

Your soul gets dyed with the colours of your thoughts. In other words, the influence of these thoughts decide the colours of your life. It is just like a crayon box which includes some gloomy, dull colours juxtaposed with some bright and beautiful ones. But they stay together in one box. It's up to you to pick and choose the colours for the magic box of your life. Pick some beautiful colours such as colour of joy, colour of happiness, colour of love and peace, colour of humanity to paint the canvas of life. You are the artist of your life. You can paint and repaint your canvas whenever blues overrule you. Have confidence and belief in yourself. If you are crazy enough to think, you can. Yes, definitely you can make your life colourful. What's more, you can colour the world with the beautiful colours. Let's dispel the darkness of gloom with the colours.

Ye rang nahi Jeevan ke ang hein,
Kabhi badrang to kabhi satrang hein,
Ye nazar nahi nazariya hein,
Jazbaaton ka dariya hein,

Kushagra Bhati

Know Thy Reader

As a writer, yes, a budding one of-course, I feel that every reader who reads a book gets excited, scared or just plain angry about the story or a novel. The story which I am planning to write is a story that I think the readers will enjoy reading. Being a reader, I understand which type of books bore me. For example the thick books which blabber usually about some boring guy, a villain and a damsel in distress. There are books which glorify a person who has no glory at all and compel readers to put these, nay throw it, aside.

The taste of readers is changing and a good writer must have a finger on the pulse of readers. Hope you understand what I mean.



Today's readers need something new, something extraordinary. What I feel is, the readers like reading a complete novel which would contain all the ingredients of all genres, mixed into it. We the writers must be able to slip into the shoes of the target readers and understand their feelings.

To be a good teacher one needs to be a good student and must possess the ability to know the tastes and needs of the students. Similarly, it is a prerequisite for a writer to be a good reader and ability to understand the specific tastes of the target readers.

As they say, 'actions speak louder than words'. I have decided to write a novel in a unique style and the ball has already been set rolling. I mean, I have not kept the idea of writing a novel combining the essence of other genres of literature to my conceptualization only but my thoughts have already poured into some pages. I might share some excerpts from my upcoming novel with you through *Vartakar*.

Adarsh Chourasia
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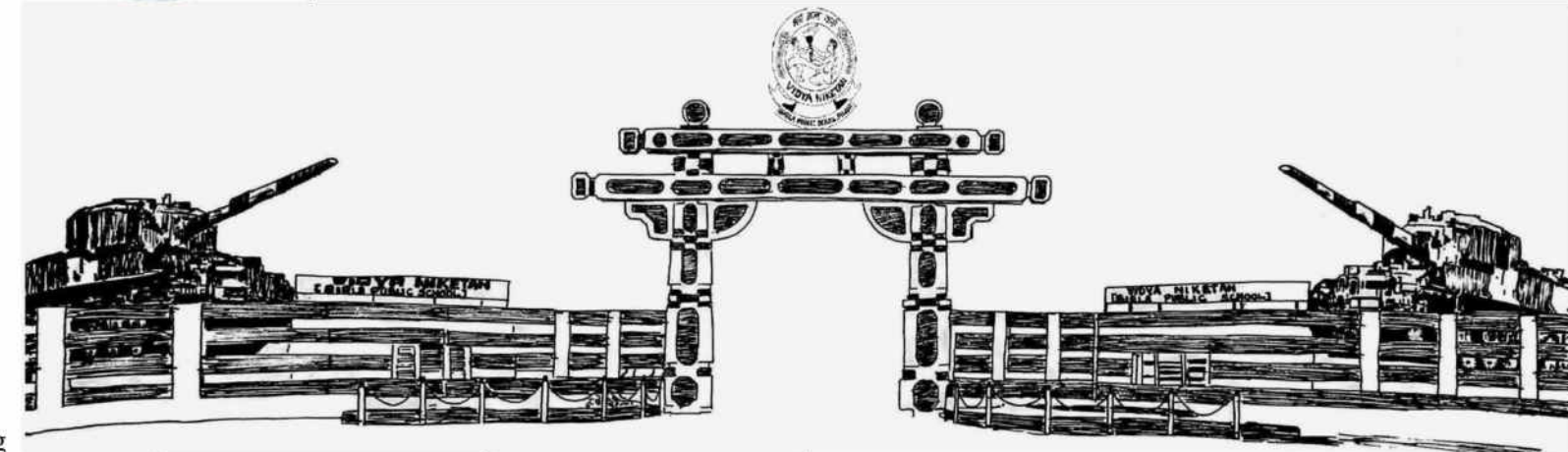
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Vartakar

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Editorial

The BPS campus has again sprung to life after wearing a dismal look for two long months of summer vacation. Every object in the campus including plants and buildings seem to be rejoicing at the reunion with the boys. The air in the campus also has started dancing and singing in tune with the buzz of BPS boys which it missed for a long duration.

The Vartakar has also come out of its hibernation of three months to make its presence felt with its this issue in your hands. The boys of Middle Section didn't show any signs of hangover of the vacation and churned out poems and write-ups to break the dormancy of their beloved Vartakar.

Hope readers will also be happy to resume their trust with the Vartakar once again.

Happy Reading!!

Jaskaran Singh

Events & Achievements

- All students of class IX visited Birla Science Museum, known for its advanced interactive science exhibits and got a hands-on educational experience of basic scientific principles as well as the working of complex gadgets and machinery.
- Keeping pace with the advancement in educational technology the Middle section is introducing Educational tablets from this session. A workshop on the use of cutting-teeth educational technology was conducted in the computer lab of the Middle Section.
- A book titled 'Yog Vibhuti Vimarsh' authored by Dr. Abhinav Shukla (Headmaster) was released on the World Yoga Day.
- 15 students of the Middle Section participated in Model United Nations conducted by Birla School, Pilani and put up a commendable show.
- A visit to Pahari Temple never fails to get the adrenaline flowing among the students of BPS. The Middle Section organized a visit to their favorite place (Pahari Temple) in Pilani. Singing, dancing, fun games and exchange of pleasantries added extra charm to the visit.
- Inter House Football Championship is in progress. The final match will be played in the first week of Aug.
- 75 students of Middle Section attended BET Inter-institutional Computer Quiz organized at BPS.
- A SPIC MACAY was organized in Lotus Hall wherein the students enjoyed the performance of renowned vocalist Sushri Arati Ankalikar. Many students also performed on the occasion.
- The range of hobby clubs in the Middle Section has been widened (32 clubs) to give the students more variety to choose the clubs which suit their aptitude and interest.
- A tree plantations drive was undertaken by the staff and students on 11 July 2017.

LITROSARY

If I Were the Head of a School



If I were the head of a school
I would do a lot many things.
Have new ideas,
And put the school on wings.
I would ensure students get ready for life
They become complete persons,
And for perfection strive.
Serve country and the world,
And lead a dignified life.
I would make the school a happy place
There would be no worry or strife.
Of course there would be rules ,
But these would not deprive.
No inhibitions no hesitations,
Enthusiasm all around and dreams alive.

Keshav Mittal
Class IX –B

The Fairy and My Mom

My exciting dream,
Starts with a bright beam of light.
It starts in the blue sky,
It makes me wish to fly.
It starts with a creature,
Which looks like a fairy,
Enveloped in white clothes,
It emerges from the clouds.



I stare at the fairy,
It comes near me,
As it tries to touch me,
I hear melodious symphony.
The sweet dream ends
As my mom wakes me up,
I look at the face of my mom,
It resembles the fairy of my dream.

Abhay Kumar Gupta
Class VIII-A

My Dream Place

I dream of a place,
Unique and strange.
Where humans fly like birds
And speak sweet words.
Where no one tells lies
Neither gets born nor dies.
Where there's no religion,
No 'high' or 'low' position.
Where every face has a smile,
No one goes senile.
Where hunger and hate are unknown,
And no one feels alone.
Where love is in the air
Every action is fair.
Where there's no war,
Every face shines like a star.

Jai Nanda
Class VIII A

"Education is the passport
to the future, for tomorrow
belongs to those who
prepare for it today."

- Malcolm X

Greater Than the Greatest

Who is the Greatest?
Do you know?

The God is the Greatest
Yes I know.

But God is not comparable,
Because, He is the God.

The person who is the Greatest of all
Is the person who helps all.

The greatest is he, who is humane.
Loves all and never disdains.

The greatest is he, who is stable
And treat evenly, pleasure or pain.

Alakshendra Singh
Class IX-G

Banking with Word Bank

Dictionaries undoubtedly are the best and the most beneficial banks, yes, the word banks. What does a normal bank generally do? It lends money on loan and charges interest in return depending on the time duration. It keeps our money in our accounts and give us interest. To transact with a bank we need to open an account. There are some obvious disadvantages of keeping money in the bank for the corrupt politicians and businessmen etc. so they keep their money in special banks like Swiss banks. Let's not get entangled into this type of money matters and discuss banks and word banks.

I prefer 'word banks' to the money banks because we don't need to keep money in it nor we need to create an account. It doesn't require a KYC either. On the other hand, our tryst with the dictionary or word bank gives good return in terms of an enriched vocabulary which makes us effective communicators. There is no danger of the wealth (knowledge) gained from the word banks being stolen or coming under the scanner of income tax department. Moreover, this wealth increases if we share it with our friends unlike the wealth which normal banks deal in.

Friends, I took the analogy which you might find a bit weird but the point that I wanted to bring home is that it is always useful to be an effective user of dictionary. A dictionary doesn't only give meanings of the words but also the right pronunciation with the help of phonetic symbols. Once you become familiar with these symbols you can easily pronounce the words using right sounds and giving stress on the right syllables. Some standard dictionaries published by Cambridge, Oxford and Longman etc. have many other features like labels, origin of the word, grammar tips and much more which help the students a lot in improving their proficiency in the target language. Dictionary skills are one of the most important skills these days. There are digital or electronic dictionaries available these days and these can be loaded on mobile phones or laptops. I personally feel that these versions of dictionaries have revolutionalized the dictionary world but still these have failed to replace the paper dictionaries which we keep in our school bags as our friends who help us when we need them and as they say, 'A friend in need is a friend in deed.

I suggest all my friends to keep a standard dictionary published by an authentic publisher on their study table.

Ashish Chourasia
Class VIII-F

Dispel the Darkness with Colours

If you let your mind think negatively you cannot enjoy the rainbow. Rainbow, the recipe of seven colours, shows that all colours are part of one's life. Red is the colour of courage, passion and love. Green is refreshing and full of faith. Orange is sacred or pious. Yellow is the colour of intellectuality, cheerfulness while blue inspires us to flow like water. Violet and indigo lead you towards the supreme energy which help you in overcoming all the odds you encounter in life. That is the place where you shine brightly. Just as the stars shine in the universe. Remember, none of these colours have their existence in the absence of black. So don't worry if you find yourself engulfed in the darkness. Just remember the fact that the colours overpower the black and, lo and behold, your life will become brighter and colourful.