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## Message from the Editor



**Ms. Bobby Sharma**

Dear Readers,

This month, our school beautifully witnessed how kindness and compassion are best learned through action. From Compliment Circles that nurtured empathy, to storytelling sessions sharing lessons from great souls like Buddha and Mother Teresa, students experienced the true meaning of caring for others. Activities such as eco-friendly celebrations, mindful digital habits, and shared learning experiences during assemblies and trips reinforced respect, cooperation, and responsibility. Even classroom activities encouraged patience, sharing, and encouragement among peers. These moments remind us that kindness is not taught through words alone—it is lived every day. By practising compassion in small ways, we shape confident, sensitive individuals and a harmonious school community.

Happy reading!

# Value of the Month

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

— Aesop

“करुणा वह भाषा है जिसे बढ़ारे सुन सकते हैं और अंधे देख सकते हैं।”

— स्वामी विवेकानंद

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



# GRANDPARENTS DAY

On Saturday, 8 November 2025, our Pre-Primary students celebrated Grandparents Day – “आशीर्वाद” with immense joy, love, and reverence. The event was a heartfelt tribute to the invaluable presence of grandparents, who are the pillars of wisdom, culture, and unconditional love in a child's life.

The tiny tots mesmerised the audience with their charming songs, energetic dances, and meaningful skits, beautifully expressing their affection, respect, and gratitude towards their beloved दादा-दादी और नाना-नानी. Through their innocent performances, the children conveyed how grandparents are the storytellers of tradition, the protectors of values, and the strongest emotional support system in a family. Their blessings truly shape the moral foundation and emotional well-being of young minds.

The programme was graced by Chief Guest Dr. Santosh Rathi, along with Principal Mr. Prem Kumar Ojha and Vice Principal Ms. Rimpy Verma, who addressed the gathering and highlighted the important role grandparents play in shaping young lives. Ms. Jyoti and Ms. Sapna added fun to the celebration by conducting enjoyable games for the grandparents.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Pre-Primary Coordinator Ms. Anjoo Sharma. The celebration was truly heart-warming and left behind beautiful memories filled with love, respect, and blessings.





# **PRE-PRIMARY WING ACTIVITIES**



## **Fun with Experiment**

On 11 November 2025 Tuesday, our Pre-Primary students enjoyed a joyful hands-on science experience through simple and exciting experiments. The activities encouraged them to observe, explore, and see how everyday materials can create surprising results. With bubbly reactions, colourful mixtures, and water play, the children learned that science is fun and full of wonder. These experiments helped build confidence, spark creativity, and make learning an exciting adventure every day.



## **Blue Colour Day**

On 18 November 2025, Tuesday, our students had a fun-filled Blue Colour Day. The children came dressed in blue and explored the colour through fun filled activities. It was a joyful day of learning where the little ones recognized and celebrated the colour blue through creativity and play.

## **World Kindness Day Storytelling Session**

On 13 November 2025, Thursday, we celebrated World Kindness Day in our school. Students learned the importance of showing empathy and sympathy towards everyone. We encouraged them to be kind to their friends, animals, and all other creatures made by God. Through small activities and discussions, they understood how simple acts of kindness can make the world a better place for all.



## **Assembly- Use of Polite & Respectful Language**



On 20 November 2025, Thursday, the Pre-Primary students and teachers conducted an assembly on the importance of using polite and respectful language. Children were encouraged to use kind words, gentle tones, and expressions like please, thank you, sorry, and excuse me in their daily interactions. Through role play and simple examples, they learned how polite words build positive relationships and create a happy, caring school environment.

## **Sensorial Development - Olfactory Sense**

On 21 November 2025, Friday, our Pre-Primary students explored their olfactory sense through a fun Sense Detective game a joyful day of learning. Children smelled different items and guessed their scents, helping them understand how their nose works. The activity boosted their observation skills, encouraged curiosity, and made sensory learning exciting and memorable.



## **Out On the Road Visit**



On 25 November 2025, Tuesday, students of Pre Primary stepped Out on the Road to observe vendors, houses, buildings, traffic signals and everyday street activities. They also explored a store where they noticed fruits, vegetables, dairy items, bakery products, packaged snacks, pulses, cereals, rice, flour, spices, oils, frozen food, beverages, personal care items, cleaning supplies and household materials. It was a meaningful experience connecting learning with real-life exploration.



## **Assembly- Washroom Vocabulary**

On 27 November, Thursday, an assembly on washroom vocabulary was conducted. Students learned useful words and phrases related to washroom use in daily life. This session helped enhance their vocabulary, improve their language skills, and build confidence in expressing themselves politely and clearly.



## **Heavy and Light-Grade Ruby**

On 14 November 2025, Friday, our students of grade Ruby explored the concept of heavy and light through a fun hands-on activity. They used a weighing scale to compare different classroom objects and observed which items were heavier or lighter. By placing objects on both sides of the scale, students discovered how weight affects balance. This interactive activity helped them understand the idea of comparison and build their observation skills. The students enjoyed experimenting and learning through real-life objects, making the concept both engaging and meaningful.



On 27 November 2025, Thursday, our students of grade Ruby participated in a fun football activity as a pre-learning experience for the letter F. Through this playful session, they connected the sound /f/ with the word football. The activity helped them learn the phonic of the letter F in an enjoyable, play-way method. Students kicked, passed, and enjoyed the game while strengthening their understanding of the letter and its sound. This hands-on activity made learning lively, memorable, and exciting for the students.

## **Parking Area Visit**

On 20 November 2025, Thursday, our students of grade Ruby visited the school parking area to explore and observe different types of vehicles. They looked closely at cars, scooters, buses, and bicycles, and enjoyed counting the number of wheels each vehicle has. Students also noticed various signboards and learned about their meanings, such as "No Parking," STOP, and safety signs. This visit helped them understand real-life surroundings, improved their observation skills, and made learning about transport and traffic signs both exciting and practical.



## In/On/Under

On 21 November, Friday, Our Grade Diamond class got a hand-on lesson in positional language. The kids practiced the words “in,” “on,” and “under” by placing a ball exactly where the teacher called out—whether it was inside a box, on a table, or under a chair. Watching them giggle as they scrambled to follow each instruction was pure joy, and they’re now pros at using these everyday words correctly. Great work, Diamond students, and a big thank you to our amazing teacher for making learning so fun.



## Fill the Glass



On 25 November, Tuesday, Diamond students participated in a PBL-based “Fill the Glass” activity, where two children competed by running and filling as many glasses with water as possible within a set time. After the task, they compared the number of glasses each had filled and observed which glasses contained more or less water. This activity helped them develop early concepts of measurement, comparison, and coordination through an engaging, hands-on learning experience.

## मात्राओं का खेल

24 नवंबर 2025, सोमवार, को ग्रेड डायमंड की कक्षा में “मात्राओं का खेल” आयोजित किया गया। इस गतिविधि में बच्चों ने विभिन्न वर्णों के साथ विभिन्न मात्राएँ जोड़कर शब्द बनाये और उनका उच्चारण किया, जैसे ‘हँ’, ‘हो’, ‘हा’ आदि। प्रत्येक मात्रा को सही स्थान पर लगाकर उन्होंने शब्दों को ध्वनि के साथ पढ़ा और समझा। इस खेल ने बच्चों की मात्रा पहचान और उच्चारण कौशल को मज़ेदार तरीके से मजबूत किया।



## व्यंजन 'घ'

24 नवंबर 2025, सोमवार को छात्रों ने व्यंजन 'घ' से शुरू होने वाले विभिन्न वस्तुओं और शब्दों का अन्वेषण किया। कक्षा में बच्चों ने घड़ी, घर, घोंसला जैसे शब्दों को पहचानकर उनका उच्चारण किया। इन वस्तुओं को देखकर और उनके नाम बोलकर बच्चों ने व्यंजन 'घ' की ध्वनि को मज़बूती से समझा। यह गतिविधि बच्चों के लिए रोचक और सीखने योग्य रही, जिससे उनकी शब्द पहचान और भाषा कौशल में वृद्धि हुई।



## Count and Place the Bead

On 21 November 2025, Friday, our children enjoyed a fun hands-on "Count and Place the Bead" activity. Children counted the colorful beads according to the number flashcards placed on the table. They picked a card, identified the number, and selected the exact number of beads to match. Carefully placing the beads on a flash card helped strengthen their fine motor skills. This activity supported one-to-one correspondence and early number recognition. Kids loved exploring bright colors and a joyful and engaging way to build early math confidence.



## Treasure Hunt of letter f

On 26 November, Wednesday, the Pearl students enjoyed a fun Treasure Hunt activity. They searched for letter F vocabulary items hidden in the sand and named each one aloud. This activity helped them improve their vocabulary, build confidence, and enjoy a hands-on learning experience.



# PRIMARY WING ACTIVITIES



## **Learning Values Through Faith and Service**

On 4 November, students of Grades I and II visited Gurudwara Sahib, Sector-15, to experience peace and devotion. They participated in prayers and langar, learning values of equality and selfless service. A special assembly with shabad, videos, and a quiz helped students understand Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings meaningfully to commemorate Guru Nanak Jayanti



## **Patterns that Spark Young Minds: Pattern Activity**

On 6 November, Grade I students enjoyed creating colourful patterns using different shapes. The hands-on activity helped children recognise patterns, improve observation, and enhance fine motor skills. Learning through play encouraged creativity, logical thinking, and joyful participation, making Mathematics engaging and enjoyable.

## **Dividing with Smiles and Sharing: Division Activity**

On 10 November, Grade II students explored division through hands-on activities using blocks and real-life objects. Working in groups, they learned the concept of equal sharing and grouping. The activity strengthened teamwork and logical thinking, helping students understand that Mathematics can be interactive and fun.



## **Celebrating Empathy and Compassion: Assembly on World Kindness Day**

On 12 November, Grades I and II celebrated World Kindness Day through a special assembly. A thought of the day, an inspiring message, and a story with creative props highlighted the importance of empathy and care. Students shared real-life examples, spreading positivity and compassion.



## **Celebrating the Spirit of Childhood: Children's Day Celebration**



On 14 November, Children's Day was celebrated with joy and excitement. From a warm welcome to a lively assembly by teachers, the day was filled with laughter. Activities like the Memory Capsule and a class party made the celebration memorable, truly honouring the spirit of childhood.

## **Learning the Value of Currency: Money Activity**

On 17 November, Grade II students participated in a group activity on 'Money'. Using fake currency notes and coins, they formed different denominations. The activity strengthened counting skills, understanding of money value, and teamwork, making learning practical, enjoyable, and meaningful.



## Celebrating Culture and Confidence

On 19 November, Grade I students took part in the “Show and Tell – My Favourite Festival” activity. Children confidently spoke about festivals they love and their celebrations. The activity enhanced speaking skills, confidence, and cultural awareness while encouraging respect for diverse traditions.



## Small Acts of Kindness for Animals

On 19 November, Grade II students participated in a life-skills activity by feeding cows. The experience helped children develop compassion, kindness, and respect for animals. Interacting with nature nurtured empathy and reinforced the importance of caring for all living beings.

## A Classroom Turned Marketplace

On 20 November, a dummy stationery shop was set up for Grade II students to practice money concepts. Using fake currency, students made purchases and calculated amounts. The activity strengthened calculation skills, teamwork, and real-life understanding of money in a fun way.



## Young Learners Meet Nature Visit to Plant Nursery



As part of their PBL theme on Plants, Grade I students visited a plant nursery. They observed various plants and learned about their needs and importance. The visit promoted environmental awareness, curiosity, and responsibility, inspiring students to care for nature.

## **Caring for Our Feathered Friends**

On 26 November, Grade I students participated in a bird-feeding activity on the school terrace. By placing grains for birds, children learned responsibility, kindness, and environmental care. The activity encouraged empathy and awareness towards living beings.



## **Learning the Art of Being a Good Friend**

On 21 and 28 November, a counselling session on friendship and relationships was conducted during assembly for Grades I and II. Teachers discussed kindness, honesty, and empathy through interactive examples, helping students understand how to build positive and meaningful friendships.



## **Exploring Transport the Fun Way**

On 26 November, Grade II students participated in a Show and Tell activity on “My Favourite Transport.” They confidently spoke about land, air, and water transport. The activity enhanced vocabulary, confidence, and understanding of how transport supports daily life.



## **Turning Disappointment into Positivity**

On 28 November, during Quality Circle Time, Grade II students shared feelings about a cancelled visit. Initially disappointed, they adapted positively and engaged in alternate activities. The session helped students manage emotions, stay calm, and learn flexibility in unexpected situations.

## **Educational Journey to Agra Fatehpur Sikri: Learning Beyond Classrooms**

Students of Grades IV and V explored Agra and Fatehpur Sikri on an educational trip. Visiting the Taj Mahal and historic monuments enriched their understanding of India's heritage. The journey promoted teamwork, responsibility, and joyful learning, proving that meaningful education extends far beyond textbooks.



## **Morning Assembly on Guru Nanak Dev Ji: Walking the Path of Truth**



Grade III conducted a morning assembly highlighting Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings of Naam Japna, Kirat Karni, and Vand Chakna. Through skits and poetry, students reflected values of truth, equality, and compassion, while also celebrating India's Women's T20 victory with pride.

### **हिन्दी की रंगीन कक्षा – संबंधबोधक शब्द**

कक्षा 3 की हिन्दी कक्षा में बच्चों ने संबंधबोधक शब्दों को रोचक गतिविधियों के माध्यम से सीखा। उदाहरण खोजने, चित्र वर्णन और वाक्य निर्माण ने सीख को आनंददायक बनाया। यह गतिविधि भाषा कौशल के साथ आत्मविश्वास और रचनात्मकता को भी बढ़ाने वाली रही।



## कहानियों से करुणा का संदेश

13 नवंबर 2025 को कक्षा 3-5 के विद्यार्थियों के लिए कहानी वाचन गतिविधि आयोजित की गई। बुद्ध, रामायण और मदर टेरेसा की कथाओं के माध्यम से दया और करुणा का महत्व समझाया गया, जिससे बच्चों ने जीवन मूल्यों को आत्मसात किया।



## Grammar Meets Real Life : Learning Through Newspapers



Grade 4 students explored the Simple Past Tense through a newspaper-based activity. By identifying verbs independently, students connected grammar with real-world reading. The activity encouraged observation, focus, and practical language usage, making grammar learning interactive and meaningful.

## Words That Empower

Class 5B presented an engaging English Language Assembly showcasing effective communication and grammatical accuracy. A PPT and role play highlighted language usage. The assembly also celebrated Alena of Class 3A for her state-level Poomsae achievement, inspiring students to excel.



## Courage Carved in History

Students of Classes 3-5 learned about Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji through videos and discussions. His courage, sacrifice, and message of universal love inspired students to embrace human values, making the session deeply enriching and morally uplifting.

## Learning Through Play

Grade IV students explored Olympic sports through a hands-on outdoor Social Science activity. Research, discussion, and real sports environments helped them appreciate physical play over screen time while learning teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship across integrated subjects.

## Water Wisdom in Action



Grade 4 students explored Earth's water distribution using models and measuring tools. The integrated Science and Social Science activity helped them understand limited freshwater resources, encouraging water conservation and strengthening real-world scientific awareness through hands-on learning.

## Kind Words, Strong Bonds

As part of the monthly theme, Classes III-V participated in a "Compliment Circle." Sharing positive words strengthened peer relationships, boosted confidence, and nurtured empathy. The activity highlighted how small acts of kindness can create a supportive school environment.



## अनुभव से भाषा सीखना

कक्षा 4 के विद्यार्थियों ने विशेषण विषय को अनुभवात्मक गतिविधि से समझा। वस्तुओं का अवलोकन कर गुण बताने से बच्चों ने स्वयं खोज द्वारा सीख हासिल की। यह गतिविधि भाषा सीखने को आनंददायक, व्यावहारिक और स्मरणीय बनाने वाली रही।



# MIDDLE WING ACTIVITIES



## **Inter-House Show and Tell Competition**

On 8 November, 2025 the Inter-House Show and Tell Competition offered students of Classes VI-VIII a wonderful opportunity to explore and present the Incredible Wonders of the World with creativity and confidence. Participants brought the wonders to life through engaging skits, captivating enactments, detailed models, and artistic displays. The event was filled with enthusiasm, learning, and teamwork as each house showcased exceptional talent and originality.

### **❖❖ Results:**

Vayu House – 1st Position  
Varun House – 2nd Position  
Vyom House – 3rd Position  
Vasudha House – 4th Position

Heartiest congratulations to all the participants for their brilliant efforts and impressive performances.



## **Transforming Human Potential into National Strength**

On 11 November, 2025 under subject enrichment activity in Grade VIII based on the chapter Human Resources, students explored how human beings can become assets for the nation rather than liabilities. Through discussion and examples, they identified education, skill development, good health, discipline, innovation, and social responsibility as key factors. The activity helped students to understand that investing in human potential strengthens national growth and sustainable development.



## **Children's Day Celebrations**

On 14 November, 2025 we celebrated the joy, innocence, and pure magic of childhood - Children's Day Celebrations. It was a day filled with fun, joy, and endless smiles. Our children enjoyed every bit of it - from the warm welcome at the school gate to the lively classroom entry set the tone for the day. One of the highlights was the Memory Capsule Activity, where the kids captured their feelings and moments to cherish forever. The excitement continued with a special Children's Day assembly conducted by our amazing teachers. The skit and dance performance were full-on masti and had everyone cheering. We wrapped up the day with an amazing class party, making the celebration truly unforgettable. Overall, it was a beautiful day celebrating the spirit, laughter, and joy of childhood.



## **BAITHAK & Skill Presentation**

On 15 November, 2025 during a warm and joyful evening at BAITHAK, Our students of Grades VI-VIII showcased their skills with confidence and creativity. Heartfelt thanks to all the parents for their presence and constant support. They made the day special. A special appreciation to our dedicated teachers for their hard work and guidance—clearly reflected in every performance. Together, we continue to grow as a happy and vibrant learning community.



## **Morning Assembly by Grade VIII A - Bhartiya Virangnaye**

On 20 November, 2025 soulful assembly was conducted by Grade VIII A to offer a powerful tribute to the bravery, strength, and spirit of India's courageous women. Our students performed exceptionally well, showcasing the values of courage, respect, and patriotism through their meaningful acts, inspiring speeches, and beautifully self-composed poems. Their heartfelt presentation not only celebrated the legacy of our nation's brave hearts but also reflected the confidence and values they have imbibed through learning. Proud of our young performers for delivering such an impactful and inspiring assembly



## **SEA- From Raw Materials to Finished Goods**



On 21<sup>st</sup> November, in grade VI, this subject enrichment activity helped students to understand the interdependence of economic activities and journey of goods from primary to secondary and tertiary activities, for example, cotton becomes cloth, wood becomes furniture, wheat becomes bread etc. By exploring how raw materials are processed, manufactured, and finally distributed as services, students clearly demonstrated their understanding of how everyday products reach us.

## **C. V. Raman Day and Guru Nanak Jayanti**

On the auspicious occasion of C. V. Raman Day and Guru Nanak Jayanti, the students of Grade VI B put up a vibrant and inspiring assembly on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. A soulful rendition of "Sat Guru Nanak" filled the hall with devotion. An exciting quiz hosted by Pawni and Aardhya showcased sharp thinking and great enthusiasm. Heartfelt speeches by Mrs. Alpa and Sanyam left a lasting impact on everyone present. The talent, confidence, and teamwork displayed by the students were truly commendable. A big thank you to all the students and teachers who made this assembly a wonderful success.



Grade VI B student-Devansh's birthday blossomed into something truly special on 25 November. He celebrated his big day by planting a tree — a beautiful promise for a greener tomorrow. Wishing Devansh a wonderful year ahead, may he grow with the same strength, joy, and hope as this new sapling.



## **SEA- Exploring Sacred Landscapes of India**



Based on the chapter How the Land Became Sacred, on 26 November, 2025 Grade VII students explored the four dhams and the twelve Jyotirlingas spread across different regions of India. Students learned about their geographical locations, historical legends, pilgrimage routes, and cultural importance. The activity helped them understand how sacred beliefs connect people with land, traditions, and India's diverse spiritual heritage.

On 27 November, 2025 Grade VIII B conducted a brief yet meaningful assembly to mark National Constitution Day. Students highlighted the importance of the Indian Constitution through a short speech, a skit on fundamental rights and duties, and the collective reading of the Preamble. The assembly reminded everyone of the values that guide our nation.



## **Library Activity: Thoughts That Inspire Me**



On 28 November, 2025 Grade VIA students took part in a delightful library activity titled "Thoughts That Inspire Me." Each young learner selected an inspirational thought and brought it to life through vibrant artwork and a thoughtful written reflection. The activity encouraged students to build confidence, embrace positive thinking, explore their creativity, and enhance their writing skills. It also helped them reflect on meaningful values such as kindness, courage, gratitude, and honesty. The library truly lit up with colourful displays and powerful messages—reminding us how a single inspiring thought can shape our perspective and brighten our world.

# SENIOR WING ACTIVITIES



## **Living Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Teachings: Quality Circle Time**

On 4th November 2025(Tuesday), Grade XI Students explored the teachings of Guru Nanak Dev Ji during Quality Circle Time. Students learned about the three pillars: Naam Japna (remembering God), Kirat Karna (honest work), and Vand Chakna (sharing). The session fostered appreciation for equality, honesty, and selfless service, guiding us toward a compassionate life.



## **Learning Climate Through Real-Time Observation**

On 8th November 2025 (Saturday) Grade 9 students of Gateway International School, Sonipat, Haryana, conducted a practical activity on the chapter "Climate". They measured air direction (NW), humidity (41%), temperature (26°C), and rainfall using appropriate instruments. Guided by their Geography teacher, they also located True North using the Sun, Pole Star, and Saptarishi constellation



## Where Numbers Met Enthusiasm: Maths Quiz

On 13th November 2025 (Thursday) Numbers, logic, and quick thinking filled the air as our brilliant mathematicians battled it out in the Inter House Maths Quiz Competition! The contest showcased not only sharp minds but also teamwork, enthusiasm, and sportsman spirit.

Results:

- 1st Position - Vayu House
- 2nd Position - Vasudha House
- 3rd Position - Varun House
- 4th Position - Vyom House

Congratulations to all.

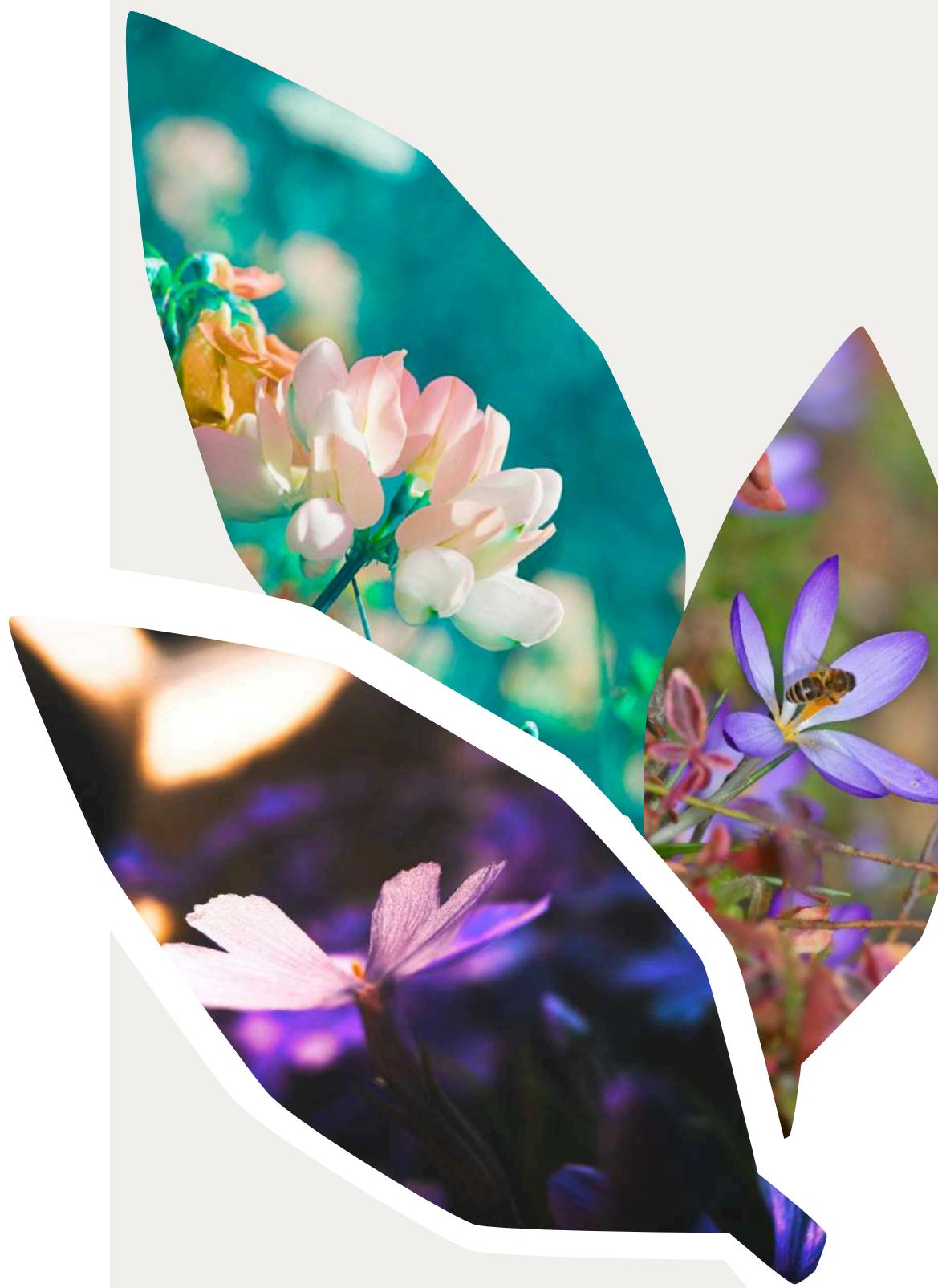


## **Echoes of Emotions: Learning to Feel and Heal**

On 26th November 2025 (Wednesday) Grade XI Psychology Students explored the Emotion Check! Think of an emotion you've gone through and write how you dealt with it among classmates! This activity helps understand how emotions impact peer interactions, learn healthy expression & management, and build empathy & stronger bonds. Student outcomes include better emotional awareness & management, improved peer relationships , and enhanced empathy . Benefits for life include handling emotions like a pro in personal & prof life , building stronger relationships , and boosting emotional intelligence for better decision-making . So, how did you deal with that emotion among classmates? Share your thoughts! Let's learn from each other and grow together!



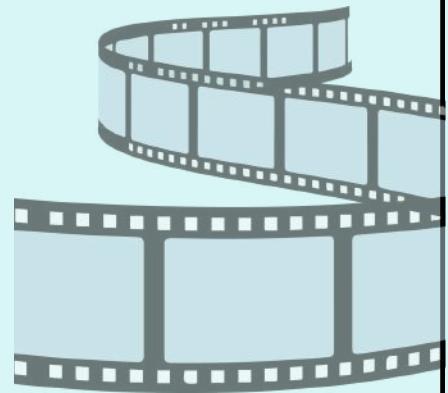
# FROM THE PEN OF GIS CREATIVE WRITERS



## NOSTALGIA

The cherry blossom tree we used to play by when we were small,  
That abandoned place we used to call a mall.

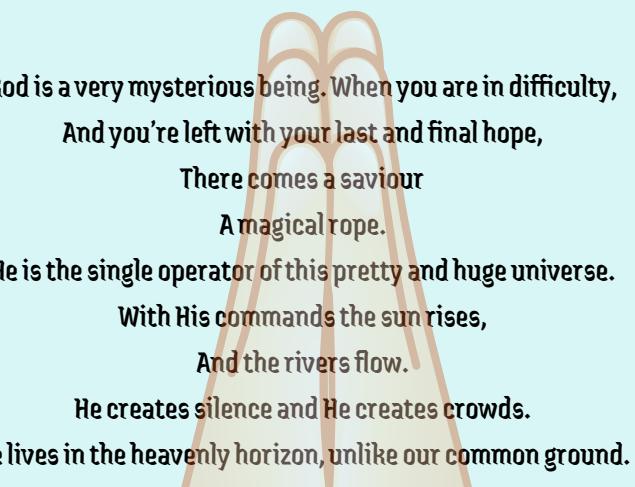
Sitting by the river until dawn,  
Admiring the horizon, all the stress was gone.  
A ride full of emotions and peace,  
We all used to dream together like a hive of bees.  
Moments we used to enjoy  
Are now just memories.  
What an irony.  
All that's left is just a hope  
A hope that this silence we'll be able to cope with.  
Nostalgia's a feeling we want to avoid,  
Because if we don't, it throws us into a void  
A void of memories and regrets,  
Choices we made, opportunities we left.  
All of this haunts us while we lay in bed.  
Some moments we are thankful for,  
And some well, stories that bore. Happy reading!



Kiara (IXA)

## ALMIGHTY

God is a very mysterious being. When you are in difficulty,  
And you're left with your last and final hope,  
There comes a saviour  
A magical rope.  
He is the single operator of this pretty and huge universe.  
With His commands the sun rises,  
And the rivers flow.  
He creates silence and He creates crowds.  
He lives in the heavenly horizon, unlike our common ground.  
If you dream or think about your past memories,  
His messages are loud and clear  
To bring silence and peace,  
So that all emotions, sad or bad, may swiftly cease.



Viren (IXA)

## HARDSHIPS

Your hardships,  
In the world of peace  
Where silence shines bright,  
Hope is the guiding light.  
To fulfil a dream,  
We have to hope.  
Memories of the past still make me scream.  
Emotions flow like a perennial river  
That makes my body shiver.  
Caring, crying, laughing sometimes  
You have to forget your hard times.

Chhavi (IXA)

## SKILLFUL DREAMERS

In my memories, I still hope  
A wavering, vivid scope  
Of my dreams that fade  
Sooner or later in the shade.

A peace of dreaming carelessly  
Has now been lost  
Amidst life, ferociously  
Going deeper into the youth frost.  
In this hustle of living,  
I disregard my own feelings,  
Though my memories fight their way  
Into the sacred dreams I slay.  
In my memories, I still hope  
A wavering, vivid scope  
Of my dreams that will stay  
And get fulfilled in their own way.

Bhavishya (IXB)

## MY HEAVEN

The day was sunny,  
With a bliss of green grass  
Where I used to lay,  
With a river beside me making a crown.  
Silence lay everywhere,  
And birds were chirping there.  
Those memories were the best,  
Giving me rest and happiness.  
The clouds in the sky were white and bright,  
Making different shapes.  
In the early morning,  
The sun and moon seemed to fight  
For who would stay.  
I hope these days never go,  
As this was the place I called my second home.  
I want to rise and go to my heaven,  
With no one there.

Aarnav Gupta (IXA)

## HOPE

The time is passing in silence now.  
All the dreams are fading.  
The peace I had earlier is just a memory now.  
The hope of seeing my child again,  
Seeing my husband again,  
Makes me shed rivers of tears.  
All those moments  
When I used to be happy, sad, angry,  
Everything with my loved ones  
When they were still with me...  
Where are all those emotions now?  
Now there is just hollowness in my life.  
I spend the day staring at the horizon,  
Wishing that one day  
This miserable life would finally end,  
Said the old lady whose child abandoned her  
At an old age home after her husband died.

Manya (IXA)

## EMOTIONS

When he took it,  
It was gone.  
His eyes speaking loud  
Put me under a cloud.  
Anyhow, it came back  
Me showing I'm fine,  
Though inside I was on cloud nine.  
Putting efforts to find it  
They were worth  
To move heaven and earth.  
One told me it was like boiling the ocean.  
I told him  
"You can't feel my emotion."

Yugpreet (VIII B)

## A HOME

A home is a place where you find peace.  
Siblings always ready to tease,  
Mother becomes our guiding light,  
Father helps us shine bright.  
It is not the brick or ply,  
It is the memories that in that place lie.  
It is a place full of emotions,  
But sometimes it breaks without caution.  
It's our ancestors that keep the hope alive  
A place that gives you love throughout your life.  
Still, the thought makes me scared:  
What if, in a river of greed, there is no one to care?  
I dream that everyone gets a place full of memories,  
A soul home that doesn't fear life's race.

HIRAL (IX A)

## THE DREAM WORLD

In the dream world,  
Hope gets brighter.  
Whenever memories fade,  
The noise gets lighter.  
A river of emotions flows with me.  
Silence guides the way and peace follows me.  
This is the world that I never want to leave.  
But my real world is waiting for me.  
So now that I am going to leave,  
I just want to say goodbye to my sweet dreams.

PRANJAL (IX B)

## THAT ONE DAY

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Atharv (VIII B)

# MY ESCAPE ROUTE

Escaping the re-establishment of rights under Warner's nose is like boiling the ocean  
Clearly impossible.

However, Adam tells me he'll find us a way out.

He just needs three weeks.

Just three weeks more in this horrifying place.

Just three weeks more beside Warner.

Just three weeks more of the soldiers' scared selves.

Even though Warner has removed the cameras and bugs from my room,  
He barges in the moment I have a minute to myself.

He even asks me to join him for breakfast,

And as much as I don't want to, I don't really have a choice.

Just like today

I came back from breakfast with him

Only to find Adam sitting on my bed.

Seeing him makes me feel like I am on cloud nine.

"I found us a way out," he says while eyeing the window.

"You want to escape through the window? It's like ten feet high."

He just smiles, opens the window,

Throws down a long rope

And extends his hand toward me.

"Come on," he says calmly.

I hesitantly take his hand

And follow him in climbing down the window.

Oh, Warner is going to be so pissed at Adam.

Chhavi (VIIIIB)



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