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Love Our Guide

There was once a very wealthy king who owned many beautiful things. Of all of his belongings, his favourite possession was a diamond the most glorious of all. It was huge, as big as his hand. It was pure, clear and flawless, without any marks or blemishes. He loved to go and sit with that diamond, gazing at its beauty and perfection.

One day when the king went to look at his diamond, he discovered to his horror that it had a long, deep scratch. He could not believe his eyes. What could have happened to his flawless diamond? Immediately, he sent for the best diamond cutters in his kingdom. They came, inspected the diamond, looked at it closely and then sadly shook their heads. The scratch was too deep. If they tried to polish it the diamond could break into pieces.

Finally, came the last diamond carver. He looked at the diamond closely, gazing at it from every angle. The king watched with bated breath as the diamond carver turned the diamond over and over. Suddenly the diamond carver's face broke into a big smile. "I know how to fix this, Your Majesty!" he exclaimed. "Leave it to me. In two weeks' time I will return your diamond to you, better than ever. However, you may not visit me during this time or check on my progress. You must wait until it is finished."

The king was very excited. Soon his flawless diamond would be back with his other lovely things, perfect again, the scratch removed. It took all the king's willpower to resist the temptation to visit the diamond carver to watch him work. As for the diamond carver, day after day, night after night, bit by bit, he worked on that scratch. It was slow, tedious work. He knew he had to work carefully or the diamond could crack into pieces.

Finally, the diamond cutter was finished. and he brought the diamond before the king. "Here it is, Your Majesty," he said. With a flourish he opened the cloth and presented the diamond. The king gasped at what he saw. Where there had once been

a scratch - a horrible flaw in his precious diamond, there was now an exquisitely beautiful flower carved into the diamond. Unable to polish the scratch out of the diamond, the diamond carver had instead turned the flaw into something beautiful. The king loved his diamond more than ever. Now when he went to hold it in his hands and gaze upon it, he was reminded that even something imperfect or ugly or flawed can become something exquisitely beautiful.

We know that every person has strengths and weaknesses. By weakness, I do not refer to moral evil but to a personality trait. Encouraging children either enhances their strengths or helps them overcome their weakness. Children usually shy away because of their flaws or weaknesses. When we are filled with love for our children, we will find creative ways to turn their flaws into strengths just like the last diamond cutter. When we are guided by love, we will always encourage the children to put in extra efforts to overcome those flaws. In weaknesses are strengths hidden, so perceiving weaknesses positively such as a "Compulsive child" could be viewed as a child who gives more attention to details. Similarly a "Quiet child" could be perceived as having a more thoughtful or reflective nature. All in all, let love be our guide, and encouragement our means to transform the weaknesses of our children into their strengths.



Fr Blanny Pinto
Rector



Choose to Love

We longed to sit and talk and laugh and play and share stories like we have always done. The pandemic seems to be dying out and so here we are, back in Don Bosco's school and junior college.

One of the blessings in disguise that has come from the pandemic is the reminder that persons - which includes ourselves - are precious and that relationships matter. The most important relationship that we will ever have is the relationship we have with ourselves and then those we have with others. The fundamental building block of every good relationship is love and the truth of the matter is that our whole life is about love. Our lives are shaped by the persons we love and the persons who love us.

To live a life of love is to put relationships before activities which entails not just being busy getting degrees, amassing wealth or getting the perfect job or getting a promotion or getting to the top but making love a priority in our life. It is about making life with relationships and not with accomplishments. Relationships are vital for increasing our emotional well-being, creating stability, learning to be a good friend, having someone to count on and trust in times of need, someone to vent to when we face difficulties and most of all to have someone with whom we can be our true self.

In our life we have to make a lot of choices and most choices boil down to choosing to love or choosing otherwise. No matter what happens this is certain that when we choose to love we will always be right. Choosing to do loving things is doing the right thing. We are defined by our choices. So before we make any decision or any choice, let us ask ourselves, "What would be the loving thing to do here?" Therefore...May Love Be Our Guide.

Love is not a feeling; it is a choice and a decision. We can love those whom we feel no love for; who have wronged us, hurt us, cursed us, ignored us and

spread all kinds of lies about us because love is a commitment to the good of another irrespective of what the other does.

The time and commitment that we show for others is love. When we share our time, we share our life which unlike material things, we will never get back. Love is a doorway through which the human soul passes from selfishness to service. The essence of 'love in action' is service; the summit of service is sacrifice; sacrifice touches the spiritual realm. Placing others before ourselves draws and releases an intensifying series of virtues in one's life. Mother Teresa rightly said, "Not all of us can do great things but all of us can do small things with great love."

My wish and prayer for us is that our lives be guided by love, illumining our lives and the lives of everyone around us. May we be the channels of love to the world that we are meant to be.

May God bless us all.

Signing off,



Fr. Ranson D'Souza
Principal



Strenna

LOVE

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. (1 Corinthians 13:4–8)

Love is the greatest strength of the world. It is love that conquers everything and everyone. Love is essential to our lives, and we need love. Love is the greatest gift that someone can offer.

BEGINNINGS

Do everything through love, nothing through constraint is the theme chosen for the Strenna 2022 by the Rector Major, Fr Ángel Fernández Artime, for the Salesian congregation. It is inspired by the life of St Francis de Sales.

St Francis de Sales is known to be a very gentle saint. He would often say, “Blessed are the hearts which can bend, for they shall never be broken.” In his life, St Francis de Sales opposed strictness and accepted the way of forgiveness because he believed that by forgiving others, one becomes disciplinary with oneself. He would often say that to feel God’s heart and to open one’s heart to one’s brother or sister are both intimately linked. The love of God and the love of his mother experienced during his lifetime became a driving force for his life to be compassionate and loving. “All by love, nothing by constraint” was the favourite motto of St Francis de Sales.

INSPIRATION

Don Bosco was deeply fascinated and inspired by the extraordinary lifestyle of St Francis de Sales. Through the example of this saint, Don Bosco resolved that the charity and kindness of St Francis de Sales will guide him in everything. Through the inspiration of St Francis de Sales, Don Bosco

handed on to his Salesians the Preventive System. This system is based entirely on reason, religion, and loving-kindness. Instead of constraint, it demands intelligence, love, and the desire for God. It brings together both educators and youngsters in a family experience of trust and dialogue. It respects freedom and God’s presence in the human heart.

HEART

After all, the heart is the central organ of life. It brings life to the rest of the body. It is also the seat of all emotions and from where springs hope, joy and love. The Salesian heart always beats for the young and has room for everyone. It is a heart where no one is excluded because every young person irrespective of who they are and where they come from or what they are going through is important for Don Bosco and his followers.

INVITATION

Akin to St Francis de Sales, Don Bosco chose the way of the heart and not of constraint. Don Bosco found his happiness in the happiness of others. Through love, he created a family atmosphere for his boys where they truly felt welcomed and at home.

Doing everything through love, nothing through constraint is a precious gift for our personal life. May love be our guide, for Don Bosco believed “whoever loves is loved in return.”

Fr Velasli Bandyal





To the Altar

What lies behind me and what lies before me are tiny matters compared to what lies within me... these words of Ralph Waldo Emerson ring a bell in my mind challenging me to ask myself the important question about my life and my journey.

The Journey of my life as a boy began in the family but found its vitality at Don Bosco Lonavla, under the care and supervision of the Fathers, Brothers and Teachers a couple of years ago. This early interaction paved the way for goodness, discipline, knowledge of God and the world to enter my mind and penetrate my heart.

Life brings us face to face for a moment to realize that very often we are carried away - drifting along the road of life looking back at what has passed and anxious about what the future holds and what are the needs we need to meet. Johann Fichte rightly says, *"The world is my world and what we wish to live in is already living in us."* Our world is prepared by us - By who we really are!

Seconds, minutes, hours, days, months and years spent in Don Bosco, Lonavla has taught me this vital lesson that the manner in which I pray and believe in God, the way I study and relate to my academic life, the time I give for my friends and social activity defines the person I have become today.

The climb from being a Deacon (last stage - in going formation) to being a priest brought me back to my alma mater Don Bosco, Lonavla. The years spent in formation brought with it loads of learning, experiences and situations that broadened my mind and heart in more than one way. I sit down at times like these to relate to the fact that how often I am too ready to quote philosophers and theologians, can illustrate various stories and anecdotes about people and events in history, but everything in the end boils down to how much *you* and *I* really know about ourselves, our life and the real persons that we are.

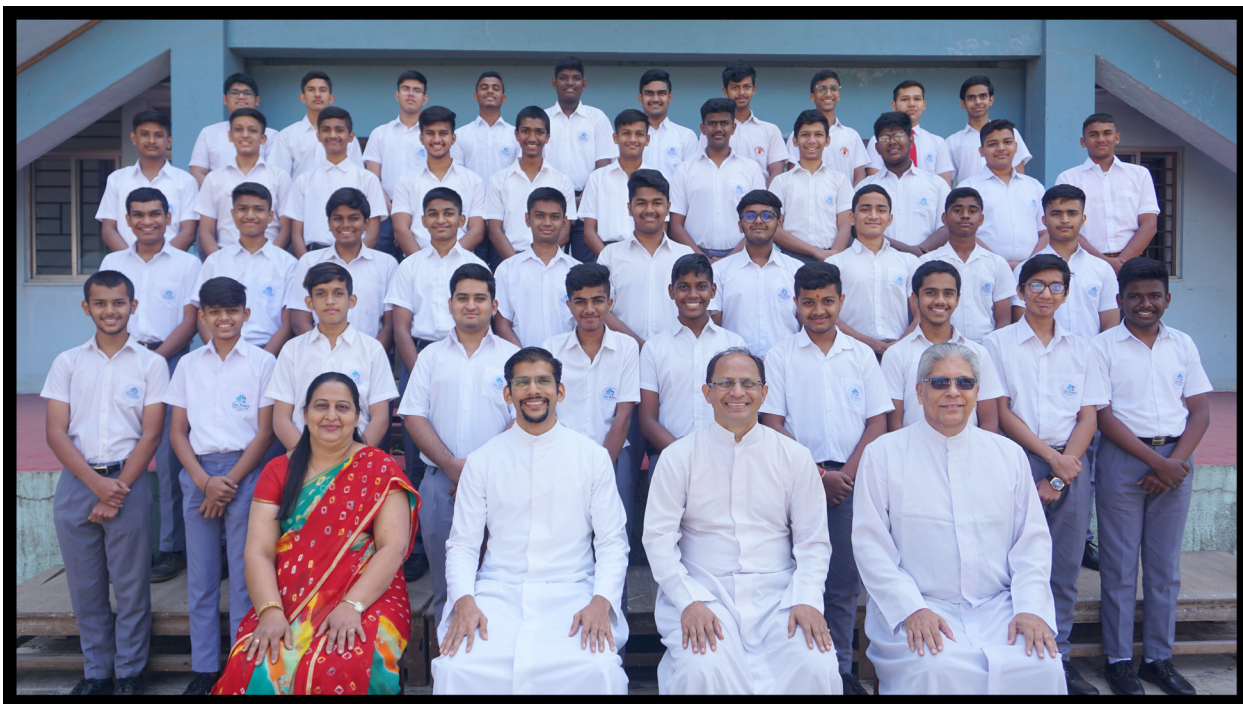
As individuals who have a depth, a history within ourselves, a world exists within ourselves,

sometimes we miscarry our minds to think that just because we are wrapped up by the picture of the past and the future that we overlook the present.

In summary I can say that there is a deeper and intense force that is leading each of us. Each of us is filled with a lot of blessings and graces, it is time to understand ourselves and who we are, it is time to know that we are the beginning of everything and the link to everything in life. What is essential at the end is whether we can see ourselves from the eye of the parrot as in the story of Dronacharya and his student Arjuna.

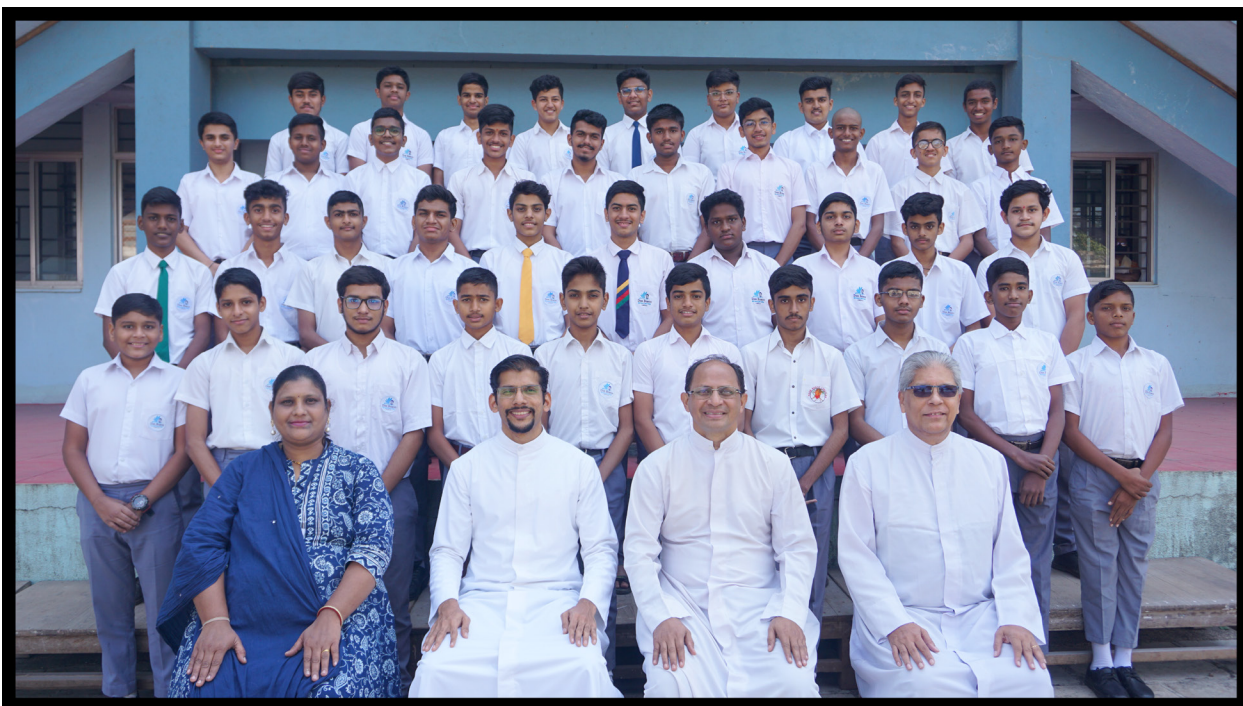
True self-realization was my movement from the cradle to Altar - a realization that grew from the early years of my life in Don Bosco, Lonavla to the formative years in the congregation and finally culminates in my return to the prestigious cradle where it all began. This is the boost to living a good life, knowing that we can make a difference by relating with who we are and not what we do with who we are.

Fr Joyston Machado
Prefect of Studies



Std X A

Std X B





Std XII Arts

Std XII Commerce



**Std XII Science**

*Goodbyes are not forever
Goodbyes are not the end
It simply means we will miss you
Till we meet again*



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



FAREWELL

15 January



REPUBLIC DAY

26 January



DON BOSCO QUIZ

28 January



DON BOSCO FEAST

31 January



ANNUAL DAY

31 January



SCOUT DAY

22 February



ELECTIONS

4 March



FINAL EXAMS

22 March



Wordle

Josh Wardle, a Software Engineer in Brooklyn, created a word game for his partner who loved to play word games. As a play on his name he named it Wordle and launched it in October, 2021.

"I think people kind of appreciate that there's this thing online that's just fun," Mr. Wardle said in an interview. "it's not trying to do anything shady with your data or your eyeballs. It's just a game that's fun".

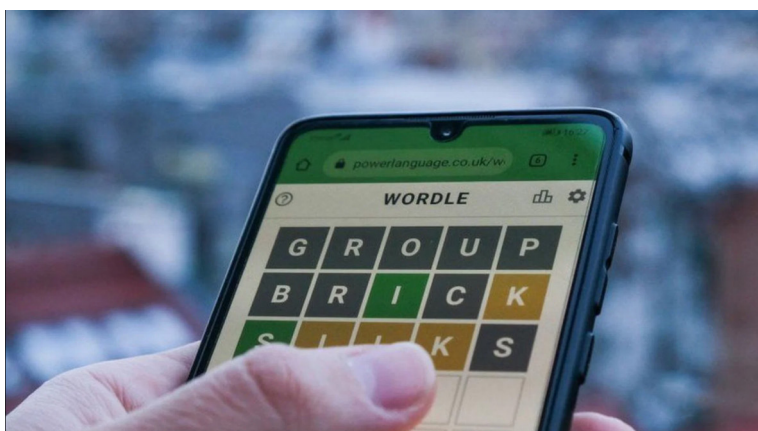
Wordle is a simple video game. You have six chances to guess the days secret five letter word. It's sort of like the board game mastermind but with a key difference. The aim of this game is to figure out the secret word with the fewest guesses.

Wordle, has no clues or starting letters. Players guess an initial five-letter word, which fills in the five boxes at the top of the grid. The boxes then turn colours to indicate how the letters in that guess correspond to the ones in the mystery word. A grey box means that the letter within isn't found in the answer; yellow means that it is, but in another locations; and green means that the right letter is in the right spot. Players have six successive guesses to get a word right. Whether you guess the word or not, the subsequent grid becomes a kind of trophy - a record of play that can be compared to others.

Once you've played the day's game, you must wait until the next one is released, at midnight. In contrast to seemingly everything else on the Internet, Wordle is not designed to be addictive, even if playing for five or ten minutes daily can feel like a compulsion. "It doesn't want any more of your time", Wardle told

the Times. So far, at least, the game has declined to monetize its place in the attention economy.

Based on my analysis, if you're trying to win in a few guesses as possible, the top three words to go with are 'slice', 'tried', and 'crane'. Using any of these words will produce an average number of attempts to a score of 3.90, 3.92, respectively if you're using an optimal strategy to play.



The game also allows the players to share their results with others without giving the answer away which creates an opportunity for sharing their experience at a time when many people are feeling disconnected from

others. A Wordle habit is not likely to make you smarter or ward off brain aging, but it may give you a daily dose of complex cognition combined with social interaction and that can become an advantage for the players.

Suzain Salmani
XI Arts



The Wealth of Bihar

We aren't talking about money, yet something precious and priceless...the Magadh-Mithila culture and ethos which encapsulates Bihar's cultural history, its traditions, festivals, and cuisines.

A major part of Bihar's cultural history is the rise of Buddhism especially during the Mauryan reign. As the place where Gautam Buddha was enlightened under the Mahabodhi tree which is now a spiritual shrine. It is also acknowledged as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Bihar is also known for its architectural beauty, a prime example of it being 'The Stupas' and the Madhubani art form that this state takes pride in.

Looking at festivals, the most famous is the Chhath Pooja, a 4-day long festival in November that celebrates the glory of the Sun God.

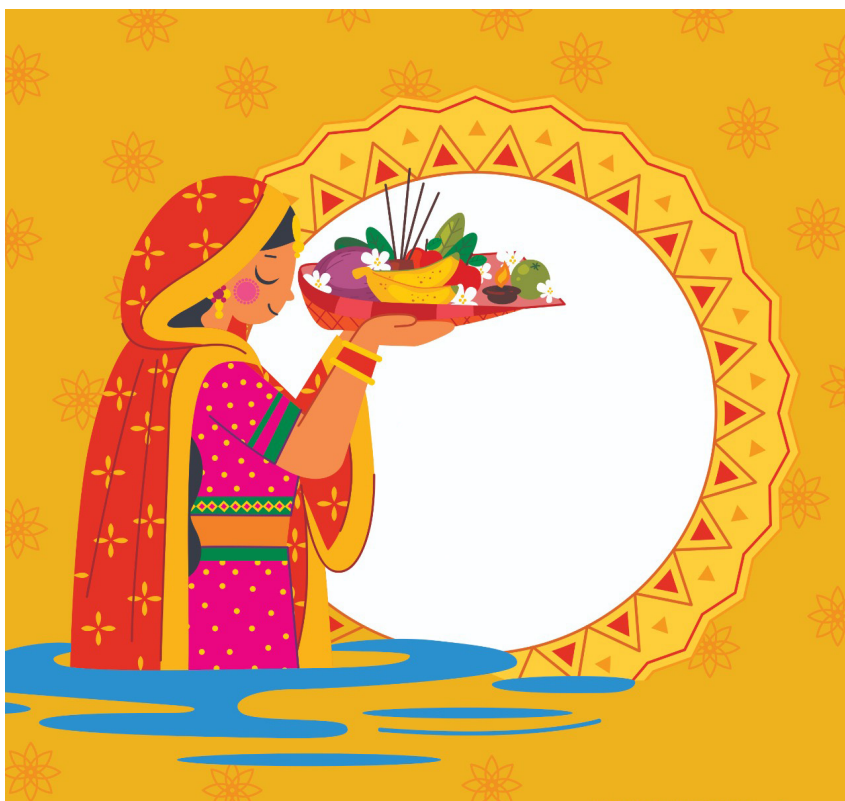
Bihar has a rich cultural heritage and has numerous folk songs and folk dances to its credit. Some of the important ones are Sohar, Jaat Jaatin, Fagua and Chaiti.

Bihar houses Nalanda University which had a long and illustrious life and which lasted almost continually from the fifth to the twelfth century CE. The idea of reviving it came from Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India in 2006. Its ancient hallmarks of diversity, a knowledge ecosystem thriving on shared creation of new knowledge and an international outlook, remain at the essence of the new Nalanda University as well.

The wholesome experience of this culture is incomplete without the cuisines that this state offers, and those are delicacies like Litti-Chokha, Thekua and Dal Peetha.

We now know a little about the Magadh-Mithila culture and ethos enough for us to bring to mind an appreciation of our own culture and ethos.

Samiksha Yadav
XII Science





Legends of Music

BAPPI LAHIRI

Singer and musician Bappi Lahiri passed away recently on 15 February 2022 at the age of 69. He was suffering from obstructive sleep apnea and recurrent chest infection.

The demise of a legend such as Bappi Lahiri was very saddening. That too at such a time when the nation had lost one more of her gems in the singing world – Lata Mangeshkar. Bappi's real name was Alokesh Lahiri - his screen name was Bappi Lahiri and he was fondly called Bappi Da!

His music had an edge. He introduced a more contemporary style to Hindi film music with Surakshaa, Wardaat and Disco Dancer. Singer-composer Bappi Lahiri, who popularised disco music in Indian cinema in the 80s and 90s, gave a hit song 'I am a disco dancer' starring Mithun Chakraborty. Bappi Lahiri was the one, who with his voice made this song a great hit and popular in every house. Later, Bappi Da was also given the title of 'Disco King'.

Music legend Bappi Lahiri, in 1973, gave his first music to a Hindi film 'Nanha Shikari'. He contributed in many films such as Bazaar Band Karo, Chalte Chalte, Aap ki Khatir, Lahu ke Do Rang, Namak Halaal, Sharaabi, Himmatwala, Satyamev Jayate, Aaj ka Arjun, Thanedaar and many more. Baaghi 3's song Bhankas in the year 2020 was his last song.

He was a legendary composer who gave a twist to the songs in the music world. He will ever be missed!

Anjali Upadhyay
XII Science

LATA MANGESHKAR

Lata Mangeshkar (born as Hema Mangeshkar; 28 September 1929 – 6 February 2022) was an Indian playback singer, music composer and philanthropist. She is widely considered to have been one of the greatest and most influential singers in India and around the world. She gained honorific titles such as the "Queen of Melody", "Nightingale of India" and "Voice of the Millennium".

Lata Mangeshkar recorded songs in over thirty-six Indian languages and a few foreign languages. She received several accolades and honours throughout her career. In 1989, the Dadasaheb Phalke Award was bestowed on her by the Government of India. In 2001, in recognition of her contributions to the nation, she was awarded the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian honour; she is the only second female singer, after M.S. Subbulakshmi, to receive this honour. France conferred on her its highest civilian award, 'Officer of the National Order of the Legion of Honour' in 2007.

She was the recipient of three National Film Awards, 15 Bengal Film Journalists' Association Awards, four Filmfare Best Female Playback Awards, two Filmfare Special Awards, the Filmfare Lifetime Achievement Award and many more. In 1974, she was one of the first Indian playback singers to perform at Royal Albert Hall in London, UK. At one point, she appeared in the Guinness Book of World Records which listed her as the most recorded artist in history between 1948 and 1974.

The coming generations will remember her as a stalwart of Indian culture, whose melodious voice had an unparalleled ability to mesmerise people. We grieve the passing away of a truly iconic figure who proved to be a patriot and dedicated and enriched the culture of India through her immense talent and her soulful voice.

Tr Marina Neves



The Scout Movement

I joined the Scout Movement when I was in Std VIII. Previously, I had no knowledge of scouting. I asked my seniors, who already were scouts, for a feedback. Listening to them, I was very impressed. According to them, Scouting is fun-filled learning adventure wherein one becomes connected with nature. As I joined, I was made a scout leader of one of the patrols. I would like to tell you what I experienced as a scout and what I think it is. Scouting, also known as the Scout Movement, is a worldwide youth movement. It is a combination of Science and Outing. A programme of informal education with an emphasis on practical outdoor activities, including camping woodcraft, aquatics, hiking, backpacking and sports.

Now the question arises, who thought of such an educational system? Lord Robert Baden-Powell was the founder of the World Scouting Movement. He was born on February 22, 1857. In August 1907, he collected together twenty boys and held a camp for them on Brown Sea Island. The camp had a different aura of itself. After this great and successful camp, he decided to write his book, 'Scouting for Boys.'

The book was published in 1908.

Speaking about camping Lord Baden-Powell said, "My ideal camp is where everyone is cheerful and busy, where the patrols are kept intact under all circumstances, and where every patrol leader and scout takes a genuine pride in his camp and his gadgets."

As a scout I always liked helping my fellow scout members. What I love about scouting is that the scouts have to organize a camp site which puts our life skills to the test. We make different gadgets with the help of wood and rope. My most favourite part about Scouting is setting up the tents which is actually very exciting and which gives a feeling of building our own little home.

We celebrate Scout Day on February 22, every year. All the scouts, dressed in Scout uniform, begin the day with the unfurling of the scout flag by the chief guest. This is followed by a number of exciting activities which make the day a memorable one. We also go out camping around this time which is the best part of scouting.

I would personally like to welcome all those who would like to have an experience of scouting for themselves. I can assure you that you will always cherish the experience of being a scout.



Priyanshu Rai (XI Science)
Ayush Khandbor (XI Science)



करो हिंदी से प्यार...

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करो अपनी भाषा पर प्यार
जिसके बिना मूक रहते तुम, रुकते सब व्यवहार।
भाषा बिना व्यर्थ ही जाता, ईश्वरीय भी ज्ञान,
सब दानों से बहुत बड़ा है, ईश्वर का यह दान,
करो अपनी भाषा पर प्यार।।

मैथिली शरण गुप्त जी की कितनी सुंदर रचना है यह। सोचिये जरा, बिना भाषा के हम अपनी भावना, अपने अनुभव और ज्ञान को दूसरों तक कैसे पहुँचा पाते? जब एक बच्चा जन्म लेता है तो वह माँ के पेट से ही बोली सीखकर नहीं आता। उसे भाषा का पहला ज्ञान अपने माता-पिता द्वारा बोले गए प्यार भरे शब्दों से ही होता है। भारत में अधिकतर बच्चे सर्वप्रथम हिंदी में ही अपनी माँ के प्यार भरे बोलों को सुनते हैं।

हिंदी अपनी भावनाओं, अनुभवों और ज्ञान को दूसरों तक प्रभावी ढंग से पहुँचाने का माध्यम हैं। सुंदर हिंदी में लिखा हुआ लेख, कविता या कहानी आपको वहीं आनंद देती है जो आपको मधुर संगीत या सुंदर चित्र देखने से मिलता है। हिंदी साहित्य में हमें कबीर, रहीम, कालिदास आदि कवियों के दोहे बहुत पसंद आते हैं। उनके दोहों में जीवन का सार बहुत खूबसूरत ढंग से बताया गया है। हिंदी एक कला विधा है, जिसमें अद्भुत साहित्य रचा गया है। यदि मात्र सुंदर हिंदी का आनंद लेना हो, रसानुभूति करनी हो, तो पढ़िये – जयशंकर प्रसाद, सूर्यकांत त्रिपाठी – निराला, प्रेमचंद, सुमित्रानंद पंत, माखनलाल चतुर्वेदी, मैथिली शरण गुप्त, रामधारी सिंह दिनकर या हजारीप्रसाद द्विवेदी और महादेवी वर्मा जैसे कवियों, लेखकों और गीतकारों को, जिन्होंने आज तक अपनी रचनाओं में हिंदी को जीवित ही नहीं रखा बल्कि पाठकों के दिलों में हिंदी की जगह भी बनाई।

हिंदी इसलिए भी नायाब है क्योंकि हिंदी के एक शब्द को ही हम भिन्न-भिन्न वाक्यों में भिन्न-भिन्न रूप से बड़ी ही खूबसूरती के साथ उपयोग में ला सकते हैं।

जैसे –

छू लो तो चरण,
अडा दो तो टांग,
फँस जाए तो पैर,
फिसल जाए तो पाँव,
आगे बढ़ना हो तो कदम,
राह में चिह्न छोड़े तो पद,
प्रभु के हो तो पाद,
बाप की हो तो लात,
गधे की पड़े तो दुलत्ती,
घुंगरू बाँध दो तो पग,
खाने के लिए टंगडी,
खेलने के लिए लंगडी

तो बताइए, है न हिंदी केवल एक भाषा से बढ़कर एक कला विधा भी।

हिंदी हिन्दुस्तान की भाषा है। यह भाषा है हमारे सम्मान, स्वाभिमान और गर्व की। इसीलिए मुझे हिंदी भाषा से बहुत प्यार है।

श्रीमती आशा वर्मा
हिंदी अध्यापिका





मेरा पाठशाला के प्रति प्रेम

प्रेम अंतरमन की एक भावना है। जो इस संपूर्ण जगत को आपस में जोड़ कर रखता है। प्रेम ही ईश्वर का स्वरूप है। प्रेम इंसान की आत्मा में पलनेवाला एक पवित्र भाव है। यह एक अहसास है और अहसास बेजुबान होता है, उसकी कोई भाषा नहीं होती।

प्रेम में बहुत शक्ति होती है। इसकी सहायता से सब कुछ संभव है तभी तो प्रेम की बेजुबान बोली जानवर भी बखूबी समझ लेते हैं। प्रेम के अनेक रूप हैं। बचपन में माता-पिता, भाई-बहन का प्रेम, पाठशाला-कॉलेज में मित्रों का प्रेम, दाम्पत्य जीवन में पति-पत्नी का प्रेम। प्रेम ही हमारी जीवन की आधारशिला है।

सच्चा प्रेम केवल देने और देते रहने में ही है। जहाँ प्रेम है, वहाँ समर्पण है और जहाँ समर्पण है, वहाँ अपनेपन की भावना है। मैं अपनी पाठशाला से बहुत प्रेम करता हूँ। अपनी पाठशाला के साथ मेरा अटूट नाता है। मैं अपनी पाठशाला को अपना दूसरा घर मानता हूँ। यहाँ शिक्षणगण और छात्रों में एक अद्भुत नाता है जिसे मैं शब्दों में व्यक्त नहीं कर सकता।

‘कोरोना’ इस बिमारी की वजह से पाठशाला बंद होने के कारण वहाँ पर होनेवाली हर एक गतिविधि की कमी मैं महसूस कर रहा था। यहाँ पढ़ानेवाले शिक्षक तथा शिक्षिकाएँ यहाँ के मैदान, यहाँ का पुस्तकालय, मेरी कक्षा, कक्षा में पढ़नेवाले सारे मित्रगण इन सारी बातों की कमी महसूस कर रहा था। ऐसा लगने लगा कि हमारा अपनी पाठशाला से नाता छूट रहा है। तभी ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई की शुरुवात हुई। अब मुझे लगने लगा है कि मेरी पाठशाला के प्रति मेरे प्रेम में कितनी ताकत है। किसी ने ठीक

ही कहा है, “किसी चीज को शिद्दत से चाहो तो पूरी कायनात उतर आती है।” मैं ऐसा ही अपने मन में महसूस कर रहा हूँ।

हे भगवान, मैं आप से यह मंगल कामना करता हूँ कि पूरी दुनियाँ के सभी शिक्षकगणों और सभी छात्रों की सारी गतिविधियाँ सुचारु रूप से चलती रहे।

अचानक मुझे गुलजार जी की चंद पंक्तियाँ याद आ रही हैं।

पानी में तस्वीर कहाँ बनती है,
ख्वाबों में तकदीर कहाँ बनती है,
किसी भी रिश्ते को प्रेम
और सच्चे दिल से निभाओ,
ये जिंदगी वापस कहाँ मिलती है।

इश्मित सिंह मथाडू
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An Ancient Treasure

India hosts nearly immense wealth of ancient rock-cut architecture for diverse tastes. Eye witness agree that the most impressive Buddhist prayer hall is located in the Karla caves. These amazing caves were started by ancient Buddhists more than 2000 years ago. Early Buddhist temples were located in natural areas away from cities to avoid the distraction of the material world but not too far from contact with people.

Karla was a natural cave at first and part of it has been carved during the fifth to the tenth centuries A.D. The temples builders did an unbelievably magnificent and sophisticated work, leaving columns and other structural element at exact distances and proportions and carving some of the most beautiful ancient sculptures of the world in situ.

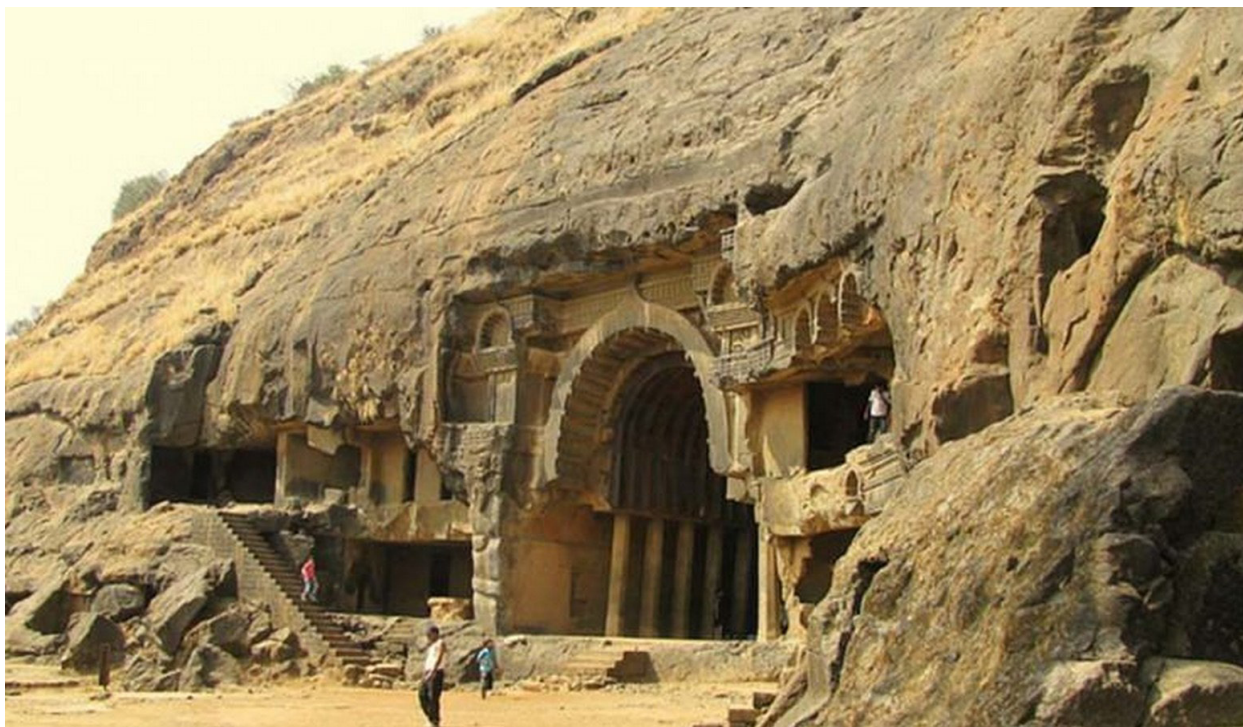
Karla caves represent the highest achievement of Indian rock-cut architecture of the time and are one of the earliest examples of ornate and richly

decorated rock-cut temples in India. In splendour these caves can be compared to Ajanta and Ellora but are much less popular making visit here pleasant due to less crowds.

Karla caves are characterized by large horseshoe shaped windows lighting the interiors and vaulted interiors. The architecture and artistic achievement made in Karla caves have left a profound impact on the development of Indian art.

Monuments and architecture have always been the illustration of wealth and power of a country. They have been handed down to us and preserving them should be our responsibility. These are the places and things that keep us connected to our history from which we can learn much.

Bhumika Shinde
XI Commerce





Badminton Stars

THE RISING STAR OF GUJARAT

Tasnim Mir, badminton player from Mehsana Gujarat was born on May 13, 2005. In the year 2018, Tasnim won many titles and tournaments in various places like Raipur, Hyderabad and Nagpur. She won a gold at the Badminton Asia Junior. She is the first Indian to claim no.1 status in U-19 singles. Tasnim's feat has never been achieved by any Indian female Badminton player, including two-time Olympic star P.V. Sindhu and London bronze medallist Saina Nehwal.

The Uber cup held in 2021 in Denmark, had a huge impact on her life. She was among her seniors and got a chance to play with them. She even met Viktor Axelsen there.

Tasnim was trained under Edwin Iriawan at Assam. She got her first training from her father who is also a badminton player. She always used to



say, "I will need to work on my stamina and mental aspect of my game, which will play a big role. I have confidence in my shots, but it is more important to focus on my mind."

THE BEGINNING OF LAKSHYA

Lakshya Sen born in Almora on August 16, 2001, belongs to a badminton family. His father D.K.Sen is the coach of the Indian team, and his brother is also an international badminton player. He won a bronze medal at the 2021 World Championship



defeating the top-seeded World Champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn in the finals.

In 2021, he reached World Championship semi-finals where he lost and gained a bronze medal. Recently he defeated Loh Kean Yew in the India Open Finals and clinched his Super 500 Title. On being asked about his maiden Super 500 Title, he said that he still has a long way to go and that this was just the beginning. He further said that he was never tensed about a match but was nervous due to COVID-19. The support of his family and friends helped him early on in his journey to become a champion.

Jude Edward
XI Arts



Family Love

VACATION EXCITEMENT

Summer Vacation is the most awaited time of the year because every year my family plans to visit our relatives at our native place. But due to the pandemic, travel for the last two years was not possible. I would like to share my experience of my visit to Goa before the pandemic. We, as family, had chosen to visit Goa and spend some leisure time together. We planned a three day trip to Goa.

Goa is one of the most famous places located along the western coastal region of our country. The main reason we selected Goa as our destination was for its beautiful beaches. We made it to Colva Beach, Varca Beach, Cavelessom Beach, Utorda Beach, Arambol Beach and Ashwem Beach.

Since we were on a vacation, we relaxed the entire day with no set time table for the day. We had delicious sea food at the hotel we stayed in. We hired a car for sightseeing and visited many churches. The best part of our trip was spending our evenings together at different beaches, building sand castles, swimming and being with each other having fun. We also shopped for souvenirs to carry back memories of Goa. The last beach that we visited was Ashwen Beach after which we returned home.

Divit Landge
Std V

MY ADORABLE PET BIRD

A good relationship with a pet can also help in developing non-verbal communication, compassion and empathy.

Birds are intelligent and easy to train. They are interesting to watch and be around. Their love of learning makes them fun to entertain and be entertained by.

I would like to share a short story on how I

found my pet parrot. One day I saw a green bird with crimson beak lying on my terrace. On reaching the bird closer I found that it was a baby parrot and this made me feel more excited to watch the bird. A little closer peek at the bird, I saw that the parrot had an injury in its wings. I ran to my father downstairs narrating the bird's situation and asking for help. My father came up with me to the terrace and took the parrot into our house. The parrot was immediately given first aid. The bird continued to stay in our house. We saw the parrot had recovered within a few days. We thought of letting go the parrot to live its life. But the parrot did not seem like it wanted to leave our home. We gave the parrot nuts, seeds and fruits to eat. We spoke to the parrot during our leisure. The bonding between the bird, my father and me grew stronger. Now the parrot is a member of our family. I named the parrot 'Mitu'.

I know my parrot loves me too when I see it preening in excitement when I enter the room.

Kiran Prabhu
Std VI

MY PARENTS - MY WORLD

Parents' love is the most gratifying love. Parents love and care for their children unconditionally. The affection and unconditional love I get from my parents makes me emotionally happier and stress free.

I recall a day learning to ride my bicycle. It wouldn't have been possible all on my own without my mother's support. Her confidence in me pushes me to do much better. She would encourage me with her sweet voice to take courage and move on. Let me quote her- 'It is normal to fall down. It's okay to fail but never okay to give up.' My parents are my greatest strength. They go out of their way to



make me happy and at the same time ensure that I grow up to be a good human being. With changing weather and fading time, if there is something that will never change for me- it is my parents' love.

Ashton Dantes
Std V

SIBLING'S LOVE

Siblings' love basically represents the bond, the unique love-hate relationship between the siblings. I share this precious bond with my sister. She is the one with whom I share my innermost secrets and my deepest emotions- the very feelings I hesitate to share with my parents.

My relationship with my sister is such that it has helped me in developing empathy and prosocial behaviour and this has resulted in my academic achievement. We, as siblings, together learn a lot of lessons from our daily lives- to be kind and caring, to be fair, and to know we may not always be right. We learn team work together, we resolve conflicts amongst us, and most of all we learn what it is to love and be loved. My sister is my role model; she drives me to work much harder to achieve my goals- be it big or small. My sister and I spend most of our time together as we have working parents. My sister is with me to share, to play, to take care and be there. We cannot think of staying apart even for a day. We love each other a lot. I am grateful to the Almighty for having a sister like her- my world is a much better place just because of her.

Amogh Purohit
Std V

LOVE OF FAMILY

It's extremely difficult to imagine a life without a family. Each and every person has a family even if they don't relate with each other genetically. A person is nothing without a family. Eating food together with the family by sitting together and

having a lot of conversation is one of the best ways to spend one's time. Laughing, playing games are the most beautiful moments of life.

A FATHER'S AND A MOTHER'S LOVE...

Parents play a really very important role in making their child's future bright. Though fathers are strict and the mothers loving, a father's love brings balance, accountability and discipline like an even hand.

We are aware of the love and kindness of a mother. They barely get angry on their child. A mother's love is endless. A mother loves and protects her child like a lioness does to its cubs. With time a mother will grow old but her love towards her child will stay ever new. When a child makes a mistake, a mother would get angry on her child, but not for long, because her love towards her child would restrict her anger.

Children are happy when their parents are happy and love each other.

Fathers don't show their love towards the child as much as mothers, but a father loves his child more than any other person. A father's love makes sure that the child learns to take responsibility of its life.

Dishon Siddapur
XI Science





A True Friend

A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND IN DEED

There was a boy named Joy. He was quite mischievous – average in studies, good at sports. Sad to mention, he used to bully all the other boys in his class. He had a group of friends, and the six of them used to gang up and play mischief and bully the others. Coincidentally, they all resided in the same building.

One day, a new student joined the class in the second academic term. The teacher introduced the new boy as Roy. The teacher seated him beside Joy. After a long conversation between Joy and Roy, the latter realized that their ideas and values differed. Roy was studious, quiet, not good at sports, had very few friends and preferred to observe rather than participate. Joy and his friends began bullying Roy and made fun of him, but Roy never complained. The final examinations were around the corner. Joy and his group of friends did not complete their assignments in time. A week before the exams they sat together and worked at completing their books but somehow Joy was left behind and his friends did not assist him. In fact, they joyfully submitted their work, ignoring Joy. He felt the loss of a good friend, and was dejected. He did not know what to do – but Roy came along and offered to help. He not only sat beside Joy and guided him but also counselled him regarding values – values that his parents had imbibed in him and which he followed diligently.

Having completed his work, and realizing that he could not have done it without Roy's assistance – he repented for all his past mistakes and turned over a new leaf. But most of all he learnt that a friend in need is a friend indeed.

Joshua Gomes
IX A

FRIENDSHIP

Look around. Do you see your friends? Friends are people you like to be with. Friends keep you happy in bad situations too. When was the last time you made a friend? The definition of a true friend is someone who has your back no matter what. They watch out for you and ensure you are not in danger. They will never purposely lead you into making decisions that are not good for you. A true friend will always have your best interest at heart.

Friendship is a relationship of mutual affection between people. Friendship is a stronger form of interpersonal bond. We do not have similarity in our blood, but still that person cares for us irrespective of all differences. A friend chooses you, understands you and supports you. Whenever you are in self-doubt or lacking confidence, talk to a friend and your worry will surely go away. A true friend always wants your happiness – friends do correct us, we should accept these corrections in a positive way. Many a time a friendship ends on the basis of negative bonding. It's easier to break a trust than build one.

A life without a friend is empty. Honesty is the key factor to maintaining a good friendship. Friendship is one of the most precious gifts of life. A friend understands you more than you do yourself. Friendship is not about who you have known the longest; it is about who came along and never left your side. It's wonderful because you meet these people and they make you happy and they give you hope and they make you realize that there is much more to life and when you are with them you forget how empty you felt before. True friendship refreshes the soul.

There are friends, there is family and then there are friends that become our family.

Ajinkya Parkhe
X B



Until Then...

THANK YOU...DON BOSCO, LONAVLA

"It's not about being perfect. It's all about effort."

I'm Siddhi Oswal a student of XII Commerce. I was indeed fortunate to be the LVC leader of our junior college. It was a great experience being a part of the institution of Don Bosco Lonavla.

Well trained, knowledgeable and experienced staff, along with well-equipped laboratories, vast playgrounds and a well designed infrastructure conducive to the holistic growth of the students is the hall mark of this institution. The Audio Visual Hall takes learning to a different level, making it more interesting by enhancing our skills in listening and grasping concepts, through power-point presentations, slides and other visual aids. We enjoyed all the virtual activities conducted by our teachers and the Principal. I really commend the staff and management for their hard work, diligence and fabulous planning. This campus gave me a platform where I could showcase my talents and I did it. I also learned a lot.

I would like to conclude by saying that no matter what, we have to keep trying, keep doing things, and success will surely come our way. Don Bosco High School and Junior College, Lonavla is a wonderful place to be in, and I would invite many more students to experience the ambience over here. It teaches us many life lessons, provides varied experiences and leaves behind many unforgettable memories. Personally I had a great experience over here, and learnt the following lesson: "Keep growing. Even the greatest were beginners once."

Siddhi Oswal
XII Commerce

SO LONG FRIENDS....TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Hi everyone! I am Inshara Shaikh, a student of XII Science. I completed my S.S.C. from Auxilium Convent High School, Lonavla and decided to pursue my further studies in Don Bosco High School and Junior College, Lonavla.

I must say this institution has raised me high and imparted confidence in me to carve and build a bright future. I will remain forever grateful to this institution for helping me to step out in this world with confidence - well equipped with good values and fine virtues. Even though we had online lectures for a good part of these two years, the staff was never found wanting in bringing out the best in each one of us.

My junior college accorded me many opportunities to participate and excel in the various co-curricular activities that were planned for us. I have established strong and loving ties with my mentors, and would not like to sever them on any account. My bond with my teachers is like the bond with my parents. Every single teacher of this institution has put in a lot of effort in the physical and mental development of every student. Right from the first day of college till date, I had lots of fun, and loving memories to keep me going. Grateful and blessed to be a part of this esteemed institution! Good bye and thank you!

Inshara Shaikh
XII Science



Pandemic Effect

NEVER GIVE UP...NO MATTER WHAT!

During these harsh times of the pandemic, it's a solace to know that we have people on who we can rely and share our problems with. It's now clearer than ever that one can never predict what is going to happen in life.

All we have to do is try and live a good life and live it to the fullest. Even though we are not in an optimal situation, the pandemic has taught us never to give up hope... for darker the night, brighter the morning.

Dean Martis
XI Science

THE PANDEMIC OUR TEACHER FOR LIFE!

This pandemic first of all taught us that we all are equal. The virus didn't choose anyone based on religion, caste, race, etc. Secondly, it taught us that unity is strength. During the pandemic, people all over the world followed the COVID appropriate protocols which brought the pandemic under control. The pandemic made us realize what is truly important for us – our families. During the pandemic as we all stayed home and got to spend more time with our families, it strengthened our bonds.

Mahek Kohli
XI Science

NATURE'S TEACHINGS...

The pandemic forced us to spend more time with our family. We got to know that taking care of family is the most important thing. Were it not for this pandemic, I'm sure we all would be busy in our work and life would go on as usual.

With almost all the industries shut, the pollution levels came down drastically and the earth began to heal. We learned the importance of hygiene and cleanliness which we so often take for granted in our everyday life.

Savio Mondol
VIII B

THE JOY OF LEARNING ONLINE...

This was my first and best experience of learning online. Online education during this pandemic will always be remembered by me because of Don Bosco, Lonavla. I thank our Rector, our Principal, Teachers and Brothers and the entire Management at Don Bosco for making education so smooth during this pandemic. Words would fall short to show my gratefulness to this institution which took care of my overall development and made my education during the pandemic a memorable one.

Sia Rego
XII Arts

FAITH AND HOPE WILL SEE THROUGH

The pandemic has changed so many things including ourselves. It has been for me an eye opener session though not a pleasant time to be in I took it in a positive stride. We're in this together and will get out of it together. What we ought to do is to have faith, and to look forward with hope!

Rudvi Padwal
XI Commerce



Poetry

SUGARCOAT

A new day – a new beginning,
the rising sun gives new hope for a living.
New problems and difficulties to face ahead,
new pain, and tears shed.
Hurtful actions and words done
throughout the day,
keeping yourself up to what the people say.
Fake smiles and gestures hiding away
true colours and textures.
Shielding away your little ones
from the bitterness of the world,
Showing them the cosiness and whatever
that they preferred.
Overthinking scenes and situations, instead
of creating new relations.
At night staring at the ceiling,
contemplating and regretting things
you did throughout the day,
Hoping that tomorrow will keep your
sufferings at bay.
Oh sorry to say but that's what life is by the way!

Sanamaria Stephen
XI Commerce

My insecurity said, "You could never".
Something struck when I looked at it,
Negative notions, I should quit.
Loving every part of me I'll live,
What they say, should be ineffective.
Unconditional love, I felt from it,
"Some days can be bad", it made me admit.
Inhale confidence, only that was the key,
The white orb taught me how bold I should be.

Rudhvi Padwal
XI Commerce

MUSIC – MY JOURNEY

I love music, I play the guitar
I sing along when I see a star.
I listen to music throughout the night
Sleeping late till the morning light.
I tried to sing good cheer to bring.
I worked on my voice to sound cool and nice.
As time passed, I started composing a song
And I realized, it could go wrong.
But I love music, I will never give up
Happiness will surely fill my cup.
I love music – the notes, the songs
So rich, so sweet and ever so strong.

Priyanshu Rai
XI Science

THE ORB

Thoughts at night feasting on my brain,
As I lay down staring at the window pane,
A bright white orb comes in view,
My! Oh my! peaceful too.
Salty folks around, not too wise,
Darkness surrounds, but fearless eyes.
It's beauty though I cannot describe,
One of a kind, in a huge tribe.
Very simple, yet difficult to digest,
In a stained cloth it is dressed.
But still it sits glowing as ever,





The SYM Lonavla

SYM LEADERS TRAINING

Looking back at the time I have spent in Don Bosco Lonavla I realized that this whole year going to school and college wasn't easy at all. We have missed a lot of opportunities to grow especially when it comes to our overall development because of the pandemic situation, yet Don Bosco Lonavla never failed to bring the best in us even in these hard times. We did get special opportunities as leaders of the school and junior college. Out of all these opportunities being part of the Salesian Youth Movement as leaders was one of the best.

It is rightly said, 'Not everyone is born a great leader, but anyone can foster core leadership competencies for themselves and become actionable, effective leaders'. The SYM Leaders came together for a leadership training programme on February 12, 2022 specifically to grow to become effective SYM leaders. The programme was organized for the SYM leaders which along with the present



college students also included the pastpupils. Fr Joyston Machado, our SYM delegate and Fr Ranson D'Souza, our Principal were the animators for the day. This programme gave us the opportunity to meet new faces, make new friends, develop self-confidence and recognize our self-worth.

The session started with introducing ourselves, followed by making the environment light and playful through an action song. The session threw light on the fact that our life is God's gift to us, and that we are precious in his sight. What we do makes a difference. We have to decide what difference we want to make. Our gratitude to God should be seen in how we use God's gift to us in reaching out to others in love. The games that we took part in helped us interact with everyone, taught us to work as a team and developed our capacity to think, plan and strategize.

The whole programme took place in a friendly manner wherein everyone was glad to be present. To be honest, I've never attended such a playful yet meaningful session. After the session everyone was free to share their thoughts and opinions. To be a part of Don Bosco Lonavla has been a great feeling. As I developed myself and strengthened my abilities, I will forever be grateful to Don Bosco Lonavla for giving us opportunities and shaping us into good human beings.

Leaving Don Bosco Lonavla doesn't mean we're out of this institution. It has impacted our life in so many ways and inculcated the values that are necessary for being a good person. I personally am grateful to our institution for choosing me to be a leader and letting me know my capabilities.

FOREVER A PART OF DON BOSCO...

Maseera Shaikh
XII Science



Riddles

*What begins with T, finishes
with T and has T in it?*

A TEAPOT

*The more there is the less you
see?*

DARKNESS

What always ends everything?

LETTER 'G'

*No sooner spoken than broken.
What is it?*

SILENCE

*I follow you all the time and copy
your every move. Who am I?*

SHADOW

*What can fill a room but takes
up no space?*

LIGHT

*If you drop white hat in the Red
Sea, what does it become?*

WET

*You can't keep this until you
have given it.*

PROMISE

*It will not speak back until spoken
to?*

ECHO

*You answer me although I never
ask you questions. What am I?*

A TELEPHONE

*I pass before the sun, yet make no
shadow, Who am I?*

WIND

*How can we make 8 number 8s
add up to one thousand?*

888+88+8+8+8

*What is it the more you take the
more you leave behind?*

FOOTSTEPS

What can fly without wings?

TIME

*They come at night without being
called and are lost in the day without
being stolen?*

STARS

*What can you put between a 7
and an 8 so that the result is greater
than a 7, but less than an 8?*

A DECIMAL





Laughter

Which letter of the alphabet has the most water?

The "C".

LAUGHTER

Where do sick boats go to get healthy?

The dock!

LAUGHTER

Why did the dog do so well in the school?

He was the teacher's pet.

LAUGHTER

Where do surfers go to shcool?

Boarding School.

LAUGHTER

Why are the fish so smart?
Because they live in schools.

LAUGHTER

Which school supply is the king of the classroom?

A Ruler.

LAUGHTER

What do all virus jokes have in common?

They're catchy.

LAUGHTER

Why did the teacher wear sunglasses to school?

Because her students were bright.

LAUGHTER

What is a witch's favorite subject in school?

Spelling.

LAUGHTER

What did one pencil say to the other on the first day of school?

Looking sharp.

LAUGHTER

Why is the obtuse triangle always upset?

Because it's never right!

LAUGHTER

What did the zero say to the eight?

Nice belt!

LAUGHTER

Why do magicians do so well in school?

They're are good at tricky questions.

LAUGHTER

How do you keep warm in a cold room?

You go to the corner. It's always 90 degrees.

LAUGHTER

Why do plants hate maths?
Because it gives them square roots.

LAUGHTER

What did one math book say to the other?

Don't bother me. I've got my own problems.

LAUGHTER



THE DON BOSCO FAMILY ALL OVER THE WORLD