

Editorial

I really feel overwhelmed with the mixed feelings of elation, pride and apprehension while penning down this editorial for the *Vartakar*. The feeling of pride and elation comes from the fact that I have been asked to do what my mentor Jaskaran Singh sir had been doing till now. A tinge of the feeling of apprehension is stirred by a self imposed question whether I would fit into the shoes I have stepped into.

Anyway, writing in my opinion is a delightful medium. Writing is an effective vehicle for communication, establishing connection and channelizing one's creativity. Creative writing offers an opportunity to learn and grow, have fun and sharpen one's senses. The '*Vartakar*' provides a platform to the students of Middle Section for all this.

I have been associated with the *Vartakar* for the last few months and realized that earlier some students wanted to write but they considered writing to be a hard, laborious work but gradually they have started realizing that there is pleasure and excitement in writing something that matters to you personally and it is uplifting and energizing. This change vouches for the fact that our *Vartakar* has been successful in effecting the change it aimed at.

I promise the readers of the *Vartakar* that as its student editor, I would do my level best to make the *Vartakar* more communicative and readable. Wish me luck .

Varun Rangnani
IX-B

Events & Achievements

- Birla Public School celebrated its Annual Day on 03 Nov 2017. Mr. Sonam Wangchuk, an engineer, innovator and education reformist was the Chief Guest. A majestic march past by the three contingents of NCC and horse riding team set the tone for the day. A scintillating Band Display by the BPS boys got a well deserved standing ovation. Cultural programme studded with English and Hindi skits, dances, songs and a mime act really enthralled the audience. Art and science exhibitions, interactive session with the Chief Guest, prize distribution and release of the school magazine (the *Vinian*) by the Chief Guest were the other highlights of the day.
- VINOBA day was celebrated on 04 Nov 2017. Volleyball, football, basketball and hockey on skates matches between the Old boys and the school teams were enjoyed by the players and the spectators. Old Boys of Golden Jubilee batch honoured the old staff members and enlivened the day with a nostalgia-soaked cultural programme in the evening.
- Birla Public School hosted a Round Square Conference from 19 to 21 Nov. Delegates from nine schools participated in the event. The theme of the conference was '...Can make a Difference'. The delegates participated in myriad of activities woven around the six IDEALS of the Round Square.
- Renowned Bharatnatayam dancer Ms Ragini Chandershekhar gave a mesmerizing performance on 11 Nov 2017 in Vijay Hall during a programme sponsored by SPIC MACEY. SPIC MACAY intends to enrich the quality of formal education by increasing awareness of students about different aspects of Indian heritage and inspiring the young mind to imbibe the values embedded in it.
- 25 boys of Middle Section participated in Dr. Amarjeet Science Trophy Test. The results are awaited.

LITROSARY

Astronomy and I

My life was going very smooth,
Never bothered about Mercury
or Neptune.

But alas! My interest in
astronomy arose,

And it took me by my nose.

I got obsessed with planets and
stars.

Horoscopes and zodiac signs
occupied my mind's radars.

Newspapers I read only to know
my luck,

To my studies and games it
played havoc.

My friends jokingly called me
Octopus,

Thank God I quickly came out
of Astronomy's fuss.

Friends, I forewarn all of thee,

Astronomy is not everybody's
cup of tea.

Let's work hard and make our
destiny,

And stay away from the path of
Astronomy.

Mehul Vaibhav
VIII-D

Child Labour

Childhood is to be enjoyed,

Not to be destroyed.

Child Labour is a curse,

Which needs to be curbed.

Let the children dream and fly

Free of worldly chains and ties.

Let them bloom and grow,

Let their life naturally flow.



Don't burden their shoulders,

And turn them into boulders.

Let them play and learn,

With time they will earn.

Happy children become good humans,

This fact is well proven.

Harsh Parmar
VIII-C

Exam and Cricket

Isn't Exam a cricket match?

Surely, a candidate is a batsman.

Paper setter can be called a bowler,

Examiner is like an umpire.

Exam hall is a stadium,

Desk does the role of a pitch.

Mark sheet is a score-board,

Pen that we wield is a bat.

Question paper is an over,

Difficult question is a swing.

A confusing question is a spin,

A good answer is a boundary.

An excellent answer is a sixer.

-Sankalp Gupta
IX-B

"The goal of education is
not to increase the amount
of knowledge but to create
the possibilities for a child
to invent and discover, to
create men who are
capable of doing new
things"

- Jean Piaget

BPS ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE



ANNUAL DAY CELEBRATION



TECHNOLOGICAL TAKEOVER

As a tech-geek, I feel that every person in this world is now, in one or the other way, depending on technology. From a *chaiwala* to a big businessman are using technology in their day to day life. Even those who resisted the invasion of technology for a long time have finally accepted the fact that the intertwining of technology with day to day life is unavoidable. It has become a necessity to own a phone nowadays. From booking your air tickets to arranging your stay at a hotel, from reminding you of your schedule to providing you with every single detail, technology has reached such an extent that there isn't one thing you can think of and technology can't do it. This era of technology has everything ranging from Blue-tooth earphones to high-tech robots, and this list is endless. This generation couldn't have even imagined a world without technology.



Moving on... Nowadays, technology is also a great source of entertainment, and that the biggest source is the internet.

The internet, as vast as the galaxy- holding an unimaginable amount of information. We can watch about every T.V. show or download any movie in minutes. Internet enables us to enjoy everything in a finger's snap.

Artificial Intelligence and its potential has made ripples in the world of technology. However, the critics are doubtful about this progress and are of the opinion that artificial intelligence may reach such an extent that one day, the human race may be ruled by robots.

I personally do not subscribe to this extreme view. Them (critics) and the people who think Artificial Intelligence is a danger to the survival of humanity are just getting paranoid watching movies like Terminator and Robot. We shouldn't get worried about this matter as these movies are purely fictional. Moreover, people act as if they haven't seen movies where a person cuts one's head with a banana or a boy finds he is a wizard and gets admitted to a magic school or a guy beating ten persons single handedly even when there are bullets being sprayed on his chest.

Now, coming to the hotly debated issue of students getting addicted to technology. I personally feel that gradually this addiction will automatically fade away. It is a fact that technology has got intertwined with every aspect of our life and we shouldn't label even reasonable use of it as an addiction. We need to guard the students against misuse of technology and that is what we do for all other things. I mean, educating students to make constructive use of everything. Cyber safety mechanism in schools and monitoring of use of electronic gadgets has already been put into place in schools and colleges.

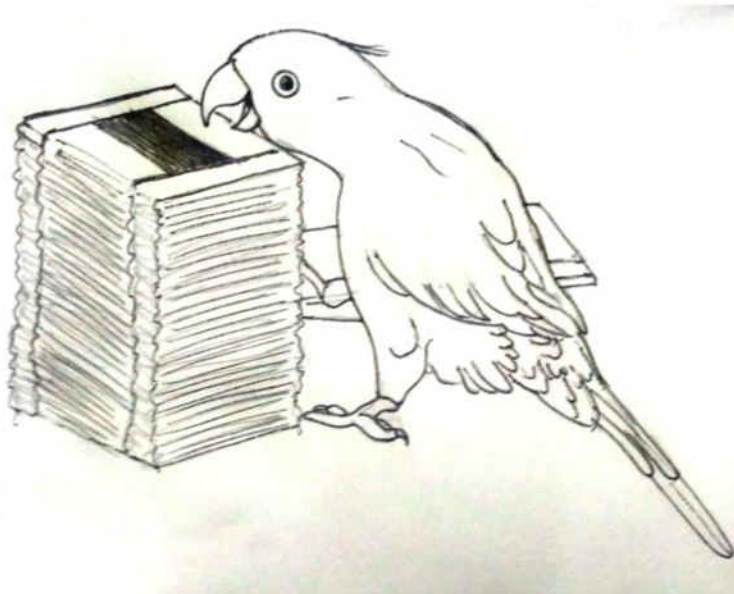
Varun Rangnani
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Misfortune Teller

We all go through the cycles of happiness, sadness and excitement in our day to day life. Some incidents in our life make permanent place in our psyche and do not fade away from our memory even with the passage of time.

Once on a sunny day, we were on our way to Lucknow. The Sahara Mall awaited us. After a bit of exploration, we encountered a man, dressed like a fortune teller in a huge cabin with purple lights giving a mysterious look to the place. We could see an awkward woman standing right beside him. He had a small round table, a green parrot in a cage, a deck of cards and a huge red ball on his table. When we read the board, "Majestic Fortune Teller", we were excited to step in and see what he did. We decided to go in and know what predictions he had to make for us. After a two- minute delay I went inside. First, he asked me a few questions, which I answered with alacrity. After the questionnaire, he said, "Pick up a card from the deck." After I picked up the card, he took it from my hand and gave it to the parrot. The parrot uttered something which was beyond my comprehension.

After a few minutes, the fortune-teller covered his head and the magic ball with a black cloth and mumbled a few words. After a while, he uncovered his head. I anxiously asked him what had happened. He said in a stammering voice, "You can't live anymore, you have to die." I said, "What rubbish are you talking, you old man!" I ran out of the cabin as fast as I could but as I was on the last step, the whole ceiling of the cabin fell down. The old man, the woman, the parrot, every one died. My left ankle was caught under the debris of the fallen ceiling of the cabin. My uncle pulled me out of the mess and took me to a hospital. I went home with a plaster on my fractured ankle.



I could not sleep properly for days, perhaps weeks or months. I was scared out of my skin. Somehow, I helped myself out forgetting this incident by convincing myself that it was a co-incidence but somewhere deep inside my psyche, this incident has got etched permanently.

Vishwas Singh
IX D

A Classroom is not just an ordinary room with four walls but according to me it is such a room where students of a school can have the most of their childhood's fun. We do not only accept our classrooms as a place of education with desks and chairs with a single teacher and about thirty students but also as a place where we can play pranks on each other or invent the most funny joke out of nowhere. I am sure that classrooms also serve as medium to establish and strengthen the bonds among the students and also between the teachers and students.

Let me disclose a secret here. In a classroom, teachers think that only they classify students but as a matter of fact, we also love to classify teachers on basis of some secret criteria which I will not share with you. Classroom, for example, in my school, also gives us opportunities to shed our inhibitions and become effective speakers. We students here set (or maybe, I must say, innovate!) new trends, fashion and even interesting ingenious games.

Personally, I must say, the most dreaded day of for me in my classroom is my birthday because on birthdays you are given the gift you surely do not want to get, the hard and strong, made from friends' love, the 'birthday bombs!'

I must tell you that the pleasure you get from the best ride in a Disneyland is nothing in comparison to fun that you have with your friends playing 'baraf pani'. When we are promoted to a higher class, our memories suddenly date back to the first day of us in the previous. Even adults agree that they had their best moments of life in their classrooms.

A classroom, in my opinion, is the most innovative, the most adventurous and the most interesting place not only in the school life but also in one's entire life.

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