We want to save the rivers, -2

We want to save the rivers and the sea,

Those are shelter to fishes,

Those are shelter to sea lives,

So we want to save the rivers and sea.

By Adhaliya Metilda Vipin,

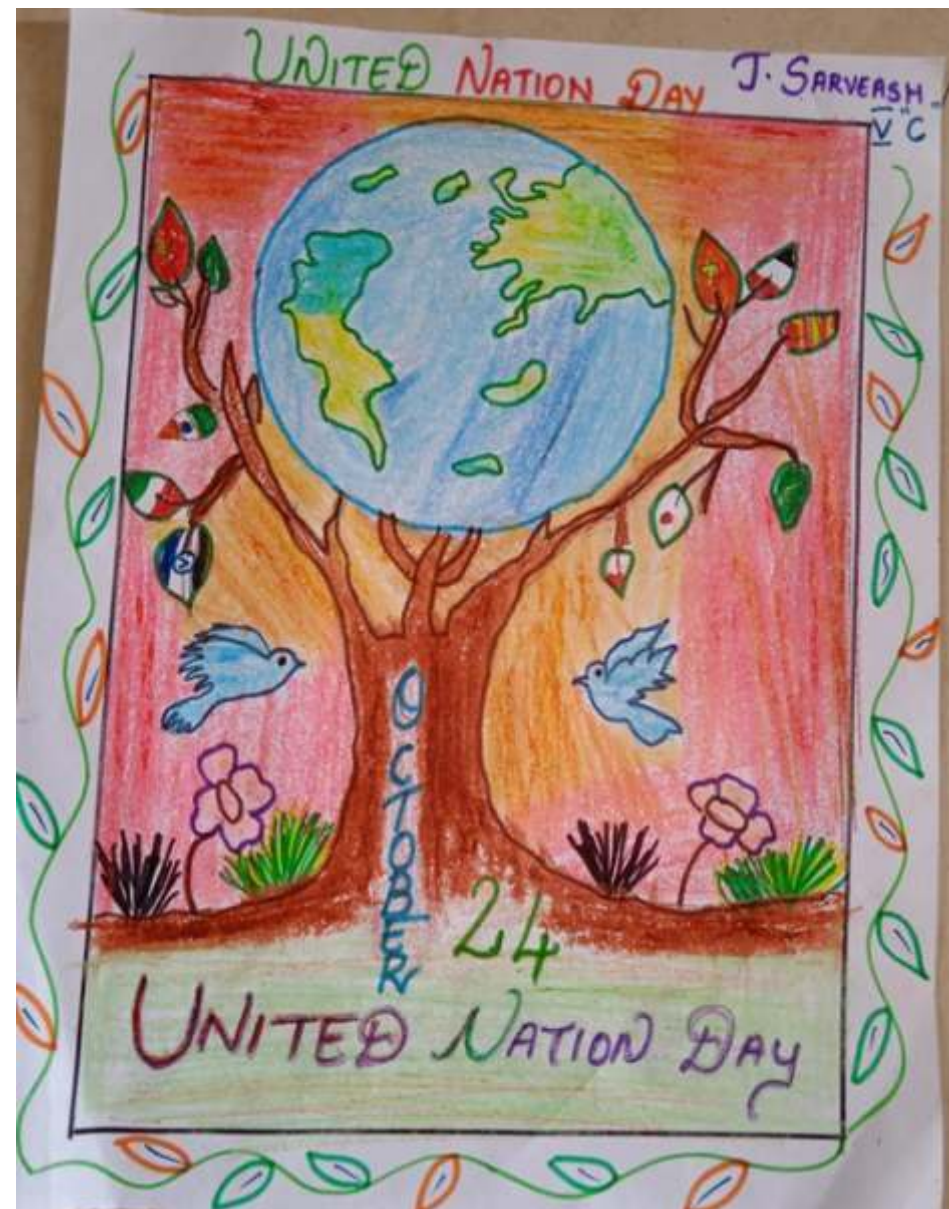
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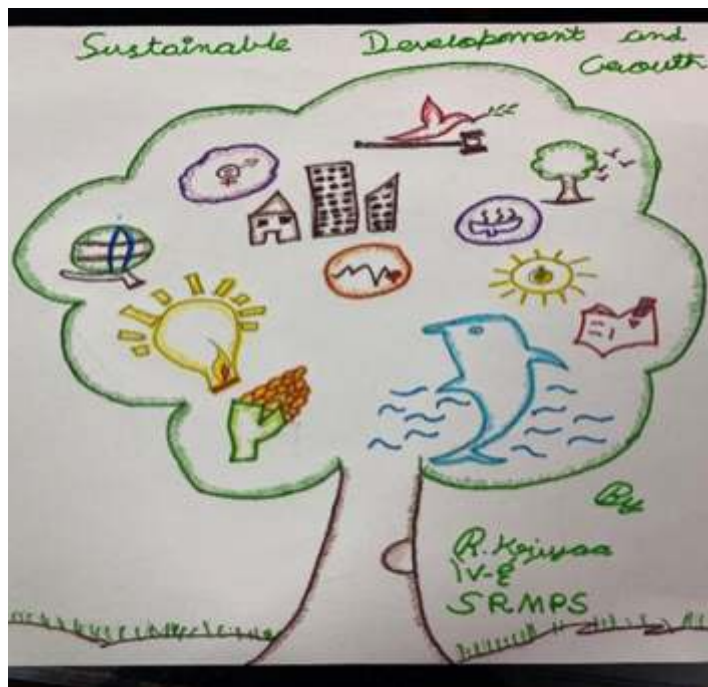


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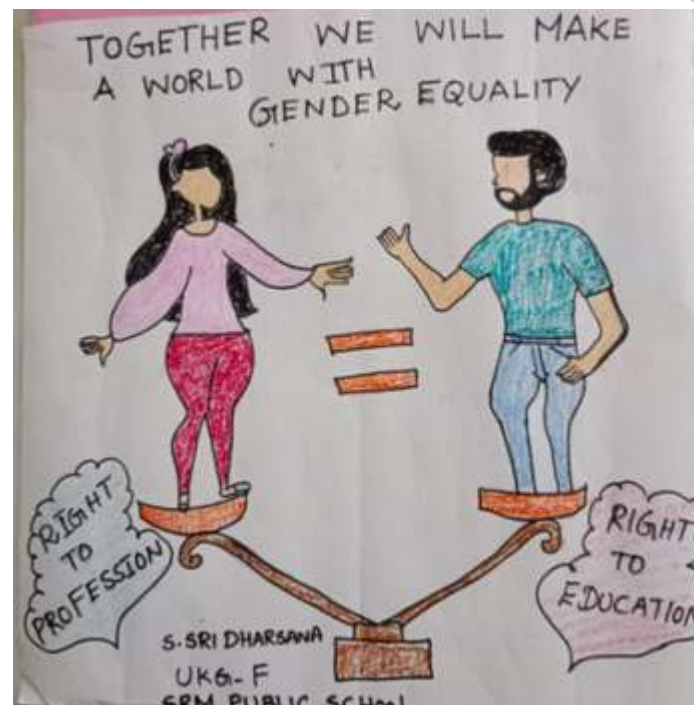


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