

# THE CYGNUS GAZETTE



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We have left our  
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Dreams.....  
Turned into  
Reality!

Vision...  
Exposure..  
New Learnings...



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## From the Founder Director's Desk

# Raising Leaders

Most parent want their children to become courageous and effective leaders.

Are children born with leadership skills or can such skills be nurtured at school and home ?

The answer is that while some traits may be inborn, leadership skills can most definitely be developed.



**Founder Director  
Madhavi Agrawal**

At Cygnus we believe in providing a safe and comfortable environment for students to develop the key traits required to be an effective leader.

**The top 5 qualities a child needs to hone to become a better leader are :**

- **High self esteem and an understanding of one's own strengths and weaknesses.**
- **Improved confidence and public speaking ability**
- **Ability to empathize, work with people and resolve conflict**
- **Ability to set goals and work towards them in a systematic manner**
- **Commitment to the task, to the team and to yourself**

The entire curriculum at Cygnus and Cheviot contributes towards the development of the above skills on a continuous basis. Every Cygnite gets the opportunity to present on stage, to build self esteem, be a part of community service projects, to explore her creative side and be a part of varied teams and clubs.

**Parents can also contribute to the development of leadership skills in extremely simple ways :**

- **Embrace Failure: Often we as parents are so wrapped up in providing the best for our kids that we forget to teach them how to embrace failure positively.**
- **Focus on emotional intelligence: A child's ability to empathize and sympathize will aid her ability to solve problems.**
- **Engage them with sports: Sports allows you to experience the high of victory and melancholy of defeat. It builds leadership skills like no other.**
- **Teach them patience: Patience if taught right will last a lifetime.**
- **Give them time to be creative: Don't structure everything!!!**

As India takes bold steps in the field of Science and Space Engineering, Sports, Entrepreneurship etc we as the school and parents must work together, collaboratively, to provide our great nation with capable leaders in all fields.

## The Editorial Team:

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- ◆ Saisha Kherra
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- ◆ Jyoti Gupta
- ◆ Deepti D'Almeida

## Upcoming Events:

- ◆ Cygnus Fest
- ◆ The Pinnacle
- ◆ Inter School Sports Tournament

## Latest House Score Updates at Cygnus



**Phoenix  
2960**



**Pegasus  
2905**



**Orion  
2890**



**Aquila  
2250**

## EDITORIAL



**Kapil Chaudhary  
IX-B**

I am honoured to be a part of the Cygnus Editorial Team. Being a member of the editorial team is an amalgamation of responsibility, creativity and hardwork. As the adage goes "Your attitude determines your direction", I feel with the right attitude one can reach the desired destination. I find myself fortunate to be a part of this glorious journey of creating wonders with every new edition. I hope that as a member of the editorial team I will be able to fill the Gazette with positive vibes.

I am extremely delighted to be a part of the editorial team for the academic year 2019-20. It is a dream that has come true for me. Working with innovative minds will be a great learning experience. Guidance from our teachers and supportive seniors is surely going to make this journey interesting. I promise to do my bit sincerely for all the editions.



**Aanchal Sinha  
IX-A**

# PROUD MOMENTS!



**Taksh Patel** of Grade VI successfully completed all levels of **UCMAS** and pre-requisite **International Grading Exam**. He was awarded with a **Trophy, a Gold Medal and a Certificate for the same**.



**Bhavya Shah** of Grade II secured the **Third position in Paint Your Imagination**, a drawing competition, organized by **Shreenathji Group of Companies**.



**Saksham Dhoka and Sakshi Dhoka** of Grade V participated and passed the **International Standard of UCMAS MENTAL ARITHMETIC Proficiency Examination and UCMAS ABASUS COMPUTATION (ZHUSUAN)**.



Cygnus World School won the **Third position in the National Group Singing Competition** in category **Sanskrit** organised by **Bharat Vikas Parishad Vadodara Chapter** for the students of **Grade VI to IX**.



Cygnus World School's **Soccer Team** is the **District Level Winner of the Subrato Mukherjee Football Tournament, Under 14..** It is a proud moment because they were the **Runners up for the State Level** as well.



**Prakhar Chaturvedi** of Grade VI has won the **First Position in the Gujarat State Chess Tournament** (category under 11), **Open**, organised by the **Gujarat State Chess Association**.



**Nabhya Patel** of Grade I secured the **Second position in the Chess Competition in the Khel Mahakumbh, East Zone, Vadodara**.



**Riya Patel** of Grade XI secured the **First position in the Debate Competition** and **Siddhant Agrawal** of Grade X secured the **Third position in the Extempore Competition: Reflections**, an **International Youth Festival for History and Civics** organized by **City Montessori School, Lucknow**.

# Raghvendra's Talk



Inspiration can come from unusual quarters and motivation can spring from sources yet not known. Raghvendra, a child prodigy and mathematics genius, visited Cygnus World School for an interaction session with students and invited guests. In his brief interaction with the audience, Raghvendra entertained with his quick wit and warm smile. During the session Raghvendra demonstrated his higher mathematical and logical aptitude and enthralled the audience with a musical rendition using the violin and the tabla, suggesting how mathematics and music are related.

# Community Service at Cygnus...



Cygnus World School, as a part of social responsibility, invited the students of Vasantshala who were welcomed with open arms by the Cygnus family. This was done with the intention of sharing what we have, a live example of how service brings us closer to God. The Vasantshala students got an opportunity to perform in front of such a large audience consisting of 600 students & staff for the first time. They showed their joy by gifting a beautiful handmade necklace to the Principal. And in turn also received items like bed sheets, mosquito nets and sports equipment. It was a great moment: a moment of mutual admiration and support.

# ACHIEVERS' PAGE

## FUN WITH COLOURS

### 90 SECONDS TO FAME

Rimsa Pattnaik	I-A
Dev Shah	I-B
Nabhya J. Patel	I-C
Jiyanshi U. Parmar	I-D
Khushi Ankit Patel	II-A
Renash Ankur Desai	II-B
Shauryasinh Y. Solanki	II-C
Jiyan Mehul Soni	II-D
Shahaan Anil D'Almeida	II-D
Kanthe Munshi	III-A
Tithi Patel	III-A
Arlen Christian	III-B
Arjun Parikh	III-C
Naysa Uttamchandani	III-D
Khwahish S Sharma	IV-A
Tveesha J Nair	IV-B
Anaaya M Shah	IV-C
Vyom Patni	IV-D

### STORY TELLING COMPETITION

Aarna Patel	V-A
Arya Patel	V-A
Mikhail Ankur Desai	V-B
Swara Vikas Patel	V-B
Arjun Mehta	V-C
Shiven Soni	V-C
Jay H. Savani	V-D
Vansh P. Khanchandani	V-d

### POETRY WRITING COMPETITION

Vedika Chauhan	VIII-A
Hitarth Chauhan	VIII-B
Dev Parekh	VIII-C

Shruti Riteshkumar Patel	I-A
Khushil Riten Chokshi	I-B
Vivan Pritesh Patel	I-C
Jiyanshi Urvesh Parmar	I-D
Bhavya Shreyas Shah	II-A
Riyan Sanket Desai	II-A
Aaradhya S. Patel	II-B
Savya Pratikkumar Shah	II-C
Taksh Rishi Joshi	II-D
Saanvi Thakkar	III-A
Jashvi Patel	III-B
Tavish Gandhi	III-C
Swayam Bhalodiya	III-D
Aarohi Gupta	IV-A
Tveesha Nair	IV-B
Yashvi Shah	IV-C
Yash Makvana	IV-D
Saptrishi Dhanteja	V-A
Aarohi Joshi	V-B
Hetv Patel	V-C
Tirth Shah	V-D
Megh Bharwada	VI-A
Prakhar Chaturvedi	VI-B
Jineshraj Nathani	VI-C
Anmol Rajput	VI-D
Pavan Akbari	VII-A
Ali Giniwala	VII-B
Aarushi Lalwani	VII-C
Arham Nimani	VIII-A
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Daksh Patel	VIII-C

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Kavya Aga	VI-A
Manali Lohana	VI-B
Aanya Patel	VI-C
Aarav Dhiman	VI-D

## VERBAL REASONING

Rainy Patel	III-A
Jashvi Patel	III-B
Krutika Vaghani	III-B
Jiya P Tinani	IV-A
Zaid M Fruitwala	IV-C
Saanvi Patel	IV-D
Mikhail Desai	V-B
Arjun Mehta	V-C
Ananmay Sharma	VI-A
Dhwani Pillai	VII-A
Aarushi Lalwani	VII-C
Arham Nimani	VIII-A
Harsh Shah	IX-A
Prithvi Patni	X-B
Abbas Mithiborwala	X-B
Avi Patel	XI-A
Dvisha Trivedi	XII-B

## SPELLATHON

Aarav Shah	I A
Darsh Shah	I A
Ishaan Pillai	I A
Saanika Jotengiya	I B
Bhavya Shah	II A
Arinchey Murugan	II C
Vihaan Shah	II D
Varya Bhatt	II D
Darsh Pathak	III B
Dhyey Parikh	III B
Tavish Gandhi	III C
Aum Matkar	III D
Aarohi Gupta	IV A
Kayaan Mehta	IV A
Tveesha Nair	IV B
Sanil Golaviya	IV D
Jenicca Shah	V D
Anantvikram Sinh	V D
Anya Kothari	V C
Dia Ahluwalia	V D

## POEMS COME ALIVE

Hemangi V. Notani	I-A
Ira Pahwa	I-B
Het Jaimin Soni	I-C
Tathya Verma	I-D
Taanaya A Marawala	II-A
Kavish M Jain	II-B
Ada Sinha	II-C
Shahaan D'Almeida	II-D
Antara Aga	III-A
Snesha Shah	III-B
Sarg Shah	III-C
Parth Malani	III-D
Dhir Gujarathi	V-A
Aarohi Joshi	V-B
Arjun Mehta	V-C
Shree Patel	V-D
Aanya Patel	VII-A
Aarna Jhaver	VII-B
Vansh Patel	VII-C
Kavya Shah	VIII-A
Monal Patel	VIII-B
Dwarkesh Soni	VIII-B
Namrata Tandon	VIII-C
Sitara Pillai	IX-A
Saloni Mohite	IX-B

## DEBATE

Nishi Shah	X-A
Khyati Sharma	XI-A

## Teacher is a Human - Mahima Nair (Parent of Tvisha Nair, IV-B)



Teacher is a Human  
 You got to accept that Man!  
 For parents, Teacher is a  
**SUPER POWER**  
 For a teacher, she (herself) thinks  
 Is without **POWER!**  
 For our children, Teacher is  
 The **ULTIMATE**  
 Their newly found **SOULMATE!**  
 Rock-hard trust they develop,  
 Never-ending bond they share!  
 She scolds our Children  
 She moulds our children,  
 She tells them what is **Right**  
 Which helps in making their **future Bright!**

## SUBRATO MUKHERJEE FOOTBALL CUP



Heartiest Congratulations to the U-14 boys Soccer Team for such a fabulous achievement both at the District and State Level. They were the District Level Winners and the State Level Runner's up.

We are PROUD OF YOU!!!

## HARVARD MODEL UNITED NATIONS



Our students had the opportunity to represent the school at an international event — Harvard Model United Nations. Our school delegation was assigned the task represent themselves as diplomats from different countries all world over. Through this event our students got to know the nuances of diplomacy, details of international ties and economic relationships, issues and problems affecting the world and the importance of deliberations and discussions to resolve international issues.

Parents expectations from a teacher is High  
 Don't think – to meet them all she hasn't  
 given any Try!  
 Lets remember a Teacher too has many  
**ROLES** to play  
 Some of her misses (errors) bring us **DISMAY**  
 But for her, our trust and patience is  
**IMPORTANT**  
 'cause these will her give us  
 What we **WANT!**  
 Our children are our **WORLD**  
 For them their Teacher gives the last **WORD**  
 Parents-Children-Teacher is an **ANGLE**  
**This works best when NOT TANGLED !**

# Events at Cygnus:

## Book Week



A book is the best friend one can have. The culmination of the Book Week stirred up the same feeling in all, not just with books but with Puppet Shows, Role Plays, creation of Ziczac booth and culmination of story elements through various worksheets. The Book Week brought us all closer to the world of books and developed a new appreciation to the act of reading. The week was thoroughly enjoyed by the students and they bid goodbye to the week with a heavy heart.

## 90 Secs to Fame



Talent, hard work, determination and discipline create wonders. The students at Cygnus World School are given ample opportunities to work on their talent and transform themselves into confident individuals carving their own path. One such competition **90 Seconds to Fame** conducted for the students of **Grade I to III** gave the little ones an opportunity to come up with varied acts. Various musical acts, magic tricks and quick crafts were witnessed and the teachers were immensely proud.

## Class Presentation



One of the objectives of education is to instill values and etiquette among students. Cygnus takes great pride in raising responsible and sensitised students and many activities are conducted to ensure the same. One such activity was the **Class Presentation** by the students of **Grade III** titled **"What You Sow, So You Reap."** The presentation threw light on the importance of good moral values and independence.

## Guru Purnima Celebration



*A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.*  
-Henry Adams

Keeping up with the tradition, the students of Grade I to V put up a great show for their beloved teachers. The celebration started with the lighting of the lamp followed by Guru Vandana and an emotional play on the role of teacher. The celebration marked the unbreakable teacher student bond.

## Spellathon



Spellathon was conducted for the students of primary section. The competition consisted of various interesting rounds ranging from picture to word round in which the students were supposed to look at the picture displayed on the monitor and guess the spelling of the words correctly. It also had jumbled letters round which required the students to spell the words correctly. The audience cheered for their houses and enthusiastically gave answers to the questions posed to them.

## Teachers' Day Celebration



"Good teachers are the reason why ordinary children dream to do extraordinary things.....". Cygnus World School students rolled out the red carpet for the Principal, teachers and staff on teachers' day. They created a Filmfare Awards Theme for Teachers' Day. The students put up brilliant performances to several foot tapping numbers and children enacted a skit on environmental sensitivity and took a pledge to save the environment as this is the greatest gift one can give to teachers .

# Events at Cygnus:

## Debate Competition



*“A debate has one purpose, one purpose only, and that is to facilitate the exchange of ideas - Jim Lehrer*  
The Final Round of the **Debate Competition** was conducted for the students of **Grade IX to XII**. The winners of the Class Round faced a tough competition in the Final Round. The participants argued and counter argued the opinions put forth by their opponent. The highlight of the competition was the use of facts and figures by the students to establish their view point, and the healthy exchange of ideas. It was quite heartening to witness such a display of oratory prowess.

## Story Telling Competition



Story Telling Competition was conducted for the students of Grade V. The students participated in pairs with each of the participants striving to achieve perfection. They made use of various techniques to narrate the stories be it through poetry, nukad natika (street play) or with the help of puppets. The young performers created magic with controlled voice modulation, use of body language and facial expression. It was a treat to watch them bringing the story alive in the classroom.

## Crystal Clear With



Cygnus World School has come up with a unique initiative of giving students a chance to interact with people from different walks of life. The students interviewed four personalities from Vadodara viz. Prof. S. Pratapchandran (Professor of Archaeology, M.S. University), Mr. Kshitij Banker (RJ, Radio Mirchi), Mr. Manish Ajwani (Dessert Chief, owner of Juvenas Bakery) and Ms. Varija Shah (a young trainee pilot). Our students through an informal chat got an insight into the lives of these personalities. Attended by the students of grades IX-XI.

## Poetry Writing Competition



Cygnus World School organized a Poetry Writing Competition for the students of grade VIII and the theme for the same was nature and patriotism. The students came up with beautiful poems, pouring their hearts out on paper. Language was no barrier for the young poets as composition of poems in Hindi or English were allowed. The competition gave them a platform to weave their feelings into words.

## Poster Making Competition



A Poster Making Competition was organized for the students of grade VI. The topics for same were Save each tree as if it is the last one on Earth; Peace begins with love and harmony; and National Integration. Posters are tools that enable visualization in the classroom to foster student learning. The best advantage of poster making is that it facilitates team work and understanding along with facilitating creative thinking and extensive research and reading.

## Poems Come Alive



The stage was set and our students though their recitations made our hearts melt. Our students brought back to life some well-known poets and poems, which literally changed the ambience of the school. What we witnessed filled us with admiration and awe, as the recitation of poems was simply praiseworthy. We could not stop ourselves from applauding each of the presentation, as the presentation literally left us demanding for more.

# Events at Cygnus:

## Investiture Ceremony



*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."*

-John Quincy

The **Investiture Ceremony** of the newly elected Student Council was conducted with great pomp and show. The programme started with **Ms Sabina Aggrawal Sehgal, Head, Leading Schools Corp.** felicitating the school with one of the most coveted awards, **"The Leading Schools of the World Award"**. Leading Schools Corp. is India's first and only auditing and certification body that honours qualifying institutions with an Honour Roll of being a Leading school of India. The day was extremely eventful, witnessing the oath ceremony for the Head Girl, and the Head boy, the House Captains, the Vice-captains, the Editorial team and the Prefects which was carried out with great pride and honour. The selected members promised to uphold the dignity and decorum

of the school and vowed to take the school to greater heights. The handing over of the charge by the former leaders to the current ones was a sight to behold. The parents were beaming with pride to see their wards being a part of Student Council. A mime on Water Conservation was put forth by the students of Grade XII. The students, through mime urged the audience to conserve water. The choral recitation by the students of Grade V talked about self-control, cultivating confidence and about asserting independence. the office bearers.

## STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS

<b>Head Boy</b> Siddh Jain	<b>Head Girl</b> Riya Patel	<b>Sports Captain</b> Sachin Singh	<b>Editor-In-Chief</b> Avi Patel			
<b>House Captains</b>						
<b>Pegasus House</b> Chitvan Singh	<b>Phoenix House</b> Diya Khara	<b>Aquila House</b> Nishil Shah	<b>Orion House</b> Pakhi Malhotra			
<b>House Vice Captains</b>						
<b>Pegasus House</b> Shubhangi Bahuguna	<b>Phoenix House</b> Aakash Nath Jha	<b>Aquila House</b> Aditya Bansal	<b>Orion House</b> Diya Gorajiya			
<b>Editorial Team Members</b>						
<b>Abbas Mithiborwala</b>	<b>Ananya Majmudar</b>	<b>Aashi Patel</b>	<b>Harsh Shah</b>	<b>Khyati Sharma</b>		
<b>Arnab Banerjee</b>	<b>Aanchal Sinha</b>	<b>Avin Sharma</b>	<b>Kapil Chaudhary</b>	<b>Saisha Khara</b>		
<b>Sports Prefects</b>	<b>Prefects</b>					
<b>Anantvikram Singh</b>	<b>Anish Maheshwari</b>	<b>Aarohi Joshi</b>	<b>Arnav Kanugo</b>	<b>Mikhail Desai</b>	<b>Arjun Mehta</b>	<b>Mahima Shankar</b>
<b>Nitya Agrawal</b>	<b>Palak Agrawal</b>	<b>Parisha Vaghela</b>	<b>Deepti Patro</b>	<b>Adhiraj Singh</b>	<b>Ritisha Bansal</b>	<b>Jenicca Shah</b>

## Krishna Janamashtami



The school was abuzz with beautiful Radhas and Krishnas!!! It was **J a n m a s h t a m i** celebration and the little Krishnas and Radhas, all decked up in vibrant and bright clothes came prepared to celebrate Lord Krishnas birth. The students then enacted a skit wherein the mischievous Krishna reminisces about his childhood. The beautiful dance and songs celebrating the joy of Lord Krishna's birth was a sight to behold.

## Kargil Vijay Diwas



The year 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of Kargil war or "Opertation Vijay". In order to celebrate the same, the students of Grades VII and VIII visited the EME campus in Vadodara. The visit gave our students an opportunity to know about various instruments and weapons used in the warfare and also the technical aspects of the same. The students had a hands-on-experience of the different kinds of range measuring devices, the high definition binoculars, and other sophisticated machinery.

# THE STUDENTS' CORNER

## DEAR TEACHERS



You will always be in my heart  
You are awesome,  
Like a splendid piece of art.  
Your hearts are like gold.  
When there is any problem,  
You pay us back three folds,  
You are our light  
In the night,  
You are our knight,  
That stops our fight.  
You are the wind,  
Under our wings.  
You make us fly,  
High in the sky.  
We love you!

**Kavya Aga**  
VI A

## SIBLING RIVALRY



Siblings rivalry is normal. It is one of humanities oldest problems. One of the first stories in the Bible deals with the rivalry between two brothers, cane and abel. Sibling rivalry is the competition and fighting between brothers and sisters. Many different things can trigger the fight between siblings. It crops from a situation as small as a child not wanting to share toys to seeking more attention. Most brothers and sisters experience some degree of jealousy. A possible solution would be parents trying to pay equal attention to both their children. Every parent treats their kids as both their eyes. There is no question of differentiation but if they put in efforts to understand both of them as individuals first, the situation may improve to a great extent and we will have families where siblings grow up to become best friends!!!

**Aarna Amin**  
VII-B

## REIGNITE THE FIRE....



What you want  
You shall get  
Face the obstacles  
Don't neglect  
Follow your instincts  
Set yourself apart  
With every closed door  
Comes a fresh start  
Don't give up  
Be dedicated tp your mission  
Nothing can stop  
Reality to become your vision  
Work hard  
Fulfil your desire  
If the faith burns out  
Reignite the Fire.....

**Namrata Tandon**  
VIII - B

## TRAVELOGUE ON ROME



Rome, "Roma" in Italian, earlier titled as "Caput Mundi" ; meaning the capital of the world, has a rich history spanning 28 centuries. At the height of its glory , it was the capital of one of the greatest empire in the world.

If you are a history buff; Rome is a place to add to your bucket list. It is best to stay in central Rome from where all the historic attractions are easy to access. A good place would be Hotel Forum Roma, situated right in the front of the Roman forum from where the administrative activities of ancient Rome were conducted.

The coliseum, forum, Trajan's column and other ancient sites are all within walking distance from There are many ancient monuments in Rome and some very interesting legends associated with the city. The brother Remus and Romulus, vestal virgins, seven hills, fontana Trevi, Julius Ceaser, Nero, the great fire of Rome and how one of the greatest civilisations fell into a gradual decay. The holy city of Vatican, the smallest country in the world is situated within central Rome. The city was built and destroyed and rebuilt over several centuries, each new city built on the ruins of the older. Its like a lasagne, layer after layer of history.

Rome is not only for the history lovers. Its got a lot of other activities like roller blading, cycling, Segway tours, hop on hop off buses, boat tours etc. Its got something for every kind of tourist. Its easy to get around Rome by public transport and people are very tourist friendly. One has to be a little careful of pick pockets at crowded monuments and public transport.

**Ayana Majmudar**  
VII - B

## MEMORIES



Those little moments are the ones that matter,  
The ones that make us go crazy,  
The ones that make you feel sadder,  
They are the only moments that matter.

I remember the day we became friends,  
And I hope this friendship never ends,  
You and me through the starry nights,  
Eating candy, laughing about our previous fights.

Remember our dorky sleepovers  
Scarfig down junk food at midnight,  
Getting our nails done,  
Watching TV while our brothers fight.

Remember the days where we would just talk,  
Calling, texting whatever it was.  
I miss those days all the time,  
Being each other's partners in "crime".

Tear drops fell, the words that shouldn't have  
Been said, were shouted out loud.  
I waited for you but you never came,  
Seemed to me, that you would never look back.

**Vedika Chauhan & Tanvi Gujarathi**  
VIII A

# BOOK REVIEW: THE ISLE OF THE LOST

This book, "The Isle of the Lost" written by Melissa De La Cruz was awesome and an absolutely enjoyable experience for me. It is the rated a bestseller by the New York Times. It is based on the movie "Descendants". It took me 1 week to read it and has 27 chapters.



The book is about 4 kids: Mal who was ambitious, Evie who was witty and genial, Jay who is a thief and Carlos who is an inventor and the youngest of the group. They lived in the Isle Of The Lost.

The opening of the story was exciting. It was about adventures and mazes, twists and turns. The four of them were enemies, but a true act of friendship then made them friends. The first part of the book was funny but as you progress to the fifth chapter and beyond it gets a little mysterious.

My favorite character was Evie as explained in the book. She was smart and clever and fell for one too many of Mal's tricks. Evie is savvy in studies and wants to get full marks in school, even as the new student.

I can say tha this book was written with a lot of creativity and out of the box thinking. I believe that the author knew what her readers wanted. I think the reason that the writer wrote this book was because she wanted to tell the world that even the biggest of enemies could become greater friends.

This book is similar to Harry Potter series because there is a lot of magic and mystery. I think Melissa's book deserves 5 stars from me and I hope you think that too. This book is appropriate for all ages.

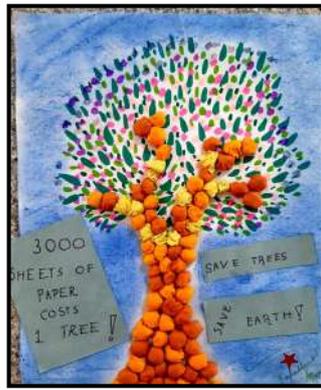
Except this book the author has written in the Isle of the lost series: Return To The Isle Of The Lost and Rise Of The Isle Of The Lost.

**Kanishka Shah**  
V-D

## Environment Awareness by Cygnites!



**Aarohi Joshi**  
V-B



**Nitya Agrawal**  
V-D



**Tirth Shah**  
V-D



**Shree Patel**  
V-D



**Mikhail Desai**  
V-B

## FUN FACTS

In the weeks before migration, birds enter hyperphagia, a period of bulking up on food to store the fat that will sustain their long journeys. Some bird species will almost double their body weight prior to migration.

## ART WORK BY CYGNITES



**Neelkanth Inamdar**  
VIII-B

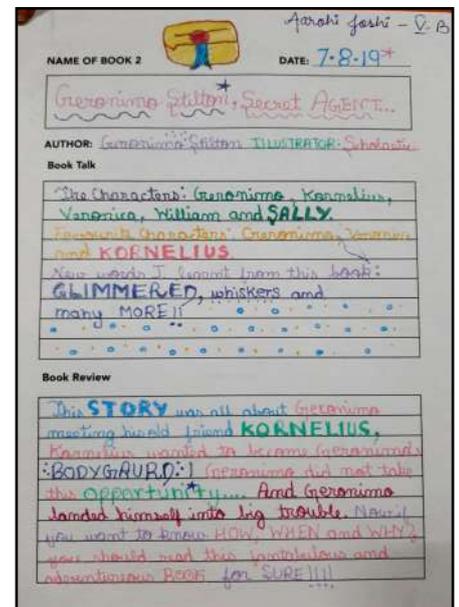


**Harshvardhan Dodiya**  
IX-A



**Aarav Dhiman**  
VI-D

## BEST BOOK REVIEW



**Aarohi Joshi, V-B**

## PHOENIX HOUSE CAPTAIN:

**DIYA KHERA**

**Q- What are your strengths and how do you plan to utilize them this year as the house captain?**

I believe my strengths are good communication with students, coordination to help the house win and my sense of understanding.

**Q- Suggest a new activity for the school that will be interesting to all the students.**

Sports competitions, photography and more artistic activities will really be of interest to most of the students.

**Q- Which personality from sports, politics or any other field do you admire? What do you like about the person?**

Ans: I admire Novak Djokovic, because after getting injured he dropped down from number one rank, but he fought back; played really well and became number one again.

**Q- Would you like to suggest a TV programme for other students in the school? How would they benefit by watching it?**

A show named "Mystery Hunters India" which features on Discovery kids is a really nice. In this show the hosts go around India trying to solve or gather more information regarding the unsolved mysteries. This will benefit students as they will be able to know more about our country and its history.

**Q- What activities do you engage in other than studies?**

Ans: I take art classes and I am doing an advanced art course there. Other than this I like watching programmes on Netflix as well.

**Interviewed by: Khyati Sharma, XI-A**



## PEGASUS HOUSE CAPTAIN:

**CHITVAN SINGH**

**Q- Which quality in you makes you a leader? Can you tell us more about it?**

I believe that the quality that makes me a leader is my ability to accept responsibility. I do not try to shift blame onto others.

**Q-Tell us about a person you admire and what quality in particular do you admire in that person?**

The person I admire is Afroz Shah. He is from Mumbai, and the reason I admire him is because he has single handedly managed cleaning a beach in Mumbai that was covered in garbage. I believe there need to be more people like him, who are ready to help the environment.

**Q-What strategy have thought to get more points for your house?**

One thing I believe, that will get my house more points is talking to the younger grades. They need to be motivated to at least participate and the only way that can happen is by encourage them.

**Q-Suggest a new activity for the school that will be interesting to all the students.**

A new activity that would excite an interest all students is MUN. It gives the students a platform to present themselves. It develops the verbal skills but it also increases knowledge about the global and national policies, politics, international ties and governance.

**Q-What is your success mantra?**

One thing I believe in is a 'balanced life'. Everyone needs change at regular intervals. Having a balanced life enables a person to achieve more in life.

**Interviewed by: Saisha Khera, IX-B**



## ORION HOUSE CAPTAIN :

**PAKHI MALHOTRA**

**Q- Which quality in you makes you a leader? Can you tell us a little more about it?**

Being considerate, confident and goal oriented are some qualities a good leader should possess. I'm a great friend and a team player and these qualities make me a leader.

**Q- Tell us about a person you admire and what quality in particular do you admire in that person.**

I admire Kiran Mazumdar Shaw. She is the chairperson of Biocon Limited, a biotechnology company. What I admire most about her is, her ambitious nature. She worked really hard to gain the respect from her peers and fought all the social evils to get where she is today.

**Q- Which school activity have you enjoyed participating in?**

I really enjoyed participating in the Cygnus Fest. It allowed me to showcase my talents, helped develop my communication skills and made me more confident in my abilities.

**Q- What strategy have you thought to get more points for your house?**

I plan on encouraging the students to participate in every competition, try their level best to win and most importantly enjoy what they're doing.

**Q- What is your success mantra?**

Hard work is the key to success. I believe that there is no greater motivation than a view of the finishing line. Setting a goal for every task is a great way to achieve success.

**Interviewed by: Aanchal Sinha, IX-A**



## AQUILA HOUSE CAPTAIN: NISHIL SHAH

**Q- What are your strengths and how do you plan to utilize them this year as the house captain?**

Being a good leader and creative at the same time is my strength.

Using my leadership skills, I will try my level best to lead my house to victory.

**Q- Suggest a new activity for the school that would be interesting to all the students.**

I would suggest film making competition as a new activity for the school. Competing in film making will be exciting for all the students and they will learn new skills in video and sound editing. Also it will be pleasure to see the creativity of students that they put into their film.

**Q- Which personality from sports, politics or any other field you admire? What do you like about the person?**

I admire Murthaza Junaid. He is one of the most influential bikers of India. What I like most about him is the fact how he changed his passion into career through dedication and hard work, although he suffered a major heart attack.

**Q- Would you like to suggest a TV programme for other students in the school? How would they benefit by watching it?**

I would recommend — "How Do They Do It?" It is all about science and also a fun show at the same time. They show many scientific laws and phenomena, and they relate them to day-to-day life situations. It will help students in increasing their knowledge.

**Q- What is the most useful advice that you have you have received from your parents?**

My parents usually say, "No matter how much pressure anyone puts on you regarding studies and career, don't pursue it until and unless you have your heart set on it."

**Interviewed by: Avin Sharma, XI-A**



## GETTING TO KNOW MY TEACHER ASHMI JOSHI

Each teacher is unique in his or her own way. There is something that defines them as different from others. What is it that distinguishes you from your colleagues?

My nature of being honest and approachable is what makes me stand out. I ensure that I don't compare my students with each other because they have different likings and are not the same. This makes my approach friendly. I also keep myself updated with latest developments in use of computers, apps and internet services in teaching and learning.

**What qualities do students prefer in their teachers?**

I feel that students usually prefer teachers who are approachable. No child should feel hesitant in front of the teacher. Teachers should be friendly, kind, gentle with the students and most importantly they should have immense clarity in what they teach.

**What is the best thing about being a teacher?**

In my opinion teaching is a noble profession. Teaching is not just transfer of bookish knowledge. It involves interacting with students and developing their personalities. I feel this profession is equivalent to national service. Young students have impressionable minds and teachers play an important role in shaping their lives.

**What challenges do you face while teaching students?**

I believe a class is a mixture of students with varying personalities and qualities. Each child is different and has unique abilities and may differ in ways of learning. At times it is difficult to accommodate all the learning needs. However, I try my best to pay attention to all my students and definitely this poses a challenge.

Interviewed by: Ananya Majmudar and Arnab Banerjee, XI-C



## FROM A PARENT'S PEN

You are my child...are you?

I say I gave birth to you...but did I?

I sometimes think you made a "new" me.

I say I taught you to take those first steps...but did I?

More often, you held my finger to lead me to a new path.

I pride myself on nurturing you...but did I?

You nurture my spirit so withered by the ways of the world.

I claim I fed you first my own milk, now wholesome food...but did I?

You so often give me food for thought, compelling me to question myself, my beliefs.

I pick you up when you fall and hurt yourself...that's some times, Most of the times, you are the only one to hold me and stop me from falling.

Have I taught you anything, I hope I never do...

'Coz what can grown-ups teach you, when we've long forgotten all that's worth remembering. What can I teach you?

I am perhaps not even good enough to learn from you.

Can I burst into peals of laughter,

Laughter that rings through the house like bells in a church.

Can I ever smile as truly with my eyes as you do?

Can I ever be as honest in every emotion and action as you are?

Are my teardrops as pure as yours?

I hope I never teach you anything.

I just wish I can, Give you enough space to grow,

And water you once in a while,

When you are parched in the intense heat.

And cover you with my shade,

When the sun is scorching you,

So you can bloom again, And fill the world with love.

I just wish I can Blow away the clouds,

Which surround you once in a while,

So you can come out bright and shining.

I just wish I can Be the wind beneath your wings,

So you can fly far and wide,

And see how beautiful God's world is.

And be the branch of a tree

Where you can stop to rest when night falls,

Before starting your flight again,

The very next morning.

Somebody had said, "Child is the father of man",

Today I understand that, my son,

So I ask myself,

Are you my child, or am I yours?



Sagarika Mehta (Parent of Arjun Mehta, V-C)

## FROM A TEACHER'S PEN

प्रत्येक सिग्नाइट की कहानी -

एक परवाज़

यह परवाज़ उन मासूम आँखों की कहानी बयाँ करती है जो एक मजबूत कंधे और स्नेहमयी आँचल की छाँव छोड़कर एक नई दुनिया में प्रवेश करते हैं। एक अस्पष्ट छवि आँखों में लिए थोड़े सहमे और थोड़े संशय की अवस्था में अपने हमउम्र नए चेहरों के बीच पहुँच जाते हैं। जहाँ एक स्नेहिल स्पर्श और प्यारी मुस्कान अपनत्व का अहसास कराते हुए उन्हें सपनों की दुनिया में ले जाती है और वे यह जान ही नहीं पाते कि कब उनके आँखों की अस्पष्ट छवि स्पष्टता का रूप लेने लगी है।

धीरे-धीरे उनकी सोच, विचार,

कद तथा वय में बदलाव आता है, और अब वे एक ऐसी दुनिया में कदम रखते हैं जो उन्हें कल्पना से परे यथार्थ से अवगत कराता है। जहाँ उन्हें स्नेहिल स्पर्श तो मिलता ही है, साथ ही करके सीखने की प्रेरणा भी मिलती है। हर क्षण उन्हें नए अनुभव, नई तकनीक और नई उर्जा का अहसास कराने लगता है, तथा अनगिनत गतिविधियाँ उनके आत्मविश्वास को नई ऊँचाई देने का कार्य करती हैं, या यों कहें उनके आत्मविश्वास रूपी पंख धीरे-धीरे खुलने लगते हैं।

इसके साथ ही वे एक ऐसे आयाम की ओर बढ़ जाते हैं, जहाँ उन्हें स्नेह के साथ एक नए पथ से अवगत कराया जाता है, जो उनके भविष्य के सपने संजोने में मदद करता है। साथ ही कर्मठता की भी सीख दी जाती है, जिससे वे दृढ़निश्चय और सही या गलत के चुनाव के साथ-साथ स्वयं निर्णय लेने में भी सक्षम हो जाते हैं और उचित दिशा-निर्देशन के उपरांत अपनी रुचियों को पहचानकर और अपनी राह चुनकर आत्मनिर्भर बनने के प्रयास में लग जाते हैं। अंततः अब उनके पंख पूरी तरह खुल चुके होते हैं, और बस एक परवाज़ लेने भर की देर होती है।



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